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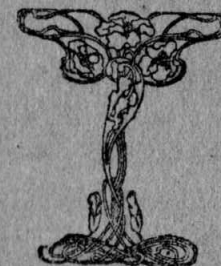
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HONOUR ROLL UNVEILED.

Wearing the decoration won by her son, the late Captain C. Jeffries, V.C., whose name appeared on the roll of honour, Mrs. J. Jeffries unveiled the soldiers' memorial of the Newcastle High School, in the assembly room of the school, on Anzac Day. "On behalf of the teaching staff, pupils, ex-pupils, their parents, and friends," said Mrs. Jeffries, "I unveil this memorial to the undying glory of those brave Australian boys who were pupils of this school, and who, when duty called, responded for God, King, and country; may their names live evermore." There was a big crowd in attendance, including the present students of the school, ex-students, their friends and relatives, and the teaching staff.

The memorial takes the form of a tablet of white marble, and is of handsome design. The names of the ninety soldiers, fourteen of whom have died, are inscribed in black lettering on the panel, which is bordered on each side by settings of black marble arranged in scroll effect. Prominent in the relief ornamentation that surmounts the structure is the monogram of the school, and a representation of a laurel wreath.

In opening the proceedings, Mr. G. Saxby, the head master, offered an apology for the absence of Mr. Bruntnell, the Minister for Education, who was to have presided, and extended a welcome to Mr. C. R. Smith, the first principal of the Newcastle High School, who had accepted the office of chairman. In addition to the fine memorial, there had been placed on the walls of the assembly room portraits of the late Captain Jeffries, V.C., and the late Captain R. W. Howard, M.C., a former captain of the school. He also drew attention to framed copies of the orders promulgated concerning the decoration of Captain Jeffries, an inspiring letter written by the same officer, and a little poem, entitled, "Premonition," written by the late Lieutenant Robert Lasket.

Mr. C. R. Smith expressed pleasure at revisiting his old school. Although the occasion was solemn, it was a great pleasure to once again stand on that floor. He spent nine years at the school, and had been away for seven years, but he never forgot the school which had been his child. There were twenty-six pupils when he began, and at the time of his leaving this number had grown to 450. He had been intimately acquainted with all the lads whose names appeared on the roll of honour. He honoured them all, and they parted as good friends. Mr. Smith went on to discuss some of the former students whose names were before them, Clarence Jeffries, the hero of the school, did not come very much before him, being of a studious and retiring disposition. "Tom" Cadell, known among his fellow pupils as "Chocolate," was a very fine chap, a good sport, and a favourite with the teachers as well as with his fellow pupils. "Dick" Howard was a captain of the school, and there had never been a finer pupil. In the year that he was captain Sir George Reid visited the school, and it was "Dick" Howard who read the address of welcome. He was a great sporting boy, and also a fine scholar. In the death of "Bob" Lasket the literary world suffered a great loss. His sonnet, called "Premonition," written a few days before his death, was a most remarkable production for a boy of his years. Other deceased soldier ex-students mentioned were Ernest Jones, Alfred Smith, Fred Smith, and Robert Kilpatrick. Australia, during the great struggle, was in danger of losing everything, and it was only owing to those lads, whose names appeared on the honour roll, together with the lads from all over the country and throughout the Empire, that people were

able to sit to-day in peace and security. It was only right that every school should have its honour roll. At one time dire disaster promised to sweep away all privileges, but it was our boys who preserved them to us. He hoped that the honour roll would stand as long as the school did, to show pupils and teachers that during the war the old boys of the Newcastle High School played a worthy part. The lesson to be learned from their example was one of self-sacrifice—the Anzac spirit, which was not always to be seen in the young these days. He hoped the example would be considered and emulated. "We should all try to make some sacrifice for Australia," he said, in conclusion. "We should try to serve our country as faithfully at home as those boys did in the field, not with any sordid or selfish end in view, but for the honour, glory, and welfare of our country."

Mr. J. Jeffries, the father of the late Captain Jeffries, V.C., said that, according to the records ninety former pupils of the Newcastle High School volunteered to fight for the existence of the British Empire, and for everything that we held near and dear. They had fought for civilisation and for right as against might, and for King and country. He meant by that, that they fought for freedom, security, and justice, as opposed to tyranny, oppression, and world domination by one power. As a result of the efforts of our men, that power lay crumpling in the dust. He referred to the various opinions that were held concerning the turning point of a war. Speaking as a layman, he believed the turning point of the war was when the Germans crossed into Belgium, and violated the neutrality of the Belgians. Germany had relied on might as against right, with the inevitable disaster. In the knowledge that their loved ones were no recreants from duty, and that there was no death in God's wide world, the relatives of the dead found solace. In his judgment, the first duty of an Australian citizen was to the returned soldier, who had no desire to be placed on a pinnacle, but was entitled to and should demand justice and the fulfilment of those promises made before his enlistment. He hoped that the citizens of this great land would see that the returned soldier got justice. Mr. Jeffries proceeded to draw a picture of the conditions applying in the battlefields of France on the occasion of his tour of them two years ago. In view of what the Australian soldier had gone through, he asked that he never should be forgotten. On the walls of the old world a new super-structure was being built, and it was our duty to see that that super-structure was worthy of the British Empire, so that we would be drawn nearer to one another, nearer to God, and better understood.

Following the unveiling a bugler sounded "The Last Post," and the proceedings were brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem. The Rev. J. J. Willings assisted at the function, and besides the hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," Kipling's "Recessional" was also sung.

—Newcastle Morning Herald.

UNVEILING OF THE HONOUR ROLL.

Among those present were Mr. C. R. Smith, M.A., the first head master of N.H.S., and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jeffries, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Mr. Skelton, M.L.A., Major H. J. Connell, M.L.A., Mrs. Saxby, Mrs. Nairn, Mr. and Mrs. Layton, Mr. and Mrs. Grassick, Mr. and Mrs. Mulvey, Mr. W. Winn (representing the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce), Rev. J. J. Willings, Mr. Cadell, Mr. Raysmith, Mr. Douglas, Mr. E. Jones, and the following ex-pupils:—Misses J. Cannington, Muriel and Marjorie Lane, D. Newton, B. Young, J. Stinson, K. Bowie, E. Richardson, L. Jarvie, A. Carroll, R. Lindsay, and Messrs. B. Helmore, J. Sneddon, A. Weir, A. Tyler, N. Cragg, N. Connor, E. Jacka, T. Millington, Robertson, Meldrum.

The Roll of Honour is of the Ionic order in design. The plinth is of white Carara marble, as are also the bases and capitals of the columns, the fluted shafts of which are of polished Australian Spring Hill black marble. The entablature, frieze, and cornice are also of Carara marble with a highly-polished surface. On the pediment, richly carved, is the monogram of the school, set in a laurel wreath.

The panel bearing the names measures 4ft by 2ft 6in, whilst the size of the memorial is 5ft 4in by 5ft 7in. The memorial is the work of Messrs. Meldrum and Markey, with the co-operation of Mr. Scouler, and in its technical excellence and artistic effect is a work of which they and the school may well be proud.

This issue contains an illustration of the memorial.

SPEECH DAY.

The annual speech day function of Newcastle High School took place in the Central Methodist Mission Hall on Thursday evening, 15th December, 1921. Mr. W. J. Elliott, M.A., the Chief Inspector of Secondary Schools, presided, and there was a large attendance.

The chairman, in the course of his address, defended the examination system. If examinations were an evil they were a necessary evil, and students had three years at a High School in which to prepare for the intermediate, and another two years before they were called upon to sit for the leaving certificate examination. With so much time at their disposal there should be no need for anything in the nature of "cram" or overwork.

Mr. Saxby, the head master, who also touched on this point, said his aim was to bring about a condition of affairs that would make it possible for students to take the examinations in their stride, as it were. He regretted that not many parents were present at the function. Their absence indicated a want of interest, and he could not hope for the best results without their co-operation... He deprecated the tendency on the part of young people to adopt a commercial outlook upon life at the very commencement of their High School career. Their first aim should not be so much to secure a "good job" as to make sure of receiving an all-round training. The educated man enjoyed a fuller and richer experience than his more or less non-educated fellow.

Alderman R. G. Kilgour, the Mayor of Newcastle, and Mr. A. I. Gibson also briefly addressed the gathering, reference being made to the urgent need for better accommodation.

Prizes were distributed as follows: —

Head master's prizes: Most successful pupil at the leaving certificate examination tests, Raymond Cochrane 1, Alma Gray 2. Same, at intermediate tests: Boys, Cyril Drake; girls, Hazel Grassick.

Mrs. Clack's prizes: Harry Williams, equal with Ray Cochrane for dux of school; Mabel Farrell, best girl in intermediate test, commercial subjects, almost equal in marks to Hazel Grassick; Jean Lackey, special prize, unable through illness to attend examination tests, but recognised champion girl in second year non-Latin candidates.

Girls' athletics: Badges won at Maitland, inter-High School challenge girls' relay race (Marjory Wood, Dorothy Pearson, Gwen Evans, Margaret Deamer).

Boys' Soccer football: Winners of competition, under 15, J. Arthur (captain), J. Panton, N. Fraser, W. Sinton, B. Partridge, C. Riley, D. Stirling, J. Walton, A. Boa, V. Turnbull, N. Sowerby, D. Cameron.

Ex-pupil's prize: The annual prize presented by the Ex-Pupils' Union has been won this year by Ray Cochrane.

Mrs. Clack's prize: Peggy Telfer, who was a good second in the voting for the ex-pupils' prize.

Dux of class: 4th year, Ray Cochrane, Harry Williams (equal); 3rd year, Alexa Grady; 2nd year, A.G., Cyril Drake; 2nd year, B.G., Edith Murray, William Smallman (prox. acc.); 2nd year, A.C., Jean Lackey; remove, A.G., Eville Gilbert; remove, B.G., Florrie Boekenstein; remove, A.C., Evelyn Fennings; 1st year, A.G., Marjorie Woods; 1st year, B.G., Robert Roxby; 1st year, C.G., Doris Knox; 1st year, A.C., Annie Gray, Marjorie Smith (prox. acc.).

A musical programme was contributed by Nellie Campbell, Thelma Newton, George Owens, Dulcie Newton, Jessie Beresford, Joan Grierson. A dramatic sketch, "The Little Black Devil," was well rendered by Joan Grierson, Bede Riley, and Jack Howard.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

1 English, 2 Latin, 3 French, 5 and 6 Mathematics I. and II., 8 History, 10 Physics, 11 Chemistry, 13 Geology, 14 Geography, 17 Business Principles, 18 Economics, 24 Shorthand.

Attwood, Nellie, 1B 2B 8B 13B 17B 18B 26 pass.
 Beresford, Jessie Milne, 1B 3B 5B 6B 13B.
 Bloomfield, William Algernon, 1B 2L 3B 5B 10B 11B.
 Bowie, Catherine Douglas, 1B 5B 8B 11L.
 Brooks, Robert Henry, 1B 3B 5A 6A(x) 10B 11A 17B.
 Brown, Neil Ballard, 2B 5A 6A(x) 8B 17B.
 Clarke, Leslie Adele, 1B 13B 14B 17A 18B.
 Cochrane, Raymond John, 1B 3B 5A 6A(x) 10B 11A.
 Dickinson, Elizabeth Mary, 1B 3B 5B 6B 8B 13B.
 Foy, Marie Alice, 1B 5B 6B 10B 17B 18B 24A.
 Gray, Alma, 1A 3A 5B 6B 8B 11B 14A.
 Helmore, Francis Ernest, 1B 2B 3A 5A 6B 8B 11B.
 Jarvie, Lucy Margaret, 1B 13A 14B 17B 18B 24B 26 pass.
 Johnston, Gordon Richard, 1B 5B 6B 8H 11B 14A.
 McKenna, Lila Beryl Reece, 1B 2A 3B 5B 6B 8B 13B.
 McManus, Lancelot John, 1B 2A 3A 8H 26 pass.
 Mitchell, Dora Enid, 1B 3A 5B 6B 11B.
 Oakley, Oswald George, 1B 3B 5B 6B 8B 11B.
 Pearn, Edna Ruth, 1B 5B 6B 10L.
 Richardson, Elsie M., 1B 5B 13A 14B 17B 18B 24A 26 pass.
 Rogers, Marion Errol, 1A 2B 3B 5A 6A 8B 13A.
 Telfer, Margaret Alison, 1H 2L 3B 5B 6B 8B 11B.
 Thomas, Richard, 1B 5B 8B 11B.
 Williams, Henry Ivor, 1B 2B 3H 5B 6B 10B 11B.
 Willings, Florence Faith, 1H 2A 3A 5A 6B 13B.
 Wood, Margery Ellen, 1H 2L 5B 6B 8B 11B.
 Exhibitions were awarded on the above to Marion Rogers (Arts), Raymond J. Cochrane (Science), Margaret A. Telfer (Science, afterwards transferred to Arts), Frank Helmore (Dentistry), Harry Williams (Agriculture).

INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION, 1921.

The subjects of examination are arranged in 31 sections, and the numbers of the list of successful candidates refer to the following sections:—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, 21 Greek.

