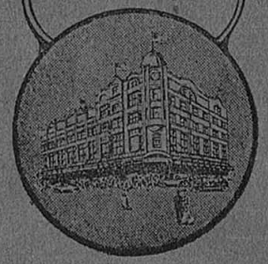

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Committee SPORTS OFFICIALS, SUB-PREFECTS & THIRD YEAR

The Governor's Visit to N.H.S.

On September 5th the school was honored by a visit from His Excellency the Governor, Sir Walter Davidson, and Lady Davidson, attended by the Mayor and Town Clerk.

On the entrance of the Vice Regal party into the assembly room, where the students and teaching staff were assembled, all rose and the proceedings opened with the singing of the National Anthem.

Her Ladyship was presented with a large bouquet of flowers by the captain of the girls, Evelyn James.

Mr. Williams, the headmaster, in according a few words of welcome to His Excellency and Her Ladyship, said, "On behalf of the school, the staff and myself, I have to offer you a hearty welcome to the school. As a High School we are practically in our babyhood; the school has only been in existence for eight or nine years. It goes through the regular curriculum necessary to a Secondary School, and as you see we have girls and boys in the same room, side by side, thus engendering a spirit of comradeship. We are very interested in sport, both girls and boys, each playing their own game. We have taken our full share in all patriotic work, and we have already joined in four patriotic functions, raising nearly £100. In addition, the girls and some of the boys are regular sock makers and have made between two and three hundred pairs. This is all done in their own time. This school has certainly shown its loyalty to the

King. The honor roll of the school consists of 90 names, and there are probably others with whom we are not as yet acquainted. The Roll includes a V.C. winner and a D.C.M. Medallist, and there are others who have also won medals." (Applause).

"Well done," remarked His Excellency. "I congratulate you that a man from this school has been brave enough to win the V.C. I have come to the conclusion that my mind does not work quickly enough to win the V.C. The man who wins the V.C. is the man who acts as freely as he thinks and who does not need time to make up his mind."

His Excellency in responding, said, "Mr. Williams, I address you and the teaching staff, but mainly I want to speak to the girls and boys who attend this High School. You are here for the purpose of acquiring knowledge which you will carry through your life; your education is not intended so much for the actual knowledge gained, but to train your mind so that all through your lives you will be capable of taking and enjoying knowledge. Education in these days is not limited. For a long time you should keep on acquiring and improving your knowledge for your own pleasure as well as for your advancement in life. I myself have been a student all my days and I still live to acquire knowledge, even though I am old. Now, you will go on into various paths of life, and it may not be necessary for you to carry on the details of any particular branch of study. As a rule the course of training here is intended to make you capable of acquiring knowledge. The training grounds introduced are of not much practical use, yet they enable you to think accurately and to render your thoughts with a fluency which otherwise you would not have. I still value my Latin and Greek, I still think in both, I still turn to my authors in both when I require a certain atmosphere of life for any particular purpose. I still value things which others have no time to learn, and I value my Latin verses."

"Your training is intended to be the foundation of the future. Some of you will go to the University and some will go to work, and this is the education that is going to be the backbone of your future interests. I have asked the headmaster and he approves of my announcement that there is to be a holiday, "The King's Holiday," next Friday, a special holiday to remind you, if necessary, that my visit here was as the representative of the King, in whose service I would lay down my life and my fortune, and I expect you to do the same whenever your duty calls."

In conclusion cheers were given at the instance of Mr. Williams for the King, His Excellency and Her Ladyship.

High School Boys who have Enlisted.

*Max Arkell
H. Arnold
Edwin Armstrong.
Robert Baker
Cecil Bate
Thomas Beveridge
T. Brown
Wm. Brownlee
*Tom Cadell
S. R. Carver
Alex Chalmers
Alan Collins
Herbert Chippendall
Leonard Chippendall
Percy Charlton
Leslie Cooke
Norman Cragg
W. Dalton
Stan Dixon
Andrew Douglass
Mathew Downie
Walter Derkenne
*John Donald
John Daniels
J. Evans
R. Fitzgerald
Douglas Fraser
Gordon Gray
K. Gollan
Arthur Hirst
Basil Helmore
Jack Herbert
H. Hingst
A. Hingst
*Richard Howard, M.C.
David Horne
Rob Howie (Y.M.C.A.)
Alex Huntriss
Cyril Hudson
J. Ivin
*Clarence Jeffries (V.C.)
C. Jacka
Harry Jameson
*Ernest Jones
*Robert Kilpatrick
Mac Louden
Robert Lasker (missing)
Walter Lochrin
Fred Lancaster
Leslie McCurley
*Pierce Morrissey
Ernest McAllister
Magnus McKay
Wm. Maskell
Frank Miller
*Eric Mulvey
*J. O'Connell
Conrad Porteus
Louis Polak
*Robert Perrou
Henry Prince
Roy Payne
A. V. Quiggan
Allan Richards
Norman Rawling
Frank Raysmith
Vincent Ryan
Walter Smith
*Alfred Smith
George Scott
William Sturt
Victor Stirling
Norman Stirling
Arthur Scarfe
John Schroder
R. W. Scott
D. J. Shearman
Donald Short
Fred Smith
*Hunter Smith
John Smith
Frank Sharp
James Steel
H. A. Sweetapple
Guy Thompson
Clive Wegg
John Watt, D.C.M., M.C.
Thomas Warren

The Headmaster will be glad of any information which will help him to make this list complete.

The Headmaster has sent a copy of the following circular to all parents of pupils at the school. Will all our other friends consider it as addressed to them also ?

High School, Newcastle.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Dear Sir or Madam,

For some time past I have been collecting the names of those ex-pupils of the School who have enlisted for military service abroad. The list now contains nearly 100 names and is as complete as it can be made.

I desire that the names of these boys should be given a permanent place of honor on the walls of the School, and should like, if possible, to have such a memorial set up before the year closes.

To make it worthy of them and of the School will need a fairly large sum, and I would be glad to receive a donation from you towards this object.

Yours faithfully,

W. WILLIAMS, Headmaster.

The Concert.

The 4th Annual Concert of the Newcastle High School was held on 6th November in the Central Hall. Before the commencement of the concert, bevies of pretty damozels were flitting about selling sweets and flowers.

From the opinion of all present we gathered that it was a huge success. An excellent programme was submitted to a large audience, which showed its appreciation by frequent encores and enthusiastic applause. The singing of Miss Molly Ross was greatly appreciated, and to quote a contemporary, she achieved the vocal success of the evening. Dora's recitation, "Woman's Rights," met with great applause, not only from the "weaker vessels," but also from the "sterner sex." The items of Violet Williams were ably rendered, while Miss Nellie McCartney contributed a fine musical monologue.

The choir felt easier in its mind this time, being provided with a chair each and knowing everyone could see us (how vain we are). Consequently the singing was excellent and reflected great credit both on the pupils themselves and their singing master, Mr. Gibson. Why do boys sing under their breath ?

The two "gentlemen" engaged to manage the curtains had not sufficiently studied the "tenth" system of pulleys, so one of them, "Sadie," nearly got hauled up into the air feet first by a vigourous pull on the wrong cord by "Elsie Kay," the other curtain puller. "Elsie Kay" also distinguished herself by smiling sweetly at one of the sailors in the second play, nearly causing that individual to faint away.

The second part of the programme was mostly dramatic. The two plays were very fine. Unfortunately the blind detective in "Blind Man's Bluff" forgot to sharpen his penknife before the performance and so had to cut at the the electric cord twice before he could persuade the light to go out. But was it the fault of the man at the switch ?

