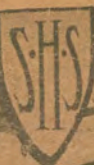


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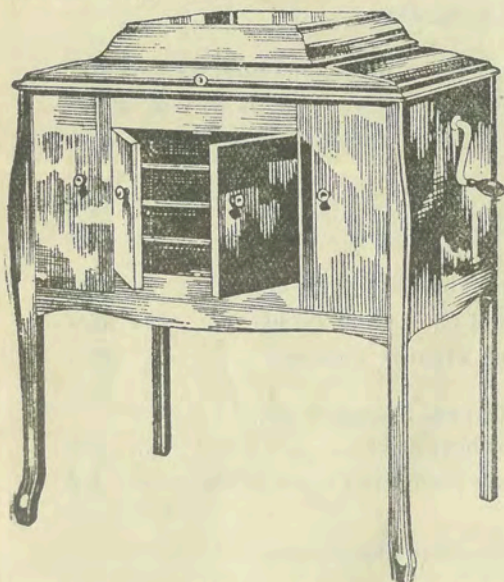
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EDITORIAL.

Do we, as a school, realise the value of the work being done for us by the Parents and Citizens' Association and the Old Boys' Union, or are we fully aware of the greatness of their achievements?

Elsewhere in this issue will be found accounts of the activities of these two bodies, but it is fitting that we direct attention to their work and place on record our thanks and appreciation of the self-sacrificing services rendered to us by those who have our interests so much at heart.

We may talk glibly of "school spirit," but the real school spirit expresses itself in our conduct and services, not only while we are in the school, but when we pass into the wider world beyond. Then it is that we are enabled to give fuller expression to the ideals which we have drawn from our school.

That Sydney High has inspired many to serve is pleasingly evident in all spheres of our community life, but it touches us more nearly through the Old Boys' Union. In that Union are to be found many of the Old Boys and their desire to serve the School to which they owe so much has found tangible expression in the support accorded the Rowing Club. To that Union we owe our existence as a rowing school, for they have provided practically the whole of the money required to finance that activity. Some hundreds of pounds have been spent in providing equipment during the past three years, yet they have never grown

tired of well-doing, but continue to assist us. It is well that we realise the value of this service and possess true gratitude for it.

But this does not exhaust the tale of their help, for annual prizes—the John Waterhouse and Old Boys' Prizes—are donated to present scholars to encourage that spirit of service which means so much. Recently, the Old Boys individually and as a Union have played a very prominent and valuable part in securing the new school, which is now in course of construction. There is no doubt that the enthusiasm displayed by the Old Boys and their readiness to give money towards providing playing fields convinced the Minister for Education that the school is worthy of a more pretentious home.

While we admire the picture of the new building being erected for us at Moore Park, and as we become excited about our early entry into those magnificent quarters, let us stop to give honour to that band of self-sacrificing and devoted friends, the Parents and Citizens' Association. Though they have not been in existence two years, they have done magnificent work, for to them more than anyone else we owe our new school. Coming into existence as a small body early last year, they developed a powerful organisation, and at once commenced to persuade the Government to provide us with an up-to-date building in more suitable and congenial surroundings.

The story of their work in this connection would take too long to tell; suffice it to remark that their efforts were glorious and so practical and forceful that within twelve months they had achieved their aim and earned our lasting appreciation and gratitude. Our thanks can best be expressed by cultivating a spirit of loyalty to our school, so that we shall, each one of us, bring to the name of Sydney High School still greater honour and renown.

But the success achieved in their first self-appointed task has but whetted their eagerness to do more for us. Realising that a splendid building is but a small part of a school, the Parents and Citizens have set themselves the task of equipping it in the best possible manner.

To this end numerous bands of devoted workers have been enthusiastically working to raise money, and as a result of their efforts the Xmas Fair was eminently successful.

Let us read of their activities with pride, so that we may emulate their splendid example, not so much on the financial side but in devoted service of an enduring nature.

If the School can inspire Old Boys, parents and citizens to such efforts, how much more so should it call to us to act nobly, serve unselfishly and work earnestly? Only by so doing can we repay the debt we owe, only by service can we express our appreciation and gratitude.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The contract has been let for the new school, and already work has begun. The foundation-stone will be laid early in March, and it is hoped that the school will be ready for occupation by January, 1928. The fortunate ones among us are anxiously awaiting the event.

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Our thanks are due to the Parents and Citizens' Associations for their valuable work on behalf of the school. A fuller report appears elsewhere.

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Our sympathies and best wishes are here extended to the recent candidates in the public examinations. May we see the School on top when the results are made public.

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The Annual School Concert is to be held at the King's Hall on December 14th. A fine programme is assured, so roll up and bring your friends.

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The Annual Athletic Carnival was held at the Sydney Cricket Ground on August 27th. The Senior Cup was annexed by J. Hodgkins, the Junior by H. Street, and the Under 14 Cup resulted in a tie between Greaves, Roden and Uebel. Our congratulations are extended to all of them.

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Congratulations to King's on winning the Senior title at the G.P.S. Sports; and to Shore, who annexed the Junior title.

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Congratulations also to King's on their splendid show in the football competition. They played well to win.

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Our own Juniors put up a good show at the G.P.S. Sports this year; especially Shappere, who won a well-judged race in the half-mile under 16.

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The culture periods on Thursday mornings are welcome breaks; and lectures, such as the natural history lecture held in Turner Hall in October, are very enjoyable indeed.

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Armistice Day was commemorated in a very impressive manner this year. See report elsewhere.

The School was fairly well represented in the combined Schools' Football Fifteens; and congratulations are due to Hardy, who represented in the 1st XV.; also to Cook (capt.), 2nd XV. Hard luck for Cook to sustain a broken collarbone prior to the match.

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Also to Hepper, Crowther and Macmillan, of the 3rd XV. Macmillan played in Cook's place in the 2nd XV.

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The School Debating Team this year was a decided improvement on that of last year, and great hopes are held for next year's prospects.

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The old prefects having left, nine worthy successors have been selected. Hepper, a Fourth Year prefect, has been made temporary captain. The prefects are: Jones, Wallace, Dunnett, Hartley, Crawford, Bailey, Waine, Peach, Mainwaring.

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On behalf of the School the "Record" wishes to tender their sincere thanks to Mr. Phillip Moses for his intensive interest in the School's welfare. Mr. Moses has been particularly active in connection with the publication of the "Record," and has considerably lightened the task of the "Record" staff.

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We would remind the readers of this magazine that we owe a debt of gratitude to the advertisers. It is up to us to see that they are repaid for their trouble.

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On Wednesday, 1st December, the School was entertained with an address by Mr. Swamidos, B.A., a visitor from India. Mr. Swamidos is the Rural Secretary for India of the Y.M.C.A., and in his address he cleared up some misapprehensions in regard to India, its people and its habits, upon which we may not have been too sure. His address was greatly appreciated, as was evidenced by the sustained applause.

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On Thursday, 25th November, a very enjoyable lecture was delivered by Mr. Musgrave, of the Museum staff, in the main hall. The hall was specially darkened for the occasion, as lantern slides accompanied the lecture. These slides were wonderfully coloured, showing that infinite patience had been bestowed upon their production, and nature was revealed to us in all her natural beauty. The colouring was really a revelation in showing actually what can be done by one who has his heart and soul in the work on which he is engaged. The subject chosen was "The Biology of Coral Isles." The example taken by the lecturer was North

Islet, to which, with others of the Museum, he had paid a visit in 1925. Over 100 snapshots taken on the island were shown. These dealt with the trees, vegetation, birds, natural life, insects, butterflies, and last, but not least, the different species of coral which the party found. At the end of a very instructive address Mr. Musgrave was greeted with hearty acclamation on the part of his audience. Our thanks are due to Mr. Musgrave for his great generosity in setting aside some of his very valuable time in order that we might be able to benefit by his knowledge.

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The holidays are approaching, and with them the Christmas season. We extend our best wishes to all for a pleasant vacation.

THE TRIBULATIONS OF CONTRIBUTORS.

Don Jelly, the editor of the class magazine, looked up from his desk as a knock came on the door.

"Come in," he said, irritably.

"Ah! I have brought a contribution. You will put it in the paper? Good! So everything is settled," said the youthful newcomer, a trifle breathlessly.

"Wait a moment," said Don severely; "let me hear what you have written."

"Oh! certainly! A tall, dark man, with a fair complexion, walked into the bar of the Blue Cat Saloon. 'I'll shoot up the town!' he roared. Tinkle! Tinkle! went his six-shooters, with a terrific roar."

"I'm sorry," said Don firmly. "I'd be mad if I accepted that contribution. Please don't read any more. Hand it in to the editor of 'The Callen Park Weekly.'"

So the youthful writer wandered away, babbling threats which were remarkably original and of a fervent nature.

Knock!

"Come in," said Don, a trifle more expressively.

A young fellow pranced in.

"I have a poem here," he said, "an ode entitled 'Good Old Beer!'"

"What! I could not put that into a self-respecting class paper!" said Don, rather startled.

"But, my dear chap, just listen to the first few lines:—

'What makes you dance, what makes you frisky,
But bubbling beer and flowing whisky?

There are some folk who are often found jibing

At good old beer, which they are always imbibing."

"Great Scott! You don't expect me to put that into a class magazine?" said Don.

"Why not?" said the long-haired one injuredly.

"Oh, go away!" said Don impatiently. "If you can change that 'Good Old Beer' to 'Good Old Ginger-beer,' I may consider it."

So the knight of the verse pattered on his rhyming way.

In his stead a youth with a serious face and solemn eye came.

"Er-I have brought you something of a serious nature, Don," he said; "it will be a pleasant change from the other contributions written by hilarious fellows. Listen:

"Dead, all dead; nothing disturbed the silence of the battle-field save the weeping of the widows. Dead, all dead—"

"All dead," repeated Don in a hollow voice. "Eh? What did I say? Go away, you are making me repeat your horrible things. Go away!"

When he with the serious face had withdrawn, Don sank back in his chair. "Am I never going to get a decent contribution?" he said in despair.

R. U. (2A.).

SPRING-TIME.

Sweet time of warmth after the winter's cold;
 Pink blossoms which are glories to behold,
 Replace with life the stems which were asleep
 In orchard, gardens, where the fairies keep,
 'Neath trees, their midnight revels, gay as Spring
 Goes forth, on winter's grave, fresh hopes to fling.
 The songs of birds are heard in bush and town,
 In creeks and gullies where soft mossy down
 Meets rock and fern. The bush is gay with flow'rs,
 Enticing all in days of longer hours.

"KAY" (2A.).

"LIVELY TIMES."

"Come, John, be lively now," remarked the butcher. "Break the bones in Mr. Jones' chops and put Mr. Ray's ribs in the basket for him."

John (briskly): "All right, sir—just as soon as I saw off Mrs. Murphy's leg."

Nervous Old Lady (about to take her first aeroplane ride): "Is this aeroplane perfectly safe?"

"Safest on earth," answered the pilot.

FREE PERIOD.

During the greater part of this year a period each week has been set aside for special activities not included in the actual syllabus of instruction; the idea being that each boy would select, as far as possible, according to his particular taste.

The activities undertaken this year included singing, dramatic work, Greek and Roman literature, debating, lecturesses, French reading circle, wireless, popular science, science lectures by lecturers from the Australian Museum, and a special course of biology lectures by Mr. Hallman.

We are considerably hampered by inadequate accommodation, but, in spite of difficulties, some good work has been done. The success of the scheme is due to the whole-hearted co-operation of the staff and pupils.

To describe the work of each section would occupy too much space, but the committee wishes to thank all members of the staff who have ably assisted in carrying out this work, and especially Mr. Hallman, whose lectures have been very interesting and instructive.

The School as a whole is deeply indebted to the Australian Museum authorities for their co-operation, and to Messrs. J. K. Kingston, A. E. Musgrave and T. Iredale, who have delivered some very fine lectures. We are also very thankful for the assistance given by the Technical College in making the Turner Hall available with the lantern and the operator, Mr. J. W. Tremayne.

We hope to begin our work early next year, and strongly recommend the younger pupils especially to join enthusiastically in these activities.

A FAREWELL.

A pleasant little function took place in the Assembly Hall on October 22nd last. At the invitation of the Headmaster, Fifth Year boys about to sit for the Leaving Certificate Examinations attended a farewell reunion given in their honour.

Besides Fifth Year, the masters and representatives of Fourth Year were present; while Mr. Fairland represented the Old Boys.

At 3.15 p.m. the fortunate ones assembled, and soon every one "ate, drank and was merry."

As the function was a farewell to Fifth Year, speeches of good wishes naturally followed. Les. Hepper, speaking on behalf of Fourth Year, expressed their best wishes for success to Fifth

Year in the forthcoming examinations. He further expressed the hope that, as Old Boys, the Fifth Year would be present at future functions in which their old school was concerned, and that they would not lose touch with the school.

Mr. Harrison then made a few remarks on behalf of the masters. He had already spoken to the boys personally, but he now, on behalf of the masters, emphasised a fact that was not generally realised. The masters of the school aimed at developing the character and in fitting the boys for life; the fact of passing exams. was but a mere incident by the way.

Mr. Harrison concluded by expressing the best wishes of the masters to the boys in their immediate and all future trials.

Mr. Fairlands then spoke on behalf of the Old Boys. He seconded Mr. Harrison's remarks regarding the formation of the boy's character while at school. Very rarely, he said, did one hear of a former pupil of the school going wrong, which fact proved the excellence of training received by pupils of the famous school. Mr. Fairlands spoke further of the "unknown something" which grips all Old Boys and makes them share the sorrows and joys of their old school, and which partly accounted for the Old Boys' Union's efforts in connection with the new school. He exhorted all those present to join the Old Boys' Union and thus keep in touch with the old school.

With Mr. James at the piano, "For they are Jolly Good Fellows" was then sung, and the Headmaster suitably proposed a toast to the Leaving Certificate candidates.

Alan Henry, on behalf of Fifth Year, ably responded to the toast. He first mentioned his appreciation of the Headmaster's kindly action in giving this little reunion party. The further one progressed in the school, the further were Mr. Harrison's remarks borne out. The teachers became friends, not the tyrants they were at first. On behalf of Fifth Year Henry then proposed a toast to the masters, which was enthusiastically carried out.

Mr. Saxby, in responding, expressed his satisfaction with Fifth Year, and heartily wished them every success in every way. Speaking about the function, Mr. Saxby said that at other schools to which he had been appointed it had generally been the custom to hold such functions, but on a much larger scale. The present one was held at very short notice, but in the future more suitable arrangements could be made. Every thanks were due to Miss Simms, who had made the present function possible by providing the wherewithal to feed the "inner man."

As the masters had other engagements, the meeting was officially closed with the National Anthem.

However, the boys unofficially concluded by singing the school song in very enthusiastic, if not melodious, style.

THE RIFLE CLUB.

During this half-year the Rifle Club has represented the School in many matches. Since the Citizen Forces monthly competition shoots started in July the Club has entered two teams in each shoot. These teams have done exceptionally well, considering the number of teams entered in these matches. The first team has, with a few exceptions, gained a place in each match.

At the end of August a team visited the Hawkesbury College and, owing to the many difficulties under which it laboured, it was unable to shoot up to its usual standard.

In the N.R.A. matches, held in the beginning of September, many conspicuous scores were gained by the members in individual matches; while, also, the teams entered in the Fairfax made no mean performances.

In the G.P.S. Rifle Meeting, held at the end of September, the School teams were not as successful as it was hoped they would be.

The Club has been extremely unfortunate during the last half-year, in that many of the usual Wednesday practices had to be postponed owing to divers reasons, and therefore the lack of sufficient practice, which we should have had, has been mainly responsible for the lack of the same success which accompanied last year's team; for, in my opinion, this team, if it had had sufficient practice, would have surpassed last year's team by far, and therefore would have had better prospects of success.

However, at the beginning of next year there will be several members who are highly proficient in their shooting, and these will form the nucleus of next year's teams; and, with ample practice, they have good prospects for a successful campaign on the mound in 1927.

