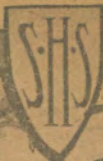


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EDITORIAL.

What, intellectually and spiritually speaking, does Australia owe to Ancient Greece? The average educated man or woman would find it difficult to answer the question satisfactorily. The majority, of course, know something of the story of that "poverty-stricken and minute territory." Many, too, are familiar with the inspiring lines of Byron which immortalise the part played by Greece at Marathon, Thermopylae and Salamis, thus saving Europe from "the black night of Oriental despotism." A few may be able to quote the famous verses from Shelley's *Hellas*, especially:—

"Let there be light!" said Liberty;
And like sunrise on the sea,
Athens arose!"
"Her citizens, imperial spirits,
Rule the present from the past.
On all this world of men inherits,
Their seal is set."

But the number who can pierce behind any deed to the animating principle which inspired it, is small. This is undoubtedly the case when we begin to talk of Old and Glorious Greece. One has to think, and think deeply. Mr. Saxby, in his *Greeting* to the School which appears in this issue of *The Record*, says: "Very few people think much below the surface, being content to accept the thinking of others." This is true

even in the ordinary affairs of life. The vast majority are immersed in the present, with little knowledge of the long travail of the Race, and certainly with restricted vision of its future. But the seeds of Man's destiny were sown in the Past. And as he can no more get rid of the Past than he can get rid of his shadow, it may not be amiss if we recall a memorable chapter in his history. It will be a pause in the hurry of the day.

Our purpose is to state clearly and succinctly the achievements of Greece in the realm of mind, to summarise the leading notes of its spirit, and then to attempt an answer to the question with which we started, premising that we are not unmindful of the meritorious work being done in our midst for the sustenance and the advancement of society by captains of industry, political and other leaders, social reformers and the multitude of the rank and file, who—we say it with the utmost respect—are not consciously aware of what the Greek spirit ("Hellenism," to use Matthew Arnold's term) means, and who, if the subject were brought to their notice, would probably reply that we are getting along very well without it.

There is a further preliminary to mention. Ancient Greece was never *one* country. It was a number of states, more or less related, but distinct in government and ideas. Athens was, as Milton says,

" the eye of Greece, mother of arts

And eloquence"

and when we talk of Greece, it is Athens we generally have in mind. To what extent Athens was indebted to the culture of other countries, we need not stop to consider, but it is impossible to believe that she sprang full equipped for her task, like Athena from the head of Zeus. But that she was great in her spirit is the judgment of all competent authorities.

John Stuart Mill, for example, says that "The Greeks are the most remarkable people who have yet existed the beginners of nearly everything, Christianity excepted, of which the modern world boasts the first people who had a historical literature the founders of mathematics, of physics, of the inductive study of politics, of the philosophy of human nature and life In each they made the indispensable first steps which are the foundation of all the rest." (The last sentence of this pronouncement is of capital importance.) And all who have written on the subject since Mill, endorse his judgment and none more emphatically than the authors of a volume, entitled "The Legacy of Greece," which was published a couple of years ago. It comprises a number of essays by British experts on various aspects of the thesis. Gilbert Murray, Regius Professor of Greek in the University of Oxford, leads off with "The Value of Greece to the Future

of the World," and then follow dissertations on Religion, Philosophy, Mathematics and Astronomy, Natural Science, Biology, Medicine, Literature, History, Political Thought, The Lamps of Greek Art, and Architecture. It is beyond our competence to pass judgment on the value of all of these essays (our rôle is a very humble one), but one fact is clear. The essayists are unanimous in asserting that Greece irrevocably fixed the lines of all subsequent mental development in Europe, and therefore in Europe beyond the seas. The modern world has far surpassed Greece in some of these branches of intellectual activity, but in at least two of them, Art (Sculpture, in particular) and Architecture, she still remains supreme. The great point is that she lit the torch of progress. As Gilbert Murray states, she is at her best "the embodiment of an individual life founded on Freedom, Reason, Beauty, Excellence and the pursuit of Truth, and an international life aiming at the fellowship between man and man." If we care for these things we must always honour her memory. And even if we do not care for them, her work is still with and in some measure in us.

Special attention is here directed to "Literature" by R. W. Livingstone. Those who are studying English for the Leaving or the Intermediate Examination (and it is to be hoped, for enjoyment, appreciation, and cultural enrichment, when examinations have long ceased to trouble them) will assuredly benefit if they weigh its teachings and lessons. "Nearly all our literary forms," says the writer, "bear the imprint, faint or clear, of the Greek mind." . . . "Epic, lyric, elegiac, dramatic, didactic poetry, history, biography, rhetoric and oratory, the epigram, the essay, the sermon, the novel, letter-writing, and literary criticism are all Greek by origin, and in nearly every case, their name betrays their source." . . . When the curtain rose on Homer, European Literature did not exist; long before it falls on the Byzantines, the lines were laid on which it has moved up to our own day." Everything in contemporary literature is thus an antiquity.

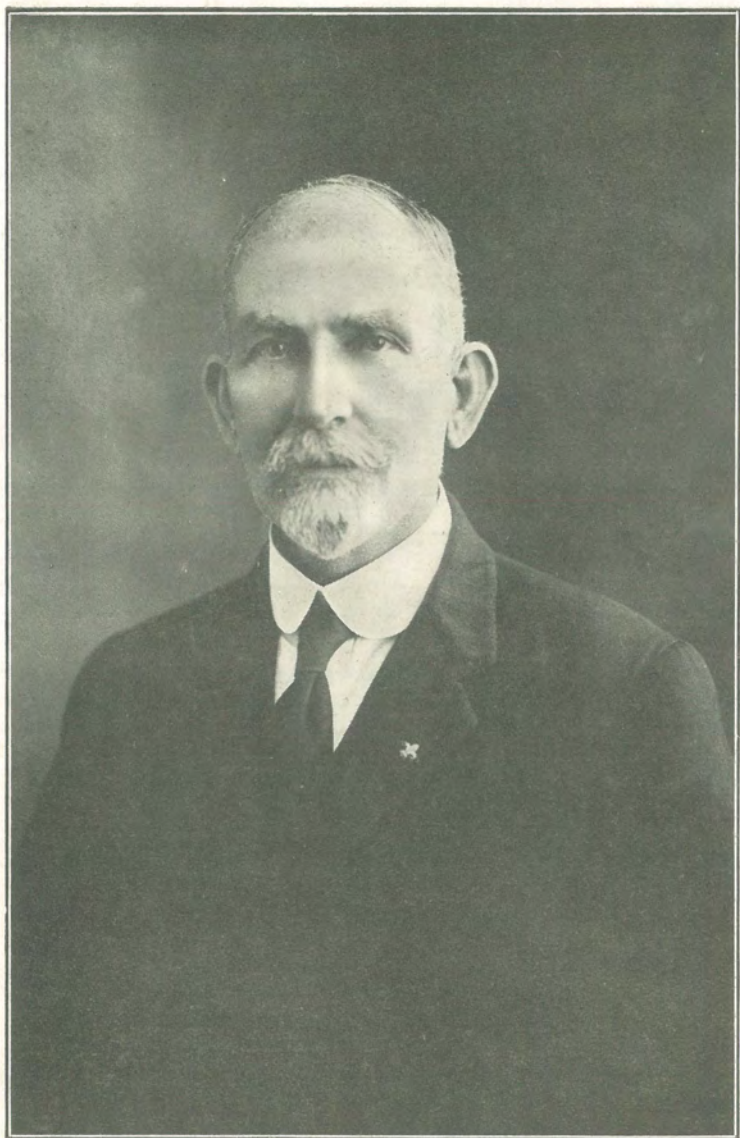
If all the subjects with which this volume is concerned are rightly regarded, there can be no doubt that the modern world is largely the outcome of Greece. The importance of the work of Rome in the sphere of government and law, we need not forget, but the subject was outside the purview of the writers. They have expounded their main thesis with a wealth of illustration that is most impressive and illuminating. At the same time there is no glossing of defects and limitations; e.g., "Greek civilisation was amid all its glory curiously unstable and full of flaws." "The Greeks were separated by a thin and precarious interval from the savage." These are instances of their dispassionate tone. They do not advocate slavish imitation. They recognise the complexity of modern problems and conditions,

compared with those that confronted and determined the Greeks. But they do assert that the Greek spirit is of immense value for the life of to-day. What they prove is the continuity of Western Civilisation from that far distant time to the present, despite many violent upheavals and displacements. The modern world is the heir of a single people, "politically weak, numerically small, materially poor," but great in mind and spirit. No other deduction is possible.

Freedom, Knowledge, Understanding, Beauty, Enjoyment, Truth, summarise that spirit;—balance, measure, proportion, "nothing in excess," "the golden mean," are the notes always audible.

A young country and an impatient democracy needs constantly to be reminded of its intellectual and spiritual ancestry. Youth is the great experimentalist, and small blame to it so long as it is not wilfully blind and forgetful. History should teach us gratitude. We are standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before us. Let not Australia be forgetful and ungrateful. One source of her culture is Greece; another is Palestine. Let her be conscious of her debt in the formulation of her plans of improvement and in the framing of her ideals. Many a nostrum that is put forward to-day as an infallible cure for ills in the body politic would receive short shrift if it was known that it was advocated, adopted, and that it failed many centuries ago. A knowledge of history, especially of the country with which we have been dealing, helps to preserve sanity ("balance") and apprehension of the Greek spirit brings a deeper insight into the lasting things—The True, The Good, and The Beautiful. Our record as a nation within the confines of the British Empire has many bright and vivid pages, but it must be admitted that our sense of values is not acute, otherwise there would not be such devotion to the second and the third rate. The Greek spirit will not hold us in bondage; on the contrary, it will help us in the attainment of a wise and noble freedom; it will help us to care for the things that matter.

We can make a beginning in our school life. The success of the Eight and the Four in the G.P.S. Regatta has filled us with pardonable pride. The Greeks did not despise athletics. The Odes of Pindar attest the interest and delight in such exercises. But the Greeks did not overvalue athletics. They maintained "a sense of balance" between the claims of the mind and the body. And so should we. The victory of our crews as an evidence of skill, sedulous practice, self-denial, discipline, comradeship, team work, love of School, is worthy of all praise. "Old Boy" in the article "Good Nick" in this issue, pierces behind the deed which has won School such renown, and stresses the point that body and mind need balance. In our studies let us cultivate the things worth knowing and having; and in our



G. SAXBY, B.A., *Headmaster.*

sports let us train and discipline our bodies for the benefit of our minds in the pursuit of The True, The Good and The Beautiful. And when we acclaim the athlete, let us remember the scholar. An appreciation of the Greek spirit will help in all these directions.

HEAD MASTER'S GREETING.

In the last issue of *The Record* Mr. Smith, your late Head Master, bade you farewell. Your editor has invited me, your new Head Master, to give you greeting.

I have accepted this invitation with pleasure, because it gives me the opportunity to address not only the School but also parents, old boys and those who, through interest in the School, read the magazine. I desire to assure them that it will be my earnest endeavour to maintain the prestige of the School in all its activities.

It also affords me the opportunity to say something specially to the pupils, which is, doubtless, what the editor desired.

From the wide range of subjects with which teachers and pupils are mutually concerned, it is difficult to select what is first in importance. Also it is very unlikely that all I shall say will be of interest to and appreciated by all my readers, but I do anticipate that everyone will find something to appreciate and, above all, something useful.

First of all, then, I shall have something to say about "thinking." Very few people think much below the surface, being content to accept the result of the thinking of others. This is bad from whatever cause it springs. It is essential that the development of the individual should reach the highest standard possible, and this development of the self is best attained by self-development. Herbert Spencer says: "In Education the process of self-development should be encouraged to the uttermost. Children should be led to make their own investigations and to draw their own inferences. They should be told as little as possible and induced to discover as much as possible." Now, note the fact that lies behind the choice of the words "encouraged," "led" and "induced." Unfortunately the spirit of investigation inherent in every child who wants to know "what makes the wheels go round," is more or less hindered, not to say stifled, by the average home training, instead of being guided into helpful channels. Consequently in the schools it is found necessary to "encourage" pupils to self-development, to "lead" them to investigate and "induce" them to discover. Fortunately, this is still possible, for the mind is not a machine; it is sentient

and will re-adapt itself to the method of investigation just as it adapted itself to the process of being robbed of it. It is essential, however, that pupils should be seized of the truth of what Spencer says and desire it so sincerely that they will honestly co-operate with their teachers towards the realisation of the objective outlined. Whenever they find their minds slipping over things upon which they know they should concentrate, they must by an effort of will force their minds to consider, to reflect, to do some work at least upon the matter in question. Care must be taken to do this upon *every occasion* when pupils become aware that they are slipping. I firmly believe that every pupil who, to the best of his ability, follows this advice, will soon realise the benefit in his capacity to deal with whatever presents itself to his mind. He will find that his mind works smoothly and efficiently upon the matters conveyed to it through his senses.

This mention of the senses leads me to say a few words about them before completing this little talk.

The senses are the roads by which impressions are conveyed to the mind; they are the means by which we are consciously aware of the external world. We should, therefore, train them so that both in quantity and quality they present a maximum of correct impressions. Psychology affirms that the senses convey to the mind impressions, that is, pictures, of all things that come within their range. The value to the individual is measured by the number of these of which he is consciously and accurately aware. He can increase the number and quality of these by training his senses. When some sight, sound or scent presents itself to him, he can dwell upon it, place it in its proper category of the particular sights, sounds and scents. He can compare and contrast, he can analyse the effect upon himself, his feelings, his emotions. This will inevitably lead to a much wider contact with the external material world, and also the world of mind external to himself. He will find interest and pleasure in things which, before, buried themselves in his subconscious mind and therefore escaped his conscious notice. His fellows will become part of himself and nature will be his heritage.

A VISIT TO S.H.S. WITH SIR ROGER DE COVERLEY. (With Apologies to Addison and His Essays on Sir Roger.)

I was sitting in my room the other day when I received a long-distance telephone call from Sir Roger de Coverley. He told me he had picked up a fairly ancient paper in which it was stated that, as a consequence of the lamentable state of the Sydney High School, the Department of Public Instruction had

decided on a new building, and that he, being one of School's well-wishers, was anxious to visit the school building and investigate its alleged deplorable condition.

I made an appointment with him for the purpose. On the day he came up to Sydney by train I met him at Central Station, whence we walked to the School through the dirty, smelling streets of Ultimo.

As we entered the gate, Sir Roger, always pleasantly inquisitive, inquired if an earthquake had made the cracks in our even asphalt playground, and, if so, was not it wonderful the building had not fallen?

His discourse was cut short by the sudden appearance of the Headmaster, whose face seemed to me much darker than usual.

He readily gave us permission to go through the School, so I first took Sir Roger to Rooms 4 and 5. Here it was, I explained, that the Head had received his darkened face from the black smoke which issued from the Tech. College furnaces and floated gracefully through the windows, polluting Sydney High School's already perfumed air. Having little time to spare, and also fearing lest Sir Roger's countenance should be likewise denigrated, I diplomatically suggested that we should move on.

Room 1 was then opened, and Sir Roger, I could plainly see, was at a loss to understand how the scholars could work in such a place, but when I switched on the lights he seemed utterly disgusted and exclaimed that "it was no wonder a lot of the boys had sore eyes—there should not 'be such a room in any school."

On entering Room 6 he put his hands to his ears as if stunned, and cried out, "How can work be done here?" I explained that the noise came from the Tech.'s workshops, and as the Department had been negligent in the building of another school, the boys had to become accustomed to the din, although they could not concentrate on their work nearly as well.

Sir Roger expressed his delight at seeing so many "honour boards" and lists of scholarship winners adorning the walls of the Assembly Hall, and averred that there would have been many more had the conditions for learning been more favourable.

I regretted not being able to display my musical gifts on the piano, since the instrument was sadly out of tune.

Gazing round, Sir Roger began an interesting soliloquy on the benefits of a good education, in the middle of which I had to warn him not to lean on the library railing, lest he might

have a nasty fall, and concluded by saying that he was educated at a school where, although it was old, each class had a room to itself, not blocks such as he saw before him.

On going downstairs, we traversed a dark hall which led out to a small room on one hand and the tuckshop on the other. Sir Roger asked me if this very small room was used for the accommodation of hats and bags, and I, with much regret, had to reply that it was used for the instruction of boys preparing for the Intermediate Certificate! This completely astonished him; so much, in fact, that he requested me to take him away immediately, without his seeing more of the School's glories!

On the way to his hotel Sir Roger asked me to convey his deepest sympathy to the scholars, and I left him wondering how such excellent results could be obtained in the circumstances.

C.H., 4A.

A FANTASY.

Dawn's caress! And Earth stirs
(Adieu to sleep!)
Bidding her worshippers
Labour and reap.

