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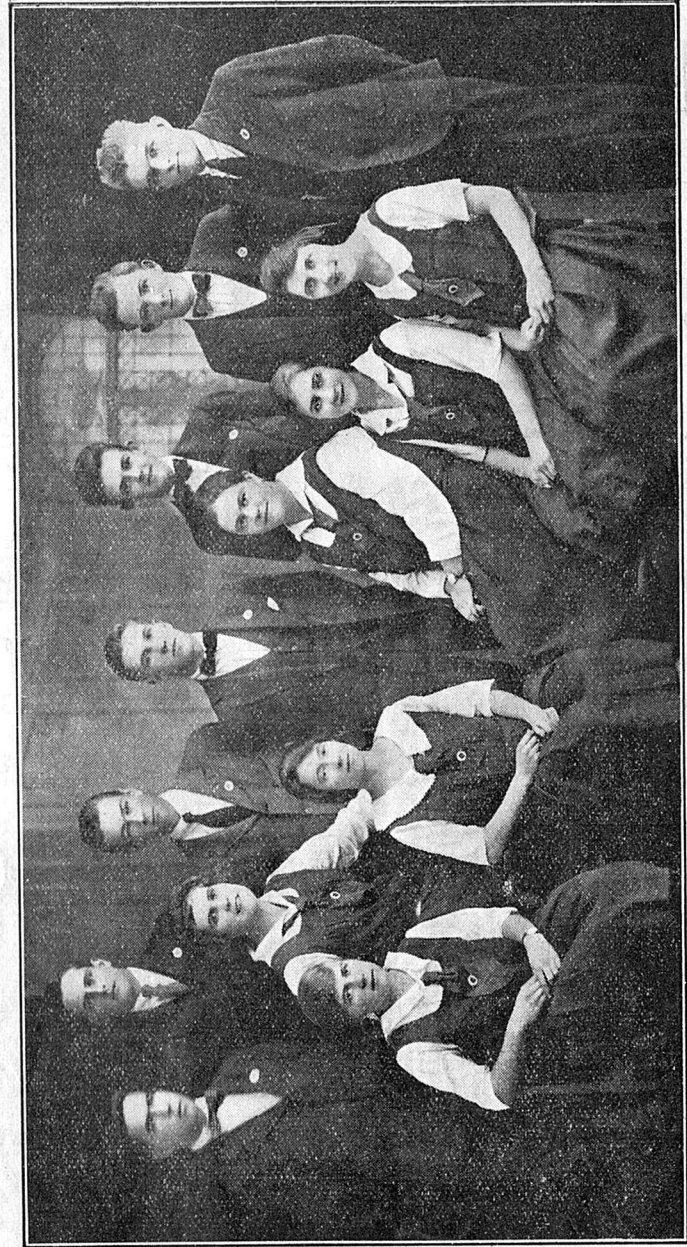


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## AN APPRECIATION.

(E. GILBERT, 4A.)

"The best in this kind are but shadows; and the worst are no worse, if imagination amend them."

The recent visit of Mr. Allan Wilkie and company to Newcastle is of sufficient educational importance to merit a word in this magazine.

The cinema, like the proverbial poor, is ever with us, but visits such as this are rare, and afford a new dish in our intellectual feast.

Shakespeare's plays, though studied in all our secondary schools, were not written to be thus pulled to pieces and reconstructed, sometimes none too skilfully, and each word examined separately. They were written to be dramatised, and a visit like Mr. Wilkie's gives an opportunity for seeing them as they were meant to be seen.

On the cinema, unlike the drama, a great deal is lost in voice and colour, and of these full advantage has been taken. Who can forget the throne scene in "Hamlet," when the playlet is being produced, that almost terrifying crescendo of passionate accusation? Again, where is there the dress, colouring, and lighting to excel that in "Twelfth Night"? And this we must not forget is a travelling company. All stage "props," scenery, dress, and the number of the actors themselves must be reduced to the minimum, which has been done, in this case, without impairing the effects and production in the slightest degree.

The actors and actresses, principals especially, must be versatile, to take up comedy or heavy tragedy at will, and in this respect the Wilkie company is by no means lacking. Long use and frequent repetition has so deeply ingrained the characters, their speech, and general habits, that they become quite natural—a point of first importance in drama. Allan Wilkie himself changes from Bottom to Hamlet, on to Malvolio, and still again to Othello, with not one action out of place, while Miss Hunter-Watts goes with easy grace from Titania to Ophelia, and to Viola. The minor mem-

bers of the company do not need this characteristic accomplishment to such a great degree; still the principals cannot complete a cast, and the minor parts often demand as much talent as the more outstanding. In supporting characters the company is very strong, having, if not a large, at least a good choice of them.

So much for the company as a whole. Now to individual actors and characters. In Allan Wilkie we see an excellent Bottom—Ass-head included—the very man Shakespeare meant his weaver to be, a good-naturad, conceited, and rotund handicraftsman. We laugh with him, and at him, notice his good points, marvel at his self-conceit, and label him "Bombastes Furioso."

As Prince Hamlet of Denmark he is good-natured, morose, eccentric, and dramatic in turn, with none of Bottom's roystering ever appearing, while Malvolio is so stiff as to defy comparison with the two preceding characters in the remotest way. Hamlet invites and receives our sympathy for his blasted life; Malvolio sets us stiff in our seats, and makes us take care lest we strut.

Miss Hunter-Watts, I, at least, will always see as the gentle Ophelia. Ophelia, whose lover is forced to desert her, whose brother is far away, and whose father is killed by that same lover of hers—demented with grief—recognising no one except in scattered moments of sanity, yet seeing in her fond fashion the meaning and personified ideas of flowers.

"There's rosemary—that's for remembrance."

As for the others, "Puck-Maria" stands out, and of her nothing can be said; the fun-loving sprite and her mocking laugh defy description. Sir Toby, the ever merry, and Sir Andrew Agnecheek, the fiercely revengeful, are likewise unassailable—we can but laugh.

## SONG OF THE CASCADE.

Merrily tripping, and singing so sweetly,  
 Falling like silver, with glistening spray,  
 Softly melodious, flowing so fleetly,  
 Tumbles the cascade in hills far away.

Warm in the sunshine, the gaunt rocks stand ever,  
 Tosses the fern in the mild summer breeze;  
 Cool on the sides grows the green moss; and ever  
 Sings the sweet wind in the green-laden trees.

Flying above, with sweet songs of the morning,  
 Flit the gay choristers, welcoming day;  
 Far in the east, the faint flush of the dawning  
 Brightens and broadens, nor fadeth away.

Still sings the cascade of peaceful seclusion,  
 Hid in dim gorges away in the hills;  
 Softly it singeth of where no confusion  
 Vexes the landscape or soft running rills.

Here on the high bank with greenest ferns clustered,  
 Nature eternal with generous hand  
 Scatters the grasses; the flow'rs there are mustered,  
 Ever o'erlooking the fair blessed land.