B. James and T. Marshall ably portrayed their role of villains in the same play, while in Nina we find a devoted wife always assisting her husband in his nefarious designs.

After a cornet duet, the last item of the programme, "The Grey Parrot" arrived. "Sam's" jokes highly amused the audience, which had not yet recovered from Dompierre's exclamation "Do nothing rash, carissima, you might get hit instead of me." Fierce and overbearing P.C. 24 proved his ability as administrator of the law. The ladies in the play took their parts well, but "The Grey Parrot" completely forgot itself and said something "awful," which quite shocked Mrs. Gannet, but then "you'd probably say a word or two if you were dropped off busses."

Very many jokes made by the "Grey Parrot Company" were missed on account of the great applause of the audience. The concert ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

But what big entertainment can be carried out without some startling news? In the morning some "monopoles" owned by the organiser of the "Dramatic Players Co." were found to be missing. The celebrated detective, "Max Carados," was soon on the case, but no trace of the cigars was found.

The money realised by the sale of sweets at the concert was donated to the Jack's Day fund.

"The Grey Parrot."

Mrs. GANNET.—Acted well; seemed to know all that was worth knowing about lighting cigars.

JIM GANNET.—His acting gained him many admirers. It was a pity that no love-making scene occurred in the play; he would have excelled himself.

Mrs. ROGERS.—Took her part very well; must have had previous experience with refractory husbands.

SAM ROGERS.—Come up to scratch beautifully. Delivered his speeches well and did not forget his jokes.

HOBSON.—Well, in my opinion, he was a genius; anyhow he looked the part—nuff sed.

P.C. 24.—"Little Dent." Created the laugh of the evening. Gave cheek in a true "copper's" style.

"Blind Man's Bluff."

NINA.—The feminine section of the play. Tried to vamp Carados, but failed.

DOMPIERRE.—Made the only joke of the play. He was very funny, perhaps unconsciously so.

MONTMORENCY.—More or less a born actor—mostly less. Was inclined to gallop; acquitted himself creditably.

CARADOS.—The only actor in the play (in his own opinion); played a difficult part very well (also in his own opinion).

HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT, 1918.

Statement of Accounts.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d
Sale of Tickets ...	27	9	7
Advertisements on Programmes & Tickets	3	0	0
Sale of Sweets ...	0	10	0
	£30	19	7

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d
Hire of Hall ...	6	16	0
Printing	2	10	0
Advertising ...	0	15	0
Costumes, etc. ...	1	13	10
Performer's Fare ...	1	5	0
Petty Cash ...	0	7	0
Balance in Bank ...	17	12	0
	£30	19	7

J. W. HAYES, Hon. Business Manager.
C. E. BROWN, Hon. Treasurer.

Boys' Sports.

Athletic Sports Meeting.

Held 16th October, 1918.

Age Championships.

16 years and over—Terry 1, Osborne 2, Egan 3.

15 years and under—G. Firkin 1, Murray 2, Sneddon 3.

14 years and under—Breden 1, F. Gray 2, Lackie 3.

13 years and under—Breden 1, Williams 2, Grahame 3.

220 yards Championship, senior—Terry 1, Coates 2, Massey 3.

220 yards Championship, junior—G. Firkin 2, Breden 2, Murray 3.

440 yards Championship, senior—F. Firkin 1, Riley 2, F. Gray 3.

440 yards Championship, junior—G. Firkin 1, F. Gray 2

880 yards Championship, senior—Adam 1, Riley 2, Coates 3.

880 yards Championship, junior—T. Lee 1, F. Gray 2, Symes 3.

Mile Championship, senior—Riley 1, Adam 2, Osborne 3.

Mile Championship, junior—T. Lee 1, A. Gray 2, Jackson 3.

Pole Vault Championship, senior—Hopper (7ft 9ins) 1, Osborne (7ft 5ins) 2, Massey (6ft 6ins) 3.

Pole Vault Championship, junior—Campbell 1, Oakley 2, Forbes 3.

Hop, Step and Jump Championship, senior—Osborne (37ft) 1, Hopper (36ft 1in) 2, Egan (35ft 9in) 3.

Hop, Step and Jump Championship, junior—Murray 1, Sneddon 2, Lackey 3.

High Jump, senior—Osborne 1, Hopper 2, Terry 3.

High Jump, junior—Murray (4ft 6ins) 1, Snedden (4ft 5ins) 2, Campbell (4ft 4ins) 3.

Broad Jump, senior—Osborne (17ft 11ins) 1, Hopper (17ft 9ins) 2, Egan (17ft 3ins) 3.

Broad Jump, junior—Murray (15ft 9ins) 1, Sneddon (15ft 7ins) 2, Forbes (15ft 4ins) 3.

Class Relay—Remove II. 1, 3A 2, Remove I. 3.

Hurdles Championship Final, senior—Egan 1, Osborne 2, Terry 3.

Hurdles Championship Final, junior—Campbell 1, Sneddon 2, Forbes 3.

Wheelbarrow Race, senior—Hopper and Terry 1, Henery and Marshall 2, Osborne and Pascoe 3.

Wheelbarrow Race, junior—Lee and F. Gray 1, Hadley and Quinlan 2, Breden and A. Gray 3.

Siamese Twins, senior—Henery and Marshall 1, Riley and Massey 2.

Siamese Twins, junior—Tyler and Kelly 1, Campbell and Lackey 2, Collins and Fitzgerald 3.

CHALLENGE EVENTS.

Challenge Relay Race, senior—M.H.S. 1, N.H.S. 2, N.C.S. 3.

Challenge Relay Race, junior—M.H.S. 1, N.H.S. 2

440 Junior Championship v. M.H.S., N.H.S. and N.C.S.—Trape (M.H.S.) 1, Rogers (N C.S.) 2, F. Firkin (N.H.S.) 3.

100 yards Challenge v. M.H.S., N.H.S. and N.C.S.—Spence (M.H.S.) 1, Bailey (M.H.S.) 2, Terry (N.H.S.) 3.

100 yards Challenge, junior—Breden (N.H.S.) 1, Williams (N.H.S.) 2, Grahame (N.H.S.) 3.

Hop, Step and Jump Challenge, senior—Spence, M.H.S. (39ft 2ins) 1, Windir (37ft 4ins) 2, Osborne (37ft) 3.

Tug of War—Teams Winner—Egan (Capt.), Forbes, Atkinson, Gray, Murray, Oakley, 1; Cooksey (Capt.), Abbott, Abrahams, Coles McCann, Lackey, 2.

OPEN HANDICAPS.

Final 75 yards Handicap—Adam 1, Sutton 2 Porkey Henery 3.

220 yards Handicap Final—Adam (20yds) 1, Coates (20yds) 2, Egan (12yds) 3.

440 yards open Handicap - Coates 1, Henery 2, F. Firkin 3.

880 yards open Handicap—Henery 1, Riley 2, Lee 3.

Mile open Handicap—Jackson (150yds) 1, Henery (60yds) 2, Lee (20yds) 3.

Broad Jump open Handicap—Osborne (17ft 11ins) 1, F. Firkin, Hopper, Egan (17ft 9ins) 2.

High Jump open Handicap—Atkinson (5ft 3ins) 1, Osborne (5ft 2ins) 2, Coates (4ft 11ins) 3.

The points in the Shield Competition went as follows:—Remove II., 87½; Remove 1, 75; 4th Year, 67½; Remove C, 39; 1B, 19; 3A, 17; 3B, 11; 2A, 7; 1AC, 6; 2AC, 3; 1A, 3.

