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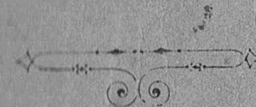
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## EDITORIAL

### TO MAKE AUSTRALIA SAFE FOR AUSTRALIANS.

What are the present-day needs of Australia? What can the N.H. School do to help meet the demands? In answer to these questions, the following is a quotation from an address by the ex-Chief Inspector of Schools, Mr. J. Dawson, M.A.:—"If Young Australia felt itself unable to make these advances in primary, secondary, and university education, then Young Australia would not hold this country. To hold this country, Young Australia must make itself fit to hold it. The country was too great to be held by a nation unfit or unworthy to hold it. There was only a handful of people, and to retain this great country, they must make themselves worthy of it, and the only way to do this was by education."

Australia is a comparatively unpeopled land of great natural resources and potentialities. The responsibilities of its people are, therefore, very great, and they (the people) must render an account of their stewardship. It is incumbent on them to discover these resources, and use them to the benefit of themselves and of mankind. Will power, coupled with scientific knowledge, will find these goods. Science will indicate the way in which they are to be made available to man's use. It will quicken, cheapen, and refine the process of production, and, combined with art, will give the greatest value to the product.

Young Australia must make use of or conquer its environments. Man is not the creature of environment, but it is through the action and reaction of mind and environment that the mind or soul will realise itself, and win through to freedom and worthiness. Australia is not the only environment which Young Australia must take into account. A people cannot live its complete life apart from other peoples, any more than a man can function apart from society. It must exchange products with them, and they must exploit them for their own good, but not necessarily to their detriment, as the Germans have done. It must, however, guard against

injustice at their hands. Young Australia must, therefore, be, if not their superior, then at least their equals, physically, mentally, and morally.

Finally, Australia must have a growing organisation, in order to discharge these obligations efficiently. This organisation we call the "State," and Young Australia must play his part intelligently and loyally in this direction.

The Newcastle High School, being the part of such a system, can, within its sphere, enable its pupils to help in the development of our great inheritance. And it may be added that he school is "doing its bit" to supply the present-day needs of Australia.

—T. CLACK.

### SCHOOL NEWS.

The last assembly before the Easter vacation was quite a memorable one. The boys' swimming shield was presented to 3A's champion and representative, F. Rundle. Mr. Harrison was congratulated on his appointment to Sydney High. The school has lost an able and energetic worker in Mr. Harrison, and we said good-bye to him with regret. Lastly, we bade farewell to Miss Ross, one of the most popular and perhaps the best-loved mistress the school has known. Miss Ross came to Newcastle High in 1918, and during her six years here she has endeared herself to us all. Iris Fallon (Senior Prefect) presented Miss Ross, on behalf of the school, with a xylonite clock and a hand-painted vase.

Miss Michel was a very welcome addition to our staff this year, and as physical culture instructress she has trained the girls, with marked success, in Grecian and folk dancing.

On the Friday preceding Empire Day a display of folk dancing by the seniors, and eurythmics by the junior girls was held in the school grounds, and was applauded by an audience consisting of members of the staff and the school.

On the following day (Empire Day), Newcastle High School was ably represented at the Combined Schools' Display at the Show-ground by the same squads who took part in the previous day's performance.

As is usual in our annual celebration of Empire Day, we welcomed the Mayor and his party and representatives of the press at an Assembly. After speeches by the Headmaster, the Mayor, and the Town Clerk, and the rendering of patriotic songs by the pupils, the Assembly was dismissed, and the girls' display was attended. A welcome innovation, which is likely to be popular, was made this year, when members of each class gave brief speeches on topical subjects. It is hoped that this practice will be continued in future years.

During the first term a series of market days was held, by means of which sufficient funds to purchase the Raxonola necessary for the girls' physical culture were raised.

Several clubs have been formed for the culture period on Thursday mornings. Included in these are a Dramatic and a Debating Society, a Wireless Club, French Circle, and School Choir.

We congratulate Miss Michel on gaining the first Dalcrose Scholarship to be awarded in Australia, which entitles her to three years' free tuition at the Dalcrose School of Eurythmics in London. Miss Michel leaves to take advantage of this scholarship in August.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent last term at a representation of Henry V. by Allan Wilkie and company. Parties from school also attended "Macbeth" and "Julius Caesar" performances.

—MARJORIE WOODS.

### NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL.

#### ANNUAL SPEECH NIGHT.

Tyrrell Hall was crowded on the evening of 22nd February, on the occasion of the annual speech night of the Newcastle High School. Alderman Kilgour, the Mayor of Newcastle, presided, and in the course of his remarks said the citizens were delighted with the high standard of proficiency attained in the school. It was said that the standard of national life was just as high as the standard of education in any country. The pupils had it in their power to build up national life.

Mr. G. C. Saxby, the head master, in his annual report, said the gross enrolment for the year was 430, but the greatest effective enrolment was 412 at the end of the first quarter. The present accommodation would not permit of a greater gross enrolment. Three additional classrooms had been provided in the last five years, and the enrolment this year indicated that further accommodation was needed. In view of the fact that fees were now paid, this was significant. During the year 60 pupils left the school. Of those seven transferred to High Schools elsewhere on account of parents removing from the district. Forty of the remaining 53 were in the lower school, and the majority left during the second year. In most of those cases the guarantee of attendance for at least three years was broken without any explanation. Parents were urged to honour their guarantee, and not to submit weakly to the child, who saw something apparently more desirable, and demanded to leave school. In referring to staff changes, Mr. Saxby extended a welcome to new members on the staff. Messrs. Pillans (Science Master), Ireland (English), Brayden (Latin), and Misses Skinner (Science) and Michel (Physical Training for Girls). The new teachers would not think the welcome less sincere because regret was expressed at losing Messrs. Clyne and Jennings, Misses Segardt