Alexander, John Graham, 1B 2B 4B 5B.
 Arthur, Joshua George, 1B 2B 4B 5B 11B.
 Bell, Edward George, 1B 2B 4A 5A 6B 9A 10A.
 Benning, Edith Maude, 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 10B 14B 15B.
 Berrick, Alan Ellis, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 11B.
 Billett, Dorothy, 1B 2B 3A 4B 5B 7B 10B 18A 19B.
 Breckenridge, Jean, 1A 2A 4B 5B 6A 9B 10B 21A.
 Brent, Ethel Edna, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Brier, John Frederick, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 9A 10B.
 Bryant, Harold Clifford, 4B 5B 6B 11B.
 Burke, John Redmayne, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 10B.
 Butterworth, Kathleen Una, 1B 4B 5B 11B.
 Buxton, Elsie Nreen, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Cameron, Jessie Ilma, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B.
 Christianson, Emma Mathews, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 11A 21A.
 Cleaves, William Isaac, 2B 5B 7B 10B.

Clement, James, 2B 4B 5B 10B.
 Coles, Ethel Mal, 1B 3B 7B 18A 19B.
 Doherty, Hugh Vincent, 2B 3B 4B 5B 7A 10B 14B 15A.
 Drake, Cyril Lewis, 1A 2A 4B 5A 6A 7A 11A.
 Farley, Mervyn Edward, 2B 3P 4B 14B 15A.
 Farrell, Mabel C., 1A 2A 3A 4A 5B 7A 10B 14B 15A.
 Fisher, William James, 2E 4B 5B 6B 7B 11A.
 Frith, Olive Marcia, 1E 2B 4B 5B 6A 11B 21A.
 Grassick, Hazel Joan, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7B 9A 10A 19B.
 Gray, Gladys Jane O., 1A 2B 4B 5B 6A 11B 21A.
 Grierson, Joan, 1A 2B 6B 7B.
 Hale, Edwin James, 1B 2B 4B 5B 10B.
 Holl, Edna, 1A 4B 5B 6A 7B 9B.
 Horne, Elenor C., 1A 2B 4B 5B 6A 7A 9A 10B.
 Jacka, John Leslie, 1P 2B 5B 7B.
 Jones, Merle, 1B 2B 4B 5B 10B.
 Jones, Ronald Evan, 1B 4B 5E 7E 10B.
 Lackey, Vict. E. J., 1B 2A 3A 4A 5A 7A 10A 18A 19B.
 Lindsay, Ruth C., 1B 2E 3B 5E 7E 10B 18B 19B.
 Malcolmson, Thomas G., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7A 11B.
 Martin, Lyla May, 1B 2B 4B 5B 7B 10B.
 McKay, St. Clair, 1B 2B 4B 5B.
 McLane, Rita Millicent, 1B 3E 4B 18B.
 Meldrum, Nancy, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Morison, Nancy Jean, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B.
 Mulvey Marjorie, 1B 2A 4B 5B 6B 7B 11A.
 Murray, Edith, 1B 2B 4B 5B 10B.
 Neaves, Sidney T., 1B 2A 3A 4B 5A 7B 14B 15A.
 Newton, Thelma Elsie, 1B 5B 6A 19B 21A.
 O'Keefe, Patricia, 1P 2B 3B 18A 19B.
 Partridge, Ben., 1B 2B 3A 4B 5B 7B 10B 14B 15A.
 Perrau, Thomas Edwin, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7B 9B 10A.
 Pryor, Ross Orville, 1B 2A 4B 5B 6A 7B 11B.
 Reeder, George, 1B 2B 5B 6B 10B.
 Richards, Leonie Frances, 1P 2B 4B 5B 6A 7B 11B.
 Roberts, Beryl Amy, 1B 2B 3B 14B 15A.
 Rosenthal, George Hugo, 2B 4E 5B 9B 10B.
 Scobie, Cedric Norman, 1A 2A 4B 5B 6A 7B 11A.
 Scott, Dorothy A., 1B 2A 5B 10B.
 Smallman, William Stanley, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6B 9A 10B.
 Smith, Alfred William, 1B 2A 4B 5B 6B 11A.
 Sowerby, Norman Joseph, 1B 2A 5B 6B.
 Steinbeck, William John, 1B 2B 4E 5B 11B.
 Stuttard, Wilfred George, 1A 2B 4A 5A 6A 9A 10B 21A.
 Tanner, Vivian Doreen, 1B 2B 4B 6B 7A 9B 10B.
 Walker, Fergus Clive, 2B 3B 4B 5B 7B 10B.
 Wilson, Alice Isabell, 1B 2B 5B 6P 7B.

PHYSICS EXPERIMENTS AS THEY ARE DONE.

How my physics experiments would read if I wrote down exactly what I did.

(By "A PHYSICIAN.")

Aim: To find the actual humidity of the air.

I arrived at the laboratory five minutes late, and began explaining the reason to E—a H—I, when Mr. C—e came up and wanted to know why we weren't working. He explained that what we wanted were a Winchester bottle fitted up as an aspirator, two tubes filled with calcium chloride, and plenty of water; also that we should weigh the tubes of Ca Cl₂, attach them to the aspirator, filled

with water to a certain mark, release the clip, and allow the water to run.

We found the aspirator on the top of a press, and had to have one of the boys to lift it down to us. We then went in search of the tubes. Having found them, we carried them to the balance, and E—a looked on while I weighed them. Just as I was removing the last weight from the pan I brushed one of the tubes off the bench on to the floor—and it smashed! Leaving E—a to weigh the new tube by herself, I crossed the room, talking voluminously "en route," and knocked my shins on the leg of the bench. Then I filled the bottle with water, knocking a chip off the mouth with the tap, and spilling a good deal of water on the bench, the floor, and my skirt during the operation.

E—a returned with the tubes. We set the apparatus working, emptied the bottle several times so that a large volume of air would be drawn through the tubes, re-weighed them, and found no increase! There can't be any humidity in the air at all we thought, but Mr. C—e suggested that the Ca Cl₂ was unable to absorb any more moisture.

We filled the tubes with dry Ca Cl₂. E—a weighed them, and I was clamping them in position when I squeezed one (quite unintentionally), and—it broke! The next time E—a carried out the experiment, and everything went well until we were weighing the second time. The first weight was 76 grams. "What is it this time?" I asked E—a anxiously. "76 grams." The air must be getting in through the cork of the bottle, and not through the chloride tubes at all," I said, "but are you sure the first weight was 76 grams? I think it was 67 grams. That will give an increase of 9 grams." "Yes," said Edna, "I believe that's right." We then found the volume of air we had drawn through to be 4 litres.

Conclusion: That the apparatus is not in good working order, and that only by faking can a good result be obtained. Also that by this ingenious method the humidity of the air as found by us is 2.5 grams per litre.

Compare this with what I write in my physics book, and I do not think that you will fail to notice a difference.

NURSERY TALES.

("BETA.")

Deep in my memory
 Those happy days I see,
 When in the nursery
 I'd stories told to me
 Of all the revelry
 At Cinderella's ball.

And I would wish that I
 Might reach the castles high,
 Where lived the giant men;
 And then come home again
 With all the giants' gold,
 As often I'd heard told
 The brave young princes did.

I'd play in fairy glen
 With all the elfin men,
 And bring to people poor
 Great wealth for evermore.

I did not know just then
 There are no elfin men,
 And fairyland to me
 Was true as true can be;

And all the giant men
 I hated truly then,
 And I believed that elves
 Could weave their magic spells,
 And that the witch so grim
 Would her black cauldron skim,
 And cast all round about
 The worry and the doubt
 That makes our life down here
 So very hard to bear.

I could not guess just then
 That all the giant men
 Are just the little cares
 That take us unawares;
 And that the witch so grim,
 Who would her cauldron skim,
 Is just the discontent
 That always seems so bent
 On making each young life
 So full of wicked strife.

I could not guess just then
 The little elfin men
 Are all the deeds we do
 From kindness pure and true;
 Or that the fairy king
 Is just the little thing
 Which takes some effort to do.

THREE TRIOLETS.

'Tis moonlight in the glen,
And midnight is the hour,
The grasses stir again;
'Tis moonlight in the glen,
The soft breeze whispers then
To every tree and flower.
'Tis moonlight in the glen,
And midnight is the hour.

—W. G. STUTTARD.

Me write a triolet, you say;
It really can't be done!
Without some one to point the way;—
Me write a triolet, you say!
You tell me every word, I pray,
And then I might write one.
Me write a triolet, you say;
It really can't be done.

JEAN LACKEY.

EVENING.

(By "ALPHA.")

The whispering grass trees are murmuring together,
The wind has dropped down to a low, wailing moan,
And the trill of a magpie comes through the soft rustling
Of sweet-smelling gum-leaves. The bell-birds have flown
To their nests in the valleys,
The green, sleepy valleys,
Where leaves softly falling have blown.
The soft, furry rabbits have long sought their burrows,
The jackasses give just one last burst of glee,
The whip-cracker's sharp call comes clear through the bush sounds,
And the wee wagtail's trill from the top of a tree
Is like soft, running water,
Like clear, tinkling water,
And these are the evening to me.

LA TOMBE ET LA ROSE.

(BETH CHERRY.)

La tombe dit a la rose	La rose dit "Tombeau sombre,
"Des pleurs dont l'aube t'arrose,	De ces pleurs, je fais dans l'ombre
Que fais-tu, fleur des amours?"	Un parfum d'ambre et de miel."
La rose dit a la tombe	La tombe dit "Fleur plaintive,
"Que fais-tu de ce qui tombe	De chaque ame qui m'arrive
Dans ton gouffre ouvert toujours?"	Je fais un ange du ciel!"

V. HUGO.

TRANSLATION.

"Flower of love," said a tomb
To a rose in beautiful bloom,
"What do you do with the gentle tears
Which the dawn drops down through the long, long years?"
"What do you do with the men who fall
Into your cavern, so dark and tall?"
"With the water that's scattered about my roots
I make up scent and pour forth fruits."
"Oh!" said the tomb with a plaintive smile,
"Those who just for a little while
Fall into this dark cave of mine
Will some day reach the Home Divine."

THE NON-SPORTS CARNIVAL.

(C.B.J.R.)

The bad world is noted, and always has been noted as the happy hunting ground of persons of inquisitive dispositions (in other words "stickies"). No doubt—but I won't vouch for the truth of it. Adam "stickied" when Eve ate the apple, and of a surety it was the searching trait in Abel's character which caused the irate Cain to shuffle him off this "terrestrial globe."

It is with remorse and disgust that I admit having been (once at least) a sticky, but I hope all will rid me of this accusation after reading my experiences.

Walking past Newcastle Showground on my way—well, where is immaterial—one fine Friday afternoon, sounds of glee and of pleasure in general reached my ears, and prompted by curiosity I entered the grounds.

A huge placard, displayed in red and blue (all the more shame!) letters its mournful message, "Non-Sports Annual Carnival," whilst in smaller letters below was the motto:

"Eighteen pence?
Oh! Get thee hence."

A few young people were assembled in the grandstands, whilst still a few were congregated in the playing area.

The jingling of a bundle of mathematical instruments announced the commencement of the fun—yes, fun. Four brawny, at least brainy, youths lined up for the Geometry Handicap, which was saying Pythagoras' Theorem for a rational, integral number of minutes backwards.

The excitement was intense, and the multitude shuddered with envy when the winner, carrying his prize, a beautiful volume with notes, entitled "Topsy, Grandpa, and the Naughty Wizard," collapsed, his pulsating brain having fractured his skull.

Shouts of genuine approval signalled the arrival of the competitors in the Hopscotch Tournament for youths (note well) who had never paid a sports sub. A large overgrown person won this event from a larger number of competitors, and proudly ran to his beaming parent's waving his trophies—a packet of Life-savers, and a pair of horn-rimmed lorgnettes.

After several minor events, including the "Handies," "Matchies," "Hide the Button," and "Jolly Miller" Championships had been run off, my loneliness was banished by the arrival of a friend—also a sticky. He (no, it was not she) was just in time for the last and most important contest—the "Thread the Needle—Knitting—Tip" contest. Numerous competitors lined up, and much confusion was caused at the post whilst the scratch men were sipping a final cup of tea. Several exceedingly vulgar words reached my ears—of course, to my horror. The most wicked was when in reply to one youth's threat, "I'll tell my mother," another said, "You're a nasty creature—a cat, so there," and brutally slapped the former's wrist so hard that he blushed and burst into tears. Cries of shame and of indignation such as "Goodness," "Oh! Algernon," and "Let me hide my eyes. I'll faint" greeted this fiendish deed.

It was just as the starter was setting the event off that my friend roused himself from our mutual reverie, and said dreamily, "It's like a Sunday-school picnic, waiting for the lollies to go up."

This remark spoiled my interest in the proceedings, and when next I looked I perceived that the day's outing had ended, and the crowd, picking up their "Woman's Budgets," and smelling salts, was wending its homeward way towards the tram.

INTERMEDIATE-ITES.

"NEELIE."

With a whoop "it" landed on the chair-back by my ear. "It" wore a short red velvet coat with gold braid forming the words "Hall and Steven's Geometry." "It" also had long spiky finger nails, with which it gave me a dig when my attention wandered. "If two chords of a circle, when produced, cut at—"

Whir-r-r on my other side. C—cautiously I turned my weary head. A hideous yellowy-green creature was squatting, leering, at my elbow. "Past participles conjugated with etre agree—"

Bang! Right under my nose sat a little thing clad in dark green, quite innocent looking till it started to speak, when, ugh! it said: "Marcus Tullius Cic—"

With a feeling akin to relief I heard another bang, and, behold, there was a daintily clad little being in pale blue, much better looking than the dark green one. "At cum regina senex caeli Saturnus—" it began, when "something" interrupted it. "See by my feet three golden apples lie," it said in a voice of softest music, which was like a breath of fresh sea air after the other horrors, and I thought they had begun to pity me, but, alas! I was soon disillusioned.