The Form Competition was made much more interesting by the holding of a Mixed Form Relay Race. This was a most exciting race, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, and probably the best item of the day. We think it might be better still if each form had a flag of its own.

Rugby Union Football.

During the past season this line of sport was revived in the school. Games were played with Maitland, while we combined with Maitland against Sydney Technical High School.

The first game resulted in a win for Maitland by eleven points to eight, Osborne and Terry scoring. The second match was played on the Newcastle Showground, and after a splendid game on a somewhat muddy ground, both teams secured ten points. We had hard luck in not winning. Moody and Egan scored and Terry kicked a field goal.

A fortnight later Sydney Technical High School team visited Maitland. We combined with the latter team. The players chosen were Massey, Moody, Egan, Terry and Riley. The game ended in a win for the combined by seventeen points to eight. Massey, Terry and Egan scored tries and all the five players showed splendid form. The left wing (Terry and Egan) was a dangerous one, and was well watched by Sydney. The following day Sydney played Maitland and defeated them by 22-6.

The next game was played on the Maitland Showground; our team was weak and we were defeated.

Next year our team will be a good one and there is every prospect of having another successful season.

League Football.

The Michelmas vacation brought to a close a very successful league football season. As usual two teams were entered in the all schools competition. The honors of the season undoubtedly go to the "A" team. This team succeeded in winning the competition. Medals are to be presented, and they are expected any day. The best player in the team was Osborne, our fast three-quarter, who succeeded in getting nearly all the tries of the season. Weir and Paddock also played well in the backs. The pick of the forwards were Riley and Coates, while Brown, the centre, played a good game. The "B" team had some fair players, and we hope to see them in "A" football next year.

Soccer Football.

During the past season, besides matches against Maitland, we ran our own competition. There were four teams—two East and two West. In the seniors, East succeeded in defeating their opponents (West) twice (3-1 and 2-1), while two draws (3-3 and 2-2) were played. In the juniors, West had the running, defeating their opponents three times out of four and playing one draw (3-3).

Against Maitland, the seniors points were equal, each winning two games and playing one draw, while the juniors defeated Maitland three out of four games.

Our comp. was spoiled by the ground at the Sports Ground being cut up, and by very few of the original teams turning up.

I think we can say that altogether we had a fairly successful season, and hope to do better next year.

Cricket Characters.

E. EGAN—A good solid bat; knocked top score against Maitland. A good wicket-keeper.

D. SCOBIE—Good with bat and ball; also good with his tongue, always ridicules the "tryers" at practice.

W. KNIGHT—Our startling, yorking, googlying, break, fast and wide bowler; fair with bat.

A. DUNCAN—A fair bat and fair bowler. Enjoys himself immensely at practice.

W. RAMSHAW—Our sick player; sick always when a match is on. A whirlwind bowler.

J. EVANS—A fair bat, but liable to lose his block; tries to turn inside out when bowling.

PADDOCK—A "very fine" bat, a fair bowler and fielder; always reliable.

C. MASSEY—Our dark (?) haired captain; dances a Highland Fling as he bowls to confuse the batsman.

J. ESTELL—3B's champion bat and fast bowler.

DODD—Fair with bat and good with ball; bowled well against Maitland B's. Shuts his eyes, but all the same gets wickets.

HENERY—A very pretty player. Very fair behind the stumps.

CASSIDY—Captain of B team. Bowled fair against Maitland in first match, but failed horribly in next. With bat———'nuff sed.

THOMPSON—The champion swinger; shuts his eyes, but generally brings off his hit. Plays well behind stumps, but dangerous as a bowler.

COATES—Only bowled once. Recovered his good name by knocking top score against Maitland. Fair all round.

S. RILEY—Good slip fielder; lets them slip through his fingers.

Girls' Sports.

The results of the Girls' High School Sports at end of second term are as follows—

School Championship—V. Drinnan 1, L Jarvie and K. Bowie 2.

4th year Handicap—V. Drinnan 1, E. James 2, M. Lloyd 3.

3rd year Handicap—F. Eaton 1, N. Heath 2, D. Richards 3.

2nd year Handicap—J. Donaldson 1, B. Drysdale 2, M. Hunt 3.

Remove Handicap—M. Durie 1, M. Miller 2, F. Eaton 3.

1st year Handicap—L. Einsaar 1, M. Steggles 2, D. Firkin 3:

Relay Race, Senior—V. Drinnan, F. Eaton, P. Miller, E. Manefield, 1; M. Hunt, F. Gould, D. Petherick, M. Short 2.

Relay Race, Junior—D. Pearson, E. Fraser, V. Doak, M. Kinder, 1; K. Bowie, M. Miller, L. Jarvie, J. Short, 2.

Three-Legged Race—16 years—V. Drinnan and F. Eaton, 1, D. Richards and M. Heath, A. Cassidy and E. Hingst (tie) 2. 14 and 15yrs—M. Short and F. Gould 1, B. Drysdale and J. Stinson, H. Sharp and E. Knight (tie) 2, M. Durie and K. Braye 3. Under 14—I. Gregory and V. Doak, J. Beresford and E. Schumack (tie) 1, M. Evans and D. Coates, D. Pearson and L. Dickinson (tie) 2.

Obstacle Race—16yrs—E. Hingst and M. Roach 1, F. Eaton and M. Tingle 2, G. King and S. Robin 3. 14 and 15 years—D. Toll and M. Burt 1, K. Bowie and L. Mitchell 2, E. Manefield and M. Newton 3. Under 14yrs—L. Whitelaw and J. Beresford 1, D Pearson and M. Evans 2, E. Fraser and D. Coates 3.

Hop, Step and Jump—16 years—H. Francis 1, V. Drinnan 2, G. King 3. 14 and 15 years—M. Hunt 1, L. Mitchell 2, J. Davis 3. Under 14 years—D. Pearson 1, K. Braye 2, D. Coates 3.

Blind Donkey's Race—16 years—E. Hingst and V. Drinnan 1, G. King and L. Holmes 2, E. James and S. Robin 3. 14 and 15 years—L. Lazer and E. Wallbank 1, L Mitchell and J. Short 2, K. Bowie and M. Miller 3. Under 14—H. Short and E. Knight 1, M. Evans and D. Coates 2, I. Gregory and V. Doak 3.

Apple Race—16 years—V. Drinnan 1, M. Short 2, G. King 3. 14 and 15 years—M. Hunt 1, J. Donaldson 2, L. Mitchell 3. Under 14—D. Pearson and L. Whitelaw 1, M. Kinder and E. Fraser 2.

Needle Race—16 years—V. Drinnan 1, D. Richards 2, F. Eaton 3. 14 and 15 years—L. Holmes 1, M. Miller 2, M. Smith 3. Under 14—J, Beresford 1, M, Kinder 2, E. Fraser 3.

Sack Race—16 years—V. Drinnan 1, A. Cassidy 2, G. King 3. 14 and 15yrs—L. Mitchell 1, M. Stephenson 2, F. Eaton 3. Under 14—M. Kinder 1, K. Braye 2, J. Beresford 3.

Skipping Race—16 years—V. Drinnan 1, F. Eaton 2, G. King 3. 14 and 15 years—F. Eaton 1, J. Davis 2, F. Gould 3. Under 14—M. Kinder 1, L. Whitelaw 2, J. Beresford 3.

Egg and Spoon Race—16 years—E. James 1, V. Drinnan 2, M. Tingle 3. 14 and 15 years—D. Petherick 1, K. Bowie 2.

