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"OVER THE WALL."

(By L.W.)

Newcastle High School is situated on the top of a hill, a very high hill, as we find to our cost every morning, and the playground of our school descends by terraces down the hillside. At the bottom of our playground is a retaining wall, more generally known as "The Wall."

"Over the wall" is a private paddock, quite as important to our point of view as the playground itself. Here in winter during the dinner time great battles rage up and down the slope, the upper school contending with the lower for the possession of a football.

Ofentimes small disputes are settled "over the wall," and two small boys mingle in fistic combat. Usually such a happening is accomplished with the aid of much talking, the subjects discussed being—what might have been but for luck, what a certain person is, and what is coming to him.

The punishment of bad deeds by small boys generally ends in the offender being ejected "over the wall." Sometimes he is made to "chase his hat," and sometimes a mob of small boys throw a larger one, Mike, for instance, "over the wall," uttering the war-cry for such occasions, "Over with him."

The most important asset of the wall is that it is solid, and therefore allows us to lean against it while disposing of our dinners. Now, as I was leaning over the wall one day, there came to my notice the most important thing of all things over the wall, "Marma." "Marmaduke," to be more exact, was a boney nag, not that boney nags are unusual, but "Marma" had the unusual property of being able to consume paper. The amount of paper "Marma" ate surprised me; he would accept an old newspaper as soon as bread, and he kept the hillside scrupulously clean of even a suspicion of paper. But one day, Sambo, the sibilant, thoughtlessly cast a stiff third-year Latin exam. paper "over the wall," and, as usual, it was accepted by "Marma" as a tempting morsel, and consumed. But that Latin paper had proved too much for poor "Marma." His inner man went on strike, and, sad to relate, poor "Marma" died. Some say that it was not "Marma" who died; they think that the succeeding "Marma" is the original, but he is too fat, and does not eat paper. Yet the fact remains, the Latin paper was stiff; it was cast over the wall and consumed, a horse died, being dragged away by his tail.

But, hark! the bell rings; already boys run up the hillside from chasing lost cricket balls, French is first lesson, and I must hurry.

Roll of Honor.

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John Smith
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H. A. Sweetapple
Guy Thompson
Clive Wegg
John Watt, D.C.M., M.C.
Thomas Warren

* Killed in Action.

The funds of the School Roll of Honor have now reached £82, which, if possible, we would like to see increased to £100. The Headmaster appeals to any ex-pupils who have not contributed to the fund, to do so. In any case, the work is to be proceeded with, and, it is hoped, will be completed before Anzac Day, 1922. Mr. Scoular is at present considering the question of a design.

We hope that any one who can give any information to make the above roll more accurate or complete will consider it a duty to do so at once.

EX-PUPILS.

Ex-Pupils' Union.—Just as the last "Novocastrian" was being prepared a meeting of former students of the Newcastle High School was held. It was unanimously decided to form a union of ex-pupils, in order that old friends may meet regularly at some form of social gathering. It was decided that the subscription, which was fixed at 5s a year, should include current copies of the school paper, the "Novocastrian," which the editor, Mr. Henderson, promised to feature news concerning ex-pupils. Mr. Saxby was asked to supervise the choice of a badge for ex-pupils. He stated that he hoped to obtain the advice of Mr. Piper in regard to the design. The wish was expressed for monthly meetings this year, and it was expected that on the second Wednesday in July a meeting would take place, if possible, in the Brown-street school hall. The constitution was made as simple as possible. The office-bearers elected were:—President, Mr. Saxby; vice-presidents, Misses Johnson and Clarke, and Messrs. Henderson and Arthur; joint secretaries, Miss McKenna and Mr. R. Kem Yee; committee, Misses Newton, McClosky, Hunt, and Messrs. Pearson and Dick. Since then Kathleen McKenna resigned, and R. Kem Yee (18 Hamilton-road, Hamilton) became full secretary and treasurer. Ex-pupils who wish to join the union should write to him at the address given. Those already members **SHOULD EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO PROCURE NEW MEMBERS.** This is vital for the success of the union.

A couple of small socials were held in Brown-street, and were none the less enjoyable if they were small. An attempt was made at "Hindu Tag," a chasing game, in which you cannot be "caught" if your forehead is on the floor. The floor was not thought enough, and by special request chairs were added, whereupon the assembly assumed a very devotional aspect. A variation is that you cannot be caught if your right foot is in your left hand. Leaning against walls is prohibited. We can recommend these games to social organisers as well calculated to "break the ice."

A more elaborate effort was made on August 29, in the form of a social at the Parish Hall. The date was chosen to come in the University vacation, and we had the pleasure of seeing many of our friends, who are making names for themselves in Sydney. Among those present were the Misses Johnson, Whitecok, Z. Clarke, K. McKenna, D. Newton, M. Hunt, F. Eaton, D. Toil, E. Scoles, C. Balmer, M. Durie, M. Turnbull, L. Lowe, A. Burgess, D. Moore, A. Carroll, M. Walker, M. Webb, L. Silkman, Frith, T. Hestelow, L. McLoskey, and M. Davies; Messrs. Henderson, F. Pearson, D. R. Blakemore, M. Rouse, A. Weir, R. Fitzgerald, H. McGill, H. Jones, G. Lewis, K. Lackey, T. Jones, H. Frith, N. Lillycrop, G. Firkin, W. Arthur, R. Coles, J. Coles, C. Miller, F. Tonkin, W. J. Cooksey, F. Gray, and R. Kem Yee. The room was nicely decorated. Games, dancing, songs and recitations made the evening pass briskly, and as a means of reuniting school friends the affair was a great success.

The next function came very shortly, in order to keep it also in the University vacation. This was a ball at the Oddfellows' Hall on September 8. The hall was prettily adorned with streamers, there was a first-class orchestra, and Zeenie Clarke and her band of helpers deserve every credit for the general excellence of the arrangements. Most of those at the previous social were at the dance as well, and some others in addition. (Our society reporter had a list and lost it.) The dance was both a social and a financial success, and will be repeated next year. (Fourth Year, please note.)