and O'Rourke. In October the annual inspection was made by Mr. Elliott, the Chief Inspector, who was accompanied by Messrs. Lasker, Cramp, Gale, and Dunlop. Mr. Elliott's report, after dealing with the separate studies in detail with criticism and suggestion, stated: "The school has been affected little by the introduction of fees. The high standard of work is maintained. There is a good tone throughout. The school is worthy of better housing." With the last statement they heartily concurred. Teachers and pupils, however, had heard the same remark before. The observation book showed similar comments in 1915, 1918, 1921, and now again in 1923. Surely it was time that patience and merit should be rewarded, and the second city of the State possess High School buildings worthy of High School work and results. The report went on to deal at some length with examination results. For the intermediate examination 75 pupils sat, and 60 gained their intermediate certificates. J. Spark obtained 7 A's. Other good passes were: G. Donaldson, 6 A's, 2 B's; P. Oakley, 5 A's, 3 B's; C. Saxby, 5 A's, 3 B's; Marjorie Woods, 5 A's, 2 B's. For the leaving certificate examination 49 pupils sat, and 45 gained the leaving certificate. Fifteen candidates gained honours, nine being first-class, and 16 in second-class. Jean Lackey passed with four honours, subjects, English, French, mathematics 1 and 2, with A's in physics and chemistry. Cyril Drake passed with first-class honours in English, mathematics 1 and 2, and A passes in Latin, French, physics, and chemistry. Wilfrid Stuttard passed with honours in Latin, mathematics 1 and 2, and A passes in Greek and chemistry. Other good passes were mentioned. University bursaries were gained by Cyril Drake and Jean Lackey. In connection with the art work at the school, Mr. Branch, superintendent of art, in the course of a letter to Mr. Piper, art teacher, said: "The work from Newcastle and West Maitland again dominated the schools' art exhibition. All of the exhibits were excellent, about up to the limit of the pupils, I think." The girls' hockey team were successful during the season in annexing the Hunter River District Shield. Another outstanding event was the winning by Elizabeth Einsaar of the silver medallion for life-saving. He believed it was the first one gained in this district by a girl swimmer. The boys' athletic club had a particularly successful season. In Sydney they won the senior cup after a most exciting tussle, and subsequently carried off the Hooke Cup at Taree against Taree and North Sydney High. In a reference to the courses of study at the school, Mr. Saxby mentioned that all pupils took the following subjects of study on entrance: English language and literature, history (English and Australian), geography, a foreign language (French), mathematics, and elementary science (physics and chemistry). Pupils completing their subjects by taking Latin in addition to the above, took the general course, which gave a satisfactory general education. Instead of Latin it was possible to take the commercial subjects, business principles and shorthand, or for pupils with artistic talent or leanings towards mechanical work or architecture, art, music for girls, mechanical drawing for boys. He thanked the staff for their zealous and conscientious work.

The chairman distributed the prizes, and on behalf of the school thanked Mesdames Clack, Hamilton, and Mulvey for their contributions to the prize fund. Their generosity enabled the number of the prizes allotted to be materially increased. Following is the prize list:—

Year I.—N. Sheldon, Dux 1A; C. Morris, special prize Year I.; Lily Robinson, Jean M'Crae, E. Lowery, three first places; J. Rowe, four first places; R. Ferguson, Dux Year I., 5 first places; C. Murphy, C. Mills, T. Morris, A. Rich, Mr. King's prize, English and French.

Year II.—R. Towler, Dux II. B.; C. George, five first places; C. Goffet, three first places; Miss Martin, French prize; D. Mortum, H. Clayton, F. Rundle, M. Callaghan, special prize; H. Cromarty, Dux Year II.

Year III.—G. Donaldson, six first-class passes, intermediate; P. Oakley, C. Saxby, M. Woods, each five first-class; M. Smith, five first places Year III., head master's prize best intermediate card; J. Spark, four first places, Dux Year III., seven first-class passes inter., head master's prize.

Year IV.—G. Holman and N. Saxby, special prize year IV.; E. Gilbert, six first places, Dux Year IV., Miss Martin's French prize.

Year V.—C. Doherty, Miss Whiteoak's prize chemistry, L.C.; M. Farrell, E. Brent and O. Frith, first-class honours English; C. Scobie, first-class honours history; E. Bell, T. Perrau, first-class honours chemistry; W. Stuttard, second-class honours Latin and mathematics; J. Lackey, three first places Year V. exam., Dux Year V., second-class honours English, French, mathematics, head master's prize best L.C. candidate; C. Drake, three first places Year V., first-class honours English and mathematics, Dux Year V., head master's prize best leaving certificate; prefect's badges, M. Boddy, H. Grassick, M. Jones, F. Palmer, E. Robertson, M. Sutton, Captain I. Fallon, J. Arthur, E. Duncanson, W. Hetherington, A. Peattie, N. Saxby, H. Thomas, Captain E. Gilbert. The girls' shield, P.S.A.A. Cup, and Hooke Cup (athletics) were also presented. Athletic honour badges were presented to St. Clair M'Kay, Edward Ball, Harry Bryant, Clive Walker, C. Morris.

Life-saving medallions and certificates were presented to R. Abel, S. Engel, H. Litchfield, E. Mitchell, and certificates to D. Cameron, R. Grierson, H. Oldham, C. Rush, F. Rundle, W. Marshall received a medallion. The ex-student's prize was presented by the head master to S. Neave.

Mr. H. Connell, M.P., in the course of a brief speech, said they were all proud of what had been achieved by Mr. Saxby at the Newcastle High School. After referring to the success won in the examinations, Mr. Connell said that was only the foundation for what the boys and girls, would be, what it was hoped they would be, in the world. The effort must be maintained afterwards. To those who failed, although they had tried hard, he would say there were plenty of positions, and high positions, filled, and to be filled, by those who were not a success at school. After school there was development of character.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Mayor and Mr. Connell, on the motion of Mr. Saxby.

An enjoyable programme was contributed by Miss Doreen Baile (pianoforte solo), Joan Grierson (musical monologues), Master Trevor Evans (song), and the pupils (school song).

### THE VALLEY,

Down in the valley,  
Where the wild flowers grow,  
Down in the valley,  
Where the sweet waters flow,  
Where the shy bird hides its nest,  
And the sun doth sink to its rest,  
There would I go.

Down in the valley,  
When the morning sun doth rise,  
Down in the valley,  
When the brown lark soars to the skies,  
When the evening shadows fall,  
And sweet peace rests o'er all,  
There do I go.

—JANET BLAIR.

### EX-STUDENTS' NOTES.

#### Girls.

Mary Hunt (Economics III.), Marjorie Millington, and Dorothy Firkin commenced teaching this year.

Florrie Eaton, B.A., is teaching at Katoomba High School, Alma Gray at Waratah, and Louie Bickerton, B.A., at "Ascham," Sydney.

Phoebe Miller has gained her B.Sc. degree.

Irene Saxby, B.A., Mrs. Birtles (Dora Toll), and Esma Scholes, B.A., are completing the professional year at college.

**Arts III. at University.**—Marjorie Wood, Marion Rogers, Lila McKenna, Faith Willings, Margaret Telfer, Enid Mitchell.

**Arts I. at University.**—Olive Frith, Nellie Horne, Gladys Gray, Thelma Newton, Leone Richards, Ethel Brent, Elizabeth Einsaar.

**Science I. at University.**—Jean Breckenridge, Jean Lackey, Mabel Farrel.

Helen Mitchell is doing Science III., and Alexa Grady, Science II.

Dorothy Pearson is doing Economics I.

Irene Stegges has taken a position as masseuse.

Marie Foy is at present working in the B.H.P. Office, Sydney.

**Second Year at Training College.**—Lilian Vost, Marjorie Kinder, Emily Smithers, Chrissie Lawson, Claire Steinbeck, Evelyn Dawkins.

The following ex-pupils were admitted to the Training College this year:—Long Course: Nancy Meldrum, Dorothy Billet, Edna Holl. Short Course: Patty O'Keefe, Letty Campbell, Beryl Roberts, Lorna Weiss.

### Boys.

It is pleasing to note that the ex-students have formed what may be termed the pioneer club of the newly-formed Newcastle Rugby Union. The team:—

H. Bryant is playing even better football than he did at school, although he is now on the wing. He also captained the representative Newcastle team against University.

J. Lambert promises to be a very good centre-three-quarter when he gets into condition. Jack works at Messrs. Pitt and Merewether, architects, and we can look to him to design the new High School, or will it be by some of the next generation?