Noon's fierce light! Ev'rywhere
Man outwits man.
Loss, not profit!—since care
Comes through this plan.

Eve's faint star! And a hush
Falls on the world.
Passions that wound and crush
Soon will be furled.

Night's sweet balm! Peace supreme!
Man breathes repose,
Till, enveloped in dream,
Love o'er him flows.

“CIRCUIT.”

"THE GOLDEN GATE."

A struggling mass of youths and damsels fair, from whom issued groans, cheers and other noises expressive of pain and exuberant enthusiasm, bent, come what might, on gaining the interior of an historic Sundae Shop, the Golden Gate!

The one faithful defender of the stronghold of glorious sundaes and superb chocolates was, it appears, an invisible constable. His presence being discovered by a sudden stop in the movement of the crowd, further examination revealed a hand that was barring the door in a forceful, silent manner.

In the surging throng held up by that large mass of bone and muscle, were two, barrackers of the winning school. They were the recipients of many congratulations, more especially from the representatives of the school which put up such a splendid performance in its heat of the eights, and later proved its worth in the final of the first fours.

Just then the doors were opened, and the human stream flowed into the first room. They were greeted by defiant yells, cheers and female shrieks. The "two" were by no means the least important in that cheering crowd.

Their goal was the famous "Peacock Room," but "the one individual caterpillar in the salad" was the five waiters who barred further progress up the stairs. But at the sight of High's colours, these stout fellows made way for the "two," for did not the latter barrack for and otherwise support the School which had just won the title of "Head of the River," and also achieved success in the second fours?

The "Peacock Room" is usually a quiet, restful arbour where silence and decorum reign supreme. On Saturday night, however, the words "Dante's Inferno" were alone adequate to describe the scene. As the "two" passed into it, a storm of yells burst upon their already strained ear-drums. Then the shout of "Three cheers for High" rang out, and one and all gave three enthusiastic and wonderful cheers for the dear old School.

Not long afterwards, the eight heroes of the day, followed by their real supporters, the crews of the three fours, entered amid frantic excitement. After that the "Peacock Room" and the rest of the Golden Gate belonged indisputably to "High."

But, evidently finding opposition too poor for their lungs, the lads began to get up and drift off to look for other fields to conquer. Where? Well, all the "original two" can say is, they don't know, because they had a little engagement of their own to keep.

L.V. and H.S.G.

TO THE BOYS OF THE SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL.

Now that the year is well advanced and we have settled down, let us look to our position in the School and see what there is to be done by each one of us.

Our grand old School has again been brought prominently under the notice of the public. Their interest has been aroused, so we must show them that the present boys of the School mean to live up to the standard set by their predecessors.

In all our actions we can further this aim by subordinating the personal element to the advancement of the School as a whole. The work of one boy may seem a small matter, but there are now over four hundred of us, so that a combined effort will make a mighty force to keep our School in the position it is worthy of. Each boy may think that his actions singly do not matter, but the total effort depends on the size of each individual's effort, which will tell, and the final result will be what we want—the placing of the School in the forefront of the Great Schools of Australia.

E. L. PILKINGTON, Captain.

THE RIFLE CLUB.

When the G.P.S. Rifle Meeting was held in September, 1924, certain enthusiasts conceived the idea of forming a Rifle Club at S.H.S., to prepare a team for the 1925 G.P.S. competitions. The idea was acted upon, and now S.H.S. has a Rifle Club of its own, with a team rapidly becoming proficient, which, we are sure, will worthily uphold S.H.S. traditions in rifle shooting, for in the past the old School won G.P.S. trophies in this branch of sport.

The team is very fortunate in having the services of one of the best shots in the State, Mr. Molesworth, an old boy of the School, who on hearing of our intention to take part in the G.P.S. competition, immediately offered to act as coach. His experience and ability will undoubtedly be of great assistance. Already many members of the Club are developing into accurate shots under his supervision. Some, indeed, have become crack shots. So, with this nucleus, and everyone showing improvement at every practice shoot, we hope to send a team that will carry off at least one, if not more, of the G.P.S. trophies. If the Rifle Club is to be carried on as a regular branch of School sport, and a high standard of shooting maintained, more Fourth Year boys should join and come to practices on Wednesdays. Unfortunately, only boys at present undergoing a course of military training can be provided with rifles, but others can at least attend to observe what is being actually done on the spot. After



THE PREFECTS—1925.

BACK ROW (from left)—H. Johnston, F. Cook, G. Routley, F. Weatherstone,
R. Farrell, M. Ada, A. Colefax.

MIDDLE ROW—K. Hardy, P. Howard, E. Pilkington (captain of the School),
G. Saxby, B.A. (Headmaster), B. McMillan, R. Forbes, C. Mylchreest.

FRONT—D. Greig, S. Hirst. ABSENT—E. Pont.

six months' practice this year and eight months' next year, there should be a considerable number of good shots from whom to select a team for the 1926 competitions.

C.G.S., Hon. Sec.

SCHOOL NOTES.

As this is the first issue of "The Record" since Mr. Saxby's arrival, we take the opportunity of welcoming him on behalf of the boys and teachers. The phenomenal success of S.H.S. crews in the recent rowing augurs well for the sporting activities of the School during Mr. Saxby's term of office.

Our heartiest congratulations go to the successful S.H.S. crews in the G.P.S. regatta and to Robinson and Ada especially, the strokes of the winning crews. Hard luck, First Four!

The Headmaster's speech at the School assembly on May 3rd, the Monday after the boat race, was remarkable for the enthusiasm displayed by the boys.

The climax was reached when Mr. Saxby announced that, as a recognition of the wonderful feat performed by the School Eight, a half-holiday had been granted by Mr. Bruntnell. The Headmaster in his speech stressed the great work of the coaches, Messrs. Hancock, Hunt and Litchfield. Mr. Gibbes, in a short speech, also stated that we could never repay our coaches for what they had done—we could only recognise their wonderful work.

We wish to thank, on behalf of the boys who were in training at the Glebe rowing shed, Messrs. Harvey and Mac-kellar, who unselfishly devoted a great deal of their time to the interests of the rowers. Their generous aid was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Newington College on winning the Yaralla Cup at the G.P.S. Regatta.

The Annual Swimming Carnival was held at Drummoyne Baths in February. S. Hirst won the Senior Championship, Morton the Junior and Walker the Junior Cadet. Congratulations to all three.

Congrats. to Sid King, ex-School captain for 1924, upon his successful debut in First Grade Cricket last season. He played for Petersham and performed some fine bowling feats.

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Congrats. to D. Sachs on winning the Lithgow Scholarship for French and German. This is the third year in succession that this scholarship has been won by boys from S.H.S.

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Congrats. to E. T. Salmon on winning the Woolley Travelling Scholarship in Classics at the "Uni."

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A School Rifle Club has been formed, and is affiliated with the Union. S.H.S. was once represented in the G.P.S. matches, but of late years the sport has been a dead-letter in the School. We hope that there will be no obstacles in the way of S.H.S. competing in the G.P.S. rifle matches next September.

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Book-lovers will be sad to hear of the damage done to the Coates Library during the Christmas vacation. Fully 75 per cent. of the fine collection of books had their covers destroyed by rats, who effected an entrance through the top of the book-case. The rodents also caused some damage in the Union Library and in many lockers.

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Welcome to Mr. Peake, who succeeded Mr. Killip and has now taken over Mr. Harrison's duties. Mr. Harrison has taken a long holiday and is visiting Europe. Mr. Tierney is back once more on the English staff.

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The following Prefects were elected for the year 1925:—Pilkington (Captain), Farrell, Hardy, Johnson, Weatherstone, Cook, Routley, Ada, Mylchreest, Colefax, Pont, Hirst, Mac-Millan, Howard, Forbes.

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The Debating Club, after several weeks' hard practice, met S.G.S. in the first debate of the season on 7th May. They suffered defeat by the narrow margin of 13 points—146 to 159.

There are only two issues of "The Record" this year. This was thought to be desirable in view of the fact that the third copy always has to be brought out in the midst of the examinations at the end of the year.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

Key.—(1) English, (2) Latin, (3) French, (4) German, (5) Mathematics I., (6) Mathematics II., (7) Mechanics, (8) Modern History, (9) Ancient History, (10) Physics, (11) Chemistry, (14) Geography, (16) English and Geography (for engineering matriculation), (17) Lower Standard Mathematics, (18) Economics, (22) Greek.

Alcock, Joseph Edmond, 1H 2B 3H 5A 6B 8H.
Allan, Leslie J., 1A 2A 5A 6B 8H 14B 18A.
Anderson, Robert A., 1B 2B 3A 5B 6B 8B 10L.
Brien, Cecil Robert, 1B 5B 6B 7B.
Brown, Harold Bird, 1A, 2B 3B 5A 6B 8H 11A.
Caterson, Harold James L., 1B 5B 6B 8A.
Craig, Archibald Dugald, 1A 3A 5B 8B.
Cramp, Cameron O., 1B 2B 3A 5A 6A 7A 11H.
Cunnigham, N. C., 1A, 2B 3A 5A 6B 7B 10B.
Hart, Raphael Ernest, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 8B.
King, Sydney Charles, 1B 3B 5B 8A 18B.
Lee Chun, Arthur, 1B 2H 3H 5A 6B 9B 22A.
Lenehan, Bruce Harry, 1B 5B 6B 11B.
Letty, George Alfred, 1B 2B 3A 8B.
McGrath, Thos. Roy, 1B 2A 3A 5A 6A (x) 22B.
Nelson, S. G., 1B 2B 3B 5A 6A (x) 10H 11H.
Nicholas, John Geoffrey, 1A 2B 3A 5B 6B 8A.
Nunn, Frank Ivan Norman, 3B 5B 6B 8B.
Pilkington, Edward L., 1B 2B 5B 6B 8B 11B.
Pollard, James S., 1B 5B 6B 7B 8B 11A.
Putland, Vincent M., 2B 3L 5B 8B.
Quarmby, Allen Edgar, 1B 2B 3B 5B 8B.
Ratner, John Lewis, 1B 2B 3A 4H 11B 17 Pass.
Rawle, Ronald, M., 1A 2B 3H 5A 6B 10B 11B.
Robb, William Menzies, 1H 5B 8A 14B.
Sachs, David, 1A 2B 3H 4H 5B 6B.
Saunders, Arthur C., 1B 3B 5B 6B 7B 10H.
Sinclair, Ronald, 1B 3B 5B 6B 8B.
Spring, Hugh Reginald, 1A 2B 3A 5B 8B.
Stafford, Victor J., 1A 2B 3B 5A 6B 7B 10B.
Swinburn, Robert, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 8B.
Turkington, H. W., 1B 2B 5B 6B 7B 10A 11A 16 Pass.
Weatherstone, Frank, 5B 6B 8H 14B 18B.
Willcox, Charles R., 1H 2A 3B 5B 6B 8A 11B.
Windred, George Loftus, 1B 3B 8B 11L 17 Pass.



D. SACHS.

Winner of the Lithgow Scholarship No. 1, for French and German.

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LEAVING CERTIFICATES AND UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP.

Lithgow Scholarship No. 1, for French and German: D. Sachs.

HONOURS LIST (Leaving Certificate).

English: J. Alcock, C. Willcox, W. Robb.

History: J. Alcock, F. Weatherstone, H. Brown.

French: D. Sachs, J. Alcock, A. Lee Chun, R. Rawle.

German: D. Sachs, J. L. Ratner.

Latin: A. Lee Chun.

Mathematics: S. Nelson, T. McGrath.

Chemistry: C. Cramp, S. Nelson.

Physics: S. Nelson, A. Saunders.

EXHIBITIONS.

J. Alcock, D. Sachs, A. Lee Chun (Arts), N. Cunningham, J. G. Nicholas, C. R. Willcox (Law), H. W. Turkington (Engineering), C. O. Cramp (Agriculture).

INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION.

Key.—1 English, 2 History, 3 Geography, 4 Mathematics I., 5 Mathematics II., 6 Latin, 7 French, 8 German, 9 Physics, 10 Chemistry, 11 Physics and Chemistry, 14 Business Principles, 15 Shorthand, 19 Music, 21 Greek.

- Baldwin, A. J., 1B 2B 4B 5B 7A 11B.
Barclay, D. W., 1A 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B 21B.
Bell, Powell Wm., 1A 2B 4B 5B 6A 7A 11A.
Bellmaine, O. K., 1A 2B 4B 5B 6A 7B.
Burge, E. A., 1A 2B 4B 5A 6B 7A 11A.
Brown, William Duguid, 1A 2B 7B 11B.
Buckland, E. A., 1A 2B 4B 5B 6A 7A 11B.
Bye, Robert Reuben, 1A 2A 4B 6A 7B 11B.
Byrne, W. R., 1A 2A 4A 5A 6A 7A 11A 19A.
Case, R. A., 1A 4B 5A 6A 7B 11A 19A.
Challoner, N. E., 1A 4B 5B 6A 7B 11B 21B.
Clayton, A. E., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7A 11A.
Cook, Finlay Vincent, 1A 2B 5B 6B 7B.
Cooper, H. W., 1A 2B 4A 5A 6A 7A 11A.
Corbett, Kenneth Cecil, 1A 2A 5B 6A 7A 11A.
Coutts, Arthur Comrie, 1B 2B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
Davies, John Thomas, 1B 4A 5B 11B.
Doran, H. N., 1A 4B 5B 6A 7A 8A 21A.
Fretwell, Ralph, 1A 2B 5B 6A 7B 11B.
Griffiths, F. P., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7A 11B.
Hall, A. M., 1B 2A 3B 4B 5B 7B 11B 14B 15A.
Hargreaves, C. Harvey J., 1A 2A 4A 6A 7A 11B.
Hertzberg, B., 1A 2B 3B 4B 5B 7A 11B 14B 15B.
Hodgkins, John Edward, 1B 2B 4B 5A 11B.
Hohnen, George Alexander, 1A 4B 5A 6A 7B.
Hunter, R. G., 1B 4B 5A 7B 11B 14B 15A.
Jones, D. F., 1A 2A 4B 5B 6A 7B 11B.
Jones, H. E. M., 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 14B 15B.
Le Messurier, K. H., 1A 4B 5A 6A 7A 11A 21A.
Levy, Lionel Elias, 1B 2B 4B 5B 7B.
Little, James Lowe, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7B 11B.
McLeod, Hugh, 1B 2B 5B 7B 11B.
Millard, P. T., 1B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11A.
Morton, C. R., 1A 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
Moses, Braham Lewis, 1A 2B 4B 5B 7B 11B.
Nunn, N. W., 1A 2B 4B 5A 7B 11B 15B.
O'Brien, J. L., 1A 4A 5A 6A 11A 21A.
Packham, H. W. 1A 2B 4B 5B 7B 11B.
Phillips, Walter James, 1B 5B 6A 7B.
Pope, Richard, 1B 2B 4B 5A 7B 11A.
Porter, Sam, 1B 4B 5B 11B.
Puffett, Robert J., 1B 2B 4B 5B 7B.

Rathborne, H. Wm., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Reid, Harold Wm., 1B 4B 5B 11B.
 Richards, R. C. H., 1A 2B 3B 7B 11A 14B 15A.
 Robinson, Douglas Alan, 1B 2B 4B 5B 11B.
 Robinson, K. C., 1B 4B 5B 11A 15A.
 Saint, Bertie, 1A 2A 4B 5B 6A 7B 11A.
 Sleeman, J. E., 1B 2A 4B 5B 7B 11B.
 Smith, Frank, 1B 4B 5A 11A.
 Stening, S. E. L., 1A 5B 6A 7B 11B.
 Strang, M. R., 1A 2B 3B 4B 5B 11B 14B 15B.
 Thomas, A. C. C., 1B 4B 5B 6A 7B 11B 21B.
 Thompson, G. A., 1B 4B 11B 14B 15A.
 Tillott, A. F., 1A 2A 4B 5A 6A 7A 11A.
 Tingle, Edward John, 1B 2B 5B 6A.
 Tully, J. H., 1B 2B 3B 11B 14B 15A.
 Tumpane, M. S., 1A 2B 3B 5B 7B 11A 14B.
 Vine, John Evans, 1A 2B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Walker, Harry, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B.
 Walsh, F. T. O., 1A 4B 5A 6A 7A 11B 21A.
 Walsh, Sidney George, 1B 2B 5B 7B 11B.
 Wyatt, R. F., 1A 2B 3B 4B 5B 11A 14B 15B.

"GOOD NICK."
 (By "Old Boy.")