Then as the sunshine wanes softly and slowly,  
 When the gay birds to their nests softly fly,  
 Shot with the red of the great scene and holy  
 Whispers the cascade of night, now so nigh.

Rises the moon like a lantern of silver,  
 Painting the cascade with white. On the shore,  
 Trees in dim shadow stand faint in the glimmer,  
 Dark in appearance, seen plainly no more.

Waneth the moonlight; the trees into darkness  
 Fade and take refuge. E'er dawning of day,  
 Now doth the scene, in the far mountain fastness  
 Vanish, as also a dream fades away.

—W.G.S. (in the "Sun").

### TRAVEL.

(WINNER OF MISS LOUISE MACK'S COMPETITION.)

Travel, travel, travel, travel, travel, travel, travel.

Wonderful, witching words!

There is, surely, in most of us, the desire—lying dormant in many cases—to go further than our native town; to see, to compare and to try to understand other places in the world; to seek out some "far corner of a foreign field"; the desire that we call the "wander lust."

Borne by the magic carpet of imagination, we set out to travel, travel, travel to many far-away places.

Our carpet first sets us down in Moscow. It is not as we see it now—a city passing through a phase of Bolshevism, a city in the throes of a gigantic struggle—but the lovely "city of churches," peaceful and calm, for the Russian peasant is at heart intensely religious.

Dear little industrious Holland, the land which illustrates more than any country the power of perseverance. Her people have the indisputable right to look upon their work and say, "It is good." For the Dutch have won Holland from the sea, in spite of the forces of nature that have been arrayed against them—the wind and waves and waters.

Next we visit Switzerland, the "playground of Europe." Against backgrounds of dark green firs rise sharply defined mountain peaks, the summits of which are shrouded with thick white palls of dense clouds. It is to this land that jaded people, tired people, flock, invigorated by clear, pure air from cold mountain heights, and by glorious days spent in skimming over the ice-covered lakes, and enjoying themselves in the finely-powdered snow, these tired people lose their weariness, and catch the spirit of youth again.

And then we travel onward to Italy. At first we are rather disappointed in Rome, for, to the casual eye, there is little that suggests the "glory that was Rome" in the modernism of the city. It is so like any other busy everyday town, with its broad streets, great hotels, its electricity, but it seems to give an impression of shadows and sunshine. But here and there in a deep pool of purple shadows we catch a glimpse of broken pillars, of carved,

age-old columns bearing and harbouring ghosts of ancient Rome. And then entering the light again we see St. Peter's, drenched in liquid sunlight, and the Capitol, with its central statue of beautiful sculpture of Marcus Aurelis.

The glories of Rome, however, cannot keep us for too long, and we must hurry on to sunny Spain this time. Basking in the sunshine, we drift lazily down the rivers, whose blue rivals even that of the arched sky above, flecked now with fleecy, creamy clouds. When we look at placid little towns on the banks, it is not hard to imagine that the motto of the dreamy, romantic inhabitants is "To-morrow."

We see the powdered and patched French courtiers of the time preceding the Revolution, beneath whose satins and ruffles and laces beat as gallant hearts as those beneath the mud-stained khaki of our boys at the front. O, ye grim, grey little Poilus, we salute you! Ye who gave your all for country, to save her from the "tyranny of a foreign yoke," ye who set your hands and brains to work, and kept them busy in a glorious attempt to prevent the progress into your fair fields, of a marauding, conquering army. We salute you again.

Now our magic carpet is bearing us homewards, for reality demands our return to her world.

We are all travelling onward still to "some spiritual peak of attainment, whence we shall see with unclouded vision the spires of some City Beautiful, or the fulfilment of some fair fadeless land of promise."

Travel, travel, travel, travel, travel.

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## MOONBEAMS.

Into the darkened glade,  
 A shy and slender moonlight beam,  
 Stole creeping  
 Over the mossy shade.  
 A form, a little wisp of dream,  
 Was fleeting.  
 Swift as a gleam it sped,  
 A moonlight nymph with dusky hair,  
 And gleaming,  
 To where, on a lily bed,  
 Endymion lay serene and fair,  
 And dreaming.  
 Bending with moonbeam grace,  
 She kissed him, making happy sighs  
 Adoring;  
 Over her shadowed face,  
 The moon-glint passed into her eyes,  
 Alluring.  
 Near him her head she laid,  
 On starry flowers a blush gleam  
 Was dancing;  
 Out of the darkened glade,  
 A shy and slender moonlight beam  
 Was glancing.

—Theta.

## "DIRTY WORK AT THE CROSS ROADS."

It was such a night as when Wolfe stole up the Heights of Abraham, a night marked by profound silence and gloom, deep impenetrable gloom that cast a cloak of despondency and of fright over the traveller. The drooping leaves of the willows, heavy laden with raindrops, seemed the lair of vagabonds and cut-throats. The swish-swish of the gentle breeze in the trees was an omen of evil.

Down the street came a solitary figure, whose rapid staccato footsteps betokened the tension of his nerves. The sudden gleam of a firefly sent a cold shiver down his spine. How Jones wished he had a revolver. Heavens! What a night! In his pocket reposed a large roll of notes. What if he were to lose them? The

very idea brought beads of agonising sweat to his forehead. Yes, that villainous-looking loafer had noticed him put them in his coat. Furtively he looked over his shoulder. No one was following him. Whistling softly, to keep up his spirits, he turned a corner not far from his home. Without a warning he felt a sharp sting behind his ear. Swinging around he aimed a blow at his dastardly assailant. He missed. He felt another excruciating pain over his eye, and in a fit of ungovernable fury he rained blow after blow at his adversary. Not one reached its mark. Realising the futility of the unequal combat, and filled with the instinct of self-preservation, Jones took to his heels. But the cowardly opponent still pursued him, and, panting wildly, and sick with fear, Jones could hear him singing a triumphant song. Just as he thought he should drop with exhaustion, Jones made one last despairing effort. Wheeling around, with all the energy he could summon, he aimed at his enemy. The blow crushed his pursuer's body, and Jones, with a mad exultant shout, saw him fall to the ground, dead. With a smile on his face he went home to his cosy kitchen, glad that he had killed one more mosquito.

—TRIBUNNA (2A).

#### A DREAM.

I knew I would be late, but I did not care in the least, although I know equally well that I would have to brave the wrath of the, without a doubt, brilliantly clever, but, oh! extremely bad-tempered maths, master, Mr. Emmay. I sauntered cheerfully up the hill, swinging my school-bag, and thinking of nothing less pleasant than ice-cream and surfing, for it was a breathlessly hot day.

In course of time I reached the schoolroom, and without being in the least surprised at myself, walked straight in without knocking.

"Good-morning," Mr. Emmay, I said familiarly. "Pretty hot this morning, isn't it?" And I began to walk towards my seat, unconcernedly whistling (for the first time in my life).