With a dull thud a little dark blue clad devil landed on the edge of the table and began a Highland fling. "(Axyz)2 plus bxnmkljzaborstqe plus zaxqlimh innus qurtskvw equals 0" it shouted, and then came slowly, slowly forward, growing bigger and bigger, its eyes growing red—fiery, its claw-like hands ready to grasp my throat. The others suddenly joined hands, and, dancing in a ring, yelled and screeched "Intermediate in November" over and over again—and still the hands advanced to seize— Bump! With a howl of terror, I picked myself up from the floor, and began to fag some algebra!

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

(By C.B.J.R.)

Towards the end of last year Third Year presented a play entitled "Seven Letters and a Postscript," before a large and appreciative audience made up of scholars and teachers, in St. Andrew's Hall.

Although to a certain extent a tragedy, the monotony of spies, suicides, etc., was relieved by the sub-incidents (as a matter of fact the whole play centred around these incidents) arising from a young man's advertisements in the matrimony column of a newspaper. To earn a young lady's love, he writes letters supposed to tell of his adventures, when mixed up in a German conspiracy, and although accused of being a murderer, manages to extricate himself. The majority of the play is the enacting of these letters. He finally succeeds in winning the fair maiden on an America-bound liner.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, the couple are last seen happy with each other.

J. Howard, as the hero, piloted himself successfully through many delicate situations, and the heroine, acted by Lily Vost, was, as heroines always are, superb. R. Lovett proved an efficient, if youthful, father.

In the sub-plot, D. Williams and B. Riley, as detective and villain respectively, put plenty of vim into their representations. A. Gray, E. King, D. Richer, C. Wood, L. Quilkey, and Dorothy Pearson, as the minor characters, performed capably, and the whole representation reflected great credit on all concerned.

Early in the year the members of this "Dramatic" Society gave a creditable reading at a W.E.A. entertainment, of Bernard Shaw's play, "John Bull's Other Island," and although going so short notice, the work was highly commendable. Dorothy Pearson, Alexa Grady, B. Riley, and J. Howard had the principal parts, and King, Richer, Quilkey, and Callen ably supported them. Mr. Yarwood kindly took the difficult role of Father Keegan.

FORM REPORTS.

Fifth Year.

Heard in Room 9: "Will you write the report, I.P.A.?" "What report?" "The class report, Petah, of course!" "I'll do no such thing. Over in Stockton—" "Will you write it, Stump?" "Go home! What do you think I am?" Well-a, well-a-day, I'm afraid I'll have to write it myself.

However, here we make our final appearance in the volumes of the Novo. Soon is the curtain of the L.C. (others read Edna!) to descend upon the scene of our activities. Although engaged in fierce topical feuds, debates, fagging, and trips to P.H.S., we have managed to bring our minds to bear on this petty item. To begin with, we'll disclose a secret—we've been learning dancing, at least the boys have, and in the midst of the revelries a window was broken—our hopes were smashed. Riley and — were going fast (in a two-step), when the clumsy brute knocked his partner against a desk.

Why does Miss T— always extract the humour from Fifth Year so poignantly as to make S— confess that he "doesn't take the milk round now"?

Oh, yes! We have a choir! Soaring below all others in the strains of "When You Have Another's Arms Around You" may be heard P's baritone voice. Sh! We've another secret! E— K— has been cradle snatching! S— wants wet sports afternoons, and a go-between! P— invites young ladies to the new Sundae Shop! And the "latest arrival" talks about a mysterious "Nita"!

Question.—Why will one of our teachers give a 25 minutes' lecture on: "You haven't a minute to waste"?

After the recent test exams, we come up smiling. Was ever such a Fifth Year before—a Fifth Year with such a happy spirit of camaraderie between its members? No! A thousand times No! Soon, soon the L.C. will be upon us, so wishing all candidates mere Honours and A's than they can say in one breath, we sign ourselves,

THE UNMATCHABLE FIFTHS.

Fourth Year.

How aristocratic we feel, now that we are called Fourth Year. We sincerely hope we are not disparaging that fair name, and that next year we will make the name of Fifth Year just as illustrious.

We know we are famous for quantity, and we hope equally famous for quality.

The Geology section of Fourth Year is a very happy one. The only thing, however, which disturbs their peace of mind is having to go out to the blackboard.

Our remarkable Chemistry students, industriously pursuing their scientific researches, are famous for their economy, and for the excellent way in which they have brought the breaking of a test tube to the degree of a fine art. It is not hyperbole for a far-seeing person to picture a time when one of our celebrated students will become a professor of the "Test-tube Breaking Course" at the Utopian University.

Having passed through the bitter realm of examinations, we prepared ourselves for that long-awaited period of leisure, that haven of peace—Fourth Year. But by this time our minds have been relieved of this grave error. Alas! We have found that conscientious work is still expected of us.

We all deeply regret the departure of our celebrated fun-maker, "Isaac," who deserted us for the greater excitements of the commercial world.

We wish the L.C. and Inter. candidates all kinds of good luck and success in their coming exams. It does not seem twelve months since we were fagging furiously for the "Inter," and we positively cannot imagine that at this time next year we will be experiencing all the excitement of the "Leaving."

We, the leaders of the school, both in studies and in sports (acknowledged by all?) are still practically the same in numbers as last year, but for the loss of "Clem" and "Barger," who have taken up business careers.

4B have lost the "Devil," and now hope to be good.

Many of the "Latinites" have given up this subject to become "Artists," and some of these apply their talent to criticise geometrical figures.

Mr. "X," our "abstract metaphysical thinking," has now taken up duties again after his trip to Sydney with the 1st XV., and accuses his class of having intellectual ineptitude; but most of us disagree with him on this point.

We are going hard at sport, claiming to have the champion athletes, and many members of the 1st XV. among our number. We hope to make a name for ourselves next year at cricket.

The genius of 4A is still going strong, and is thinking very seriously of taking up cricket next term.

3A.

Humph! Allow me to collect myself, as the man said when he had been blown up by the powder mill. Well! Here we are in Third Year. (Note the new honour—other papers please copy)—and well into it at that.

Our exam tests have been read and re-read until many have adopted a Ciceronian style of elocution—Cicero, for the uninitiated, was a Roman orator endowed with great "wind"—while others speak in alliteration (having a fellow-feeling with Bottom).

We inhabit the new rooms, and they are O.K., except in windy weather, when the "blustering Blasts the Bane of the Boys Become" (that's Bottomonian), as there is only one thickness of wood for the gales to traverse, and we boys are to windward of the girls' block.

Speaking of girls, we are the proud possessors of the girls' singles tennis champion.

This is all of which there is need to speak (that's good!), as we're like Bushell's tea—we speak for ourselves—so wishing everybody good luck for the next six months, especially Fifth Year and ourselves, we beg most abjectly to remain yours,

3A.

3B.

Since the beginning of the year our class is slowly decreasing, our deserters going to other schools, although we are happy when our singing begins amongst a few select boys and girls.

Our clown, Brad, has lately returned from an enjoyable holiday of being sick so once more our circus commences.

During this term various scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" have been played by our rising Oscar Asche and other famous performers, with great enthusiasm.

Our exam. is over, but we have yet to wait for our results.

We are expecting to do Science over again, so Mr. Clyne tells us if we do not reach 50 per cent. We ought to make a better result than last exam., because we are in Room 13.

A pic had been arranged among a few girls of our class, but unfortunately on account of exams, etc., it was given up.

We will conclude now, wishing everyone every success at the dreaded Inter. and also equal success to the Leaving Certificate candidates.

3AC.

Since our form report last appeared in these distinguished pages, we have sadly decreased in numbers. That does not mean to say that the best ones have left, because we still have some bright geniuses. For example, Peattie.

Though the Intermediate is quickly approaching, we are not in the least downhearted, because we all are so confident of coming through with flying colours. I might say that our opinion and those of the teachers differ very much.

After six months of weary travelling, we have at last anchored in Room 4.

We are all hoping that the present Second Year will not forget that it is their turn to give us a beach tea.

The "movies" must be getting very attractive lately, because some of our boys tore themselves away from their beloved lessons the other afternoon to go and see them. They must have been very attractive, or this would never have happened.

2A.

The new method of classifying the forms has done away with the somewhat useless name of "Remove Year." The amendment has taken away all the misunderstanding of the various classes in a High School that arose when Second Year was called Remove Year.

The change of rooms has been a big improvement for the class, and everybody is thoroughly satisfied with No. 7 and its large airy windows. Also those pupils who gained the distinction of being too good for the other Second Year classes are holding their own with the "crocks."

If everything keeps O.K. for next year, we have a desire to go after last year's 2A Intermediate record, and the school need not be surprised if we happen to have a classmate who gets 7A's in that examination.

The class picnic at the recent athletic meeting went off without a hitch, and everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Mr. Walker was the "starter" at dinner.

2B.

The angels of 2B are once again in evidence. Since our last appearance some of our members have been transferred elsewhere. We have also gained several fair youths and maidens.

We have the honour of having one of the cleanest rooms in the school; it is always so tidy; there are no books or papers thrown about as in the others.

But for all this, most of us were rather sorry to have to leave our temporary quarters in 3B room.

We were complimented by one of our mistresses, who said we were much better mannered than 2A, but of course that is nothing, as they are very noisy and rude.

1A.

This is the first appearance of the wonderful 1A. We inhabit Room III., and it is whispered amongst a few that there is a secret trap-door in the room.

Perhaps if "sticky" likes to try his strength, he may find some long-hidden treasure there.

G— and E— still play up as usual. "Baby" enjoys sucking his fingers better than making a noise.

In Geometry, medians are often mistaken for meridians.

Our class picnic passed off without a hitch, Miss Campbell presiding.

It may interest some to know that during the Middle Ages houses were made of cattle, plastered with mud.

IB.

Sports Day proved a great success. Lunch passed off exceptionally well, considering we had no teacher with us. The teacher that should have been with us put in an appearance at 2.30. Everything passed off pleasantly, except for a slight stiffness the next morning.

We are worried, owing to the fast approaching exam., and the Market Day for the Hospital. I do hope that this day proves a success, for if it does we will be helping hundreds of poor folk in the Hospital. The exam. most likely will yield some failures. (Cheer up.—Ed.)

THE COMPETITION.

The results were disappointing, as very few entries were received, and most of these were by no means ideal, being too much like real exams.

The prize goes to J. Crompton, of 2B, for the following:—

L.C. HISTORY.

Not less than no questions to be attempted.

Time allowed: 24 hours.

1. If Julius Caesar landed in England in 55 B.C., how many years later was Christ born?
2. Discuss Wat Tyler or William Rufus in one word.
3. What colour was the Black Prince?
4. Who was King of England in Queen Elizabeth's reign?
5. Against whom was the first Dutch War fought?
6. What is a Whig?
7. Give the approximate date of the death of King George V.

The only blot on this is the difficulty of question 6. We might put in its place: "Who preceded the successor of Gladstone?"

PARTING.

("ECK.")

I sit and think of the joys I have spent in the company of these dear old faded friends of mine, and that now, after all these years of trials and joys, the relation between us is at last to be severed.

I am to be parted from these friends. I know they are friends, for not one pang of pain have they caused me.

You will begin to realise the feelings I have for them; in fact, my heart is full to overflowing at these dreadful thoughts of parting. We must part, for the unwritten laws of society demand it.

Now at last my relations with them will be severed—yes, severed with the razor I have bought. No, no thrats will be cut, I hope; but I will have a shave.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

About two months ago a meeting was held to arrange for the formation of a Debating Society.

The first meeting was held two Wednesdays later, the subject being: "Should German Goods be Allowed into Australia?" Leonie Richards led the Ministry, while A. Lovett captained the Opposition. Some of the speakers took to it like a duck to water, while others were extremely nervous, particularly in the Opposition, whose arguments were somewhat spoiled by this. In most of the speeches, also, the "points" were not well worked out, too many minor points being included in the time allowed. This was pointed out by Mr. Henderson, who presided, after the second debate, but was equally applicable to the first, which was won by a large majority for the Ministry. The voting, however, seemed to be influenced more by sentiment than by the arguments, and it was finally decided that German goods should not be allowed into Australia.

The second debate was on the question of the reduction of wages. This time the Ministry took the affirmative side of the question, having taken the negative in the debate two weeks before. This time the Ministry fairly overwhelmed the Opposition in floods of argument, while the Opposition had but one argument to which certainly it stuck. Again the Ministry was victorious, and Lovett, captain of the Opposition, tendered his resignation, apparently realising the hopelessness of his position in having to deal with the fair sex's opposition.

Since then, owing to visits to and from other High Schools, of the sports teams, the fortnightly meetings have lapsed, but we hope to see them revived again soon.

Other speakers of promise have been Callen, bright and lively; J. Arthur, well-informed and serious; Jean Lackey, Letty Campbell, and B. Riley, the latter perhaps being too frivolous.

EX-PUPILS.

The name J. Reid has been figuring in the papers recently in connection with wireless. This is probably the Joe Reid, who, when here about seven or eight years ago, was even then an enthusiast on that branch of science, and wrote an article on it for the local Teachers' Journal. If so, he is now in Melbourne. If we remember rightly, he went into the Federal Civil Service.