Walking Race—16 years—E. James 1, P. Miller 2, V. Drinnan 3. 14 and 15 years—E. Schumack 1, B. Drysdale 2, M. Foy 3. Under 14—I. Gregory 1, D. Pearson 2, A. Gray 3.

Hopping—16 years—V. Drinnan 1, P. Miller 2, M. Davis 3. 14 and 15 years—M. Miller 1, L. Mitchell 2, M. Hunt 3. Under 14—L. Whitelaw 1, D. Pearson 2, M. Kinder 3.

The final result was that the shield was won by 4th year.

Basket Ball.

During the last quarter basket ball has been carried on very enthusiastically. Maitland team challenged our A team, and we lost (20-16). Both teams played well, but we were not used to their court and so lost. Our A team returned the challenge and won out at Broadmeadow—22-6; B team also won. 2A figures very prominently in the A team, and next year they hope still to hold that same position as 3A.

Hockey.

In November the mention of hockey makes one feel languid, but it was a different matter several months ago. Then the ground was generally delightfully muddy and cool; lost heels, etc., predominated. One of our team players unfortunately was attacked by fluid on the knee, from which she is now recovering. Many of the girls are now contemplating disappearing bruises, honourably sustained on the field of battle.

We journeyed to Maitland early in the season and after a stiff encounter were unfortunately defeated by 1-nil. But the tables were turned when we defeated Maitland, 3-2, on our own ground, and so successfully closed the season. Hockey is a grand game!

Tennis.

The following were chosen for the A and B teams for the year 1918:—

A Team—Evelyn James, Muriel Davis, Doris Skelton, Phoebe Miller.

B Team—Victoria Drinnan, Violet Williams, Una Dawson, Enid Mitchell; emergencies—Molly Walker, Margaret Breckenridge.

During the last half-year a match was played against Maitland, which resulted in the B teams being equal, but the A team was only a friendly match. The return match was played at the City courts. After the match the Newcastle girls, accompanied by several teachers, invited the Maitland girls and teachers to a picture party, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

The N.H.S. was represented by E. James and P. Miller in the Double Bay Tournament. They succeeded in getting into the semi-finals, but after a courageous effort to return as victors, their career was ruined.

At the close of a successful year we bid farewell to the majority of the members of our tennis teams.

FORM REPORTS.

3A.

Yaka! Hula! Graal! Graal! We must also have our snarl!

Who knows how to graal? A certain master knows. "We" do most effectively; for while essaying to serenade and encourage the "Interites" under the arches with our latest graal song (Key Z, 2/1, Room 4), we were rudely interrupted by this aforementioned master, whose colleague afterwards described our graal song as sounding like "Home, Sweet Home," ably rendered by a diseased Ford.

Is this Justice? The School choir is tolerated; why not us?

The girls now desire to learn "De Ole Graal."

We have carefully studied the Christian motto: "Do unto others as you would have others do to you—but do it first." That is the reason why we "allowed" 3B to have the victory at our mixed cricket match. May they also observe this motto next time.

We must render thanks to our worthy dramatic master for bringing into the limelight the dramatic art, previously lying dormant in 3A, but now so extremely in evidence.

Carrodos, our terrible 'tec., is still on the trail of the missing Monopole, Magnum Murices—(Is this French for cigar?)

It is asserted by D—— that Deut's morals are degenerating, while K—— has been paying too much attention to the language of that "awful bird." [You've got too much humour, you 'ave.—Ed.]

Deut has become a great gardener, carrying his tools in his coat.

One of our Latin Masters told "Scuntus" that he had a "classical face." After this doubtful compliment, he aspires to be a master of classics (A, B, C, etc.), but we see him in the dim future " 'awkin' rabbits," [Why not empty bottles?—Ed.]

The effect of romantic literature is being felt in 3A; for certain boys have an affinity for the company of the fair sex, whilst from D—— come many dark sayings concerning a mysterious Ronnie.

Alas! woe unto us! Our days of leisure are nearly over. Next year we embark on the last stage of our voyage to the Leaving. May we all come safely to port, wafted by a fair breeze.

And so, challenging the 3A to be, to win as much renown as we have gained, we sign ourselves—3A.

3B.

"Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend me your ears!"

It is a good thing that T. Livy and Virgil are past caring. If either of these gentlemen chanced to hear the remarks made by the pupils in charge of one of his descendants, someone would have to pick up the pieces. [Of whom?—Ed.] In spite, however, of their unfriendly attitude to these great men, the "wee Latin class" is doing some very fine work. No one ever expected any work from those gay, gaudy, giddy, giggling girls, of the other section of whom Mr. (?) Ah Dod spoke when he spoke of the "shallow twitterings in the straw-built shed," and from among whose ranks we regret the disappearance of "Marie."

A certain lady teacher gives tests when the spirit moves her. Tests have been numerous lately, so we must see about having these spirits locked up.

The effect of almost a year of solid work [Eh, what?—Ed.] in that insalubrious habitation known as the library, is everywhere apparent. Added to this, we are constantly being reminded of November, 1919.

"O, hard condition, twin born with greatness." Were it not for the daily visits of Damascus, Hucklesizzle and Co., the professional graalers whose song and refrain, "What do the Pegs Say? Graal! Graal! Graal!" has taken the class by storm, and the amusement caused by the characteristic idiosyncrasies of one piece of flirtatious femininity, who wants to elope, some of the class would certainly have taken up their residence at Sandgate long ago.

Why are people in this class so eager to cause friction and make latent heat by saying: "Hullo, Sam!" when a certain member of 3A appears during the Science lesson. As our friend, "Shirts" says, "the ambiguity is terrific."

Members of Naval and Military Cadet Corps always go about armed, as it is no joke to run into a division of the barbarians carrying water pistols, pea-shooters, and bombs.

Hoping for the time when we will no longer be—

THE INVINCIBLE [?—Ed.] 3B.

2A.

We consider this class the best in the School, although it does contain several fools. F—— is the biggest fool, for he is too "cock-sure" of passing the Inter. He may—he may not.

The athlete of the class is H——, and still there is Welly, the notorious muck-up, who often visits the Tch. to increase his knowledge (more or less).

Our "Rusty" must not be forgotten. Talk about carrots. No comparison!

We are sorry to say that Peedles has "gone to the mountains," re the next mile.

Sweet is our greatest flirt

Angus, "the Scot," is noted for his "don't mench," which is "Angustian Francais"

—2A.

So good-bye, with good wishes.

2A.C.

"The dragon approaches, his eyes gleaming, and threatening; his mouth gapes to taste our blood." The dragon is the exam.. his eyes are the examiners, and his mouth is the Exam.Room, and our blood is our knowledge. Great enthusiasm was shown by this class on Tuesday, 12th, and the dragon was momentarily forgotten.

Some came into town [Who?—the dragons?—Ed.] determined to add their enthusiasm to the crowds; others stood on their dignity and proceeded to school. The scholars who took French leave we greeted the following morning by: "You're copped;" but all passed off serenely.

Our motorist, G.J., has been explaining the mechanism of air-cooled engines for "Fords," but got rather mixed.

Our "Cracker" went off like a "bung-bung-bung." [Any more bungs?—Ed.]

A certain teacher believes that "Hawk" has developed "the tired feeling."

So, expressing the hope that the Intermediate will leave us intact as a Form, we sign ourselves

—2A.C.

REMOVE II.

It was rumoured last year that the Form Reports were placed in order of merit. Considering the quality [what quality?—Ed.] the attempt made was very unfavourable. Our award was only fifth position; but we entertain great hopes for this one.