On behalf of the Rifle Club, and, more especially, on behalf of the members who will be leaving at the end of the year, I would like to express the Club's gratitude to Mr. Greaves, who has certainly been our guardian angel throughout the year. Also appreciation is due to Warrant-Officer Wilson, who unselfishly attended the range every Wednesday afternoon and who efficiently acted as coach for the Club.

The Rifle Club is affiliated with the School Sports Union, and in order to carry on this section of the sport as a regular activity more Third and Fourth Year boys are wanted—boys who will be prepared to go to practice every Wednesday afternoon in order to maintain a high standard of shooting.

A. E. CLAYTON

(Capt., 1926).

HYMNAL COMPANION.

(Revised Version.)

- 6 a.m.—Time to get up. "Summer Suns are Glowing."
 6.10.—Shower. "O Sing a Song . . ."
 6.30.—Work. "Revive thy work . . ."
 7.30.—Breakfast. "My table thou hast furnished."
 8.—Set out for school. "Little travellers heavenward."
 9.—(Walking down Quay Street). "Onward, Christian Soldiers."
 9.10.—First bell. "Hark the herald angels."
 9.15.—Second bell. "O come all ye faithful."
 9.17.—Late-comers. "Knocking, knocking, who is there?"
 9.15-10.45.—First two periods. "Courage, brother, do not stumble."
 10.46.—Tuck-shop. "Sound the battle-cry."
 10.47.—Life-saving practice. "Rescue the perishing."
 11-11.30.—More lessons. "Go, labour on."
 11.45.—Hospital collection. "Hear the pennies dropping."
 12.30 p.m.—Lunch hour. "Let us with a gladsome mind."
 1.23 p.m.—5th and 6th periods. "O, 'tis hard to work."
 2.30-3.14½.—Last period. "Sleep on, beloved."
 3.14 9-10.—"Star of hope, gleam on . . ."
 3.15.—Last bell. "Have ye had a kindness shown?"
 3.20.—Detention. "Come, sinner, come!"
 4.30.—Home. "Tell mother I'll be there."
 6.30.—Home-work. "Work for the night is coming."
 1.30 a.m.—Still home-work. "So early in the morning."
 2 a.m.—Work finished. "Now the day is over."
 2.15.—Bed. "Rest for the weary."

"JOHN" (4A).

"A LIMERICK."

There was a young fellow named Firth,
 Who was born on the day of his birth;
 He was married, they say,
 On his wife's wedding day,
 And died on his last day on earth.

"EXASPERATING."

"Bother this new saw; it wouldn't cut butter."

"Yes it would, dad. Teddy and I sawed a whole brick in two with it this morning."

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Membership Subscription: 1/- per annum.

* General progress on satisfactory lines is the keynote of this report. The membership list has increased during the last six months, as a result of circulars to parents and limited personal canvass. Many parents, however, still remain aloof. We cannot believe they lack interest, but interest to be effective must also be active. A special appeal is made to those parents who are non-members to link up either with the parent body or a branch association, one of which has been established in the Eastern Suburbs, with headquarters at Bondi, and another in the Illawarra Suburbs, with headquarters at Rockdale. STUDENTS OF THE SCHOOL COULD ASSIST MATERIALLY IF, ON RECEIVING THEIR ISSUE OF THE "RECORD," THEY WOULD DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO THE EXISTENCE, OBJECTS AND ADVANTAGES OF THE ASSOCIATION. Progress along well-defined lines is the watchword of the organisation. The activities of the Association are many and varied, but primarily it is desired to stimulate the sympathy and support of parents and well-wishers in school affairs and in matters of common interest. There is no limit to the scope of any measure tending to increase the efficiency or to improve the conditions of the school in general. It might be mentioned here that the Association has been able already to substantially assist the School in several directions, principally by way of donations to the Prize, Rowing and Sports Union Funds, and in the purchase of necessary accessories and repairs to existing equipment.

The finances of the Association are in a sound condition, but a large sum of money will be required presently in connection with the adequate equipment of the new school. With a view to making provision for this purpose, a monster fete, held at the latter end of last month in the grounds of the Sydney Girls' High School at Moore Park, was organised. In the interests of the fete quite a number of successful subsidiary functions have already been carried out in several localities by groups of enthusiastic workers. We confidently anticipate that a considerable amount will be realised as a result of the many efforts being made in this direction.

At last the Association has pleasure in announcing that, after years of agitation the uphill fight against wretched conditions of

housing and environment has succeeded, and the erection of the new school buildings, on a site adjacent to the Sydney Girls' High School at Moore Park, is now assured. A tender for the work has been accepted by the Minister for Education, and the contractor has already commenced operations. Arrangements are now in hand for the laying of the foundation-stone. The ceremony will take place on 5th March next, and will be fittingly celebrated. We hope that in February, 1928, the staff and students of the first High School of the State will find themselves housed in modern and adequate buildings set in delightful surroundings.

For the consummation of our ideals, the fervent desire of a generation, the Association is deeply indebted to the present Minister for Education, the Hon. T. D. Mutch, M.L.A. In face of strenuous opposition, particularly in regard to the selected site, Mr. Mutch has been able to overcome all obstacles and impress upon his colleagues in the Cabinet the laudability of this much-discussed and more-postponed proposition. We are deeply grateful also to Dr. H. V. Evatt, M.L.A., for his keen interest and valuable assistance in this connection. We also desire to record our best thanks for the support afforded us by the Old Boys' Union, which has for many years made this question a prominent feature of its policy.

Illawarra Suburbs Branch.

This new branch was formed early this year, with the object of bringing together those parents who found the journey from the Illawarra Suburbs too great for them to attend the meetings at the school.

The response to the conveners' appeal was very encouraging, and the branch has developed into a very active association.

In August, the branch held a social and dance at the Rockdale Town Hall, which was very well attended by local residents and also by those from other suburbs. The Headmaster set a splendid example by travelling all the way from Greenwich to meet the parents of the Illawarra boys. Songs by Mrs. Fitton and Mr. Pearson, with Arthur Clay, a pupil, at the piano, and a humorous sketch by Miss Nancarrow and Ronald Cook (another pupil), all earned hearty applause. A lucky-cap dance was won by our worthy editor, leaving him richer by a packet of cigarettes. (He had neither the packet nor the silver paper the next morning.) Excellent jazz music was provided by Tucker's Orchestra.

We earnestly thank the outside artists who assisted us, and also express our earnest gratitude to the Association, especially the committee, consisting of Mr. Aiken (President) and Mr. Cook (Hon. Secretary).

ACTIVITIES OF THE PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION DURING THE YEAR.

The Eastern Suburbs Branch held a very successful dance and card evening at Harris Hall on the 28th April for rowing funds.

Illawarra Branch also held an equally successful dance for the fete fund in Rockdale Town Hall.

A series of successful dances have been held by the Fete Committee during the winter months. The first was in honour of the victorious Eight, held at Harris Hall in June. These were followed by two more at the same hall. They were capably organised by Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Jones, assisted by the Fete Committee.

Several stall-holders have held successful dances, viz.: Produce and packet stalls, in charge of Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Robinson respectively, in Bondi Masonic Hall, on August 17th. Mrs. Mainwaring held a gift evening at Paddington on August 24th for the fancy stall. Miss Rathbourne held a dance at Annandale on September 29th for the refreshment stall. Mrs. Harrod held a dance on October 6th at Drummoyne for the produce stall. Mrs. Aiken held a garden fete at her home at Brighton-le-Sands on October 2nd for the refreshment stall. Mrs. Cook held a tennis tournament at her home, "Ellesmere," Sans Souci. All of the above-mentioned ladies were assisted by the ladies of the Fete Committee.

Several other functions have been held recently for various stalls. Mrs. Munro held a card evening at Manly on November 3rd for the kitchen stall, and Mrs. Moore had a white dance at Manly on November 6th for the cake stall.

EVENING AT TURNER HALL.

A very pleasant gift evening, arranged by Mrs. Harrod on behalf of the grocery stall at the fete, was held recently at Turner Hall. There was a fairly good attendance, and an interesting programme was rendered. The School choir, under the baton of Mr. James, sang very sweetly. Two young ladies also rendered items which were much appreciated by all present.

Many thanks are due to Mr. Peak and Mr. Castleman for their work in helping 2A and 2C (their respective classes) in staging several plays. 2A played two scenes from Dickens' "Tale of Two Cities," which were composed by the boys themselves.

2C played a scene from "The Merchant of Venice." These dramatic performances were very pleasing, and many of the boys showed fine talent.

Several games and competitions were staged, all contributing to a successful evening, for which many thanks are due to the fine work of the ladies.

THE SCHOOL FETE.

Our High School Fête was held at the Sydney Girls' High School grounds on the 26th and 27th November.

The Parents and Citizens' Association, in co-operation with the Old Boys, admirably conducted the ceremonies.

Our heartiest thanks are due to the parents, Old Boys and Present Boys who performed prodigies of valour among the coloured paper and wood in the hall on the Thursday night prior to the opening.

The Parents and Citizens ran the stalls there, while the Old Boys conducted their activities in the chocolate wheels and dancing in the grounds and gymnasium respectively. Fortune-telling created much interest among those susceptible to seances, etc.

The fête was opened on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Mrs. Evatt (wife of Dr. Evatt, M.L.A., who sent apologies for his absence).

Quite a good crowd was present both on Friday and Saturday; but a number of the senior boys were conspicuous by their absence—a most deplorable state of affairs.

The fête was a great social success, but financially it fell somewhat short of our expectations. We attribute this in some measure to the fact that this was our initial appearance. However, we hope that this fête will become an annual school function, and as the years go on become more and more successful “ad infinitum.”

This fête has materially augmented the funds for the equipment of our new building, and in years to come will be reflected in a complete library and a school oval.

TENNIS REPORT, 1926.

This year there was quite a “renaissance” in the tennis world at the school—the game boomed, and every Wednesday quite a number of enthusiasts were seen in action on the bonny—or rather, boggy—banks of Cook's River at Undercliffe; and the fact that some of these juniors displayed traces of the “dinkum oil” once more proves that, were the front grade players more concerned with improving their game, and if blues were promised on condition that a certain standard was reached, tennis at this school would be equally as strong as other activities.

In the inter-High Schools' competition, after one round of disappointment, High's Firsts entered the second round with determination and succeeded in winning three matches and drawing one out of six engagements. During the final stages of the

competition the first team consisted of J. Morgan, L. Basser, A. Geeves and D. Jones, all of whom, we hope, will make as big a name for themselves later in the tennis world as did Old Boys, such as H. S. Utz and Alan Yeldham.

At present the team is sorely in need of a good coach, and there is no reason why it cannot have one as well as the cricket and football teams.

On results in the P.S.A.A.A. High Schools Championships High did not do very well. In the singles over 15, J. Huxtable lost to A. Marks 6-1, L. Basser lost to J. Hogan 6-3, J. Morgan lost to K. Henry 6-2, J. Richardson beat J. Yeo 6-5, but lost to R. Miles 6-3.

Doubles.—J. Huxtable and L. Basser lost to G. Smith and R. MacLeod 6-5.

The doubles match between our representatives and Smith and MacLeod (the schoolboy champions for 1925) provided very stirring tennis from the point when our opponents were leading 5-2. High gradually drew up, owing to Huxtable's brilliant driving, then drew level, the final game reaching deuce on four occasions, with High having match point twice. This was a fine match and showed that we have good material in the school and would do better if some of our players were not tempted into other sports.

The second teams also did well towards the end of the season, H. Bland and J. Richardson being the outstanding players, although A. Beckenham was not unearthed till rather late. J. Wright's fine services accounted for a great number of "love" games, whilst M. Jones, D. Burnett and R. Cook were always keen on doing their best. Next year's first grade team is most promising in view of the fact that there is such good material available in the lower grades.

On behalf of both grade players and Undercliffe enthusiasts I take this opportunity of extending to Mr. Jones our warm thanks for his untiring assistance and general interest in every one of us, for the manner in which he managed our affairs for us, and for his ever-ready advice, the fruits of which are already noticeable. Thank you, Mr. Jones!

H.W.R., Hon. Sec.

"A SLIPPERY SUBJECT."

Joe: "I read they are grafting rubber plants on to banana trees."

Mack.: "What for?"

Joe: "To make a non-skid banana peel."

VALETE.

K. C. Hardy: I.C., 1923; Prefect, 1925; L.C., 1925-26; School Captain, 1926; Champion Eight, 1925-26; All Schools' 1st XV., 1925-26; 1st XV., 1924; Captain School 1st XV., 1925-26; Captain 1st XI., 1926; G.P.S. Athletics, 1925.

Finlay Cook: I.C., 1924; Prefect, 1925-26; G.P.S. Athletics, 1924; School 1st XV., 1924-25-26; 1st XI., 1925-26; All Schools' 3rd XV., 1925; Captain All Schools' 2nd XV., 1926.

J. Hodgkins: I.C., 1924; Prefect, 1926; G.P.S. Athletics, 1925; Senior Cup, 1926; Stroke, 1st Four, 1926; 1st XV., 1925-26; 1st XI., 1925.

K. C. Robinson: I.C., 1924; Prefect, 1926; 1st Tennis, 1923; G.P.S. Athletics, 1923-24-25; Stroke, 1st Four (Winners Yaralla Cup), 1924; Stroke, Champion Eight, 1925-26; 1st XV., 1925; 1st XI., 1924-25.

A. Crowther: I.C., 1924; 1st XV., 1925-26; All Schools' 3rd XV., 1926; G.P.S. Athletics, 1926.

R. Fretwell: I.C., 1924; Prefect, 1926; 1st XV., 1925-26; 1st XI., 1925-26.

J. T. Davies: I.C., 1924; Prefect, 1926; 1st XV., 1926; 1st XI., 1925-26.

C. F. Hargreaves: I.C., 1924; Prefect, 1926; Editor "Record," 1926; 1st XV., 1925-26.

A. R. Broadhurst: I.C., 1923; Prefect, 1926; 1st XV., 1926; Championship Eights, 1925-26.

B. MacMillan: I.C., 1923; Prefect, 1925-26; 1st XV., 1925-26; 2nd Four, 1924; Championship Eight, 1925-26; G.P.S. Athletics, 1925-26; All Schools' 2nd XV., 1926.

D. Cook: I.C., 1924; Championship Eight, 1925-26; G.P.S. Athletics, 1926.

L. McDonald: I.C., 1923; Prefect, 1926; 1st XV., 1925-26.

J. Vine: I.C., 1924; 1st XI., 1926; G.P.S. Athletics, 1925-26.

H. Walker: I.C., 1924; Stroke, 2nd Four, 1926; G.P.S. Athletics, 1926.

A. Henry: I.C., 1923; Prefect, 1924-26; 1st XV., 1926.

PESSIMISTIC."

Moe: "Is the world flat or round?"

Joe: "Neither—it's crooked."

"THE NO SURRENDER."

The world was amused, then amazed, then grave, and lastly angry.

The cause of those feelings was an Englishman named Vincent Dare, who, until the present moment, was unknown except in his own small circle and who, with a battle-cruiser evolved by his mighty mind, had cast his gloves in the face of the world by becoming a pirate on the high seas.

His ship, the "No Surrender," was the latest in greyhounds of the ocean. She was as swift as the wind, as powerful as dynamite, as terrible as a tidal wave, and as shapely as a yacht.

Her deck was free from ungainly funnels, and in their place stood a mighty, immovable structure mounting twelve eighteen-inch guns a side in triple sets. Fore and aft of this rose masts of the tripod type, and in front of these were turrets mounting five eighteen-inch guns each, and as there were four such turrets, the "No Surrender" could present a broadside of thirty-two big guns. Truly she was a formidable battleship.

Besides these, a hundred others were included in her armament; they varied in size, from the beautiful 6.5 to the little signalling cannon, and including a number of anti-aircraft guns of Dare's own patent.

Her tonnage was 60,000, her complement 2,000, her length overall 1,200 feet, and she had a draught of thirty-five feet. Her engines—mighty electric ones—could, if desired, develop a speed of sixty knots per hour, using power generated by the water on which she floated.