Before I got there, however, I was interrupted by a sound like the spluttering a kettle makes when it boils over. I turned round to face what I knew to be the terrible wrath of the maths, master. As I glanced towards him his eyes under his bushy eyebrows swelled to an enormous size, and I could see through them into what I knew (although I had never seen it before) to be Mr. Emmay's back-yard.

Slung under a wide-spreading green tree in the middle of a broad green lawn was a comfortable hammock, and in the hammock, shirt-sleeves rolled to the elbows, a silk handkerchief over his bald head, his eyes balmily closed, and his mouth in the right position for snoring, Mr. Emmay.

I laughed aloud at this spectacle, and Mr. Emmay's eyes came back to their normal position of subjection under his eyebrows. He stopped spluttering (probably in trigonometry), and found speech.

"Stay in this afternoon, and write out five hundred theorems!" he thundered.

"You're not going to keep me in this hot afternoon, are you, Algernon?" I drawled. "Why you'd miss your afternoon siesta, don't you know, eh, what?"

I was utterly reckless now, for I knew I was only dreaming, and what matters in a dream?

Mr. Emmay grabbed a stick, and I fled down the long road that stretched before me at the bottom of the valley. I did not find this strange, although the school had been on top of a hill before.

I looked back from time to time at my pursuer, and each time he seemed closer and bigger, and his stick thicker.

"Oh! dear!" thought I, "it's a dangerous thing to play with a maths, master, even in a dream."

Just as I was despairing of it ever leading me anywhere, the road folded perpendicularly downwards, leaving Mr. Emmay at the top of the newly-formed precipice.

I was glad to be rid of him, for he had grown enormous by this time. But what was going to happen to me? I was falling, falling, slowly, certainly, without gaining velocity, at the rate of thirty-two feet per second. Thought I, "I suppose I shall wake up by-and-bye, but suppose I don't? If I keep on falling for ever, I suppose I shall reach minus infinity, and then plus infinity, and then come back to nought, the place where I started from." And then I began having misgivings.

"As infinity is inaccessible, perhaps I shall go on falling, through all eternity!"

I have just reached this point when the ground folded out under me again, and I landed with a bump on the bedroom floor, to find my heartless young sister spluttering with laughter.

—FANCIE FULLE.

#### CLASS NOTES.

##### 5th YEAR.

Once again, like a bad penny, we turn up; but unlike a bad penny, this is our last appearance. It is a wonder that we can put in an appearance at all, since we have been almost overworked, but now we are looking forward to our well-earned holiday.

A few weeks ago great joy reigned throughout the realms of the Illustrious 5th Year, when the edict went forth that the dreaded half-yearly would be banished, but, alas! our joy was short-lived. Very soon we were plunged into the depths of gloom by a succession of "pests" (tests), small in time, but great in matter. "Quand finiront-ils?" However, many of our happy band will soon be free from these annoyances in the cool heights of Kosciusko.

One day a mysterious storm raged in our classroom, leaving behind a broken pane of glass in the partition—a source of amusement and annoyance ever since.

We observed a couple of our teachers playing a game closely resembling peep-o! through it, and incidentally we have traced the echo to its lair. Especially, in one of our lessons, when the tranquil air of one room is greatly disturbed by the vehement shout, "Next!" is the presence of this gap felt.

The results of certain tests have reduced our self-esteem to the minus quantity that we often see decorating our maths, papers.

One of our French classes was lately very interested in "Moonlight," their enthusiasm being such that the class next door began to wonder if moonlight were, after all, as peaceful as the author wished them to think.

Although we are heavy-eyed and weary, trying to fag for exams, and keep up the usual work—a superhuman feat—we still find time and energy to grace the weekly choir with our presence, and to keep up our sporty reputation.

## 4A.

"Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more!"  
Six months older, and so much wiser (or ought to be). Greetings to all!

Well, we have settled down to upper school work (ahem!)—perhaps a little late, as the test marks show. Still we have, and are ready for the next test, as it's a good six months off.

We must explain that the old 3A has undergone the throes of a revolution (last year's history notes), and has emerged as 4A, receiving many new recruits from Cook's Hill and elsewhere.

And, by the way, one of the "elsewheres"—also one of the weaker sex—has proved too strong for the continuity of peace, and sparks are promising to fly from rather flinty (?) 4A.

We have been persuaded that this year we have a lot of ground to cover, but still have more time than other years for sidelines; so keep your eye on the man, if not at the wheel, at any rate, on the quarter-deck.

We understand that one sideline will be portions of Shakespeare's plays to dramatise, with everyone a Wilkie, and that a debating club is to afford us opportunities of producing the above-mentioned "sparks."

And now, wishing everybody, especially the exam years, good luck (to last for six months, at the end of which period it will be renewed), we remain, everybody's 4A (Latin).

## 4B.

Sadly, sadly have our numbers decreased since last we were heard of in the "Novocastrian." Another loss was sustained at Easter in the loss of our shining light, who left our beautiful new building to go to the Training College. Now there only remain two boys, one of whom seldom favours us with his presence, and six girls who attend regularly and do not mysteriously disappear during the day, as does that mysterious person.

We are all looking forward to the matches with other schools, and are sure "the school on the hill so high" will come forth with flying colours.

Successful debates have been held, and we are all looking forward with interest to the dramatising of scenes selected from "Julius Caesar" and "Abraham Lincoln." The costumes promise to be entertaining in themselves, so who can comprehend the brilliant success which these attempts will meet?

When will other classes cease to have an intense liking for our inkwells, dusters, and chair? Perhaps when we obtain our picturesque new school, where these will be immovable!

We are, the Twice Four Bees.

## 3A.

(At last the girls have a say. Home papers please copy.)

With the Inter. looming ahead of us, we girls are more cheerful than could be expected—indeed, some of us are still able to note with appraising eye the "beaming smiles" of the opposite sex among us.

We were pleased to attend the play, "Twelfth Night," and enjoyed it in comparative comfort, despite the rather audible sighs of romantic damsels around us.

Someone ought to write an essay on the usefulness of a table. Ours is used to clean the duster on. Some daring youths even decorate it with orange peel and crumbs, which is probably a novel method of luring dogs into the room. Canines seem to be welcomed with great enthusiasm by some of us. It's marvellous what small things will tickle our sense of humour.

We regret to say that many of the boys are suffering from severe coughs lately. Whether it is due to the wintry weather is questionable. We notice, however, during the Latin periods, a great improvement, proving what a wonderful fellow Caesar was after all. At present we are busy with the making of a Gollie wall.

## 3B.

What's in a name? Some of our teachers think we are downhearted about our name. Why rate us so? It is quite true that "Nature has framed strange fellows in her time." Still we are a happy family, and intelligence fairly oozes from us. We have some budding mathematicians in the class, who do not believe the methods as taught, but strike out on their own. Alas, originality has not its reward. There is also an embryo linguist whose zeal in the pursuit of knowledge is so great that he perforce corroborates all statements from a dictionary.