Russ Collins, our other centre-three-quarter, plays good football. He is interested in electricity at the Commonwealth Steel Products, Limited. Some day we may get a shock from Russ.

F. Tonkin is our other winger. Although he had not played for some time, he is now in good form, and is noted for his straight running. He has not had a chance to show his boxing ability yet. It is a pity he did not play at Toronto. Privately he is an apprentice at Walsh Island.

C. Walker has a roving commission from five-eighth, centre, and wing. He shines well at every position. At Toronto his play was commendable, where he scored an excellent try. Johnny hopes to be a surveyor, but he has only the appearance as yet, especially about the legs.

R. Coles, another surveyor, looks like an aviator's offsider, and plays excellently in the five-eighth position.

Harry and Doug Richer are our brother players. Doug rakes the ball for Harry to set the backs moving. During the week they manage, or rather mis-manage, the business of Messrs. Sorby, Limited.

J. Burke, one of our best forwards, especially in loose play as breakaway, but prone to be knocked out, has joined the legal profession. He misses his run down the hill every day, and thus has lost some of his jazz-steps.

Alex Malcomson, the team's legal adviser, is an excellent front row forward.

George Johnson, the other front row forward, is still playing a good game. He runs a shirt factory. Why not try and make some hats down there, George?

A. Boa is the life of the party. In fact, he is a bit too talkative on the field. Alf runs a cordial factory. He makes a good advertisement for "Cherry Cheer."

W. Bradford, another 12-stone forward, is not so windy as when at school. He is a chemist at Washington Soul's, in Maitland—thank goodness not in Newcastle. He must be congratulated on attaining first in the State in the preliminary examination of the Pharmacy Board.

J. MacKinnon, just left school, makes a fine forward. He is another apprentice.

J. Howard, the other breakaway, played against the University. From 9 to 5 on week-days he manages Dalgety and Company, Limited. At other times he is treasurer of Newcastle Rugby Union.



Bill Arthur played with us about fifteen minutes, but had the misfortune to wake up an old injury of the knee. Hard luck, Bill, but remember the ludo team is weak this year. He is a brother worker with Frank Tonkin.

J. Stephen is another of the Walsh Island push. He is a lover of politics when league does not claim him.

J. Hyslop played one fine game on the wing for us. Thanks, Jim. We hope to hear from you soon. When you are having your shower, think of Jim Hyslop, and also of Suss Smallman, Fred Cooksey, and others who are down at the Water Board.

J. HOWARD.

### EX-STUDENTS' NOTES FROM SYDNEY.

#### General: Academic.

**University.**—Boys: D. Cornwall, C. Wood, C. Drake, E. Bell, T. Perrau, W. Stuttard, R. Cochrane, H. Williams, F. Helmore.

#### Teachers' College.

**Long Course.**—Boys: A. Gray, R. Lovett, L. Quilkey, R. Pryor, G. Reeder, A. Smith, W. Steinbeck, H. Doherty, S. Neaves, D. Dunstan.

**Short Course.**—Boys: J. Arthur, S. McKay, F. Donnelly.

A. Duncan.—Teaching at North Sydney.

F. Gray.—Teaching at Central Newcastle.

V. Lisle.—Teaching at Blackfriars.

W. Knight.—Teaching at Cook's Hill.

R. Brookes.—Teaching at Crown-street.

C. Johnson.—Teaching at Enmore.

C. Riley.—Teaching at Cootamundra High.

L. Layton.—Teaching at Tarro.

E. King.—Teaching at Warilda.

Douglas B. Fraser has passed his final LL.B. with honours.

Claude Miller, B.E., B.Sc. is working at Hoskins Bros., Sydney.

Ken Gollan, B.Ec., Arch. Gray, B.A., obtained their degrees.

B. Riley is Clerk of Petty Sessions, Young.

Ross Miller is in a bank at Wagga.

J. Borthwick is at Durno's, Chemist, Sydney.

#### SPORTING: Teacher's College.

**Rowing Team.**—Cochrane, Williams, Helmore.

**Swimming.**—S. McKay won 100 yards championship, diving, breast stroke, and other events at the last swimming carnival.

**Athletics.**—McKay is the College 440 yards champion.

**Soccer.**—Lovett (captain), S. McKay (vice-captain), Arthur has scored every goal for College.

**League.**—W. Steinbeck is playing in the first thirteen for the College.

N.H.S. ex-students are also represented in Rugby Union and Hockey teams.

—S. NEAVES.

### Social Notes.

Newcastle and Maitland have formed a Reunion Club in Sydney, and have held two very successful Reunion dances. The first was held at Christ Church Hall on 23rd May, and the other at Glebe Town Hall on 15th July. The old students are looking forward to the time when Newcastle athletic representatives visit Sydney, when the annual dance will be held. The following on the committee represent Newcastle:—Mr. Henderson, patron; Mr. Lisle, president; Miss Johnson, vice-president; Miss J. Stinson, Miss Lawson, Miss Scoles, Miss Farrell, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Cochrane, Miss Quilkey, Mr. Gray.

### LEAVING CERTIFICATE RESULTS.

1 English, 2 Latin, 3 French, 5 Mathematics I., 6 Mathematics II., 7 Mechanics, 8 Modern History, 10 Physics, 11 Chemistry, 13 Geology, 15 Art, 16 Music, 17 Economics, 20 Greek, 24 Lower Standard Mathematics (qualifying for Lower Matriculation).

Bell, Edward G., 1B 5B 6B 10H 11H.

Billet, D., 1A 3B 5B 6B 8A 13B 14B.

Breckenridge, J., 1H 2B 5B 6B 10B 11B 220B.

Brent, E., 1H 2B 5B 6B 8A 13B.

Brier, J. 1B 5B 6A 7B 10A 11H 23 Pass.

Burke, J. 1A 2B 6B 8A 11A.

Buxton, E., 1B 2B 5B 6A 8A 13B.

Cameron, J., 1B 2B 3L 5B 6B 10B 11B.

Cleaves, W., 1B 5B 6B 8B 11B.

Doherty, H., 1B 3B 5B 6B 11H 17B.

Drake, C., 1H 2A 3A 5A 6A(x) 10A 11A.

Dunstan, D., 1A 5B 8A 11L.

Einsaar, E., 1B 2A 3B 5B 6B 8B 13B.

Farrell, M., 1H 3A 5B 6A 8A 10B 11A.

Frith, A., 1H 2A 5B 6B 8B 13B 20A.

Grassick, H., 1H 2A 3B 5B 6B 11A.

Gray, G., 1H 2A 6B 8B 13B 20B.

Hall, E., 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 13B.

Horne, E., 1A 2H 3B 5B 6B 10B 11A.

Lackey, V., 1H 3H 5A 6A(x) 10A 11A.

Lindsay, R., 1B 5B 6B 8B 11A.

Malcomson, T., 1B 2A 3B 5B 6A 8H 11A.

McKay, S., 1B 5B 6B 8B.

McLuckie, T., 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 8B.

Meldrum, N., 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 8B 13B.

Morison, N., 1B 3B 5B 8B 13B.

Mulvey, M., 1A 2B 5B 8B 11B.

Neaves, S., 1B 5B 6B 8B 11B.