Her owner was a man of great stature, commanding in aspect, stern and resolute in character, yet he loved the ship he evolved such as only sailors can.

The world had been amused when the glove was cast, and laughed at the man's temerity. What chance had a pirate in these modern times? it thought; the 20th century brains and the 20th century science would soon bring him to his knees. But it forgot that those same requisites had invented the tool which defied it.

Dare cared not what the world thought, and, to show it, he appeared in the middle of the Atlantic, intercepted three steamers and took their specie. One of the vessels tried to sink the laden boats of the "No Surrender." Dare avenged this treachery by sending her to the mighty depths without compunction; the other two he allowed to depart.

It was time for him to retire, for the wireless had crackled its message for help. Under her powerful engines the "No Surrender" cut her way through the water and had disappeared

by the time the first warship poked her nose into the scene of the piracy.

As Dare plundered all ships irrespective of their nationality, so he drew every naval and aerial force in chase of him. But though he was an outcast, he was also a great leader and forced the navies to play blind man's buff, to seek for the will-o'-the-wisp.

Thus the name of "No Surrender" grew to be feared; no liners dared to leave port without a powerful escort; the merchant service suffered, the aerial grew, but no aerial service could hope to cope with the huge, ever-increasing transportation. Therefore, a financial crisis was born, perhaps for the thousandth time in this world's history; and unless something drastic occurred, it would approach and break with disastrous results to the world-commerce. The outlook was bad, for the "No Surrender" had a paralysing effect on the merchant service—an effect which put into the shade that which was born of the German U-boats.

So it went on for two years. Piracy here, piracy there, while the "No Surrender" came and went like a ghost, unchecked, unconquered, unafraid and undaunted. None knew when to expect her, nor whence she came, nor whither she went.

On the second anniversary of her appearance the "No Surrender" met a disaster which lead to her extinction. While fleeing from twelve of Britain's most formidable and fastest battle-cruisers, her engines suddenly stopped. To the captain on the bridge the chief engineer reported that two of the main conducting cables had been snapped and that it would take at least two hours to repair them. Dare gave vent to his feelings in no uncertain terms, and then gazed anxiously around the horizon. With twelve ships at his heels and promises of more, and with his own stranded for two hours, none knew better than he what was held in the immediate future; but not even he, for all his trust in his ship and her crew, knew what the result would be. But, like a true leader, he sent heartening messages to all his men and prepared his ship for her greatest fight. He stationed himself in the control room in the conning tower and swept the horizon with his telescope.

From the north came his twelve pursuers, their smoke faintly visible in the heavens, and at other points of the compass black smudges gave tell-tale evidence of swiftly-approaching vessels. Here and there little black dots hovered in the sky; they were the eyes of the fleets—in other words, observation planes.

At fifteen miles the British warships opened fire, but the first broadside fell short. The turrets of the "No Surrender" swung slowly around, the monster guns elevating as they moved. The range-finding lieutenant called his directions, the muzzles of the 18in. rose or lowered accordingly, the word was given to fire;

and the guns spoke "Boom-m-m-m," while the ship shook and rolled under the simultaneous fire. Her observation plane wire-
lessed the result of the discharge. The shells had gone over the enemy. The range-finding lieutenant lowered the elevation. Shells flew and whistled and burst about her—the enemy had found her range, but the damage was slight as yet. She replied again; the winged messengers of death sped their ways, and the observation officer on the plane reported that one of the shells had dropped into the leading British ship and, exploding, had put her out of action.

One mighty projectile blew off one of the legs of the "No Surrender's" foremast, another demolished a fighting top, and a third swept two 6.5's from their mounting. But the enemy, now reinforced by some U.S.A. dreadnoughts, suffered still more; two of the American battleships were sinking, two others were hors-de-combat, the turrets on the British flagships were jambed, and one cruiser had been sunk by a torpedo. "Boom-m-m! Boom-m-m!" the guns spat and roared, and above the deeper note the small guns made their shrill bark audible.

Now other greyhounds of the ocean appeared and formed a circle round the "No Surrender"; they could not afford to let her escape; such a chance would never come again. Every weapon they could use was used. The destroyers shot their torpedoes, the air-craft carriers launched their planes, which tried to bomb her. Against these latter weapons the pirate ship could only use her torpedo nets and her anti-aircraft guns; but these had the desired effect, for the torpedoes did no damage, while the planes learnt to respect the guns after many casualties.

The beautiful "No Surrender" was in a ruinous state by the time her motors began to revolve. All her spick and span beauty was torn off, her smooth, level decks were holed, jagged and dented, her shapely masts were twisted and bent, her symmetrical turrets were battered to shapeless masses, while she floated less graceful in her element, owing to the leaks she had developed under that fierce bombardment. But her motors were alive again, and she forced her way, slowly at first, but gradually gathering speed, till she was racing at something like her usual pace. But her enemies were quicker than she, for their engines had been running all the time, and now, as she raced for her base and safety, she found America's biggest ship a mile in front of her. Too late now to turn, for other warships were on either side of her.

Dare gritted his teeth and, with a set face, rang for "Full speed ahead." He had determined to ram the obstacle. With hands tightly gripping the railings by his side he watched and waited with straining eyes for the impact. Too soon it came!

Amidst shouts of warning and cries of dismay, the "No Surrender's" stout bow crashed with a deafening clap fair in the middle of the American dreadnought, nearly shearing her in half. Then pandemonium reigned. Dare jumped to the telegraph and rang for "Full speed stern." The rammed ship was sinking and would have borne with her her destroyer if she (the latter) had not wrenched herself free. The water swirled into the gap of the doomed vessel, and within five minutes she had sunk, leaving only some debris as the witness of her destruction.

But the "No Surrender" also paid the price of her attempt. Her bow was squashed in as if it was as soft as cheese; her plates sprung more and greater leaks, and, in spite of all her crew could do, she began to sink. She asked for no mercy and gave none, and, with her flag fluttering defiantly in the breeze and fighting to the last, she was received by the ocean to her "haven under the sea."

W.H.G. (2A).

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The close of the G.P.S. competition marked the completion of a prosperous season for the above Society. The meetings, which were held weekly, took place in Room 2 and proved very enjoyable and instructive to all concerned. Large attendances were a pleasing feature, helping to make the meetings more pleasant and satisfactory. The attendances dwindled towards the end of the season, but this was only natural, as a great amount of time was occupied in preparing for the competitive debates. However, the popularity of the afternoon set apart for the practice of oratory was well demonstrated, and all members with any capacity for speech-making are requested to attend during the coming season.

The debates this year were carried in true parliamentary fashion. All offices were held by members, Mr. Castleman acting as chairman. A premier was appointed and held office for four weeks. If, however, he was defeated during that period, his resignation necessarily had to be tendered and a new premier appointed. The new method was undoubtedly a success; much greater interest was displayed on all sides, and the meetings were given a touch of realism by the onslaughts of the "opposition." The members of this latter repeatedly endeavoured to introduce a "world" of political theory. This practice met with strenuous opposition from the other side, resulting in such a divergence of opinion as to warrant the intervention of the chairman, who in almost every instance decided in favour of the government.

When the time for the selection of the G.P.S. team drew near, interest in the weekly meetings ran high. No longer were

impromptu speeches the order of the day. Carefully-compiled speeches became the new order; even our genial friend the "labourite" deemed it an admirable opportunity on which to introduce his new theory of politics and social legislation. We have to thank that same individual for keeping us in touch with the movements of the principal figures in Parliament, and explaining their relation to those of our own. The result of the movement was a much better standard in the speaking, which was very gratifying. After exhaustive tests the team was finally selected, and comprised Jones, Clay, Crawford and Dunnet.

The chief interest this year again centred in the G.P.S. contests. Our boys showed good promise of development as speakers and debaters, and although unsuccessful in attaining their object—the Louat Shield—they did well in the competition.

In the first debate there was a vital omission in the subject as communicated to our School. As a result our team suffered defeat by the narrow margin of four points, chiefly because they had apparently avoided the main aspect of the subject. The debate was subsequently cancelled by the G.P.S. Debating Executive; but the initial defeat doubtless affected the teams in the subsequent debates.

The first debate was with King's School on June 23, on "That the prominence given to inter-school sport is detrimental to the true interests of education." D. Jones, who had some experience as a leader last year, proved an efficient leader and was ably supported by Clay and Crawford.

In the second debate the School was represented by the same team, which had to affirm that "A separate League of Nations should be formed for the Southern Hemisphere," against S.C.E.G. on July 30. Though the subject was a difficult one to affirm, we came near to victory, failing only by 5 points.

The final debate in which our School took part was on August 13 against Newington College. The subject was: "That the spread of the cinema threatens the nation with mental and moral ruin." Clay, as leader, supported by Crawford and Dunnett, showed himself an able debater both in team work and reply, and led the team to victory. Crawford maintained a good level in all the debates, while Dunnett manifested good qualities as a speaker.

Prospects are bright for next year.

During the course of the year Mr. Castleman devoted a great amount of time to the Society in endeavouring to give the Society as much assistance as possible. We wish to thank him most heartily for his services. To Mr. Gibson, whom we had the misfortune to lose early in the season, our thanks are also due.

A meeting will be held early next year, when the Secretary and Chairman for the coming season will be elected. We are confident that next season will be an even greater success than the one of which we write; at all events, with the earnest support of all those in the school who could attend these meetings to advantage, we have no doubt that the Society will continue on its successful career.

SUCCESS.

*It takes a little courage
And a little self-control,
And some grim determination,
If you want to reach your goal.
It takes a deal of striving
And a stern and firm-set chin,
No matter what the battle,
If you're really out to win.*

*There's no easy path to glory,
There's no rosy road to fame;
Life, however we may view it,
Is no simple parlour game!
But its prizes call for fighting,
For endurance and for grit,
And a rugged disposition
And a don't-know-when-to-quit.*

"SANCTUARY."

L'IMAGE.

—"And Achilles overtook him in the Scaean Tate." The Master, meshed, with us all, in the sweet tingling net of drowsy afternoon, builds up the old forgotten grief in starkest phrase, with little intimate pause inwove wherein the beating thoughts take wing.

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A queer blurred vision, aeons of pictures strung gem-like on the droning voice—running, flittering past with ever-lessening speed—that drift to a close.

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I stand in a quiveringly-white, sun-glazed rectangle of sand. Above, the rich, mote-filled azure of Eastern noon. On either hand rise sheer scarps of crumbling mud-brick, whence project at hazard the heads of beams, rough-squared with the adze. My face is set towards a towering portal of whole logs, crudely chinked with yellow clay, banded about with bronze and bristling with stakes and splintered shafts. Charred it is, too, with fire, stained a grim red-brown in patches, while I see no lock or hinge.

For some time I have been dully aware of a hoarse throbbing mutter that swells and dies on the parching noonday gusts, that leave a subtle teeth-rasping feter in their passage. Now this clamor swells, approaches; I hear the innumerable slap and rustle of a running crowd that seems to be coming along the runway at the summit of the wall. A great dream-effort—and I turn to face the open side of the rectangle. Beyond, the walls cut cameo-clear into the purple immensity of the sea, with one clear golden isle ashimmer near.

From behind the angle of the wall, the deep, hissing pant of running men, the clang of armour, the crunch of sandals in the harsh friable sand. A clear, breathless voice hails in rippling Greek. Then—ablaze in golden mail, aureoled in scarlet horse-hair, White Bull blazoned on his round Asiatic targe, a slender olive-hued youth bursts on my sight, dashes up the court, the sand spurting in sharp puffs from his flying feet, and thunders on the gate with his hands and leaf-shaped blade. A shouting, capering throng of loose-robed men run up to line the wall-tops, but of them, beyond the faint impression that they wore high-peaked caps, I remember naught.

The youth lies crumpled against the deep-scarred beams in a paroxysm of utter fear, while a sleeping man might draw three breaths, then springs upright, utter despair fighting with pride in his wide, staring brown eyes, and unhooks clumsily a light javelin from his back.

He stares tensely at me; sheer panic shakes me as I feel first his fixed eyes glare on the Doom behind me; then keener terror floods my being at the thought that this he sees through me! Who is real? I, or this long-dead hero?

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I cannot turn my head. A squat, swaying shadow bulks on the ground before me. I sense the hot, acrid smell of sweat, the gnarr-gnarr of brazen cothurns shifting in the sand, the crackle of sharp-tensed sinews. A deep, grave humming note thrills in my ear. The shaft of a heavy spear, sunk to the socket through his rent mail into the Asian's pearly-bronze side, vibrates slowly, the purple blood jetting in unison with the even sway.

He sinks very gently to one knee; his face, oddly blank of any emotion, seems ironed smooth. He tears feebly at his sword-hilt, jerks loose the blade after an infinity of fumbling effort, and hurls it as the dark life-stream foams on his set lips.

The sonorus clang of smitten bronze resounds—I drift upon the welling flood of thundering cadence home.

FOOTBALL.

The result of the football season, as far as the 1st XV. were concerned, was again a disappointment, and in view of the material at our command must be considered unsatisfactory. With five of last year's backs in the team and four of last year's forwards, a really good season was hoped for, but in addition to the cause above mentioned we suffered from lack of pace in the backs; felt severely the loss of Johnston and Robinson in the forwards, and during the early part of the season, the lack of an experienced full-back.

The first match in which the team showed really good form was against King's. By that time Davies was a thoroughly sound full-back, and some changes had much improved the pack. Moreover, our inside backs were showing last year's form.

With regard to actual results, we won only one competition match—that against Scots. We were narrowly defeated by Shore and Riverview, were easily beaten by King's and Newington, were overwhelmed by St. Joseph's and had a hard game against Grammar.

Hardy again represented us in the Combined Schools' 1st XV., and played excellently. Cook was selected as Captain of the Seconds, but a broken collar-bone, sustained at practice, prevented his playing. Crowther, McMillan and Hepper were selected in the 3rd XV. McMillan, however, went up into the Seconds. Crowther and Hepper played very well against Combined High Schools.

The 2nd XV. was the best that we have had for some years, and the first to win a game in the G.P.S. competition, beating Riverview 11—4. In view of the losses which we will sustain at the end of the year, this is just as well, and even so the prospects are none too bright. The team played very well indeed against S.J.C. and T.S.C., but played a couple of wretched games, notably against King's and Grammar.

The 3rd XV. suffered two defeats at the hands of Riverview, and were twice beaten by Grammar Fourths. They played very well against King's Fourths, and in the second half against a similar team from Shore. Against Scots we fielded a very weak team. Finlay in the forwards, and H. Rees in the backs, were the best.

The 4th XV. showed good form throughout the season, beating an 8-stone Riverview team, and a similar team from King's, 19—8. They also defeated Scots' Fourths, and were beaten 8—6 by Grammar's Sixths. The pack was very good

when it liked to work. In the loose all the forwards showed splendid form, particularly Miller. Gerard and A. Segal always played excellently in both ruck and loose, the latter being the outstanding forward in the team. The team was unfortunate in losing its Captain, O'Brien, half-way through the season, but Starr, who was brought in from the wing to five-eighth, showed surprisingly good form there. Of a splendid lot of backs, Thicknesse and G. Rees were the best.

The 5th XV. were deplorably weak and failed to win a match. One felt sorry for footballers of the calibre of Middleton and Paton, who were left to play opposing teams single-handed.

ACCOUNT OF FOOTBALL MATCHES.

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

We played our first match of the season against Grammar at their own ground, on a rain-soaked, muddy, slippery field.

Hardy won the toss and High attacked, attempts to score, however, being frustrated by the greasiness of the ball, rendering handling very difficult. Play was hard and even during the first half, the only scores being a penalty by Hardy (a good kick), and a penalty to Grammar.

In the second half Grammar changed their tactics, and making use of their heavy forwards, with the wind in their favour, quickly took command, to run up twelve more points before full-time, and making the scores 15-3 in Grammar's favour.

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

A very interesting, hard game took place when we played Riverview. Our backs unfortunately lacked finish, and none of them seemed up to regular standard. The forwards played well, Broadhurst and McMillan being prominent, and the latter scoring a try as a culmination to a good passing rush. Davies was solid at full-back. Riverview won by 8-3.