After these strenuous exertions an interval elapsed, and then a beach tea was arranged for October 15. This went off very enjoyably, but the attendance was small; so the committee, nothing daunted, determined to try again. This time the weather took a very decided hand. Apparently, it had determined on an extensive advertising scheme, and that Saturday afternoon let loose one of its best all-round displays. Still, the spirit of the school surviving in thirteen hearts brought them along, and the unlucky number did not damp their ardour, though

the storm damped everything else. The items on the programme were many and various, and everyone did his best to disarrange them. Fred. Pearson has been cultivating the domestic virtues lately; he served tea quite nicely, and the colour scheme of the flavouring he put in the ice-cream was much admired. Of course, he'll be getting his degree soon, and these accomplishments may then come in handy. A desire for dancing on the concrete verandah led to the formation of a jazz band. It was difficult to say whether they played a good tune badly or a bad tune well. In fact, all tunes seemed alike to them. R. Frith was the leader; he also won the ice-cream eating competition in 1min 43 1-5sec, a very creditable performance, considering the weather. The girls' team won the foot-golf easily. We heard quite a lot of gossip at that beach tea. For example, N. Lillycrop and W. Arthur grace the beach by their presence in the surf. (That's how Arthur puts it.) This latter was absent from Walsh Island one day, and next day Mr. Estell, the Minister in charge, gave it up in despair. Really very careless of Arthur! Dorothy thinks Newcastle Beach poor compared with Stockton. After that, it seems unnecessary to give her surname. K. Lackey had had an attack of bronchial pneumonia, but he seemed very much better at tea time. N. Lillycrop and G. Firkin were at Goinan's together, but the latter has deserted and gone to Hereford House for training as a teacher.

At the time of writing Will Maskell is on his honeymoon. Clive Preston ("Bunny" comes to the lips quicker) told us that he was to be married about this time. There is quite a batch of engagements among our ex-pupils; Norman Cragg and Dorothy Braye (Norman is also to be congratulated on the completion of his law course and admission as a solicitor); Basil Helmore and Jessie Cannington; Ruth Saunders, Janet Stinson. Our heartiest congratulations;! This kind of news makes the school begin to seem quite ancient.

The ex-pupils have adopted a badge. It is of diamond-shaped enamel, in the school colours, and in the centre has a shield bearing the letters O.N. (Old Novocastrians). The upper left and lower right edges of the diamond carry the school motto, "Remis Velisque." Everyone seems to like the design, which is due mainly to the suggestions of Zeenie Clarke. The badges may be procured from Messrs. Angus and Coote, Sydney, and cost 3s.

As noted elsewhere, Roy Abbott has gone in for wireless.

Reg. Bruyn, now a surveyor, has been in Newcastle lately.

Frank Clarke now has a dental practice at the corner of Perkin and Hunter streets. He is still as enthusiastic over motors as when he used to study them through the windows of the Dem.

HIAWATHA'S SHORTHAND.

(By Various Members of IAC.)

Hiawatha's correspondence
Grew enormous, grew quite painful,
Many notes to Mudgeekeewis,
Many more to Minnehaha;
Not on pink and scented paper,
But on bark of trees he wrote them,
Which the war had made expensive.
So he started shorthand lessons,
Which at first were very puzzling.
Iago it was who taught him,
Taught him all the first place vowels,
All the long vowels and the short
ones,
Taught him all the dots and dashes,
All the phraseograms and diphthongs,
And he wrote them all out daily,
Till he even said them sleeping.

Then he started letter writing;
Very soon his friends received them,
Shorthand letters closely written,
But they could not understand them.
So they said, like Hiawatha,
"We will take our shorthand lesson."
So they took their shorthand volumes,
Worked and studied very keenly,
Till their shorthand was quite perfect,
Full of neat artistic outlines,
Full of long but simple phrases.
Then the chieftain's correspondance
Grew much smaller, much less painful,
Till, since one and all could read it,
All the novelty departed,
Shorthand seemed quite long and
tedious,
Till a super-chief appeared,
Who invented a short-shorthand,
And the process was repeated,
Till the tribe of Hiawatha
Gave up writing altogether.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Mr. Piper again helped to dissipate the gloom of "Elsie" and "Isee" by decorating the blackboards with allegories, expressive of good luck and the school's sympathy.

Our Room 3 correspondent informs us that "they have a new kind of dust-bin, i.e., a hole in the floor. This is called the Ambrose, and the credit of it goes to Colin. Fancy royalty descending so low!"

IA is also responsible for this: "The brown duke is very short. His brother Jukes are wheelers at Port Jackson. Some of the class intend to hunt cherries in the woods at Beresford. The branches break well, and are put into sacks by the boys. The Jukes' cousins were lost in the bush at Hamilton. Many looked for them, but Rees hopt-on the track with a cry of, 'Oh! Evans, heery's a dicky bird on the oak! Harken to his whistling!' 'Symes to me,' said Donnelly, 'that A. Cuffe would quieten him.'"

Some of our friends have not forgotten. Several telegrams conveyed to the exam. candidates the best wishes of those who had "gone before." Mary Hunt, Louie, Esma, Jean, Frank Gray, Madge Stephenson, Ethel Wallbank, Myra Miller were some of those with memories of "Auld Lang Syne," when they, too, suffered in the Assembly Room.

The picnic luncheon at the school sports this year was a very enjoyable feature and, in spite of the races, everyone seemed to have some energy left for twos and threes, and other strenuous exercises. It is a pity, by the way, that some persons wished to keep it up all the afternoon. We saw some boys and girls playing catches or some such infantile occupation; they were not competing themselves, and would not even give their applause to those that were. Perhaps they were afraid of spoiling their pretty clothes.

We wish to congratulate J. Howard, R. Lovett, St. Clair Mackay, R. Miller, and B. Riley on their appointments as junior prefects.

First Year and Remove could scarcely believe their ears when told that they had to be absent from school owing to the Intermediate. It is, of course, understood that that week is to be deducted from the Xmas vacation, and that those classes will accordingly return a week earlier than the rest of the school.

It will be noticed that we have no Form Reports in this issue. We hope the school will consider this from a reasonable point of view. The form reports were very rarely well-written; they were always expressed in such an allusive and obscure style that any one could be understood only by members of that particular form. Six months later, it is doubtful if anyone could interpret them. The expense of this magazine is increasing; in the last issue Form Reports occupied five pages, of which no one would read more than one. Similarly, as no changes have occurred since June in the staff and school officials, we have dispensed with the usual lists.

THIRD AND FOURTH YEAR FESTIVITIES.

On Friday, 11th November, in the Parish Hall, 3rd Year entertained the L.C. candidates on the eve of their examination. The early part of the evening was devoted to games. The most important event, however, was the supper. The tables were artistically decorated with dark red carnations and delphiniums arranged in vases, and with red and blue wistaria hung from a string entwined with emerald green (4th Year class colour). Finding partners for supper was a jolly business, and among those present were Mr. Hughes, Shakespeare, Macbeth, Prohibition, Johnny Walker, and Queen Elizabeth.

During supper toasts were offered to "The King," proposed by the chairman (Mr. Saxby); "The School," proposed by E. Smithers, and seconded by R. Cochrane, responded to by Mr. Saxby; "Success to Fourth Year," R. Lovett

and D. Pearson, responded to by P. Telfer and J. Sneddon; "Third Year," A. Gray and R. Brooks, responded to by A. Grady and J. Howard, who thanked Fourth Year for their "cordial" remarks, and hoped, along with all Third Year, that the mascots, tiny crystal rabbits tied with the school colours, would pester the examiners into giving the candidates every success.

