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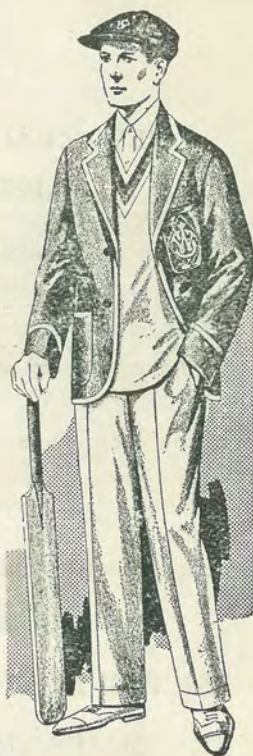
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"THE RELATION OF SCHOOL TO THE COMMUNITY,"

Though education and school life are problems of paramount importance in the world to-day; though the flavour of future society, and the standard of world legislation rests solely on these; how many people do we find seriously considering this matter—"The Relation of School to the Community"? There are, I admit, many commendable institutions for guiding and fostering the juvenile mind in the right direction, but, in my opinion, a question of this importance calls for world-wide elucidation and discussion. Let us consider just a few of its most important aspects.

The world is suffering now the inevitable reaction of past mistakes, but the fact of interest to us is that Australia, our country, is struggling against the greatest crisis of her young life. Never before in history was so much needed the guidance of an energetic cohesive government, and if the scholars of to-day are the leaders of to-morrow, if in their hands rests the destiny of their country; how all important is it that they should be educated to broadminded capable gentlemen. But if school fails to teach them the value of team spirit and the duty to their country, how possibly can they be fit to pilot Australia through treacherous seas of government? Such is one great link between school and the community.

Another indispensable factor in a country's progress is the influence of a refined and progressive society. Education is fundamentally the culture of the mind, and that in its turn is the antidote to cynicism and brutality. Just as "virtue is its own reward," so education is sufficient in itself to contest the lower passions of humanity, and though we cannot turn the world into an Utopian paradise, we can, through our schools, make it lofty and prosperous.

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I make an appeal to the pupils of this School, as we are to be the future leaders of our country, as its welfare rests in our hands, let us throw off this morbid depression, and cultivate a cheerful, broadminded disposition; a pride in our country and a sympathy for the oppressed; let us, with the advent of a new year, the coming year of 1932, take up the spirit of reform and goodwill, as Tennyson expresses it in his famous poem, "In Memoriam":

"Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good."

—R. E. A.

LIBRARY REPORT.

The most remarkable indication of the Library's progress during the current year has been the greatly increased demand for books each Friday. Recently a count was made of all the books taken out during the greater part of this year and on comparison with the corresponding portion of 1930, the increase was found to be more than fifty per cent. of last year's total. Much can be ascribed to the growth of the school and the greater interest taken by boys in the Library, but part, at least, must be attributed to the adoption of the number system by which the time of entering books has been reduced to a minimum and long queues have been thereby eliminated. Nor must it be forgotten that more boys are now using the Library each afternoon after school since under the present system, a wise policy introduced by last year's English staff, books are issued only over the week-end, remaining in the Library during days of school, and are therefore available for reference.

This year we have continued the custom of paying directly into the School Union all money received in fines. Last February, the fine was reduced from its previous high value of twopence per day to a penny per day. Despite this reduction, no curtailment of revenue was experienced, even though boys seem now to exercise more care in regard to returning books on the correct date.

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Green, of Second Year, recently placed in the Library a set of Cassell's "History of England," since he and his fellow class librarians thought that these volumes would then be put to greater use than if left in 2A class library. The out-going Fifth Year also created a new precedent by contributing towards a copy of MacCallum's "Shakespeare's Roman Plays," which E. Hyman presented, and which Mr. Saxby received on behalf of the School. These two examples reveal the existence of a spirit which should be encouraged, and will reveal to our many good friends, notably the Parents and Citizens' Association, that the boys of the School are willing to do their bit.

—H. WHAITE.

SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL UNION NOTES.

This present Year of Grace, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-One, has been, and to a certain extent remains, a period of considerable difficulty and anxiety for those responsible for the government and successful conduct of the affairs of the Union.

From the beginning it appeared more than likely that, notwithstanding the large increase in school enrolment, there was not going to be a proportionate increase in the membership of the Union. And as the year advanced, what was at first a hazard, became a fact, and the Union was forced to take stock of the situation.

The problem of the lad who, through no fault of his own, was debarred from the privileges and advantages which membership of the Union bestowed, was met by a regulation, covering this year only, permitting all boys to take part in the School games whether fully paid members or not.

The fact that a large number of boys, considerably more than we anticipated, availed themselves of this concession, had a serious bearing on our finances, and the most rigid economy in expenditure had to be exercised. We were assisted therein to a considerable extent by the various bodies with whom we have been associated. The Centennial Park Cricket Association, the Sydney Cricket Ground, Randwick Council, and the N.S.W. Cricket Association, all made important reductions in their scale of charges, for which the Union is very grateful. We were also able to make considerable savings in the hire of tennis courts and the purchase of necessary sports material.

At the moment when there was every prospect of the Union weathering the storm, the Savings Bank closed and left us well nigh stranded. However, through the generosity of the Parents and Citizens' Association, and the Old Boys' Union, both of which

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bodies placed money at our disposal, and the exercise of still more economy, we were able to carry on and hope that by the end of the year, with the utmost assistance that every boy in the school is able to give, we will have a very small debit to our account, a credit is rather too much to hope for just now.

One of the largest items of expense has been the cost of producing the "Record," and we could not see our way clear to shouldering this burden at the present time unless there was a prospect of the magazine paying for itself wholly or in greater part at least. Reluctantly, therefore, a charge was made for both issues, the first one being sold at sixpence, and the present at a shilling. The School stood loyally by the executive in the matter of the first issue, every copy being purchased, and we are confident that the second issue will be treated in like manner.

A departure from established practice in the constitution of the committee of the Union was made during the year in that a representative from the Parents and Citizens' Association attended its meetings with a view to expressing the opinions of his Association on matters in which that body was interested. Such an innovation was long overdue, and the Union welcomes such an addition to its deliberative strength.

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Secretary of the Old Boys' Union making a request for a like representation from that body. The committee has not yet had an opportunity of dealing officially with the matter, but it is safe to forecast that a like courtesy will be extended to the O.B.U. as to the P. & C. Association. Both these bodies have been of the greatest assistance to the School, and a harmonious co-operation between them and the Union committee must be productive of good for the School generally.

In the future, a very near future now, such co-operation will become imperative, inasmuch as the magnificent grounds at Centennial Park, for which we have to thank the O.B.U., will be ready for use, and plans will of necessity have to be made to deal with their upkeep and management.

For this purpose, a conference was called late in October and tentative proposals were made. Nothing final, however, was accomplished, in fact, such was not intended, but useful information was given and some suggestions made which will form the basis for future discussions which must take place on this very important matter.

It is with very great regret that we have to record the resignation of Eric Hyman from the position of Assistant Secretary to the Union. Eric, better known to the rank and file as Captain and Prefect, has performed yeoman service in this less conspicuous but, nevertheless, very important post. We wish him every success in the examination and a happy and successful future, both of which he thoroughly deserves.

DEBATING.

In the G.P.S. Section, Sydney High School was represented by Davis Chapman and Hyman. There were, as usual, three debates leading up to the final. The members of our team showed very marked powers of analysis and discussion in subjects which called forth the best that was in them. They were not successful in winning the Shield, and if they erred in any respect, it was, perhaps, in over-confidence in themselves, as more than once they refused offers of help from the master in the charge of debating. We congratulate the S.C.E.G.S. in carrying off final honours for the second time in succession.

In the Inter-High School Debates, we won against Parramatta, but lost to Technical High School, to whom we also offer our congratulations as winners of the Hume-Barbour Trophy.

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FAREWELL TO FIFTH YEAR.

For several years the pupils of the present Fifth Year have dreamed of the future, after leaving school, regarding it more as an enticing romance rather than something necessitous of serious thought. Now their idle conjectures have turned to realism, their school days are over and they are faced with the prospect of the hard struggle of life. From Fifth Year may come the future doctors and lawyers of our age, or perhaps politicians capable to govern and legislate for our country. But their existence is revealed alone to the gods, yet we trust that fate will prove herself kind to give them prosperous, contented life.

For a year they have been the competent leaders of Sydney High School; they have worthily upheld the highest traditions of the School in sport and in learning; and now they must pass on and hand the "torch" of leadership to the coming Fifth Year of 1932. School should be to the boy much more than a source of education, and our own particularly should arouse in him a feeling of pride and a sense of responsibility so that he learn to glory in her victories and try to encourage and help her in her defeats. If the present Fifth Year are affected in this way, surely they must deeply regret leaving "High," the scene, perhaps, of the happiest years of their lives.

I feel confident I express the sentiments of every individual in the School when I say that we wish them the greatest success and a life of contented prosperity. May they always remember their days here; may they always try to live up to the Laws of Sportsmanship and the Code of Honour of our School, while the motto "Veritate et Virtute," perhaps the finest in the world, rings constantly in their ears to urge them to the higher, finer things of life.

But there is also the brighter side of this farewell. They are going forth stalwart Australians, intellectually and physically equipped "to war with the world and win," and if they carry the spirit of Sydney High School with them, they will remain faithful to their King and Country and fight and die, if necessary, to protect Australian interests at home and abroad. We, the pupils of Sydney High, want them to feel that they are supported and respected in every quarter of the School, that we wish them success in the enterprise of Life, and hope that they will always remain faithful to the school.

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FOOTBALL REPORT.

During the 1931 season the School's football teams maintained a good standard and performed in a creditable manner. This was due mainly to the attention paid to the teams by the respective coaches, Messrs. Wotton, Hallet, Bilbe, Duncan and Schrader, and to the fact that in the majority of cases the teams were represented by boys who had trained seriously and conscientiously during the season.

The First XV fully appreciate the action of a number of boys of the Junior School, who attended all their G.P.S. fixtures throughout the year. They would like to see the Senior School take a similar interest in their teams, seeing that there is no dearth of players. They also appreciate the actions of Eric Hyman, who assisted at all matches; of C. Ryan, who acted as linesman throughout the season, and of K. Park, who performed the duties of "ball-boy."

1st XV.

Under the captaincy of Chapman, the 1st XV developed into a well-balanced side, and the football displayed was of a high order. The team reached third position in the G.P.S. table, defeating Newington, Church of England, Scots College and The King's School, and being defeated by St. Ignatius', St. Joseph's and Grammar.

During the season the School recorded its initial win against The King's School, to the tune of 21-3. In this game the School players excelled themselves, McKinnon especially doing good work. The "Sunday Sun" reported the match thus:—"Determined running and accurate kicking by the High School three-quarters continually found holes in the defence, and Nichols,

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McKinnon and Hennessy made full use of every opportunity."

In the G.P.S. Combined sides five of the team gained places, namely: R. White, T. Hennessy (capt.), H. Davis and G. Mac-Arthur in the 2nd XV, and H. Taprell in the 3rds. All these representatives performed up to standard and enhanced their reputations.

In the C.H.S. competition the side was undefeated in the preliminary rounds, but was defeated by N.S.H.S. in the semi-final.

Following are the results during the season:—

v. P.H.S.—won 57-0	v. S.I.C.—lost 6-12
v. H.A.C.—won 6-3	v. N.C.—won 16-6
v. T.H.S.—won 35-3.	v. S.C.E.G.S.—won 16-8
v. F.S.H.S.—won 14-6.	v. T.S.C.—won 19-6
v. N.S.H.S.—won 26-3	v. T.K.S.—won 21-3
v. C.H.S.—won 15-6	v. S.J.C.—lost 8-33
v. N.S.H.S.—lost 9-11.	v. S.G.S.—lost 6-14
v. T.A.S.—won 26-18	

2nd XV.

This side was successful in the C.H.S. competition, defeating N.S.H.S. in the final. They played good football both in G.P.S.

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and C.H.S., and showed excellent combination and teamwork in their play. All matches were keenly contested, and the team showed a good fighting spirit. They should form the basis of a good 1st XV next season.

In C.H.S. matches they played 8, winning 6, losing 1 and drawing 1.

3rd XV.