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

This game resulted in a runaway win for St. Joseph's, Carlton being in great form and scoring most of the points. We proved too weak throughout to hold our brilliant opponents, who outplayed us, forwards and backs, winning the match easily by 38-0.

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

Both teams seemed evenly matched, and the game gave promise to be a sparkling one, but soon developed into a dreary

ding-dong struggle, relieved only by a couple of good individual bursts—mere flashes in the pan. The only score of the game was a good individual try by Shore, making the scores 3-0 against us.

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

It was during this match that the team really struck form, for the first time, and though there is a big margin in the points, the game was harder than scores would indicate.

King's attacked from the jump, and quickly ran up a tally of points, Egan in particular showing good form, and scoring most of their points. Davies, at full back, was sound, and Hardy and Cook, with their formidable opposition, were really good. Our points came from two good individual efforts by Morcombe and McDonnell, both of which resulted in tries. Hardy converted one of these tries, and kicked a penalty. Although the whole team played well, our better opponents easily defeated us by 39-11.

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

We played well against Newington, and according to critics the score was not a criterion to the game. However, the match was a very strenuous one. The pace was hot throughout, and some good work, both team and individual, was done on both sides. Morcombe's try was the climax to an excellent passing rush by our backs, who were good throughout, but of whom Hardy, Hargreaves, Davies and MacDonnel shone. Hepper was the outstanding forward of our team.

The game was won by Newington, our only other score being a penalty by Hardy. The scores were 23-6 in their favour.

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

We won our first and last match of the season at the expense of Scots. The whole team struck good form, and attacking strongly, dominated the first half, at half-time leading 9-0, the scorers being Fretwell, Connors and Shappere. Play in the second half was much more even. Scots rapidly put together their eight, while our team appeared to be resting on their laurels, but we quickly revived, and playing up to their attacks, evened things up. Cook was brilliant, and Hardy, Crowther and the rest of the backs all played well. The forwards grafted more than was usually their wont, and Hepper and McMillan were both good. Our other points in this half came from a try, by Hardy, which he converted, and a penalty goal, also by Hardy. We ran out winners after a hard game, by 17-8.

THE OLD BOYS' MATCH.

This event, which was much looked forward to by the football team, took place on the R.A.S. Ground, the Old Boys providing matches for 1st and 2nd XV's, although on account

of the absence of some of their players, their so doing entailed some of them playing in both games.

The Old Boys accounted for the School Seconds by 17-16, the scorers for School being Peach, Sellors, Vine and Huxtable tries, and Vine and Huxtable, who each converted one. Hannon was outstanding in the School team, his play being really good.

The Old Boys' 1st XV., containing such players as Selby Burt, F. King and Alan Newton, certainly looked formidable. They started with a rush, and rattling School's defence, quickly scored. Their beginning augured badly for School's success, but lack of condition soon began to make itself felt, and their pace diminished considerably. Play see-sawed, till School finally took command, and by full-time, had amassed a lead of 27-13.

The School forwards combined well, and covered themselves with glory with a rush in which most of the pack participated, and which was finished off by a try by Connors. The other scorers were Hepper, Reddish, 2, Waine, Hodgkins, and Crowther, while Hardy converted three.

After the match we were the guests of the Old Boys to tea on the ground, and Mr. Fairlands—who umpired the matches—speaking on behalf of the Old Boys, told us how they enjoyed these matches, and what they meant to all loyal Old Boys.

These remarks were endorsed by Selby Burt, who told us of their sympathy towards our various sporting activities, and their willingness to help us if they could. We were also favoured by a few words from our own head-master, who spoke as an Old Boy himself, and voiced the hope that within a couple of years this will be a regular fixture, played upon our very own oval (applause), where the Old Boys would be the School's guests.

Our School-Captain expressed the thanks of the School to the Old Boys for their material and moral assistance in our activities on the field of sport.

It is certain that this Old Boys' fixture will be much looked forward to next season, both by the School and the Old Boys, as one of the sporting events of the year in the School routine.

CRICKET REPORT.

The record of the cricket XI. for the second half of the 1926 season is rather depressing, but by no means disappointing.

The fielding of the team was most unsatisfactory, except at times, when individuals showed flashes of brilliancy at this department of the game. This weakness was doubtless due to lack of practice, and the numerous catches dropped at King's and Grammar clearly showed the enormous handicap upon our team.

However, when we come to reflect on the batting performances, it fully compensates for the fielding. There was real talent in several of the players, and at different times, just as the batsmen were expected to settle down for a big score, they would get out.

The batsmen as a whole showed impressive ability, but often got themselves out on many occasions unnecessarily. Of the batsmen, Clubbe performed admirably for the School, his score of 63 at King's being comprised of well-placed strokes from square leg to fine slip. As he should have three seasons of School cricket ahead of him, he should be a tower of strength to us later. Davies, Cook and Hardy, with their aggressive tactics, wielded the willow to great effect. Huxtable and McKibbin justified their inclusion in the team, notably against King's and Shore respectively. The bowling was consistently good, Davies and Challoner taking full advantage of the new ball and commanding the respect of the opposing batsmen. Morgan and Bailey, though expensive, which is generally expected from slow-bowlers, showed good form throughout the season.

As we will have most of the team back next year, we may look forward to a big improvement in our form and in our results next season.

Our thanks are due to Shore, who gave us matches for five junior teams.

S.H.S. FIRST XI.

G.P.S. RESULTS.

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

Played at Hunter's Hill. S.J.C. won by an innings and 51 runs.

S.H.S.—First Innings.

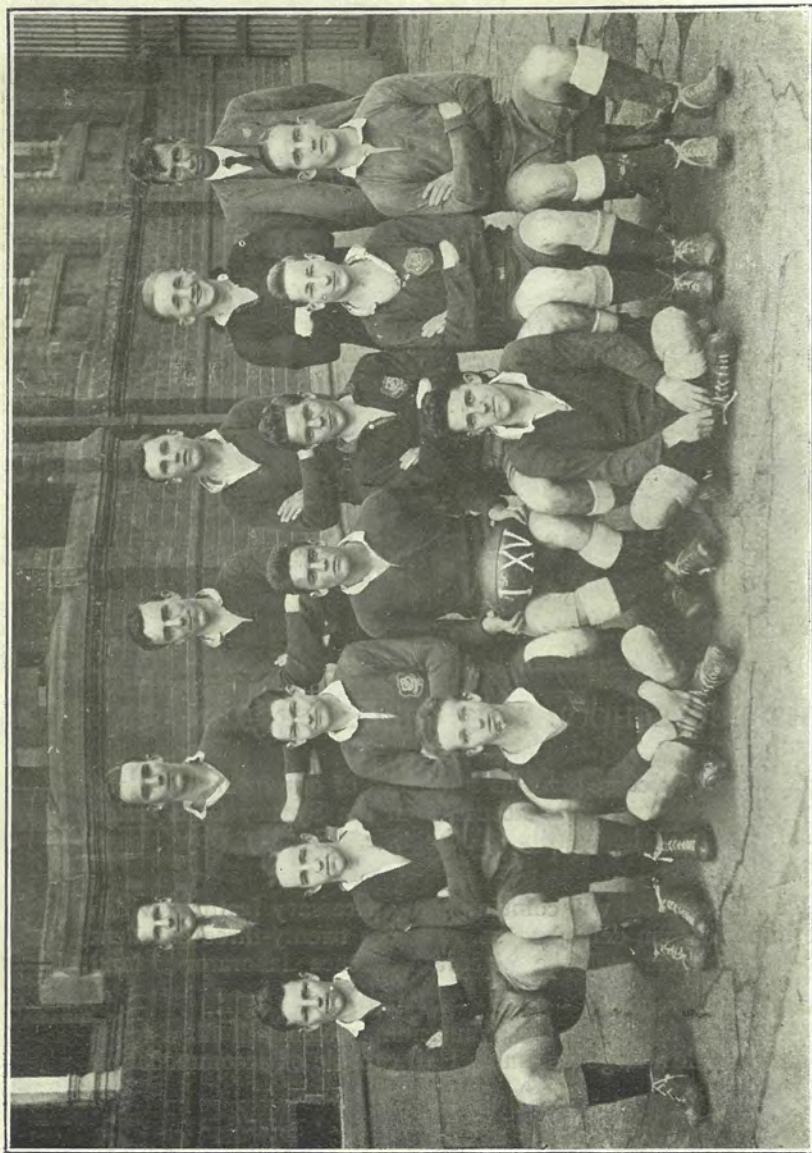
Davies, b Byrnes	2
Bailey, c Bull, b Chesher	1
Clubb, c and b Chesher	1
Fretwell, b Byrnes	0
Morgan, c Bull, b Byrnes	25
Cook, b Chesher	2
Hardy, b Reed	26
Starr, c Duncan, b Chesher . . .	17
Challoner, c Smith, b Chesher . .	0
Vine, not out	1
Rees, b Chesher	0
Sundries	9
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Total	84

Bowling: Byrnes, 3 for 9;
Chesher, 6 for 28; McCabe, 0 for 2;
Bull, 0 for 21; Reed, 1 for 7;
Duncan, 0 for 8.

Second Innings.

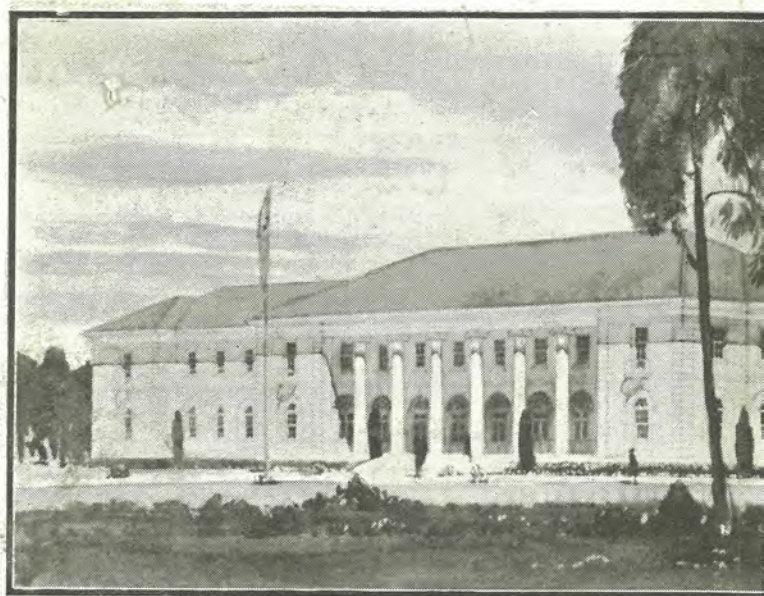
Davies, c McDonough, b Byrnes . .	29
Bailey, c Bull, b Chesher	12
Clubb, b Chesher	0
Fretwell, b Chesher	0
Morgan, run out	2
Cook, b Byrnes	0
Hardy, b Chesher	10
Starr, not out	10
Challoner, b Byrnes	4
Vine, b Chesher	0
Rees, c Smith, b Chesher	1
Sundries	1
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Total	69

Bowling: Byrnes, 3 for 23;
Chesher, 6 for 28; McCabe, 0 for 15;
Reed, 0 for 2.



S.H.S. 1st XV., 1926.

Top Row (left to right)—F. Cook, L. Hepper, G. Reddish, G. Shappere, J. Connors, Mr. J. W. Gibbes (Sportsmaster).
Second Row—D. Waite, J. Davies, P. Morecombe, K. Hardy (Captain), B. McMillan, A. Crowther, L. H. Bagby.
Bottom Row—C. Hargreaves, R. Fretwell, L. McDonnell (absent).

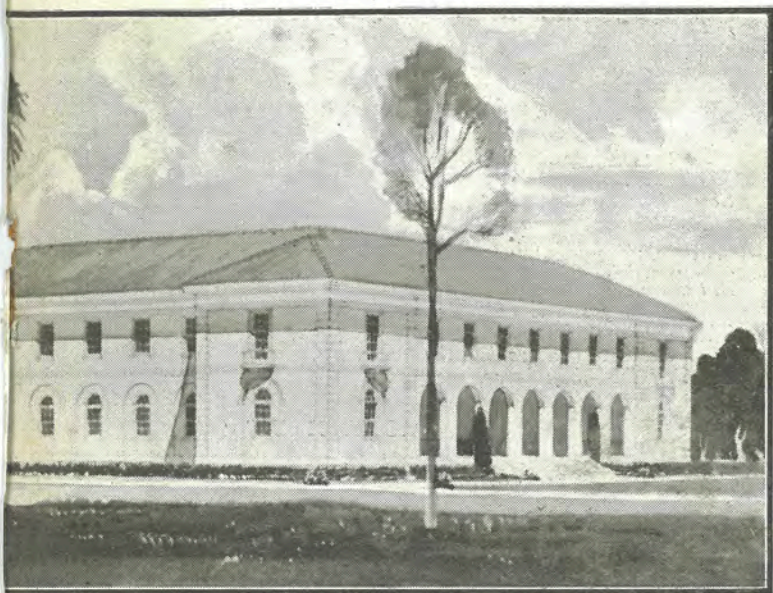


THE NEW SCHOOL AS IT WILL APPEAR IN 1928.

The above picture gives us some idea of our future quarters. They will exceed in magnificence even the Sydney Girls' High School, and will be worthy of the title, "Sydney Boys' High School."

The new school will combine many necessary features which have hitherto been denied to us. Besides twenty-three excellent class-rooms there will be elaborate science laboratories and demonstration rooms.

A special feature is the gymnasium, which will fill a long-felt need; while a large Assembly Hall capable of accommodating



1,250 persons, with dressing rooms adjoining, will take the place of the inadequate hall in which we are forced to hold our functions at present.

Other features are separate quarters for the masters, and a special room for prefects; while the Headmaster will have, besides a spacious office, a special receiving room for visitors.

Camera enthusiasts will be provided with a dark-room, while a tuck-shop for all will be situated under the gymnasium.

To complete all, these beautiful buildings will be set in seven acres of grounds. It will be a fortunate 750 scholars who attend the future "Sydney Boys' High School."

AMORETT!

"Love."

*Happy is yet our doom,
The earth and the sun are ours!
And far from the dreary tomb
Speed the wings of the rosy hours—
Sweet are of thee the charms,
Sweet are thy looks, my love;
I fly to thy tender arms,
As the bird to its mated dove!
Take me, ah, take!
Clasped to thy guardian breast.
Soft let me sink to rest:
But wake me, ah, wake!
And tell me with words and sighs,
But more with thy melting eyes,
That my sun is not set;
That the torch is not quenched at the urn,
That we love, and we breathe, and burn.
Tell me—thou lovest me yet!*

"PROMETHEUS" (4A).

"Jealousy."

*By all the storied ways that lovers wend
In far Bokhara and in Gamarkand,
Still set the Fates that on them ever send
The doom of love denied, with equal hand.

Green eyes that flame at dusk, low lit they give
The ache of memories and the present sight
Of that dear One for whose dear sake we live,
Hurts more than to wind downwards into Night.

What boots it that the Fates to me have sent
The fatal gift in honeyed wrappings blent?

If that the One who for a space was kind,
Me of the momentary bliss hath twined.

Now honey bees of summer hour ago
Are to the wasps Pandoran turned anon.*

K. HARTLEY.

S.J.C.—First Innings.

Bull, c Challinor, b Davies ..	1	Duncan, not out	11
McDonough, c Davies, b Bailey	12	Sundries	4
McCabe, c and b Davies .. .	54		
Reed, c Vine, b Morgan .. .	10	Seven for .. .	204
Byrnes, c Davies, b Morgan	30	(Innings closed.)	
Cullen, not out .. .	52	Bowling: Challinor: 0 for 24;	
Smith, c Challinor, b Rees ..	12	Davies, 3 for 30; Bailey, 1 for 54;	
Flanagan, c Morgan, b — ..	18	Rees, 1 for 29; Morgan, 2 for 63.	

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

S.C.E.G.S. won by 47 runs on first innings.

S.H.S.—First Innings.