Mr. Henderson then proposed the toast of the Chairman, responded to by Mr. Saxby.

Third Year girls also presented Miss Johnson with a beautiful bouquet of delphiniums and dark red carnations, tied with red and blue ribbons. After supper came more games, and at 10.30 p.m. a very happy party broke up after singing "Auld Lang Syne," and wishes were everywhere expressed for every success to the L.C. candidates.

On Monday, November 28, Third Year were entertained by Fourth at a beach tea. There were games, and there was tea; as usual in these affairs, everything was very enjoyable, but there were several details which gave the function a spirit of its own. Some of these deserve mention. The boys, in theory, thought little of the girls' cooking, but their practice was quite complimentary. There seemed some connection between peanut flicking and geography. One fickle cavalier was given a taste of his own medicine. Two young sentimentalists said they were disappointed at the non-appearance of the moon "shedding its radiance o'er the waters." Drop the handkerchief was played without any of the frivolity that the Lower School seems to associate with that game. Some of the gentlemen seemed to dislike the moving necessitated by the word-guessing game. And when the happy party broke up, there was a good deal of manoeuvring. In short, it was a very fine beach tea.

SECOND YEAR AND REMOVE BEACH TEA.

The much-looked-forward-to beach tea, given to the Second Year pupils by the Removes, came off splendidly on the 24th September. The guests arrived about 4 o'clock, and with the teachers and prefects, who were also invited, were entertained on the beach by the boys of the Removes, until the tables for tea had been arranged by the girls.

Unfortunately, or rather fortunately for some, there was a slight disarrangement about the guests for each table, but in the end it was "first in, first served," and everybody was satisfied. The tea was one to be remembered; certainly our happy 2nd Years were far from shy, and with tea the fun began. The celebrated Mr. West sang several songs for the company, but sad to relate nobody seemed to think his singing very beautiful, because every word he uttered was met with shrieks of laughter. The boys laughed very heartily; the girls of course we know wouldn't. The teachers' company was appreciated immensely; they disregarded their mantles of dignity, and became as happy as the rest. One of the teachers (of course we must not mention names) showed us how to eat cherries—a very good way we all thought.

After tea everybody proceeded to the Rockery, where Mr. Saxby wished the 2nd Year pupils every success in the forthcoming exam. This speech was followed by the distribution of the mascots, which were little black kewpies ornamented with the school colours.

The guests were then entertained on the sands, and the assembly broke up about 8.30

SECOND IMPRESSIONS.

(A.C. & L.W.)

"Take your girl to the movies"—on wet sports afternoons?
 "A fool and his sports sub. are easily parted." (But collect them and see.)
 Prohibition in Australia.—N.H.S. going dry—no swimming.
 Wiggler's Chewing Gum—for worms?
 Extract from L.S. History Honors Paper.— three great scientists.—
 Just the number on the staff.
 Football Report: R—kicked the goal.—Did he hurt it?
 Sandwiches.—At beach teas?
 "Remis Velisque."—Not at the school picnic.
 Bubonic Plague.—Oh, rats!
 A Cutting Remark.—Hold out!
 Mr. M—s besmirches our characters, but Mr. S—y be-birches our hands.
 Left, Right—Left, Right—Left, Right.—A sixer!
 N.H.S.—A New High School (perhaps!).
 The Incinerator (or Incubator).—To remove rubbish.
 L.C. Examination Questions.—Beforehand?
 First Principles.—Mind your own business.
 Cultivate the Truth.—Perhaps it might grow.
 "Seats of the Mighty."—Reserved for teachers and prefects.
 "Kiss me, Algernon!"—(He either wasn't game, or —.)
 "You know what a difference the Navy makes to me."—Doesn't mention the
 Military.
 We aren't smokers at N.H.S.—Yet the fags are very numerous.
 Spring Cleaning at N.H.S.—Sweeps?
 The Reason for most Howlers.—The cane.
 A Cool Proposal.—"Coming swimming on Wednesday?"
 "Go, Feather Your Nest."—Yes, my Duck!
 "Third Test."—Aren't you going to let us off to-day, Miss?
 "Lights Out."—Especially in Physics for Light Experiments.
 L.C. Question: "What are the different races of mankind?"—Did anyone mention the Melbourne Cup, Sydney Cup, Oaks?

WIRELESS.

Roy Abbott left the school about four years ago, and went into the civil service. A short time ago he deserted this and went to Sydney to attend a school of wireless telegraphy. He has now completed the course, and at the present moment is awaiting an appointment as a ship's operator. He has sent us an interesting article on wireless, unfortunately too long for us to print entire, but from which we give some leading ideas. The various types of stations are the automatic high power stations of England and America, the ordinary land station worked by operators, and the ship station. The latter is the only one which offers much prospect to the average men. The operator's work includes the receiving of time signals, weather forecasts, and ordinary commercial messages. Perhaps the most important aspect of ship wireless is the part it plays in time of distress. Direction or position finding is a modern development. An amateur's receiving set costs very little, and opens the way for a fascinating hobby.

This reminds us that Reg. Lydon was in a wireless plant in Sydney, and Joe Reed, whom some of the staff well remember, did some important experimental work.

This profession is one that some of our scientific and adventurous boys might look into.

Girls' Sports

HOCKEY.

A very successful and interesting hockey season has closed, giving way to the swimming season.

Numerous form matches were played, boys v. girls in each form; an ex-pupils v. present pupils' match, in which the present pupils won. The teams were:—Ex-pupils: L. Bickerton (captain), M. Hunt, J. Stinson, R. Saxby, D. Toll, F. Eaton, L. Mitchell, L. Lazer, A. Carroll, J. Donaldson, M. Stevenson. Presents: D. Pearson (captain), M. Wood, E. Christianson, L. Layton, A. Brady, J. Breckenridge, E. Mitchell, D. Firkin, H. Thomas, P. Evans, P. Telfer.

A staff v. pupils match, in which again the victory went to the pupils, after a most exciting game, in which the staff goal, Mr. Walker, distinguished himself.

The "A" team (D. Pearson, captain, L. Layton, E. Mitchell, H. Thomas, M. Wood, P. Telfer, J. Breckenridge, E. Christianson, G. Evans, A. Grady, and D. Firkin) visited Maitland, and played a keenly-contested game, which ended in a draw. Later in the season Maitland girls paid a return visit to us, and the match again ended in a draw.

The "B" team for the season consisted of H. Grassick (captain), V. Tanner, J. Forrester, M. Kinder, J. Beresford, J. Cameron, E. Buxton, J. Grierson, M. Mulvey, E. Murray, D. Scott.

L. Bickerton, our 1920 captain, is now playing centre-forward in the University hockey team.

TENNIS.