Newton, T., 1B 2A 5B 13B 20A.

O'Keefe, P., 1B 8A 13B 14B 15B.

Perrau, T., 1B 2A 3A 5B 6B 10H 11H.

Pryor, R., 2A 5B 6B 10B 11L.

Reeder, G., 1B 2B 3B 8B 11B.

Richards, L., 1A 2B 3B 5B 6B 8B 13B.

Roberts, B., 1A 13B 14B 17B.

Rosenthal, G., 1B 5B 6A 11A.

Scobie, C., 1A 2A 3B 5B 6A 8H 11A.

Smallman, W., 1B 5A 6B 10B 11A.

Smith, A., 1B 2A 5B 6B 8A 11A.

Steggles, I., 1B 2B 5B 8B 13B.  
 Steinbeck, W., 1B 5B 6B 7B 8A 11B.  
 Stuttard, W., 1B 2H 5A 6A(x) 11A 20A.  
 Tanner, V., 1A 2A 3B 5B 6B 8B 11B.  
 Walker, F. C., 1B 5B 6B 11B.  
 Wood, C., 1B 2A 3B 5A 6B 8A 11B.

### INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE, 1923.

1 English, 2 History, 3 Geography, 4 Mathematics I., 5 Mathematics II., 6 Latin, 7 French, 9 Physics, 10 Chemistry, 11 Physics and Chemistry, 14 Business Principles, 15 Shorthand, 18 Art, 19 Music, 23 Technical Drawing.

Abel, R. T., 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 7B 11B 14B 15A.  
 Anderson, Louie L., 1B 2B 5B 6A 7A.  
 Baile, D. S., 1B 2B 3B 4B 5A 18B 19A.  
 Beresford, P. F., 1A 2B 4B 5B 6A 7B 11B.  
 Blaxell, K. G., 1B 2B 3B 7B 11B 14B 15B.  
 Breakwell, Alma M., 1B 2B 6A 7B 11B 19A.  
 Brown, R. S., 1B 2B 3B 5B 11A 14B 15B.  
 Campbell, Nellie H., 1B 4B 5B 6A 7A 11B.  
 Carson, George M., 1B 2B 4B 5B.  
 Cherry, Hazel H. M., 1B 2B 6B 7B.  
 Clack, Thomas A., 2B 5B 9B 10A.  
 Cousins, Francis H., 1B 2B 4B 5B 11B.  
 Danks, F. K., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7A 9A 10B.  
 Dickinson, M. C., 1A 2B 4B 5B 6A 7A.  
 Donaldson, G. R., 1A 2B 4B 5A 6A 7A 9A 10A.  
 Donnelly, F., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7B 11B.  
 Drury, Wm. T., 1B 3B 4A 5B 7A 11B 14B 15B.  
 Duke, Thomas J., 1A 2A 5B 6A 7B.  
 Evans, R., 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A 7B 9B 10A.  
 Ferguson, William L., 1B 2B 4B 5B.  
 Flynn, Hazel G., 1B 2B 4B 5A 6B 7A.  
 Glover, Frederick A., 1B 2B 5B 7B 11B.  
 Gray, A., 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 7A 9B 10A 14B 15B.  
 Gwynne, S. J., 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B 7A.  
 Hall, J. A., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7A 9A 10B.  
 Hawkins, J., 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 23B.  
 Heery, Ethel M., 1A 2B 4B 5A 6A 7B 11B.  
 Hindley, Enid M., 1B 2A 6B 7B.  
 Hindmarsh, M. E., 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A 7B 11B.  
 Hopton, William G., 2B 4B 5B 6B.  
 Jacka, Joseph E., 1B 4B 5B 6A 7B 11B.  
 Jackson, Norman T., 1B 2B 5B 6B 7B.  
 Jones, N. M., 1B 2B 3B 5B 7B 11B 14B 15B.  
 Jordan, Malcom J., 1B 2B 5B 11B.  
 Jukes, Isobel H., 1A 2B 4B 5B 6A 7B.  
 Knox, D. L., 1B 2B 3B 4A 5B 7B 11B 18A 19A.  
 Matcolmson, Lily M. L., 1B 2B 6B 7A.  
 Matthews, M. K., 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 11B 14B 15B.  
 Middleton, Mary, 1A 2B 5B 6B 7B.  
 Mitchell, R. E., 1A 2B 4B 5A 6A 7B 9B 10B.  
 Mowbray, George, 1B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.  
 Murray, R. D., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7A 11B.  
 Oakley, Philip C., 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A 7A 9A 10A.  
 O'Donnell, Bessie M., 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B.

Owens, George R., 2B 3B 4B 5B 14B 15A.  
 Paterson, William, 1B 2B 5B 7B.  
 Pryor, Havelock W., 1B 2B 5B 7B.  
 Punton, James I. R., 2A 5B 6A 7B 11B.  
 Quilkey, John F., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7B 11B.  
 Riley, Kevin J. F., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7A.  
 Roxby, Robert E., 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A 7A.  
 Saxby, C. A., 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A 7A 9A 10A.  
 Smith, M. A., 1A 2B 3B 4A 5B 7A 9B 10A 14B 15B.  
 Spark, John R., 1A 2A 4A 5A 6A 7A 11A.  
 Still, Edna A., 1B 3B 4B 5B 7B 11B 14B 15A.  
 Truscott, Nettie, 1B 4B 5B 6A, 7B.  
 Valentine, C. R., 1B 2B 4B 5B 18A 19A.  
 Watkins, Eric B., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7A.  
 Woods, Marjorie T., 1A 2A 4B 5A 6A 7A 11B.  
 Wright, Eileen, 1B 2A 4B 5B 6B 7B.

### SUNSET GOLD.

When flame and gold were seething  
 In the cauldron of the West,  
 Some spilled out o' the sunset,  
 Which softly simmer'd to rest;  
 This poured on a clear green hillside,  
 The glory from Heaven's own door,  
 And a riotous mass of dahlias  
 Was left on a nymph-green floor.

—MARJORIE WOODS.

### HIGHLY IMPORTANT.

#### READ THIS.

The Editorial Committee desires to express its high appreciation of the generous and spontaneous support accorded them in the preparation of this issue of "The Novocastrian." Our best thanks are due to all contributors figuring in these pages; and to the very numerous company who do not appear, along with our thanks, are likewise due our sincere regrets, for nothing but absolute lack of space on our part has compelled us to defer quite 50 pages of suitable copy. It is gratifying to find that the school's interest in its own magazine is not forced, but natural; not academic, but practical; and not the work of a devoted handful, but genuinely general.

Let it be borne in mind that this issue is nearly double the size of previous numbers, and that, therefore, the cost of production has increased proportionately. To meet this aspect of our problem, our Advertising Manager and his Committee have achieved most pleasing results, for they have succeeded in more than doubling our advertising support, and consequently the funds, by which alone our publication can exist and expand. We take this opportunity, therefore, of thanking most heartily those firms who feature in our pages, and of assuring them of our high esteem of their public-spirited support. Our Manager desires to inform all advertising firms that for our next issue, toward the end of the year, we are prepared to undertake and submit for their consideration a highly

artistic presentation of their matter for them. This is rendered possible by the kindly co-operation of our Art Master, Mr. Piper, A.R.C.M. (London), and the art classes under his control.