We have had a long and interesting letter from Ken Sweetapple, dated from Aramac, Central Queensland. Since leaving N.H.S. three and a-half years ago, he has been jackerooing on a 15,000 acres station near Richmond; then near Longreach; then he had some wool-classing in a shearing shed; then went out kangaroo shooting; then rode 124 miles in a day and a-half to join in the droving of 6000 sheep to New South Wales. But on getting to Blackall, the drought forced them to turn back. He hopes to have some country of his own soon. His thoughts were turned schoolwards again by receipt of a letter, and Novo. kindly sent him by a present pupil.

At the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, F. Hart, A. R. Williams, J. Layton, were all successful in their first year exam.

C. Wegg has a small farm at Dudiey. When we met him the other day in Hunter-street he had just been buying a horse.

In the Church Rugby competition quite a number of O.N.'s. are taking part. Included in the various teams on the old racecourse we have seen H. Richards, K. Lackey, A. Tyler (both of them), A. Owens, K. Gasteen, R. Coles, R. B. Fitzgerald, C. Zara, T. Magin.

High School Re-Union Dance.

The annual dance of the ex-students of the Newcastle High School was held in the Tyrrell Hall on Thursday night, August 24, when there was a good representation of ex-students. The hall was arranged with the school colours, which surrounded the room, supported by large fan palms. On the supper tables, intermingling with large bowls of lilies and shaded lights, the colours were again to be found.

Those present included Misses K. McKenna, N. McKenna, A. Lillycrop, G. Corrigan, M. Corrigan, K. Smith, L. Whiteoak, D. Newton, M. Hunt, E. Scholes, L. Clarke, Fleming, E. Bell, E. Turnbull, N. Tarrant, Harrison, W. Davies, D. Wells, E. Maher, L. Silkman, R. Hillier, F. Polak, G. Dalby, M. Walker, E. Stewart, E. Reid, E. Malcolmson, M. Turnbull, W. Dennison, N. Duchateau, M. Garrett, Maxwell (2), Turton, O. Cook, Johnson, J. Bothwick, S. Robin, Una Whitcombe, O. Hollinshed, M. Scoles, E. Hawkins, D. Moore, E. Wilson, F. Eaton, Messrs. N. Lillycrop, M. McKenna, F. Patey, H. Richards, B. Fitzgerald, K. Corrigan, Sara, H. Coverdale, A. Cootes, N. Agnew, T. Broadfoot, R. Coles, D. Menzies, Blakemore, T. Jones, V. Marks, Kem Yee, Firkin, D. Wells, Stephenson, Mitchell, R. Hudson, V. Walker, A. Osborne, G. Preston, J. Sneddon, Heard, Daniels, N. McMasters, J. Coles, D. Riley, F. Lynch, D. Glover, W. Lott, R. Abbott, J. Stewart, Hendeson, L. Devereux, W. Johnstone, W. Arthur, J. Dunn, V. Toll, L. Morgan, R. Watkins, Oxenham, P. Lusk, C. Miller.

We notice the following University results from the latest calendar:—Esme Scoles: Distinction, English I.; credit, Geology I. Dora Toll: Credit, English I.; distinction, History I.; credit, Physics I. W. J. Cooksey: High distinction, Maths I.; credit, Physics I.; distinction, Geology I. Rene Saxby: High distinction, English II., and Culson scholarship (aeq.). J. N. Rawling: Credit, History II.; high distinction, Oriental History. K. Gollan, B.Ec.: Distinction, Psychology II.; Honours II., Philosophy; Honours I., economics III.; high distinction, History of Economic Thought; high distinction, Public Administration. D. R. Blakemore: Credit, Education; B.A. S. P. Riley: Distinction, Education. Marjory Bateson: B.A.; distinction, Economics III. Evelyn James: B.A. C. H. Miller: Honours III., Maths. III.; B.Sc.; Honours III., Physics III. E. J. Egan: Credit, Anatomy II. D. C. Scobie: Credit, Anatomy III. F. L. Firkin: Credit, Anatomy III. L. G. Williams: Lt.B. J. H. Coles: Credit, Pathology IV. and Therapeutics. V. L. Brown: Credit, Pathology IV.; distinction, Therapeutics. B. R. Cooke: M.B. and Ch.M., and credit at final exam. Ida Saunders: M.B. and Ch.M. C. E. Percy, M.B. and Ch.M. F. W. Gray: Credit, Chemistry I.; credit, Geology I. Louie Bickerton: Credit, Geology I. F. J. Pearson: B.Sc. (This may have been previously reported.) Grace Dawson: Distinction, Economics II.; distinction, Economic Geography. E. H. Harvey: B.Agr. Phoebe Miller: Credit, Economic Geography. E. & O.E., as the commercial people say.

Another sort of honour is shown in the following:—Margaret Breckenridge, hon. sec. to the Arts Society; Rene Saxby, sub-editor of the "Arts Journal"; Phoebe Miller, hon. sub-treasurer of the University Women's Sports Association, and hon. sec. of the Economic Society; Louie Bickerton, blues for tennis and hockey; Marjory Wood, blue for hockey; Dora Toll, on the committee of Women's Social Service Society.

Unless we are very much mistaken, Evelyn James was one of a "Sydney Mail" group of students, singing Commem. songs. It was not a very flattering picture.

The N.H.S. Ex-pupils' Union held their first annual business meeting in the Parish Hall in April. Mr. Saxby took the chair, and there were present also Miss Turner, Miss Whiteoak, Miss Martin, Miss Crisford, Mr. Henderson, Roy Kem Yee (hon. sec.), Lurline M'Losky, L. Clarke, K. McKenna, M. Du Chateau, D. Moore, M. Durie, L. Silkman, E. Manfield, M. Newton, and of the boys that

should have been there only N. Lillycrop and K. Lackie—not a very satisfactory attendance.

The balance-sheet showed cash in hand £4 18s 6d; 18 badges at 3s each, £2 14s. The meeting voted £3 3s of this to the school honour roll. The election of officers resulted:—President, G. C. Saxby, Esq.; vice-presidents, Miss Turner, Mr. Henderson, Kathleen McKenna, W. Arthur (Newcastle), Mary Hunt, F. J. Pearson (Sydney); secretary and treasurer, R. Kem Yee (address, 18 Hamilton-road, Hamilton); committee, Dorothy Newton, Lurline M'Losky, N. Lillycrop, K. Lackey.

Votes of thanks were carried to Miss Johnson and to Zeenie Clarke for their untiring zeal for the Union.

Eda Lockwood was married shortly before last Christmas, Marjorie Bateson about Easter, and Cliff Lusk recently. Congratulations! We have heard unofficially of some engagements, but hesitate to give them without more certain information.

Lizzie McLean is teaching at Armidale H.S.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Since the last issue of the Novocastrian, there have been some changes on the staff. Miss Johnson is now at Tamworth as Supervisor of Girls; Miss Brewin is at Armidale in a similar position; Mr. Mearns has been appointed Science Master at Parramatta H.S. Mr. Mearns, before leaving, was presented by the school with a wallet, and by the Rugby footballers with a set of hair brushes, in token of his untiring efforts on behalf of school sport.

In their place, we offer a belated but none the less sincere welcome to Miss Turner, Miss Swan, Miss Whitelaw, Miss Murray, and Mr. Clyne.

We have been asked by some girls to say how pleased they are with the girls' uniform, and to express their thanks to the ladies responsible for it.

The following Intermediate candidates gallantly redeemed a promise to give the Library one shilling for each A gained in that exam:—Marjorie Mulvey, Leonie Richards, Jean Lackey. The Librarian is very grateful. His only regret is that he has not more to thank.

The school owes its thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Howard for presenting a framed portrait of their son, Captain R. W. Howard, M.C., formerly captain of this school.

Mr. Fraser has been seen measuring the bottom playground with a tape. Is he going on the Maths. staff, or are we going to have new tennis courts.

Fifth Year love Maths. more than Nature. They have turned a palmstand into a geometrical diagram.

Where did all the Parramatta and Armidale badges come from?

Following the hospitable precedent of previous years, the Newcastle and Maitland Ex-pupils' Social Club in Sydney entertained the two schools' athletic reps. at a social during the Sydney trip. This association is the most energetic of the kind at the University, and those of the present Fifth Year who in 1923 are at the University or Training College should make a point of joining it.

Judging by the windows, some of Fifth must intend to be paneless dentists.

Crowd of Soothsayers to the Caesars of Rooms 9 and 10: Beware the Ides of November!

"Sports receipts."—Especially after football.

"Sur la Montagne."—How appropriate!

No one can say that the studies of the commercial side have no practical result. Neaves, inspired by what he has heard of mass production, etc., combined the class orders for soft drinks on Sports Day, and got a large reduction. It was he, too, that inaugurated the manufacture of eclipse glasses.

Hockey one! Hockey one!! Hockey three!!!—And it was a Maths. fag who said it.

M.N.D.—Any afternoon at 2.15 p.m.

It was a new boy who called the typewriters "Underwriters," but it was one of the brightest ornaments of the Fifth who spoke of the "Congress of Vienna" in London.

At the 1922 Show, prizes were won by Marjorie Kinder, Chrissie Lawson, S. Scorer, D. Richer, Essie Homer.

"At any rate, I don't give the teachers much trouble to correct my papers," said a girl just after a recent exam. This is unselfishness, carried perhaps, too far.

In the cadet sports meeting in Sydney, J. Sowerby was third in the 100 yards championship of 1904-7 quetas, and J. Arthur first in the 96 yards hurdles. Congratulations!

The following have gone to the Training College this year:—Alma Gray, Lizzie Dickenson, Jessie Beresford, Nelly Attwood, Marion Rogers, Faith Willings, Lila McKenna, R. Cochran, R. Brookes, J. Sneddon, L. McManus, O. Oakley.

A Reading Club has been formed among the IV. Year Girls, and is held every Tuesday afternoon under the very kind supervision of Miss Segardt. At present we are very interested in the exciting adventures of "Kim."

STRICKEN!

At last! At last! The ail-conquering sex

Has made a victim of me.

Farewell to the old kind bachelor ways,
Of the days when I was free.

At last. At last! I must settle down—

She's an inspiration to me—

Her slightest wish is a firm command,
For her name (oh! hush!) is L.C.

(IMA FAGG.)

Boys' Sports.

CRICKET.

The 1st XI had a very successful season both in results and play. Good cricket was witnessed, and some fine individual efforts were witnessed, notably J. R. Burke's performance of capturing 8 wickets for 2 v Hunter College, and D. K. Rodgers' good batting, scoring 45 against a senior combination under Mr. S. Mitchell. Rodgers and Bradford were the opening pair, and put up a good partnership. F. S. S. Scorer was the able captain of the team, and was assisted by D. K. Rodgers. J. R. Burke and Dave Stirling are the two leading bowlers, and are a good combination. Three games were won, and four lost. Mention should be made of the interest shown in the team by the coach, Mr. C. S. Yarwood. Results:—

THE SCHOOL v THE OLD BOYS.

The annual match between the old boys of the Newcastle High School and the present pupils was played yesterday at the Newcastle Showground. The ex-pupils won by 42 runs on the first innings. Scores:—

Old Boys, first innings.—Scobie, b Bryant, 68; Henry, b Campbell, 6; Lillycrop, st Rodgers, b Stirling, 18; Mills, b Bryant, 4; Cassidy, b Bryant, 0; Frith, b Bryant, 1; Arthur, b Stirling, 5; Jones, b Stirling, 0; Lackey, b Stirling, 9; Riley, not out, 9; Sutherland, b Bradford, 5; extras, 0; total, 114. Bowling: Campbell one for 40, Bradford one for 23, Stirling four for 21, Bryant four for 20.

Second Innings.—Henry, lbw, b Bradford, 6; Scobie, c Alexander, b Bradford, 6; Lillycrop, st Rodgers, b Bradford, 8; Mills, c Alexander, b Bryant, 8; Cassidy, b Campbell, 3; Frith, lbw, b Bryant, 3; Arthur, h.o.w., b Campbell, 1; Jones, lbw, b Alexander, 7; Lackey, not out, 19; Riley, c and b Alexander, 2; Sutherland, c Campbell, b Alexander, 9; sundries, 0; total, 62. Bowling: Bradford three for 11, Bryant two for 11, Campbell two for 14, Alexander three for 9.

The School, first innings.—W. T. Bradford, b Scobie, 17; D. K. Rodgers, c Sutherland, b Cassidy, 10; E. J. Thompson, b Scobie, 1; D. Stirling, lbw, b Cassidy, 0; F. S. S. Scorer, run out, 0; J. Clement, b Cassidy, 0; D. L. Williams, run out, 20; J. Alexander, b Scobie, 0; H. C. Bryant, c Mills, b Scobie, 15; D. M. Campbell, not out, 1; sundries, 8; total, 72.

Second Innings.—W. T. Bradford, st Mills, b Frith, 0; D. K. Rodgers, lbw, b Henry, 27; D. Stirling, run out, 7; E. J. Thompson, b Frith, 1; D. L. Williams, h.w.b., b Lackey, 2; H. C. Bryant, not out, 11; D. M. Campbell, b Henry, 0; F. S. S. Scorer, not out, 1; sundries, 2; total for six wickets, 51.

STAFF v BOYS.