In the early part of the season they gave promise of developing into a good side and won their matches comfortably, but in the semi-final in C.H.S. they were defeated by F.S.H.S.

Their list of 3 matches won is very creditable considering that most of them were in the region of 8st. 7lbs.

4th XV.

This grade was considerably handicapped this season through injuries, Wills and Ford in particular having been lost through this cause. Another reason for failure, apart from lack of keenness on the part of some in turning up to practice, was the scarcity of boys able to make the weight.

Though the team finished well down, many of the games were lost by small margins.

Butler, as captain, was always reliable, as was Kasch as half-back and Meadows showed great promise at full-back. In the forwards, Hopman, Watson, Brown and Lander did good service.

The team played 6 games; 2 won and 4 lost.

5th XV.

Fifth Grade, though unfortunate as to accidents, had a very successful season and played very fine football. The team played the game in the spirit of a game and for the game's sake.

The side lost to Technical in the rounds, but defeated all others, including Canterbury, the ultimate winners. In the semi-final the game was lost 3-6 after an extra 10 minutes had been played.

H. Perry made an excellent full-back; R. Ring was the star three-quarter, and was well supported by M. Hall, Wheatley, Nettleship, Martin and Wolfe. McCallum was the pick of the forwards and had good helpers in Smith, Seward and Hind.

We were highly delighted by the spirit and play of all the Fifts.

6th XV.

Sixth Grade again carried off the honours. The team lost one game to Technical, and that was close.

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The team was well-balanced and played good football. There were plenty of aspirants for the team, and the practices were good.

Marshall as full-back was safe; Fielder, captain and five-eighths, did best work among the backs. He had good men with him in Cornforth, A. Johnson, A. M. Johnson, Lunford and Newhouse. The forwards were strong, and in Homer, Rose, Kent, Purcell and Butler had players of distinct promise.

This team, too, was a credit to the School in every respect. We congratulate them.

C. K. PATON, Secretary.

An Appreciation.

The School Football Club has been very fortunate in having had a conscientious and efficient secretary in Chad. Paton. For two years he has guided the destinies of the Club, and the results obtained during the last season or two are partly due to his efficiency. As a social worker he proved a capable organiser, being secretary and treasurer of the three very successful socials held during his tenure of office.

In conclusion, we hope that his future career will prove as beneficial to him as he has proved to us.

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G.P.S. FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Year	Church of England Grammar	Sydney Grammar	King's School	New'ton College	Saint Ignatius' College	Saint Joseph's College	Scots College
1909		Lost 17-3			Lost 12-Nil		
1910 1	Lost 39-Nil	Lost 6-Nil	Lost 59-Nil	Lost 42-Nil	Lost 20-3	Lost 12-Nil	
1910 2	Lost 17-3	Lost 24-Nil	Lost 74-Nil	Lost 29-Nil	Lost 3-Nil	S.H.S. forfeited	
1911	No team	entered					
1912	No team	entered				Lost 12-3	
1913							
1914 1	Lost 23-9	Lost 22-3		Lost 15-8	Lost 17-3	Lost 22-Nil	
1914 2	Won 6-3					Lost 42-17	
1915		Lost 17-3					
1916		Lost 24-3	Lost 15-3	Lost 27-3	Lost 27-6	Lost 13-3	Won 30-3
1917	Lost 23-3		S.H.S. forfeited	Lost 31-3	Lost 39-8	Lost 33-8	Won 13-6
1918	Lost 20-3	Lost 26-Nil	Lost 58-Nil	Draw 11-11	Lost 37-8	Lost 31-3	Won 16-11
1919	Lost 27-3	Lost 96-Nil	Lost 50-Nil	Lost 40-Nil	Lost 29-8	Lost 52-Nil	Lost 24-11
1920	Lost 46-3	Lost 52-Nil	Lost 52-Nil	Lost 27-5	Lost 92-3	Lost 49-8	Lost 14-3
1921	Lost 26-3	Lost 40-Nil	Lost 32-3	Lost 28-3	Lost 51-Nil	Lost 35-Nil	Lost 17-3
1922	Won 12-8	Lost 29-4	Lost 36-6	Lost	Lost 18-8	Lost 30-3	Won 23-14
1923	Lost 3-Nil	Lost 28-Nil	Lost 31-8	Lost 16-11	Lost 13-8	Lost 43-3	Lost 21-11
1924	Lost 9-6	Lost 34-5	Lost 36-11	Won 14-5	Won 19-3	Lost 48-3	Lost 15-11
1925	Lost 20-Nil	Lost 16-4	Lost 48-3	Lost 15-Nil	Lost 11-6	Lost 16-11	Won 28-8
1926	Lost 3-Nil	Lost 15-3	Lost 39-11	Lost 23-6	Lost 8-3	Lost 38-Nil	Won 17-8
1927	Lost 32-3	Lost 19-6	Lost 31-Nil	Lost 9-8	Lost 13-6	Lost 59-3	Lost 18-11
1928	Won 16-8	Lost 27-3	Lost 45-6	Lost 22-11	Won 20-6	Lost 21-Nil	Lost 18-6
1929	Won 10-3	Lost 27-15	Lost 9-8	Lost 21-8	Won 27-8	Lost 14-8	Lost 9-Nil
1930	Won 11-Nil	Won 9-5	Lost 16-3	Won 17-12	Lost 3-5	Lost 16-Nil	Lost 7-5
1931	Won 16-8	Lost 14-6	Won 21-3	Won 16-6	Lost 12-6	Lost 37-8	Won 19-16

(The S.H.S. has never beaten St. Joseph's College.)

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The matches against The Armidale College have resulted:—

1921—Lost.	1927—Lost, 19-6.
1922—	1928—
1923—	1929—Lost, 7-6.
1924—Won.	1930—Won, 27-3.
1925—Won, 8-6.	1931—Won, 26-18.
1926—Won.	

Note.—Old Boys are requested to endeavour to fill in any of the missing results and inform the O.B.U. Secretaries immediately.

SOCCER NOTES.

Sydney High School was represented in all three grades, and our First and Second Grade Teams filled second place in their respective competitions.

The School First Grade had an enjoyable trip to Hawkesbury College, and was successful in a hard-fought match.

In addition to the ordinary competition fixtures several members of the First Grade Team were selected to play with combined teams which journeyed to Wollongong and Richmond.

Thanks are due to Mr. M. Purdey, of Croydon, for his kind assistance to and interest in the School teams.

Soccer, though regarded with disdain in some quarters, is rapidly gaining in favour, and indications are that it will be a popular sport in the School next year.

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Another year has sped by, bringing to an end the school life of many, but, above all, taking with it the competent leaders of the School. Every group of people requires organisation, and successful organisation depends on suitable leaders. And so it is with our School. The organisation within the walls of Sydney High leaves nothing to be desired. The discipline of the School is handled by the boys themselves, through the elected prefects—a system that is proving most satisfactory. It is the aim—or should be—of every local boy of the School to become a member of this body, to become a leader of Sydney High.

Once the prefects have been elected at the beginning of the year, the rest of the School seems to decide that all leadership should come from them. Maybe this is quite right, but nevertheless the support of the whole School is needed. The prefects can lead, can organise, but the success of any movement relies on the support given by the rest of the School. If you are not prepared to support or carry out any rule of the School, maybe because you think it unjust, there is one way, and only one way, to go about the matter. Do not adopt that cowardly method of pretending to approve, but in the meantime poisoning the minds of your fellow-pupils to act against it. Destructive criticism is the ruination of any community. Be a man; see one of your leaders—the captain of the School, for instance; state your case and give an alternative. Constructive criticism is always welcome. But always remember, before any law or rule is enforced in the School, much thought has been given to it, the advantages and disadvantages carefully weighed, and so an idea which may be disagreeable to an individual may be beneficial to the majority. In such a position a little self-sacrifice is required, and self-sacrifice is the fundamental basis of "School Spirit."

For a boy to reap the full benefit of his five years at a school like Sydney High, he must cultivate extensively this school spirit. Besides, the advantages of being a member of Sydney High are greater than realised by many. One thing alone, the boy attending such a school is receiving the best possible preparation for his future battle through life. So I think it is quite fair and reasonable to ask of you a little sacrifice for the sake of the School. The true High boy will not do things for what he individually is going to gain, or will not only do those things which are going to place him in the "limelight," but he will do anything that is required of him by the School. I personally know of boys within our School who have sacrificed possibilities of gaining glory with outside teams, in order to play for High. You know some, too, I am sure. They are the type who have made "High" as solid as it is, and they are the type we need.

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Speaking of sacrifice on behalf of the School, the most glaring of examples to me is the preparation gone through by our rowers. Many, who do not know better, claim that it is an honour and a pleasure to row for the School. I cannot, and never will, be convinced that separated from your parents for approximately thirteen weeks, and blistered hands, are a pleasure, and for your weekly expenses to be doubled, is an honour. No, it is true High spirit placed before us. And so it is with other sports, all of which require training—in other words, self-sacrifice for the sake of the School. I've heard many members of the School complain that they have not the ability to take part in any of the sports, and therefore have no means of revealing their school spirit. To these I do my best to point out that "moral support" is always welcome; that a team of any description or nature is inspired when a strong representation of the School is present. How many boys of the School can claim that they did not miss one of the G.P.S. football matches in which High played? It is little things like these that mark a boy as a true High boy or not.

The world is experiencing a critical period and all must combine; and this also applies to our School. Next year may not be better, and numerous obstacles may need to be overcome; but, boys of Sydney High, combine and pull together and you will succeed; live up to the good High tradition and never say die. This year, 1931, we had a hard fight in all branches of activities, but we maintained our standard. Victory was not for us always; other schools proved superior, but we took our defeats in the sportsmanlike manner typical of High. All is experience, and next year may prove to be our turn again for victory.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank, on behalf of the prefects of 1931, and on my own behalf, the boys of Sydney High for their loyal support during the year, and I am quite confident in saying that, if the 1932 prefects receive such loyalty, then High is bound to excel and advance.

To all the candidates for examinations I personally wish them the very best of success, and I sincerely hope they will reap the very best results from their labours; to the School, my regrets at leaving, my thanks for what it has done for me, and my trust that 1932 will prove a year of unbounded success.

ERIC W. HYMAN,
Captain, 1931.

THE RIFLE CLUB REPORT.

In the six months since the last report the Rifle Club has improved wonderfully and its present standard is worthy of the School. This is due in a large measure to the keen interest and unflinching assistance rendered by Mr. Lynch, to whom we extend our thanks.

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We have had throughout the year approximately thirty boys in attendance each week at the practices held at Long Bay Range, and the shooting is now of a fairly high standard. I may say that when intending members were called for in the beginning of the year, more than the required number were received, but after a few weeks of elimination thirty boys were selected.

After a series of four matches, calling for seven shots at 200, 300, 400 and 500 yards respectively, Jim Sweet, the Club's vice-captain, becomes this year's Club champion with a total of 129 points out of a possible 140. The scores in these matches were handicapped, C. Ebsworth gaining the highest aggregate, thus winning the "Handicap Cup." The cup awarded for the highest aggregate for our team in the G.P.S. Annual Meeting was this year won by S. Wright, who fired consistently throughout the meeting, obtaining 147 points out of a possible 179. The Inter-House competition was won by Wentworth House with a total which created records in each of the two matches fired. Parkes House was second, with Reid and Gordon respectively third and fourth.

Our team was again successful in the Militia Forces Rifle Clubs' Union fixtures, consisting of a series of monthly competitions open to all trainee units in the metropolitan area, by winning for the second successive year the "B" Grade Premiership. For this we were presented with the "Anderson Cup," a perpetual trophy competed for under the National Rifle Association for 36 years.

Although we were not so successful at the June meeting as last year, nevertheless "High" was well represented, several members winning laurels in the individual matches. Jim Sweet kept up his reputation by winning one of the twenty medals presented for the highest scores in the "Fairfax Aggregate." C. Ebsworth proved too good for all competitors in the Anzac match, also coming second in the Beaurevoir. In the teams matches we came second in the Morris match, five of our team recording possibles, Grammar School winning with the same number of points registered by our team. The totals of both "Grammar" and "High" created records. Our team also filled fifth place in the "Bullecourt" match, which took the whole of the Monday afternoon to shoot off.