We wish, also, to direct the attention of all members of the school to the firms supporting us, and to request them to act quite practically upon the motto that one good turn deserves another. Our immediate advice, therefore, is, "Buy your goods from firms advertising in 'The Novocastrian.'" Don't forget that by doing so you are adding value to our publicity columns, and it is our desire to give value for money.

We must, furthermore, make it clear that our advertising revenues do not cover our total cost of production; and partly for that reason, partly for more obvious reasons, we have launched a campaign to secure among old scholars a largely increased subscribers' list. Our objective is 400 subscriptions. We thank all old scholars who have so far responded, and would esteem as a high favour any effort on the part of past or present students that will help us to achieve the number set up. The yearly subscription is only half-a-crown.

Lastly, and wholly dependent upon the success of our financial enterprises, the Editorial Committee desires to open its pages to the illustrative talent of the school, and thereby to render "The Novocastrian" more interesting and attractive. This feature is a most worthy one to encourage. Will 400 old scholars admit the truth of that, and each one back his or her opinion to the extent of two-and-sixpence?

—A. J. COOMBES.

### LIFE—AND THE PHILOSOPHER.

"'Tis all a chequer-board of nights and days,  
Where Destiny with men for pieces plays;  
Hither and thither moves, and mates and slays,  
And one by one, back in the closet lays."

—"Omar Khayyam."

Life! What a world of meaning lies in that simple word!

It embraces all our past hopes, present realities, and future dreams: it is the very essence of our being—and yet, how inexplicable!

In childhood, life is a pleasant dream, each new day, adding another shining link to the golden chain of childish memories.

Then comes youth, the glorious age, when the tide of life is at its highest; quickening pulses, lithesome footsteps, and—castles in the air, so soon, alas! to be shattered!

In middle age, the veil is drawn away from life's sterner phases, and, oft-times, cherished hopes, tenderly nurtured through years of youthful passion, are broken.

And, after life—what? A horrible sinking into the abyss of oblivion, or a joyful existence in some unknown sphere! Who knows?

Destiny, the Supreme Dictator, All-seeing, All-powerful, has alone decided! Even as we play our parts in the tragic Drama of Life, the Shadow of Oblivion looms before us—unseen, intangible, nevertheless eager for the time when it may claim another victim.

Truly has the poet written—

"Ah, my beloved, fill the cup that clears  
To-day of past regrets, and future fears—  
To-morrow?—Why, to-morrow I may be  
Myself with yesterday's seven thousand years."

—MARJORIE SMITH.

### AN EXPERIMENT.

Aim: To discuss the power of music as regards Wordsworth's ode.

Apparatus: Myself with a Hepple's "Lyrical Forms in English" glued to the end of my nose; a gramophone, piano-player, and several amateur musicians in the neighbourhood.

Method: Let me commence with some very startling inspirations, when suddenly the gramophone next door makes a statement about "bananas." To settle the "banana" problem, the piano-player on the other side commences discussing someone with "goo-goo google eyes." Stirred by these thrilling subjects, the soprano sentimentally expresses her feelings. Not to be outdone by the afore-mentioned, the amateur pianist commences (evidently choosing a war theme, judging by the thudding chords). The violinist, who has been learning but six months, then contributes his item, a mournful, plaintive piece. Thus it continues until I can bear it no longer.

Result: "Hepple" is thrown on to the table, the front door is slammed, and I search the house for wadding. A blank paper handed in next day.

Conclusion: "The effect of music, as performed by my neighbours—appalling."

—DULCIE NEWTON.

### THE NEW GOVERNESS.

#### Characters:

Mrs. Ashe; Miss Brigg (a Governess); Robert Ashe (Cinder); Margaret Ashe (Peg); Philip Ashe (Phyl); Frank Grey; Mary Grey.

#### ACT I.—SCENE I.

Cinder: Hullo! Just home? You'll never guess whom I've seen.  
Phyl: Tell us, Cinder.

Cinder: Well, I've seen the new governess.

Peg: Ooh! What does she look like?

Phyl: Does she wear glasses?

Mary: Is she tall?

Peg: What colour hair has she?

Frank: Did you notice a cane among the luggage?

Cinder: Half a jiff. If you ask any more questions, I won't tell you a thing. Well, to begin with, I was oiling my cricket bat when I heard old Thomas sing out to the horses, and being inquisitive—

Frank (in a whisper): As usual.



Cinder: I ran round to see who could have come in the old carriage. And before me, surrounded by luggage, was a beautiful young lady.

Peg: And her hair?

Cinder: Golden, my dear.

Mary: And her eyes?

Cinder: As blue as forget-me-nots.

Frank: She sounds rather decent.

Cinder: And looks it, I assure you.

Phyl: Did she see you?

Cinder: Yes, my boy, and when her eyes rested upon my handsome face her face lit up with a most radiant smile, and—

Frank: Dry up! When do we start lessons? To-morrow, I suppose. Lessons after holidays!!

Peg: Yes, won't it be dreadful? But don't you think we could give the new governess something as a gift of welcome?

Phyl: She can have one of my mice.

Mary: Oh, no, Phyl! She mightn't like mice. What about flowers? Everyone likes flowers.

Peg: The very thing! And we'll tie them up with ribbon, and Cinder will give them to her, because he saw her first.

Cinder: Oh, I'm too shy. Let Phyl do it; he's the smallest. You'll do it, won't you, Phyl? You can have that old pocket-knife of mine.

Phyl: The one with the cork-screw? Yes, I'll give her the flowers.

Cinder: By the way, she won't be coming down to-night. So we won't see her till lesson-time to-morrow.

Peg: I've! an idea. Let us put the flowers on the table, and then we'll hide behind the curtains, and when I say "Go!" we'll all hop out and cry, "Welcome!"

Phyl: Can I still have the knife, Cinder?

Mary: Don't you think we had better clean up before dinner?

Peg: Yes. Come on! Mary and I will race you boys.

—(EXEUNT.)

#### SCENE II.

Mary: Come here, boys. We've made the bouquet.

Frank: Humph! It doesn't look half bad.

Peg: Mary and I were up before the gardener this morning, and we picked these. See, the dew is still on them. Isn't the perfume delicious?

Cinder: Put them here, Peg. She'll be coming soon.

Phyl: Hark! I hear a step upon the stairs. Come on, behind the curtains.— Quick!

(Enter Mrs. Ashe with Miss Brigg.)

Mrs. Ashe: This is the school-room, Miss Brigg. I hope you will be comfortable here.

Miss Brigg: I am sure I shall be, Mrs. Ashe. I shall sit down and wait for the dear children.

Mrs. Ashe: I shall send your morning tea up, at eleven. The children may go outside for a while then. Good morning. (Exit.)

Miss Brigg: Children these days play far too much. When I was young— Flowers! Where did they come from? And sweet peas, at that! I loathe them.

(The children rush forth.)