The recent victory of our eight-oar crew emphasises the fact that success comes to those who keep themselves constantly in "good nick." The physical "good nick" of our young athletes was strongly supported by the "good nick" of their oarsmanship, and the "good nick" of their morale. Their able coach had neglected nothing in order to have the crew perfectly prepared for the task before them. Mr. Hancock saw that our boys were properly fed, properly exercised, and duly instructed in the art of propelling the boat with the minimum of effort. Thoroughness marked every step of preparation, so that on the great day the coolest people on the Parramatta River were Ken Robinson and his mates. "Good nick" had been the watchword which produced a healthy feeling of confidence, enabling our boys to win handsomely and modestly. And so it is throughout life. We must all learn to keep ourselves in "good nick" all the time. We cannot afford to allow ourselves to back-slide in any respect whatsoever. The schoolboy who wishes to be successful in his studies, must be ever ready for his tasks. He must see to it that he is physically in "good nick," so that he may be mentally alert. Steady attention to work, rather than spasmodic straining, is the best means of acquiring a sound knowledge of the various subjects in the curriculum. No boy can keep in

"good nick" who studies until 12 p.m. for a week and then does nothing for a fortnight. Both body and mind need balance, and unbalanced effort is the surest means of destroying that perfect poise which is the distinguishing mark of the really educated. Young people who are beginning life in earnest by adopting a trade, by entering an office, or by following a University course, should possess a self-control which will enable them not only to avoid moral dangers, but to strive persistently to reach a high level of attainment in their life's work. But when school days are over it is too late to begin laying the foundation of one's character. The school idler will be the office idler, or the University idler. Remember, you are now in training for the great race for the "Head of the River" of life, and unless you attend to every detail of your preparation *now*, you will surely fail, and for no other reason than that you failed to realise the extreme importance of keeping in "good nick."

WHO WON THE BOAT-RACE?

I expect if I were publicly to announce that Sydney High School did not win the boat-race, I would be hooted, certainly put under the tap, and, may be, in rowing parlance, "greased up." But I affirm that it was not the boys themselves who won the races, but the steak on which they were fed and trained.

How heartily our rowers love steak, beautiful steak! How they can exclaim with tears (of joy)—

"Steak! 'tis a charming sound,
Makes the rash eater wipe his eye."

In passing, I do not think a little dissertation on steak would be out of place. Steak, as prepared and announced on the rower's menu, may be of four varieties. Of course, it is a gamble which sort you receive: this only adds zest to the meal. The first variety, perhaps the most enjoyable, is that which, on being bitten, reminds one of something hard, and then one begins picking up broken teeth. This, among the timber fraternity, is known as "hardwood steak"; among the monumental masons, as "granite steak." It has, however, an appetising smell.

The second variety is known as "adhesive." This, on being bitten, tenaciously takes hold of tooth and gum and never lets go. It is rather an expensive dish, as one requires a large quantity of stalwart toothpicks to do justice to the next course.

The third variety, though it tastes good, quickly disillusiones one. It is known as "elastic steak," and its Young's modulus is about 99.99% pure. The eater, having essayed a firm bite, is

amazed to find his lower jaw hit the floor and his upper fly with a jerk into space, resulting in a double fracture of the jaw.

The fourth, on being handed to you, nice and browned, dissolves, when bitten, into cinders. I believe its chemical formula is C_{100} .

Of course, there are other varieties, some more eagerly sought after than others. One, greatly prized, was that which, after having been left for a Pure Food Inspector to see, was half-eaten by a dog. As the cook usually gets these choice morsels, he is generally denounced as looking after his own interests and neglecting those of the company. Which is probably true in more ways than one.

Then there is that variety of the nice, thoughtful boy who secretes it in his locker for three days, hauls it out, cooks it, and eats it to the envy of the assembled multitude.

Besides satisfying the inner man, steak is a valuable aid in taking the place of lost equipment. It will never be known how much steak was filched for outfitting boats, mending beds, etc. Indeed, someone is said to have used it for soles on his football boots.

“SHAK.”

LITERARY AND DEBATING.

The Society's Doings.

When the North Shore Bridge is built, and so is a reality, it is to be hoped that the S.H.S. L. and D. Society will be present at the opening, to debate on the advisableness of mooring commercial airships to the arch-span. Such will be the case if the sons of some of the present members are there, for they will be sure to follow their “daddies” and “bring in” something about the North Shore Bridge in the debates they take part in.

Even if the bridge is a favourite subject with some members, this year is one of the most promising years for the Society. This is the opinion of our Guardian Angels, Messrs. Gibson and Castleman, two gentlemen who have the Society's welfare at heart.

Fifth Year speakers, though not below the standard of the previous years' debaters at the beginning of that year, barely reached the standard attained by a few Fourth Year members. Fourth Year have acquitted themselves beyond expectation, and consequently one or two new hats had to be bought—before the S.H.S. v. F.S.H.S. debate. Perhaps, to say this is a “wee-bit

tall," but we all have heard that Sleeman, on the advice of the adjudicator, has borrowed the silencer from Mr. Cropley's Dodge.

Messrs. Gibson and Castleman have found the selection of teams a very difficult problem, owing to the amount of good material offering from both years, and on that account I do not feel inclined to mention any names particularly, but will say that Fifth Year members have no need to be ashamed of their showing. It is quite possible that one or two Fifth Year boys may be included in an "A" grade team.

At the beginning of this year, the Committee took matters well in hand and drew up a programme for the first quarter. This was strictly adhered to, and proved a success in that the fortnightly debates, and intermediate discussions on different subjects, gave opportunities for practice, and showed the mettle of our members.

A specially arranged lecture on "Politics," by Mr. Philip Moses, father of Brahm, Fourth Year representative, 1925, was much appreciated by the Society. The majority of Fourth Year were present, and all showed keen interest in the speaker's treatment of the subject. This keenness and enthusiasm was shown by those present at the subsequent Inter-High School debate with Fort Street.

At one of our earlier debates, we were honoured by the presence of the Headmaster, Mr. Saxby, B.A., and of Inspector Cramp, M.A., who, after hearing the debaters, spoke on the subject to the boys.

A question that arises nearly every year in the Society is the advisableness of admitting Third Year to full membership. This year Third Year are admitted only on condition that they are "deaf and dumb, blind and innocent." But with the debating spirit being fostered in the Lower School to the same extent as has been the case lately, it is evident that future Third Year pupils will qualify for admission, and the sooner the better for the boy and the School.

R.S.B., Hon. Secretary.

ROWING.

After many years of striving and failure in various branches of sport, the School, entering an Eight for the first time, has at length won a championship.

To have failed year after year at cricket, football and track athletics, and to have succeeded in our first attempt at rowing, a sport requiring much more equipment, much greater outlay

of money, and far more strenuous training than any other, is certainly remarkable. The result, of course, was not due to our own unaided efforts.

The generosity of the Glebe Club, which put their shed and boats at our disposal, made the venture possible; the liberal help of Old Boys has enabled us to meet expenses, which have been heavy enough, even though we have not had to provide a shed or practice boats; the work of Harvey and Mackellar, who went into camp with the crews and attended most efficiently to outside business, such as the hiring of launches, &c., has been most valuable; and finally the wonderful work of the coaches, enabled us to put on the river, not mere crews, but winning crews. These gentlemen not only showed extraordinary skill as teachers, but worked for us, although they had previously no particular ties to bind them to the School, in a manner which we should have had no right to expect, even from any Master or Old Boy.

Of the sixteen boys who rowed in the Regatta, only five had had any previous racing experience, while ten went into camp very raw—one member of the Eight, one of the 1st Four, and one of the 2nd Four having never been in a boat till March.

There is only one return which we can make to Messrs. Hancock, Hunt, Litchfield and Brown, and to the Club of which they are members, that is to try to help them as they have helped us. All our rowers, when they have left School, should join the Glebe Rowing Club and *row*. If we can maintain our position as Champion Rowing School, and if our boys do their duty when they leave us, then it should not be long before Glebe holds both Junior and Senior Pennants.

With regard to the crews, I may say that I have never seen our representatives so keen on anything before. A word of special commendation is due to the members of the Reserve Four, who trained as hard as anyone, with no prospect of any kudos, but who worked for the sake of the School, and deserved something better than the vile conditions which they met with in their row on Saturday morning and the crustacean which Peach continued to catch.

G.P.S. REGATTA.

The Thirty-third Annual Rowing Championship of the A.A.G.P.S. opened on Wednesday, 29th April.

Conditions were splendid, but the slight ebb tide and a light nor'-easter gave a distinct advantage to the crews on the northern side of the river.

The racing began with the first heat of the 2nd Fours, the contestants being Riverview, Newington, Shore and Grammar. The first-named crew were handicapped by their position, lost ground at the start and were never in the race. The others got away well together, but Newington soon took the lead, and at Tennyson were three-quarters of a length ahead of Shore and Grammar, who were level. Shore's bow rowed with a bent arm and was badly done just after passing Cabarita, where his crew dropped back. Newington rowed well to the finish, but Grammar made a fine spurt, and getting the advantage of the tide round Gladesville Point, got home by half a length, while Shore were three lengths further back.

S.G.S. 1, N.C. 2, S.C.E.G.S. 3. Time 6mins. 54½secs.

Second Heat.

The crews were: Scots, Joseph's, King's, and High. The crews got away well together, but, as in the first heat, No. 1 position proved a severe handicap. Scot's, in consequence, fell behind early, while our crew, going off at a very fast rate and having the best water, took the lead in the first 200 yards and were never afterwards headed. Joseph's held second place till Cabarita, when King's, spurring well, passed them, but failed to make any impression on High, who were rowing with fine length and getting splendid clearance, won by a length from King's, with Joseph's four lengths behind.

High 1, T.K.S. 2, S.J.C. 3. Time, 6mins. 57secs.

SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIP.

Positions at the start were: High, Scot's, Newington and Grammar. The cross-wind caused a good deal of trouble at the start. High's position, and the nervousness of the crew, were responsible for our getting away badly, and Grammar fared as badly. Newington led at once from Scot's, with Grammar close up and High last. Newington, rowing 34, were one length ahead at Putney. Meanwhile, High, rowing only 31, against Grammar's 33, had come up into second place, half a length ahead of Grammar, while Scot's had dropped back. Our crew now settled down and, rowing beautifully at 29 strokes per minute, passed Newington at Tennyson. Grammar had dropped to 28 and were a length behind. High now drew steadily away and, putting it in hard just before they reached Cabarita, passed that wharf three lengths ahead of Newington, who were three-quarters of a length ahead of Grammar, who were now sprinting hard. Newington responded, and a splendid tussle for second position began. High went on to win easily by four lengths, but Grammar, getting the assistance of the tide off Gladesville, drew level with Newington, and the boats raced to the finish passing and re-passing each other at each stroke. Grammar finally gained second place on the catch, beating Newington by a canvas.

High 1, S.G.S. 2, N.C. 3. Time 9mins. 15½secs.

Second Heat.

Shore, Riverview, King's, Joseph's. King's and Riverview at once took the lead. Riverview, rowing in very good form, were ahead at Putney, with King's half a length further back, and Shore and Joseph's well up. Shore, though in the worst position, were showing quite the best form, and slowly creeping up, but St. Joseph's, having the best water, clapped on the pace and at Tennyson were level with Riverview, who were slightly in front of King's, with Shore still last. Rowing steadily, Shore gradually closed on the leaders, and at Cabarita were in front of St. Joseph's, with St. Ignatius' about three-quarters of a length behind, and King's half a length further back. Here all the crews spurted, Shore and Joseph's being almost level and King's passing Riverview and gaining on St. Joseph's. Before reaching Gladesville, however, King's crabbed badly and dropped back to last place. In a neck and neck struggle, Shore beat Joseph's by three feet, with Riverview five lengths away.

S.C.E.G.S. 1, S.J.C. 2, S.I.C. 3. Time 9mins. 32secs.

FIRST FOURS.

First Heat.

Starters: Shore, Scot's, Riverview. Shore immediately took the lead, with Joseph's close up. The two crews had the race on their own, Scot's and Riverview being well behind. In a splendid finish, Shore beat Joseph's by a quarter of a length, with Scot's eight lengths away.

S.C.E.G.S. 1, S.J.C. 2, T.S.C. 3. Time 6mins. 41secs.

Second Heat.

Grammar, High, Newington, King's. Newington, rowing splendidly, went to the front, with King's second, while our crew soon fell to the rear. King's forged ahead at Tennyson and from there on there was no doubt as to which crews would fill the places. King's finally won by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths from Newington, while Grammar, who were a long way further back, stopped rowing before the finish and just drifted across the line in front of our boat.

T.K.S. 1, N.C. 2, S.G.S. 3. Time 6mins. 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

The southerly which sprang up on Friday afternoon made us tremble for the result of the final of the championship, in which we had drawn No. 4 position, a fact on which we had previously been congratulating ourselves. The 2nd Four, having No. 1 position, were well off.

The conditions, which had been vile during the morning, improved as the afternoon wore on. The first races were rowed against the tide, but the Schools' Championship was rowed at the slack.



HIGH SCHOOL FOUR.

H Packham (2), N. Hall (bow), M. Ada (stroke), C. Litchfield (coach)
A. Fleming (3), G. Smith (cox).



HIGH

K. Hardy (bow), — Broadhurst (7), D. Cook (6), B. McMillan (5), H. Johnston (



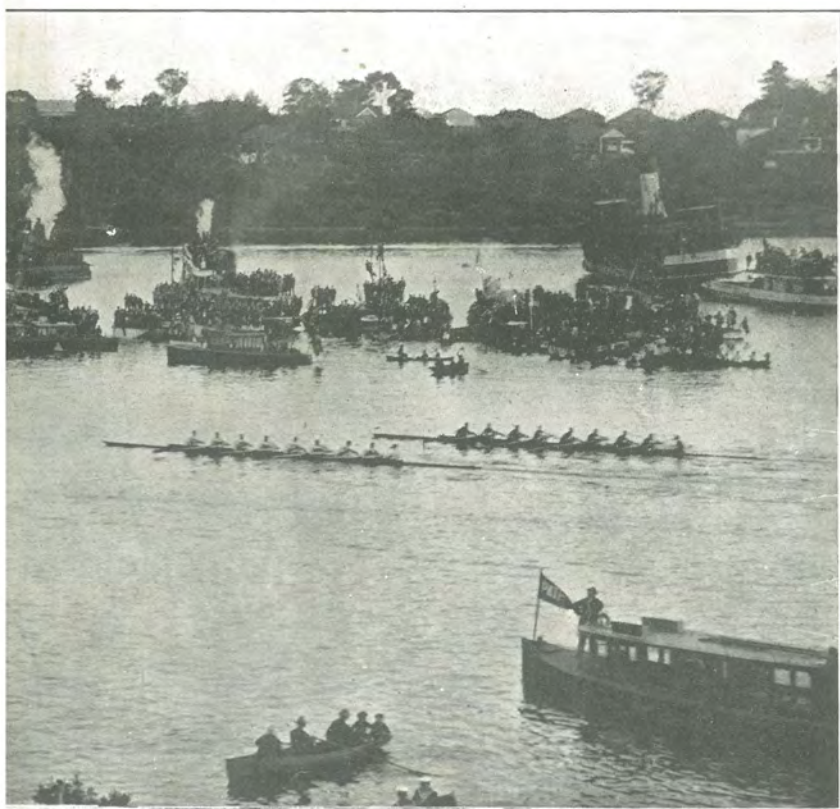
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THE FINISH



FOOL EIGHT

Pilkington (3), F. Weatherstone (2), K. Robinson (stroke), R. Mainwaring (cox).



"FIGHTS."

The first event was the S.U.B.C. Trial Eights, which was won by several hundred yards by a crew in some colour from a crew in another colour. A ferry boat came to help the second crew finish, to the disgust of officials, but, no doubt, its skipper's intentions were good.

2nd FOURS FINAL.

Positions: High, Grammar, King's, Newington.

Our crew went off at 36, with Grammar striking 35. Having a slight advantage at the start, Ada was able to settle down early into a long, steady stroke, and thus was less troubled by the rough water than the other crews, though, of course, having the sheltered side, he had the best water throughout. Newington rowed pluckily, and in the worst position, while King's drew up on Grammar. At Cabarita we were a length in the lead and when Grammar, spurting, passed King's, we responded and held our advantage to the end.

High 1, S.G.S. 2, T.K.S. 3. Won by a length, with three lengths between second and third. Time, 7mins. 7½secs.

FIRST FOURS.

Positions: Shore, Newington, Joseph's, King's.

Newington, rowing in far better form than on the Wednesday, went to the front at once, closely followed by King's. Just before reaching Cabarita, the King's crew, who were at a distinct disadvantage on the northern shore, found the strain too much and dropped back. Shore and Joseph's passed them, but could make no impression on Newington, who, rowing with great lust, won by 1½ lengths from Shore, who beat Joseph's by half a length for second place.

N.C. 1, S.C.E.G.S. 2, S.J.C. 3. Time 6mins. 53secs.