The Rifle Club brought more laurels to the School in the G.P.S. Annual Rifle Meeting, in which we gained third place in the premiership. The "Buchanan Shield" resulted in an excellent win over S.C.E.G.S., both J. Sweet and G. Walker registering 48 out of a possible 59. This is the first win ever recorded by "High" in a G.P.S. competition. It is to be hoped that in future "High" will always be well to the fore in these matches.



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Cup winners,
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(Master in Charge).
Sitting, Left to Right: W. J. McELREA, J. W. F. SWEET, C. B. EBSWORTH (Capt.), S. E. WRIGHT, V. W. LYNCH.

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During the year, with the introduction of voluntary training, we have had to relinquish all hopes of firing with the Militia and have now entered a team in the "D" series at Anzac Range, Liverpool. These matches are fired monthly, and we only hope that S.H.S. may establish feats at this range to compare with those at Long Bay Range. In the first of the grade matches our team came fourth, only seven points away from the leaders.

At this juncture I would like to thank the "Sydney Club" on behalf of the School and our own Club for all they have done for us in the way of accommodation; also to thank Mr. Taylor, of the Sydney Club who has so kindly coached our team in each of the grade matches.

Thanks are also due to our good friend, Mr. Molesworth, who so willingly assisted and coached our members for the G.P.S. meeting.

A considerable amount of hope is placed in R. Earl, R. Lum, R. Molesworth, N. Q. A. Turk and G. Walker for the nucleus of the team for the 1932 season.

Although the Club has done well, it is to be hoped that the rest of the Club will profit by the example of their fellows and enter in future competitions, in order to conquer that mocker and derider, "stage-fright."

G. WALKER,
Acting-Secretary.

MISS MAC'S COLUMN.

The depression has lifted from Bill Sherwood and Stan Robertson. They had both been pushed out of employment, and two weeks ago called in to tell me the glad news. Stan Robbo has gone to New Guinea under engagement to a large plantation owner, and Bill to the Texaco Oil Company. They were delighted to be doing a bit again. Bill was in the Water and Sewerage Board Surveying Department.

Frank Collings, otherwise "Windy," was in the other day telling me he hoped to land a manager's job soon in some factory, where his ability will shine. He is engaged to be married next year, and the lady happens to be Miss Steele, daughter of the late A. G. Steele, a former master of S.H.S. and later a teacher of singing and conductor at the Conservatorium. In the old days we used to have fine concerts—but now?

A wonderful piece of news for readers is of our great worker and pal, Cecil Wilson. He has been captured by Cupid, and this match eventuated several weeks ago. His old pals at S.H.S. (the Pattos) will be surprised. Fairlie and Victor Patterson were known as "The Twins," "The Terrible Twins"—and they were, too.

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Hector McGregor is assisting many students by writing articles in the "Teachers' Tutorial Guide" and has classes at the Technical College two evenings a week.

John Clarke is again in Sydney, being now assistant dispenser at the out-door department of the Children's Hospital. Arthur Beresford also is at the Children's Hospital, being kept very busy.

Harold Hardy is assisting C. Michel, chemist, of Punchbowl.

Count White has now his own business at Clovelly.

Dick Pope was over at the Technical College grade exams. He was a cobbler of Sam Stenning and Charlie Morton, who hope to be doctors before the next issue of the "Record."

Mr. Norman Mainwaring will be glad to see any old boys at Culwulla Chambers, where he is practising as a dentist. We wish him luck in his profession.

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S.H.S. CRICKET REPORT, 1931.

The 1st XI, under the capable supervision of Messrs. Plumber and Taylor, experienced a moderately successful season during the current year.

In the C.H.S. competition, up to November 11th the team had secured 1 outright win, 2 first innings wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. Our prospects of annexing this competition are exceedingly bright, since the leading team, North Sydney, are only a few points ahead with their fixtures completed, while S.H.S. have yet to engage two of the weaker teams, Central and Hurlstone, in deferred matches.

In the G.P.S. the performances have been less meritorious, although lately the team has enjoyed a sequence of victories. Up to the completion of the fourth round S.H.S. had won 3 matches, drawn 1 and lost 7. These figures, however, are no criterion of the true ability of the team, which at its best was a combination capable of extending the leading teams. This was amply demonstrated by a comparatively easy victory over the prospective premiers, Newington.

On several occasions during the season we received valuable coaching assistance from celebrated representative players—Messrs. H. Hooker, A. Marks, W. A. Oldfield, Don Bradman and C. G. Macartney, to whom we extend our sincerest thanks.

Team Notes.

The main feature of the team's cricket this half has been its consistently heavy batting. On four different occasions the total exceeded 230. S.H.S. has been mentioned as the strongest

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batting side in the competition—a team without a “tail.”

The bowling of the team has been termed “weak.” This accusation can be refuted by a simple example. In the Scots match 15 chances were declined. This is an example which proves that poor fielding was responsible for our failure to record more successes. However, at the present time the laxity formerly evident in the field is gradually disappearing, no doubt because the team has become more confident after several victories.

The star batsmen this half have been Cheetham, Kelaher and Webb, with McKinnon, Donnan, Cohen and Hill shining as all-rounders. Grover, the left-arm trundler, exhibited marked improvement as a result of knowledge imparted to him by the “Governor-General.” Thompson’s keeping has been well up to his high standard of previous years. The most catches in the field are credited to Owen, whose fielding has been consistently good.

Nine members of the present XI expect to return next year, and these—Cheetham, McLeod, Webb, Grover, Donnan, McKinnon, Kelaher, Stone and Hill—supplemented by recruits from the 2nd XI, will form the nucleus of a formidable combination.

The whole team will be pleased that Roy Smee, our humorous scorer, will continue in that capacity next year.

Description of Matches.

High v. Grammar, at Weigall, October 17th.

High batted first on a shirt-front wicket and rattled up their highest total this year—280 (Kelaher 53, Webb 46, McKinnon 43, Cheetham 37, Hill 36). Grammar responded with 4-281 (McKinnon 3-62).

Result: Grammar won by 6 wickets.

High v. Scots, at Kensington, October 24th.

Batting first on a soft wicket, High totalled 229 (Cheetham 69, Hill 80, Kelaher 27). Scots surprised by exceeding High’s total with 2 wickets to spare, 8-230 (Grover 2-34, Cohen 2-34, Hill 2-55, Webb 1-4).

High’s fielding was woeful, no less than 15 catches being “put on the carpet,” 7 being “sitters.” As a result High spent the following Tuesday in Moore Park at fielding practice.

Result: Scots won by 2 wickets.

High v. Newington, at Kensington, October 31st.

In this fixture High at last revealed their best form and astounded the critics by annihilating the joint leaders.

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N.C. did little better in their second knock—8-79 (Grover
 6). High's fielding showed marked improvement, Owen tak-
 ing three catches.

Result: High won by 50 runs.

High v. St. Ignatius, at Riverview, November 7th.

'View batted first on a perfect wicket and totalled 245
 (McLeod 3-36, Grover 3-42, Hill 3-76). High rattled up 7-265
 in 150 minutes. Bert Cheetham maintained his record for con-
 sistency by compiling a dashing 81. He was ably assisted by Hill
 54, Webb 43, McKinnon 27, Owen 22.

Result: High won by 3 wickets.

We regret that owing to the early issue of the "Record" the
 results of our matches with St. Joseph's, Shore and King's are
 unavailable.

FRANK McLEOD, Secretary.

Batting Averages up to November 14th.

Batsman	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Aggregate	Av'ge	Number of catches taken
A. Cheetham	13	2	81	427	38.82	4
M. Cohen	12	0	60	290	24.17	6
R. Hill	12	0	80	267	22.25	2
R. Webb	10	2	46	165	20.63	1
V. Donnan	12	2	43*	184	18.40	1
R. Thompson	6	1	32	91	18.20	5
F. McLeod	13	0	53	199	15.32	3
R. McKinnon	9	1	43*	111	13.89	3
J. Kelaher	7	0	53	93	13.29	1
G. Stone	8	1	39*	84	12.00	1
W. Chesher	8	1	25	68	9.71	4
L. Owen	7	0	22	66	9.43	9
R. Grover	9	3	5*	28	4.67	1
D. Brown	7	0	5	22	3.14	3

Bowling Averages up to November 7th.

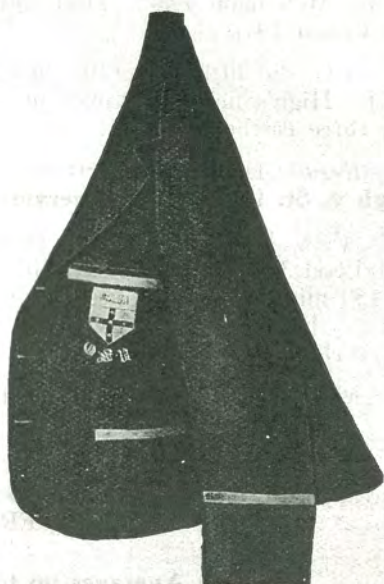
Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
R. Webb	21	4	4	63	15.75
R. McKinnon	61	9	12	203	16.92
M. Cohen	129	29	20	404	20.20
R. Grover	85	11	12	246	20.50
F. McLeod	76	4	15	377	25.13
V. Donnan	46	4	8	210	26.25
R. Hill	45	2	6	239	39.98

(Signed) FRANK McLEOD, Secretary.

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TENNIS REPORT.



For the past two years the School has won the C.H.S. premiership in tennis. Many of the wins recorded against the other schools were obtained through the brilliance of the junior member of the First Grade team, V. McGrath. This boy has been playing in open tournament outside the School and has been very successful. McGrath's backhand seems to deceive his opponents into the belief that it is not a very strong shot, and, especially in the School matches, he has practically no trouble in outplaying his opponent, since he can hit this stroke very hard and place it in every part of the court. McGrath came to the School two years ago, and at that time he was just beginning his meteoric rise in the tennis world. To-day he is looked upon as a coming champion who will represent Australia in the Davis Cup, and I understand this to be his ambition.

McGrath has had several trips around the State of late, and on these trips he has been playing exhibition matches at most of the big country centres. Just recently McGrath was very successful in the tournament at Strathfield. He, partnered with Dave Thompson, reached the final of the open doubles, and, partnered with Alan Crawford, the final of the special doubles. In the former event he lost to J. Crawford and R. Dunlop in the final. In the singles events he played well to reach the semi-final of the open event, his win over Bruce Moore being a victory deserving of praise. However, he succumbed to the play of A. Willard, although he played a very meritorious game. In the open junior singles he played very well again and was most successful in this event, defeating Bruce Moore again in a very close game.

In the school competition only four rounds were played and with a good deal of wet weather; then it was decided to run a knock-out competition. Most of our teams were very successful, the best performances being made by the first and second grades. The second four did very well to win through to the final of their section, and in the latter stages were ably led by E. Webb.

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The First Grade team had rather easy wins over North Sydney and Fort Street, while Parramatta and Canterbury extended us somewhat. The last-named team were right on form when we met them, but they made the fatal mistake of trying to outplay Mac's backhand. They certainly won a few points off this shot, but they did not know they had won them. However, we defeated these and met our old rivals, Tech. High, in the final. When we were to play them, McGrath was away in Brisbane with the N.S.W. team. The match was postponed until the following week, but McGrath could not get back and so we had to play them with McKinlay, from the second four, in his place. After a very close game we managed to scrape together five sets as against Tech's three. There was barely more than a game separating the two teams after each pair finished their two sets.

Scores:

Thompson and McKinlay v. Watts and Weekes, 2-6, 6-1.

Thompson and McKinlay v. Dunn and Spence, 6-4, 1-6.

Webb and Golding v. Dunn and Spence, 0-6, 6-3.

Webb and Golding v. Watts and Weekes, 6-3, 6-3.

Webb and Golding played a very fine game against this team, especially after they lost the first set 6-0. The credit of the victory was due to this pair, who gave us the lead on sets and the chance of winning.

This year a team of six, comprising our first four, E. Webb and McKinlay, won the G.P.S. Tennis Competition. This competition is ten years old, but the School has not won it before. After defeating Ignatius and Shore in the first round we defeated King's by twenty-two sets to two in the final.

Lastly, I wish to thank Mr. Hall and his colleagues for the work they did, in supervising the teams and making the arrangements. Also the team wishes to thank him for his grand barracking at the Tech. match.