Davies, c Murdoch, b Alexander	16
Bailey, c Hattersley, b Sheaffe	4
Clubb, b Sheaffe .. .	4
Morgan, b Sheaffe .. .	2
Hardy, c Sheaffe, b Nevill ..	52
Cook, b Goddard .. .	52
Starr, b Nevill .. .	0
Huxtable, run out .. .	0
McKibbin, b Goddard .. .	15
Challoner, b Nevill .. .	20
Rees, not out .. .	4
Sundries .. .	8

Total .. . 177

Bowling: Alexander, 1 for 26;
 Sheaffe, 3 for 56; Gibb, 0 for 8;
 Nevill, 3 for 13; Begbie, 0 for 23;
 Hattersley, 0 for 25; Goddard, 2
 for 18.

Second Innings.

Davies, c Bennett, b Sheaffe..	1
Bailey, lbw, b Sheaffe .. .	1
Clubb, b Neville .. .	1
Morgan, b Nevill .. .	6
Hardy, b Sheaffe .. .	7
Cook, run out .. .	36
Starr, c Hattersley, b Begbie	2
Huxtable, not out .. .	11
McKibbin, not out .. .	7
Sundries .. .	3
Seven for .. .	75

Bowling: Alexander, 0 for 6;
 Sheaffe, 3 for 23; Nevill, 2 for 34;
 Begbie, 1 for 9.

S.C.E.G.S.—First Innings.

Sheaffe, c Morgan, b Challinor	0	Gibb, c Cook, b McKibbin ..	12
Boazman, c Morgan, b Bailey	2	Begbie, b McKibbin .. .	4
Goddard, b Morgan .. .	21	Sundries .. .	18
Hattersley, c Cook, b Davies	23		
Nevill, b Davies .. .	8	Total .. .	224
Murdoch, b Bailey .. .	28	Bowling: Challinor, 1 for 26;	
Foulsham, b Bailey .. .	26	Bailey, 3 for 34; Davies, 2 for 48;	
Alexander, b McKibbin .. .	46	Morgan, 1 for 41; Starr, 0 for 11;	
Bennett, not out .. .	36	Rees, 0 for 25; McKibbin, 3 for 21.	

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

Played at Parramatta. T.K.S. won on first innings by 79 runs.

S.H.S.—First Innings.

Davies, c Sale, b Forsyth ..	7
Bailey, b Cameron .. .	2
Clubb, c and b Cameron .. .	63
Hardy, c Sale, b Forsyth ..	8
Morgan, b Jones .. .	3
Cook, c Sale, b Egan .. .	32
Starr, c Cameron, b Egan ..	0
McKibbin, c Campbell, b	
Cameron .. .	0

Huxtable, lbw, b Egan .. .	25
Challoner, b Egan .. .	14
Rees, not out .. .	7
Sundries .. .	9

Total .. . 170

Bowling: Jones, 1 for 12; For-
 syth, 2 for 40; Cameron, 3 for 24;
 Egan, 4 for 61; Sale, 0 for 8;
 Rouse, 0 for 16.

Second Innings.

Davies, lbw, b Jones	20
Bailey, lbw, b Egan	7
Clubb, not out	33
Hardy, c Danger, b Rouse ..	21
Morgan, not out	2

Sundries 4

Three for 87

Bowling: Jones, 1 for 17; Forsyth, 0 for 7; Cameron, 0 for 19; Egan, 1 for 27; Rouse, 1 for 5.

T.K.S.—First Innings.

Egan, c Clubb, b Rees	8
Jones, c Morgan, b Davies ..	53
Hogg, st Cook, b Morgan ..	96
Rouse, b Davies	0
Lampert, b Bailey	3
Campbell, not out	62
Whytt, not out	25
Sundries	2

Bowling: Davies, 2 for 43; Rees, 1 for 37; Challinor, 0 for 26; Bailey, 1 for 72; Morgan, 1 for 44; Starr, 0 for 25.

Five for 249

(Innings closed.)

S.H.S. v. GRAMMAR.

Played at Weigall Ground. S.G.S. won by 110 runs on first innings.

S.H.S.—First Innings.

Davies, b Bryant	37
Bailey, st Maclean, b Binns ..	4
Clubb, b Grill	37
Hardy, c MacGilvray, b Binns	23
Morgan, c Kaleski, b Bryant	9
Cook, c MacGilvray, b Grill ..	4
Starr, b Grill	4
Huxtable, b Bryant	0
McKibbin, c Chegwyn, b Grill	1
Gee, not out	7
Challoner, lbw, b Edwards ..	14
Sundries	5

Total 145

Bowling: Edwards, 1 for 35; Grill, 4 for 16; Bryant, 3 for 33; Evans, 0 for 21; Chegwyn, 0 for 1; Binns, 2 for 34.

Second Innings.

Davies, c Chegwyn, b Grill ..	22
Bailey, not out	39
Clubb, b Grill	2
Hardy, b Bryant	1
Morgan, not out	14
Sundries	4

Three for 82

Bowling: Grill, 2 for 32; Bryant, 1 for 11; Evans, 0 for 11; Chegwyn, 0 for 4; Binns, 0 for 16; Grant, 0 for 5.

S.G.S.—First Innings.

Evans, c Hardy, b Bailey ..	77
MacLean, run out	25
Binns, c and b Challinor ..	26
Chegwyn, lbw, b Davies ..	15
McGilvray, not out	38
Grant, c Gee, b Morgan ..	34

Bowling: Challinor, 1 for 62; 61; Bailey, 1 for 63; Starr, 0

Cauldwell, b Morgan	4
Bryant, not out	29
Sundries	7

Six for 255

(Innings closed.)

Davies, 1 for 50; Morgan, 2 for 12.

HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS.

S.H.S. v. Parramatta at Wentworth Oval. Match drawn. Parramatta 98 (Wilson 16, Davies 4 for 15). S.H.S. 6 for 60 (Starr 25 not out, Bailey 18, Kerr 4 for 14).

S.H.S. v. Central Technical at Jubilee Oval. Central Technical won by 15 runs on the first innings. C.T.C.: First innings 130 (Alterator 22, Lyons 20 not out, Davies 3 for 24, Starr 2 for 14). S.H.S.: First innings 115 (Davies 58, Morgan 17, Collins 3 for 29). C.T.C.: Second innings 3 for 127 (Westacott 52 not out, Alterator 47, Rees 1 for 17).

G.P.S. AVERAGES.

BATTING.					BOWLING.			
Name	R.	I.	H.S.	Av.	Name	R.	W.	Av.
Davies	410	18	82	22.7	Rees	178	11	16.1
Cook ..	321	15	59	21.4	Bailey	426	18	23.6
Bailey	210	14	41 n.o.	15.0	Davies	422	16	26.2
Clubb ..	231	16	63	13.1	Challinor	309	10	30.9

The Scores—G.P.S. Competition.

S.H.S. v. S.G.S.	.. .. .	1st XV.	3—15	2nd XV.	3—48
S.H.S. v. S.I.C.	.. .. .	1st XV.	3—8	2nd XV.	11—4
S.H.S. v. S.J.C.	.. .. .	1st XV.	0—38	2nd XV.	6—11
S.H.S. v. S.C.E.G.S.	.. .. .	1st XV.	0—3	2nd XV.	3—23
S.H.S. v. T.K.S.	.. .. .	1st XV.	11—39	2nd XV.	3—42
S.H.S. v. N.C.	.. .. .	1st XV.	6—23	2nd XV.	5—26
S.H.S. v. T.S.C.	.. .. .	1st XV.	17—8	2nd XV.	6—9

Other Matches.

FIRST GRADE.

S.H.S. v. T.A.S.	.. ..	11—8	S.H.S. v. F.H.S.	.. ..	11—8
S.H.S. v. P.H.S.	.. ..	20—10	S.H.S. v. P.H.S.	.. ..	21—13
S.H.S. v. F.S.H.S.	.. ..	12—24	S.H.S. v. F.S.H.S.	.. ..	14—8
S.H.S. v. P.H.S.	.. ..	24—10	S.H.S. v. N.S.H.S.	.. ..	27—13

SECOND GRADE.

S.H.S. v. P.H.S.	.. ..	6—6	S.H.S. v. P.H.S.	.. ..	53—0
S.H.S. v. C.H.S.	.. ..	6—28	S.H.S. v. C.H.S.	.. ..	34—6
S.H.S. v. F.S.H.S.	.. ..	6—21	S.H.S. v. F.S.H.S.	.. ..	0—35
S.H.S. v. N.S.H.S.	.. ..	25—3	S.H.S. v. N.S.H.S.	.. ..	Won
S.H.S. v. H.A.H.S.	.. ..	6—0	S.H.S. v. H.A.H.S.	.. ..	8—3

THIRD GRADE.

S.H.S. v. C.H.S.	.. ..	3—15	S.H.S. v. F.S.H.S.	.. ..	Lost
S.H.S. v. N.S.H.S.	.. ..	0—30	S.H.S. v. C.H.S.	.. ..	Forfeit, Lost
S.H.S. v. F.S.H.S.	.. ..	3—6	S.H.S. v. N.S.H.S.	.. ..	Lost
S.H.S. v. C.H.S.	.. ..	6—0	S.H.S. v. F.S.H.S.	.. ..	3—3
S.H.S. v. N.S.H.S.	.. ..	3—16			

FOURTH GRADE.

S.H.S. v. P.H.S.	.. ..	31—4	S.H.S. v. P.H.S.	.. ..	Won
S.H.S. v. N.S.H.S.	.. ..	18—0	S.H.S. v. N.S.H.S.	.. ..	19—8
S.H.S. v. F.S.H.S.	.. ..	11—8	S.H.S. v. F.S.H.S.	.. ..	18—5
S.H.S. v. M.I.H.S.	.. ..	Won	S.H.S. v. M.I.H.S.	.. ..	Forfeit, Won
S.H.S. v. H.A.H.S.	.. ..	45—0	S.H.S. v. H.A.H.S.	.. ..	35—0
S.H.S. v. C.H.S.	.. ..	3—3	S.H.S. v. C.H.S.	.. ..	6—8

FIFTH GRADE.

S.H.S. v. P.H.S.	.. ..	3—3	S.H.S. v. P.H.S.	.. ..	0—12
S.H.S. v. N.S.H.S.	.. ..	6—12	S.H.S. v. N.S.H.S.	.. ..	Lost
S.H.S. v. F.S.H.S.	.. ..	6—16	S.H.S. v. F.S.H.S.	.. ..	0—20
S.H.S. v. C.H.S.	.. ..	0—26	S.H.S. v. C.H.S.	.. ..	Lost
S.H.S. v. H.A.H.S.	.. ..	0—14	S.H.S. v. H.A.H.S.	.. ..	Lost

JOHN SPEEDY.

*John Speedy was a motorman
With a fearsome-looking face;
Maroubra Speedway was his home—
There he won ev'ry race.*

*He sped so fast each day to work—
(A cloud of dust was he!)
That what was dust and what was car
Policemen couldn't see.*

*That's why to court he never went
To pay a heavy fine:
Six dogs or cats, at least, a day,
All dead, you could define.*

*Then he, one day, did bump a dray
And on earth cold was thrust—
(Poor chap, his soul was steeped in grime!)
And all of him was dust.*

H. WALLACE.

SPRING.

*Spring blossoms like the wattle spray
And bids dark Winter turn to day;
Bids morn arise with zephyr breath
To waken Autumn seeds from death;
To clothe the drooping eucalypts
With fresh and fiery season tips;
To brighten song of feathered bird
With melody surpassing word.
Thus comes the playtime of the year,
Rejoicing heart with landscape clear.*

*Spring fades like melting snow away
To skies of brass and seas of grey.
She leaves behind no gladsome trace—
Save remembrance of her grace,
A few full barns, or cheery hearts—
Forgotten Springtime, Summer starts.
That virgin of the land is left
Of all her beauteous state bereft.
Thus sad, lamenting Wattle goes—
Gives precedence to Summer's rose.*

I.A.B. (4B).

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The following Old Boys comprise the present membership, which must be considered unsatisfactory when the vast number of men who have passed through the school is considered.

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Any errors or omissions should be immediately reported to the Hon. Secretary.

The Old Boys' Union has had an active year, and we feel sure that an advance has been made in the usefulness of the Union to the School.

Following upon the successful Annual Dinner held in October, 1925, when a definite announcement was made by the Minister for Education regarding the new building for our School, we were advised by the Minister that he had decided to erect a new school building at Moore Park in the portion formerly occupied by the old Zoo, adjacent to the Girls' High School. This

announcement has, we feel sure, filled every Old Boy with a great feeling of pride and satisfaction, and it is especially gratifying to the officers of the Union who have at every opportunity urged the necessity of a new building. The Old Boys have, on several occasions, assured the Minister (Hon. T. D. Mutch, M.L.A.) that they appreciate his sincere efforts in carrying out his intentions, and now that the erection of the building has definitely begun, the work will be followed with much interest, especially as the new building is to be completed and ready for occupation for opening of first term in 1928.

The Union has definitely promised the Minister that it is prepared to support and provide funds for the provision of improved sporting facilities and will do its utmost to equip the School with a playing field. It, therefore, now remains for all Old Boys, whether in the city or country, to be enthusiastic in the carrying out of this promise, and intimate to the officers of the Old Boys' Union what they are prepared to do to assist their old School. Already over £830 has been promised. There appears to be the opportunity of drawing in to our Association Old Boys who are in a position to do something practical as an expression of their appreciation of what the School has done for them.

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PERSONAL.

As usual, we have cause for complaint about the manner in which this column is supported by Old Boys. No matter has been made available to the Editor for this issue. Contributions are invited and may be sent to the Hon. Secretary.

Arthur Wheen, Rhodes Scholar, recently left for London on the "Moldavia," after spending his holidays in his native State. He looks very well and has asked the Hon. Secretary to convey to his friends his kindest regards. He is Librarian at Kensington Museum.

Leo Lions has just returned from abroad. He is now at Sydney University.

George Shipp is also another who has just arrived. He was present at the Dinner and received many congratulations on his brilliant career at Cambridge. He is now at our own University.

A. C. Emanuel, Hon. Secretary of the Union, was married in August last. Our congratulations.

Dr. J. V. Garner is now at South Sydney. He has joined up with the Glebe Cricket Club and is proving of great assistance.

Dr. Jas. Boag is now at State Hospital, Lidcombe.

T. Waites has been appointed Government Statistician. Congratulations.

Old Boys whose names have been prominent in the cricket world this season are: H. Carter, Waverley 1sts; Sid. King, Petersham 1sts; Selby Burt, Western Suburbs 2nds; Ken. McCredie, Western Suburbs 2nds; Reg. Crane, Petersham 2nds; "Wally" Bain, Northern Districts 2nds; "Wally" Carter, Waverley 2nds; Harry Jeaneret, Paddington 3rds.

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GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS A.A.A. ACTIVITIES.

The progress of the School in the various activities of the G.P.S.A.A.A. excites the keen interest of Old Boys, and a very great stimulus has been given by the success of the School in winning the Head of the River twice in succession. It will perhaps be well to assure all Old Boys that the Council of the Union has expressed itself unanimously behind the School in all its efforts to maintain the best possible standard in the games.

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ROWING.

In order to assist the Glebe Rowing Club and its officers who have so generously assisted the School in the coaching of the rowing crews, the Old Boys purchased the launch "Sunbeam" and made same available to the Glebe Club for its own coaching purposes; but the launch has proved somewhat more expensive than anticipated, and has been out of commission owing to engine defects. Repairs have been effected, and it is hoped that the launch will now be serviceable and of use to the club as well as being available for the coaching of the School crews for next regatta.

The Old Boys' Union expresses thanks to the Parents and Citizens' Associations for its co-operation and ready help in assisting in the provision of further boats for the School crews.

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HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL.

An effort is being made to have a History of the School compiled which, when completed, should be an inspiration to the boys in attendance at the School and assist them in further understanding what the School has always stood for. It is hoped that this may be ready for printing next year.

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FOOTBALL AND CRICKET MATCHES WITH THE SCHOOL.