The Inter-Collegiate Eights, rowed over a two-mile course, was won by St. Paul's College by four lengths, from Wesley. Andrew's, who looked like coming second, crabbed near Cabarita, while John's were a long way back.

SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIP.

Positions: Grammar, Shore, Joseph's, High.

The wind had fallen by this time, but the southern side was certainly the better. All the crews went off at a very fast rate and our hopes of getting an early lead and working into smoother water had to be abandoned. Shore and Grammar, striking 43 and 42, respectively, took the lead, while High, at 34, was about a quarter of a length behind Grammar. Joseph's went off at 38, but were half a length behind us when 200 yards had been covered. At Putney, Shore were in front by about half a length, with Grammar and ourselves level, Joseph's falling steadily back. High had now settled down, and rowing at 30,

a rate which they maintained almost without variation for the rest of the race, drew past Shore, and, crossing over, took St. Joseph's water. At Tennyson we were a length in front of Shore, who had an advantage of half a length over Grammar, while St. Joseph's were a couple of lengths further back. Our crew, repeating their performance of Wednesday, now proceeded to draw away, and had a lead of two lengths off Cabarita, where they spurted. Shore, at this point, were three-quarters of a length ahead of Grammar. The latter crews spurted, but to no purpose. High increased their lead and won by three lengths. Shore never lost their form, but Grammar, though rowing pluckily, became ragged and were beaten by half a length for second place.

High 1, S.C.E.G.S. 2, S.G.S. 3. Time, 9mins. 16½secs.

The arrangements at the finish were far better than last year. Boats carrying spectators were not allowed to leave until five minutes after the conclusion of the last race, and the crews were able to get away without risk of being rammed. Our own ferry, though taking up a bad position, behaved admirably in this regard, and waited two hours.

G.P.S. REGATTA.

Congratulations.

Mr. Saxby, Head Master, has been overwhelmed by messages of congratulation upon Sydney High School's successes at the G.P.S. Regatta. Mr. Board, ex-Director of Public Instruction, called in person to offer his congratulations. Mr. Waterhouse, a former Head Master, Mr. Saxby, senr., Mr. C. A. Fairland, and many others, sent 'phone messages.

We wish to acknowledge the receipt of congratulatory telegrams and letters from Mr. Bruntnell (Minister of Education), Mr. S. H. Smith (Director of Education), Roberts, Porter, Rose, Levy (Fort Street High School), C. Hall (Tattersall's Club), T. Clack (Newcastle High), Mr. Nairn (Newcastle High), V. Brady, E. Martin, Mr. Caldwell (Orange), Mr. Emanuel, Mr. A. G. Henderson, Mr. W. J. Elliott, M.A. (Inspector of Secondary Schools), Mr. K. R. Cramp, Mr. C. R. Smith, M.A. (ex-Headmaster), The Staff, Canterbury High School, Mr. Mackinnon (Wagga), Mr. J. A. Williams, Sydney T.H. School Sports Union, Taree High, Mr. W. R. Goodman (Richmond), Mr. Hatfield (Fort Street), Mr. Bush (Wagga High), Mr. C. E. Fletcher (Hobart), Mr. L. C. Robson (Sydney Church of England Grammar School), Revd. E. M. Baker (Head Master, The King's School), Mr. E. Kenneth Deane, Blue Mountains Grammar School, Goulburn High School, Mr. Laws Woodhouse

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CRICKET.

The record of the cricket XI. for the first half of the 1925 season is depressing enough, but hardly as bad as some of us expected. For the past two seasons our batting had been weak, but good out-cricket had to some extent compensated for this defect. The loss of eight members of last year's XI., including every cricketer who had played a full season with the team, was bound to be severely felt, while the inroads made by the rowing still further handicapped us in our attempts to make a good XI.

In the circumstances, our record of 6 losses and 1 victory is not in itself, so bad, but unfortunately, our cricket, except in the matches against Riverview and Grammar, showed lamentable weakness.

The batsmen as a whole showed no impressive ability and a most regrettable lack of enterprise. This last was doubtless due in part to inexperience; they seemed to feel their responsibilities too keenly and got themselves out on many occasions most unnecessarily. The running between wickets, too, was most unsatisfactory. Of the batsmen, Allan, though very slow, showed admirable defence and very rarely failed. As he should have three full seasons of School cricket ahead of him, he should be a tower of strength to us later.

Howard batted well both at Riverview and Newington, and his aggressiveness was a pleasing contrast to the over-cautious methods adopted by most of the team. He certainly improved

as the season went on and may be expected to do well in the Xmas term. Several of the others showed improvement, noticeably Lamb, Hepper and Fretwell, and the team should get many more runs next round.

With regard to the out-cricket, we were badly handicapped at the outset by not having a capable wicket-keeper, but the rapid advance of Cook, who, on his form against St. Joseph's and Newington, was as good an Aunt Sally as we have had for the past five seasons, seems to have remedied that defect. The fielding improved steadily in every match and, though it is not yet up to the level of the past two seasons, should be really good next round.

The bowling suffered from lack of variety, being too much of the slow to slow medium type.

Robinson, till rowing claimed him, and then Davies, gave some variety to the attack and got something out of the new ball; Allan was always steady and was very successful at Scots'. Bailey was certainly our best bowler, and Lamb also showed good form at times. Cook's entry into the team made a big difference to both of them.

Howard, too, is improving in captaining with experience—using his bowlers and placing his field much better than in the early matches, so we may justifiably hope for an improvement both in standard of play and in results.

Mr. Golding's work among the class cricketers is already bearing fruit.

Some of the younger boys are showing great promise, noticeably Starr, McKibbin, Morgan and Rees. Teams of Juniors visited both Riverview and King's, and were victorious at both places, Morgan's bowling meeting with remarkable success.

CRICKET.

Matches.

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

School won the toss and elected to bat on a good wicket. Runs came freely, Allen playing a solid innings for 93, and Howard knocking up a brilliant 76. The total reached 263, and Riverview replied with 129. School won by 134 runs.

S.H.S., 1st Innings.—Allen, b McEvoy, 93; Johnston, c Fagan, b Ward, 9; Hardy, c Veech, b McEvoy, 12; Hepper, b Ward, 12; Robinson, b Ward, 19; Howard, c Leahy, b McEvoy, 76; Hodgkins, b McEvoy, 6; Randall, b McEvoy, 0; Cassar, b Ward, 0; Lamb, n.o., 0. Sundries, 24. Total, 263.

Bowling.—McEvoy, 6 for 75; Ward, 4 for 68; Leahy, 0 for 41; Veech, 0 for 41; O'Sullivan, 0 for 22.

St. Ignatius', 1st Innings.—Leahy, b Allen, 10; Burfitt, b Robinson, 5; Ward, b Allen, 18; Lipscombe, b Cassar, 1; K. Hughes, not out, 52; McEvoy, b Allen, 2; C. Hughes, b Allen,

9; Skelton, b Lamb, 7; O'Sullivan, b Lamb, 4; Fagan, b Howard, 3; Veech, b Cassar, 3. Sundries, 15. Total, 129.

Bowling.—Robinson, 1 for 29; Lamb, 2 for 19; Cassar, 2 for 20; Allen, 4 for 23; Hardy, 0 for 10; Howard, 1 for 7.

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

Shore won the toss and batted on a good wicket. Owing mainly to Salmon's magnificent innings of 385, they amassed the huge total of 804. School put up a weak reply, only managing to make 78, Johnston top-scoring with 31. Shore won by 725 runs.

S.C.E.G.S., 1st Innings.—B. Salmon, l.b.w., b Robinson, 385; Cadwalller, b Bailey, 1; Tyrrell, run out, 26; Mackellar, c Davies, b Bailey, 50; Foulsham, c and b Robinson, 125; Hattersley, l.b.w., b Bailey, 50; Lane, b. Robinson, 7; P. Salmon, run out, 33; Allen, b Robinson, 48; Murdoch, —, 21; Alexander, l.b.w., b Lamb, 17. Sundries, 41. Total, 804.

Bowling.—Challoner, 0 for 98; Bailey, 3 for 178; Allen, 0 for 98; Howard, 0 for 150; Lamb, 1 for 152; Robinson, 4 for 79.

S.H.S., 1st Innings.—Allen, l.b.w., b B. Salmon, 2; Johnston, b P. Salmon, 31; Hardy, b B. Salmon, 9; Robinson, run out, 9; Hepper, b B. Salmon, 3; Howard, c Mackellar, b P. Salmon, 0; Bailey, run out, 2; Hodgkins, b P. Salmon, 4; Challoner, b Allen, 4; Davies, c Murdoch, b B. Salmon, 8; Lamb, not out, 2. Sundries, 4. Total, 78.

Bowling.—Alexander, 0 for 20; B. Salmon, 4 for 31; P. Salmon, 3 for 19; Allen, 1 for 0.

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

School batted first, but could only gather 70, taking a little under three hours to do so. In the same time, King's rattled up 328, winning by 258 runs.

S.H.S., 1st Innings.—Johnston, b Jones, 0; Allen, not out, 32; Hardy, b Jones, 0; Robinson, st. Egan, b Jones, 0; Howard, c Hogg, b Egan, 17; Eizenberg, c Whytt, b Hogg, 8; Hodgkins, b de Chance, 5; Davies, l.b.w., b de Chance, 0; Lamb, c Rouse, b de Chance, 0; Cassar, c Egan, b de Chance, 5; Bailey, b de Chance, 0. Sundries, 3. Total, 70.

Bowling.—Chance, 5 for 10; Jones, 3 for 20; Egan, 1 for 7; Hogg, 0 for 17; Sale, 0 for 2; G. Hogg, 1 for 11; Ritchie, 0 for 0.

T.K.S., 1st Innings.—G. Hogg, l.b.w., b Bailey, 49; Whytt, c Robinson, b Cassar, 42; J. Hogg, b Cassar, 1; Lampport, st. Davies, b Bailey, 78; Ritchie, b Robinson, 6; Egan, run out, 46; Rouse, b Robinson, 10; Moore, retired, 66; Chance, c and b Robinson, 10; Jones, not out, 12; Sale, not out, 1. Sundries, 7. Total, 9 wickets for 328.

Bowling.—Cassar, 2 for 70; Lamb, 0 for 86; Bailey, 2 for 88; Robinson, 3 for 27; Allen, 0 for 11; Howard, 0 for 37; Johnston, 0 for 2.

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

Scot's batted first, taking two and a half hours to get 146. School failed badly in their reply, the last wicket falling at 68. Scot's won by 60 runs.

T.S.C., 1st Innings.—Peters, b Bailey, 51; A. McFadgen, b Robinson, 6; Stuart, c Hardy, b Bailey, 17; Bruce, c and b Allen, 2; Fleming, c Forbes, b Bailey, 20; Abrahams, b Allen, 1; Stephens, st. Cook, b Bailey, 17; L. McFadgen, b Allen, 9; Holdsworth, b Allen, 7; Taylor, not out, 6; Cadogan, b Allen, 0. Sundries, 11. Total, 146.

Bowling.—Robinson, 1 for 16; Cassar, 0 for 21; Forbes, 0 for 21; Bailey, 4 for 38; Allen, 5 for 21; Howard, 0 for 10; Lamb, 0 for 9.

S.H.S., 1st Innings.—Johnston, c Holdsworth, b Stuart, 10; Allen, b L. McFadgen, 0; Hardy, b Cadogan, 17; Robinson, c Bruce, b Cadogan, 0; Howard, c L. McFadgen, b Cadogan, 6; Hodgkins, b Stuart, 9; Lamb, b Stuart, 0; Cook, c Abrahams, b Fleming, 14; Cassar, c Holdsworth, b Bruce, 0; Bailey, b Fleming, 4; Forbes, not out, 4. Sundries, 4. Total, 68.

Bowling.—Taylor, 0 for 4; L. McFadgen, 1 for 8; Cadogan, 3 for 20; Stuart, 3 for 23; Fleming, 2 for 5; Bruce, 1 for 4.

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

Once again School had a day in the field, Grammar getting 489 in the first innings. School replied with 145, Allen batting solidly for 41. Grammar won by 343 runs.

S.G.S., 1st Innings.—Leslie, b Fretwell, 104; Evans, c Cook, b Howard, 88; Cox, c Forbes, b Bailey, 62; Hull, c Howard, b Bailey, 0; Chegwyn, b Davies, 58; Corbis, b Forbes, 34; Storey, run out, 68; McClean, run out, 13; Daly, not out, 29; Magnus, l.b.w., b Lamb, 10; Buttfield, c Hodgkins, b Lamb, 6. Sundries, 17. Total, 489.

Bowling.—Davies, 1 for 36; Allen, 0 for 175; Bailey, 2 for 133; Forbes, 1 for 47; Lamb, 2 for 89; Fretwell, 1 for 32; Howard, 1 for 26.

S.H.S., 1st Innings.—Allen, l.b.w., b Cox, 41; Eizenberg, run out, 0; Hepper, b Hull, 23; Howard, c Buttfield, b Evans, 8; Hodgkins, run out, 12; Lamb, run out, 9; Cook, run out, 7; Forbes, b Hull, 12; Davies, b Hull, 4; Fretwell, b Hull, 5; Bailey, not out, 6. Sundries, 18. Total, 145.

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

School again took the field, Joey's having collected 283 when the last wicket fell. School replied with 89 and 106, S.J.C. winning by an innings and 88 runs.

S.J.C., 1st Innings.—McDonough, b Lamb, 31; Boland, b Davies, 0; Cullen, c Cook, b Forbes, 63; Bull, st. Cook, b Allen, 17; McCabe, c Cook, b Bailey, 35; Flanagan, run out, 50; Reid, c Ward, b Bailey, 16; O'Brien, st. Cook, b Lamb, 31; Smith, b Lamb, 12; Burns, not out, 12; Moss, st. Cook, b Lamb, 4. Sundries, 12. Total, 283.

Bowling.—Davies, 1 for 37; Allen, 1 for 46; Bailey, 2 for 81; Forbes, 1 for 15; Lamb, 4 for 64; Howard, 0 for 26.

S.H.S., 1st Innings.—Allen, b Cullen, 19; Hepper, b Moss, 8; Howard, l.b.w., b Moss, 1; Hodgkins, b Moss, 9; Ward, run out, 1; Forbes, l.b.w., b Cullen, 4; Bailey, c McCabe, b Cullen, 3; Cook, not out, 21; Davies, c Cullen, b Burns, 3; Lamb, c Bull, b Allen, 1; Fretwell, l.b.w., b Cullen, 8. Sundries, 11. Total, 89.

Bowling.—Moss, 3 for 24; Cullen, 5 for 26; Burns, 1 for 28.

S.H.S., 2nd Innings.—Cook, b Flanagan, 1; Fretwell, b Cullen, 24; Allen, l.b.w., b Moss, 34; Hepper, c McCabe, b Flanagan, 2; Howard, run out, 7; Hodgkins, l.b.w., b Cullen, 0; Forbes, l.b.w., b Cullen, 17; Davies, b Moss, 3; Ward, b Cullen, 0; Lamb, c Reid, b Flanagan, 3; Bailey, not out, 0. Sundries, 15. Total, 106.

Bowling.—Flanagan, 3 for 35; Cullen, 4 for 52; Moss, 2 for 4.

S.H.S. v. NEWINGTON.

School batted first, but failed miserably on a good wicket. Newington's innings totalled 321, passing School's total by 274.

S.H.S., 1st Innings.—Eizenberg, c Webster, b Helps, 12; Fretwell, run out, 4; Hepper, l.b.w., b Campbell, 0; Howard, b Helps, 8; Cook, b Helps, 5; Forbes, c Campbell, b Helps, 0; Hodgkins, c A. Campbell, b E. Campbell, 0; Ward, b E. Campbell, 4; Lamb, b Webster, 12; Bailey, not out, 0; Davies, b Webster, 0. Sundries, 2. Total, 47.

Bowling.—Webster, 2 for 8; Helps, 4 for 26; Campbell, 3 for 11.

Newington, 1st Innings.—Lawes, c Eizenberg, b Bailey, 113; Webster, st. Cook, b Bailey, 36; E. Campbell, b Davies, 6; Pike, c Lamb, b Davies, 10; A. Campbell, b Lamb, 14; Webster, b Forbes, 5; Herborn, c Cook, b Hodgkins, 29; Butt, l.b.w., b Bailey, 0; Cohen, c Fretwell, b Lamb, 63; Asprey, b Howard, 14; Helps, not out, 4. Sundries, 27. Total, 321.

Bowling.—Davies, 2 for 44; Forbes, 1 for 38; Howard, 1 for 38; Bailey, 3 for 97; Lamb, 2 for 56; Ward, 0 for 14; Hodgkins, 1 for 7.

FOOTBALL.