R. B. THOMPSON.

ROWING NOTES.

Rowing suffers from two disadvantages. Many boys who would make excellent rowers are debarred from the sport by financial considerations. Of the limited number available, many miss the preparatory training before Xmas, because they participate in sports which "clash" with rowing.

But there is a silver lining! This year we are fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Duffy, thrice a member of High's Eight and a most enthusiastic and competent coach. Mr. Duffy will conduct practices throughout the Christmas vacation, and intending rowers, not training now, should join his squad without delay. Our Drummoine coaches, Messrs. Livingstone, Nichols

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and Smith, have again interested themselves in the rowing preparations, while the O.B.U. Rowing Sub-Committee, with Messrs. Hirst and O'Neill at its head, is working hard to improve camp arrangements for next year. The indefatigable Secretaries, Messrs. Fairland and Wiedersehn, are preparing for the O.B.U.'s annual "Golden Egg." The School must remember that our O.B.U. has spent about £1,400 on rowing!

The boys at present training are far too light. We trust that after the vacation rowing will receive a few of the heavy-weights now engaged in other sports. Many believe that rowing has put S.H.S. on the map, and our splendid record of other years must be upheld. It is pleasing to note the assistance rendered to this year's boys by members of last year's Eight, H. Lobb and H. V. Baret. That is the spirit leading to success.

Lastly, we must express our pleasure at the recovery of our esteemed coach, Mr. George Hancock, from a severe illness. Only those conversant with rowing matters realise what he has done for the School. It will be delightful to see him again "at dawn, Abbotsford."

Our relationship to the Drummoyne Rowing Club has been most cordial. We are indeed grateful to this Club for its many services to the School.

Finally, we want more members of the Rowing Club. S.H.S.

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ALLIANCE FRANCAISE.

At the annual oral examination held this August by the Alliance Francaise the School sustained the reputation gained last year. Ben Eglitzky, J. Clancy and J. Quinn gained prizes in their respective divisions. Quinn, who is a most promising language scholar, gained first prize in each of the sections in which he competed.

The handsome prizes so generously offered by the Alliance were presented at a function held in the Assembly Hall of the Education Department.

These examinations are held to encourage pupils to pay attention to the pronunciation of French, and it is to be hoped that junior members of the School will make every effort throughout the year to gain a high standard and maintain the honour of the School.

Results:—

Grade I.—3rd Prize: Ben Eglitzky. Certificate: W. Hillman.

Grade II.—1st Prize for Conversation: J. Clancy. Certificate: J. Gamoty.

Grade III.—Certificates: J. McGarry, L. Cahn, J. A. Cohen.

Grade IV.—1st Prize: J. Quinn. 1st Prize for Reading: J. Quinn. Certificate: R. Blackett.

SWIMMING.

Swimming is now in full swing, and each Wednesday some 250 boys go to the Domain Baths. The School has hopes of repeating next year its fine performance at the 1931 Carnival of the C.H.S. We expect to have a very strong team in the senior division. Clarke, Baret, and Wyatt are still with us, and Shaw is now a senior. The junior division is not nearly as strong, and the under 14 division seems very weak. Boys who desire to represent the School should commence to train immediately.

We hope also to repeat our win in the G.P.S. 200 yards Relay Championship, and a team of five will compete in the G.P.S. 500 yards Relay to be held at Scots Carnival in December.

A large life-saving class is expected to present itself for examination in December.

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The close of the six months' period ended 30th June, 1931, completes the sixth year of this Association, it being inaugurated in June, 1925.

In order to raise funds a number of very successful dances have been held in the Great Hall at the School. Notwithstanding the difficult times through which we are passing our total receipts from the above functions have amounted to £162/11/11. We have expended during the year the following sums:—

Advance to School Union	£50	0	0
School Books	12	8	9
School Equipment	3	12	9
School Prizes	25	0	0

At a dance held on the 20th June, 1931, presentations were made to the coaches of the rowing crews.

On 11th July, 1931, an interesting and instructive lecture on the construction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge was delivered by Mr. Mallard, of Harringtons Ltd., and enjoyed by all present.

Our Association has been very considerably handicapped this year on account of our funds being in the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales (Old Division), but it is hoped that these funds will be available before the end of the year.

We must emphasise the fact that there is a constant demand for equipment not supplied by the Department of Education, and we appeal to every parent to help in our functions.

We would point out that the boys are receiving High School education at little or no cost to their parents, and as our membership comprises only a small percentage we would ask every parent to take this up as a personal matter and join up in the good work that is being carried on by our Association. Our meetings are held at the School on the third Thursday of each month at 8 p.m., and we will look for you at the next meeting.

A. R. SULLIVAN, President.

A. E. JAMES, Hon. Secretary.

November, 1931.

ATHLETICS REPORT.

The 1931 season has been very successful for the Athletic Club. Not only did we retain our title in the Senior C.H.S. Competition, but also, for the first time in history, we appropriated the Under 14 Shield. In addition we were awarded the aggregate point score pennant for the Champion School. At the G.P.S. Carnival we finished third in both Senior and Junior Competitions. The School Athletic Carnival was held at the

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Cricket Ground on 21st August. Seven records were broken.

Senior Championships:—

100 Yards.—Cook, Nichols, Davis. 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs.

220 Yards.—Nichols, Cook, Owen. 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

440 Yards.—Ralph, Owen, Davis. 55 secs.

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Hurdles.—Davis, Dickinson, Belschner. 18 secs.

High Jump.—Galton, Belschner, Clark. 5 ft. 8 ins.

Broad Jump.—Dickinson, Belschner, Gilbert. 20 ft. 7 ins.

Shot Putt.—Baret, Ralph, Lewis. 37 ft. 6 ins.

Junior Championships:—

100 Yards.—Gill, Alderton, Sullivan. 11 secs.

220 Yards.—Gill, Alderton, Tanner. 24 $\frac{1}{8}$ secs.

440 Yards.—Hurley, Street, Gill.

880 Yards.—F. Street, Jansen, Shaw. 2 mins. 18 secs.

High Jump.—Clark, Ferguson, D. Street. 4 ft. 11 ins.

Broad Jump.—F. Street, Alderton, Roy Clark. 19 ft.

Shot Putt.—Gray, Gosschalk, Jackson. 40 ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Record.

Hurdles.—Jackson, Sullivan, D. Street. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Under 14 Championships:—

100 Yards.—Price, Dowd, Hohnen. 11 3-5 secs. Record.

220 Yards.—Price, Hohnen, Dowd. 26 $\frac{1}{4}$ secs.

High Jump.—Hohnen, Browne, Miller. 5 ft. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins. Record.

Broad Jump.—Hohnen, Browne, Jackson. 17 ft. 7 ins.

Record.

Hurdles.—Hohnen, Carpenter, Browne. 15 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs. Record.

Cup Points:—

Senior.—Davis 24, Ralph 20 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Junior.—F. Street 23, Gill 19.

Under 14.—Hohnen 32, Price 16.

Following are the results of the C.H.S. Competitions:—Cook was 4th in the 100 yards and 4th in the 220 yards, with Cohen 5th in the 440. In the 880 we scored well with Davis 2nd, Macarthur 3rd, Mewton 4th. Macarthur, too, won the Mile, with Mewton 4th. Belschner and Galton tied for 1st in the High Jump at 5 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. In the Broad Jump we filled the first and third places with Dickinson 21 ft. 2 ins. and Belschner 20 ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Ralph was 3rd, 35 ft. 11 ins., and Baret 4th, 35 ft. 1 in., in the Shot Putt. The Hurdles resulted in a 2nd and a 5th for Cartwright and Dickinson. For the third successive year S.H.S. won the Circular Relay (Cook, Hyman, Owen, Davis), but was 2nd in the Medley Relay. Point scores were: S.H.S., 85, 1st; E.M., 34 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2nd.

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The juniors did not show out so well, although with 32½ points they finished 2nd to North Sydney with 54. In the Shot Putt our reps. filled the best three places; Gosschalk's 40 ft. 5 ins. was a School record. Gray, with 40 ft. 2 ins., and Jackson, with 36 ft. 9 ins., performed very creditably. Jackson, with 13 secs., established a new C.H.S. and S.H.S. record in the Hurdles. Our team came 3rd in the Circular Relay.

The under 14 team put up a very fine showing. Price was 3rd in both 100 and 220. Hohnen, with 5 ft. 0½ in., won the High Jump, while Browne filled 5th place. Once more a S.H.S. team won the Relay. With 28¾ points we won the Shield from Parramatta, 22¾ points. The Aggregate Point Score was well in our favour. North Sydney, with 89, came second to our 146.

With the exception of the under 14 section our teams did not run up to expectation in the G.P.S. Carnival. In the senior division Cook tied for 3rd in the 100, and was placed 4th in the 220. Our 3rd position in the 440 Teams Race was due to Hyman 4th in the 1st div., Ralph 2nd in 2nd div., Cohen 5th in 3rd div., and Davis 2nd in Champ. div. Davis, too, filled 4th place in the 880. We tied for second place in the Mile Teams Race. Oxley ran 2nd in 1st div., Lynch 3rd in 2nd div., Bainton 3rd in 3rd div., and Macarthur 4th in the Champ. div.

Cartwright came 5th in the Hurdles, Dickinson tied for 3rd in the Broad Jump; Belschner was 2nd in the High Jump, while Clark filled a similar position in the Shot Putt. His 39 ft. 7½ ins. is, however, a Junior State Record.

Among the juniors Sullivan ran 6th in the 100, and 7th in the 220. Street was 3rd in the 880, and 2nd in the Broad Jump; Jackson 4th in Hurdles, and Ferguson 7th in the High Jump, while we ran into 5th place in the Teams Race.

Our under 14 pair were admirable. J. Price, after winning the 220 in 26½ secs., completed the double by annexing the 100 yards title in 11 3-5 secs., a School record. Ross Hohnen's 4 ft. 8 ins. won the High Jump.

On 10th December the senior team defends its Hooke Cup title at Taree. In addition to the usual Northern teams very strong opposition is anticipated from Cessnock Inter. High.

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VISIT TO WENTWORTH HOUSE.

Being unencumbered with examinations, and with a possible prize luring them on, a party of forty Third Year boys visited Vacluse House—that beautiful old residence of William Charles Wentworth, the statesman. Tuesday, 10th November, was fine, so by two o'clock we were at our destination.

We were fortunate in securing Mr. Taylor as a guide, and first saw the reception room. The works of "W. C. Wentworth, Esq.," as well as some old firearms, were here displayed under glass. Then came the ball room, in which we saw some fine mosaic table tops with Wentworth's seal, but, casting the mind back, one could imagine hearing the rustle of crinoline and the shuffle of feet accompanied by the music of the spinet.

Then the stone-clad courtyard, cooled and refreshed by its tall tree- and basket-ferns hove in sight, to be followed by the family dining room with its musty odour, but this was left for "pastures new." We found these in the marble dining room, a room which could aptly be called the antique room. Here reposed the old fifteenth century and magnificent Georgian sideboards, the latter coming from old Government House, Parramatta. However, the most interesting relic of the past was, in everyone's opinion, the tiles with which the room is paved. These were recovered from the ruins of Pompeii. One wonders what terrible scenes these have witnessed—the lurid glow, the hot ashes and then the burning river of molten rock swallowing up all in its path.

We left all this for the kitchen and scullery, and although all the splendour and finery was absent, this possibly made it the more interesting. The original tables, shelves and pantry, the latter an ingenious contrivance of tarred string in the place of wire, we saw, as well as a great iron pot, which, we learned, was used out on the roads to cook the convicts' food.

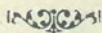
The cellars seemed to be the visitors' "book," judging from the names on the walls. The great "four-posters" in the bedrooms interested all, but perhaps the most impressive part was the constitution room, in which Wentworth and four others drew up the First Constitution Bill. "You are standing on sacred ground," said our guide, as he told us its significance.

That completed the inspection of the house itself, so we all trooped out into the grounds and inspected the old coaches. The first was one of Cobb and Co.'s, a dilapidated vehicle which, much to our surprise, had on its brake a piece of old motor tyre! The other one was the oldest family coach in Australia and used to be owned by George Ranken.