As the result of a little effort, the Boys' Shield now adorns the walls of Room 4. Are we not some class? Training was a pleasure to some, but we regret to say that there are stragglers in our midst. All 100 yards Age Championships fell to our lot.

Our "Admiral" has rather a hasty temper; we are afraid that one day he will be meet a "Tartar."

Good luck has been tendered to all "Interites." A large field of seven competitors have been entered from "Stable 8."

So, extending to all hearty wishes for as enjoyable a vacation as we intend to have, we appear, for the last time, as—

REMOVE II.

REMOVE I.

"The Lost Sheep" have at last returned, after five "fagging," and now that it is all over we resume our aristocratic [What!—Ed.] views of the pearls within this school.

Pleasant, isn't it? to think that our young "Wakefield Sprite" has opened into picture entertainments with a fair 1B damsel. What are our fresh young "rosebuds" doing to allow such a concord?—[Discord!—Ed.]

The "Sad" company is still in action, with one addition—Friend F. What a pity that such ambitious youths should obtain such a name. They do flatter themselves. *N'est ce pas?"*

Miss —— has received too many rebuffs and needs encouraging. Who will volunteer to do it? What about E.R.P.?

The "Paris Model" has had such a setback—Such a worry this "Inter." Now, girls, I am going to———14 hours a day. [Don't be a non-unionist.—Ed.] Suddenly the postman's whistle is heard. A letter for E.S. From whom we cannot say! We are certain it contains advice about night——Ha!

Miss W—— is getting so argumentative in English and History that several are thinking of silencing her with a "peace bullet."

Wonder of Wonders! "Bass Strait" has awakened from his peaceful reveries and joined hands with the "Wakefield Sprite." Guess the rest.

What ho! she bumps! W—— is a regular genius. What at? French? No! Acrobatic turns, of course! Really, we should ask some Circus proprietor to adopt the "artful one." He would amuse the children.

Before closing, we should like to ask the "Head" "Who gave Mr. ——— permission to enter Room 6 in the sweetest hours of the day (?) and try to shake heart and soul out of our youthful members."

Wishing all in the removing trade a "Merry Christmas" and a pleasant holiday, we wish to be remembered as the—

FIRST-CLASS REMOVERS.

REMOVE COMMERCIAL.

Once more the curtain rises, and reveals the closing scene of this, another school year. During the months that have passed the Honour Roll of our class has grown, until of the "Fair Army" which began the year in bright array only a few stalwarts (?) remain. The others have succumbed to the ceaseless bombardment of tests which still continue.

However, we hope for an armistice shortly, so that we may end the year without further casualties.

Of the remaining few, three are candidates for the "Inter." Two are sure to pass (through the door).

We have sustained one great reverse during the last half-year, viz., the loss of the Girls' Shield, but as the swimming season is fast approaching, the members of the female section of our class have decided to win back their deprived honours. This is more than probable, for do we not possess the celebrated "Empty" [Empty what?—Ed.] who is undoubtedly some swimmer.

We are looking forward to the vacation, when for six long weeks we shall pack away our books and revel in the joys of holiday-making; but, notwithstanding this statement, we wish to impress our readers that "we are happy" in our work, and dearly love our teachers (more or less), who, however, do not seem to appreciate our kind feelings, but we daresay it is better, as we would not be the model class we undoubtedly are if it was not for our striving (?) to gain their acknowledgement; and if we had it, there would be nothing left to strive for. With this aim we bid all "Adieu," and sign ourselves, for the last time (perhaps),

—REMOVE COMMERCIAL.

[Is this the class the rats are in?—Ed.]

1A.

1, 2, 3, 1A are we,
4, 5, 6, we have them in a fix;
7, 8, 9, we are very fine.

Our sport has improved slightly—[Very slightly—Ed.] as compared with last season, but yet no shield.

Early in this half-year, a pilgrim, or probably a commercial traveller, left a loaf of bread under a desk, and it caused a large number of the mouse tribe to frequent Room 1.

"Practical," the Gee-nee-ass, always helps those in difficulties.

Quilkey would be a joke cracker of the first degree if he had his jokes considerably repaired.

The fairer sex are still keen tennis players; and some very good swimmers contribute to "invincible 1A."

My word, do we not envy that person who rides in a B.S.A. sidecar, and also her swimming capabilities.

Hoping to appear next year as R1. We are, THE ESTEEMED 1A.

1B.

Of your 3A you well may spout,
Of your 3A we have a doubt;
But read, and you will quickly see,
You cannot come up to our 1B.

We have taken a flying leap in literature, whether of the Shakespearian style, we know not, but that it is easily construed is evident by the number of readers belonging to the male sex.

The members of our class would deem it a great privilege if the proposed lady cyclist would give us a ride on the back of the "bicycle, built for two."

Our Latin class is getting on nearly as fine as the "wee Queensland lassies."

Lessons given free in the art of letter-writing. For further particulars apply "Room 2, Row 4."

In time to come, our class shall produce a composer of a Latin grammar. (?)

It is unfortunate that in our extreme sorrow we have to announce that "Cob" has lost his combing apparatus, viz., the rake.

In spite of the frantic endeavours one of our young enthusiastic teachers is still carrying on a too-intimate friendship with the girls.

"Flip" still continues to digest the end of his fountain-pen in all lessons.

Yours, with good wishes for a happy vacation, —I.B.

1A.C.

Owing to some unavoidable mistake, the merits of our half-yearly report were overlooked by the Editor—[Were there any merits?—Ed.]

We still hold the same opinion in regard to Science as we stated in our last report. As one of our girls is leaving at Xmas, we regret to report that our class will be smaller. ....Question:—Why are some of the boys in our class so fond of taking a walk near the precincts of the N.C.G.S. during luncheon recess? We begin to fear lest we may lose them entirely. We are forced to confess that the romantic stories so prevalent about our girls are true.

By the way, we may say that our "hemale" sub-prefect did not compose this report. Rumour has it that he was too lazy, so we girls "kept the bridge."

"Scooter" is improving, and will soon be entirely civilised.

Hoping that next year, figuring as R. Commercial, will see us permanently established in a room, for this year we have been commercial "travellers." Au Revoir, but not good-by. We are— 1A.C.

Third Quarterly Concert.

(By "Rupt")

The concert held in celebration of the breaking up of school for a well-earned Michaelmas vacation was a decided success. The programme included songs by Violet Williams and Irene Williams, a cornet duet by A. Harkins and J. Gearing, and a piano duet by M. Pullen and I. Green, all of whom were enthusiastically applauded.

Roars of laughter which could be heard at Stockton greeted Mr. Heatley's attempts to represent a railway smash in his monologue "11.69" This, and recitations by Dora Toll and M. Stephenson, were items highly appreciated by the audience. The Choir, under the baton of Mr. Gibson, rendered "Come where My Love Lies Dreaming" most effectively.

After a short and suitable address by Mr. Williams the proceedings were terminated by singing the National Anthem.

Cricket.

This season's cricket has opened up very favourably. With Mr. Williams in charge a new arrangement for conducting the sport was made.

At the start of the season a meeting of all cricket enthusiasts wss called. At this meeting it was decided to form a school competition of four teams, A, B, C and D. Four captains were chosen, viz.: Massey, Egan, Knight and Duncan, and these four picked four teams from the list of cricketers. As two wickets are always available at the Show Ground it was decided to have two games in progress each Wednesday.

For the purpose of inter-school matches with M.H.S., it was agreed to form a 1st Eleven, a 2nd Eleven and a 3rd Eleven if possible.