Mr. Yarwood captained the staff, and H. C. Bryant the school. Bryant won the toss, and sent staff into bat. The innings closed for 65. Mr. Saxby (headmaster) played a meritorious innings, and top-scored with 16. The school evidently suffered from an attack of stage fright brought on by the fact that a good percentage of lady teachers and girl pupils were present. The staff won by 29 runs on the first innings. Scores:—

The Staff.—Mr. Walker, b Bradford, 0; Mr. Gibson, b Bradford, 0; Mr. Saxby, c Scorer, b Thompson, 16; Mr. Nairn, b Burke, 0; Mr. Mearns, b Bradford, 1; Mr. Henderson, b Bradford, 2; Opie, b Burke, 14; Nicholls, c Heath, b Stirling, 13; Williams, b Burke, 0; John Howard, not out, 0; sundries, 7. Total, 65. Bowling: Bradford 4 for 12, Burke 4 for 22, Thompson 1 for 26, Stirling 1 for 0.

The School.—D. K. Rodgers, st Saxby, b Yarwood, 3; W. T. Bradford, st Saxby, b Yarwood, 1; T. M'Luckie, b Opie, 10; E. J. Thompson, c Opie, b Yarwood, 3; D. Stirling, lbw, b Opie, 3; V. W. H. Turnbull, c Williams, b Opie, 7; F. S. S. Scorer, b Opie, 6; A. Heath, not out, 1; H. C. Bryant (captain), st Saxby, b Opie, 0; R. Lovett, c Mearns, b Opie, 1; J. R. Burke, b Gibson, 0; sundry, 1. Total, 36. Bowling: Opie 6 for 8, Yarwood 3 for 26, Mr. Gibson 1 for 0.

Three games were played by the Inter. Year of the school with Cook's Hill Inter. High. Two were won, and one was lost. Results:—

The first game was won easily outright.

The second game resulted:—

Cook's Hill, first innings, 60. M'Luckie 11, Anderson 11, Campbell six for 22, Alexander two for 6, Burke one for 8, Bryant one for 20.

Newcastle High School, first innings 35. Rodgers 12, Weston 6 for 16, M'Luckie two for 13, Peate two for 0. Second innings, four for 60. Rodgers 10, Fisher 31 not out.

The final game was won by 13 runs on the first innings, scores being 50 to 37. The game was played on the Showground on a poor wicket.

THE SCHOOL v HUNTER COLLEGE.

Won by 3 wickets and 87 runs on the first innings.

The School.—D. K. Rodgers, c Pulver, b Nott, 19; W. T. Bradford, b Zillman, 8; E. J. Thompson, b Zillman, 13; F. S. S. Scorer, c Richardson, b Nott, 11; D. Stirling, c Nott, b Mitchell, 18; V. W. Turnbull, lbw, b Nott, 18; R. C. Huntley, not out, 2; T. M'Luckie, c Joseph, b Nott, 3; A. Heath, not out, 0. Sundries, 2. Total for 7 wickets, 94. Bowling: Zillman 11 overs 2 maidens — runs 2 wickets, Nott 10 overs 0 maidens — runs 4 wickets, Mitchell 3 overs 0 maidens — runs 1 wicket, Sneddon 2 overs 0 maidens 9 runs 0 wickets. Fall of wickets: 1 for 26, 2 for 28, 3 for 51, 4 for 57, 5 for 85, 6 for 91, 7 for 92.

Hunter College.—First innings, 7. Bowling: Burke 3 overs 1 maiden 2 runs 7 wickets, Stirling 2 overs 0 maidens 4 runs 2 wickets. Second innings, 6 for 27. Bowling: Thompson 3 overs 0 maidens 11 runs 1 wicket, Bradford 4 overs 0 maidens 10 runs 3 wickets, Owens 2 overs 0 maidens 6 runs 1 wicket, Burke 1 over 0 maidens 0 runs 1 wicket.

The cricket season 1921-22 closed officially when deciding games in the series against Maitland were played.

In the first eleven match Maitland won, thus taking the series, with two wins out of three matches. In the second eleven game Newcastle won, thus gaining two wins out of three matches. The third eleven played a draw, and honours are even in this grade, a win to each being recorded. The fourth eleven lost, thus losing all three games.

FIRST ELEVEN GAME.

Played at West Maitland Park.

Gow won the toss from Scorer, and decided to bat. Scores:—

Maitland High School.—First Innings: Harrod, c Rodgers, b Stirling, 1; Kearsley, run out, 25; M'Mullen, b Burke, 0; Webb, c Turnbull, b Bradford, 6; Gow (captain), c Heath, b Burke, 34; Chalmers, c Heath, b Stirling, 10; Thomas, not out, 8; M'Auley, lbw, b Burke, 7; Lewis, b Stirling, 4; byes, 4; leg byes, 2. Total for eight wickets, 102 runs. (Innings closed.)

Bowling: Stirling three for 15, Burke 3 for 31, Bradford one for 28, Turnbull none for 10, Thompson none for 13.

Newcastle.—First Innings: D. K. Rodgers, st M'Auley, b Worms, 7; W. T. Bradford, st M'Auley, b Worms, 3; D. Stirling, c Hewitt, b Worms, 4; E. J. Thompson, c Kearsley, b Worms, 3; V. W. Turnbull, st M'Auley, b Worms, 1; F. S. S. Scorer (captain), c Kearsley, b Worms, 2; R. C. Huntley, not out, 4; T. M'Luckie, st M'Auley, b Worms, 1; A. Heath, c Lewis, b Worms, 0; R. T. Lovett, b Gow, 1; J. R. Burke, b Gow, 0. Sundries, 3. Total, 29.

Bowling: Worms eight for 9, Gow two for 4, Kearsley none for 10.

Maitland won by 73 runs.

SECOND ELEVEN.

Played at the Newcastle Showground.

Owens won the toss from Partridge, and sent Maitland in to bat. Scores:—

Maitland High School.—First innings: M'Leod, b Owens, 0; Sessions, b Owens, 0; Cameron, b Owens, 13; Partridge (captain), c Hetherington, b Owens, 16; Heigh, b Owens, 6; Page, b Owens, 0; Geary, c Hetherington, b Owens, 4; Chick, b Fraser, 0; Neily, b Owens, 1; Bendich, not out, 1. Sundries, 1. Total, 38.

Bowling: Owens seven for 16 (including the "hat trick"), Fraser two for 5, Wilkinson none for 14.

Newcastle, first innings.—C. Fraser, b Heigh, 0; Smallman, b Geary, 0; D. Cameron, b Heigh, 6; Wilkinson, b Geary, 25; C. S. Scobie, b Heigh, 1; T. Carter, b Cameron, 15; A. Owens (captain), h.o.w., b M'Leod, 24; W. Hetherington, c and b Page, 9; A. A. Boa, b M'Leod, 0; I. Panton, b M'Leod, 2; K. Hopper, not out, 1. Sundries, 7. Total, 84.

THIRD ELEVEN.

Played at Maitland.

Maitland, first innings, 166. Newcastle, five for 40 (W. Patterson 13, S. Engel 12 not out).

FOURTH ELEVEN.

Maitland won easily on the first innings, at the Newcastle Showground.

V. MR. S. J. MITCHELL'S TEAM.

At Wickham Oval a match was played between the First Eleven of the Newcastle High School, strengthened by two teachers, and a team selected by Mr. S. J. Mitchell. F. S. S. Scorer captained the school, and Mr. Hingst the half-holiday team. The school won the toss and elected to bat on a perfect wicket. The opening pair, Rodgers and Bradford, settled down immediately, and runs came quickly, the former playing very forcefully. The running between the wickets was of high standard.

The first wicket fell for 51, Bradford being run out for 11. Rodgers was eventually caught at mid-off for 43—a good innings including five boundaries. Mr. Yarwood played nicely for 26, but it was left for the last wicket to put on an exciting stand. Thirty-four runs were added by Huntley and Burke, the former batting sturdily for 28 not out. Mr. Hingst, 5 for 23, bowled excellently.

Alan Bramble was the star bat for the half-holiday team, playing very forcefully for 49, including two sixers and six fours, before being stumped. Mr. Mitchell played a very good defensive innings, and looked like putting the side in for a win, but played not out for 32. The school won by 21 runs.

Scores:—

Newcastle High School.—D. K. Rodgers, c Schott, b Hingst, 43; W. T. Bradford, run out, 11; E. J. Thompson, b Hingst, 5; Mr. Yarwood, c Worrall, b Hingst, 26; D. Stirling, b Stone, 7; V. W. Turnbull, run out, 6; Mr. Opie, c and b Hingst, 1; F. S. S. Scorer (captain), c Hawken, b Stone, 2; T. M'Luckie, b Hingst, 6; R. C. Huntley, not out, 28; R. Lovett, b Williams, 2; A. Heath, b Worrall, 5; J. R. Burke, b Hawken, 3; sundries, 27. Total, 166.

Bowling: Hingst 5 for 23, Stone 2 for 17, Hawken 1 for 4, Worrall 1 for 8, Williams 1 for 12.

Half-Holiday Club.—M. Bramble, c Lovett, b Stirling, 5; C. Hawken, c and b Stirling, 5; J. Williams, thrown out by Rodgers, 14; F. Stone, thrown out by M'Luckie, 1; A. C. Bramble, st Rodgers, b Yarwood, 49; W. Hingst, c Yarwood, b Opie, 8; S. J. Mitchell, not out, 32; O. Plunkett, c Stirling, b Yarwood, 0; D. Worrall, h.o.w., b M'Luckie, 5; W. Horne, b Bradford, 10; F. Schott, lbw, b Bradford, 0; sundries, 14. Total, 145.

Bowling: Yarwood 2 for 19, Bradford 2 for 4, Stirling 2 for 43, M'Luckie 1 for 8, Opie 1 for 24, Burke 0 for 43.

SATURDAY MATCHES.

SECOND ROUND.

N.H.S. v Y.M.C.A.—Won by 48 runs on the first innings. N.H.S. 84 (Stirling 26, Scorer 24, Huntley 13). Y.M.C.A. 36 (Campbell 3 for 6, Stirling 2 for 11).

N.H.S. v Boolaroo.—Won by 1 run on the first innings. N.H.S. 43 (Owens 18, Huntley 12. Boolaroo 42 (Brooks 8 for 8, Alexander 1 for 9).

N.H.S. v Hamilton Methodists.—Lost by 24 runs on the first innings. N.H.S. 64 (Scorer 18, Huntley 14). Hamilton 88 (Frazer 2 for 3, Alexander 4 for 24).

N.H.S. v Adamstown Swifits.—N.H.S. 83 (Clements 28). Adamstown 126 (Lovett 1 for 8, Owens 3 for 23, Stirling 6 for 50).

The team qualified for the semi-final, but the association decided later that only the final would be played, thus debarring our team from final honours.

One team has been entered this year in the "Under 18" competition, and we are confident of success.

The school senior competition remained unfinished, owing to so many representative matches being played.

On account of having six teams in this competition, many juniors were brought out of their grade, and the teams were not kept together.

The system of class cricket did not prove a success, as many classes could only supply a few representatives to the team that bore their name.

However, this season, although there are less players, they all have the cricketing spirit, and we can look out for some brilliant feats by both seniors and juniors.

ABOUT THE CRICKETERS.

The school was honoured to a great extent in August of this year when Mr. C. G. Macartney, Australia's greatest test batsman, accompanied by Mrs. Macartney, paid us a visit. After renewing acquaintances with the staff, he was introduced to the members of the First Eleven. After a little speech, which was both instructive and to the point, our famous visitor was given three cheers and a hearty send-off.

F. S. S. Scorer ("Sam") captained the team ably, but his individual efforts were not up to his usual standard.

D. K. ("Kil") Rodgers was vice-captain. He is a good bat and a splendid wicket-keeper.

W. T. ("Tris") Bradford is one of the opening batsmen. He is perhaps one of our best bats.

D. ("Dave") Stirling bowls consistently, and is a follower of A. A. Mailey. He bowls a very good break, and is also a steady bat.

E. J. ("Boko") Thompson—a good change bowler and a forceful though not quite finished bat. Good field, and steady team man.

V. M. ("Venny") Turnbull is only a midget, but both bats and bowls to advantage.

J. R. ("Lumbago") Burke is a "jazz" bowler, who skittles wickets with regular monotony. Holds the honour of always going in last.

T. S. ("Tom") McLuckie wields a good bat, but was out of form; bowls a fair ball, but is a regular Pellow in the field.

A. ("Plum") Heath is an all-rounder who gets runs and comes in at the death with the ball.

R. C. ("Huckle") Huntley is a good batsman who does not concentrate sufficiently, but still manages to get runs.

A. G. Owens is a hard hitter who makes them go, and also makes wickets fly with his "fast-uns"

COMBINED ATHLETIC SPORTS.

These were held on the Showground on August 30. They were very enjoyable, especially at lunch time, when after lively meals competitors and officials heroically joined in no less lively games. Results:—

100 Yards, Under 14.—1st heat: Cope 1, Inglis 2, Beatty 3. 14 1-5sec. 2nd heat: Quilkey 1, Mitchell 2, Roxby 3. 13 3-5sec. 3rd heat: Clynes 1, Abel 2. Final: Clynes 1, Mitchell 2, Quilkey 3. 14sec.

100 Yards Junior Championship.—1st heat: Malcomson 1, Hall 2, Hoskins 3. 2nd heat: Hamilton 1, Thompson 2, Evans 3. Final: Malcomson 1, Hamilton 2, Evans 3. 12 3-5sec.