The girls' tennis this year has suffered much through lack of courts, the school court being almost unplayable, but it will be better now that the girls are able to play at the Wickham courts on sports afternoon.

In spite of this setback, the girls were very successful in the Combined High Schools' Tournament at Double Bay. In the singles Gwen Evans got into the semi-final, as did Enid Mitchell and Marjorie Mulvey in the doubles.

A match was played against the Newcastle Grammar School, but the school was beaten by 63 games to 42.

A game was played against the ex-pupils, but as only five ex-pupils were at the courts it could hardly be called a match.

The girls journeyed to Maitland, and played the Maitland High School. The most enjoyable matches of all were the two against the staff. Perhaps they were enjoyed so much because the pupils won each time, and made the teachers think of the days of their youth! The staff team consisted of the Misses Ross, Segaert, and Nichols, and Messrs. Nairn, Fraser, and Mearns, while Enid Mitchell, Gwen Evans, Marjorie Mulvey, M. Manus, Sneddon and Jones played for the school.

The whole year seems to have been made up of tennis matches, but of course they are very pleasant, and naturally much sought after.

May next year's team be even more successful than that of the present year, and may they continue to grow stronger ad infinitum,

BASKETBALL.

Four basketball matches were played during the past season, resulting in two victories for the A team.

The Newcastle A team met the A team of Cook's Hill Intermediate High School on the Cook's Hill grounds, but the Novocastrians were very unfortunate in being defeated. The scores were 30-13.

At the return match, played on the Showground, much good play was shown. Newcastle was evidently in better form than previously, and a hard battle resulted. The visitors, however, after a strenuous fight, won by one point. The scores in this game were 16-15.

The Newcastle team journeyed to Maitland, and after a very slow and uninteresting match won by 43 to 1. Afterwards the team was entertained by the Maitland girls.

The return match also resulted in an easy win for Newcastle, the scores being 46-6. The Maitland girls, before returning home, were entertained at afternoon tea by the Novocastrians.

As a result of a challenge from the ex-pupils, a hard and fast match was indulged in, and the A team, with broad smiles of satisfaction, were able to announce that they had walked home with another victory, having won by 21 points. Scores were 17-15.

The teams in the basketball were:—Old Girls: M. Hunt (captain), J. Stinson, H. Patterson, L. Bickerton, J. Donaldson, J. Short, L. Mitchell, F. Eaton, L. Lazer. The Present Pupils' team comprised I. Fallon (captain), N. Kemp, R. Lindsay, G. Wilson, D. Wrightson, E. Harkins, M. Farrell, M. Burdon, C. Lawson.

BASE-BALL.

A rather muddy corner of the Showground was allotted to Base-ball at the beginning of the winter sports season. In wet weather the girls picked their way gracefully along boards, instead of running on the grass. In spite of these drawbacks the girls played many happy games there. An "A" team and "B" team were picked, and mixed games often were a hard tussle. A few First Years showed fine form, one girl being specially addicted to "skyers." The "A" team consisted of A. Owen (captain), B. Cherry, M. Sutton, L. Hincks, M. Thompson, K. Carroll, E. Wright, F. Bockenstein, J. M'Morrine.

Three matches were played by the "A" team. The first was with Maitland. After a hard game Newcastle won by 13 to 12. In the return match the local team won again, the scores being 17 to 12.

A match played with Cook's Hill ended in defeat for Newcastle. Scores, 13 to 26. The return match has not been played.

Boys' Sports

CRICKET.

COMPETITION TABLE (SENIORS).

Team	P.	W.	W1	L.	L1	Points.
Second Year A	6	3	1	0	2	17
Third Year	6	2	3	0	2	16
Second Year B	6	2	2	1	1	15
Fourth Year	6	0	1	3	1	4

Played October 5th, 1921.

Second Year A v Second Year B. 2A won by 7 runs on the first innngs. 2A 75 (Bryant 23, Rodgers 15, Owens 19; Bradford 3 for 25, Clements 1 for 15, Burke 7 for 22). 2B 68 (Bradford 10, Partridge 24, McKay 13; Owens 3 for 18, Bryant 3 for 26, Campbell 3 for 12). 72 (Bradford 29, Clement 21; Bryant 5 for 26, Owens 4 for 19).

Fourth Year defeated Third Year by 6 runs on first innngs. Played October 12th, 1921.

Second Year A were beaten by Third Year on the first innngs. Second Year B beat Fourth Year outright. Played October 19th, 1921.

Second Year A beat Fourth Year outright. Second Year B, 3 for 85, innngs closed (Bradford 21, Thomas 31, Turnbull 17 not out; Stirling 2 for 26, Henderson 1 for 18) and 5 for 59, innngs closed (Bradford 12, Partridge 19, Boa 13; Stirling 2 for 24, Riley 1 for 19, Williams 2 for 15) beat Third Year, 45 (Riley 19 not out; Bradford 1 for 4, Burke 4 for 10, Alexander 4 for 7) by 40 runs on the first innngs. Played October 26th, 1921.

2A beat 2B by 17 runs outright. 2A, 115 (Rodgers 13, Scobie 28, Thompson 16, Fisher 15, Owens 12; Burke 3 for 20, Alexander 1 for 42, Turnbull 4 for 25, Boa 4 for 6). 2B, 42 (Burke 11; Campbell 3 for 24, Thompson 6 for 11, Owens 1 for 4), 56 (Turnbull 11, Clement 13; Owens 1 for 14, Bryant 1 for 18, Thompson 3 for 16, Campbell 5 for 4, Fisher 1 for 1).

Third Year beat Fourth Year on the first innngs. Played 23rd October, 1921.

2A received a forfeit from Fourth Year.

Third Year beat Second Year B by 54 runs on first innngs. 2B, 55 (Alexander 10 not out; Lovett 5 for 25, Stirling 6 for 25). Third Year 109 (Scorer 13, Huntley 65; Burke 1 for 24, Bradford 2 for 25, Alexander 1 for 9, Boa 3 for 26, Hingst 3 for 9).

COMPETITION TABLE (REMOVE).

	P.	W.	W1	L.	L1	D.	Points.
Remove Commercial	6	4	-	1	-	1	18
Remove A	6	4	-	2	-	-	16
Remove B	6	3	-	2	-	1	14
Second Year Juniors	6	0	0	6	-	-	0

T. Carter (RA) has the best batting average. Highest score, 88 not out, v. Second Year. Average, 26.3. A. Attwood (RAC) is next highest score, 78, v. RA. Average, 21.5.

C. Fraser (RAC) has best bowling average, 35 wickets for 80 runs, average 2.2.

T. Carter has secured most wickets, 66 for 180, average 2.8.

COMPETITION TABLE (FIRST YEAR).