At the time of writing the prospects of our 1st XV. look really good. We have eight of last year's team still with us, and have been lucky in securing a really fine centre, Crowther, from another School. The members of last season's 2nd XV. who have been promoted are showing good form. Mr. Golding is doing splendid work with the backs, who are shaping excellently, and if our forwards can be brought up to the same standard, we should have a most successful season.

Th form displayed Saturday, May 30th, v. Hawkesbury College 2nd XV., at any rate, was most encouraging.

The Second XV. is at present unsettled, and the backs are weak both in attack and defence, but there is plenty of material, if we can only escape casualties.

The lower teams are all shaping well and the attendance at practice is very satisfactory.

Mr. James has taken over the class football, which, I hope, is now on a satisfactory basis. There are two competitions, the lower consisting of teams from the three first year classes and 2A, while the upper division has four teams also, 3A and 3B furnishing a team each, while 3C and 2C, 2B and 1st year have furnished composite XV.'s.

Results.—1st XV. v. N.S.H., May 13, won, 3 (Cook a try) to nil. May 20: v. Parramatta H.S., won, 14-3, Crowther, Weatherstone, Pilkington (2), tries; Crowther, a goal. May 23: v. H.A.C., won, 17-13, Hardy, McMillan, McDonald, Cook (2), tries; Crowther, a goal. 2nd XV.: v. N.S.H., May 13, won, 34-0. May 20: v. Hurlstone, won, 6-3. 3rd XV.: v. N.S.H., May 13: lost, 0-14. May 20: v. P.H.S., won, 14-13. 4th XV.: v. N.S.H.S., lost, 0-19, May 13. May 20: v. Canterbury, won, 12-6. 5th XV.: v. N.S.H.S., won, 12-0, May 13. May 20: v. Canterbury, drew, 3-3.

SWIMMING.

Our Swimming Carnival, which closed the season, was held at Drummoyne Baths, on 20th March. The weather was perfect and the attendance good, being a great improvement on that of the previous year.

The 220 yards All Schools' Championship was won by C. Stuart, of Shore, with C. R. Reid, of Grammar, filling second place. The race resulted in an easy win for Stuart, who never left the issue in doubt. Our representative, Chadwick, was some distance behind third.

For the Cups there was the keenest rivalry. S. Hirst succeeded in gaining the Senior Cup, with 16 points, while A. Coutts was runner-up, with 12 points. C. Morton annexed the Junior Cup, with 10 points, after a close contest with K. Howitt and A. Crowther, who each gained 9 points.

Among the Junior Cadets, R. Walker succeeded in winning the Cup, with 9 points.

The standard of the swimming in the Senior Division was not very high, but in the Junior Division it was quite good, which promises well for the next C.H.S. Carnival.

At the C.H.S. Swimming Carnival, held last December, in the Domain Baths, our representatives did not acquit themselves very well. The only event in which we were successful was the Senior 100 Yards Breast-Stroke Championship, which was won by F. McCure.

The following are the results at the School's Carnival:—

SENIOR CUP.

50 Yards Senior Championship.—Chadwick 1, Coutts 2, Hirst 3.

100 Yards Senior Championship.—Coutts 1, Hirst 2, Buchanan 3.

220 Yards Senior Championship.—Hirst 1, Coutts 2, Buchanan 3.

440 Yards Senior Championship.—Coutts 1, Hirst 2, Ada 3.

100 Yards Senior Breast-Stroke Championship.—Hirst 1, Buchanan 2.

50 Yards Back-Stroke Championship.—Hirst 1, Coutts 2, Buchanan 3.

Diving Championship.—Thicknesse 1, Hirst 2.

JUNIOR CUP.

50 Yards Championship.—Crowther 1, Howitt 2, Gee 3.

100 Yards Championship.—Crowther 1, Morton 2, Gee 3.

220 Yards Championship.—Morton 1, Crowther 2, Gee 3.

440 Yards Championship.—Morton 1, Chadwick 2, Howitt 3.

50 Yards Breast-Stroke.—Howitt 1, Morton 2, Morcombe 3.

50 Yards Back-Stroke.—Howitt 1, Chadwick 2, Crowther 3.

Diving Championship.—Thicknesse 1, Chadwick 2, Morgan 3.

JUNIOR CADET CUP.

50 Yards Championship.—Walker 1, Robinson 2, Munroe 3.

100 Yards Championship.—Walker 1, Gerrard 2, Munroe 3.

220 Yards Championship.—Gerrard 1, Walker 2, Robinson 3.

33 Yards Breast-Stroke.—Shappere 1, Rees 2, Munroe 3.

33 Yards Back-Stroke.—Rogers 1, Gerrard 2, Walker 3.

OTHER EVENTS.

Beginners' Race.—Jones 1, Fitzharding 2, Hatcher 3.

4th and 5th Years' Handicap.—Morcombe 1, Robinson 2, Bellmaine 3.

3rd Year Handicap.—Wright 1, Calder 2, Hall 3.

2nd Year Handicap.—Robinson 1, Thicknesse 2, Shappere 3.

1st Year Handicap.—Kelly 1, Morgan 2, Adams 3.

Junior Relay.—3A. 1, 2C. 2, 3C. 3.

Senior Relay.—5A. 1, 4A. 2, 4B. 3.

Chasing the Bellman.—Standing 1.

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THE COUNCIL.

Several vacancies have occurred amongst office-bearers since the annual meeting. New appointments necessitated thereby have included A. J. O'Neil, ex-treasurer, as assistant secretary; L. F. Porter, two years ago a member of the Council, as treasurer; A. G. Henderson, also a former office-bearer, and S. C. V. King, last year's captain of the school, as members of the Council; and Keith Patterson, as auditor.

MEMBERSHIP.

Since last issue, the treasurer has received the following subscriptions:—

Life.—H. Aspinall, —. Schroeder.

Ordinary.—W. H. Berryman, H. L. Brooke, S. J. Burt, J. Connell, A. M. Cook, H. Cooper, C. S. Cornish, W. O. C. Day, O. Dietthelm, T. Farranridge, —. Firth, C. T. Herbert, H. R. Hunt, A. W. Jones, R. R. Kidston, B. Lenehan, L. Lindsay, C. McNamara, J. S. Pollard, F. H. Rabone, L. G. Richards, W. Scott, E. A. Southee, —. Stephenson, B. Sugerman, Walton Smith, V. J. Stafford, E. Thorn, H. Turkington.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

The Council has elected G. E. Hancock, coach of the VIII., to honorary membership of the Old. Boys' Union.

BADGES.

Only a few Old. Boys' Badges are in stock at present, and it may be a month or two before a new batch is struck. Early application is an obvious necessity for all whose left lapels are as yet unadorned.

CONGRATULATORY.

Letters congratulating the Old Boys' Union on the School's win in the eights, were received from the Old. Sydneian's Union, St. Aloysius' College Old. Boys' Union, and the Sydney High School Old. Girls' Union.

THE JULY DANCE.

A cabaret dance will be held early in July, probably at "Dungowan," Martin Place. Since accommodation will be available for 140 persons only, early application for tickets should be made. A. J. O'Neil (assistant secretary), R. C. Cathels, A. M. Stayner, M. W. Flannery, and H. D. Allen have been appointed to the dance sub-committee, and H. C. Wilson is assisting them.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The School purposes publishing only two *Records* this year. Since the next issue will not appear till December, we would here remind Old Boys that the Annual Meeting of the Union

will take place in October or November, that the precise date will be obtainable from any member of the Council early in the former month, and that they owe the Union the duty of attendance.

A NEW SUB-COMMITTEE.

When leaving school, a boy has often only very hazy ideas of the work to which he is suited, and in which he is likely to win material success. Even when he has definitely resolved on the choice of a business or profession he will usually find difficulty in gaining his first footing therein. Here is a matter in which the older Old Boys can assist. They have made their ways in life and presumably are competent to advise boys still on the threshold of the world of affairs, as to the best methods by which material welfare can be secured. To consider such matters, and to provide a definite quarter to which boys from the School, desiring information, can be referred, the Old Boys' Union has appointed a sub-committee consisting of A. M. Eedy, C. A. Fairland, L. F. Watt, W. W. Vick, and H. K. Prior. All of them are men who have reached high rank in their respective professions, and all have the welfare of the School and its members very keenly at heart.

HEAD OF THE RIVER.

The School is "Head of the River," and we give our heartiest congratulations. The wait for the first G.P.S. premiership has been long. Now that it has arrived, we hope that it will be taken for what it is; evidence that where enthusiasm and skill are present, no handicaps of age and weight can utterly prevent success.

Old Boys may show their personal gratitude by subscriptions to the rowing fund, which remains perpetually open. We hope to see five crews boated next year. In that event, several new fours, as well as a practice eight (for which we relied this year on the generosity of the Glebe Club), will be absolutely necessary. Oars are further expensive items. We would also lay emphasis on the need for launches. The coach of the VIII. was this year badgered about during the early training period by the difficulty of securing a suitable launch. The coaches of the fours were obliged to dispense with launches throughout. Money, and the services of any Old Boys who can secure us uninterrupted use of launches, are required to prevent repetition of this in future years.

THE ROWING COACHES.

Training in camp at the Glebe Rowing Shed the School crews rowed twice daily, at 5.30 a.m. and in the afternoon. Old Boys will realise to what sacrifices the coaches of the four

crews were put by their regular attendance at these rows, and offer them best thanks, admitting that their work, and the work of their club, secured the School its successes.

Coming almost within the category of coaches are two Old Boys, A. T. Harvey and J. A. R. Mackellar, who went into camp with the crews and took charge of the arrangements for their material welfare. Theirs was a difficult responsibility, and for its successful shouldering, a personal debt is owed them by every other Old Boy.

PRESENTATION OF OARS.

Oars used in the "Head of the River" race were presented to the School VIII. on Empire Day. The oars were the gifts of the Old Boys' Union and, with A. M. Eedy unable to be present, L. F. Watt, the Union's senior vice-president, made the presentation. In an admirably brief speech he spoke of the enthusiasm with which all Old Boys had greeted the School's decision to take up rowing as a competitive sport, of the pride with which they had welcomed last year's inaugural success in the "Fours," of the lightness of this year's "Eight," and of the consequent glory of its victory. With Mr. Watt on the platform were the School's two most representative Old Boys, the headmaster, and Mr. C. A. Fairland.

ROWING DINNER.

On Wednesday, May 27, the headmaster, the masters in charge of school rowing, and the coaches and members of all school crews were entertained by the Council of the Old Boys' Union, and a number of other Old Boys, at a dinner at "Dungowan" and a theatre-party to the "Lady of the Rose." The guests were G. C. Saxby (headmaster), J. R. Towns (rowing master), G. E. Hancock, H. R. Hunt, C. O. Litchfield, and J. Brown (coaches respectively of the VIII., first four, second four, and third four), K. C. Robinson, F. Weatherstone, E. L. Pilkington, H. G. Johnston, D. M. Cook, A. R. Broadhurst, R. B. McMillan, K. Hardy, and R. M. Mainwaring (VIII.), L. R. Walker, C. E. Rubie, A. Reddish, L. Fielder and Hodge (first four), N. Hall, H. Packham, A. M. Fleming, W. M. Ada, and Greig Smith (second four); G. Routley, Peach, Mylechreest, and Greig (third four); Sam Porter (emergency), and A. T. Harvey and J. A. R. Mackellar (Old Boys who were in camp with the crews). An apology was received from the sportsmaster (J. W. Gibbes).

All members of the Council were present, and other hosts were H. Aspinall, C. Matthews Drew, C. H. Cooke, H. F. Halloran, H. M. McBurnie, R. T. McKay, M. J. Mackenzie,

S. G. Webb, J. Leaver, R. F. Gollan, J. Reddish, A. K. Patterson and F. S. Bradhurst. Mr. Myers, general manager of Dungowan Limited, himself an Old Boy, had made it his business to be present, and went to the utmost trouble to ensure perfection of all arrangements.

At the dinner, A. M. Eedy, president of the Union, was in the chair, and had beside him the headmaster and E. L. Pilkington (captain of the School and of boats). There was little speechmaking save when, on behalf of the crews, Pilkington made presentations to A. T. Harvey and J. A. R. Mackellar, in recognition of their work in camp.

One who has attended many Old Boys' functions may be pardoned for the comment that this stood out in recent years for the excellence of its organisation. Too much praise cannot be given to H. C. Wilson, who made all arrangements.

THE GLEBE ROWING CLUB.

Though the self-sacrifice of the crew, the financial support of the Old Boys, and the enthusiasm of the School made rowing success possible, but for the Glebe Rowing Club, possibility and actuality would have remained separated things. The Glebe Rowing Club housed our crews, lent them practice boats, provided them with coaches, and did these things with a goodwill that made the obligation all the greater. To it, and to it in major share, falls the credit of the win.

All Old Boys are in a position to give practical thanks to the Club for the interest it has thus shown in the School. If they wish to row they can join the Club and thus provide it with its first necessity—men. If circumstances, as circumstances usually must, prevent their rowing, they can still assist the Club. The Club has a scheme of honorary membership, attainable on payment of an annual guinea. We ask Old Boys to consider whether they do not owe a clear duty in this direction. Fuller particulars can be gained from A. T. Harvey, c/o Assurance and Thrift Association, 255a George Street.

PERSONAL.

At the beginning of the School year G. C. Saxby took office as headmaster. Old Boys have already found that his absence in the country has done nothing to dim his love for the School and his enthusiasm for all its activities. Those who were at school in the years between his deputy-headmastership and the announcement of his present appointment are being perpetually astonished by the intimate hearsay knowledge he possesses of their achievements and aptitudes. All who wish to help the School in any way will find in him a most eager friend.

A. M. Eedy, president of the Old Boys' Union, has been re-elected to the Senate of the University.

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Early in March a fisherman was washed off the rocks at Bondi and drowned, despite the efforts of J. V. Garner, who dived to his rescue in a very heavy sea. Only he who knows the rocks concerned can appreciate the risk taken by Jim and the courage required to take it. His action was praised by the City Coroner, and was recognised in a presentation from his fellow-students at St. Andrew's College, within the University, and by a congratulatory letter from the Old Boys' Council.

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Vic. Kenniff, now in the employ of the Fijian Government as civil engineer, is holidaying in Sydney.

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Ray Kershaw, on the secretariat of the League of Nations, at Geneva, recently visited Australia. He was married at Hampstead, England, early in the year.

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L. F. Porter, after several years spent in the wilds of Wagga Wagga, has returned to the city as a member of the literary staff of the *Evening News*. He has again thrown himself into the heart of Old Boys' activities and, as elsewhere chronicled, has been appointed to the treasurership of the Union.

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Dr. M. S. Hiatt is at Broken Hill Hospital.

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Dr. Cecil Harris is practising in Western Australia.

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G. O. Bartlett is stationed at the Commonwealth Bank's Rabaul branch.

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Frank Bradhurst was married in November of last year. Our congratulations.

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Old Boys met by the School football team in a visit to Hawkesbury Agricultural College included E. A. Southey, principal of the college, and now, by the way, on the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society, and Townshend.

One of the principal movers for the erection of a Sailors' Memorial in Sydney Harbour, a scheme attracting much current notice in the daily press, is R. T. McKay, Harbour Trust Commissioner, and an Old Boy of long standing.

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J. B. Telfer, till recently Assistant-Secretary of Education, has been appointed a member of the Public Service Board.

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G. A. Cantello, a very popular master at the School for several periods between 1910 and 1920, and later headmaster of the Young District School, has been appointed an inspector of schools under the Department of Public Instruction.

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At the annual meeting of the Great Public Schools' A.A.A., C. A. Fairland was re-elected a vice-président.

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Congratulations to W. O. C. Day, an Old Boy whose interest in School activities has never flagged, on his appointment to high rank in the administrative service of the Water and Sewerage Board, and on his election to the presidency of the Sydney School of Arts.

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Amongst those present on the School boat on regatta day was the ex-headmaster, C. R. Smith. We hope to see him anew at the Old Boys' functions of the later year.

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The School again had indirect representation in the Oxford-Cambridge boat race. L. Elliott Smith, son of Grafton Elliott Smith, rowed in the Cambridge crew.

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A. S. Watt, 1920 Rhodes Scholar, will return to Sydney in a few months' time. Since leaving Oxford he has been resident on the continent. He does not intend to stay long in Australia. Present plans include another departure Londonward in December.

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George Shipp also returns at an early date. After a course at Cambridge, results of which mark him for the most distinguished classical scholar yet turned out by the School, he has been appointed lecturer in Latin at our own University.

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Three of the nine debaters who spoke for Sydney in the inter-'varsity debates against the touring Oxford team were Old Boys, and distinguished ones:—

J. A. McCallum, leader in the second debate, is an Old Boy, who began his university course ten to twelve years ago and, sandwiching a war in between, came back to graduate at the beginning of 1921 with first-class honours and the University Medal in History. He was one of the best known men in the post-war University—a Director of the Union, leader of the debating team, debates secretary, and editor of the “Arts Journal.” He left school in 1910.