Girls' 100 Yards Championship.—1st heat: M. Deamer 1, A. Sneddon 2, M. Burdon 3. 13sec.

220 Yards Championship, Senior.—Mackay 1, Walker 2, Arthur 3.

220 Yards Championship, Junior.—1st heat: Hamilton 1, Thompson 2, Hall 3. Second heat: Malcomson 1, Rolands 2, Hughes 3. Final: Malcomson 1, Hamilton 2, Thompson 3. 25sec.

220 Yards Championship, Under 14.—1st heat: Rundle 1, Mitchell 2, Quilkey 3. 33 2-5sec. 2nd heat: Clynes 1, Oakley 2, Inglis 3. Final: Oakley 1, Clynes 2, Rundle 3. 27sec.

50 Yards Girls' Championship.—1st heat: A. Sneddon 1, E. George 2. 2nd heat: L. Anderson 1, I. Clouston 2. 3rd heat: M. Deamer 1, H. Owen 2. 4th heat: O. Prith 1, L. Hucks 2. 5th heat: M. Burdon 1, N. Morrison 2. Final: M. Deamer 1.

Broad Jump, Senior, Handicap.—Arthur 1, 18ft 7in, including handicap 20in; Mackay 2, 17ft 8in (scr.); Walker 3, 15ft 11in, including handicap 20in.

Broad Jump, Junior, Handicap.—Hamilton 1, 15ft 7in; Hall 2, 15ft 2in; Duncanson 3, 14ft 6in.

Broad Jump, Junior, Handicap, Under 14.—Clynes 1, 13ft 7in; Mitchell 2, 13ft 6in; Walters 3, 12ft 11½in.

880 Yards Senior Championship.—Mackay 1, Howard 2, Arthur 3.

880 Yards Junior Championship.—Smallman 1, Lackey 2, Hoskins 3.

Year Relay, 440 Yards.—4th Year 1, 5th Year 2, 3rd Year 3. 56sec.

440 Yards Senior Championship.—Mackay 1, Quilkey 2, Owens 3. 65sec.

440 Yards Junior Championship.—Thompson 1, Hall 2, Oakley and Lackey 3. 71sec.

Girls' Walking Championship.—1st heat: D. Pearson 1, L. Layton 2, M. Hindmarsh 3. 2nd heat: F. Bohenstein 1, M. Forrester 2, A. Jarre 3. 3rd heat: M. Farrell 1, A. Dart 2, R. Sharp 3. Final: D. Pearson 1, A. Dart 2, R. Sharp 3.

Boys' Sack Race, Senior.—Thompson 1, Lovett 2, Hopper 3.

Junior.—Thompson 1, Riley 2, Hall 3.

Under 14.—Quilkey 1, Inglis 2.

Girls' Sack Race.—1st heat: L. Anderson 1, D. Pearson 2. 2nd heat: E. Turnbull 1, D. Billett 2. Final: E. Turnbull 1, D. Billett 2, D. Pearson 3.

Three-Legged Race, Senior.—Owens and Sutton 1, Thompson and Jukes 2, Gray and Richer 3.

Junior, Under 14.—Winney Inglis 1, Riley and Roxby, Saxby Mitchell 2.

Girls' Three-Legged Race.—1st heat: E. Whitcombe and H. Flynn 1. 2nd heat: F. Bokenstein and H. Owens 1. 3rd heat: C. Cramp and Marheine 1. 4th heat: M. Jones and H. Grassick 1. 5th heat: H. Thomas, E. Robertson, and D. Motum, E. Turnbull 1.

Girls' Orange Race.—1st heat: M. Kinder 1. 2nd heat: A. Sneddon 1. 3rd heat: Jean Forrester 1. 4th heat: L. Anderson 1. 5th heat: M. Harle 1. Final: H. Grassick 1, A. Sneddon 2, M. Kinder 3.

Senior High Jump Championship.—Mackay 1, 4ft 11in; Owens 2, 4ft 8in; Arthur 3, 4ft 7in.

Junior.—Hamilton 1, 4ft 5in; Wilson 2, 4ft 3in; Hopper and Thompson 3.

Under 14.—Clyne 1, 3ft 9in; Walters 2, 3ft 8in; Inglis and Rundle 3, 3ft 7in.

Senior Mile.—Burke 1, Howard 2, Lovett 3. 5.45mins.

Junior Mile.—Smallman 1, Lackey 2, Mathews 3.

100 Yards School Championship.—Mackay 1, Quilkey 2, Walker 3. 11 4-5sec.

Carry-your-chum, Senior.—Howard, Scorer, 1; Sutton, Owens, 2; Gray and Richer, 3.

Junior.—Thompson, Jukes, 1; Hamilton, Evans, 2; Sheumack, Duncanson, 3.

Under 14: Oakley, Duke, 1; Riley, Quilkey, 2; Rundle, Saxby, 3.

Year Mixed Relay.—1st Year 1, 2nd Year 2, 3rd Year 3, 5th Year 4.

Egg and Spoon Race.—1st heat: D. Pearson 1. 2nd heat: E. Trubull 1. 3rd heat: A. Dart 1. 4th heat: J. Forrester 1. 5th heat: M. Mulvey 1. Final: D. Pearson 1, M. Mulvey 2, A. Dart 3.

Wheelbarrow Race, Senior.—Lovett, Howard, 1; Richer, Scorer, 2; Thompson, Jukes, 3.

Junior.—Danks and Hall, 1; Wilson, Rolands, 2; Bowers and Proudlock, 3.

Under 14.—Saxby, Mitchell, 1; Oakley, Duke, 2; Bender, Clynes, 3.

Skipping Race, Girls.—1st heat: D. Pearson 1, E. Whitcombe 2. 2nd heat: H. Flynn 1, J. Forrester 2.

Cockfight, Senior.—Sutton, Owens, 1; Howard, Lovett, 2; Gray and Scorer, 3.

Under 14.—Riley, Jukes, 1.

NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOLS.

ATHLETIC MEETING.

The first combined athletic meeting of the High Schools of the northern district was held at the Newcastle Showground on September 6, in fine weather. The competing schools, with their colours, were:—Cook's Hill Intermediate High School, red and white; Hamilton Intermediate High School, light blue and white; Newcastle High School, red and royal blue; Singleton Intermediate High School, dark blue and white. Maitland High School, and Cessnock Intermediate High School did not compete.

Newcastle being the only senior school, won the senior grade with 21 points. The junior grade was most interesting, and Singleton, with a fine set of runners, who had been efficiently coached by Mr. Priestly, won with 25 points, Newcastle being second with 16, Cook's Hill 5, and Hamilton 1. The under 14, or junior cadet grade, was closely contested, Singleton being first with 11 points, Hamilton runners-up with 7, and Cook's Hill 5, and Newcastle 1.

The officials were:—Starter, Mr. Gibson (N.); check starter, Mr. Clyne (N.); timekeepers, Mr. Henderson (N.), Mr. McDonald (H.); judges, running events, Mr. Fraser (N.), Mr. Archer (C.H.), Mr. Priestly (S.), Mr. Yarwood (N.), Mr. Nairn (N.), Mr. Hobden (H.); broad jump, high jump, and pole vault, Mr. Nairn (N.), Mr. Saxby (N.), Mr. Layton (H.), Mr. Grassick; recorders, E. King, C. Wood; megaphone steward, B. Riley; result board steward, D. Rodgers. (N.), Newcastle; (C.H.), Cook's Hill; (H.), Hamilton; (S.), Singleton.

Results:—

100 Yards Junior Championship.—1st heat: S. Robinson (S.) 1, T. Malcolmson (N.) 2, A. Bailey (C.H.) 3. Time, 11sec. Second heat: N. Hamilton (N.) 1, B. Millwaine (C.H.) 2, R. Anderson (C.H.) 3. Time, 11 4-5sec. Final: S. Robinson (S.) 1, N. Hamilton (N.) 2, T. Malcolmson (N.) 3. Time, 12sec.

100 Yards Under 14 Championship.—1st heat: H. Marshall (C.H.) 1, N. Bruderlin (S.) 2, W. Eldershaw (S.) 3. Time, 12 1-5sec. Second heat: H. Tudor (H.) 1, M. Martin (S.) 2, D. Carling (H.) 3. 12 2-5sec. Final: H. Marshall (C.H.) 1, N. Bruderlin (S.) 2, H. Tudor (H.) 3. Time, 13sec.

100 Yards Senior Championship: M'Kay (N.) 1, L. Quilkey (N.) 2, J. Dorrington (C.H.) 3. Time, 12sec.

220 Yards Championship.—1st heat: S. Robinson (S.) 1, N. Hamilton (N.) 2, C. Drake (N.) 3. Time, 26 3-5sec. Second heat: T. Malcolmson (N.) 1, B. Hamilton (S.) 2, J. Halton (H.) 3. Time, 26 4-5sec. Final: S. Robinson (S.) 1, T. Malcolmson (N.) 2, N. Hamilton (N.) 3. Time, 27sec.

220 Yards Under 14 Championship.—1st heat: M. Martin (S.) 1, N. Dunlop (H.) 2, W. Eldershaw (S.) 3. Time, 28 4-5sec. Second heat: H. Marshall (C.H.) 1, N. Bruderlin (S.) 2, — Rundle (N.) 2. Time, 28 4-5sec. Final: N. Bruderlin (S.) 1, N. Dunlop (H.) 2, H. Marshall (C.H.) 3. Time, 29sec.

Senior High Jump: S. M'Kay (N.), 5ft 1; A. Owens (N.), 4ft 8in, 2.

Junior High Jump.—N. Hamilton (N.), 4ft 9½in, 1; B. Hamilton (S.), 4ft 8½in, 2; A. Winsor (S.), 4ft 7½in, 3.

Under 14 High Jump.—N. Bruderlin (S.), 4ft 5½in, 1; L. Stubbings (H.), 4ft 4½in, 2; — Clayton (N.), 4ft 4½in, 3.

440 Yards Senior Championship.—S. M'Kay (N.) 1, L. Quilkey (N.) 2.

440 Yards Junior Championship.—S. Robinson (S.) 1, A. Winsor (S.) 2, C. Drake (N.) 3.

Senior Broad Jump.—B. Hamilton (S.), 17ft 1½in, 1; N. Hamilton (N.), 16ft 11in, 2; R. Bailey (S.), 16ft 8½in, 3.

440 Yards Junior Relay Race.—Singleton 1, Newcastle 2, Hamilton 3. Time, 56 4-5sec.

440 Yards Under 14 Relay Race.—Singleton 1, Hamilton 2, Cook's Hill 3. Time, 61 1-5sec.

Senior Pole Vault.—C. Burns (N.), 8ft, 1.

Junior Pole Vault.—R. Bailey (S.), 8ft 6in, 1; K. Hopper (N.), 7ft 3in, 2; A. Winsor (S.), 7ft, 3.

In the Sydney meeting, N. Hamilton was second in the Junior Hurdles, thus scoring our only 2 points. Burke was fourth in the mile, and M'Kay third in his heat in the senior 100 yards.

TENNIS.

The Commercial Courts at Empire Park have been placed at the disposal of the school on Friday afternoons. Practice can be obtained on other afternoons during the week. This has greatly helped the tennis during the last year, and a higher standard of play has been obtained.

The only inter-High School game has been with Maitland. The school was represented by F. Cooksey, E. Butterworth, R. Huntley, R. Jones, T. M'Luckie, and S. Scorer, who were beaten by the northern champions by 77 games to 68 games.

At the P.S.A.A.A. championships at Double Bay, Cooksey and Butterworth represented the school in the doubles, but were defeated in the first round.

The school was unable to send a team to Parramatta, owing to half of its members being in Sydney the week before.

"A" grade games with Wickham and Cook's Hill Schools resulted in a win for N.H.S. in each case.

The "B" grade were defeated by Hamilton and Wickham "A" grade, but won against the Girls' "B" grade.

"B" and "C" grade singles tournaments were held at Empire Park during the season, and resulted in G. Owens winning the "B" grade, with E. L. Smith as runner-up, and F. Rundle winning the "C" grade, with L. Morrison as runner-up.

RUGBY UNION.

The First XV. completed the season with fair results. Eight games were played, three being won, four lost, and one was drawn. A summary of the games and results is as follows:—

- v. Great Public Schools, won 21-14.
- v. Great Public Schools, won 14-12.
- v. Parramatta High School, lost 9-14.
- v. Maitland High School, lost 3-14.
- v. Armidale High School, lost 16-14.
- v. Tarco High School, lost 6-17.
- v. Marist Brothers' High School, won 14-0.
- v. Parramatta High School, draw 3-3.

A total of 88 points against and 80 points for.

Harold Bryant, the captain (1921 and 1922) was the outstanding player, and is probably one of the best players, if not the best, produced by the school. He combines a thorough knowledge of the game with excellent play. He kicks with both feet, and has speed. Credit is due to him for the success of the team. Recommended for an honour badge as the best back; he deserves it.

Bede Riley is the vice-captain of the team, is a good centre-forward, and is the best of a solid pack. He also has been recommended for an honour badge.

BITS ABOUT THE PLAYERS.