Results of matches against M.H.S.:—1st Eleven, at Maitland—Maitland, 8 for 108; Newcastle, 96; batting, Egan 58. 2nd Eleven, at Maitland—Maitland, 8 for 129; Newcastle, 29. 2nd Eleven, at Newcastle—Newcastle, 58; Maitland, 56; batting, Coates 26; bowling, Dodd 6 wickets for 15.

School competition—27/11/18, at Showground, A v. B—A team, 97; B team, 81. Batting, A team—Thompson 22 and 6, Quinlan 15 and 0; B team—Henery 20 and 6, Dodd 21 and 5. C v. D, at Showground—D team 105 and 61; C team, 43 and 3 wickets for 95. D won on first innings. Batting—D team—Weir 57 and 2, Cassidy 16 and 16, Jackson 1 and 21 not out; C team—Paddock 11 and 53 not out, Campbell 12 and 26.

Third Year Cricket Match.

3A had challenged 3B to a cricket match, 5 girls and 6 boys aside. Accordingly the following players lined up cricketum (supine—for the purpose of playing cricket):—3A—P. Miller, D. Toll, F. Eaton, C. Gellately, G. Bartholomew, Weir, Marshall, Henery, Paddock, Brown, Neal. 3B—D. Richards, M. Breckenridge, H. Chalmers, D. Talbot, Dodd, Estell, Thompson, Arthur, West, Coates.

3B being one girl short, Miss Ross was induced, after a little persuasion, to enter the field of battle.

Spasm 1—3A knocked 61 runs. Spasm 2—3A gave 3B 56 runs. Spasm 3—3A put up a score of 46. Spasm 4—3A again gave 3B 56 runs.

The scores having been totalled up by Carados of the Maths. Honors Class, the 3A-ites were declared the winners by about 20 runs. When, however, the 3B reps. got on the job they found that they had won by 5 runs. Alas! it was only too true. Carados had got two ducks (0-0) and he had tried to save his reputation by making 3A the winners. Stiff luck, Carados. The scores were: 3A, 107; 3B, 112.

Miss Ross (10 and 6) was the best batter of the femine section, while P. Miller (10 and 3) also batted well. For the boys, Weir (25 not out and 4) batted best, and Estell played a good bat. Dodd was easily the best bowler, taking about 12 wickets.

The match was a great success, and before long we hope to have another.

P.S.—We hope next time that the girls will not ask us to "shout" for them while we are waiting for the tram.

Kisses and Misses.

The usual quarterly concert was held in the Assembly Room at the end of last half-year. After the usual songs and recitations, intermixed with a few auctions, came the event of the afternoon, a one act comedy, entitled, "Kisses and Misses." The cast was—

Nita (A Young Society Belle) ...	Gwen King
Nelly (Her Maid)	Dora Toll
Randall Skeffington (A Young Clubman, fiancee to Nita)	T. Neal
Miles King (His Chauffeur) ...	T. T. Henery

The parts were all well acted and the play went with a swing and was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. One defect was that the stage scenery was very crude A darkened hall was represented by a curtain stretched from in front of the blackboard to above the piano. Also anyone at the end of the room could see all that transpired behind this curtain. However, despite such drawbacks, the players, rising to the occasion, carried things to a successful conclusion.

Perhaps the part most relished by the audience was the darkened hall scene. Nita was supposed to kiss King behind the curtain. But although the play was "Kisses and Misses," it turned out to be all misses, for when the kiss was heard loud and prolonged laughter came from the audience, many of whom assert that it was only a clap of the hands—a camouflaged kiss.

Also at the latter end of the piece our "patent Ford" caused much hilarity.

Typewriter Statement of Account

To December 1st, 1918.

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d
Cash on Hand 31/1/18	10	3	5	Overhaul of Typewriters	6	5	0
Subscriptions from 1/2/18 to 1/12/18	15	19	6	Repairs to Duplicator...	2	15	0
				New Underwood Machine	13	3	6
				Ribbons, etc. ...	0	15	4
				Insurance	0	5	2
				Balance	2	18	11
	£26	2	11		£26	2	11

The actual price of the new Underwood typewriter purchased was £23/3/6, of which £13/3/6 was paid in cash and an allowance of £10 obtained for the old machine taken as part payment.

Departure of Mr. Williams.

We have just heard that next year Mr. Williams will be at North Sydney Boys' High School, taking the place of our late Headmaster, Mr. C. R. Smith, who has been transferred to Sydney High School.

Mr. Williams came here only three and a half years ago; and his tenure of office has made a deep impress upon the School. This has been less evident in the classroom, where the "Syllabus" and the examinations make an almost impregnable "Hindenburg line," than in other School activities. Sport has advanced considerably under his friendly interest, not so much in quality as in the number of pupils that take part. The girls, in particular, should owe the Headmaster a deep debt of gratitude for the improvement effected recently in their games. His interest in music has led to the formation of the School Choir, and the holding of the annual concerts.

It was largely owing to the persistence of Mr. Williams that we at last had alterations made to the school buildings, which have rendered conditions here so much more pleasant for all.

Such enjoyable incidents as the School picnics, and the third and fourth-year socials, have not only been permitted, but made much more pleasant by the very active share Mr. Williams has always taken in the proceedings. The many patriotic functions which the School has undertaken or shared in, have owed much to his help, and the friendly assistance of Mrs. Williams.

We wish them both every happiness at North Sydney, and we hope they will not forget us all at Newcastle.

It is strange to reflect that this School has had only two Headmasters. Our only hope is that the third will equal the other two in kindness, sympathy and good fellowship.

We also seize the occasion to say farewell to Nancy and Alan. The latter has one advantage over us—he knows who his headmaster will be next year.

The pupils of the school have heard with regret of the projected departure of our headmaster, Mr. Williams, who has been appointed head of North Sydney Boys' High School in succession to Mr. Smith.

We shall ever in the future look back with pleasure to the happy days spent at Newcastle High School under the headship of Mr. Williams, whom, in the three and a half years he has been with us, we have learned to respect and admire. Some few of us have known him since he first came to this school, and the more we have come to know him, the more our respect and admiration have increased.

We have been able to look to Mr. Williams for encouragement in the two fields of our activities in school life—both in work and in sport. In our school work he has been a ready helper, and not one among us has had need to hesitate in explaining to him any difficulty which we encountered in the realm of school. In the future we shall be always able to say that he encouraged us in upholding the highest traditions of our school and in keeping to our motto "Remis Velisque." Again, in sport, our activities have become much broader. Hockey and basket-ball have both been introduced while he has been head of the school, as also have been the Newcastle High School Sports Union and the existing order of sub-prefects. Also, at Mr. Williams' suggestion, that great event in school life—the school picnic—has been re-introduced.

But what I think the pupils of the school appreciate most is the feeling of fellowship between teachers and pupils which Mr. Williams, as headmaster, has done much to encourage.

It is with great regret that we shall say "good-bye" to Mr. Williams, but realizing that our loss is North Sydney Boys' High School's gain, we, as a School and as individuals, join in wishing him the greatest success and happiness wherever he may go in the future, and we feel sure that in following out with the pupils of other schools the policy which he has followed out with us, he will win their admiration and respect even as he has won ours.

U. D.

The Third Year Social.

By R.A.

The greatest social function ever held in the annals of the N.H.S. took place on Friday, November 29, at the Wickham Parish Hall. It was held to bid farewell to our dear departing fourth-year of 1918. We commenced early to allow plenty of time for frivolity; also for M. and E. and D. and V.