Dr. C. G. McDonald, of the same School generation, has left a name imperishable in School tradition, as the first senior prefect and the first editor of the *Record*. At the University he was the first leader of the reconstituted Union debates. Also, in 1915 he was editor of the University magazine, “Hermes.” He is now practising at Randwick.

F. J. Sheed, who was associated with McDonald in the third debate, has only just returned from England, whither he journeyed in 1922. The only post-war speaker of real wit produced by the University Union, he is still remembered for the strange distinction he lent inter-faculty debates. “Brick,” who was 1915 editor of the *Record*, has resumed an interrupted course at the Law School, and, on its completion, will go to the Bar.

We were the only School represented by more than one speaker in this series of debates.

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One of the many gratifying features of our rowing success was the interest it awoke in many Old Boys who, resident in the country, have had difficulty in retaining originally close connection with the School and the Union. Membership of the Union, we would point out, will supply them with the best link with School doings, the *Record*. We print two letters, typical of many received by members of the Council and other Old Boys:—

Malcolm Moore, from St. George, Queensland, to Mr. Fairland: “I was tickled to death on receiving the paper reports of the School’s win in the championship eights. I did not hear till the Tuesday following the regatta. The wireless people here got the account of the race broadcasted direct from the river, but didn’t take sufficient interest in it to make a note of the winners. There are several Old Boys of the different Schools about here, and naturally I had a good crow over them. They all reckoned Grammar only tried to qualify for the final by running second in its heat, but the time was so fast that I thought differently. I have not received a School Magazine for years. I would be glad if you could fix things up and send it along. As you know, I take a great interest in all School doings. I sent a telegram of congratulations to the winning crew, care of the headmaster.”

Dr. A. S. Cockburn, from Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, to L. F. Watt: "The result of last Saturday's race has, I am sure, been a realisation of our most sanguine hopes. I only wish I could have been with you all for the occasion. As a mark of my appreciation for the boys' efforts, and as some small stimulus to repeat the dose next year, I am including a cheque for £5/5/- towards the funds. Please convey my heartiest congratulations to Mr. Saxby when you see him. With all good wishes and kind regards to all old friends."

A COMMENTARY.

The headmaster and Mr. Fairland have been working together in an attempt to form a Parents' Association, the inaugural meeting of which will have been held before this issue of the *Record* appears. As a School which draws from all Sydney for its pupils, we have had natural trouble in creating any community of interest between the families of boys still at School. A strong parents' association would remove that trouble and would, obviously, lend considerable backing to Old Boys' attempts to secure a new site, a suitable building, and adequate playing grounds for the School. Old Boys who know parents of boys still at the School should therefore attempt to interest them in the association. Old Boys, of course, will be eligible for membership.

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The School boat, on Regatta Day, uncomfortably crowded as it was, provided a meeting-place for Old Boys of all generations. We had not seen many of them at School or Union functions for years. Next year it will probably prove necessary for the Old Boys' Union to charter its own ferry. The largest ferry steamer ever built would be hard put to it to supply accommodation for the crowd of schoolboys, their parents and friends, and Old Boys who will in future be in attendance at Great Public Schools' regattas.

A tone of jaded cynicism may be observable in the last sentence. It is intended. Nothing succeeds like success, and success can occasionally succeed in too great a degree. For Old Boys who have no interest in the School, once they have left schooldays behind them, our attitude shall be, as it has ever been, one of pained pity. But when Old Boys who are seen at no other School or Union function, and who refuse to join the Old Boys' Union, attend regattas on the School boat, we shall be constrained to set them down as pothunters, seeking wins, and wins alone, and to avoid their company. It is with the greatest difficulty that we restrain ourselves from qualifying "company."

Mr. Philip Moses has offered to subsidise the School's library £ for £ up to £50 for all monies given to it during the next five months. In this case, we would think it a shame not to take the money. A visit to the School a few days ago showed that the main School library had fallen on sorry days. The number of books had fallen very substantially below the level reached eight to ten years ago, and many were in poor repair. The Coates' Library, to which the Old Boys' Union subscribes annually, is not included in this indictment, but it, if we remember our traditions correctly, is reserved for the use of the Senior School. We would urge all Old Boys who have found pleasure in reading and who know the importance of forming sound literary standards in the early years of life, to send contributions of 5/- and upwards to the treasurer of the School Union, with letters asking that they be applied to the use of the library.

We would also suggest it as a sound idea that definite specification should be made of books to be bought with such monies. To speak straightly, we have no confidence in the choice of the boys who, in our own time at least, assumed the selection of library books. No objection is to be made to boys' books proper, however sensational their type. The Fens, Hentys, Shaws, Walkeys, Gilsons, Cleavers, Breretons, and Strangs of this world give natural and quite fit satisfaction to a certain craving for vicarious adventure, always to be found between the ages of twelve and sixteen. But against the idiotic eroticians of the Ethel M. Dell type and American perverters of English, after the style of Zane Grey, a definite ban should be exercised, a ban that will find surest confirmation in the instructions of the contributor.

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Once again we have to complain of the over-attention paid by the press of Sydney to G.P.S. sport. The regatta was again exalted to the prominence of a world-war or a mystery murder case. Only a section of the press offended. The *Referee* and its satellites, for example, which, as sporting papers, might have been pardoned for a little exaggeration of the importance of the event, gave reports that were models of dignity and sense. But we take this opportunity of informing one paper that its reviews of form were uninformed twaddle, its "expert" opinions jaundiced folly, and its introduction to the account of the finals a masterpiece of deliberate ill-breeding!

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How many of the Old Boys who read these pages have visited the School since the year after which they left? We except from the category of visits such official occasions as Speech Day

and hurried five-minutes' confabulations with remembered boys and masters in the quadrangle. An inspection of the School is now well worth while. Some actual changes have taken place in Main Hall. The War Honour Roll has been moved to a place over the library enclosure. New honour boards have been erected. "Most distinguished candidates" in the Leaving Certificate Examination, have brought the old Senior boards up-to-date. Incidentally, there is a new headmaster, always prepared to meet boys, Old or new.

SPORTING.

Early in the year the New South Wales Rugby Union decided to exclude the Great Public Schools' Old Boys' Football Club from the first-grade competition. A club which had been formed in a spirit of the purest optimism had therefore to disband, eloquent witness to Sydney's preference for the district method of competition, victim of its own uneven play, and in some part a sufferer from external jealousy. Throughout its existence, the club had drawn so largely on the School for players that many of our Old Boys feel lonely at its passing.

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T. W. McNamara won three events at the Dunn Shield meeting in December—100, 220, and 440. His time for the furlong was 22 1-5 seconds, a Dunn Shield record. Tom was also the largest individual point scorer in Thompson Shield events, distributing his attention over the three sprint events, half-miles, and quarter-mile hurdles. The Western Suburbs A.A.C., of which he is the captain, won the Thompson Shield, and its members would be first to admit that his work was almost entirely responsible for this, their inaugural success. When the State Championships were decided he was a sick man and failed to retain his last year's titles.

Frank King also had some athletic success, running third in the quarter-mile hurdles at the Dunn Shield meeting, and consistently well in Thompson Shield events throughout the season.

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No Old Boy was particularly prominent in the cricket season just ended, and none won inclusion in first-class matches. In club games the most successful was probably Syd. King, last year's School captain, who, coming into the Petersham XI, at the tail-end of the season, produced excellent bowling and fair batting form. For 'Varsity, Jim Garner showed all his old deadliness on wet wickets, bowled well enough on dry ones, but, thanks to examination worries, could not display the batting ability of last season.

Despite the visit of Sam Kahanamoku, local swimming showed a reaction to dullness after the excitement of the Olympiad. Owen Griffiths showed very considerable improvement in the later season and ended with the State 220 yards championship in his possession. Ernest Henry, returned from the Olympiad, refused to engage in competitive speed swimming, though appearing for Manly in surf races. In this decision we think he was very wise. Nothing will more certainly destroy the chances of Australian swimming success at the next Olympic Games than the overswimming of champions produced within Australia. Henry had had twelve months of continuous swimming. He had, further, a career to look to. But the desire of the moth for the star is nothing beside the desire of the sporting press to see champions in action, and Henry and "Boy" Charlton, who also showed sense, were unanimously blamed for pursuing a policy which would have been forced on them by the swimming authorities of any country which had a tradition of efficient sporting administration.

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Comparatively few Old Boys are prominent in this year's club football. Retirements, injuries, and the disappearance of the G.P.S. Club from the ranks of the living, are in part responsible. Western Suburbs, with the King Brothers, holds most interest for the School, per se. Syd., shockingly misplaced by selectors, has still to secure his first game at scrum-half, and has been playing quite good football in that unfamiliar position of in-centre. Frank has made a wonderful come-back for an old man, and, when injuries permit, can be inspected at leisure on the wing. The only other names we can at present call to mind is that of Bob Bruce, hovering on the edge of Eastern Suburbs' pack, and Alan Newton, now in New Zealand with the Sydney University team.

The North Sydney Club lost much when, at the beginning of the season, its last year's captain, R. C. Cooney, announced his retirement. Cooney had played for the club since its resurrection after the war, and last year represented the State.

THE UNIVERSITY.

At this year's Commemoration, degrees were conferred on the following Old Boys:—

Master of Arts (M.A.): A. J. A. Waldock (First-class honours in English and University Medal); R. F. Gollan.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.): E. T. Salmon (First-class honours in Latin, Greek, and English; University Medals for Classics and English; Woolley Travelling Scholarship; Wigram Allen Scholarship No. II.; James Coutts Scholarship; Frederick Lloyd

Memorial Prize); R. Maxwell (Second-class Honours in English); F. C. D. Wotton (Third-class Honours in Mathematics); A. J. Knight.

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.): B. Sugerman (First-class Honours, and equal for University Medal); O. H. Beale, B.A.; S. G. Webb, B.A.

Doctor of Medicine (M.D.): N. D. Royle (First-class Honours and Ethel Talbot Memorial Prize).

Bachelor of Medicine and Master of Surgery (M.B. et Ch.M.): G. T. Morony (Second-class Honours); G. J. Cousins (Second-class Honours); G. A. Hardwicke (Second-class Honours; Professor Sandes' Prize for Surgery, and Hinder Memorial Prize for Clinical Surgery); E. J. Baxter; J. F. Boag; G. B. Morris; J. A. Vote.

Master of Science (M.Sc.): I. S. Turner (First-class Honours, and Equal for University Medal in Mathematics).

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.): L. Hanly.

Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.): B. M. McIntyre (First-class Honours in Civil Engineering).

Bachelor of Dental Surgery (B.D.S.): J. Parry (Second-class Honours); E. B. Hipsley; L. C. Ratcliff.

Bachelor of Veterinary Science (B.V.Sc.): W. A. Carr-Fraser (William Cooper and Nephews' Prize for Veterinary Parasitology).

Master of Economics (M.Ec.): F. R. E. Mauldon.

Bachelor of Economics (B.Ec.): P. M. Rickard.

Diploma in Psychiatry: A. T. Edwards, M.B.

Diploma in Education: C. E. Witherford, B.Sc.

We would call special attention to the academic records of Waldock, Salmon, Sugerman, Royle, and Turner.

A. J. A. Waldock left school in 1914, in which year he gained first-class honours for English at the Leaving Certificate examination. He had a distinguished course as an undergraduate, took the University Medal for English on graduating B.A., travelled abroad, and came back to the University in 1920 as a lecturer in the department of English, which position he still holds. The thesis for which he gained his latest distinction was on William Lisle Bowles, leader of the sonnet revival towards the end of the eighteenth century, embodied the result of original research whilst in England, and is expected to be published at an early date.

E. T. Salmon can claim, on his results, to be the most proficient all-round scholar produced by the University in recent years. His record can be inspected above. In the two earlier years

of his course he also secured first places in Classics and in English. The Wigram Allen Scholarship awarded him is for the most distinguished student entering the Law School after a course in Arts. He is not likely to avail himself of it, however, as he intends to proceed further with his classical studies at Cambridge, whither the "Woolley" will take him. At School he was a student of distinction, and an athlete of fair abilities.

B. Sugerman tied with L. J. Pilkington, brother of this year's captain of the School, for the Medal in Law, and a rivalry that had persisted throughout all the years of their course thus found fitting conclusion. Sugerman left school at the end of 1920. He was leader of our team in the first G.P.S. Debating Competition, and represented the Combined Schools against the 'Varsity. It is pleasant to be able to record the signal scholastic success of so keen an Old Boy.

Royle belongs to an older generation than any of the others. This academic success is, of course, only a faint reflection of the surgical world-fame which he has already won. The treatment of Spastic Paralysis on which he and the late Doctor John Hunter lectured last year before the American Congress of Surgeons, was entirely of his discovery. With Dr. Grafton Elliott Smith, he stands as the School's notable contribution to modern scientific discovery.

Ivan Turner is the first Old Boy to take the newly instituted degree of Master of Science. Sentimental pride is therefore joined to our satisfaction in the actual merit of his performance.

The list of graduates has been given in full, as is the custom of the *Record*. But the School's University representation is now too large to allow the publication of detailed results of University examinations in other than final years. We may assure Old Boys that casualty lists have been no heavier than usual in the pass examinations of any faculty. We may also attempt references to some of the more successful distinction candidates.

In Arts, Old Boys fared wonderfully well, in March honours results. Salmon's performance at graduation was rivalled in second year by A. H. Pelham. Pelham gained first place with high distinction in Greek II., Latin II., and English II. He won the Cooper Scholarship for Classics, the Nicholson Scholarship for Latin verse, and the Thomas Coulson Scholarship for English. Since "Pellie" was at the same time maintaining his School reputation for interests outside the classroom—the more mentionable include University journalism (he is now editor of the *Arts Journal*), debating (he has just been appointed to the Union Debates Committee), plucky football with lower grade

teams, and the University representation of the Old Boys' Union—his results are most remarkable. Ian Henning, also of second year, topped French II. and German II. with high distinctions, thus gathering to himself the Garton Scholarship No. II., his third for modern languages. A Garton Scholarship—No. I.—also fell to us in first year, as a result of W. H. Simpson's first places and high distinctions in French I. and German I. In the same year, P. B. Alcock gained high distinction in Latin I., and was first in Greek I. with a distinction.

Medicine affords us many names. Fourth year results included distinctions:—G. L. Burton (Craig Prize for operative surgery and surgical anatomy, *ex aeq.*), K. C. Rawle. Credits: C. C. McKellar, H. Lieberman, G. Rawle, J. Steigrad, G. F. Lumley, and A. A. Moon. Credits in third year fell to G. M. Redshaw and G. G. L. Stening, and in second year to F. W. Clements. In first year, B. Denning gained distinction in Physics and credits in Chemistry, Botany, and Zoology.

Selby Birt, of third year Economics, gained distinction in Economics and won the Wilfrid Johnston Prize for an Economics essay. Selby was anything but well in the months before his examination, and Old Boys heaved a sigh of relief when results showed that he would be eligible for final honours.

First year was responsible for our best showing in Engineering. J. W. Harrod tied for the George Allen Scholarship for Mathematics I., and gained high distinction in Mathematics, Descriptive Geometry, Chemistry, and Physics, and credit in Building Construction. J. W. Woodfield seconded him by distinctions in Descriptive Geometry, Chemistry, and Physics, and credits in Building Construction and Engineering Design.

The esoteric reciprocal attraction exercised by the School and the very small faculty of Agricultural Science is well illustrated this year. H. A. J. Pittman won Mr. W. H. Waterhouse's prize for third year subjects with high distinction in Agricultural Botany, distinctions in Plant Pathology, Genetics and Plant Breeding, Agricultural Chemistry II. and Botany III., and a credit in Zootechny. On application, he will doubtless explain what these subjects really are. In second year N. H. Parbery was first with high distinction in Botany II. and Principles of Agriculture, first with distinction in Economic Entomology, second with distinction in Agricultural Geology, and first with credit in Agricultural Chemistry I.

R. C. Cramp gained a credit in the third year of Veterinary Science.

Throughout, a remarkable list!

NEWS FROM ABROAD.

We are indebted to Miss Mac for the following extracts from an interesting letter dated 22nd November, 1924, and sent to her by F. Lions, an ex-pupil of S.H.S., a graduate of Sydney University, and now a resident of Manchester, England.

News of and from old boys at home or abroad is always welcome.

"Perhaps you have forgotten that parting gift (a maroon and blue S.H.S. pennant which hangs over the head of my bed), Miss Mac, but it is one of my most valued possessions, for it always recalls the motto of our old School—'Extremos Pudeat, rediisse'; a veritable slogan!