All: Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

Miss Brigg: Oh, my poor nerves! Silence at once! Silence! I say. Are you accustomed to greeting your teacher in this manner? When I was young—

Cinder: We—er— are very sorry if we—er— have displeased you, Miss Prig, but— er— er—

Miss Brigg: Stop stuttering, boy. My name is Miss Brigg, if you please. Sit down all of you, and tell me your names.

Robert, Frank, Mary, Margaret, and Philip. Thank you. Keep silent until I return. I must bring my cane.—(Exit.)

Frank: Cinder, you fraud! Where are the blue eyes and bright smile? Did you see her at all?

Cinder: Keep cool, old chap. Yes, I saw her, and I thought that I would have a joke with you. Phyl, you little beggar, stop pinching my ear.

Peg: And she has gone for her cane!

Frank: Serve you right if you taste it first, Cinder.

Mary: And she put the flowers in the basket! (Sighs.)

(CURTAIN.)

—NETTIE TRUSCOTT.

#### TYPEWRITER STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

##### RECEIPTS.

	£	s	d
Balance, 31/12/'23 .. .. .	7	16	7
Subscriptions to 30/6/'24 .. .. .	9	15	0
	£17	11	7

##### EXPENDITURE.

	£	s	d
Paper .. .. .	2	10	0
Ribbons .. .. .	1	15	0
Balance in Bank .. .. .	13	6	7
	£17	11	7

#### SPRING.

Glorious Spring, sprightly maiden,  
Gently dancing with flowers laden  
O'er the fields so green and gay,  
Chasing gloomy winter away.  
Round about her birds do hover,  
As she lightly treads the clover,  
And in cloudless skies above her,  
Coming home from winter cover,  
Flutters many a twittering swallow.

On she passes, sweetly singing,  
 Fills the glades with echoes ringing,  
 Whilst in trees with branches spread  
 Murmur breezes overhead.  
 Hast'ning with a graceful mien,  
 On she hurries fast, unseen,  
 All can tell where she has been  
 By the meadow's silvan green,  
 Or by blooming flowers.

—W. MARSHALL.

## GIRLS' SPORT.

### TENNIS.

During the last half-year the girls taking tennis as their sport have had some very enjoyable games, although to the present we have not tried our strength against any other teams.

When the girls were arranged for winter sport early in this term, the "A" team for the season was chosen. Several of the girls played one another for the vacant positions, and the team chosen consists of Hazel Grassick (captain), Edna Moy, Freda Palmer, and Merle Jones.

We were unfortunate in being unable to play two matches which had been arranged, one versus the boys' team, and the other versus Maitland High School, but we hope that we will have opportunities to meet them in the future.

Early this year the First Year girls played in competition for the King Cup. In the singles, Pearl Welford, of 1A, was successful, and in the doubles Jean Skelton and Mollie Connel.

We are also looking forward to the High School Tennis Championships in Sydney this year, as some of our team are anxious to go to Sydney to participate.

### HOCKEY.

The hockey season has begun once again, and its welcome is shown by the enthusiasm displayed by the girls.

We were very sorry to lose our trainers, Miss Segart and Miss Ross, but under the guidance of Miss Michel and Miss Polard we mean to be very successful.

The "A" team for the season consists of:—Forwards, I. Forrester, E. Heery, C. Patterson, D. Newton, E. Robertson (captain); half-backs, P. Beresford, A. Coleman, A. Layton; full-backs, N. Truscott, L. Anderson; goal, D. McKinnon.

The "B" team is as follows:—Forwards, S. Gywn, E. Truscott, M. Boddy (captain), F. Beckenstein, M. Kempster; half-backs, J. Silcock, M. Woods, J. Ward; full-backs, M. Jenkins, M. Middleton; goal, L. Hincks.

D. Newton and E. Heery have been appointed material prefects, to take care of the hockey material.

We have already played one match against the ex-pupils. A very interesting and exciting game was played, resulting in a win for the school by two goals to one.

### CIRCLOS.

The first term of the winter season has been spent, for the most part, in training new arrivals, from whom we hope to form a strong "B" team.

Keen contest for positions in the "A" team, which we hope will prove invincible in the forthcoming matches, has taken place between the more experienced players. A court of correct dimensions has been made available by the efforts of the boys.

### BASKET-BALL.

The eagerly-looked-for winter sports are now in full swing, and consequently basket-ballers are thoroughly enjoying their strenuous training. There is much enthusiasm displayed by the girls, and this is particularly pleasing in the case of the junior members, because it is a good sign that the team will be strong when they become seniors.

We greatly regret having lost some of our "veterans" from the "A" team, but those who have replaced them have shown that they are very capable. As yet there has not been a great deal of actual team work done, but after the Midwinter vacation, we intend to lose no time in getting down to very serious work.

Shortly after the vacation we anticipate meeting Maitland High School, and what is more, regaining our 1922 reputation. It was most unfortunate that the weather did not permit us to play a match against the ex-pupils. Both the ex-pupils and the present pupils had waited anxiously for it, and of course were disappointed. However, we intend to try again, so let us hope for better luck next time.

The "B" team has not yet been selected, but the following girls represent the "A" team for 1924:—A. Kellett, M. Matthews, O. Hedley, A. Gray, E. Turnbull, L. Wilkins, K. Hancock, D. Knox, I. Falton (captain).

## BOYS' SPORT.

### RUGBY UNION.

The First Fifteen has played four matches this season, and although defeated on each occasion, the games have been strongly contested.

The school were unlucky in losing Hetherington, who received an injured knee while playing against Maitland early in the season.

### N.H.S. v. Maitland.

Played at the Newcastle Showground. The play was hard and fast, Newcastle leading by 8 points to 6 at half-time. In the second

half condition told on the home team, and Maitland piled on points in the latter stages of the game, finally winning by 17 points to 8. Hetherington scored both tries, but was injured early in the game, and had to retire from the field.

#### N.H.S. v. Maitland, at Maitland Showground.

In the first half play was very even, and at half-time the scores were: Maitland 3, N.H.S. 0. The team, however, again went to pieces towards the end of the game, Maitland winning by 14 points to 3. I. Punton scored a very good try for the school.

#### N.H.S. v. Old Boys, at Newcastle Showground.

Old Boys fielded a very strong combination, and the school team was outclassed. The Old Boys won by 27 points to 0.

#### N.H.S. v. G.P.S. Old Boys.

This game was very even, and the school had the upper hand in many stages. They were, however, defeated by 14 points to 9.

#### Personal Pars.

Steve Engel (five-eighth) is captain and best player in team; tackles well, and always where wanted.

Ron Peate (half). He and Engel make a good pair. Very quick and hard to get a hand on.

Harry Thomas (full-back) plays a fair game full-back, but rather unsteady.

Claud Kilner (three-quarter) is an import from Tamworth—runs well, but tackles high, and inclined to be timid.

Edgar Mitchell (three-quarter) plays well, but not up to expectations. Ought to do better.

Eville Gilbert (three-quarter). "Runner, but not a footballer." Makes the best of opportunities.

#### Forwards.

Ivor Punton (centre) is a recruit from Soccer. Plays a good game, and runs hard.

Tom Clack. Most improved player in team. Uses his weight, and tackles well.

P. Oakley plays good football, and not frightened to "get in."

Ern Hoskings has weight and pace. Just beginning to use both. Seems to be waking up.