That was the end of our inspection, and we made our way home, feeling that we had seen one of the too few places of historical interest in Australia. To anyone who has not yet been there, I suggest a trip immediately, as it is a place which should interest all with any historical sense at all.

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Membership.

The membership this year has been quite satisfactory, although below the record membership of last year. There is one very regrettable feature, however, that being that many join up for one year and then fail to renew the following year. This we are convinced is not because of lost interest, but because they fail to renew upon the receipt of their renewal notice, which is forwarded immediately after the Annual General Meeting in January. All members are therefore requested to renew their subscriptions immediately upon receipt of the renewal notice, or immediately upon the commencement of the O.B.U. financial year, which commences on 1st January.

The membership committee has functioned well, and mention must be made of the great work of Dr. A. Lyle Buchanan, who has put in a remarkable amount of time and effort. Due to his efforts and those of Les Hepper the list of Old Boy medicos has grown to something like one hundred and fifty.

Dr. O. A. Diethelm, Alan Beveridge, Jack Reddish, W. Davidson, Dr. Byrne, of Victoria, J. R. Nield, O. Beale, Dr. A. J. Cunningham, and H. Wiedersehn, who has acted as Secretary to the Membership Committee, have all rendered service.

Obituary.

It is with regret we record the passing of Tom Muir, one of the earlier pupils at the S.H.S. Prior to his death Mr. Muir had been in ill-health for some time. In the earlier days of the Old Boys' Union he had taken an active interest in its welfare, but was transferred to the country, where he spent many years. At the time of his death Mr. Muir occupied the position of Officer-in-Charge of the Parks Branch in the Lands Department.

School Rowing.

The members of the School crews that took part in the rowing at the G.P.S. Regatta appreciated the service rendered

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by Old Boys and the Council of the Union in the assistance given, and were particularly thankful for the ready assistance given by Old Boys who took the part of supervising the camps both at Abbotsford and Drummoyne. The principal work at Abbotsford was carried out by members of the School Staff, but there were intervals when the help of Old Boys was called for, and it is very pleasing to be able to state that this was obtained on each occasion that it was required.

The whole period at Drummoyne Shed was undertaken by various Old Boys, and the Council of the Old Boys' Union has expressed its thanks for the co-operation and help given.

All of those who helped in any way are therefore particularly thanked in this column of our Notes.

Dr. C. E. Winston and Dr. G. Hardwicke also rendered valuable assistance to the boys in the way of medical supervision and advice.

It is very encouraging to the Old Boys' Union to feel that all the special service that is given in connection with the rowing activity of the School is so much appreciated by the boys who receive the benefit of the help.

The earnest hope of all the officials and those who helped in the various ways is that it has assisted to further develop a keener sense of appreciation of the good services of our School and all its associations.

Sports Ground and Rowing Funds.

The Sports Ground Trust Fund, which was created by the Old Boys' Union in 1926 for the development of the Sports Ground, has received the following donations through the years:—

1926	£12 2 0
1927	11 11 6
1928	631 5 0
1929	35 18 0
1930	52 14 6
1931	87 12 0
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	£831 3 0

Of this amount all except £40 from Social Committee and £71/5/6 from Fete has been made up by individual subscriptions.

The Rowing Fund, which was opened by the Old Boys' Union in 1923, has received £312/7/10, of which all except £10, raised by the Social Committee, has been made up of individual donations.

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1923	£77 17 6
1924	67 19 0
1925	41 6 10
1926	53 6 6
1927	19 18 6
1928	15 6 0
1929	13 5 6
1930	5 14 6
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This Rowing Fund has not, of course, covered the expenses incurred by the Old Boys' Union in connection with the G.P.S. Regatta, for since 1924 when the first School crew raced, the O.B.U. has spent about £1,100-£1,200 on this activity.

* The Social Committee holds a further £70 for the Rowing Fund in the Government Savings Bank, but cannot pay it to the fund until the Bank resumes payments in its Old Division.

Golden (50th) Jubilee—1st October, 1933.

In connection with the 50th Anniversary of the School's foundation, 1st October, 1933, it is proposed to issue a booklet covering the history of the School and the Old Boys' Union.

To this end work has been progressing all through the year, and lists and information have been accumulated and tabulated. All the O.B.U. minute books dating from 1892 have been re-conditioned, put into order, and deposited with the Secretary. Two complete files of "Records" are being collected and will be bound. One file will be presented to the School and the other will be deposited with the O.B.U. Secretary.

All the information which has been compiled has been typed in duplicate, one copy for the School and one for the O.B.U. Information which has never been as yet compiled makes interesting reading, e.g., tables of results of all G.P.S. matches, lists of 1st XV, 1st XI, winners of Honour Caps, swimming champions, masters, O.B.U. officers throughout the years, and all the School's benefactors, etc.

Older Old Boys are invited to write articles or reminiscences of the earlier days of the School's history, and to forward them in to the O.B.U. Secretaries.

H. Wiedersehn, Arch Ferguson, E. J. Colvin, and W. Wiedersehn have been supervising this work, while thanks are due to the Old Boys' Union's Treasurer (Mr. A. K. Paterson), who has assisted greatly, and to W. E. Toms, Dr. F. Lions, Dr. A. L. Buchanan, C. A. Fairland, the Headmaster (G. C. Saxby), and the School Captain (E. Hyman).

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Social Committee Report.

The first O.B.U. Dance for 1931 was held on Regatta Night, 9th May, at the Torii Cafe. This function was run in conjunction with the Old Boys' Rowing Club. A remarkable success rewarded our efforts, and on the Wednesday prior to the function the hall was booked out and we had to refuse bookings. All of the crews and coaches were present, with the exception of George Hancock, who was unavoidably absent. The Headmaster, Mr. G. C. Saxby, and the Rowing Master, Mr. V. Hyde, were also present.

The crew's table was decorated with a magnificent floral boat, the gift of another Old Boy, Mr. A. D. Carson.

The function was such a success that it is proposed to make the Regatta Dance an annual affair, and thus give to Old Boys the opportunity of finishing the day in a fitting manner.

Messrs. Arch Ferguson and H. Wiedersehn were the members of the Social Committee who supervised the organisation of this function.

On the 13th June the Social Committee organised their second dance of the year at the School, Moore Park. This function was as good as ever, and the Sports Ground Fund received an addition from the financial success of this and the Regatta Dances.



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This dance was the first dance held at the School by the Old Boys' Union in four years at which our old friend Mr. D. McCallum was not functioning at the door, he being unable to be present. Thanks are due to E. Colvin and W. Wiedersehn for fulfilling this thankless and onerous task on this occasion, and also at the Regatta Dance, and for making decorative shields for the Annual Ball.

Annual Ball.

The Annual Ball of the Old Boys' Union was held at David Jones' on Wednesday, 15th July. The function was socially a brilliant success, and provided the means for us to officially recognise and entertain the representatives of the other Great Public Schools. The floral decorations were magnificent, and have not been surpassed in taste and beauty by any function held in Sydney this year. For this we are indebted to Messrs. A. D. Carson and F. Searl.

Brown leaves, golden flowers, and blue streamers formed the uncommon floral decorations. Tall standards of autumn flowers and plaques of leaves bearing the initials of the Union worked in marigolds almost covered the table. Each lady in the party was presented with a favour in the shape of the letter "H" in forget-me-nots. The same letter appeared in the chocolate and blue shields which adorned the pillars of the ballroom. The President (Dr. O. A. Diethelm) and Mrs. Diethelm entertained the following guests:—The Hon. the Minister for Education (Mr. W. Davies), the Headmaster (Mr. G. C. Saxby), Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Mutch, Mr. A. R. Sullivan (President of the P. and C. Association) and Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. Eric Hyman (Captain of the School), and the following representatives of the other G.P.S.: Mr. G. Johnson and Miss Moira Dietrich (Armidale), Mr. G. K. Herring and Miss Eunice Knibbs (Grammar), Mr. and Mrs. L. Anivitti (Riverview), Mr. and Mrs. Fitzsimons (St. Joseph's), Mr. B. B. O'Connor and Miss Freeman (King's School), Dr. and Mrs. Huff Johnston (Newington), and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Cox (Scots College). Miss Muriel Heyde and Mr. D. Pettigrew represented the S.G.H.S. Old Girls' Union.

The Old Boys' Union is indebted to Mrs. Diethelm for the trouble she went to in order to entertain and honour our guests in her capacity of hostess.

The following Old Boys forwarded donations towards the Ball expenses:—Messrs. W. J. Cleary, S. Cash, H. K. Prior, J. B. Cramsie, F. B. King, W. Toms, and Doctors O. A. Diethelm, N. D. Royle, L. Larbalestier, S. A. Smith and C. G. McDonald.

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Mr. A. J. O'Neil and Mr. B. L. Moses acted as Organising Secretaries for the function, and Mr. H. Wiedersehn as Treasurer. Mr. O'Neil, as is usual with him, put a tremendous amount of energy and time into organising the Ball this year, and with what result! Having spoken of the function let us add a few words about those for whom the function was held. The Annual Ball is held as a tangible expression of our existence as a proud and dignified body, and as a means to pay tribute to our brother G.P.S. per medium of their representatives. After making allowance for the times, there is still no doubt that the support rendered by Old Boys is a thing to be marvelled at. Most of them are suffering from a smug apathy and disinterestedness which is revolting to those who have at least the decency to support if not to love and revere their old Alma Mater. And what about the members of other schools? It may interest some to know that in the case of one G.P.S. some £300 profit was made for the School by all Old Boys making valiant attempts to be present or support.

Our champions let the work and energy of their Executive Council result in a loss of £26 after allowing for £9/-10/- donations by certain Old Boys who rallied round.

For general information we draw attention to the fact that it is the DUTY of all Old Boys of any school to support and revere it; in the case of the Sydney High School it is an honour to have been one of her members, and a privilege to support in any form any of her ramifications. The Annual Ball and Annual Dinner should be two dates on the calendar of each Old Boy each year.

The 22nd August was the occasion of the second O.B.U. Dance at the School this year. Support was somewhat weak as far as attendance went, but the function was one of the best social successes we have organised.

Mr. E. Millikin was the Organising Secretary, and Mr. E. Colvin the Treasurer.

On the night of the G.P.S. Athletics Day, the 10th October, the O.B.U. held a dance at Smith's Oriental. Quite a good number was present, and a most enjoyable function wound up our social activities for the year. The two members of the Social Committee in charge of the function were Mr. W. Wiedersehn, Organising Secretary, and Mr. A. Ferguson, Honorary Treasurer.

Appointments of H. Peake and J. Killip.

It was with regret that we saw Harry Peake, an Old Boy of the School, and the untiring Honorary Secretary of the School Union for the last six years, leave to take up duty as Deputy-Headmaster at Armidale High School. However, we all heartily

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congratulate him upon his well merited promotion. It is a strange coincidence that Mr. J. Killip, the School Union Secretary for the four years prior to Mr. Peake, was also appointed to Armidale High at Christmas as its Headmaster. The S.H.S. owes a great deal to these two gentlemen, who, during the last ten years, have done much to place the School administration upon the sound and efficient basis which it now enjoys. That basis can best be judged by looking at the results attained by the School during the last ten years in every phase of its life. The O.B.U. forwarded letters of congratulation to these two gentlemen, and received most courteous replies. Mr. Killip says that he is very pleased to have Mr. Peake as his Deputy, and that both "cherished their years of service at the S.H.S., and were pleased to think that the Old Boys considered that they had contributed something to the welfare of the School."

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Looking at the School's history the names of four men stand out most conspicuously, A. M. Eedy, C. A. Fairland, G. C. Saxby, and R. T. McKay. In the last issue of the "Record" we wrote of what the S.H.S. and O.B.U. owed to A. M. Eedy, and this time we wish to pay tribute to R. T. McKay, who in point of tangible help to the S.H.S. is its greatest creditor.