"Spooney" is going strong; in fact, he'd make a good "Duke." Some say there is nothing so strong as the feminine tongue; apparently they've heard our girls in a science lesson. What is all this talk about class newspapers? We don't need one, as a certain member of the class is as good as a budget.

Poor old Malvolio! He is not as unfamiliar to us as one would think.

Wanted: A good reputation. Must be guaranteed to last at least 2½ years.

Lost: All knowledge of Latin.

## 3AC.

Well, here we are again, half way through the year—the last year for many of us.

The "Inter." is looming near, and may have taken up the new and novel occupation (to them) of "fagging," and even J— has decided to fag after the holidays.

A certain member of the class is hard upon a masterpiece entitled "An Angel in P-J-M-S."

Although we are in the "Incubator," we have not noticed any change in the temperature.

A pupil states that Seville is noted for its bull-fighters. Rodolph Valentino must be getting more popular every day.

"Fat," our burly forward, will have a good chance of getting in the "Z" team if he keeps on playing up to form.

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### 2A.

2A has survived the half-yearly, and is now very pleased with itself for the high marks it got. Of course it is nothing for 2A to get high marks, so the results are not so very startling. We are now engaged in adding up our marks, and speculating as to who will come top.

On going into our classroom one morning we heard groans coming from the direction of the back seat. Asking the reason, we discovered that he only had an average of 90 per cent. Poor soul, we suppose he will come last.

Latin is becoming very attractive for some of us, and "Super-avit" gets a lot of use.

One of our fellow pupils says that "mon frere's" means my brother's. We are doubtful.

We are sorry to lose our second Susanne Lenglen, and we hope she is still pursuing that fine sport, and is in the same form as before.

Curly tries to show off his good voice by always repeating, "Num finem persequendi fecisti." We hope he has taken an object lesson from it, and has come top.

In our midst there are many celebrities, amongst whom is a famous basket-ball goal-thrower, who practices goal-throwing with inkwells.

All the brains of 2A resound in the Clarion.

If you want to find out how Einstein's theory affects Playfair's axiom, please do it by algebra, and come to 2A for a few hints.

Valete! !

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### 2B (or "Not to be.")

We are a small class now, as many of our non-workers left us at the end of 1922. Many sighs of relief have been heaved during the last week, because the exam. is really ended; but a few of the more industrious are even looking forward to the yearly.

We have written a magazine called the "Emu," and it contains some excellent poetry and prose. We intend publishing another edition soon.

We have a few budding footballers, one of whom, who usually goes under the title of "Squib," never forgets to score goals when he plays.

One or two of our boys were disappointed at being unable to make the Kosciusko trip.

Our latest motto is "Thumbs up" or "Thumbs down." Thumbs up when we have not to stay in, and thumbs down when we have. This idea was originated at the Coliseum, in Rome, a few years ago.

### 2AC.

We have now reached the stage of Second year. Note the honour!

The "Midsummer Night's Dream" is now being acted by the aristocrats of 2AC.

We now occupy the library, whose peace is often disturbed by "sticky beaks."

The class is glad to say we have a little chap in our room who is going to be the champion of the school at football, and a bonny lass who is "some" basket-ball player.

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### 1A.

The new 1A has put in an appearance at last, and is quite an ideal class. We occupy Room 3, which is not a very healthy place.

If "Squib" would only behave himself he might get on better with the teachers, but we hope to see an improvement in him after the holidays.

B— is the coming Speaker of the class, and his excellent flow of language quite surprised us in the recent class debate.

The results of the exam. are anxiously awaited, as there is great competition among us.

Did you know that the "Britons were attacked with Picks and Scouts"? This is merely one extract from the original 1A history now being edited by certain of our "genial asses"—pardon, "geniuses."

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### 1B.

Here we are, for the first time in our existence as a class at the N.H.S.

Taking the class as a whole, we have made what many term a great success, and we have more than proved that we can hold our own amongst our fellow First Yearites.

In sport especially we have in our class the 1st Year champion 100 yards sprinter. We also possess several very promising footballers, and a wireless expert.

We have been puzzled lately as to the cause of several loud noises in our classroom, but we have come to the conclusion that far too much electricity has accumulated in the room, and after much discussion we have decided to ask our radio experts to leave some of their phenomenal currents at home.

It is a shame when one's hobby becomes an obsession, to the exclusion of all other thoughts. Witness this dialogue:—

Teacher: "What was Marmion doing round the fire?"

Student (his eyes having a far-away look): "Cracking nuts, Sir."

Of course in all fairness it must be said the student was more amazed at the intellect of his fellows than engaged in day dreaming.

We have shown a great spirit of industry this term, and have produced a very splendid class magazine, the "Kookaburra," which has proved more than equal to several attempts made by Second Year. So beware, Second Year!

## 1C.

Although we are supposed to be the "blobs," we have some good workers amongst us.

Our class is a mixed one, having some Latin, Drawing, and Art pupils in it, but that does not interfere with the general work of the class.

In the holidays one of the boys went to Cairns fishing, and caught some large Pike.

In our class we have Munney, and we do not have to go short of cash when he is there.

Although our room is small, we have Oldham, an English town, in it.

One of the boy's names was read out as "Miss" —. We do not know whether he deserved it or not. Still, it is a "Miss-tery."

Our Castle comes to school some days, looking very depressed in spirits. Perhaps it is because he had his marbles "mucked" from him, for he is a great marble player.

You might come across our prefect when you are Rowe-ing round the lake some day.

## 1A COMMERCIAL.

This is our first appearance in the "Novo.," and we wish our members success during the year.

We have a peculiar individual in our class known as the Visitor (R.E.). Only on special occasions does he honour us with his presence. At present he is suffering from a broken arm, caused by his rather unexpected contact with a motor lorry.

Was it Foghorn or Sister who dreamed that the fearful Atropos appeared at his bedside with her terrible shears, anxious to sever his life's thread? Cheer up, Sister. Only the good die young.

1AC, impressed by the importance of Business Principles, have dedicated the following verse to C.E.B.:—

If you study every subject,  
To find out what it's worth,  
You are bound to say that B.P.  
Is the only thing on earth.

We hope that the visitor will attend the oncoming exam.

Nightly the examination nightmares escape from their paddocks, and sit on our chests, dispelling sleep, and will not be driven off by muttered incantations based on grammalogues, phraseograms, and degrees of adjectives.

Don't you notice the lines and wrinkles of care on our classic countenances, the bent shoulders, and weary gait?

Then again, study is difficult when one feels desperately sleepy. For this ailment "Fishy" has a fine remedy as follows:—Set a cushion with tacks, business end up, and imagine you are Brian the Hermit.

This week ice manufacturers will be kept busy supplying ice for the use of students. A block of ice placed on the head and kept in position by a towel is recommended as a sure means of avoiding headache.