First Year C is leading in this competition, with 22 points. They have never been beaten, and have played one draw.

First Year A are 18 points, having been beaten once by 1C, and have played one draw with the same team.

First Year B, 7 points, and First Year Commercial, 3 points, are in arrears.

E. Watkins has the batting average, 23, highest score 37. W. Hopton, 48, has highest individual score, which he has scored twice.

Unfortunately the bowling averages have not been kept. E. Watkins, J. Dick, and H. Wilkinson are the most proficient bowlers in this grade. "Tucker" Riley is a second Mailey in this grade.

SATURDAY MATCHES.

The school entered a team in the third-grade competition of the City and Suburban Association. So far they have won 5 and lost 2 matches. Results:— N.H.S. v Y.M.C.A.: Won by an innngs and 37 runs. N.H.S. 91 (McManus 18, Bryant 23, Scobie 11, Brooks 12); Y.M.C.A. 25 (Bryant 3 for 13, Brooks 3 for 7, McManus 2 for 4) and 29 (McNeil 13, Holbrow 11; Brooks 3 for 9, McManus 1 for 12, Stirling 3 for 6, Johnston 1 for 0).

N.H.S. v Boolaroo: Won by 82 runs on first innngs. N.H.S. 131 (Scobie 46, Scorer 25, McManus 18, Bloomfield 12). Boolaroo 49 (Brooks 1 for 8, Stirling 5 for 22, Bryant 3 for 16).

N.H.S. v Stockton: Won by 41 runs outright. N.H.S. 52 (Brooks 17, Scorer 15) and 84 (Brooks 26, Stirling 19, Cochrane 12). Stockton 61 (Brooks 5 for 18, Stirling 1 for 18, Bryant 1 for 15, Owens 2 for 5).

N.H.S. v Carrington: Lost by an innngs and 27 runs outright. N.H.S. 5 and 41 (Thoms 13). Carrington 73 (Brooks 4 for 26, Burke 0 for 12, Owens 4 for 24, Campbell 2 for 5).

N.H.S. v St. Paul's: A tie. N.H.S. 45 (D. Williams 10, Cochrane 15, Alexander 12). St. Paul's 45 (Brooks 7 for 16, Turnbull 1 for 8, Owens 0 for 3, Burke 0 for 0, Alexander 1 for 6). N.S.H. 6 for 44 (D. Williams 21, Scorer 13, Alexander 15 not out).

N.H.S. v Seahampton: Lost by 140 runs on first innngs. N.H.S. 24, Seahampton 160.

N.H.S. v Hamilton Methodists: Won by 33 runs on first innngs. N.H.S. 73 (Huntley 16, Turnbull 12 not out). Hamilton 40 (Brooks 0 for 8, Stirling 1 for 11, Alexander 6 for 18, Owens 1 for 3, Campbell 2 for 0) and 3 for 34 (Brooks 1 for 16, Stirling 2 for 11, Turnbull 1 for 0).

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

(By "ONE OF THE FIRSTS.")

The Rugby football season just ended has indeed been a successful one both from the playing and the social standpoints.

The first "outside" game was played in mud and slush against the old boys. After an exciting tussle the School XIII. were successful by 16 points to 6. For the school Miller, Howard, Thomas and Sneddon scored tries, and Riley and Williams each kicked a goal. For the old boys Sharp and Hayman scored a try each.

Our first match against Maitland took place just before the midwinter holidays. First seniors and juniors played at the Showground, and the former, meeting a heavier team, were beaten by 17 to 3 (Burke a try). The juniors won fairly easily by 11 to nil (Engle, Hamilton, Smallman tries, Taylor a goal).

At Maitland our second fifteen were defeated by 27 to 4 (McKay a field goal), and the second juniors by 11 to nil.

The return matches against Maitland were played after the holidays, and at Maitland our first seniors were beaten by 21 to 11. For N.H.S. Sneddon and Cochrane tries, and D. Williams kicked three goals.

The first juniors played an 11 all draw. Gray, Borthwick and Dick tries, and Taylor a goal.

At Newcastle the second seniors were again defeated by Maitland, 14 to 9 (Brooks a try and Huntley 2 goals) after an exciting tussle.

In the second junior fixture Newcastle were victorious by 23 to 5. Malcolmson, Williams, Alexander (2), Owens (2), and Hale tries, and Hale a goal.

Hunter's Hill, a Sydney third-grade combination visited us about the middle of the season, and played the second fifteen. The latter continued their string of defeats by being beaten by 26 to nil.

A Parramatta fifteen were the next to pay us a visit, and they suffered defeat at the hands of our firsts by 12 to 4. Miller (2), Thomas and Sneddon scored tries, and Riley kicked a goal, which was disallowed. The visitors arrived on the Thursday night, were shown over the Steel Works on Friday morning, and were entertained at night at a social in the Parish Hall. They returned on the Saturday afternoon to Sydney, after an enjoyable stay.

Late in the season our first senior XV. visited Sydney to play the return match against Hunter's Hill, and also to contest a game against Sydney High School's G.P.S. XV. Against S.H.S., who were on an average about two stone heavier, our firsts covered themselves with glory, and although they played like a team of champions were beaten by 23 to 3 (Miller a try). The playing of Bryant, Cochrane and Campbell was excellent, and the great game put up by the whole team has probably placed N.H.S. on the map, as far as Sydney High Schools are concerned.

The next game of the trip was against Hunter's Hill, and the hard game on the previous afternoon against S.H.S. had a lot to do with our crushing defeat. As usual, against a heavier team, we were beaten 30 to nil.

We are all eagerly looking forward to our trip to Parramatta next year, and we, as in 1921, intend to uphold the sporting and footballing reputation of N.H.S.

SOCCER.

We have been overburdened with half-backs this year, and have suffered from lack of forwards. "Scotty" Campbell moved from full-back, turned out a very good centre-forward.

The First Eleven played three games, and the Second Eleven two games against Maitland Boys' High. Each team played one drawn game; the rest were victories.

The First Eleven were defeated 2 to 1 by the Sydney Combined High Schools' team. Campbell scored our only goal. The Sydney boys were very good, especially in their head work. Their forward line was very smart, and worked well together.

Several of our "under 14" and "under 15" boys were selected to play for Newcastle against Sydney. Turnbull was made captain of the "under 14" team.

The "under 15" team, with an undefeated record, won the district competition for the second year in succession, defeating Hamilton by 2 goals to nil. "Stump" Riley condescended to play, and scored our two goals. The reporter on the line persisted in talking shorthand.

Our "under 14" team reached the semi-final, and was defeated 1 to nil by Scotch. The wind spoiled what promised to be a good game. Johnston was the best player they had.

SOCCER PLAYERS REVIEWED.

"Jock" Sneddon, our captain, has a fancy kick, and can hit the basketball post every time.