Noel Saxby is rather weak.

George McRae gets around like a lost sheep, but can tackle.

Eric Duncanson (lock) plays fair. Expect more from him.

Will Marshall knows how to play, but is inclined to be a grandstand player.

The team, though below last year's standard, is far better than was expected. The three-quarter line is the weakest portion of the team, and lacks combination, with the result that the two halves have too much individual work. The "throw-in" ought to be practised by the wing three-quarters. The forwards form the strongest section of the team, and have weight, which they use well. They are inclined to be slow at "following on," and ought to "line up" and take their men quicker and in better order than they have been doing. Still, we expect better results from them, and wish the team the best of luck.

## SOCCER.

As the winter has been approaching we have been hearing more and more about football, and the good old game of Soccer is in full swing. Interest is being taken in the game from 1st Year to 5th Year.

One thing is to be regretted, namely that we have only the one playing field, which is not nearly enough to cope with the demand.

We are pleased that Mr. Pillans has filled the position of teacher-in-charge, and are thankful for the interest he displays in the game.

This year sees us again with a strong First Eleven. We are perhaps small; nevertheless size is not everything that counts. Team:—

E. Duncanson, our last year's goalkeeper, still plays his safe game in goals.

T. Firkin is our full-back, who tackles in a way which makes the goalie feel safe.

V. Bartley is the other full-back, who ably helps his partner in defending the goals.

I. Punton is the captain, and plays an excellent game at centre-halves, and at every opportunity gives the forwards the ball.

E. Roxby plays his same good defensive game in the halves.

J. Williams plays a very good game in the half-back line. He is small, but solid, and not frightened to "get in."

H. Collins is another half-back who is not too easy to trick.

H. Thomas is a very fast forward, and makes use of his weight and speed.

W. Patterson plays a very good forward game, and can shoot very well.

C. Morris is our centre-forward, and takes advantage of every opportunity he is given, and is a great goal-getter.

S. Engel is a recruit from the Rugby League, and plays a good game either as left wing or inside right.

W. Hetherington is our left winger, but we regret that he was injured at the beginning of the season, and has not been able to play with us yet.

K. Riley is the smallest man in the team, and is a tricky forward.

So far this season we have played two games. On 21st May we journeyed to Maitland, where we played our first game of the season with Maitland High, which resulted in a win for Newcastle, 3-1, Morris scoring the three goals.

On Saturday 7th June, at the Showground, we played the ex-pupils, who defeated us, 3-2. For the winners McKay, Arthur, and Knight scored goals, while for the school Thomas and Morris scored.

In our junior grades we are making great strides, and the number of boys registered has enabled us to enter four teams in the local school competition—one "A" grade team and three "B" grade. Results:—

#### A Grade.

Won 3. Lost 1. No of points, 6.

#### B Grade.

First team.—Won 4. Lost 1. No. of points, 8.

Second team.—Won 3. Lost 2. No. of points, 6.

Third team.—Won 1. Lost 4. No. of points, 2.

The school has a representative in C. Morris in the N.S.W. team which is journeying to Adelaide.



## ATHLETICS.

Athletics are under the supervision of Mr. Gibson, who has, through the courtesy of Newcastle City Council, obtained the National Park Sports Ground for the purpose of using it as a training ground. But athletics are not taken seriously enough by some of the runners, who should be now training hard for the purpose of retaining the P.S.A.A.A. and Hooke Cups. But it is hoped that from now onwards we will have more at training from whom we can obtain a very good team.

Punton and Kilner are the champion sprinters, Punton doing 100 yards in 11sec. With training he should improve that time, as also should Kilner better his time of 11 1-5sec. The best distance runners are Duncanson and Engel.

The juniors should take much more interest in running than they do. After seeing what last year's "Under 14" team did, one would expect more entries in junior events. The best in the junior ranks are Pratt, Mitchell, Clayton, and Goffet. Clayton is exceptionally good in the high jump, clearing 4ft 11in. Next meeting it is hoped that there will be more junior entries. So, come on, juniors, and put some vim into your part of the athletics, for from your ranks our next senior team will be picked.

In the "Under 14's" there are very few entries. The best are McLeod and Logan. The former is a good sprinter, and the latter is fair at the high jump, clearing 4ft 3in. Rowe is also a consistent trier, and should improve his present form.

Owing to there being no jumping pit, broad jumping has not been carried on, but before next athletic meeting we hope to obtain one.

Both a championship and a handicap athletic meeting have been held this year, the results of which can be seen below. A medal has been donated by 5th Year for the best senior or "Under 14," and one for the best junior by 4th Year. In order to obtain a stop watch, an entry fee has been charged in the last meetings. Entries were not up to expectations.

We hoped to have had a challenge meeting with Maitland High before the holidays, but were unable to do so. But we hope to meet them in the near future.

The Newcastle High School Amateur Athletic Club wish to gratefully acknowledge Mr. F. Luckham's many kindnesses towards the club, and especially his presentation to the school of a very handsome framed enlargement of last year's senior championship team.

#### Results of the Championship Athletic Meeting, held on Friday, 30th May.

Senior 100 Yards.—Kilner 1, Hoskings 2, Evans 3. Time, 11 2-5sec.  
 Junior 100 Yards.—Pratt 1, Mitchell 2, Clayton 2. Time, 12 1-2sec.  
 Under 14 100 Yards.—McLeod 1, Logan 2, Rowe 3. Time, 13 1-2sec.  
 Senior 200 Yards.—Kilner 1, Evans 2, Gilbert 3. Time, 24 1-5sec.  
 Junior 220 Yards.—Clayton 1, Mitchell 2. Time, 25 1-2sec.  
 Under 14, 220 Yards.—McLeod 1, Logan 2, Brown 3. Time, 29sec.  
 Senior 440 Yards.—Kilner 1, Hoskings 2. Time, 56 1-2sec.  
 Junior 440 Yards.—Clayton 1, Mitchell 2, Goffet 3. Time, 60 1-2sec.

Senior 880 Yards.—Engel 1, Duncanson 2, Pratt 3. Time, 2min 46 1-5sec.

Senior 1 Mile.—Hoskings 1, Engel 2, Duncanson 3. Time, 7min 6 1-5sec.

Senior High Jump.—Evans, 4ft 8in, 1; Saxby, 4ft 7in, 2; Engel, 4ft 6in, 3.

Junior High Jump.—Clayton, 4ft 11in, 1; Goffet, 4ft 5in, 2.

Under 14 High Jump.—McLeod, 3ft 9 1-2in, 1; Logan, 3ft 8 1-2in, 2.

#### Results of the Handicap Athletic Meeting held on Friday, 6th June.

Senior 100 Yards.—Punton, scr, 1; Kilner, scr, 2; Thomas, 2yds, 3. Time, 11sec.

Junior 100 Yards.—Callaghan, 5yds, 1. Time, 14sec.

Under 14, 100 Yards.—McLeod, scr, Logan, 6yds, 1; Hoskings, scr, 3. Time, 12 1-2sec.

Senior 200 Yards.—Punton, scr, 1; Saxby, 8yds, 2; Kilner, scr, 3. Time, 27 1-2sec.