Bob McKay attended the School in the early 'eighties, just missing being one of the original forty-six, and has maintained his interest in its welfare and development. Mr. McKay has had a distinguished professional career, and is at the moment Harbour Trust Commissioner. At various times he has held the office of Engineer to the Public Works Department and Assistant on the Richmond and Tweed River Improvements Work, and Assistant on the Newcastle Harbour Works. Mr. McKay also had the honour of being the Engineer and Secretary to the Interstate Royal Commission on the River Murray. Later on he was Chief Assistant Hydraulic Engineer for the State of Queensland, and whilst in that position was invited to take up the position of Engineer-in-Chief to the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust. He had the unique experience of occupying positions in the States of New South Wales, Queensland, and Victoria at the one time. Whilst engaged on the Geelong Trust as Engineer-in-Chief, Mr. McKay designed and carried out a scheme which cost something over £350,000. During the War, when wheat was being destroyed by mice and weevil throughout the Commonwealth, the Federal Government passed an Act authorising the expenditure of £3,000,000 to the wheat-growing States of the Commonwealth for the construction of elevators which would form part of the bulk handling scheme of wheat storage. Mr. McKay was appointed the Commonwealth representative in connection with this scheme. In addition to being a Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, London, Mr. McKay is also a Member of the Advisory Committee of that Institution in N.S.W., and is also a Licensed Surveyor.

During the years 1926 and 1927 Mr. McKay held the honoured position of President of the Old Boys' Union, and his name is synonymous with the S.H.S. Sports Ground. When in 1926 at the O.B.U. Annual Dinner, Mr. Mutch promised the O.B.U. to build a new school at Moore Park, he wanted to know what the Old Boys would do. Those present responded immediately by subscribing £850 towards a Sports Ground. A site consisting mostly of swampy ground was selected in Centennial Park. Mr. McKay subsequently brought this area under the notice of the then Lang Government, pointing out its suitability

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as a Sports Ground. That Government was prepared to grant a lease when it was defeated at the elections, and Mr. McKay had to take the matter up with the new Government, who were also favourable to the proposal. Eventually a lease was obtained of 18 acres in Centennial Park. Later another acre was added. It was not an easy matter to obtain a lease of 19 acres in Centennial Park, the north-western boundary being within a hundred yards of the Royal Agricultural Show Ground. The Minister for Agriculture, the Under-Secretary of Agriculture, the Director and Superintendent of the Botanic Gardens and of Centennial Park were all gradually interested and won over.

As most of the land was in a swampy condition its reclamation was a great problem which seemed almost an insuperable task for the Old Boys to tackle. Mr. McKay again came to the rescue, and through his efforts a grant of £7,000 was obtained from the Unemployment Relief Fund. Later he obtained an additional £1,500 and then a further £700, making a total of £9,200 for the completion of the work. The conception and obtaining of this huge sum is due entirely to Mr. McKay.

Two Old Boys, Mr. A. Trier and Mr. F. Della Ca, prepared sketches and plans for the playing grounds, the construction of storm water channels and underground drainage. Mr. C. A. Fairland has been arranging matters in connection with the cricket pitch on No. 1 Oval, while two more Old Boys, Messrs. C. and S. Hirst, architects, have now designed a fine pavilion which will permit of gradual construction. Mr. McKay obtained the permission of the Minister of Agriculture for the erection of a fence fronting the Grand Drive to enclose the area.

Think of what this acquisition means to the pupils of the S.H.S. for the years to come. What an effect of having a most wonderful "Home" ground should have upon the general sport facilities and standards of the School. Six acres are being given to the Sydney Girls' High School, while the other 13 acres will make two full-sized ovals, another football field, and seven tennis courts.

Few realise the work and effort expended by R. T. McKay in acquiring this Sports Ground. Practically every morning for the last four years Mr. McKay has paid a visit to the ground to supervise the work, motoring out innumerable folk to explain and interest them in its development. Meetings and deputations have been innumerable, while to cap it all Mr. McKay has been a liberal donor to the Sports Ground Fund.

A. WIEDERSEHN.

NOTE—IMPORTANT

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* The School's Greatest Creditor.

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As stated in the last issue of the "Record" we are endeavouring to compile two complete sets of "Records," to have them bound and preserved.

The first set is now complete except for Vol. XII, No. 3, August, 1921.

For the second set we require:—

Vol. I, No. 1, December, 1909.

Vol. III, No. 2, March, 1912.

Vol. II, No. 2, March, 1912.

Vol. VII, No. 2, April, 1916.

Vol. VII, No. 3-4, September, 1916.

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Vol. XII, No. 3, August, 1921.

Old Boys are again specially requested to SEARCH FOR THE ABOVEMENTIONED MISSING COPIES, and to forward them to the Hon. Assistant Secretary (H. Wiedersehn), Lands Department, Bridge Street, Sydney.

The following Old Boys have forwarded in previously missing copies:—W. A. Stead, G. Millard, C. N. Hirst, G. C. Saxby, and W. Sheather.

ANNUAL FOOTBALL MATCH—S.H.S. v. O.B.U.

In the annual football match on June 24th the O.B.U. team proved too strong for the School team, and finished winning by 15 points to 8. Elsewhere in this issue is a photo of the O.B.U. team and one of the School team.

G.P.S. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

It gives the O.B.U. much pleasure to extend its hearty congratulations to the School tennis team on its splendid win in the G.P.S. Tournament.

The final was played in May, and the S.H.S. beat the King's School 20 sets to two sets, or 141 games to 73 games.

OLD BOYS' UNION BANNER.

In May the Council of your Union purchased an Old Boys' Union Banner made in the School colours, chocolate and blue. This acquisition is one which we have wanted for many a long year. The first time the banner flew aloft was on the mast of the old Boys' Union's ferry at last Regatta. Since then it has been a conspicuous part in the decorations at all our functions.

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PLEASE NOTE.

All subscriptions fall due on the 1st January each year. Renewal notices are sent out immediately after the Annual Meeting at the end of January, and all are requested to pay their subs. upon receipt of notice or immediately after the new year commences. As we cannot be sending out constant reminders and as only financial members will receive "Records" all Old Boys are requested to forward their subscriptions to the Secretary independently.

LIEUTENANT PHILIP ALFRED MORCOMBE.

We publish the attached record of Philip Morcombe's military career since leaving High in 1926 as being one of outstanding success, and extend to him our sincere congratulations.

After finishing at High at end of 1926 Lieut. Morcombe gained entrance to Duntroon as a "Staff-Cadet," and passed as a Graduate on December 9th, 1930. He was successful in his application for one of the British War Office's appointments in the British Regular Army, and left early in the year to join his unit—the 2nd Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment (12th Infantry Brigade)—stationed at Trimulgherry, near Secunderabad, in the State of Hyderabad, India.

Recorded as a Graduate of the Royal Military College of Australia, at Duntroon, as per Certificate No. 400, dated 6th December, 1930.

At the presentation of prizes during the Graduation Ceremonies was awarded the following certificates and trophies:—

Prize Certificates.—Riding Tests—passed "Distinguished." Cavalry and Riding. Tactics and Topography. Sword Assault. Hunter's Plate. 2nd 120 yards Hurdles. Welter-weight Boxing Championship.

Trophies.—Presentation Revolver: Cadet of 1st Class best shot with Rifle and Revolver. "N.S.W. Graduates' Cricket Trophy": Best all-round cricketer at the College. "Lord Stradbroke Cup": Cadet gaining most points at Skill-at-Arms. "Commandant's Cup": Cadet best at all Sports.

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JOTTINGS.

Alan Randall, a one-time member of the Social Committee, has opened business at Cronulla, but he is always present at all O.B.U. functions and keeps an active interest.

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Ross Gollan, of the "Sydney Morning Herald" staff, recently wrote some most interesting articles on the Newcastle district for his paper.

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Last year's captain of the School and all-rounder, Tom Pauling, has been appointed to the staff of the Lands Department.

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The School has two Old Boys in the Federal Parliament, Dr. Earle Page and Roland Green, M's.H.R.

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The famous Antarctic explorer, Sir Douglas Mawson, is an Old Boy at the School.

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Sid King, the School Captain of 1924 and ex-Waratah footballer, was married in June. We extend to him our hearty congratulations.

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Leo Basser, a member of the staff of the Associated Newspapers, presented a fine photo of the finish of the last G.P.S. Regatta Eights to the School.

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We once again must thank Mr. Phillip Moses for having our envelopes addressed for us. This kindness relieves the Secretaries of a great worry.

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Our thanks are also due to Frank Bradhurst for having certain typing done for the O.B.U., and to Ron Mitchell, who has continued to have our circulars done for us.

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Dr. Frank Lions puts in a lot of work in his position as University Representative. He keeps a complete list of all Old Boys who go to the University, and writes up the University notes for the Old Boys' Pages.

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Any news or pars. relative to Old Boys should be forwarded to the Secretary from time to time so that they can be published in these columns.

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Dr. A. J. Geoffroy was recently awarded the Diploma in Tropical Medicine. Congratulations!

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Professor O. U. Vonwiller, who was President of the O.B.U. in 1905-6, recently took part in a most interesting discussion at the University with Professor John Anderson, the Professor of Philosophy, upon "The borderland of science and philosophy."

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F. J. Sheed, B.A., LL.B., one-time editor of the "Record" (1913), is now senior partner in the publishing firm of Sheed and Ward in London. He has just published a book "Nullity of Marriage" which he dedicated "To the Sydney University Law School in token of great gratitude."

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Congratulations to Ron Nicholson for winning by an outstanding pass an accountancy course scholarship.

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C. A. Rodgers has been representing the University Union in some of its debates recently.

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Congratulations to W. G. Alexander in attaining his majority.

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H. Wines is Honorary Secretary of the Inter-(Teachers) Collegiate Sports Association.

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O. D. Oberg has been one of the leading members of the All-For-Australia Party since its inception.

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A team representing the University Economics Society which recently debated with the United (Women's) Association was composed entirely of Old Boys—W. R. Ritchie (leader), H. Wiedersehn, and J. G. Crawford.

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F. Bradhurst, M. Flannery, W. Davidson, G. Kingsmill, and H. Cawte are the Old Boys who took roles in the play presented by the S.G.H.S. Old Girls' Union last September.

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Messrs. A. J. O'Neil, E. Millikin, and E. Colvin also assisted the management.

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The O.B.U. congratulates V. Baret, a member of the last School Eight, upon his rescuing of a girl in the Cronulla surf recently.

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B. L. Moses acted as organiser for the Sydney University Regiment's Sergeant's Mess Dance in September.

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Basil Martin is among the scratch men in the sculling world.

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Ken Brodziak is still taking an active part in the productions of the Entertainers' Club.

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H. L. McLoskey, B.A., LL.B., a one time editor of the "Record," has been giving some public lectures upon English literature.

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F. S. Farrel is still the Honorary Secretary of the Department of Agriculture's Recreation Club.

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Val Bamford is the Honorary Treasurer of the Department of Education's Recreation Club.

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Congratulations to Norman Mainwaring, a one time brilliant athlete and all-rounder at the School, upon his engagement.

OLD BOYS IN THE SPORTING WORLD.

Two Old Boys, F. Nichols and R. B. McMillan, rowed in the Drummoyne crew which won the State Lightweight Eight for 1931.

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J. P. Metcalfe was the outstanding athlete at the Sydney University Championships. He won four titles, creating records in the javelin throw and the hop-step-and-jump events. In the latter event he got within 1ft. 5ins. of the Australian record.

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J. P. Metcalfe was chosen in the team to represent Sydney University at the Inter-'Varsity Athletics at Hobart in May last.

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Clarrie Hughes, an ex-member of one of the School Eights, rowed bow for the 'Varsity crew which won the Inter-University Boat Race for the Oxford and Cambridge Cup at Brisbane on 3rd June by nine lengths.

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The Old School was well represented at the Rugby Union match between N.S.W. and Queensland on 25th July. In the N.S.W. team E. A. Newton was playing five-eighth and V. Thicknesse was reserve; while in the match, the Metropolis versus the Navy, W. R. Forbes was full-back and A. C. Emanuel was referee.

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Misfortune came the way of Jack Huxtable, for when at the height of his tennis performances it became necessary for him to undergo an operation. However, he is now fully recovered, and we expect big things of him.

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Congratulations to Cecil Rubie, who represented this State in the League team which visited Queensland.

It is good to see the interest taken by Old Boys in the School's G.P.S. matches. At each match a very large number of Old Boys have been present, among whom Mr. G. C. Saxby (Headmaster), F. C. Wootten (Football Master), and Messrs. A. R. Beveridge, A. J. O'Neil, R. Mainwaring, K. Robinson, B. Moses, D. W. Barclay, H. Wiedersehn, C. Hargreaves, B. McMillan, A. Henry, W. Wiedersehn, S. Stening, C. Morton, and the O.B.U. President (Dr. O. A. Diethelm), whose son was playing in the School team, are always to be noticed.