McManus kicks hard and tries to shoot from centre.

Bob Lovett is very neady, just escaping the ball every time.

"Scotty" Campbell, our star centre, is very quick and sure. He tries to frighten the other side by his yells.

Joe Arthur, in goals, is very quick and sure, and always plays well. He has had hard luck with accidents.

"Sandy" McKay is a very clever, tricky forward, and a steady, dependable half-back.

"Cherub" Johnston crosses well, but has a tendency to get knocked out. He amuses the spectators by falling over his feet and standing on his head.

Cochrane is a steady half-back and a good bustler.

Stirling, a tricky forward, and a good shot.

Punton is a useful inside forward, and a good half-back. He sticks well to his man.

Benny Partridge is slow but sure, and a good kick.

Fisher, a trifle lazy, but crosses and shoots well.

"Vinny" Turnbull is little but good. He mystifies the other side by hiding behind the ball.

Heath plays well in goal, and has a good kick.

All the above played in the match against Sydney, except Arthur and Cochrane. They were picked, but unfortunately could not play owing to injuries.

The following detailed account of the match against Combined Sydney High Schools is from the "Newcastle Sun":—

Sydney won a hard-fought game by 2 goals to 1. Some excuse may be made for the home team, as their regular "goalie," Joe Arthur, was unable to play owing to an injury. The teams were:—

SYDNEY COMBINED (Black and Gold).—Symonds (Drummoyne), Plummer (Technical), and S. Smith (Drummoyne), full-backs; R. Smith (Technical), L. Leadbeater (Parramatta), and Goodsir (Drummoyne), half-backs; Burke (Technical), Meayrs (Petersham), H. Smith (Technical), Sanders (Technical), captain, and McGarry (Petersham), forwards.

NEWCASTLE (All Black).—A. Heath, goal-keeper; B. Partridge and L. McManus, full-backs; S. McKay, J. Sneddon (captain), and B. Lovett, half-backs; D. Stirling, G. Johnston (injured, replaced by V. Turnbull), D. Campbell, I. Punton and W. Fisher, forwards.

Sydney won the toss, and Newcastle kicked off against the wind. Sydney attacked from the outset, and had the home team defending for a time, but good work by Partridge, Sneddon, Laney and McManus saved the situation. Midway through the half Sanders secured, and centred from the right wing. H. Smith, snapping up quickly, scored in the corner of the goal. Sydney 1, Newcastle nil.

Newcastle played up on this reverse, and had Sydney defending, but the visitors broke away, and H. Smith, sent to Meayrs, who scored. Sydney 2, Newcastle nil. These were the scores at half-time.

On resuming, helped by the wind, the Blacks attacked, and "Scotty" Campbell, securing, tricked several opponents and scored from the right wing. Sydney 2, Newcastle 1.

Even play followed till close on full time, when Newcastle attacked, and play was fast, with Sydney strongly defending, until the final whistle blew.

TENNIS.

As no court was available until late in the season, the boys were at a considerable disadvantage. However, a competition with Cook's Hill and Hamilton schools was commenced. Of two matches with Cook's Hill one was won and the other lost; of four against Hamilton three were won and one lost. It

was intended also to run singles and doubles championships within these three schools, but owing to lack of courts this had to be abandoned.

At the P.S.A.A.A. championships at Double Bay, Jones and Bradford represented the school in the doubles, and Bradford in the singles. Both were beaten in the first round, the scores being 1-8 and 7-8 respectively.

Against Parramatta we had an easy win, losing only one set. Jones, Bradford, Sneddon and Miller played for the school.

The school was defeated by the ex-pupils on Wickham courts.

Two matches were played against the staff, the pupils scoring a victory on both occasions. Misses Ross, Segeart and Nicholls, Messrs. Nairn, Mearns and Fraser represented the staff, and Enid Mitchell, Gwen Evans, Marjorie Mulvey, Jock Sneddon, L. MacManus, Ron. Jones the school.

The secretary of the Commercial Club has very generously offered the school the use of the courts for Friday afternoon, so prospects for next year seem brighter.

ATHLETICS.

The annual sports meeting was held on Wednesday, September 14th, at the Showground. For the first time the boys' and girls' races were run alternately, and this was a vast improvement. The most enjoyable event of the day was the picnic luncheon, and we hope this was only the forerunner of many of these sociable gatherings. Results:—

Boys' Events.—100yds championship, senior, J. Sneddon, 1, J. Sowerby, 2, G. Johnson, 3. Time, 11.0. Junior, H. Hamilton 1, J. Sowerby 2, A. Owens 3. Time, 11 2-5. Under 14, J. Puntun 1, L. Riley 2, N. Saxby 3. Time, 13sec. 880yds championship, senior, R. Miller 1, McKay 2, Bloomfield 3. Time, 2.14. Junior, B. Riley 1, Johnston 2, Wood and Gray 3. Under 14, N. Saxby 1, Bartley 2, T. Riley 3. 220yds championship senior, Sneddon 1, Johnston 2, Brooks 3. Time, 24 1-5. Junior, Sowerby 1, H. Hamilton 2, Owens and Bradford 3. Time, 24 2-5sec. Under 14, Puntun 1, Jukes 2, T. Riley 3. Time, 28 4-5. High jump championship, senior, Johnston 1, D. Williams 2, McKay 3; 5ft 1½in. Junior, Owens 1, Bradford and Riley (dead heat) 2. Under 14, Jukes and N. Saxby 1, Duncanson 3. High jump handicap, senior, Johnson 1, D. Williams 2, McKay 3. Junior, A. Owens and B. Riley (dead heat) 1, Bradford 3. Under 14, Jukes and N. Saxby 1, Duncanson 3. 440yds championship, senior, Sneddon 1, Miller 2, D. Williams 3. Time, 57. Junior, Sowerby 1, Hamilton 2, Thompson 3. Time, 61 2-5. Under 14, Jukes 1, Mathews 2, J. Quilkey 3. 880yds open handicap, Thompson 1, J. Johnson 2, L. Quilkey and Jukes 3. Broad jump championship, senior, Johnstone 1, McKay 2, D. Williams 3 (18ft 8½in). Junior, Hamilton 1, B. Riley 2, Cameron 3. Under 14, Duncanson 1, Smith 2, Mitchell 3. Broad jump handicap, senior, McKay 1, D. Williams 2, H. Williams 3. Junior, B. Riley 1, Fisher 2, Hamilton 3. Under 14, Duncanson 1, Smith 2, Mitchell 3. 100 challenge, v. H.I.H.S., senior, Johnston (N.H.S.) 1, Sneddon (N.H.S.) 2, H. Williams (N.H.S.) 3. Junior, Sowerby (N.H.S.) 1, Sharp (H.I.H.S.) 2, Trayhurn (H.I.H.S.) 3. Junior challenge (relay), H.I.H.S. 1, H.I.H.S. 2, N.H.S. 3. Broad Jump challenge, senior, Johnston (N.H.S.) 1, McKay (N.H.S.) 2, D. Williams (N.H.S.) 3. Junior, Trayhurn (H.I.H.S.) 1, Sharp (H.I.H.S.) 2, Hamilton (N.H.S.) 3. 440yds junior challenge, Sowerby (N.H.S.) 1, Sharp (H.I.H.S.) 2, Trayhurn (H.I.H.S.) 3. Three-legged race, senior, McKay and Sowerby 1, Lovett and B. Riley 2, H. Williams and Helmore 3. Junior, Richer and Gray 1, B. Riley and Hopper 2, Pryor and Sheumack 3. Under 14, Saxby and Morrow 1, Jukes and Brown 2, Riley and Bartley 3. Sack race, senior, Hale 1, Lovett 2, Alexander 3. Junior, Thompson 1, Hopper 2, R. Pryor 3. Under 14, Mitchell 1, H. Pickles 2, Riley 3. Obstacle race, E. Duncanson 1, Brown 2, C. Saxby 3. Mile open handicap, R. Levett 1, E. Thompson 2, J. Quilkey 3.