By the time you are reading this we will have crossed the Rubicon.

## GHOSTS.

It was midnight. A student was sitting on a chair before the dying embers in the grate, drowsy-eyed and listless. Beside him on the table were some books, small books with red and yellow covers. He looked at them for a moment, and then turned away and once again gazed into the fire.

The light was becoming dim, and the glow of the coals was making grotesque shadows on the wall. A coal dropped in the grate, and the lamp burned lower.

The shadows on the walls seemed to be taking form, becoming shapes which moved and spoke. Suddenly a voice rose above the rest, shrill, and with a piping laugh. It came from a small, thin-looking man, fantastically dressed.

"Lard, my dear," he cried, "where have you been hiding yourself this half century? Why, I was telling Sir Toby only yesterday—"

"Ah," murmured the student, "Beau Tibbs." Several others were there, most of whom the boy recognised—a jovial-looking man with a powdered periwig, and a man in black who was looking pityingly at little Tibbs. Will Wimble was there, holding up a bird that he had just caught before an old gentleman in a tall silk hat. The student was just wondering who the quiet-looking clergyman in the corner was, when another ember dropped, the light grew dim, and the shadows changed.

The student could distinguish a small group sitting together, talking softly. Joe Vance was there, with his Lossie, who from time to time pushed back a lock of hair from her forehead. Behind them hovered a clear-eyed girl. Joe was gazing at Lossie, and the girl behind looked mournfully at Joe. Soon the figure of Lossie became indistinct, and Joe's gaze began to wander from her. Then he stood up and turned to the girl behind him, and held out his arms. But she was gone, and Joe wept.

Another coal fell, and the group faded. And in the lurid glow the boy saw the figure of the old, mad king, who, with arms lifted upwards, was calling down curses on the heads of his fiendish daughters, whose faces gleamed maliciously behind him, under the light of the fire. Soon their faces faded, and another appeared, beautiful and sweet. She came to the old king, and took his head on her shoulder. Once more an ember fell, the shadows faded, and the boy slept.

## APT QUOTATIONS.

"He who chooseth me must give and hazard all he hath," says the modern "flapper."

"There is some ill a-brewing towards my rest." There's a baby in the house.

"Thou shalt not gormandise." Not with the present H.C.L.

"I am Sir Oracle"—the soap-box orator.

"Tell me where is fancy bred?" In the bake-house.

"A proverb never stale in thrifty minds."—Waste not, want not.

"A kind of boy, a little scrubbed boy." Use Pear's soap.

Before the exam.: "I stand for sacrifice."  
 After the exam.: "With bleared visages come forth."  
 Exam Papers: "To entrap the wisest."  
 Exam Days: "For there is not one of them but I dote on their  
 very absence." —"2B."

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### SUNLIGHT.

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It glitters in the woodlands,  
 It glitters on the sea,  
 It glitters on the mountains,  
 And seems so fair to me.

It comes gleaming through my window,  
 It comes streaming in at dawn,  
 It shines with all its splendour,  
 On the distant hills at morn.

—"JERSICA" (1AC).

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### NATURE.

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The sun in shining brightly,  
 On all the new spring flowers,  
 Their leaves are damp and shiny,  
 Kissed by the falling showers.

The wind is howling loudly,  
 Among the leafy trees,  
 Red leaves and brown are falling,  
 Torn by the Autumn breeze.

—M.R. (1AC).

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### SUNSET.

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The sun shone on the river,  
 With its shafts of golden light,  
 And it rippled and it sparkled,  
 Ere came creeping, silent night.

A gentle breeze came blowing  
 Thro' the gum trees by the bank,  
 And the sound of cattle lowing  
 Broke the stillness as they drank.

And along the dusty roadway  
 A flock of sheep drew near,  
 And they hurried towards the river,  
 To drink the water clear.

Then the stars came out and twinkled,  
 And the shadows softly fell,  
 And the cattle all went homewards,  
 To the ringing of a bell.

—P.B. (3A).

### THE STREAM.

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Over sticks and stones it trickles,  
 Little silver stream,  
 Laughingly it onward ripples,  
 In the sunbeam's gleam.

Round about are spirits elgin,  
 Sprites are "fancy free,"  
 Fairy goblins gaily glide in  
 Silence midst the trees.

—M.R. (1B).

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## Boys' Sports.

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### RUGBY FOOTBALL.

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The Rugby football is now in full swing, and the 1st XV. has been very successful up to date, winning three matches and losing one.

The team is now eagerly looking forward to the forthcoming trip to Armidale, and although defeated after a very hard game last year, expects to reverse matters this time.

A summary of the matches played and results is as follows:—

V. East Maitland High School (April 20th), won, 9-0. Tries: Bryant two, McKinnon one.

V. East Maitland High School (May 23rd), lost, 3-17. Patey, one try.

V. Great Public Schools (May 25th), won, 6-13. Walker and Bell, one try each.

V. Old Boys (May 30th), won, 14-6. Tries: Bryant two, Bell two. Turnbull kicked one goal.

A total of 32 points for, and 26 against.

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### BITS ABOUT PLAYERS.

H. C. ("Duffy") Bryant, our "sometime" full-back, is again captaining the team, and is playing five-eighth. He is the mainstay of the team.

S. ("Sandy") McKay, a Soccer recruit, is fast, and plays a good sure game as full-back.

J. G. ("Puss") Arthur plays on the right wing. He runs well, and tackles hard, when the fair sex are absent.

S. ("Steve") Engel, centre three-quarter, though small, plays a very solid game, tackling both large and small alike.

F. C. ("Jess") Walker, the other centre, is fast, and plays good football.

E. G. ("Geo") Bell has just been promoted from the forwards to the backs. He plays a good game in the three-quarter line.

V. W. ("Vinny") Turnbull, another recruit from Soccer, though a half-size half, yet plays a heady game, but rather inclined to do too much for himself.

W. J. ("Tinny") Stienbeck plays a good game as break-away, and uses his weight to advantage both in the pack and the loose.

L. ("Lock") Pryor plays—as his name suggests—lock. He plays a good game, but is rather inclined to lag behind when there is ruck work to be done.

J. R. ("Peter") Burke is the other break-away, and uses his feet to advantage. He is a good forward.

S. ("Sid") Neaves is a fair player, who delves in, and with a little experience should make good.

C. ("Curly") Williams plays a good forward game.

S. McKinnon is just a new player in the 1st, but is a very good forward.

W. ("Suss") Smallman, a recruit from last year's 2nd, plays centre-forward. With a little experience will make a good rake.

C. ("Chester") Burns, a new arrival in the 1st, plays a fair game, but is a little timid.

W. Patey plays centre three-quarters, and has a roving commission from 1st to 2nd, and vice-versa.

#### 2nd XV.

The Seconds have been defeated in both of their matches against Maitland, the scores being 0-12 and 6-12 respectively. In the last mentioned match each secured one try. We hope to see matters reversed on the next occasion they meet Maitland.