E. B. Dandie has consistently been putting up high scores in competition rifle shoots.

Charlie Gee has been playing a good game with the Mosman 1st Hockey Eleven.

F. J. Collings and O. K. Bellmaine are Old Boys running with East Sydney Athletic Club.

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W. G. Alexander was captain of St. George Juniors this last season.

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A. McKibbin, one time cox of High's Eight, acted as coach and cox to the Arts Faculty crew in the Inter-Faculty Eights.

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In the Inter-Faculty Eights on 8th August the team from the Faculty of Agriculture won by half length. Three ex-members of S.H.S. Eights were in the crew—B. Gardiner (bow), H. Rees, and R. M. Cook (stroke).

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Dr. Frank Lions, the O.B.U. University representative, has been playing with the University League Firsts.

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V. Thicknesse, R. Forbes, L. Hepper, and A. Newton have all been playing in the First Grade Competitions.

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R. Ashbarry is still prominent in the athletic world, running with the University.

AWARD OF "BLUES" FOR 1931.

The regulations governing the award of "Blues" provide that, besides having outstanding achievements in a particular branch or branches of sport to his credit, each nominee must have exhibited a high degree of sportsmanship and a willingness to place the interests of his School before his own. The committee responsible for the awards consists of the Masters in charge of the several sports, together with the Secretary of the Union as Chairman. This committee makes its recommendations, which are forwarded to the general committee of the Union for ratification or alteration. Each boy is considered separately and on his merits both as a sport and as a sportsman.

The following awards have been made for this year 1931 :—

Rifle Shooting.—C. Ebsworth, J. Sweet, S. Wright.

Swimming.—I. Wyatt, R. Clark, H. Barêt, R. Shaw.

Tennis.—V. McGrath, R. Thompson, R. Golding, E. Webb, R. Webb, G. Mackinlay.

Football.—C. Paton, J. Chapman, L. Nichols, H. Davis, G. MacArthur, R. White, T. Hennessey.

Cricket.—A. Cheetham, M. Cohen, R. McKinnon.

Soccer.—A. Rose, J. Davidson.

Athletics.—G. MacArthur, E. Belschner, J. Galton, B. Dickinson, Reg. Clark.

Rowing.—H. Clay, H. Lobb, G. Pauling, J. Mewton, M. Gadd, C. Ebsworth, J. Budge, V. Barêt, M. Ford.

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Congratulations to A. W. Horner and J. A. Cohen, both of 3C, who obtained first and second places respectively in a competitive examination open to all metropolitan public and private schools, for "The B.I.A. Accountancy and Secretarial Scholarship for 1931," awarded by Blennerhassett's Institute of Accountancy Ltd.

The scholarship is valued at £35, and the second prize at £7.

We also extend our congratulations to the School Athletic Team on their success in the C.H.S. meeting, winning the Senior and Under 14 and Combined Shields. Congratulations also to E. Davis, F. Street and R. Hohnen on winning the Senior, Junior and Under 14 School Athletic Cups, respectively.

We regret the unfortunate loss to the School of J. Mewton, G. Walker and R. White, whose influence and assistance have been nobly manifested in the field of sport.

The School experienced much pleasure and amusement at a cricket match between the Staff and the School. The Staff failed by 10 runs to reach the School's total. However, the Staff hope "to turn the tables" in the forthcoming tennis match against the School.

Congratulations to R. Clarke, A. Jones, F. Gray, E. Ritchie, R. Hoy, J. Ward, H. Baret, C. Whiting, R. Carr, D. Kerr, H. Walker, K. Cameron and H. Oliver on their appointment as Acting-Prefects.

The Sydney High School Masonic Lodge has awarded a prize of £2/2/-, to be called "The Fourth Year Prize for Merit." The award shall be made on the qualifications of (a) moral characters, (b) personality and participation in various school activities, (c) due attention to and proficiency in studies. We are pleased to observe the Lodge's enthusiasm in encouraging merit in Fourth Year.

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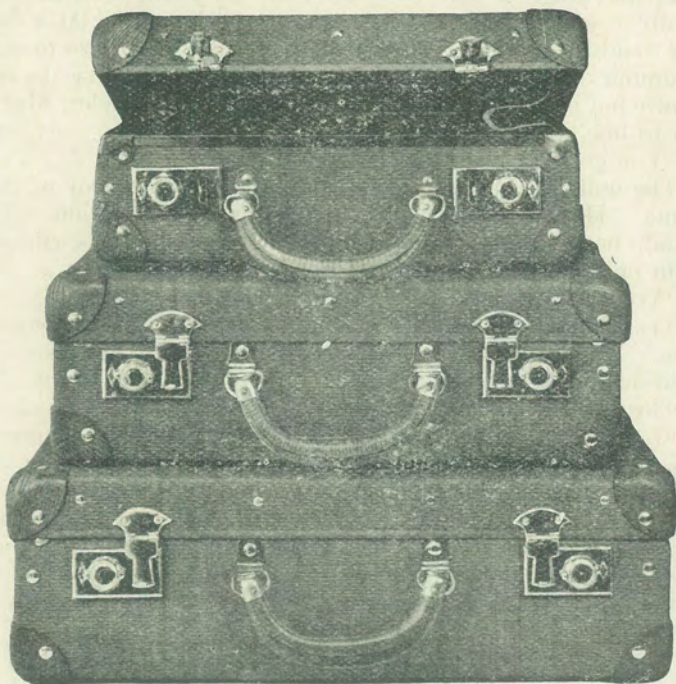
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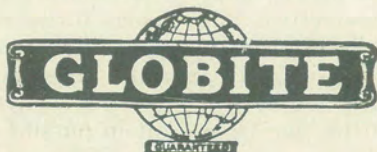
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THE MELON RAID.

A hot summer's afternoon in one of the southern provinces. A long, white, dusty road. The broad Dnieper, at his point looking more like a lake than a river, flowing on serene till lost to view in the distant hills. Now and again a shaky, one-horse peasant-cart jolts by, the driver half asleep. Now all is still.

Presently a group of boys appears, and with it, of course, chatter and laughter and life. They are all young, and all energetically resolved to make the most of the holiday. At a bend in the road they stop, become silent, and turn their gaze towards the summit of a little hillock. Something that looks like the roof of a tiny hut peeps back at them over the top. The leader, Martin, turns to his "men":

"You go, Ivan!"

The individual addressed is a tiny, timid-looking boy of eight or nine. He holds his leader in passionate admiration. This demand, however, is quite unexpected. He looks bewildered. Martin only laughs and turns to his right-hand man:

"You go, Simon!"

Yes, Simon will go. Two others are told off to accompany Simon. Martin beckons to the rest to follow him, strikes out at a right-angle to the highway, and soon vanishes from sight.

The three who are left wend their way to the top of the mound, whence they obtain a delightful view of a vast plantation of—water-melons. The sun this afternoon is burning hot and merciless. They are determined to do or die. The guard in the little hut—for such it is—has perceived them. His huge, heavy, double-barrelled gun glitters in the sunlight. He has seen them, and lets them know it, then sits down once more to enjoy the remains of his glass of vodka, all the while keeping one eye on the lads, who, however, approach fearlessly. Simon, mindful of the presence of his subordinates, must show a bold front, and, while still some distance away, greets old Gabriel with a jovial, fraternising salutation. The latter's reply, issuing from the recesses of a wild crop of moustache, sounds suspiciously like a vicious growl. The atmosphere is none of the friendliest. It never is under such circumstances.

The lads approach as close as they dare. Then the wrangling begins. Simon produces a small coin. Gabriel's little eyes glitter. But on hearing the demand he flies into a rage.

"Three melons for two kopék!" he almost shrieks. "Off with you, quick!" They retreat. He comes forth, rifle in one hand and the other wildly gesticulating. At this moment a shrill yell is heard on the other side. The guard wheels round, just in time to see two youthful figures flying for the shelter of the near-by wood. In spite of his age he sets off in pursuit at a quick pace. Little Ivan may be recognised as one of the pair which boldly

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volunteered for this perilous part of the undertaking. The pursuer becomes hotter and more and more out of breath at every step. He has completely forgotten his three visitors, and certainly has not been expecting a fresh addition to the scene in the form of the half-dozen or thereabouts that constituted the rest of the party, now putting in their appearance about half a mile further down on the very edge of the juiciest melon-patch in the whole field. Simon and his compatriots set out at a trot to join them. The other pair know exactly how long to keep the old chap running, in and out and out and in, among the trees and boulders, Gabriel at length comes to a halt, puffing and blowing and threatening, but to no avail, for his quarry has disappeared. He returns and, without the slightest recollection of his intending purchasers of five minutes before, re-enters his abode.

There is a low murmur of voices in the thickest recess of the wood, a loud peal of laughter which is instantly stifled, and all is still. Then a dull, hollow, un-metallic bang might be heard, followed by a simultaneous cry of triumph and admiration from a dozen boyish throats. The first "kill" is a magnificent specimen. They have merely let it drop on a rock, and it has broken into beautiful slices that simply float in juiciness, and whose pulpy substance is far redder even than old Gabriel's cheek-bones after his five minutes' exertion. Another thud, and another shout of joy, and then—silence.

* The sun is slowly sinking, tinging the western sky with red. The deep waters of the Dnieper gurgle and glitter. Once again life is added to the scene as a happy group of boys passes by along the road; but they soon disappear, leaving the darkening world for the old guard to enjoy, but he is gently dozing off to sleep, and as he nods in his doorway the last few rays of light steal secretly into his cabin and play a merry game with the shiny gun.

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* * * "NUGGET VALLEY."

The ragged, dirty, blistered figure raced madly down the hillside. The hair of a fortnight's growth, together with his sunken cheeks, his hollow eyes, and his filthy, torn clothing, made him look a strange, fearsome sight; and yet his shoulders were straight, and he held his head high, as he ran towards the wonderful thing that lay at the foot of this hill—an old hut. For if there was a hut, there was evidently a man there, and a man meant life, for he would most surely have water. "There must be water over the next hill," thought the man as he ran, "so I am saved."

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Sole survivor of a small party of gold-seekers, he had been for weeks without food, although he had had some water; but this had diminished each day, until on the preceding morning he had drunk the last few drops.

The hut seemed such a long way off still. He felt as if he could fall down and never get up. But the sight of the hut spurred him on, and he kept on running. At last! With a shout of joy, he pushed the door open. And then he started back with a cry of horror.

The hut had one room, with only four pieces of furniture in it. A small cupboard was in one corner, and a chair in another. Another chair was drawn up at a small table, and on this chair, its head lying on its arms, which were sprawling on the table, was a skeleton. On its head were the remains of what had once been a slouch hat, although there was only the crown left. In front of it lay a piece of paper, a pen and a bottle of ink.

With that one cry of horror, the man turned and fled. But not for long! Nature took her toll, and once more at the top of the hill, he was about to descend the other side, when he staggered and fell, an inert figure on the ground.

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It was an hour before he recovered, and then he was too weak to walk, but he staggered to a nearby clump of trees, and lay there during the long afternoon.

At last the sun, a fiery ball, sank behind the far-away hills in a blaze of glory. As if mocking the dying man, it was a perfect sunset, most beautiful to behold.

Then came night, and with it came the only relief the man could find for his thirst. As the night grew on, he licked the little grass that there was for the dew on it. He collected just enough moisture to wet his lips and tongue, and it seemed to him that he grew thirstier than ever.

There was an urge; something was pulling him; he imagined he could hear voices saying, "go to the cabin, go to the cabin; dead men can't hurt, go to the cabin." Even in the troubled sleep into which he fell, he heard voices, and he woke up once with the perspiration streaming down his face.

Morning came again, and with it the urge to go to the hut. Then, summoning¹ up all his courage, he crawled down the hill to the hut, and crept inside. Somehow the skeleton had lost all its terror for him, and he went over to it, and raising himself by holding to the chair, he took the paper which was slightly yellow and curled up, and somehow he felt that it was something important, that this answered all his questions. The same voice that had told him to go to the hut was saying, "Read it, read it, read it."