The point score for the boys' shield resulted as follows:—Third Year, 54 points; 4th Year, 45 points, 2B, 42; RA, 39½; 1A, 36½; RB, 32; RAC, 16; 2A, 9½; 1B, 4; 2AC, 0; 1AC, 0; 1CG, 0.

Girls' Results.—School championship, 100yds, E. Mitchell 1, M. Wood 2, G. Evans 3. Time, 12sec. Class relay, First Year 1, Remove AC, 2; 2B 3. Mixed relay, Second Year 1, Remove Year 2, Fourth Year 3. Three-legged race, 14 and under, E. George and N. Kemp 1; 14 to 16, F. Bockenstein and A. Owen 1, N. Kemp and E. George 2, M. Kempster and J. Forrester 3; 16 and over, M. Woods and J. Beresford 1, D. Pearson and L. Layton 2, V. Innes and E. Murray 3. 50yds championship, under 14, E. George 1, E. Heeny 2; 14 to 16, G. Evans and M. Burdon 1, H. Thomas 2; 16 and over, M. Wood 1, E. Mitchell 2, D. Pearson 3. Sack race, under 14, D. Newton 1, F. Edwards 2, P. Beresford 3; 14 to 16, A. Kellett 1, M. McLean 2, G. Wilson, 3; 16 and over, D. Billett 1, J. Beresford 2, D. Pearson 3. Skipping, under 14, D. Maloney 1, E. Heeny 2, C. Valentine 3; 14 to 16, M. Burdon 1, H. Thomas 2, N. Morrison 3; 16 and over, E. Mitchell 1, M. Wood 2, D. Billett 3. Walking race, under 14, N. Jeffery 1, L. Vincer 2; 14 to 16, A. Owen 1, N. Morrison 2, H. Thomas 3; 16 and over, D. Pearson 1, M. Wood and L. Einsaar 2. Obstacle race, under 14, D. Maloney 1, N. Jones 2, J. Silcock 3; 14 to 16, H. Thomas 1, M. Farrell 2, M. Smith 3; 16 and over, D. Pearson 1, M. Wood 2, D. Billett 3. Book race, under 14, D. Newton, 1; F. Edwards 2; E. Whitcombe 3; 14 to 16, V. Innes 1, N. Morrison 2, E. Murray 3; 16 and over, D. Scott 1, J. Beresford 2, D. Pearson 3. Inter-sport relay, Hockey 1, Tennis 2, Basketball 3. Hopping, under 14, F. Edwards 1; 14 to 16, M. Burdon 1, H. Thomas 2, N. Morrison 3; 16 and over, D. Pearson 1, D. Billett 2, M. Kinder 3. Age championship, 12 and under, P. Beresford 1, E. Still 3; 13 years, E. George 1, M. Breakwell 2; 14 years, M. Burdon 1, A. Kellett 2; 15 years, H. Thomas 1, G. Evans 2; 16 years, E. Mitchell 1, D. Pearson 2.

We congratulate "Joe" Sowerby on his well-merited win in the 440 and third place in the 220 at the Combined High School Sports..

EXAMINATION. (MARJORIE SMITH.)

The day, the dreaded day had come,
The doors were open wide;
With countenances sad and grim
The scholars walked inside.
The bell then rang its awful knell,
To seats they hurried fast;
A silence, then a second bell—
The papers came at last.
Oh! some were dreadful, some were good,
And others in between;
Such smiles of glee, and gasps of fear
Have never yet been seen.
But afterwards, with hearts so light,
They homeward all did go;
But when the dread results came out,
Then everyone said "Oh!"

TRIOLETS FROM 1A.

The innings was long,
And the bowling was nice.
Do you think it was wrong
(The innings was long)
To play the ball strong,
And knock a six twice?
The innings was long,
And the bowling was nice.—M.B.

In the room of 1A
Many pens are suspended,
I'm afraid there's some play
In the room of 1A,

And the pens fly away
When the lessons are ended.
In the room of 1A
Many pens are suspended.—X.

FROM 3A.

I saw two shadows on the sand,
The night of the Remove beach tea!
And each one held the other's hand,
I saw two shadows on the sand,
Then did my jealous soul demand,
"How is it that such things can be?"
I saw two shadows on the sand
The night of the Remove beach tea.

SUNRISE.

(PATTY BERESFORD.)

The bush is beginning to waken,
The birds have begun their sweet
lays;
The gloom of the night turns to
colour,
For the sun is seen through the
dim haze.
The shafts of the sun-arrows golden
Gleam over the tranquil lake,
And the beauty before us unfolden
Causes wonderful thoughts to
awake.
Not a breath of wind ripples the
branches
Of the gum trees so stately and tall;
Only the bush creatures' whispers
Are heard through the stillness of
all.

FAVOURITE SAYINGS OF SOME OF OUR TEACHERS.

(By "ALGERNON.")

- 1.—"Ready! Gentlemen of the balance-sheet"
- 2.—"Now then, R—y and W—s, a fair thing's a fair thing."
- 3.—" That's all!"
- 4.—"Underline these sentences"
- 5.—"It's a very serious matter"
- 6.—"Is that quite clear?"
- 7.—"Pronounce it like a gentleman."
- 8.—"Do this problem Do this one (on to infinity)."
- 9.—"Now, then!"
- 10.—"Open your atlases at page —."
- 11.—"Factorial $n \times 4$ to infinity."
- 12.—"Now, BOYS!"
- 13.—"Get out your geometry books" (very slowly).
- 14.—"Now in England"
- 15.—"Do you see?" (abruptly).
- 16.—"Come, come, come!!"
- 17.—" It's bad enough as it is; don't make it worse."
- 18.—"Faites, attention!"
- 19.—"Take this note" (Discords.)
- 20.—"Outside! Too funny!" (Alas! May this not be the fate of this contribution.)