Junior 220 Yards.—Callaghan, 8yds, 1; Goffet, 8 yds, 2. Time, 30sec.

Under 14, 220 Yards.—Logan, 10yds, 1; McLeod, scr, 2; Brown, 15yds, 3. Time, 30 4-5sec.

Senior 440 Yards.—Gilbert, 15yds, 1; Kilner, scr, 2; Punton, scr, 3. Time, 65 1-2sec.

Junior 440 Yards.—Goffet, 18yds, 1; Donaldson, 18yds, 2. Time, 1min 13sec.

Senior 880 Yards.—Duncanson, 15yds, 1; Engel, scr, 2; Pratt, 15yds, 3. Time, 2min 45sec.

Senior 1 Mile.—Duncanson, 40yds, 1; Donaldson, 80yds, 2. Time, 6min.

Senior High Jump.—Saxby, 1 1-2in, 1; Duncanson, 3in, 2; Punton, 1 1-2in, 3.

Junior High Jump.—Goffet, 7in, 1; Callaghan, 7in, 2.

Under 14 High Jump.—Logan, 1 1-2in, 1; McLeod, scr, 2.

#### BOYS' TENNIS.

Up to the present we have only played two matches this year, but are expecting several more in the near future.

In the first match, which was against Cook's Hill, our team consisted of eight players. We succeeded in carrying off the victory, the sets being 7 to 2.

Our next match was against Maitland, at Maitland. The team was not playing up to standard, and was rather unfortunate in losing most of the deuce games. The afternoon resulted in a win for Maitland, 6 sets to nil. They wished to play a return match the following Friday, but owing to the presence of the inspectors at school the match was indefinitely postponed. In the return match we hope to have our full team, and to bring about a win for Newcastle.

The other matches expected are against the Girls and the Staff and Cook's Hill.

**SWIMMING.**

(By E.M.)

The Annual Boys' Swimming Carnival, to end up the season, was held at Newcastle Ocean Baths on Wednesday, April 10th. There was a fairly good number of entries, and some good swimming was witnessed.

**Results.**

- Senior 100 Yards Championship of School.—E. Mitchell 1, R. Peate 2, S. Engel 3. Time, 1min 18 1-5sec.
- Under 14, 75 Yards Championship.—F. Rundle 1, H. Oldham 2, T. Tyler 3. Time, 1min 3 1-5sec.
- Junior 50 Yards Championship.—E. Mitchell 1, G. Donaldson 2, H. Clayton 3. Time, 32 1-5sec.
- Senior 50 Yards Championship.—R. Evans 1, R. Peate 2, N. Saxby 3. Time, 35 3-5sec.
- Under 14, 50 Yards Championship.—F. Rundle 1, D. Logan 2, H. Oldham 3. Time, 38 4-5sec.
- Junior 100 Yards Championship.—E. Mitchell 1, A. Abel 2, H. Hunter 3. Time, 1min 28sec.
- Senior Diving Championship.—E. Mitchell, 34 points, 1; R. Peate, 32 points, 2; R. Evans, 27 points, 3.
- Junior 50 Yards Handicap.—G. Donaldson, 10sec, 1; E. Mitchell, scr, 2; W. Marshall, 5sec, 3. Time, 41 1-5sec.
- Senior 50 Yards Handicap.—P. Pratt, 14sec, 1; R. Evans, 1sec, 2; R. Peate, scr, 3. Time, 44sec.
- Champion of School.—E. Mitchell.
- Under 14, 33 Yards Breast Handicap.—F. Rundle, scr, 1; H. Oldham, 1sec, 2; R. Hogue, 2sec, 3. Time, 35 1-5sec.
- Junior 50 Yards Breast Championship.—G. Donaldson 1, E. Mitchell 2, A. Abel 3. Time, 45 4-5sec.
- Senior S.O.B. 50 Yards Championship.—R. Pratt 1, R. Peate 2, W. Hetherington 3. Time, 1min 11sec.
- Junior Diving Championship.—R. Grierson, 42 points, 1; E. Mitchell, 40 points, 2; W. Marshall, 33 points, 3.
- Year Relay.—F. Rundle, 3rd Year, 1; E. Mitchell, 4th Year, 2; C. Morris, 2nd Year, 3. Time, 3min 2sec.
- Under 14 Diving Championship.—Martin, 28 points, 1; Rundle, 26 points, 2; Short, 25 points, 3.
- Senior 50 Yards Breast Championship.—R. Evans 1, R. Peate 2, S. Engel 3. Time, 55 1-5.
- Under 14, 50 Yards Handicap.—F. Rundle, scr, 1; D. Logan, 3sec, 2; A. Quinlan, 4sec, 3. Time, 47sec.
- Junior S.O.B. 50 Yards Championship.—G. Donaldson 1, H. Clayton 2, E. Mitchell 3. Time, 69sec.
- Under 14 S.O.B. 50 Yards Championship.—F. Rundle 1, H. Oldham 2, J. Martin 3. Time, 41sec.
- 400 Yards Open Handicap.—G. Donaldson, 50sec, 1; E. Mitchell, scr, 2; J. Allison, 30sec, 3.

**Points Gained by Each Year.**

- Fifth Year.—38 points. Average, 2.4.  
 Fourth Year.—87 points. Average, 3.46.  
 Third Year.—46 points. Average, 3.54.  
 Second Year AC.—32 points. Average, 1.2.  
 First Year A.—4 points.

On the averages Third Year won the Sports Shield, with Fourth Year a very close second.

**Individual Point Scores.**

E. Mitchell, 42; F. Rundle, 28; G. Donaldson, 22; R. Peate, 21; R. Evans, 16; H. Oldham, 13; R. Pratt, 9 points.

**ON THE BRINK OF DEATH.**

The man was in a very precarious position, for he was standing on the edge of a high, perpendicular cliff, at the bottom of which the foaming breakers were thundering against the jagged rocks as if they impatiently awaited what seemed their certain prey.

Certainly he would not have been afraid of falling over the cliff under ordinary circumstances, but on this occasion he was confronted by five desperate villains, who wished to assassinate him.

The unfortunate man half an hour previously had fired all his cartridges away while shooting periwinkles off the rocks at a distance of three hundred yards.

As I said before, he was in a very precarious position, for if he retreated any further he would meet a very cruel death, and if he fell into the hands of his enemies he would be slowly tortured to death.

But he had not despaired. Hurling a glance at his foremost assailant, he was gratified to see that its impetus stunned the rascal. Then he heaved a sigh at another with the same effect.

He then threw his eyes in the direction of a third, who flung his weapons into the air and fled.

This left two villains for him to deal with, so he gnashed his teeth with such force that the shock caused thereby broke the backs of both of them.

Now, unhindered, he strolled off quietly with an air of satisfaction, to await the filming of the next episode of the serial in which he was the star cowboy actor.

—C. GOFFET.

**THE MARGUERITE KING MEMORIAL CUPS.**

To encourage sport, in particular healthy team rivalry, Mr. King last year generously donated a silver cup for competition among 1st Year boys. IAC boys are to be congratulated on winning the cup for 1923.

This year Mr. King has presented a cup for competition among the First Year girls. 1A girls hold it at present, as a result of the summer sports competition.