As these have always, for many years, been events looked forward to by the School teams, and also by Old Boys, football matches were arranged at the close of the recent season, and two teams of Old Boys played the 1st and 2nd School XV.'s at the Show Ground. These games were most enjoyable, and the Old

Boys availed themselves of the opportunity of entertaining the School teams at afternoon tea after the conclusion of the matches. The attendance of the Headmaster and his interest in the matches was much appreciated.

The Annual Cricket Match was arranged for Wednesday, 8th December, at Wentworth Park, the Old Boys' team being selected from the following, viz.: C. A. Fairland, A. C. Emanuel, W. Carter, N. Mainwaring, H. Jeaneret, F. King, W. J. Cleary, P. Howard, H. Sawtell, S. Burt, S. O'Grady and J. Dickson.

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ANNUAL DANCE.

The Annual Dance was again held at the "Wentworth" on 25th August, and was very well attended. Representatives of other Old Boys' Unions of G.P. Schools were present, and all were very pleased with the great success of the function, which benefited the finances of the Union considerably.

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ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner was held at Sargent's rooms, Market Street, on Thursday, 18th November, and, although the attendance was not up to the full number catered for, a most successful function took place.

We had as guests the Minister for Education (Hon. T. D. Mutch, M.L.A.), the Director for Education (Mr. S. H. Smith), Mr. G. C. Saxby (Headmaster and an Old Boy of the School), Ken C. Hardy (Captain), Leo Lions (an Old Boy just returned from abroad), Messrs. Deane (representing C.E.G.S.O.B.U.), Bardsley, Old Newtonians, Dr. Jas. Hughes (St. Ignatius' College O.B.U.), Dr. S. O'Riordan (St. Joseph's College O.B.U.), Messrs. A. B. Piddington (one of the first Masters at the School), H. S. Dettmann (Headmaster S.G.S.), McCredie and Richardson (architect and builder respectively of new school). Apologies were received from the Unions of the other Great Public Schools and President of G.P.S.A.A.A.

Our President, R. T. McKay, unfortunately was unable to attend owing to injuries sustained in a recent accident.

Arthur M. Eedy, the first scholar of the School, presided, and in his happy way of controlling things assisted in making everybody feel at home.

Amongst others present were noticed J. B. Cramsie, W. H. Myers, Harry F. Halloran, Alick and "Nigger" Mackenzie, Arthur Waddell, "Clarrie" Cooke, J. Toose, R. H. Beardsmore, and "Billie" Paradice, all Old Boys of the early period of the School. The later generation was very poorly represented, and the Council regrets that this is the case, as such functions provide the only means of renewing friendship established at the School.

The principal toast of the evening, "The Minister and Department of Education," was proposed by Arthur Waddell and responded to by the Minister and Director.

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P. & C. ASSOCIATION FETE.

A Fete was organised by the Parents and Citizens' Association for the purpose of raising funds for the School, and the Union gladly lent all the assistance it could to this worthy object, and, by the great energy of a sub-committee organised by Mr. A. O'Neil, controlled various side-shows in the grounds of the Girls' School, where the Fete was held on Friday and Saturday, 26th and 27th November. Our thanks are accorded to all Old Boys who assisted in the success of this venture, and we know that the P. & C. Association appreciate the help given to it in its great effort.

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OLD BOYS' ANNUAL PRIZES.

The usual award of the Old Boys' Prize and the "John Waterhouse" Prize has been made, and the names of the successful recipients will be announced on Speech Day.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Union is to be held in January next—date yet to be fixed—due notice of which will be given to all members. The officers of the Union are most anxious to obtain the names and addresses of all Old Boys, whether financial or otherwise. Boys who are leaving school this year are particularly requested to become members as soon as they possibly can and are notified that the subscription for the first year upon leaving school is 5/-.

With the new building now in progress must go an increased interest on the part of all Old Boys, and the Union membership must grow, as the opportunity for activity will now be much greater than it has ever been.

Remember that the first thought is to be the honour and welfare of the School.

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The following letter has been received from the Department of Education by the Secretary of the Old Boys' Union in regard to the reservation of vacancies in the School for the sons of Old Boys:—

Dear Sir,

In recognition of the promises of strong support received from the "Old Boys" of the Sydney Boys' High School, in connection with the equipment and endowment of the new school at

Moore Park, I have decided to concede their wish that a definite number of vacant places at the beginning of each year shall be set apart for competition among children or grandchildren of former pupils.

At the coming Entrance Examination to be held on 29th October, twenty-five (25) vacant places will be reserved, but when the new building is completed, fifty (50) places will be so reserved. I am proposing that, to qualify as a former pupil for the purpose of this competition, the father's or grandfather's name, as the case may be, shall have appeared on the school record for at least two years continuously.

I am in full sympathy with the desire frequently expressed by parents or grandparents to send their sons or grandsons to the High School which they attended when they were boys, so that they may hand on to newcomers a heritage whose worth they themselves have proved. I am hopeful that this concession will help to develop a school tradition, the value of which will increase from year to year.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) T. D. MUTCH,

Minister for Education.

ON THE ANTIQUITY AND MASCULINITY OF TENNIS.

(As appeared in the Chronicles of 968 A.D.)

Counte Thyrtee dwelt fayre o'er the sea.

His hoom was "*Forearm Hal*."

Here hadde he taen most stealthfully

Syr *Score's love, Netta Bal*.

Though veray sicke was goode Syr *Score*,

He planned a chevachie

An yede he to *Counte Thyrtee's* shore,

Though *choppie* was the sea.

The twain they mate by "*Forearm*" *Courte*,

Upon the village *grene*,

Wher many oothers oft hadde foght—

None ne so fierce I weene.

"How didst thee steal mine *Netta Bal*?"

Syr *Score* didde firste demand.

"I broghte hire here to '*Forearm*' *Hal*

By the *servyce* I command.

Syr *Score* koude not restrain ne more,

An harde the Counte didde *smash*,

Whyl his bolde men stode by in awe

To see their leedere crash.

The *Counte's teme* wel didde lose their fear,
 An opined with a *drive*;
 The watcheres rose an donne a chere,
 Though eke side here lossed *fyve*.

A *volleye* thanne was herde resonde.
 Syr *Score* receyved a *bal*,
 Wich strangely fro his chest didde bonde,
 An broke throuh "*Forearm Hal*."

The bolde *Counte* saw his sorry plyht,
 An y cam for to seke a truce,
 The wich so enraged the worthy knight,
 He uttered wordes ilke "*deuce*."

Whilst bussy meking lyte the lyte,
 The *Counte* receyved the same,
 An gladely recommenced the fihte
 For to shew that he was *game*.

"Thanne," quothe Syr *Score*, "The *adde* is mine
 If I the *Counte* canne *slice*";
 An critiques seide his *shottes* were fine,
 His *action* smart an nyce.

Although *Counte Thyrtee's* folke hadde seide
 Syr *Score* was ne'er a *matche*
 For sic a hero as their heade,
 He didde their *Counte* despatche.

An they were wedded that after-noon,
 Syr *Score* an *Netta Bal*,
 An fro that daie their hoom is knowne
 The "*Parfit Backhond Hal*!"

H.W.R.

ON STUDY.

(With Apologies to Milton.)

*When I consider how my hours are spent,
 Yet in my youth, in the vast library wide,
 And my fond love of sporting must I hide,
 And not remember, though my wish more bent
 To hear once more the measure and the tune
 Of syncopated jazz-band music loud.
 But here, beneath this load of study bowed,
 For that dread Leaving approacheth soon,
 And as I ponder o'er the volumes grave,
 And try to gain the learning they impart,
 (In vain, as oft I sadly think, alas!),
 Which will my way towards the 'Varsity pave.
 And soft reminders o'er my mind oft dart,
 "They will not pass, who only sit and 'gas.'"*

E. DANDIE (4A).

ARMISTICE DAY.

Shortly before eleven o'clock on Armistice Day, the School assembled in the main hall for the purpose of honouring our fallen heroes. On the platform were Mr. Saxby, General Heane, a distinguished Old Boy, and members of the staff. The proceedings opened with the observation of the two minutes' silence. The Recessional Ode was then sung under the baton of Mr. Murphy, followed by the Headmaster's opening remarks. Mr. Saxby spoke briefly on the necessity for retaining fitting memorials, and the desire for universal peace. He then introduced to the assembly, General Heane, who was accorded a great ovation.

The General expressed his great pleasure at being able to address the pupils of his old School, and commenced by recounting a few reminiscences of his school days. He then proceeded to give us an inspiring account of the activities at Gallipoli, where, he said, Australia, as a race, commenced its history. In connection with the war, he also mentioned three other Old Boys—Major-General Legge and Generals Watson and Beardmore.

Throughout his address, General Heane emphasised the spirit of "play the game" which prevailed throughout the Australian ranks during the whole campaign, and impressed upon the boys that this, and many other things, which would prove beneficial for the whole of their lives, must be learnt at school, and he assured us that at Sydney High School only the very best of everything was taught us.

At the conclusion of the speech, Mr. Saxby proposed, and Mr. Moore seconded, a vote of thanks to the General, and the loud and prolonged way in which it was carried must have amply repaid our friend for his kindness.

The singing of the National Anthem concluded a most impressive function.

"AS CLEAR AS MUD."

Detective: "Tell me, my boy, who reaches the office first, as a rule—Mr. Robinson or his partner?"

Office Boy: "Well, sir, Mr. Brown at first was always last, but later he began to get earlier, till at last he was first, though, before that, he had always been behind. He soon got later again, though of late he has been sooner. At last he got behind as before, but I expect he'll be earlier again sooner or later!"

AN ENDEAVOUR.

Should you ask me whence these numbers,
 Whence these strang uncertain numbers,
 With the air of melancholy,
 With the air of doubt and weakness,
 Most ill-favoured, most imperfect,
 And this childish imitation
 Of a bard, far famed and mighty;
 I explain why I do write so,
 In this slow imperfect manner.
 In the grounds of Sydney High School,
 Of that famous beauteous high school,
 I did meet a youth a-walking
 In the pleasant air, of morning,
 And he said, "We want your genius,
 Want your mighty pen to help us,
 Publishing our famous 'Record.'
 You must write a contribution
 To be published in the 'Record'."
 "But, dear sir," I cried in protest,
 "What to write I have no notion;
 What great theme can I discourse on
 In your magazine, 'The Record'?"
 But ere I could speak yet further,
 Gone that lad was from my presence,
 Leaving me alone to wonder.
 Many hours' deep thought I gave it;
 What on earth was I to write on
 For that magazine, "The Record"?
 My poor brains I wracked and puzzled.
 Many were the things I thought of,
 Many sheets of paper wasted,
 Till at length my desperation
 Brought to me a clue to write on;
 Of the way that I had striven,
 Writing of that contribution,
 Till the world had seemed a-swimming
 Round and round before my vision.
 So in doubt I write my troubles
 For the survey of all mankind.
 Criticise me! those so cruel.
 Do not blame my limping numbers.
 Try to write yourselves, O critics!
 Articles for your school paper.
 Do so! and oblige yours truly.

W. H. SHORTEFELLOW.

ATHLETICS.

The Forty-first Annual Sports Meeting took place at the Sydney Cricket Ground on 24th August last. There was a poor turn-out, the members of Senior School being the chief defaulters in this respect. However, the meeting was conducted enthusiastically by those who did attend.

Owing to rain, the ground was not conducive to good times, nor did a strong breeze help in this respect.

The outstanding performer in the Senior Championships was J. Hodgkins, who easily carried off the honours and the Senior Cup. He proved himself to be an excellent all-round athlete, but his mile run was a particularly noteworthy effort. He lowered a fairly long standing record by two secs. It was a great pity that he was not able to participate in the G.P.S. Sports.

Of the other competitors, Crowther was perhaps the best, but none of them approached Hodgkins.

In the Juniors the competitors were a good even lot. It was a good contest throughout, Street finally gaining a narrow victory for the Cup. Considering the state of the ground, the times were meritorious, Still's effort in the 220 being especially noteworthy.

Uebel was the most outstanding performer in the Junior Cadet Championship. Here again we were unfortunate, in that he was over age for the Combined G.P.S. Sports.

In the All Schools' Athletic Meeting we did very poorly, especially in the Senior Division. The only points gained were in the mile teams' race. In the Junior we did much better. J. Still ran very well to gain second in the 100 and 220 under 16. G. Shappere is no doubt the finest half-miler that we have ever had at the School, and his wonderful win in the Junior 880 was a marvellous piece of judgment. He had bad luck not to break the record, as he finished just $\frac{2}{5}$ sec. outside of it.

Tumpane ran a great mile in the Third Division, and Vine in the Championship Division ran well.

Greaves surprised by his consistent running in the Under 14 Division, gaining the two minor places. He had the disadvantage of being small, but if some of our other athletes had taken the interest in their training as this youthful runner did, we would certainly have performed more creditably.

Our thanks are due to Ralph Farrell for his untiring efforts in training the School representatives. He devoted as much as three afternoons per week to coaching, and no doubt without his valuable services, our training would have disappeared altogether.

The following are full results of the School Carnival:—

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards.—Cook, D., 1, Hodgkins 2, Moses, 3. 11 3-5 secs.

220 Yards.—Hodgkins 1, Crowther 2, Moses 3. 24 3-5 secs.

440 Yards.—Hodgkins 1, Crowther 2, Moses 3. 56 4-5 secs.

880 Yards.—Hodgkins 1, Vine 2, Broadhurst 3. 2 mins. 22 secs.

Mile.—Hodgkins 1, Vine 2, Crowther 3. 4 mins. 54 3-5 secs. (record).

High Jump.—Hodgkins (5 ft. 1 in.) 1, McMillan (5 ft.) 2, Hargreaves (4 ft. 9 in.) 3.

Broad Jump.—Crowther (18 ft. 10 in.) 1, Cook, D. (18 ft. 2 in.) 2, McMillan (18 ft. 1½ in.) 3.

Shot Putt.—Bagby (30 ft. 9 in.) 1, Fielder (27 ft. 11 in.) 2, McMillan (27 ft. 6½ in.) 3.

120 *Yards Hurdles.*—Cook, R., 1, Vine 2, Connors 3. 21 secs.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 *Yards.*—Still 1, Hensley 2, Walker 3. 11 3-5 secs.

220 *Yards.*—Still 1, Hensley 2, Street 3. 25 secs.

440 *Yards.*—Street 1, Shappere 2, Hensley 3. 58 4-5 secs.

880 *Yards.*—Shappere 1, Street 2, Hensley 3. 2 mins. 17 3-5 secs.

High Jump.—Shappere (4 ft. 10 in.) 1, Fitzhardinge (4 ft. 9 in.) 2, Still and Street (4 ft. 8 in.) 3.

Broad Jump.—Hensley (17 ft. 5½ in.) 1, Street (16 ft. 9 in.) 2, Still, J. (16 ft. 8½ in.) 3.

Hurdles, 90 Yards.—Street, H., 1, Hensley 2, Still 3. 15 secs.

JUNIOR CADET CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 *Yards.*—Uebel 1, Clarke 2, Roden 3. 12 3-5 secs.

220 *Yards.*—Uebel 1, Roden 2, Clarke 3. 27 2-5 secs.

High Jump.—Greaves (4 ft. 2 in.) 1, Blake and Roden (4 ft. 1 in.) 2.

Broad Jump.—Bramell (14 ft. 4 in.) 1, Hogg and Roden (14 ft. 1 in.) 2.

HANDICAPS.

120 *Club.*—Hartley 1, Masters 2. 13 4-5 secs.

220 *Senior Handicap.*—Mellor 1, McMillan 2, Masters 3. 25 secs.

220 *Junior Handicap.*—Robinson 1, Balkind 2, Kaplin 3. 26 secs.

440 *Senior Handicap.*—Walker 1, Huxtable 2, Crawford 3.

440 *Junior Handicap.*—Robinson 1, Hatcher 2, Clarke 3. 59 3-5 secs.

880 *Senior Handicap.*—Broadhurst 1, Henry 2, Crawford 3.