Unfortunately, the gas took some trouble to light, the only gentleman of the party being too small, and another unable to manage it. But Wipsy succeeded successfully.

Everybody entered "into the spirit of the evening" (cf. organiser), and we were surprised to find several of our "men-haters" winking.

We indulged in a competition, which even Wazzy couldn't do!!! but Eda Hingst received with much eclat the surprising prize.

The novelty of the evening was in the form of a Hat-trimming Competition. Many weird Parisian (?) fashions were displayed—big hats, small hats, toque hats, sunshade hats, dunces' hats, teachers' hats, Elizabethan hats, bonnets and caps, etc. The prize was awarded to Mabel Davies, after much deliberation on Miss Batty's part. Cooksey was awarded the honour of having the most unique idea, but no "woman" would wear "that" hat. Much amusement was created by "supper disappointments," and we were honoured by the presence of many distinguished persons, viz., Fatty Arbuckle, Stiffy and Mo, President Wilson, and others too numerous to mention. The ancient classics had kindly allowed themselves to be reincarnated for our amusement. Gustavus Adolphus has been engaged at enormous expense to give personal reminiscences of the Thirty Years' War to the "next" fourth-year.

All the women will agree with Miss Josephs in her saying: "Down With Men." A very fine speech was delivered by Mr. Williams and also third-year, in the form of an Epic (?) Poem (???)

The fun waxed fast and furious. After supper two's and three's were (or was?) played, in which Cooksey showed his athletic skill to advantage, and many romantic episodes were observed. But all this time the clock had been steadily working towards midnight, and after playing the "Jolly Miller" and singing "Auld Lang Syne," the party with regret, broke up.

To our fourth-years we extend a cordial invitation to any socials we should hold in the future. We also thank Miss Johnson for her kind help and her persevering courage in "entering into the spirit of the evening."

N.B.—Who took the committee's lemonade? Was it Sir Arthur Sullivan?

"Bolshevism in Excelsis."

By "TROTSKY."

Let me draw your attention to the unhappy and oppressed people of which this organ is supposed to be the mouthpiece. "Supposed," I say, for does not the Editor, that arrogant autocrat, with his hated blue pencil, delete all matter prejudicial to his own interests and those of his colleagues; and also that matter which is beneficial to the interests of our overworked, down-trodden youth?

The Day is coming for us to break our oppressors' bonds. Their doom is sealed. We pupils are ready, and soon the emancipation of our oppressed and overworked race will be an accomplished fact and not an Utopian dream, if we carefully cultivate our Bolshevik sentiments.

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At last! Bolshevism reigns supreme. Confusion and disorder prevails. The spark has been applied, the revolution of the school pupil, so long smouldering, has now broken out into flame. That renowned form, IIIa., led us in this glorious bid for Liberty, Equality, and Justice.

First lesson this morning: Commander Hayeski, of the History Brigade, acting under orders from the Commander-in-Chief, whose headquarters are in that dread place, "The Office," ordered a test. Silence for a short time, and then the Form rose *en masse*, and refused to do the work. We had now put into action our views of Bolshevism—we were now fighting for Liberty and Equality.

Commander Hayeski, seeing us in rebellion, attempted to call up reinforcements, but he was arrested and confined in the dungeons below the Library. Then a local Soviet of the Form was declared, and it was decided to call upon our brethren in the other Forms to rebel against their oppressors.

Quickly the revolution spread from Form to Form. Masters were expelled or imprisoned, and local Soviets declared. All pupils flocked to the Assembly Room, where Citizens Weiroff, Marshallen, Heneryski, Atkineff, and many others of our brethren explained our glorious aims and hopes. Some of our more bloodthirsty and vengeful brothers advocated the immediate trial and execution of our former taskmasters, but as the revolution had been bloodless so far, they were not listened to. Chief among these were: Citizens Westski, Cookseyen, and Tyleroff.

In the midst of these celebrations, word was brought that the Commander-in-Chief had, with some of his staff, namely, Commanders Hayeski and Schoularoff, and several of the Women's Corps, overpowered his guards, and escaped. Although he had helped the others to escape, Commander Hendersonski, of the School Cadet Corps, was re-captured.

Then the Brethren and Sisters of Equality, having formed a Pupils' Committee and Tribunal, brought Commander Hendersonski to trial for his harsh treatment of his School Cadet Corps. Of this horrible charge he was found guilty, and sentenced to be shot. As he was afraid to die alone, he, with Lieut. Nairnoff, was shot against the Lab. wall (with water pistols), and their corpses were left to lie there as a warning to all other autocrats and tyrants.

Then the Pupils' Committee proceeded to select new masters. The following were elected:—Professor of Athletics and Sport, Citizen Westski; Professor of Romantic Literature, Citizen Heneryski; Professors of "Graaling," Citizens Weiroff and Brownsky; Professors of Muscular Development, Citizens Atkinsonski and Tyleroff; Professors of Voice Production, Citizens Cookseyen and Estelloff; Instructress in Deportment and Carriage, Citizeness Gwenine Kingsko; Chieftainess of Powder Puff Brigade, Citizeness Millerenski; Chieftainess of Secret Service, Citizeness Tollsko.

The Committee then proceeded to declare Monday, Wednesday, and Friday whole day sport days; Tuesday and Thursday afternoons should be devoted to visits to the Pictures; while Tuesday and Thursday mornings should be devoted to the cultivation of the higher arts, viz., water pistol shooting, romance, graaling, and debating.

The Committee was then proceeding to make new rules for the new Bolshevik Republic, when a scout arrived with the disastrous news that the Commander-in-Chief, with Commander Hayeski and a large army of inspectors and parents, was advancing on one door of the Assembly Room, and that Commander Schoularoff, with Commander Hendersonski and Lieut. Nairnoff (who had not been dead, only wet, and who had awaited their chance to escape), were advancing on the other door, with large forces, armed with stale residue of the tuck-shop, which valuable ammunition we Bolsheviks had forgotten.

Alas! Our position was now hopeless. We were circumvented, and we must surrender or be wiped out. All our ammunition was exhausted. The enemy force open the doors and enter. Quietened by a sense of defeat, we await to hear our fate, which the Commander-in-Chief was now discussing with Commander Hayeski. At last the Commander-in-Chief, fixing his cruel and stern eye upon us, and calling upon the ringleaders, Citizens Weiroff, Marshallen, Henryski, Cookseyen, Tyleroff, and Atkinsonski, announces to us, we are expelled, and orders us in a sharp command to leave the room.

Dimly, with a buzzing in my dazed brain; I can just comprehend a voice ordering me to leave the room. And suddenly I awaken out of a dream I had been having in History lesson under Mr. Hayes; and hear him telling me to leave the room if I wish to go to sleep.

School Notes.

Max Carados should investigate the mysterious brown paper parcels passed from 3A to R.C. He would be certain to find something worth while.

Why should the girls need new mirrors? The boys get on very well without any; and were not the girls beyond improvement in any case?

The Kindergarten pupils are not all in first year. The other day we saw in the tram a Remove person, supposed to be a boy, playing "jacks" with some girls. But he may improve and get into the second basket-ball team in a couple of years.

The news that Fritz was leaving France caused some of our folk to take "French leave" also.