H. C. ("Cluffy") Bryant is undoubtedly the mainstay of the side.

C. B. ("Stump") Riley plays centre-forward, and is good in the loose. Used to be a good goal-kicker.

J. G. ("Joe") Arthur, a good winger, recruit from Soccer, scored first try of the season.

S ("Steve") Engel, centre-three-quarter, short but sweet, is smallest player in the team, but tackles them all, big or small.

C. F. ("Johnny") Walker is the other centre, and also shines at five-eighth. Scored the last, but not least, try of the season.

A. G. ("Arthur") Owens has only shone of late, but played a solid game against "Parra" and Armidale on the wing.

L. ("Sheep's") Quilkey has a roving commission from 1sts to 2nds, and back to 1sts. Runs like a hare, but seems shy.

R. L. ("Bobby") Lovett plays alternately five-eighth or full-back. Has a capacity for getting "laid-out."

R. C. ("Fish") Taylor plays behind the pack, and is light but game; he also wields a good boot, which won the game against G.P.S. (14-12).

D. ("Dug") Richer is a good forward in the ruck, and also rakes at times, is a graduate from last year's Seconds.

W. J. ("Topsy") Steinbeck is the John Falstaff of the XV., and uses his weight to advantage. Works like a Trojan in the loose and the pack.

E. G. ("Geo.") Bell plays a good game as a forward, and should remember that.

J. R. ("Peter") Burke has a "corkscrew" run, and is also very excitable.

J. F. ("Johnny") Howard combines the onus of being school captain with the less arduous duties of a break-away.

J. ("Yacka") Stevens is a good tackler, and is not afraid to go down.

A. ("Arthur") Gray is a fair player who delves in, but is inclined to speculate.

W. I. ("Tris") Bradford—lark and leany—is head and shoulders above anybody in the team—in height; is inclined to be an opportunist.

E. C. ("Ezra") King plays spasmodically, but when he is on his game—and not attracted by hockey—plays solid football.

The school war-cry was resurrected during the football season, and used by the Firsts in their matches. It is as follows:—

Nova! Nova! New!
 Castra! Castra! Castle!
 Nova castra We!
 Adventent hostes,
 Frangite Cervices,
 New!
 Accerime! Prohissime!
 Tam acriter! Tam acriter.

A match missed this season was that against the old boys.

Everybody enjoyed the trip away; the only thing wrong was that it was not long enough, and there was only one game.

The forwards scored the majority of the points in the matches, but goal-kicking was a weak point amongst both divisions.

VISIT FROM PARRAMATTA.

After a hard, exciting game, Parramatta High School defeated Newcastle High School by 14 (4 tries 1 goal) to 9 (3 tries), on the Newcastle Showground, on June 9. The visitors were considerably heavier than the home team, and consequently had some advantage, which they used effectively. Giles was the star of the visitors. He crossed twice, and was always prominent. Harold Bryant, the home captain, played a fine game. He scored, and was responsible for one other try. His kicking and fielding were excellent in the full-back position. The teams were:—

Newcastle High School.—H. C. Bryant, full-back (captain); J. G. Arthur, C. Walker, S. Engel, and L. Quilkey, three-quarters; R. T. Lovett, five-eighth; R. Taylor, half-back; C. B. Riley, J. R. Burke, J. F. Howard, W. J. Steinbeck, J. Stevens, A. Gray, D. Richer, and E. G. Bell, forwards.

Parramatta High School.—A. Smairl, full-back; T. K. Bembrick, S. McKean, H. Mortimer, and J. Herrifield, three-quarters; K. Giles, five-eighth; W. Morphett, half-back; B. Hamilton, E. Thornby, L. Harwood, E. Jeffrey, M. R. Morey (captain), K. Best, L. Walsh, and E. Lawson, forwards.

Parramatta kicked off against a slight breeze, and took play into the home 25. Newcastle were awarded a free, and Bryant kicked well downfield. The forwards followed on fast, and Richer securing, dived over. Riley failed to convert. Newcastle 3, Parramatta nil. Parramatta's backs got going, and Harwood, getting possession, raced for the line, which he crossed, and scored near the posts. Smairl failed at goal. Newcastle 3, Parramatta 3. Ruck work was the order for a while. Then Giles picked up in the loose, and jumping Bryant's tackle scored under the posts. Smairl kicked a good goal. Parramatta 8, Newcastle 3. Parramatta's half set his backs going, and Giles broke through, running and swerving well, and crossed close in. Smairl again failed. Parramatta 11, Newcastle 3. These were the scores at half-time.

On resuming, Bryant went to five-eighth, and Lovett took up the full-back position. Parramatta's team was unaltered. Newcastle played much better in this half, and attacked from the onset. Newcastle were awarded a free near half-way, and Bryant kicked for the line with judgment. Smairl fumbled, and Gray snapping up, touched down. Taylor missed from a difficult angle. Parramatta 11, Newcastle 6. Play was exciting. With scores close, Newcastle came at the line, and forced play towards the line. Bryant received, and running well scored a brilliant try in the corner. Riley, however, missed the goal. Parramatta 11, Newcastle 9. Ten minutes were left for play when Bryant was injured, but resumed amid applause. Newcastle were gradually forced back. Five minutes to go, and the excitement was intense. A series of scrums and line-outs hovered around the home line. Harwood secured and forced for the line, and although pressed back, eventually scored. Smairl failed. Parramatta 14, Newcastle 9. Newcastle came at it, but the final whistle blew with the scores unaltered.

GIRLS' GAMES.

Newcastle girls carried off the honours in their games against Parramatta High School. They won the tennis, hockey, and basket-ball, and lost the baseball.

At Reid Park, Newcastle High School defeated Parramatta High School by 36 games to 7. Marjorie Mulvey captained the home side, and J. Macfarlane the visitors. The play throughout was exciting and interesting, Gwen Evans doing particularly well for Newcastle. At the Showground Newcastle won by 20 points to nil in the basket-ball match. The teams were:—Newcastle High School: I. Fallon (captain), L. Emsaar, D. Wrightson, M. Farrell, M. Burdon, R. Lindsay, E. Harkins, G. Wilson, and A. Kellett. Parramatta High School: N. Battrick (captain), M. Kerkhoff, G. Coleman, J. Coleman, H. Dann, W. Trinder, L. Scrivener, M. Hale, and J. McCreddie. In the first half the scoring was very much in favour of Newcastle, Alice Kellett playing a very good game as goal-thrower. The scores at half-time were 14 to nil. The second half was much more even, and the final scores were: Newcastle 20, Parramatta nil. The Newcastle team also won the hockey game by 3 goals to nil. In the first half play was very good, and the scores at half-time were 2 to nil, although Parramatta played very well. In the second half Newcastle again scored, and won. In the baseball match the more experienced Parramatta team won by 22 to 13. Scores at half-time were 16 to 6, but the second half was much more exciting and faster.

TRIP TO PARRAMATTA.

The return games between Newcastle and Parramatta High Schools were played on Friday and Saturday, September 1-2, at Cumberland Oval, Sydney, before a big crowd. Newcastle secured two wins (Soccer and girls' tennis; three draws (Rugby Union, hockey, and basket-ball), while the baseball and boys' tennis games were lost.

Rugby Union.

Newcastle High School, three points (one try) drew with Parramatta High School, three points (one try). Parramatta led by three points to nil at half-time. Walker scored for Newcastle, Giles for Parramatta.

The referee was Mr. N. R. Mearns.

The teams were:—

Newcastle (Red and Royal Blue).—R. T. Lovett (full-back), A. H. Owens, H. C. Bryant (captain), S. Engel and J. G. Arthur (three-quarters); C. F. Walker (five-eighth); R. Taylor (half-back); J. F. Howard, W. T. Bradford, A. Gray, E. G. Bell, J. R. Burke, D. Richer, C. B. Riley, and W. J. Steinbeck (forwards).

Parramatta (Dark Blue and Light Blue).—J. O'Reilly (full-back); W. Robinson, L. Harwood, L. S. McKean and J. Hodge (three-quarters); K. Giles (five-eighth); H. Morphett (half-back); M. Morey (captain), E. Jeffreys, B. Hamilton, E. Thornley, H. Mortimer, E. Lawson, K. Best, and L. Walsh (forwards).

Newcastle kicked off with a strong wind. Parramatta attacked, and carried play well into Newcastle's 25. Play was confined to the forwards and inside backs, and Newcastle's attempts to open up play were smothered by Parramatta's breakaways and five-eighth.

From a line-out in Newcastle's 25, Bradford attempted to take a short pass, but failed. Taylor secured, but tumbled, and Giles, snapping up, ran for the line. He lost possession, gathered again, and touched down, just in time to make Bryant's tackle, who had come from the other wing, ineffective. Giles failed at goal. Parramatta 3, Newcastle nil.

Hodge was away, with only Lovett to beat, when Bryant came from the clouds again, and bumped Parramatta's winger into touch, with such force as to delay the game several minutes while he was attended to. Half-time came with the scores unaltered.

On resuming, Parramatta attacked. Newcastle's forwards, however, proved to be the team's strong point. Gaining possession of the ball in the scrums, they gave their backs every opportunity, while line-outs and ruck work saw them fighting like tigers.

From a scrum, Taylor worked the blind side, sent to "Wakker" Walker, who dived for the line, and was awarded a try about 10 yards from the line. Taylor failed to convert from a difficult angle. Three all.

Newcastle attacked, and were unlucky in not registering points. Soon afterwards a free kick was awarded to Newcastle. Bradford took the kick, but the ball fell short. Full-time arrived with the scores unaltered.

Soccer.

This game was played at the conclusion of the Rugby game. Newcastle's team contained only four regular Soccer players, and near the end of the game played with eight men. Newcastle won by one goal to nil. Arthur scored with a low shot, which hit the upright, and bounced in. Newcastle's team comprised Rodgers (goal), Lovett (captain), and Boa (full-backs), Sutton and Bradford (half-backs), Owens, Engel, Arthur, Burke, and Walker (forwards).

Hockey.

A spirited game, in which fast, open play were the features, resulted in a scoreless draw.

Basketball.

Newcastle's team, which is undefeated this season, met an improved Parramatta team, which gave them a hard go, and the scores at full-time were 11 points all.

Baseball.

Parramatta's nine—a great combination—had an easy win by 51 runs to 17.

Tennis.

The girls' team from Newcastle won by four games, but a boys' scratch team was badly beaten.

Reception.

McKay's Hall, Parramatta, was a riot of colour on Friday night, when the Newcastle teams were given a reception by the Parramatta staff and pupils. Dark blue and light blue, and red and royal predominated, and the colours of the two rival schools blended to good effect. Dancing was enjoyed.

THE ARMIDALE VISIT.

On Friday evening, August 18th, Armidale High School arrived in Newcastle. In a Rugby game next day Armidale won by 14 points to 10, while the girls played a two-all draw in the hockey game. The athletic honours were carried off by the visitors after some good running.

At football Armidale High School 14 (four tries, 1 goal), defeated Newcastle High School, 10 (2 tries, 2 goals), at the Showground. The latter led 10-8 at half-time. Teams:—

Armidale.—C. Dulling (full-back), Groves, M. Thorpe (captain), E. Goodyear, and Edwards (three-quarters), H. Jones (five-eighth), Cameron (half-back), Hildiard, Eather, Warwick, P. Leamon, J. Charlton, and G. Thompson (forwards).

Newcastle.—R. T. Lovett (full-back), A. Owens, S. Engel, H. C. Bryant (captain), and L. Quilkey (three-quarters), C. F. Walker (five-eighth), R. Taylor (half-back), E. G. Bell, W. J. Steinbeck, J. Stephen, J. F. Howard, C. B. Riley, and D. Richer (forwards).

Newcastle kicked off against a strong wind, but attacked from the onset. Thorpe intercepted a pass from Walker to Bryant, and after sprinting 70 yards, outpaced the opposition and scored under the posts. Dulling converted. A.H.S. 5, N.H.S. nil. Newcastle defended hard for a while, then Bryant fielded a stray pass brilliantly, and running almost from goal to goal, scored near the posts after

beating Thorpe and Dulling, Taylor kicked a good goal. A.H.S. 5, N.H.S. 5. Newcastle kept up the pressure from this on, and Quilkey receiving, sprinted along the wing and crossed, but lost the ball. Engel, however, was handy, and snapping up touched down. Taylor kicked a fine goal. N.H.S. 10, A.H.S. 5. As half-time drew near Newcastle still maintained their advantage; then from a scrum the ball went to Jones, who cut in and scored wide out. Dulling failed. N.H.S. 10, A.H.S. 8. On resuming Newcastle attacked hard, and Armidale forced three times in order to stave off rushes. Newcastle were singularly unlucky. Owens crossed, but was recalled for a forward pass, while Bryant crossed and touched down a few inches out of touch, and the try was disallowed. Thorpe was prominent in a fine movement which ended in his scoring what proved to be the winning try. Dulling failed. A.H.S. 11, N.H.S. 10. Excitement was intense. Armidale put up a rock-like defence, and near the end, by superior weight, pierced the home side's attack, and Leamon scored in the corner, Dulling again missing, made scores: A.H.S. 14, N.H.S. 10. Full-time came with the scores unaltered.

ATHLETICS

220 Yards Senior Championship.—M. Thorpe (A.H.S.) 1, S. McKay (N.H.S.) 2, H. Jones (A.H.S.) 3.

220 Yards Junior Championship.—A. Groves (A.H.S.) 1, A. Owens (N.H.S.) 2, T. Malcolmson (N.H.S.) 3.

400 Yards Senior Relay Race.—Armidale (M. Thorpe, E. Goodyear, P. Leamon, H. Jones), 1; Newcastle (A. Owens, S. McKay, L. Quilkey, C. Walker), 2.