880 *Junior Handicap.*—Robinson, Thicknesse, Gerard. 2 min. 30 1-5 secs.

Mile Handicap, Open.—Moses, B., 1, Thicknesse, V., 2, Tumpaine, M., 3.

75 *Yards, Under 14 Handicap.*—Ralph Bryan.

100 *Yards Old Boys.*—Burt 1, Randall 2, Lazarus 3. 11 3-5 secs.

880 *Yards Old Boys.*—Burt and Lazarus, dead heat, 1.

Potato Race.—Rees 1, Hatcher 2, Segal 3.

Sack Race.—Dandie, C., 1, Dandie and Vine 2.

Siamese Race.—Chessel and Thorpe 1.

Obstacle Race.—Chessel and Segal 1.

Novelty Event.—Broadhurst and Thicknesse 1.

RELAYS.

Senior.—5th Year 1, 4A 2, 4B 3. *Junior.*—3C 1, 2A, 2, 3A 3. *Junior Cadet.*—1A 1, 1C 2, 1B 3.

TUGS-O'-WAR.

Senior.—5th Year 1, 4B 2, 4A 3. *Junior.*—3C, 1. *Junior Cadet.*—

G.P.S. Sports.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 *Yards.*—J. Carlton (St. Joseph's), 1; R. M. Moore (The King's), 2; H. W. Hattersley (S.C.E.G.S.), 3; C. O'Riordan (St. Ignatius), 4; W. H. Hemingway (Syd. Grammar), 5. Time, 10 3-10s.

220 *Yards.*—J. Carlton (St. Joseph's), 1; R. M. Moore (The King's), 2; W. H. Hemingway (Syd. Grammar), 3; H. W. Hattersley (S.C.E.G.S.), 4; A. J. Porter (Newington), 5. Time, 22 3-5s.

440 *Yards.*—*Teams' Race and Open Championship:*

First Division: D. K. Whytt (The King's), 1; R. Rowe (St. Joseph's), 2; J. S. Smith (Newington), 3; R. W. Saunders (Syd. Grammar), 4; R. Beveridge (Scots), 5. Time, 53 3-5s.

Second Division: W. S. E. Dods (The King's), 1; W. H. Mann (Syd. Grammar), 2; D. H. Kennedy (Scots), 3; J. B. Barker (Newington), 4; W. White (St. Joseph's), 5. Time, 52 3-5s.

Third Division: R. M. Moore (The King's), 1; W. H. Hemingway (Syd. Grammar), 2; J. Sheehan (St. Joseph's), 3; P. L. Carter (Newington), 4; H. Moses (Syd. High), 5. Time, 52 3-5s.

Fourth Division and Championship: J. Carlton (St. Joseph's), 1; F. A. Coventry (King's), 2; D. L. Cowper (Newington), 3; J. D. Grant (Syd. Grammar), 4; D. T. Watters (S.C.E.G.S.), 5. Time, 51 2-5s.

Championship: St. Joseph's, 1; The King's, 2; Newington, 3; Sydney Grammar, 4; Sydney Church of England, 5.

Teams' Race: The King's, 1; St. Joseph's, 2; Sydney Grammar, 3; Newington, 4; The Scots, 5.

880 Yards.—T. F. Cowdroy (S.C.E.G.S.), 1; D. F. Joyce (Newington), 2; O. B. Hall (Scots), 3; S. M. Wansey (King's), 4; E. Trevor Jones (Syd. Grammar), 5. Time, 2m. 4 4-5s.

One Mile.—Teams' Race and Championship:

First Division: B. J. Kenny (Syd. Grammar), 1; J. C. Martin (King's), 2; H. Pinkerton (Newington), 3; W. Allen (Scots), 4; L. J. Richardson (S.C.E.G.S.), 5. Time, 4m. 55 3-5s.

Second Division: R. W. Brabazon (The King's), 1; P. White (Syd. Grammar), 2; A. E. S. Begbie (S.C.E.G.S.), 3; K. S. Parker (Scots), 4; F. J. Whiteman (Armidale), 5. Time, 4m. 48 2-5s.

Third Division: A. H. Gibson (S.C.E.G.S.), 1; J. A. Pearson (King's), 2; M. Tumpane (Syd. High), 3; W. J. Phipps (Syd. Grammar), 4; O. B. Hall (Scots), 5. Time, 4m. 53s.

Fourth Division and Championship: T. G. Cowdroy (S.C.E.G.S.), 1; N. K. Lampert (King's), 2; M. L. Edwards (Scots), 3; E. Trevor Jones (Syd. Grammar), 4; R. B. Walsh (St. Ignatius), 5. Time, 4m. 50s.

Championship: Sydney Church of England, 1; The King's, 2; Scots, 3; Sydney Grammar, 4; Sydney High, 5.

Teams' Race.—Sydney Church of England and The King's, dead-heat, 1; Sydney Grammar, 3; Sydney High and Scots, dead-heat, 4.

120 Yards Hurdles.—H. M. Stewart (The Scots), 1; D. L. Cowper (Newington), 2; C. S. Rowntree (King's), 3; W. White (St. Joseph's), 4; A. H. R. Rupp (Armidale), 5. Time, 16 4-5s.

Running Broad Jump.—K. G. Mazoudier (The King's), 21ft. 1½in., 1; B. Leahy (St. Ignatius), 20ft. 11in., 2; H. M. Stewart (Scots), 20ft. 9in., 3; D. L. Cowper (Newington), 4; B. Rowe (St. Joseph's), 5.

Running High Jump.—T. F. Cowdroy (S.C.E.G.S.) and H. M. Stewart (The Scots), tied at 5ft. 6½in., 1; J. B. Egan (King's), 5ft. 5in., 3; A. H. R. Rupp (Armidale) and R. J. Webster (Newington), tied for fourth.

Putting the 12lb. Shot.—A. B. Gould (Syd. Grammar), 42ft. 2½in., 1; A. A. Dickson (S.C.E.G.S.), 40ft. 2in., 2; H. M. Stewart (Scots), 38ft. 9½in., 3; D. L. Cowper (Newington), 4; F. Johnson (St. Ignatius), 5.

Running Broad Jump.—H. H. Allen (The Scots), 20ft. 1½in., 1; E. W. Silvester (The King's), 2; H. L. Fitzell (Armidale), 3; W. de Glorion (Newington), 4; H. K. Dettmann (Syd. Grammar), 5.

Running High Jump.—R. G. Smith (The Scots), 5ft. 3½in., 1; W. S. Brown (Syd. Grammar) and K. E. Baylis (S.C.E.G.S.), tied at 5ft. 2in., 2; H. C. Wiseman (Newington), 4; E. W. Silvester (King's), 5.

90 Yards Hurdles.—J. R. Bucknall (S.C.E.G.S.), 1; E. W. Silvester (King's), 2; R. G. Smith (Scots), 3; D. Rossell (Syd. Grammar), 4; K. S. Jones (Newington), 5. Time, 13 2-5s.

UNDER 16 CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards.—H. H. Allen (The Scots), 1; D. S. Hicks (Syd. Grammar), 2; J. Still (Syd. High), 3; P. R. Hemery (S.C.E.G.S.), 4; J. H. Byrnes (King's), 5. Time, 11 1-5s.

220 Yards.—M. G. Copp (The Scots), 1; J. Still (Syd. High), 2; P. R. Hemery (S.C.E.G.S.), 3; N. Dunn (Newington), 4; N. D. Fisher (Syd. Grammar), 5. Time, 24 2-5s.

880 Yards.—G. Shappere (Syd. High), 1; W. S. Brown (Syd. Grammar), 2; S. Dunn (Scots), 3; C. P. Ayers (S.C.E.G.S.), 4; J. H. Phillips (King's), 5. Time, 2m. 12s.

One Mile Teams' Race.—Sydney Grammar School (D. S. Hicks, N. Gehrig, W. S. Brown, D. Rossell, A. M. Gollan, T. C. Whittle, H. N. Davies), 1; Sydney Church of England (P. R. Hemery, T. T. Halstead, C. P. Ayers, E. S. Horder, R. R. Young, D. F. Tweedie, R. S. Miller, N. R. Turton), 2; Sydney High, 3; The Scots, 4; St. Ignatius', 5. Time, 3m. 21 2-5s.

UNDER 14 CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards.—P. C. Taylor (S.C.E.G.S.), 1; C. Hodgson (Newington), 2; J. A. Lamble (King's), 3; J. G. Colville (Scots), 4; E. Greaves (Syd. High), 5. Time, 12 1-5s.

220 Yards.—P. C. Taylor (S.C.E.G.S.), 1; C. Hodgson (Newington), 2; J. A. Lamble (King's), 3; J. G. Colville (Scots), 4; E. Greaves (Syd. High), 5. Time, 27s.

Running High Jump.—B. Rooke (St. Ignatius'), 4ft. 9in., 1; J. Kessell (S.C.E.G.S.), 4ft. 8in., 2; R. H. Everingham (Armidale), 4ft. 7in., 3; I. M. Macready (Newington), and G. N. Raffan (King's) tied for fourth.

POINTS SCORED.

Senior.—The King's School, 50½; Sydney Church of England Grammar School, 40; St. Joseph's College, 32; The Scots' College, 29; Sydney Grammar School, 23; Newington College, 21½; St. Ignatius' College, 8; the Armidale School, 2½; Sydney High School, 2½.

Junior.—Sydney Church of England Grammar School, 45; The Scots' College, 44; Sydney Grammar School, 26; The King's School, 20½; Sydney High School, 21; Newington College, 18½; St. Ignatius' College, 9; the Armidale School, 6.

TO MARY ANN STREET, ULTIMO.

*The promised year is well nigh past
Since first our hopes were fixed fast.
Ah, would that this might be the last,
My Mary!*

*The odours have no fainter flow;
I see them daily stronger grow;
'Twas thy bad flavour brought me low,
My Mary!*

*But well thou play'st the boneyard's part,
And all thy deeds of blackest art
Have wound themselves around my heart,
My Mary!*

*Thy grimy roads once clean and bright (?)
Are none less lovely to the sight
Than thy dread prowlers of the night,
My Mary!*

*For could I view nor them nor thee,
What sight worth seeing could I see?
Satan would rise in vain for me,
My Mary!*

*And should my future lot be cast
Too near the precincts of my past,
My worn-out heart would break at last,
My Mary!*

B.J.D., with apologies to W. Cowper.

CLASS NOTES.

4A.

You have wondered, no doubt, at the long silence of our literary genii, but lo! the seed of intellect which has for so long lain dormant has stirred and blossomed forth in all its glory in this, our bulletin.

Scholastically, we have been kept quite up to the mark, owing to the ever-present prospect of a "through-ticket." We extend our deepest sympathy to the 4C. teachers.

The debating team was composed almost entirely of our representatives: Crawford, Clay, and Dunnett.

We have also been well represented in the sporting-field. Street, the under 16 athletic school champion, Cook and Dunnett, ran in the G.P.S. meeting. Second, third and fourth grade football claims some of our members, as do second grade tennis and third grade cricket.

Led by "Miss 4A," our hair-parting abilities have greatly improved. Hair-oil is in the vogue, closely rivalled by vaseline. The salubrious air from the Tech. has been displaced by the appearance of budding "Vaselinos."

During the year, historical students received practical demonstrations of the Crusades, and now we can no longer offer as an excuse for neglected homework: "Page nibbled out of my book."

We are told that fourth year is an easy year. In that case, by next year, some one will have to invent nibs that will not shrink. Others say that fourth-year is a "bed of roses." We don't know about the roses, but the bushes are there in abundance, judging by the thorns.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Harrison for the able manner in which he has organised our culture period. Along with Mr. Peake, we specially thank him for the interest he has taken in the fourth year dramatic groups.

During the year fifteen scholarships were made available to us for the Sydney School of Arts. Whom we have to thank, we do not know, but the responsible party has our most sincere gratitude.

4A. extends heartiest wishes for success to the I.C. and L.C. candidates, and we hope that their results will be such as to inspire us in our next year's efforts.

The "Coates" Library has been placed at our disposal, and is very popular. May we all fulfil Mr. Harrison's expectations of an intellectual "renaissance"!

4B.

Hello! Hello! Station 4B. S.H.S., speaking from Room 4, at the foot of the stairs!

We sincerely hope that the masters have found our work more or less satisfactory, reminding them, however, that we have been obeying tradition from time immemorial of the old School, and recuperating from last year's efforts.

Talking of exams., there is certainly an element in our midst which tends towards failing in the exams., so that it may become occupant of that magnificent new school which has been worrying the authorities so much lately.

4B. claims the undisputed title of possessing the baggiest "bags," and the finest exponents in the whole School, firm in their belief that the Charleston is "a thing of beauty and a joy for ever."

We have a reluctant confession to make. Though we have been well catered for, morally and spiritually, by the clerical influence amongst us, a certain foreign element has been rampant and instrumental in causing a deterioratory effect.

Please do not misconstrue this statement, as the reputation of 4B. and hence of the School would undoubtedly be compromised. However, it is "an ill wind which blows nobody good," and that self-same element has certainly helped to spread our fame as a sporting community.

In all branches of sport we have shone individually, for rowing, football, cricket and even those manly games (?) of tennis and shooting have received the support of various members of this class. E. P. Fielder, who was a member of the eight, is an outstanding figure, but Hepper and Peach, who rowed in the second four which gave Grammar such a hard fight for second place in the race, deserve honourable mention. All of these mentioned played first or second grade football, Hepper in particular being one of our best "pigs" (although he is Miss 4B.), earning selection in the All-Schools' Thirds.

Waine, too, after starting the season in the seconds, proved to the powers that be that he was "wasting his sweetness on the desert air" and gained a place (which he retained till the end of the season) in the firsts. Peach, Fielder and Hannon performed yeoman service in the seconds. Special mention must be made of Huxtable, who early in the season was rescued from the ranks of the tennis fiends and, starting in the thirds, worked himself up through the seconds to a couple of games in the firsts, playing well against Scots and Fort Street. This latter, too, gained a place in the first XI. on the strength of his half-century against Central Tech., despite 000000000, and with some encouragement and a "fair go" should do well there. Peach and Hipper both play seconds, the latter the other day compiling quite a

good 52 and revealing good form in subsequent matches. We must not forget Piddington, who drags cannons around in his spare time and who was considered good enough for the first rifle team; and Richardson, who performed creditably in the C.H.S. singles tennis championship.

Now we have nothing further to say, so we'll say it (clever epigram, isn't it?)—but we learn them in fourth year, so after wishing best of luck in the forthcoming exams. to the years between which we are sandwiched, we will close down. Our next session will commence in fifth year, so now, Good-night, little ones! Good-night, sweethearts! Gooood - ni—ght!

4C.

The wandering fourth year class greets you. Although wandering from place to place for several subjects, we settle in the one room for Maths.

Here we have a member who carried off the junior athletic cup. Congratulations, Street!

Several of our members are well to the fore in football; one has already attained first grade honours, while others play with the seconds. These points, and the fact that we are leading in the class cricket competition, show that we can hold our own in the realms of sport.

The interest manifested in washing lessons is apparent by the queue at the windows opening into the Tech.

Our old friends, the pigeons and rats, pay us frequent visits, but one very capable big-game hunter has been busy all over the School with traps and poison. The class-rooms are not so crowded now, leaving more room for our talent.

3C.

We appear once more in these pages as 3C., but for the last time, our commercial course being ended; and so we will no longer grope about in the darkness of Room 1, or amuse ourselves drawing "pretty postcards." Our class is very small; we commenced with forty odd and now we are below the twenty line; but our class only falls short in numbers, for we are very good at sport and studies. At the G.P.S. we had four representatives—Larsen, Bagby, Walker and Hensley. Owing to the success of our swimmers and our tug-o'-war team, we will have two cakes at the end of the year: but, remembering how the cake was shared last year, the teams will be lucky if they get one cake between them.

With the Inter. looming near, we are all working at our utmost, and for the first time in our history we, or some of us, stayed back one afternoon to delve into the mysteries of book-keeping. Also, our conduct has improved for a certain lesson.