A teacher in a certain school was noted for his illegible writing. One day some test papers were being returned, and a boy brought his back inquiring the significance of an important-looking, but mysterious, mark upon his paper. The teacher was puzzled for a few minutes, but at last triumphantly exclaimed, "Oh, that means 'write more plainly.' "

We have received a lengthy and occult screed, describing the rise and functions of a cabalistic fraternity in 3rd year. This is the "Royal Graaling Society." Members are, of course, F R G S. Their aim is peace, perfect peace. They have initiated a correspondence course and a choral society, and they have a war-cry, which we would publish, but for a horrid suspicion that it may contain insulting (but hidden) references to ourselves. The members conceal their identity under a list of awe-inspiring pseudonyms—Damascus, Pugendorf, Trismegistus, Dand, Ury, Mukle Fizz, Comus, Sidonian Dido, Pamelation, and Skunctus. Each has his specialty, colored graals, long distance graals, etc., etc. We are surprised to see no mention of wireless graals, which would be very useful on many occasions. There is an agreeable mediaeval flavor about it all, but we suspect it may only be a branch of the Sinn Fein or I.W.W.

"You have so entrancing an influence over my life and heart," etc., etc. This was found in Room 2, which we are informed goes in for such matters

quite enthusiastically. But we advise the writer of the above to consult his English teacher, who will doubtless improve his style considerably.

The Cadet Corps.

After some delay, the School Cadet Corps is at last in existence. In the course of time, we hope to get rifles, uniforms and a miniature rifle range; but when all this will happen is a great mystery. Meanwhile, this is the programme for next quarter and every cadet should note it:—

Tuesday—	February	4th	...	2 hours
"	"	11th	...	2 "
"	"	18th	...	1 "
Wednesday	"	19th	...	4 "
Tuesday	"	25th	...	1 "
"	March	4th	...	2 "
"	"	11th	...	1 "
"	"	18th	...	2 "
"	"	25th	...	1 "

A correspondent makes some remarks about the boys of Remove C. Their manners are said to be not all that could be desired, but on the other hand their conceit is excessive. We hope these complaints are quite groundless, or, at least, that the cause of them will be removed.

We have received a letter enquiring about the lantern. The alterations to the school put it out of commission for a time, and the current supplied was in some respects unsuitable. But the necessary alterations could not be carried out as material was unobtainable. However, the lantern will be in full working order next year.

"Trismegistus," heart-broken for the ninth time, decided to commit suicide. But when at last in the water he changed his mind. This is the gist of a communication from 3rd year, but we cannot vouch for it until it has been officially confirmed. Third year correspondents are as reliable as the "Rotterdam Courant."

A student of literature in 3rd year is worried about the hero of a novel he has just been reading. He complains that Mr. Hudson's numerous volumes throw no light upon the subject and his teacher discourages such questions. So he appeals to us. Can anyone tell him how the hero

(1) has an iron jaw?

(2) and eyes like gimlets?

(3) throws his eye across the lawn?

(4) Catches the heroine's eye? [We think some of 4th year year could explain this, judging by the social]

(5) makes his words burn and sting at one time and be flowery at another?

Also why is the villain always immaculately dressed and sleek, and why does he hiss and snarl, instead of speaking like ordinary people?

SAPPER J. H. KILLIP has been wounded for the second time. A fragment of shrapnel struck the strap of the wristlet watch given him by the School, and thus what might have been a nasty wound became a comparative trifle. At last reports he had quite recovered and was enjoying his furlough in interesting visits to Windsor Castle, Cambridge, Bedford, etc.

LIEUT. ALAN M. SMITH has for the last year been at North Sydney Boys' High School, and is now also Area Officer at Mosman.

It is with particular regret that we saw the notice of the death in action of VINCENT RYAN. Many of the pupils of this School will remember him; many others have been the pupils of his father or fellow pupils of his sister. Vincent was not a brilliant boy, but, better than that, was a thoroughly manly and conscientious lad. We offer his family the School's deepest sympathy.

A notice in the paper the other day read, "Died of wounds—Capt. R. W. Howard, M.C." This is the heroic end of what would have undoubtedly been a brilliant career. DICK HOWARD was perhaps the best all round boy the school has produced. A good scholar, a fine athlete, a leader and a gentleman, he was, with all that, quite free from any conceit or affection. In the Australian Flying Corps he was one of the most notable fighting men. Mr. Keith Murdoch, special correspondent for the "Sydney Sun," several times referred to his brilliance and daring in the air. Such sacrifices of fine young lives are saddening, but they are the price for the victory we have been recently celebrating.

We have just heard that the successor of MR. WILLIAMS is to be MR. SAXBY from East Maitland. Now we can enjoy our holidays in peace. We offer Mr. Saxby a hearty welcome.

An Ex-Pupils' Function.

On 16th November, a very enjoyable function was held at the Mayfield Girls' Cafe, to welcome home Returned Soldiers (A. Chalmers, R. Howie, W. Sturt, N. Stirling, H. Arnold, D. Short, W. R. Payne, and D. Fraser), who had previously attended the Newcastle High School. Only the three first-named were able to be present.

We assembled at the Cafe at 6.30, and renewed old acquaintances and made new ones till about 6.45, when we sat down to dinner. The tables were decorated with red roses and larkspurs, to represent our colours.

Apologies were read from those who were unable to attend.

The toast of "The King" was honoured; then Mr. Williams proposed "Our Guests." He was supported by Mr. Raysmith (our patron), and Mr. Henderson. Each of the three guests suitably responded.

Then followed a game of "Celebrities," the prizes for which were won by Miss Raysmith and Mr. Sturt. Other games were played, and we were a merry party till about 10 p.m., when, after singing "Auld Lang Syne," we broke up.

Our thanks are due to Miss N. Ferguson, who presided at the piano, and to Mr. L. Graham, who delighted us with a musical monologue.

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We would like to draw the attention of those readers of *The Novocastrian* who have already left the High School, and those about to leave, to the fact, that the Secretaries would be pleased to know their names and addresses. We intend holding another dinner about March, to welcome home a second batch of soldiers, and if interest in the Union is sustained we hope to hold a series of dances during the winter months.

C. POLAK }
R. BILLETT } Secretaries.

Swimming.

GIRLS' CARNIVAL.

The results of the Girls' Swimming Carnival, on December 9th, were as follows:—Championship of school—M. Tingle 1, M. Webb 2, M. Hunt 3. Championship (under 15 years)—M. Hinton 1, R. Rundle 2, M. Cook 3. Breast stroke championship—M. Tingle 1, M. Hunt 2, M. Hinton 3. Breast stroke championship (under 15 years)—M. Hinton 1, R. Rundle 2, E. Fraser 3 Diving—M. Tingle 1, M. Hunt 2, M. Webb 3. Class v. class, first year—R. Rundle 1, M. Hinton 2, M. Cook 3. Class v. class, remove year—M. Tingle 1, L. Mitchell 2. Class v. class, second year—M. Hunt 1, J. Donaldson 2, E. De Audney 3. Diving for objects—M. Tingle 1, M. Hunt 2, M. Webb 3. Three stroke race—M. Tingle 1, M. Hunt 2, M. Webb 3.

Remove C and 1A tied for the shield, which has been allotted to the former, as being the smaller form.

Correspondence.

DREAMER—A very fair attempt; but the subject is rather above your years. Do not despise the simple. Will try to use it.

DAMASCUS—Have used some of your cabalistic communication. If the war were not over we do not think it would pass the censor.

WITNESS—Very welcome. Witness some more and tell us.

BETTY—Have used some of your matter.

"TIMOTHY."—Well written, but rather long and lacking in action. More movement and less space is what we like.

"MAITCH"—Idea pretty enough, but you must get some idea of metre before trying verse.

"CUPID"—The idea not original and not well worked out.

"URY"—See School Notes.

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