400 Yards Junior Relay Race.—Armidale (C. Dulling, L. Thompson, Cameron, Groves), 1; Newcastle (A. Owens, T. Riley, T. Malcolmson, E. Thompson), 2.

Broad Jump.—S. McKay (N.H.S.), 18ft 4in. 1; E. Goodyear (A.H.S.), 17ft 6in. 2.

The hockey game was very keenly contested, and after scoring a goal a few minutes after the start, Newcastle were defending for the remainder of the half, and the half-time scores were one all. The final result was two goals all.

SOCCER.

Precedent demands that the Michaelmas vacation should mark the end of "Soccer" activities, otherwise enthusiasm is such that the round ball would be forced to understudy Tennyson's brook, and go on for ever. The main interest of the season lies in the schools' competition in the Newcastle district. This year we were represented by two teams in each of grades A and B, under 15 years, and under 13 years respectively. Last year the school had three teams in all in these competitions, so that the increased popularity of the game in the district is apparent also in our school.

Our A grade team No. 1 qualified for the final, but suffered defeat at the hands (or feet) of our old enemies (and friends), Adamstown. In this final the play was fast, and reached a high standard, and we claim that it is a glorious thing even to lose in such a final. That we lost by 2 goals to nil does not detract in the least from the very excellent display of Turnbull at centre-half, and Firkin at full-back, to mention our two most brilliant stars only. To win out against the strong Adamstown combination, our forwards should have planned and practised a more concerted method of attack, but we school boys do have other work at times to attend to.

A grade team No. 1 reached the semi-final stage, and then were eclipsed by Hamilton by one goal to nil after a close game.

Each No. 2 team, after an inglorious start, ended up the season playing creditable football. Several players of merit were discovered, and, in general, our most practised "talkers" on "Soccer" benefited by the opportunity of playing it.

The older Soccerites in our school have always suffered in that there are few similar schools in the district to provide opposition for inter-school matches. The fixtures we manage to arrange with Maitland High School are fewer and fewer

year by year, and 1922 season is marked by one such match only. This was played at Maitland, and was won by Newcastle High School, three goals to one. Early in the game Arthur dislocated his shoulder, and was replaced by Boa. Turnbull and our captain, Sandy McKay, played well. Goals were scored by Stirling, Turnbull, and Lovett. Walker, on the wing, played good football, this being his first game of Soccer. The team was:—Goal, Heath; backs, Lovett and Cameron; halves, Turnbull McKay (captain), Sutton; forwards, Walker, Arthur, Stirling, Hetherington, Riley.

After the Rugby match with Parramatta we played their 1st XI. a scratch game. With ten men, four only of which were Soccer players, we managed to win by one goal to nil. Arthur scored our only goal half-way through the first half by a hot shot which hit the post and glanced through.

SWIMMING.

The Inter-High Schools' Swimming Carnival was held at Newcastle on the 8th and 9th of December of last year. About 60 competitors from Sydney were present. The points gained were:—

Sydney High School.—Senior 48, Junior 32, Junior Cadets 14. Total, 94.

Technical High School.—Senior 18, Junior 36, Junior Cadet 0. Total, 54.

Hamilton Intermediate High School.—Senior 0, Junior 4, Junior Cadet 25. Total, 29.

Fort-street High School.—Senior 18, Junior 6, Junior Cadet 0. Total, 24.

Newcastle High School.—Senior 4, Junior 0, Junior Cadet 20. Total, 24.

Maitland High School.—Senior 0, Junior 6, Junior Cadet 10. Total, 16.

Parramatta High School.—Senior 6, Junior 0, Junior Cadet 0. Total, 6.

Cook's Hill Intermediate High School.—Senior 0, Junior 0, Junior Cadet 3. Total, 3.

Girls' Sports.

TENNIS.

The girls' tennis would have suffered greatly this year if it were not for the fact that we have been able to secure the Hill courts for our sports afternoon.

At the beginning of the year the tennis teams for 1922 were selected:—

"A" Team.—M. Mulvey (captain), G. Evans, H. Grassick, L. Richards, J. Breckenridge (emergency).

"B" Team.—J. Breckenridge (captain), N. Gray, E. Harkins, M. Jones, M. Farrell (emergency).

"C" Team.—M. Farrell, D. Billett, L. Vost, B. Roberts, N. Morrison (emergency).

On the whole we have had a very successful year. The "A" team so far has played nearly all the matches, but we are hoping soon to arrange some matches for our "B" team.

Our first defeat was at the hands of the C.E.G.G.S., Newcastle. After a very exciting match we were beaten by 28 points.

Our next match was against Parramatta High School, on the Hill courts. We were victorious by 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 17 games. In our return match against Parramatta, which was played at Parramatta, we did not have such an easy win. We only carried off the match by 4 games, the deciding set being very exciting indeed. The scores were 2 sets 18 games to 2 sets 14 games.

The girls' "B" team was badly beaten by the boys' "B" team last term.

We played a scratch team against Maitland High School recently, but were defeated, the scores being 17 games to 49 games. We hope next term to play Maitland High with our full "A" team, and to secure a victory against them.

Six of our girls journeyed to Sydney last month to take part in the P.S.A.A.A. High Schools' Tennis Tournament at Double Bay. A most enjoyable week-end was spent, and we all intend to practice earnestly so as to be prepared for next year's tournament. Nevertheless, we were very successful this year. The final in the girls' singles championship was won by Gwen Evans (Newcastle High School) from Olive Shipp (Sydney H.S.), 8-1, thus making Newcastle premiers for the year. "Miss Evans," says Sydney "Sun," "showed wonderful form. Never did she look like losing." In the doubles Gwen Evans and Marjorie Mulvey (Newcastle H.S.) succeeded in reaching the final, but were beaten 8-5 by M. Johnson and E. O'Sullivan (Fort-street H.S.).

We hope before the close of the year to play a return match against the Grammar School, and a match against Maitland H.S.

We are greatly indebted to our sports mistress, Miss Ross, and to Miss Martin, tennis mistress, for their help and assistance.

We wish success to all other teams, and hope that next year the school's name will shine brighter than ever before.

BASEBALL.

Baseball has not been very successful this season, but—better luck next time. The girls practised a good deal for the Parramatta match at Sydney, but received a good drubbing from the Sydney champions.

The court was shifted this season from one corner of the Showground to another, almost as bad, but one good feature is that we do not have to practice balancing in order to run on slippery boards after bad weather. We have some splendid runners in our team; one girl ran so hard one day that she bumped into the fence at the Showground and knocked out a board.

Three matches were played during the season, two with Parramatta, and one with Maitland. We lost both Parramatta matches, the first by 22 to 13, and the second by 51 to 18. We won the match with Maitland by 20 to 8.

The girls enjoyed their trip to Parramatta very much, and are looking forward to defeating the Sydney premiers next year.

BASKET-BALL.

The A team played five matches, four of which resulted in victories for Newcastle, and the remaining one a draw.

The matches which caused most excitement were those against Parramatta. On first meeting Parramatta, we were successful in defeating the enemy by 20 to nil. Naturally enough we thought we would have the same luck in the return match, but the game ended in a draw, 11 to 11.

Early in the season we received a challenge from Cook's Hill Intermediate High School, and consequently the first match was played on their ground. The

final scores were 13 to 12 in favour of Newcastle. In the return match our team was successful again, the scores being 19 to 13.

We were very pleased at having the opportunity of meeting Maitland again this year. The game was very enjoyable, especially for the Newcastle team, as it was again victorious, the scores being 24-8.

It can be plainly seen by the above results that the basket-ball team has been very successful this year, and it is to be hoped that next year's team will not be lacking in any way. We regret that a match against the ex-pupils could not be arranged.

We wish to tender our thanks to Miss Whiteoak for her untiring effort to help us along.

The "A" team for this year consisted of A. Kellett (goal-thrower), E. Einsaar (centre jumper), I. Fallon (captain), D. Wrighton, R. Lindsay, E. Harkins (goal-guard), M. Farrell, M. Burden, G. Wilson, D. Billett (emergency).

This is the first year that the "B" team has played any matches. The first one was played against Cook's Hill, and resulted in a win for N.H.S. The scores were 28-11. Owing to many of the members of the Cook's Hill team leaving school, a return match was not played.

To our great joy we played a match against Maitland. The game was most exciting. Maitland threw the first goal, but our team played up well, and won by 26-10.

We hope next year to have as successful a season as this year.

Team:—Gwen Cox (goal-thrower), D. Grant (centre jumper), D. Billett (captain), I. Jukes, M. Hindmarsh, H. Cherry (goal-guard), F. Palmer, D. Tennant, E. Heery, M. Graham (emergency).

HOCKEY.

The hockey season is over. Oh, sport of sports, must you finish so soon! This season hockey has been more successful than ever. The hockey teams consisted of:—

A Team.—Forwards, H. Thomas, L. Layton, D. Pearson (captain), J. Breckenridge, J. Forrester; half-backs, M. Collins, H. Grassick, E. Buxton; backs, A. Grady, G. Evans, M. Mulvey.

B Team.—Forwards, E. Robertson, C. Patterson, M. Kinder (captain), D. Newton, E. Murray; half-backs, V. Tanner, J. Cameron, J. Grierson; backs, Lettie Campbell, M. McLean, Olive Frith.

The results of the matches played were:—Newcastle v Maitland A, 7-0; Newcastle v Maitland B, 2-0; Newcastle v Armidale A, 2-2. This match was a very even game. The hard hitting of the Armidale team was most unexpected by our team, who put up a plucky resistance. Newcastle v Parramatta A, 3-0. That the Parramatta team was not here in full force is shown by the results of the return match at Parramatta: Parramatta v Newcastle A, 0-0.

During the term a team of boys and girls played a combined team of teachers. The football-hockey of the teachers' "goalie" was indeed striking. It was much to our credit that at full-time there were no scores.

A match was played against Fifth Year boys. The scores reflected credit on the girls.

Our former captain, L. Pickerton, and also M. Wood, have distinguished themselves on the hockey field playing for 'Varsity. We tender them our heartiest congratulations.

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EINSTEIN'S THEORY OF SPORTS' DAYS.

(By S.H.M.)

It was all Einstein's fault, he would go juggling in four dimensions, and it never occurred to him that someone would reverse it and have negative time. It happened at N.H.S., and is recorded by a sage who lived during that eventful period:—

The edict had gone forth, forth from the office, around the school and back again into the waste paper basket. Gone and forgotten was the paper, but not its message, for Wednesday became Friday and Friday Wednesday. Great was the change in Sports' Days thereof.

The machine of time, by being so suddenly reversed, broke its governor and ran hot. Its magnets were reversed and its E.M.F. decreased to 100 volts. Father Time after some trouble, succeeded in restoring the ancient machine to something like working order, but, to his consternation, it would only go backwards.

Then Father Time's beard commenced to grow fuller, it changed from white to brown, and his bald head was covered in a profusion of locks; he dropped his scythe, using instead a plough. Gradually he became younger, and finally so young, that he was born.

In the meantime the machine of time was running backwards; strange things happened in the world, the night commenced at sunrise and ended at sunset, the moon and stars were seen at mid-day and the sun at midnight.

At N.H.S., as elsewhere, time is going backwards; the "Leaving," which was hovering so near at hand, gradually receded, and is now but a dim and distant nightmare. We revisited Parramatta, and this time we won our match.

Christmas soon approached, and on January 27th the school broke up for holidays. It was a bit hard having to work for a yearly examination three weeks after we returned, but we soon got used to the idea. When the Intermediate results appeared in the paper, I was surprised to learn that I had gained seven A's, so I at once commenced to work for the examination, which was rapidly approaching.

I gradually passed through Remove and First years. When we commenced in Fifth year we were twenty strong, but by First year we had increased to ninety.

I commenced at N.H.S. on February 5, 1918; it was rather bad luck beginning with such a decent crowd just to leave at a primary school.

I leave Stockton school on February 4 and entered 6th class, the teacher was nice and Jacky Jones and me were carpeted and caned. Then we were put down and down into the infants. Miss Cross taught us, she gave me the cuts on the lege for not oidin' out and said she was shamed ame.

At the opening of school at the end of the year we were put in the babs, where we learned cat. I have me slate penil in me hand to writ me school life.

(The writer here evidently unlearned how to write.—Ed.)

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J.L.—"Reminiscence" too long for the interest of its subject. We preferred your second contribution as having more to do with the school. Keep on writing; your work is very promising. Your "exam" paper did not seem to catch the idea.

Eck.—First too long. Have given some of least painful parts of your second tragedy.

S.S.S.S.—Very clever, but nothing to do with school. You did not give your real name.

Petah.—Bright in places, but lacks any central idea; and we are tired of "then he woke up" as a finish.

Beta.—Your other verses were on subjects really beyond your experience; but the one we print is very successful.

M.F.—Too long.

Third Impressions.—Not all up to our lofty standard. Others too obscure; a few too plain.

EXCHANGES.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines:—The Magic (E.M.H.S.), Fortian, Technical High School Journal, Goulburnian, Quandong (Broken Hill H.S.), Canterbury Tales (C.I.H.S.), Parramatta H.S. Magazine, Koala (Tamworth H.S.), Mirror (O.H.S.), Photo. Review (Kodak, Australia).

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