#### UNDER 7st 10lb.

The school has entered a team in the Under 7st 10lb competition this year. The last time the school was successful in winning this competition, and we hope to see this team repeat the performance. Five matches have already been played, the school winning three. A summary of games and scores is as follows:—

V. Technical College, won, 22-0. Tries: Lackey (2), Rees (2), Mitchell and Fraser (1), Fraser 2 goals.

V. Hamilton, lost, 0-29.

V. Wickham I., lost, 3-12. Try: Peak.

V. Cook's Hill, won, 9-3. Tries: Peak, Mitchell, Lackey (1 each).

V. Wickham 2, won on forfeit.

A total of 44 points against, and 34 points for. This team has some good players, but nearly all will have to learn to tackle, and to tackle low.

Peak plays a solid game, and is the pick of the forwards, being ably supported by Mitchell. Thompson plays a good game at full-back, as does Carson at centre three-quarter. Lackey and Rees are good in attack, but their defence is very weak.

#### TENNIS.

There are a great number of tennis enthusiasts now, and amongst them are some very promising juniors.

The 1st IV. consists of McLuckie, Peate, Wood, Owens, who should bring home laurels from the P.S.A.A.A. championships at Double Bay.

Four matches have been played this season, two against Hamilton, both won by N.H.S., and two against Cook's Hill, one lost and one won.

The A grade singles championship has not been finished, but winner of Owens v Thompson plays winner McLuckie and Arthur.

The "B" grade singles was won by Duke.

#### SOCCER.

Although the 1st and 2nd Elevens have had only one or two games each, still we have strong teams. We proved that this was so when the 1sts won by 5 goals to nil, and the 2nds by 4 goals to nil. For the 1sts Turnbull scored three, Ferguson one, and Walker one, while in the 2nds Clyne scored.

A match against the Leagueites was played on the Showground, where, despite the odds of 17 players to 11, we managed to win by 2 goals to nil, one of which was scored from a penalty.

#### NOTES ON SENIOR PLAYERS.

Duncanson is a new acquisition to the team, and though only a few tests of his ability have been given in the goals, he shows promise of playing well there.

D. Cameron, at full-back, kicks hard and sure, his aim generally being taken for the fence.

S. McKay, our captain, has moved from centre-half to tackling back, and plays a solid game in that position.

A. Attwood is another newcomer to the team, is a trifle slow, but plays fairly well at right half.

A. Heath, last year's goal-keeper, has come up to centre-half, and is solid for an opposing player to bump against.

T. Firkin, the mascot and smallest player of the team, shows that size does not count much in Soccer.

C. Walker, a League recruit, is fast, and plays his position on the right wing fairly well.

J. G. Arthur, on the inside, is the other member of a good right wing. He is a forceful player, never letting up.

K. Ferguson, at centre-forward, is a newcomer to the school. He plays a clever game, being tricky.

V. Turnbull is still one of the small members of the team. He is a good goal-getter, combining well with his outside man.

W. Hetherington plays outside left, centres well, and finishes off a good forward line. Also plays well in the half-backs.

H. Thomas is another newcomer among the seniors, is fairly fast, and plays in forwards or halves.

It is very much to be regretted that Ivor Ponton has not been able to turn out for us, owing to injuries received last season. He is a forceful centre-forward, and dangerous at any part of a game. D. Stirling, who played a good inside game for us, has now left.

Although the seniors have not been able to display their form, still there has been a great deal of activity among the juniors, some of whom show good promise of keeping the standard of Soccer up in the school.

There have been four teams entered in the local competitions, two "A grade" (under 15 years), and two "B grade" (under 13 years 6 months).

List of games played by juniors:—

In th "A grade" the 1sts have been very successful so far, losing only one point.

N.H.S. 1sts v. Wickham, won, five goals to nil.  
 N.H.S. 1sts v. Cook's Hill, drew, 1 goal to 1.  
 N.H.S. 1sts v. Hamilton 2nds, won, 4 goals to nil.  
 N.H.S. 1sts v. N.H.S. 2nds, won, 16 goals to nil.  
 N.H.S. 1sts v. Hamilton 1sts, won, 5 goals to nil.

This table shows that with a certain amount of luck the team should go very close in the competition.

Clyne, at centre-forward, is a good goal-getter, and also a member of the 2nd Eleven. He is rather selfish, but is helped well by Walters and Bartley in the forwards. "Tucker" Riley (captain) plays a clever game at centre-half. Roxby, his small partner, is another good half-back. Patterson, at full-back, is one of the best players in the team, and along with Jackson finishes off a good back division. The goal-keeper is untried.

The Second team, owing to its youth, has not been so successful. Their games are as follows:—

N.H.S. 2nds v. Adamstown, lost, 18 goals to nil.  
 N.H.S. 2nds v. Hamilton 2nds, lost, 10 goals to nil.  
 N.H.S. 2nds v. Hamilton 1sts, lost, 4 goals to nil.  
 N.H.S. 2nds v. N.H.S. 1sts, lost, 16 goals to nil.  
 N.H.S. 2nds v. Technical College, lost, 6 goals to nil.  
 N.H.S. 2nds v. Wickham, won, 1 goal to nil.  
 The best players in this team are Andrews, Cope, and Beattie.

In the "B grade" our 1sts are good throughout, having only lost two points. List of games are as follows:—

N.H.S. 1sts v. Cook's Hill, won, 3 goals to nil.  
 N.H.S. 1sts v. South Newcastle, lost, 2 goals to nil.  
 N.H.S. 1sts v. Merewether, won, 3 goals to nil.  
 N.H.S. 1sts v. Hamilton, won, 3 goals to 1.  
 N.H.S. 1sts v. Wickham, won, 2 goals to nil.

In this team Morris is the best forward, getting more than his share of goals. In the half-backs Blakemore and Martin are good, while Williams and Frith, our backs, are hard to beat. Pearce, in goals, is very active.

The second team is also very young, and has had little success as yet. Their games are as follows:—

N.H.S. 2nds v. Cook's Hill, lost, 3 goals to nil.  
 N.H.S. 2nds v. Hamilton, won, 1 goal to nil.  
 N.H.S. 2nds v. Wickham, lost, 4 goals to nil.  
 N.H.S. 2nds v. Adamstown, lost, 8 goals to nil.  
 N.H.S. 2nds v. South Newcastle, lost, 4 goals to nil.

This team, like the seconds in the "A" grade, shows that the High School are good losers. Their best players are Quilkey and Clarke.

## ATHLETICS.

(By J.G.A.)