"I suppose you have heard lots about England. My opinion agrees with that of most Aussies—it isn't a patch on our own little country. The most objectionable feature is the weather. Otherwise, the very antiquity (beneath the dirt) of most places is extremely interesting.

"I bought a push bike and went for a five days' spin at New Year. At Easter a longer trip was planned, and about 1,065 miles were covered. The weather behaved rather decently, and after the Wye Valley, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall were visited. They are all very pretty countries, and are full of relics of their romantic, legendary history. From Land's End to London (320 miles), took three days. I saw the King open Wembley Exhibition. It was one of the most impressive ceremonies I have witnessed. A few days at Wembley left me stony broke—had about 4/6 left—so I needs must ride from London to Manchester (about 211 miles) in a day.

"This summer I again put in a strenuous time on the bike, among the lochs and hills of Scotland, a glorious country: covered over 2,500 miles. Some of the roads in Northern Scotland were bad enough to have been Australian, and the weather, Oh dear! It was a case of rain, rain, rain, and I missed half of the best scenery through bad visibility.

"About work at the 'Varsity:—Manchester possesses a rather dreary and dirty looking agglomeration of buildings, familiarly known as Owen's (Owen's College), but officially called the Victoria University of Manchester, universally recognised as the best provincial University in England, and as having the stiffest degree exams and qualifications in the world. So you see I've got to run my poor little brain to fever heat trying to get my longed for P.K. Degree.

"I swam in the Inter-Varsity relay team and we cracked the record. Strange to say, I've managed to retain a little swimming form in this awful and smoky climate, and have

covered 50 yards in 27 seconds in fresh water, but the capacity for eating up distances has gone—Charlton is the boy for that! This winter I have tried hard to get into the 1st XV. Rugger team. It was some job, but I think I've succeeded, and have played in six matches out of 8, and missed the others owing to an injured ankle.

"I have been in touch with School news from various old pals, Bev., Vic. Hyde and George Pyke, and was exceedingly joyful at all the good news. The G.P.S. Regatta's result was fine. Let us hope the School can keep up the pace. Apparently the old boys are not slacking either. Nearly every Scholarship at the Varsity seems to have an S.H.S. holder. The Olympic results were eagerly awaited and joyfully received here. Boy Charlton put Australia on the map again.

"The results of the M.C.C. cricket tour are just beginning to filter through and I have several arguments every day. The Aussie XI. should win this lot of tests.

"I hope all goes well at Sydney. Please remember me to old friends—all the 4 A.G. 'bonsars.'"

"SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL'S BATTLE OF THE BOOKS."

By E.P., Vth.

I hasten to record the following events before they become lost to posterity amidst the turmoil and excitement consequent upon High's first appearance in an eight-oar championship. It may come as a surprise to many that such a battle ever occurred, but the inhabitants of Room 2 will bear me out in the main facts of the story, and I will leave my readers to judge the veracity of the details. The book-case in Room 2 was the battleground, where Von Rattus' legions were conquered, after a long and desperate struggle, by the Coates' Library, under the leadership of Chambers' Encyclopaedia. A few skirmishes were fought upstairs, but here again the army of marauding Rats was put to flight by Zane Grey and his henchmen.

The battle took place in the Christmas holidays. Von Rattus, the commander of the enemy, after marshalling his serried hosts, led the attack, and at the first onslaught the Coates' Library forces were almost expelled from their stronghold. They were rallied, however, by Milton's poems and MacCallum's "Roman plays," and after a titanic conflict, as evidenced by the torn leaves, damaged covers, and heaps of slain, the Rats were repulsed.

Authorities differ as to the duration of the battle, but all are agreed upon its ferocity. Only those who saw the battleground, with its hecatomb of slaughtered, piles of debris and

the battered and torn, yet victorious books, can appreciate the grimness of the fight. Most of the books are maimed for life and will bear their scars of victory until they crumble to dust.

The Rats, although routed, succeeded in carrying off a good deal of booty from the lockers. I shudder to think of the depredations they would have caused, the havoc they would have wrought, had it not been for the unparalleled bravery of Chambers' Encyclopaedia, Milton's poems, Tennyson's, Keats', and a multitude of others. Had it not been for them, the desks, the walls, the very foundations, might have been attacked by the hungry marauders. Every Sydney High School boy should look with reverence upon these scarred warriors, and thank the Gods that they were there to fight so bravely against the rodents in the Battle of the Books.

CLASS NOTES.

V.A.—We are not loth to present the readers of the *Record* with an account of our achievements since the last issue, for we are sure that they have been compatible with the traditions of the premier class of the School. Indeed, it could scarcely be otherwise, for whom would not the evidences of learning and research around us in the scholastic precincts of Room 2, the Coates' Library, the initials of academic and athletic champions of the past engraved upon the desks, imbue with a worthy desire to emulate those heroes of former 5th Years? However, we cannot claim that all our industry is *nostra sponte*, for most had looked forward to a long period of inactivity until August, but our dreams of a Utopian 5th Year were rudely shattered by the announcement of a half-yearly exam. Protestations of 5th Year conventions were rudely swept aside, the day is set and already the Masters are warning us that the exam. is to be a veritable example of that old maxim—"the survival of the fittest." Taking heed of these warnings, the rowing brigade no longer sleep on the rear bench during I——— lesson; no longer do we enjoy the antics of our youthful prodigy, "Terry"—the gloom of hard work has settled like a pall over our heads.

Yet we do manage to extract a little joy from life. Now and then we see glimpses of humour in Cicero, and we are often provoked to mirth by the descriptions of gory battles in *Morte L'Arthur*. In the Science Rooms we have been endeavouring for some time to find how much silver is contained in a three-penny piece, much to the profit, it is rumoured, of Mr. W——, who collects our solutions, extracts the silver, and disposes of it at the Mint.

We wish to welcome both the Headmaster, Mr. Saxby, our new Maths. Master, and Mr. Peake, the new English Master, who relieved Mr. Harrison. We are afraid that on the departure of Mr. Harrison, dictionaries became a drug in the second-hand book shops.

We are all watching with interest the progress of our potential Lithgow Scholarship winners. The story runs that once when one of them was asked the meaning of a strange outlandish English word, he complained that he did not know, but could give the German for it! In passing, we wish to congratulate the boys who rowed in the G.P.S. Regatta, and who put S.H. sport on the highest plane it has yet attained.

V.B.—Alas for the merry hearted IV.B that we were. Now we haunt the precincts of room 3, seeking passionately for "Coriolanus," "Carslaw," etc.; hollow-eyed, gaunt and weary, eternally thinking of and working for the day of Judgment, 9th November. Now we are diligent workers, doing all homework, paying strict attention to instructions as regards inter-leaving, etc.

Concerning homework a defunct member of the equine family is said to talk rather loudly. Another of our "friends" warns us that we do not have exams in football and rowing.

A hair specialist deplores the fact that, having approved of a certain translation of "homo amentissime," he is constantly having it applied to himself. Our cowboy from the movies has not, we believe, changed his opinion of us.

The Head's theory that the brain does not function properly after meals, is very popular. We wish the masters would work with this end in view always.

Our regrets go with the dead rowing season. No longer are privileged boys able to amuse by embracing Morpheus in the middle of the period; while excuses such as a football match last night, or had to go to bed early, can only be left as a heritage to succeeding generations. However, the aftermath is still with us; feeds, theatre parties, etc., prevent homework. And once during a lengthy harangue on exams, the class was vastly moved by a sepulchral voice from the back murmuring, "Who won the boat race?"

Sidelevers, which threatened to engulf the class, are now extinct. The first edition of Put's "Scientific and Easy Systems" is out. Pud and Mac have lately been separated (?). The Douganese central part is, we notice with regret, a thing of the past. Ossie has been trying his feminine charms on Mac with great success. We hear also with regret that the tenth reading of the "Newcomes" is the most interesting. Unfortunately, we are too near the twentieth to remember our feelings on this occasion.

We cannot but congratulate the lesser half of the Eight who helped our half to win; we hope that succeeding V.B's will be able to collect such a zealous band of finely proportioned, energetic supermen as we are. Those who doubt will receive a ready answer from the doctor's understudy. In conclusion, we would like to extend the hand of greeting and goodwill to Mr. Saxby, this being our first opportunity to do so through the *Record*.

IV.A.—Now that the cloud of despondency—the result of the Intermediate Examination—has disappeared, we have resumed the even tenor of our way. That other cloud—we will not particularise it—is, happily, but a dim speck on the horizon, although, in the eyes of that brilliant advocate of a “broad course,” whom we have lately lost, it is a portent of significance. We regret that this gentleman will be absent from the forthcoming medical examination, as it is feared he is a silent (?) sufferer from adenoids, or some other nasal impediment. Would it be possible for some person to give us “any criticisms” on this matter?

As a class, we are endeavouring to uphold our traditions, in work as well as in sport. Search the sport records and it will be found that Cook, the brilliant three-quarter, has upheld our prestige in football, while in cricket, he—well, the newspapers said that “High has found a brilliant wicket-keeper in Cook.” Search the Inter results and it will also be found that the performances of O'Brien and Byrne, amongst others, were worthy of IV.A., while if the meaning of almost any English word of more than nine or ten letters be desired, we refer you to “Henery.”

In the debating sphere, IV.A. was, unfortunately, compelled to yield to Fort Street by the narrow margin of three points. We say IV.A., since the team was composed entirely of members of this Class. Our extremely aggressive leader especially distinguished himself.

In swimming, the Junior Cup winner, Morton, and the runner-up of the Senior Cup, Coutts, are participants in IV.A.'s troubles.

No longer do we fear the terrifying aspect of the Sporrán and Claymore, since the red flag has driven them from the field. No longer do we fear the “clip abart the ears, d'y'see,” in the face of “higher mathematics.” After three periods of Maths., on Monday IV.A.'s state of mind may be aptly described in the words of the poet—

“Better than all measures

Of delightful sound;

Better than all treasures

That in books are found,”

Thy skill to IV.A. were, thou —— teacher of mathematics. We astonish ourselves with our apt (?) quotations, and, in passing, we must say that this is a result of several weeks' diligent training by Mr. H——.

Although we possess no rowers, we extend our heartiest congratulations to the members of the winning Eight and Four, and our sincerest sympathy to the members of the unsuccessful 1st Four, and we wish to say that we take almost as much interest in rowing as we do in our mathematics (?) (perhaps some of us, anyhow)! Our members are particularly brilliant at geometry, having learnt two theorems in five weeks—almost on a par with our English.

Let any Third Year mite who considers that after the Inter. he will enjoy a period of blissful repose, be at once undeceived, for we do not cease to swelter under tests and lectures on Friday afternoons.

We thank our guardian angel, who has thought fit to leave with us our "floury" translator and our kind adviser on the subject of "treatin' 'em rough an' takin' 'em nowhere."

As a last word, we would advise any aspiring youth not to enter IV.A. unless he is quite capable of criticising any poem in the English language.

IV.B.—Many were the sighs of relief uttered by a troop of boys as they issued from that den, namely Turner Hall. The "Inter." was over——.

Now III.B. has one more B to its name, and appears as the redoubtable IV.B.

Frequently have we been reminded that it is time we had settled down to work. Consequently, we have begun with a will—ahem! The view from the windows of Room 4 seems to have a drawing charm, since several youths have been seen there inhaling the air. Evidently the air is more refreshing than elsewhere!

We possess several budding humorists, the chief of whom is "Mo," and he especially in certain periods set apart for Maths. There is a very pugilistic individual to be noticed strolling round with that "don'tcher know" air and muttering from time to time, "Oh, and so you would, would you?" He is known as Patt. C. (Patsy).

As regards sport, IV.B takes a prominent part. In rowing, K. Robinson and I. Cook in the eight, L. Walker and Rubie in the first four, and Packham in the second, represented the class. Most of the boys play grade football, and in season cricket.

Keen interest has been shown in the Debating Society, and already two inter-class debates have been contested: one, "That New South Wales should be subdivided," affirmed by IV.A. and negatived by IV.B.; the other, "That Northern Australia should be populated with coloured people." The first resulted in a win for IV.B., and the second for IV.A.

The class wishes Third Year good luck in the coming "Inter."

III.B.—Enter the former II.B., "jist now in the meantime" the overworked and down-trodden B. class of the Inter. year.

Thanks to the great quantity of midnight oil we consume, we share the optimism with which our Science and French teachers regard our "Inter." chances. By the way, while we are on the subject of Science, is chlorine a good hair dye?

We congratulate the Department on its very wise decision concerning the adventures of our dear old friend, Buffalo Bill—pardon—Julius Caesar—in the wilds of Britain and Gaul.

In sport we are as usual well to the fore, with several grade cricketers including "Lucky" Collins. Our record in the swimming carnival was good. Although we have some who prefer the manly game of tennis, the majority of III.B. are addicted to football.

We wish to offer our heartiest congratulations to the first and third crews on their well-deserved wins on 2nd May. The second crew we also compliment on their showing on the day of the heats.

Talking about rowing, we must not forget to mention "our imper-r-r-tinent friend" who does not think that his partiality for a certain well known shellfish has anything to do with his place of residence.

III.C.—Once more the notes of III.C. appear in *The Record*.

We are an illustrious class of mathematicians and scientists, according to Mr. H—— and Mr. T—— respectively. In fact, Mr. T—— said he would give us our Inter. passes in his subject any day we liked. Mr. H—— is of the same mind in his subjects, but we refuse to allow such trifles to dishearten us.

The class prefect has had a hard time, entering a few names in the Record Book. In III.C. are two heroes: the one whose name is first in the Record Book, the other whose name appears the most.

Still, in spite of these obstacles, we are confident of passing any test we are put to, especially the Inter.

III.C. has to make up a lot this year, because of the changing of teachers, especially in English. We welcome Mr. Tierney, our late English, present History Master.

Regarding sport, III.C. were successful in winning the 1924 Junior Cricket Competition, beating II.B. by six points, after an exciting, lengthy tussle. But grade teams have benefited at our expense, and, though not up to our old standard, our present cricket team is putting up a good fight. III.C. has supplied several graders in sport. In cricket, Hepper is in Firsts, Huxtable Seconds, Kelly Thirds; Huxtable is in First Grade tennis, and there are a couple of aspirants for Seconds.

We have several budding grade footballers (in fact, we can't get a class team).

We congratulate the Eight and Second Fours on their excellent wins; we were not the least amongst those celebrating the victory in the city.

III.C. had two rowers in camp, but Saxton was unfortunate enough to get a poisoned foot, thereby losing all chance of being selected. Fielder was unsuccessful in the First Fours, but we wish him luck next year.

In the Swimming Carnival III.C., though greatly handicapped by Hepper's absence, put up a good performance in winning their heat and coming third in the final after an exciting race. Our "Reps." did not gain many firsts, but Rogers won the Junior Cadet Backstroke in a walkover, and Calder in the Third Year Handicap came second.

By the way (as Mr. H—— says), has anyone noticed the broken glass in the partition of rooms 8 and 9? Whenever Mr. M—— is near, he comes and takes the first loose piece he can find, and by now almost all the pane has been removed to the dust-box.

As we are too hoarse to write any more, we bid you all au revoir.

II.A. offers its heartiest congratulations to the winning crews at the G.P.S. Regatta, and especially to K. Robinson, the stroke of the eight.

We had, in Alan Hodge, cox of the First Four, a representative in the successful rowing camp.

A certain member of II.A. caused a sudden rise in the tide at Gladesville when the heats were being rowed.

The class has six or seven prospective grade footballers. During the cricket season our first eleven did rather well, but our second only succeeded in gaining 7 points; a certain master would doubtless have said, "We are seven."

Mowat came first in the Yearly Examination with an excellent percentage. He has been chosen as our class prefect.

Under the direction of our English Master the class is progressing excellently, and it is most probable that we will form a Dramatic Society.

II.B.—What a lot that figure “2” signifies to us: a step further towards the Intermediate, which has not yet started to mar our pleasures, and further, a step towards the Leaving Certificate.

We have decided to reform (?), as we have been smitten with remorse at the thoughts of our wicked ways, and also because we are anxious to tenant one of the new rooms.

We are very pleased to have with us again our friend Mr. Tierney, who taught us at the beginning of last year. But we are sad to lose our old English Master, Mr. Peake, for he has done much work to develop our paper, “II.B. Chronicle,” and help our debaters.

We as a class, are not idle boasters, so other classes had better think seriously before contesting our claim of possessing the best class paper in the School.

The half-yearly is casting a dark shadow over us all. So it is no wonder that mother is upset at the way Jack bolts down his food and rushes from the table to spend the evening following the interesting (?) movements of Caesar in Gaul.

Much disappointment has been caused among our players by the elimination of tennis from the regular winter games.