He lowered himself to the floor and sat there reading. The paper flaunted him, mocked him, flung its wording back at him. It was simply worded and was written in very rough hand-writing. But one word rose before his eyes, mocked him, and sneered at him. Gold, Gold! The paper was short and to the point, and read as follows:—

"I, Joshua Caleb, leave to whosoever finds this, the fortune in gold nuggets, the result of three years toil, from the old river bed three-quarters of a mile from here. The last three months have been bad; there has been no rain, and the little creek whence I get my water is dried up. The end is near. I trust that whosoever finds this will bury my bones as a reward for the gold. As I write I feel weak. The end is near."

As he finished reading, the man crept to the cupboard, and a sob of greed escaped his lips as he saw a sack-full of nuggets lying in it. Gone was his despair. Greed shone in his eyes, and his hands trembled with joy as he lovingly felt the nuggets. He seemed to have new strength. He rose, and, taking the sack from

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the cupboard, he slung it over his shoulder. With a look of loathing he regarded the skeleton. Then he turned, and strode from the cabin, leaving his task unfulfilled.

This strange, new strength made him a new man. But it was only greed at work. This was but a lapse. The reaction would come soon.

He went quickly away, and some time later he had reached the top of the other hill. Down beneath him he saw the hut, lonely, deserted. On the other side he saw the old water-course, to which the paper had referred. He arrived at this about five minutes later, and he stood on the bank, about fifteen feet above the river-bed, straining his eyes to catch the glint of gold.

Then came the reaction.

The new vitality and strength left him. His shoulders, once so straight and firm, bent. His knees sagged, and he fell forward. Down, down he fell, and then he reached the bottom. In some queer way the nuggets dropped beneath him, and as he hit the bed his head hit on the bag of nuggets. His neck twisted horribly, and his face became deadly pale.

Before his fast-glazing eyes he saw once more that scene. The room, the skeleton, all swam before his eyes. And in his ears he heard a sentence again and again:

"I trust that whosoever finds this will bury my bones as a reward for the gold."

The visions cleared away, and it seemed to him that across the blue skies two words were written in letters of fire—"Nugget Valley." Then these cleared away, and his last vision was of another two words—"Death Valley."

Down in the valley stood the old hut. The skeleton lay in the same position. Vengeance had been wrought. A task had been unfulfilled, a debt paid. "Nugget Valley" basked in the sunshine.

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The night before the enterprise which concerns this narrative was spent in drunken revelry. All night long there issued from the foc's'le a din of uncouth language and clinking rum glasses.

In the early hours of the morning we turned in, and, with scarcely an hour's rest, we were up preparing for an attack on a Spanish treasure-ship, which we judged would cross our path at about midday. I was but a lad and the spirit of adventure burned within me and the first cry of "Spanish schooner! Right ahead!" found every man including myself at his post ready for the chase.

When we were about two miles off, the schooner, perceiving our intent, set full sail for the open sea with the "Sea Rover" in swift pursuit. As we drew near we fired two guns in succession, and hulled the Spanish ship and sent a ball through her foresail. Within a short distance of our quarry we opened full fire. We peppered her sails with small shot, and amid the agonized cries of wounded men, our opponent returned the onslaught with undaunted spirit. At last a ball from our brig hit the schooner's foremast, and with a loud crash it came down with yard and sail like a broken tree. We rent the air with ferocious yells of triumph, supported by the blasphemous cries of the ship's parrot, who kept up an incessant fire of curses throughout the conflict.

There lay the schooner, buffeting and wriggling, an utter cripple. We drew alongside and boarded her. The remnant of the courageous little crew were helpless in the hands of the fiendish buccaneers. Our crew trampled over the dead and wounded alike, who lay in heaps upon the blood-stained deck, and erected the fateful plank. With savage delight we watched our victims walk the planks and gasp and drown in the debris of the recent combat.

We were a veritable party of evil demons who, begrimed with powder and splashed with blood, and some of us heedless of our own gaping red wounds, ransacked the hold of the Spanish schooner. We transferred to our own brig trunk after trunk

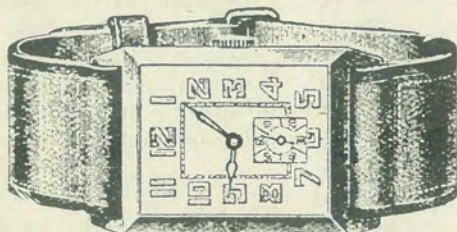
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of gold coin. Then we scuttled the maimed schooner, and pitching overboard the dead bodies of our own crew, spent the night in merriment.

The next morning we set sail for our own little haven, a small island lying amidst a number of coral islets, palm-fringed and with gleaming white beaches.

We were almost within sight of the island when the sky darkened with huge, black clouds, and before we could secure the sails, a gale was howling shrilly through the spars and rigging, and the crests of the waves were torn off and driven in sheets of spray across the deck. The lightning was terrible. At intervals the whole space between heaven and sea was filled with a vivid flame, showing every rope and spar as in broad daylight, and then leaving the sight obscure in pitchy blackness—blackness most intense and absolute. One flash of lightning revealed to our terrified gaze a huge green mountain of water towering right above the masts. The next moment it thundered upon the deck, and totally submerged our good old brig.

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Floundering beneath tons of water, she struggled to the surface, and almost dazed, we saw that the squall was abating as suddenly as it had sprung up.

The "Sea Rover" was a battered wreck, and some of our crew had been washed away. Still we floundered towards the shore; but the "Sea Rover" was too far gone to last out, and we had scarcely swung round the coral reef and entered the lagoon, when down she went with her cargo of doubloons.

Only three of us, including our captain, reached the shore alive. The captain was cursing with rage at the loss of our treasure, so we were not a very pleasant party, which late in the afternoon, arrived at the familiar little silver beach fringed with cocoanut palms.

The three of us might have survived on the provisions which were stored upon the island, till some passing vessel rescued us; but first the captain, then our mate became afflicted with some strange fever. At the end of the week their corpses lay stretched along the sand, while I, in agony of mind and body, lay beside them with the fever burning away my life. I shuddered at the thought of my own body lying rotting in the sands. Then I fell asleep, and had horrifying dreams in which the crew of the schooner landed on the beach and laughed and jeered at us lying there.

When I awoke I was struggling in the hands of a good old salt on board a whaler bound for the dear old homeland. The whaler had put into our island for repairs, and he had found me raving in a wild delirium.

Those are far off days when the fiery blood of youth raced like quicksilver through my veins. Now I am a comfortable old innkeeper, and no one but my little grandson knows anything of those adventurous bygone days, and when I relate to him the tale of sunken treasure, his young eyes gleam with enthusiasm and he declares that some day he will be a pirate like his grandfather, and rescue those trunks of Spanish doubloons lying fathoms deep in the blue lagoon of a coral-bound, south-Pacific island.

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Some honoured name I think you said,
But what have I to say?
The King, the Services, the Head,
The Heroes of the Day?

To each with joyous shouts and pride,
Has loud acclaim been paid;
Forgive me if I turn aside
From sunshine into shade.
For now a shadow throng I see,
From seats long vacant rise;
A faint reproach there seems to be.
In their world-weary eyes.

Their voices cross our song and jest,
From camp, and field and town;
The men who did their level best,
Yet never won renown.
Amongst the sleeping dead they lie,
In unrecorded graves,
And o'er their memory roll high,
The world's oblivious waves.

Yet though the school they loved so well
No more records their name,
Though on their brows there may not dwell
A crown of earthly fame.
Though on life's battle-field their part
Was not to win the "prize."
Still deep in some old comrade's heart,
Enshrined their memory lies.

The steadfast hearts that never quailed,
The tongues that never lied,
The faithful hands that never failed,
No longer by my side.

I give to-night no foremost name,
I give no honoured guest,
I think of those unknown to fame,
And give—"The Second Best."

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Winner of Mr. Saxby's prize for poetry, he has been a pupil of this School for four years. His present poetry indeed shows promise, and we congratulate him on winning this prize.

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THE APPROACH OF NIGHT FROM THE SEA.

Like some dark veil spread by an unseen hand,
The shades of night are stealing from the sea,
And slowly, solemnly with majesty
Are moving up and shrouding all the land.
The trees along the coast are gently fanned
By whispering winds, which from eternity
Are blowing almost imperceptibly;
And rippling, as they pass, the dark'ning sand.

The first bright herald of the 'proaching band
Of sparkling stars, shines through the restless air;
Then follow more and more in squadrons grand,
'Till all the heavens are filled with starlight clear.
The stars grow brighter, larger, and then soon
Shines forth the sentry of the sky—the moon.

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One day we went to Bulli Pass,
(In fancy, don't you see?),
Our minds were bent on that fine art
Of making poetry.

In class we often had been shown
How fancy outdoes fact.
And so the less we really knew
The less we truly lacked.

So all at once we started off
"To climb the steep ascent;"
We sometimes "strolled through archways cool,"
Or "trudged with heads well bent."

The road was "sinewy like a snake,"
Or "like a ribbon ironed;"
It "wreathed itself in moonlight pale,"
Or "shone like bacon rind."

We reached the broad Look-out at last,
"Surveyed the glorious sea,"
We had our lunch "by cool winds fanned,"
And "guzzled pints of tea."

We "gazed on Nature's handiwork;"
We "watched the twittering birds;"
They "hopped and played in light and shade,"
We were "too full for words."

Our downward trip to catch the train
Was "to the vale profound."
We set it out in poetry
With due regard for "sound."

But still it was a fine day out,
Our seats we did not leave.
We paid no fares and had no cares,
'Twas all good "make believe."

And so I say "Long Live the Fourths,"
And may they all Fare Well.
But when they next do muse abroad,
May none be there to tell.

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THE TOAST.

Here's a toast to the man with a smile and a grin,
To the man with a laugh in his eye,
Who can whistle through trouble, and battle to win,
With his spirits away in the sky.

To the man with a humour as keen as a knife,
With a heart that is softer than snow,
To the man who can love, be she sweetheart or wife,
Here's a toast to him, now, let it go!

But the best toast of all, to the girl of our hearts,
To the girl that is steadfast and true,
Who to life and its worries the pleasure imparts,
Here's a toast, pretty maiden, to you.

And as long as there's laughter and love in the veins
Of my soul, as it travels life's span,
I'll be ready to drink while there's life in my veins
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And with a mighty effort overwhelms the river's mouth,
So blindly strives the living stream of youth to break its bounds,
 Re-echoing in its sounds,
 Resounding in its noise,
In struggling, scuffling, self-asserting power of lawless boys,
Whose wanton greed doth far exceed the hunger that is there;
 For 'tis the tuck-shop's fare,
 Display'd in vast array,
That doth the dormant sense of youth in fearful art betray,
 As though some trumpet's blare
 Had summon'd from its lair
Young savagery for one brief hour its glory to display.

B.C.E. (5th YEAR).

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"WHAT'S THE USE."

I've been worrying extremely over puzzles hard to solve, over
 riddles which present no earthly clue;
Over complex things and questions, but I find in summing up,
 that to lift the earth, is easier to do.
For on Life itself I've puzzled, at its troubles and its pains, at its
 great, wide road, that leads me on to—where?
But I guess I'll give up worrying, and take things as they come,
 take them easy, too, and leave the rest to care.
Take the world just as I find it, wear an everlasting grin, for they
 say that laughter makes the world laugh, too;
And if all the world was laughing what a happy world 'twould be,
 just to think it, seems to make the skies grow blue.
And I'll never trouble Trouble, until Trouble troubles me, then I
 guess I'll burst out laughing like the "deuce,"
Till the tears run down my cheekbones, till my sides begin to ache,
 but you'll fail to understand, so what's the use?

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"TO A TREE."

Guard of the bushland, standing erect,
Centuries old, what scenes there have been
Under thy boughs, where the cattle now feed!
O sentinel, tell me of sights you have seen.
Have you seen the mad dance of the "medicine-man"
As he turns, and he jumps, and he whirls in the air,
Or the slinking approach of a startled wild dog
As in terror he makes for his safe-hidden lair?

Motionless giant, rearing above,
Facing the tempest, the snow and rain,
Tell me of scenes that you saw in the past,
Tell them, and live them in memory again.
Have you seen savage fights, fiercely fought to the death?
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