Athletics have at last been taken seriously, and the services of a good coach—Mr. Wiley—have been secured. Under the supervision of Mr. Gibson, athletes participate in exercises for general development and lengthening of stride, and good results should be forthcoming. Although the seniors are receiving special preparation for the spring meeting, the old motto, "Look after the juniors and the seniors will look after themselves," has been adopted, to a certain extent, and among the "under fourteens" some very fine athletes have been discovered. The senior team show great prospects, and they have an excellent chance of winning the Nicholson Shield. The athletic committee have decided on a uniform costume of the school's colours, and all runners representing the school will be forced to wear it. Mr. Gibson's scheme of inter-class competitions proved a great success, for it has created a very keen and enthusiastic spirit amongst our junior ranks.

Our senior team comprises five fine sprinters:—Bryant, McKay, Bell, Walker, and Arthur, all of whom can do 100 yards in 11sec, and two good distance runners, Burke and Smallman. It is in the jumps that we are weak, and the seniors ought not to allow themselves to be deficient in any department if they wish to beat all schools. Up to date we have only two aspirants for the 440 yards championship, McKay and Arthur, and although this is admittedly a hard race, we should have a larger entry. In the distance events we will at the end of the year be able to select a very fine set of runners that will be hard to beat, even by our "Sydney cracks."

In the junior ranks we are not so fortunate, and have only four runners of any promise. They are Puntton, Turnbull, Hamilton, and Carruthers, all of whom are fair over the 100 and 440 yards. Hamilton is a very fair high jumper, but his form as a hurdler has greatly deteriorated. Turnbull and Carruthers ought to practice the jumps, and so help us to select a good trio. Wake up, juniors, and let us have a better entry than this, for it is from your ranks that our next senior team will be picked.

Now we come to our under fourteens, and of these the pick are Rundle, Rush, Clayton, Hoskins, and Rich. These five are all very fair over the 100 yards and in the 220 yards. Rundle, Rush, and Clayton excel. Lately while training Clayton broke the school record for under fourteens, clearing 4ft 5in. This is a very good



jump for an under fourteen, and his progress should be watched with interest. Rundle also did an excellent jump, clearing his own height, 4ft 3in. We extend to them our heartiest congratulations, wishing them success in their athletic career.

We are now the proud possessors of a junior set of hurdles, thanks to Mr. Gibson and a few energetic seniors, and we are now trying to procure a senior set. It is full time that we had adequate means of acknowledging our champions, and the school is clamouring out its disapproval of our "old shield"—they want something more modern, more befitting such a school of ours. There is no doubt that athletics is steadily advancing, under the keen eye of our supervisor, and is gradually gaining favour among us. It is now acknowledged as a sport, and that at least should be gratifying.

Let us work together in harmony, and strive to attain that supreme objective—to be the proud possessors of the Nicholson Shield—before our school days are ended.

Three athletic teams visited Maitland, 13th June, but were defeated by M.H.S. by the narrow margin of 36-34.

Senior.—100 yards: Bryant 1, Bell 3. High jump: McKay 1. Relay: N.H.S. 1. 440 yards: McKay 1, Bryant 2.

Junior.—100 yards: Hamilton 3. High jump: Hamilton 1. Relay: N.H.S. 2. 440 yards: Hamilton 3.

Under 14.—100 yards: Rundle 2, Rush 3. High jump: Clayton 1. Relay: N.H.S. 1, N.H.S. 3. 220 yards: Rundle 2, Rush 3.

### CRICKET.

On 2nd March Newcastle High School 1st XI. defeated Cook's Hill I.H. School by 145 runs on the first innings. Rodgers (N.H.S.) won the toss, and batted. The innings was declared closed with four wickets down for 246, the main feature being the batting of McLuckie and Turnbull, who added 187 runs for the third wicket. Included in McLuckie's century were twenty fours, and he gave one chance—behind the wicket—before he had scored. His partner hit sixteen boundaries, and gave a chanceless display. Bradford bowled well for the school, securing five wickets cheaply. The fielding was poor.

The Ex-Students' Union on 14th March defeated the school by 16 runs on the first innings at National Park Sports Ground. R. F. Kem Yee (O.B.) won the toss, and batted. Features of the game were the batting of N. Bewick (O.B.), who top-scored for the match with a well-compiled 36; the bowling of A. H. Owens (O.B.), who secured seven wickets for 18 from ten overs, including five maidens; and the wicket-keeping of Rodgers, who stumped two and caught one, and allowed only five byes in the two innings. D. D. Stirling was the only batsman to show any confidence against the Old Boys' bowling.

### HYMN OF THE NIGHT.

Softly night steals upon the weary land,  
And grants sweet rest to those who, all the day,  
Have laboured, held beneath the dread command  
That man shall work, nor e'er his working stay.  
Now, toil is ended. Let us steal away  
Where streamlets flow, and night winds softly sigh,  
And where almighty Nature doth display  
The everlasting stars that in the sky  
Do shine in splendour bright, as onward earth doth fly.

Softly steal o'er our senses, Night divine,  
Grant to our fevered minds thy blessed peace,  
Spread o'er us all that holy calm of thine  
Which acts upon men's thoughts, so that they cease  
To think of daily cares. Thou dost increase  
Our awe and reverence of Nature's might.  
Under thy guidance Earth doth now release  
The beauty of the forest, clad in light  
Sent by the moon, but sanctioned still by thee, O Night.

—W.G.S. (in the "Sun").

## Girls' Sports.

### GIRLS' TENNIS.

There have been many changes since the beginning of the year, in both A and B teams, which now include the following girls:—

A Team: M. Mulvey (captain), L. Richards, N. Morison, E. Moy.

B Team: R. Davies, B. Roberts, W. Symes, E. O'Brien.

The present A team has only played one match this season. This was at Maitland on June 8th, the school being beaten by Maitland by 5 sets, 43 games to 3 sets, 31 games. Although beaten, our team shows promise for the future.

The A team played a friendly game against the boys' A team, but were beaten by 7 sets, 42 games to 1 set, 21 games.

In combination with the boys we have played matches against the ex-pupils, Cook's Hill Intermediate High School, and Hamilton Intermediate High School. In the first match, against the ex-pupils, the school A team had an easy victory. The second match was much closer, the school being victorious by one game. The school also won against Cook's Hill, but again only by the very narrow margin of 5 sets, 36 games to 3 sets, 35 games. The B team, versus Cook's Hill A team, was beaten by 6 sets to 2 sets. The B team won their two matches against Hamilton by 4 sets, 25 games to 2 sets, 21 games, and by 3 sets, 26 games to 2 sets, 19 games. We hope to play a return match against Maitland next term, and this time to defeat our northern rivals. The A team is looking forward to a visit soon to be made to Armidale, and also to a match against North Sydney Girls' High School.

## CIRCLOS.

Baseball has been dropped, and Cihclos taken up in its place. Although teams are not yet selected, the girls are very enthusiastic, and some are showing good form. It is hoped the Cihclos team will be stronger than last year's Baseball.

## HOCKEY.

Once again the longed-for hockey season has begun, and is in full swing. Several girls from the teams had left school, so there were several vacancies. These have all been filled, and those taking their places have all justified their choice by their play.