II.C.—Once again we greet all, now not as I.C., which was famous enough, but as the doubly famous II.C., for lo! we are leading in the cricket competition. We are undefeated! This time instead of eight or nine boys going out to Centennial Park, we have 18 or 19; instead of half-a-dozen non-unionists we score our only “duck.” II.C. is waking up!

Of course we have several “ducks” where swimming carnivals are concerned. Let us give you a few instances.

“Fatty” Walker, winning the J.C. cup.

“Vivvy Thicknesse” winning both J. and S. diving.

Our team came second in the Relay.

Naturally we could talk for a long time of such things, but our thoughts turn to other matters.

The remembrance of the class picnic is still in our minds, and we often laugh over a certain member of the party missing his trousers, and other such incidents. But in the future looms a dark shadow which makes us shudder. The half-yearly!

Monsieur Jones tells us unpleasant truths regarding our French, and Mr. Castleman is in the depths of despair in trying to teach us about a well-known Great Public School, namely, Grammar.

I.A.—As a First Year class, we desire to give a short account of the work and the sport activities during the first half of the School year. But before so doing, we must refer to our School's success in the G.P.S. Regatta. It will, we trust, prove an inspiration to all of us.

The rivalry between the class teams during the cricket season was very exciting. Our class, I.A., came second.

The football season opened in the third week of April, but we regret to say that our team was unsuccessful in the initial game. Tennis is well patronised, and our members show good promise.

Our School work is well in hand, especially French, Latin and Algebra, and we are looking forward to all-round success at the coming half-yearly examination.

On the whole, the work of the class is creditable, even to the memorising of a part of "Midsummer Night's Dream."

Our endeavour is to be in the front rank, whether in scholarship or in sport. At all events, we will live up to the School's motto, "Be ye ashamed to come in last."

THE TRIUMPH.

Our ferry's brazen siren blared,
Then ceased, and blared again.
One, anxious to descry the "eight,"
Was hanging from the whistle's rope,
And vowed the race had started late.
Nought could we do but shout and hope
The best despite the strain.
For none as yet knew how we fared.

Past crowded Cabarita Park
A screen of smoke careered.
The "Hopetoun," following the race,
At length announced the crews now neared.
All hearts were beating at a pace
That faster grew as they appeared.
Was "High" in front? We feared,
We trembled—till the Sun looked dark.

For Grammar, Joey's and our crew
Seemed even, pulling at one rate
(So all the experts were agreed!);
And then we thought that Grammar prest

Their utmost and had gained the lead.
But no! we yelled. 'Twas but Fate's jest.
"Sky-blue and chocolate"
Had forged ahead and come right through.

We cheered them and hurraed their feat.
Terrific was the din!
The siren screamed, and so did we,
In acclamation of our boys,
For all of us were proud to be
Of them, and swell the glorious noise
That hailed their three-lengths' win,
A victory undreamt, complete.

The River's Headship! "High's" at last!
All honour then to our grand team,
Who nailed our colours to the mast
And earned School fame supreme.

THE CURATE.

THE ROWING SHED.

Well! the rowing is finished and is only a pleasant memory. Pleasant, did I say? Well! perhaps so. With all its hardships it afforded some enjoyable hours. At first the "verandah s—s" were greatly in the minority. I cannot disclose this gem of schoolboy phraseology with a meaning, I am sorry to say, not too flattering to its recipient.] But gradually the camp took a liking to the bracing air from the Municipal Tip next-door, and the splendid views of timber yards and coal wharves, with a dredge to relieve the monotony.

A feature of the holiday (!), and as relief from excessive homework, the more gay young sparks would hold a "pontoon party." This was a most fearsome ceremony, consisting in initiation with the hose, washing in the bay, an excursion on the spare pontoons to the ends of the bay, with a battle over the timber wharves till the watchmen drove off the intruders as a finale.

The other evening diversions were the races between Duke Kahanamoku and (Mac) Charlton. Held at dead of night (with a view that all good little sharks were in bed, I suppose, or that the dirt had sunk a little by this time). Somehow, if I recollect aright, Kahanamoku usually came off an easy winner. Perhaps the reason was explained when we saw a dog floating in the water next morning. However, there was always a good attendance. Of course, the big feature of the camp was when the Club played the School football in the Club-house and beat

them (naturally if the writer had been playing things might have turned out differently). Both sides played well, the forwards, especially, and individual efforts were the order of the night. The star-turn was when Mackellar, with a fine display of headwork, dived through the wall. But he scored.

Not having much opportunity for boating, we always took advantage of the pontoons and toured the bay. The firm of H—— and S—— became quite renowned as ferrymen, guaranteeing to take one from sewer to sewer without accident. Needless to say, no one accepted.

One must not omit a reference to our "Randy Steak," the backbone of the crews (named after "Randy" W——e, I believe. I think it comes from the Latin "randio" = I stick. At all events, it ought to have, for it stuck in our gullets.) This wholesome (!) comestible was prepared in an able and efficient manner by Mr. W——, chief cook and bottle-washer of the establishment. As a whole, the camp eagerly turned to this dainty fare after such trying viands as we had been aforesaid offered.

Well! we performed creditably enough. Better luck next time, First Four. We tender our thanks to Messrs. Harvey and Mackellar for their self-sacrifice and devotion to the rowers.

"FOURITE."

IN THE OPEN AIR.

From Audley to the Heads the river flows between hilly, tree-clad banks, while in the shallow reaches mangroves may be seen growing near the shore. About four miles from Audley the river, at its junction with the north-west arm, widens out into the beautiful Yowie and Ewey bays. Thence it flows past the picturesque headlands at Beauty Point, Lilli Pilli and Warrumbul, to Burraneer Bay, opposite which are the sand-banks and the famous Ballast Heap. Two miles further, and just past Gunnamatta Bay, the river empties into the Pacific.

Early one morning a party, in which I was included, set out from Yowie Bay and pulled downstream to the sand-banks. The boat having been beached, several pieces of bread were scattered on the surface of the water to entice the mullet. Two bottles partly filled with bread were placed under the water, and the mullet, entering through the wide neck of the bottle after the bread, were unable to escape owing to the unnatural action necessary to free themselves from the bottle. Sometimes as many as 15 small mullet are caught in a large pickle bottle.

Having procured sufficient bait, we pulled to the Ballast Heap, and, baiting each hook with a mullet, allowed the boat to drift downstream. While fishing, two of the party kept the boat broadside to the stream. Flathead up to 12 and 13 pounds are sometimes caught off the Ballast Heap.

Later in the day we pulled into Bream Bay, which is a small cove near the Ballast Heap, abounding in red bream and small trumpeter. At about 3 o'clock a southerly sprang up (as it usually does), and the row from Lillr Pilli (the old Port Hacking settlement) to Beauty Point was very stiff.

Around the shores of Ewey Bay there is an abundance of leather-jacket and black bream, and occasionally large groper and king fish come right up to the boat-skids, or glide past the end of the jetties. King fish are trailed for with a live yellowtail for bait.

The river is infested with sharks. Once we caught a shovel-nose about four feet long; another time we saw a 14 feet grey nurse stranded in the shallows, where it had come after flathead. Unfortunately, it got into deep water before we could head it off or despatch it with our anchor.

Quite recently, a black whaler shark was caught in the channel near the bar. The monster was 12 feet in length, had a girth of over 5½ feet, and its jaws opened to 3 feet 6 inches.

"ANGLER," 2A.

MR. S. LASKER.

Cordial congratulations are tendered by the School to Mr. S. Lasker, M.A., Inspector of Secondary Schools, on his appointment as Deputy Chief Inspector of Schools.

Mr. Lasker has gained our affectionate regard, and many an Old Boy will heartily join with us in wishing him every success in his new sphere.

AN EXHORTATION.

Scorn not the wisdom of the Past,
O, poet bold!
Time, though a stern iconoclast,
Yet spares Truth's mould.
Tradition's claims thou set'st aside
As fatal bars
To fruitful change. As well deride
The ancient stars!
In long experience, discern
The good and true.
Detach the transient; and learn
Old may be New;
Moreover, New, though oft disguised,
May show the norm,
That Man in ev'ry age has prized,
In thought or form.

Remember, too, the singing heart
 Can only soar,
 As it reveals the nobler part
 Of Mankind's lore.
 The evanescent and the base,
 Be not thy themes.
 Inspired by Beauty, Truth embrace
 In golden dreams.
 Weigh then the Past! Its worth appraise
 With equity;
 The test, if it the good portrays
 Alone as free.

"JANITOR."

EMPIRE DAY.

Empire Day was celebrated on Monday, 25th May. Mr. Saxby (headmaster) and Mr. Piddington delivered speeches dealing with topics appropriate to the occasion. An interesting feature of the proceedings was the presentation of the oars to the victorious Eight. R. Mainwaring (cox.) received the rudder with which he steered the crew.

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Mr. Saxby, on behalf of the School, made presentations to Messrs. G. E. Hancock, C. Litchfield and H. Hunt, coaches of the Eight and the second Four, and E. Pilkington handed to Mr. Hancock a model of the "eight," the gift of "The Golden Gate" to the crew.

THE WHIMSICAL TRAVELLER.

By "THE CURATE."

De Quincey once wrote on the "glory of motion." He wrote of times when it had to be experienced in a rattling stage coach. Now, a smoothly gliding Limousine provides the maximum glory that can be extracted from motion—for those who can afford it. So, being obsessed with a monetary antipathy to such things, I take my emotion from motion in a train. Emotion, I say, for I would lie to call it glory.

In my early youth, the attraction of the "choot-choot" was so great that I really gloried in it. I remember well an old mining town near Newcastle. The "Baron" possessed a few miles of railroad, some old rheumatic engines, and a few "cast-off" carriages from the State railways. In these the townsfolk, mostly his employees, were accustomed, after much wheezing on the part of the engine, to reach the main railroad to Newcastle. I remember, too, that I used determinedly to howl down any "motion" to the effect that we should travel to Newcastle by any conveyance except that creaky-sooty contraption provided by the "Baron"—one carriage especially took my fancy, since it possessed a bent axle and a roll like a drunken sailor, which kind of person I took great delight in imitating whenever fortune chanced to include that carriage in the weekly train.

But we are going to advance and step into a "dog-box" at the Central Station, Sydney. Let us be aboard the Melbourne express.

We were a party—Y.A.L. boys—and I held claim to a corner seat by the occupation of it with a bulky suit case. Everyone said "good-bye—keep your wits about you—don't forget your luggage"—and numerous other instructions that boys will receive from anxious parents.

Constant acquaintance with the obscurity of the elements that enveloped us, as we journeyed, diverted my attention to my companions. We talked and joked, and sweets were gallantly offered round the carriage by hungry owners, who, in the fashion of our race, persist in making martyrs of themselves when in company.

At the suggestion of one, the light was lowered, rugs produced, and everyone set to work to attain a comfortable position, making apologies in the semi-darkness for shoving their feet into another's stomach. Oh that the upholstering of the carriage had been able that night to hear the apologies offered it!

Morning—bleak, chilly atmosphere; the moon still bright; an idiot in the corner with a window wide open. Sleeping peacefully, too! But not for long. He was firmly informed of the gap in the defences, and he rose to rectify it, holding his head in an angular position in which he was likely to keep it for some few days.

Being dozy, fuddled with sleepiness, I merely blinked at the country, mantled by a hoar-frost, glistening in the moon's waning light, silhouetting sharply the sparse trees, some leafy, some grotesque skeletons. Sinking into the folds of my warm overcoat, in utter disgust at the monotonously hilly scenery, I became conscious of a "na-ta-pa-plong! na-ta-pa-plong!" repeated in a soothing rhythm of sound, with a joyous gentle bump at every plong!

"Atta-plong! atta-plong!" now. The scenery is see-sawing past that window frame; a telegraph pole jumps quickly across,

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followed by another and yet another. My head is aimlessly tossing, first to this side, then to that. Slowly these soft, staccato noises are dying—very faint now—merely a gentle confused sound—my head tosses no longer—the noises have gone.

"Hey! wake up and pack your bag. We've gotta change at Albury and have breakfast on the station." Somebody said breakfast and Albury, and, connecting the two instantly, I went to watch for the first signs of Albury, only to find every vantage point filled by others like myself—Albury-ed deep in contemplation of the approaching feed!

EDITOR'S NOTES TO CONTRIBUTORS.

The main fault in the contributions to this issue lies in the use of words. Every subject has its own atmosphere, and only words appropriate to it should be employed. This is especially so with adjectives, which seem to suggest considerable difficulty. They should be used sparingly, and certainly not at all if they do not serve to heighten the picture or the image. Nor are two adjectives conveying the same meaning, e.g., high and lofty, required. The superlative should be rarely introduced, because it tends to exaggerate and sometimes to make the idea appear ridiculous. The test of style, says Herbert Spencer, is the economy of the reader's attention, and a superfluity of superlatives quickly fatigues and distracts.

Metaphor, too, is full of pitfalls for the unwary, and the kind known as "mixed" invariably reveals confusion of thought. If we begin to express a thought in metaphorical language, we must consistently carry on the metaphor to the end.

Simplicity and clarity are the notes of the great writers. Long, cumbrous sentences, with repetition of words and containing more than one idea, should be avoided. Naturalness is always a pleasing feature of composition. A great master of style, Jonathan Swift, said that a man should write his own English. The ornate cloys—the simple and direct holds.

Attention should be given to what is called the "split infinitive." There are occasions when it is admissible, but usually the adverb must not come between the preposition and the verb. "To clearly see" is wrong; we should write "to see clearly."

To make *The Record* worthy of the School means care in the writer has the best chance of interesting the reader, if the topic is faithfully presented. The writer's eye should always be the selection and in the treatment of subjects. What interests be on the object. He who sees clearly will write clearly.

For our next issue, a larger inflow of contributions, well thought out and naturally expressed, is desired. Verse will be especially welcomed.

"H.W.R."—A creditable attempt, but the formal side of the poem is faulty. Some of the lines do not scan, and the diction at times is prosaic. Let your next effort be made without reference to a model.

"Reading" (Fourth Year).—Interesting material, but ill arranged. It should be recast and compressed. If so, it will merit publication.

"Basil" (IV.A.).—Try again. You will improve. Punctuation needs more attention.

"R.W." (Fourth Year).—Graphic, but another article on the same subject takes precedence.

"E.G." (Second Year).—Well written, but skimpy.

"Hector" (II.A.).—Not of sufficient interest. Amplify "First Day at School" for next issue.

"A.D." (Fifth Year).—The incident you deal with was regrettable, but publication is inadvisable.

EXCHANGES.

The Editor acknowledges the following exchanges:—*Hawkesbury Agricultural College Journal*, *Sydney Girls' High School Journal*, *The Sydneian*, *The King's Magazine*, *The Newingtonian*, *St. Joseph's College Magazine*, *The Melbourne Grammar School*, *Pegasus* (Geelong College), *The Tattler* (New York, U.S.A.).

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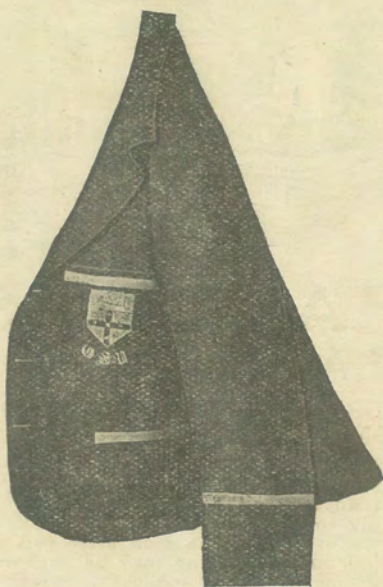
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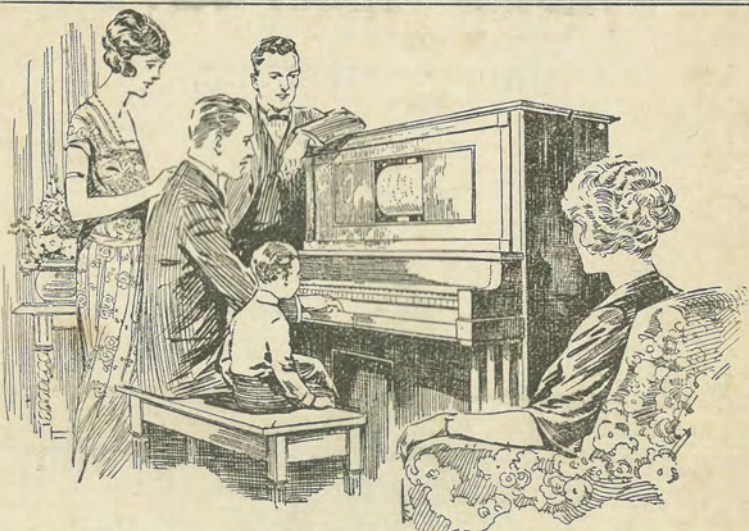


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