All the teachers are giving us a final polish up, and we have to be very cautious with the words "never" and "very." Never-

theless, our class is going to put up a creditable performance in the coming test of knowledge and ignorance.

2A.

There are deep rumblings of thunder, and from the blackness beyond, there comes a point of light which approaches and grows in size and intensity till, with a climatic clap, it bursts into myriads of streaks of flame, and there, written in blazing letters of fire, stands "2A."

Class activity in the different branches of sport is much more successful this season than in any previous ones. We were runners-up in the football "comp." after striving strenuously with 2B to gain the premier position. Cricket is in full swing at present and we are an absolute certainty for the cake. Rifle shooting has its representatives from 2A., but there is a suspension of that branch of school sport also, mainly because of the Intermediate and Leaving Certificate Exams. Swimming and rowing have also a few enthusiasts.

The "yearly" came with all its terrors, and there was an unusual interest in text and note books, and it was the more conspicuous because there were cheers when it was announced that sport had been suspended on the day before the exam. But virtue has its own reward, for when the exam. did come, the majority of the class was in the position to repeat Caesar's famous words, "Veni, vidi, vici!"

During the present half-year 2A. was taken into another phase of class activity, for "The Tale of Two Cities" was dramatized and acted and, as a result of our whole-hearted labours, some scenes were played in public in Turner Hall.

Poor 2A! Its life of ease and partial idleness is ended. Soon we shall be moved into another room where the seats and desks are firmly fixed. No more for us the pleasure of balancing our chairs on one or two legs; no more the delightful pastime of making the desks screech or rattle, much to the annoyance of our worthy masters; no more the excuse of not sitting properly on four legs owing to the absence of one of them. Without these pleasures life will be unbearable. But why mourn for them yet? "While there's life, there's hope," so let's pray that there is an insufficient number of fixed seats in our new room.

As for lessons, we have much pleasure in presenting to you the world-famed

"Our Calendar"

(So named after Ovid's "Fasti.")

In French we are at present learning about Pocahontas' adventures amongst the Indian squaws, papooses, and tepees, "for she is a heroine of your country whom I have sought to make known."

We had a "sporting chance" in Latin, until we were given Caesar, and then we were captivated by his "marvellous" description of Britain, and the only thing we wonder at is that Brutus did not stab Caesar earlier. Now we are also delving into Ovid, and are wondering what the story of "How a Swindler Says His Prayers" will be like.

In Science we have learnt why a piebald cow is so uncomfortable in hot weather, since the black parts absorb more heat than the white.

In English we have "Great Expectations" of doing well next year, but not wishing to use any hackneyed expressions generally employed by second year classes on the verge of Intermediate year, we will let this be the end of our Calendar (with a capital "C"), and, for the last time in the annals of the School and in the column of the "Record," sign ourselves,

On one Wednesday afternoon some time ago, a very enjoyable cricket match was played between North Sydney's second year "A," and that of Sydney High. Mr. Paynter kindly arranged the match.

North Sydney started strongly, having three for thirty-three, but later all were out for ninety-eight.

Our opening was disastrous, for there were no less than four wickets down for one. But, thanks to Simonsen, this "rot" was saved. He played the bowling easily, and scored no less than fifty-nine, hitting twelve fours. The remaining batsmen scored the necessary runs. We turned out winners by twenty runs. We gave North Sydney three cheers, to which they heartily responded. It was a suitable ending to a perfect day.

2B.

Once again we make our appearance in the *Record*.

Our anxiety ended with the close of the yearly examination, and it is with light hearts and cheery optimism that we view our prospects as a third year class.

We have met with fair success at sport. In the junior football competition which has just ended, we are pleased to say that we showed our talent by winning.

At the recent swimming carnival our success was mostly due to the efforts of Buxton, Heaton and Jago.

Two members of our class, Morgan and Clubb, have succeeded admirably as representatives of the School XI.

In conclusion, we tender heartiest wishes to the Intermediate and Leaving Certificate candidates for unqualified success.

1A.

This is the last time we are able to record our exploits as 1A. We now near the completion of a year which, on the whole, has been bright with success in school and sport.

Our class newspaper, the "1A Chronicle," ably upholds first-year literature (?). The one desire of our youthful lives at

present is that that ominous shadow of the November exams, which rapidly approaches, will quickly pass over.

We voice here our resentment at the abolition of that useful branch of artillery—paper-shooting—sincerely agreeing with some politicians that “defence is the country’s greatest asset.”

Meals in class are also a vital necessity: starvation will only degenerate work, sport and play. Yet, unique as it is, we seem to be able to sustain ourselves on such foodstuffs as paper, ends of pens, and so forth.

Our football season, although containing some deplorable defeats, was not entirely unsuccessful, there being a number of close matches, as well as victories. We have a couple of grade players, and many show merit.

Our cricket team contains a number of W. G. Grace’s, and we hover between third and fourth in the class competition. A certain prime class of poultry, said by some to excel in divers points the fowls, is very excellent eating with many of our cricketers. At every match we have some who irrepressibly advocate the fine flavour of this delicacy.

We were well represented at the annual swimming carnival, Thorpe and others achieving our successes; also at the athletic meeting, where we won the first year relay.

Tennis is not indulged in to any great extent.

The recreations of the class consist in ink fights (red being preferred, as it makes the thing more realistic), ruler warfare, and maybe the amiable occupation of extracting as large a clump of hair from your mate’s head as possible.

But with the advent of a certain lumbersome elephant, rejoicing in the title of “Jumbo,” all these little pleasantries soon cease.

We are often in positions when a little wireless telegraphy between ourselves and those resting back confidently in the knowledge that they have learnt their work, would be very handy, n’est-ce pas?

Well, good-night, we have some Latin to do—conjugating “nihil,” you know.

And anyhow, you shall have to flee—quick! Here comes our stout R—b—n, who, armed with an excellent cold, will, by sneezing, blow either your brains out or your head off.

1B.

We are appearing before the *Record* for the first time, and as a class, we are making steady progress.

Under the excellent teaching of Mr. Woodward, we are progressing favourably. Unfortunately, we occupy Room II., and forty-three boys, fed on canary seed, wanting to sing French songs, are debarred from developing their talent owing to the type of room we possess.

Our cricket team was not very fortunate, but we are not downhearted.

Chester, of our class, honours the second eleven with his presence, and has been very successful.

In the School choir we are well represented, and, unlike our French choir, we are allowed to fully exercise our musical talent.

1C.

As a class, 1C. started off full of hope, which, however, was soon shattered by the introduction of the "golding" rule, consisting of x , x^2 , etc. (No. *We* learnt Australian long ago, and we aren't in love, either.)

Our picnic was a great success, though such oddments as a tie, serviette, pair of white pants, etc., were lost, and as the losers were the only ones who missed them, it mattered little. No accidents occurred, as everything was done on purpose.

And now we are hopefully awaiting glory or disaster, in the form of our reports. Please, Mr. Saxby, why don't you send them after the holidays?

ULTIMO.

As one walks down George Street—George Street with its beautiful shops, multi-coloured clad people, wide traffic ways, its tram-cars and magnificent limousines and Fords—one would not think that scarcely a quarter of a mile away such a place as Ultimo could exist. But such is fact.

Think of small, dirty terraces, that day by day in every way are being made more grimy by still grimmer factories and foundries, with the dust-laden air being made more dense by the odour of skins, bad fruit and fish, and through which the sunbeams struggle and squeeze their way to the miserable inhabitants—and you have Ultimo in a nut-shell.

To get to this scene of hopelessness is easy enough (if one has the good luck to have a cold or some other means of vaccination against the already mentioned combined smells). From the well-known Saunders Corner one walks down Quay Street until the well-known markets are reached, then the turn to the left is taken and Ultimo is reached (for I don't think anyone knows the exact boundary).

Perhaps the only redeeming feature of this unique place is that the renowned S.H.S. honours it with its presence. Though it is not perhaps a very magnificent structure, it is quite ancient and historical. This, however, in the sweet by and bye is to be deserted by its scholars and then—Oh, then—*poor* Ultimo.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Sir,—

(To the Editor.)

It seems fitting to bring under School notice a matter which has been voiced in complaint more than once, though never, to the best of my knowledge, officially. Those who played or attended grade football matches last season must have realised how far behind our various opponents we fell in the matter of appearance. Our football togs, supposed to be a uniform, were a disgrace. Although the blue knickers and school socks were worn, the most conspicuous thing of all—our jersey—made its appearance in every shade of brown imaginable. Everybody offended, because nobody had the standard colour.

Could not arrangements be made through the Union for the supply by one firm, to the 1st XV., good quality jerseys of a standard colour? The members of the team would, I feel sure, be willing to pay for their jerseys at the ordinary rates, or perhaps a decrease owing to the number ordered.

Another thing is the wearing of the School badge on the jersey. Cannot steps be taken to notify regular members of the team of their standing, and compel them at least to wear their badges?

We must remember that, though it isn't the clothes that make the man, the knowledge of one's neatness raises one's pride, and a team with some self-respect and pride in itself can always have more pride in its doings. Ask the chap with the greased hair, and he'll tell you it's a fact.

At any rate, I hope that someone will be found with sufficient interest to bring this up in a Union meeting; and I feel sure that a meeting of the members of the team and an explanation would secure their co-operation and support in the "beautification" of their team.

Yours faithfully,

"ONE OF THEM."

EDITORS' NOTES.

We note with this issue, we are pleased to say, an increased flow of contributions. We are pleased, in spite of the fact that some gentle persuasion was used in several cases. But at the same time we must not forget that quantity does not necessarily mean quality. Indeed, we are afraid that the standard in many cases left much to be desired. Having noted many points in which improvement could be carried out, we would like to suggest a few simple faults that could be eradicated in future.

The first and most objectionable error is the presentation of articles. The Editorial Staff actually received some contributions written in light pencil. This should not be; an article well written on pad paper—not on exercise sheets—has far more chance of passing the staff than has an article badly written and on scraps of paper. Your aim should be to help the staff, not inconvenience them.

Then, in many cases, articles were sent in without signatures. Contributors such as these cannot expect the Editor to make any comments on their articles in this column.

Then a final fault, which was very prominent, was the lack of revision of matter. Simple, avoidable errors were made, simply because contributors would not take the trouble to read through their articles.

The matter of class notes is still far from satisfactory. It is generally considered an honour to be asked to write the class notes; but this position seems to be avoided as much as possible in this School, with the exception of one or two classes. For a class to send in no notes at all is a reflex on its spirit. It is depressing to have to write in this vein; but the matter needs urgent consideration.

See to the class notes next time, for the number of original contributions was certainly more encouraging this time than last.

"Alf": "Those Contributions."—You commenced well, but ending was faulty in places.

H. Abramovich: Good thought expressed, but construction irregular.

P. V. Baxter (2A): Fairly well written, but subject not suitable.

J.S.B.: "First Impressions" far too long; your "Spring" appears in this issue.

"Bullet": Do well in class paper.

F. K. Bowler: Fair attempt, but too melodramatic.

J. Clark (4th Year): Your verse is too faulty in construction; while your story tinges of one which appeared in a daily paper.

R. G. Cheshier (2A): We want vivid and graphic description if possible.

A. H. Clarke (2A): Not yet up to standard. Try again.

O. Connolly: "Evening" with slight improvement would suit next issue.

BOOKS FOR X-mas--BOOKS FOR eX-ams

X-mas and eX-ams: What a difference! One so X-tra "jolly", the other so jolly "X-tra". Being an eX-"high" boy, don't I know it. But I also know from X-perience that both X-mas and eXams can be improved "out of sight" if one has the RIGHT BOOKS and LITERATURE. That's why you should call before going anywhere else, at my BOOKSHOP, at 103 Castlereagh Street, (between Market Street and The Tivoli Theatre) for:-

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E. Dandie (4th Year): This style of article needs to be very well written to succeed.

K. Griffiths (4th Year): See R. G. Chesher (2A). Your free verse was too fragmentary; but it was a good effort.

"Grub" (2A): See Bowler and "Bullet."

F. Hatcher: Your verse too prosaic, and your "Reminiscences" hardly up to standard.

W. Hingle: Your poem marred by third stanza.

"Amor": I wonder how you could send such an article in; use your talents on something better.

"Incognito": "The Stream" much better than the other, but still not up to standard.

H. King: "Surfing" too prosaic.

F. W. Little: You are a good contributor, with a sense of humour; but your sonnet is faulty in construction.

R. Malor: See A. H. Clarke (2A).

A. McGuinness: For verse see R. Malor; your tale too melodramatic.

B. McDonald: See Editor's Notes in regard to presentation.

A. Moir: Subject not suitable for a school journal.

—, Neve: See R. Malor.

W.N. (4B): See H. King for your verse.

A.G.P.: Good style, but composition weak.

H. Segal: Your subjects hardly up to 4th Year standard.

A. Segal: Too slangy and scarcely suitable.

N.M.S.: Staff appreciated your humour, but language too slangy.

F.C.S.: See A. H. Clarke (2A).

C. Stephen: See H. Segal.

M.J.L.S.: See R. G. Chesher (2A).

H. E. Street: Verse is faulty in construction, while your prose is weak though a good theme.

E.C.S.: Not yet up to standard.

J. Taylor: See B. McDonald.

H. Wallace: See F. N. Little; your construction weak. We need more contributors with your spirit.

A. Watts: See R. Malor.

S. Davis (1A): You are a good trier; try again next issue and you will succeed.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge the valuable assistance he has received from his staff. The staff this year was a fairly large one, but they worked smoothly and without friction, and what could quite easily have been a burdensome task to the Editor has been made more in the nature of a pleasure.

Our thanks are also due to Mr. Peake, who has given us valuable advice throughout the work.

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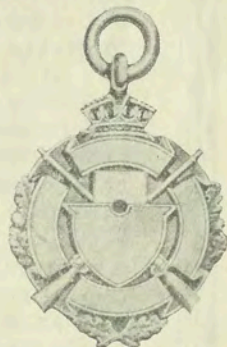
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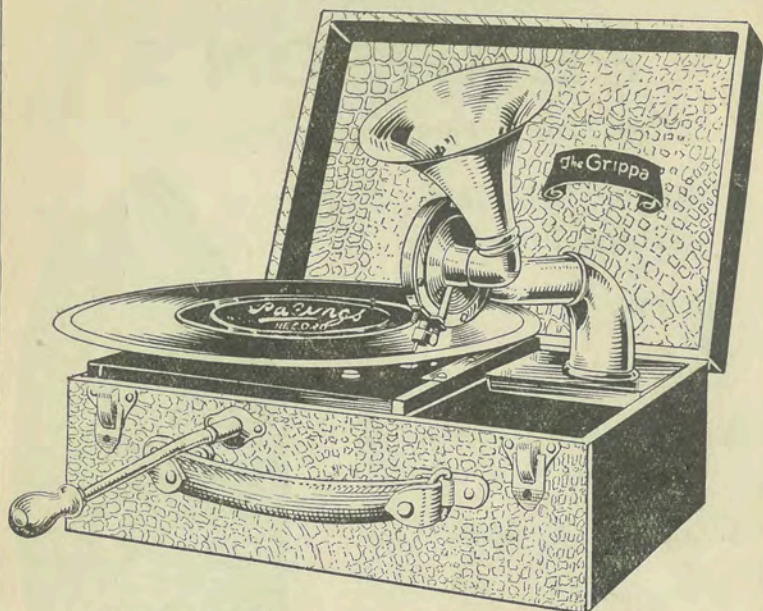
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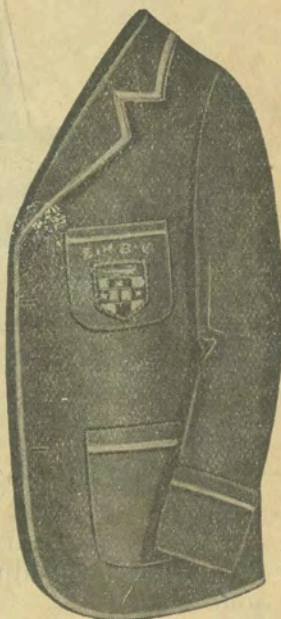
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