SOME HOWLERS.

Gov. Bourke was a patent caucus man.
 George Stephenson prevented the spinning jenny.
 George Stephenson invented a stationary locomotive called the Rocket. It had three trucks; first-class for those that were fussy, second class for those that were not, and third-class for the poor people.
 James Watt watched the steam engine emerge from his mother's kettle by lifting the lid.
 James Watt was a clever inventor. He invented a steam engine to do half as much in twice the time that workmen took.
 In Gov. Bourke's time men were tried before a military fury of seven officers. Children had to work in factories from the time of Elizabeth till the Reform Bill of 1832.
 George Stephenson invented a spinning jenny, which he called the Mule after his wife.
 Henry VIII. issued brummy coins. He put only half the metal into them, and the rest was alum.
 Sir Richard Bourke had much common sense, and allowed himself to be ruled by the council and the governess.
 In early days farmers got their land by swearing to obey the lord of the manure.
 The Romans invited other barbarians to help guard the borders.
 Stephenson invented the local motive, and this was made after the stile of Watt's.
 After the engine got older, people rode in it and enjoyed it, and that engine is said to be the father of the great and big engines of the present day.
 The two ends of the line was started at once, and in the end of two years cordial messengers flashed half way round the globe from one dinner table to another.
 In Elizabeth's time Australia had no manufactures, so all our wool and hides were sent over to England to be made into manufactured goods.
 The apprentices were boys kept by women to guard them in the streets and run on errands.
 Telegraph posts were scares, and what they did get, was eaten by white ants, cts.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS IN 1999
(IF CARRIED TOO FAR).

TESTS AS THEY MAY APPEAR.

("ALGERNON.")

HISTORY.—Give an account of any two of the following, giving records and particular sport where possible:—Frank Beaurepaire, Norman Brookes, Ernest Barry, and J. Sneddon.

CHEMISTRY.—Given twelve grams of Snowy Baker's Liniment, obtain the name and the percentage of each substance contained in it.

BUSINESS PRINCIPLES.—Define fully:—6 to 4 on, clinch, start by mutual consent, caddy, trudgeon, and forty love.

ENGLISH.—Write an appreciation of each of the following books:—(1) How McDougall topped the score; (2) The Lady Trainer; (3) How to Play Marbles in Ten Lessons.

FRENCH.—Give a brief outline in French of the story of each of the following:—(1) Le Football de M. Riley; (2) Le Racehorse Noir; (3) Swimming Without Baths.

ALGEBRA.—Find the number of different ways of arranging eleven boys to play in a hockey team so that R— stays at right wing and W— loafs in the centre.

LATIN.—Translate:—Caesar per wingam puntat. Sed globus exivit. Charon globum ex scrumibus extraxit. (P.S.—My knowledge of Latin here ends, so —.) Hercules qui in front rankus jouait (I had to use French here), etc., etc.

GEOMETRY.—Prove (by experience or otherwise) that infinity is that place at which an "outed" N.H.S. footballer imagines himself to be after running into Fatty E—k.

ART.—Give a drawing of the expression on a N.H.S. pupil's face when he has been told that "in future there will be swimming for the boys every Wednesday afternoon."

GEOGRAPHY.—Draw a map of N.H.S., showing smoking rooms, lovers' corners, chamber of torture, the dove-cote, playing fields, and swimming baths.)

THE 1921 CONCERT.

This year's concert, 15th September, 1921, was one of the brightest and most successful we have had. The singing of the choir was well balanced and finished. The solo items were greatly enjoyed, judging by the demand for encores. The play went along briskly, Riley putting a good deal of force into a rather thin part, and all the others doing very well.

The school owes a debt of gratitude to all those who bore the burden of work entailed by the concert, and especially to Miss Johnson, Miss Tompson, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Henderson.

Programme:—"Let the Hills Resound," School Choir; song, "Will o' the Wisp," Miss Tompson; recitation, Phyllis Nicholson, (a) "The Soft Winds Around Us" (Preciosa), (b) "Pretty Village Maiden" (Faust), School Choir; duet, "In the Garden of My Heart," Rupert Taylor and Ralph Huntley; song, "The Little Damosel," Miss Whiteoak; (a) "Funiculi Funicula," (b) "De Ringtail'd Coon," School Choir.

Recitation, "Mrs. Paggley's Juvenile Party," Lizzie Dickenson; song, "Dear Little Boy of Mine," George Owens; recitation, "That Peccadillo," Madge Stevenson; song, "The Barefoot Trail," Rupert Taylor; "Lights Out," by Max Pember-ton, characters in order of appearance, Algernon Cuffe (C. B. Riley), Becket, a footman (L. Quilkey), Louis Ward, Cuffe's friend (A. Gray), Kate Munroe (Mar-jorie Millington), Bessie Lambton (Alexa Grady), Theresa Hill (Dorothy Pearson).

TYPEWRITER STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS.		
	£	s d		£	s d
Balance brought forward	17	8 9	Repairs and Purchase of Typewriter	36	0 0
Subscriptions	32	0 0	Paper	1	2 0
Interest	0	15 3	Ribbons	1	5 0
			Carbon Paper	0	15 0
			Economic Text Books	1	9 0
			Watch for Class Use	0	11 6
			Balance in Bank	9	1 6
	£50	4 0		£50	4 0

TO PUPILS LEAVING.

Whether you have reached the proud and somewhat painful heights of the L.C., or have stopped somewhere short of it, you have been a pupil at this school, and we do not want to forget you or let you forget the School. We appeal to you all to join the ex-pupils' Union. You will find particulars in the "ex-pupil" section of this issue. The Union will give you an opportunity to meet old school friends; it will send you the School Magazine; and it will give you a chance to show your gratitude for what the school did for you. Because the school did do something for you, how much you will not realise till later.

Some of you are going to the University, some into the ranks of teachers. They will have an opportunity to use the intellectual training they have acquired at the School. The others, who will remain in Newcastle, we would urge to join the Workers' Educational Association Classes. These will give you, at practically no expense, some of the work which your friends are doing at the University. The W.E.A. is conducted in a democratic, informal fashion, and its work is on a high standard. It is for your own sake that we give this advice; you will be doing yourself a favour by joining the W.E.A. After training your mind to a certain pitch, you do not want to let it go to seed. Keep it occupied.

MISCELLANEOUS.

This was contributed by the well-known author of "Boucicaut."

Puella Rigensis ridebat,
Quam tigris in tergo vehebat;
 Externa profecta,
 Interna revecta,
Risusque cum tigre manebat.

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