The A team for the season consists of forwards: E. Robertson, J. Grierson, H. Grassick (captain), J. Forrester, J. Breckenridge. Half backs: M. Collins, J. Cameron, E. Buxton. Full backs: M. M'Lean, G. Gray. Goal: O. Frith.

The B team is as follows:—Forwards: D. Newton, E. Truscott, C. Patterson, J. Lackey, E. Murray (captain). Half backs: A. Layton, A. Coleman, V. Tanner. Full backs: L. Campbell, L. Anderson. Goal: D. M'Kinnon.

The first match of the season was played by the A team against the Y.W.C.A. hockey team. This resulted in a win for the school by 5 goals to 1.

The next match was played against Maitland Girls' High School, in which Maitland was victorious, winning by one goal to nil.

On the same day, the B team defeated Cook's Hill Intermediate High School, 2-1.

A team from the school is to compete for a shield to be given for hockey in this district. The match is to be played on the Prince of Wales' Birthday.

## BASKET BALL.

Basket Ball is now in full swing. We have a quiet little corner of the field, where we practice our strenuous game, many of our number giving fine jumping exhibitions.

Violent falls often occur on our ground, and cries of woe are often heard, when our mighty centre jumper happens to jump out of her sphere on to someone's toes.

As the noteworthy centre jumper is so small, the ball scarcely ever visits the B team goal, and the girls at this end spend much of their time leisurely viewing the surrounding scenery, and chatting gaily about their lessons. It has been suggested that the B team girls in the centre jump around after the ball more, and send it down to their goal.

Just lately a match was played between the combined teams of 5th and 2nd years against 4th and 3rd years. Much enthusiasm was shown, and as the teams were evenly matched, the result was a draw—10 all.

On June 8th the A and B teams visited Maitland, where they met much stronger teams than last year. The play was particularly strenuous, and the dominating cry was, "When is half-time?"

Alas, for Newcastle! Last year they gained an easy victory (30 to nil), but their record of "never been beaten" was sadly trampled on, for they lost hopelessly. They are determined never to let it happen again. Maitland won easily by 16 goals to 2.

The defeat of the B team was not, however, so great. They only lost by 2 goals, the score being 16-14.

On the following Saturday a match was played against the Y.W.C.A., on the old racecourse ground. We had a pleasant time, and although the girls were tired, they played up splendidly. The result was a win for the school—37-1.

Our A team consists of: I. Fallon (captain), E. Einsaar (centre jumper), Ruth Lindsay, Mabel Farrell, Dorothy Billett, G. Holman, D. Grant, Hazel Cherry, and A. Kellett.

B team: M. Hindmarsh (captain), L. Wilkins, O. Hedley, E. Turnbull, K. Hancock, G. Lovett, E. Still, M. Mathews, and A. Gray.

## SWIMMING.

The swimming season was as successful as it was delightful. Life-saving classes were efficiently held, under the instruction of Mr. Thompson, and a great deal of credit and thanks are due to him for the splendid results obtained. All passed who went for the examination. Among those successful were a number of the lower school. This interest in swimming is very pleasing. E. Einsaar was successful in gaining the silver medal, the award of merit. This brings considerable honour to the school, for Elizabeth is the first girl in Newcastle district to gain this distinction. The examination is not easy, and the swim is 600 yards. Elizabeth deserves praise for accomplishing this swim.

Proficiency Certificate.—Mildred Young, Eileen Whitcombe, Betty Whitford, Eileen Tressider, Enid Turnbull, Margaret M'Lean, Dorothy Luckham, Olga Hedley, Mabel Howell, Clarice George, Hazel Flynn, Isabel Clouston, Lilian Anderson, Elsie Buxton.

Bronze Medallions.—Lilian Anderson, Isabel Clouston, Hazel Flynn, Margaret M'Lean, Betty Whitford, Eileen Whitcombe, Elsie Buxton.

The swimming carnival resulted in Fifth Year and Third Year tying for the Shield. Firth gained the greater number of points, but Third Year only had a small number of girls to divide their points amongst. The individual races were good, and several were keenly contested.

School Championship, 100 yards.—E. Buxton 1, I. Clouston 2, E. Einsaar 3.

50 Yards Championship.—M. Matthews 1, E. Still 2, E. Einsaar 3.

50 Yards Age Championship.—

Over 16: E. Buxton.

Under 16 and Over 14.—I. Clouston.

Under 14.—M. Howell.

Three Stroke, 75 Yards.—E. Buxton 1, I. Clouston 2.

Back Stroke.—I. Clouston 1, E. Buxton 2, B. Whitford 3.

Breast Stroke, 33 Yards.—E. Buxton 1, H. Grassick 2.

Diving for Obstacles.—E. Einsaar.

Diving.—I. Clouston.

Cork Race.—R. Lindsay.

## A DREAM OF HOME.

I dreamed a dream of somewhere,  
It seemed to be of home,  
Of hills and rocks and beaches,  
From miles beyond the foam.

The hills with trees were covered,  
And birds sang in their leaves,  
The wind that came in from the sea  
Blew fresh among the trees.

The rocks were moist with water,  
And stained with years of spray,  
And this brought to my memory  
The thought of a picnic day.

When we played along the beaches,  
And crested on the foam,  
All these were happy times  
That we enjoyed at home.

—J.A.B. (1AC)

### THE KOOKABURRA.

Up in the top of a tall gum tree  
An old Kookaburra sat laughing with glee;  
He laughed Ha Ha, he laughed He He,  
He is laughing at you; he is laughing at me.

The old Kookaburra is full of cheer,  
From now to the end of the glad new year;  
He has no trouble; he has no fear;  
He has no sorrow; he sheds no tear.

—M.R. (1B).

### SWIMMING.

The fourth annual State Inter High School swimming carnival was held in the Ocean Baths on the 7th and 8th December, 1923.

A large number of entries was received from the district High Schools, but those from Sydney were not so satisfactory as those of previous years.

S.H.S., however, gained the highest number of points, M.H.S. and N.H.S. being next in order. The results of the first day were as follows:—

100 Yards Senior Championship.—First heat: Scobie (M.H.S.), 1. Second heat: P. Ryan (S.H.S.), 1; Agnew (S.H.S.), 2; Graham (S.H.S.), 3.

50 Yards Senior Championship.—First heat: Agnew (S.H.S.), 1; Graham (S.H.S.), 2; M'Kay (N.H.S.), 3. Second heat: Goodman (S.H.S.), 1; Scobie (M.H.S.), 2; Walker (N.H.S.), 3.

Senior Dive.—M'Kay (N.H.S.), 1; Martin (S.H.S.), and Rubensohn (S.H.S.), tie.

50 Yards Junior Championship.—First heat: O'Keefe (Cleveland-street), 1; Tegg (M.H.S.), 2; M'Kenzie (S.H.S.), 3. Second heat: Laidlaw (Drummoyne), 1; Newman (S.H.S.), 2; Duffin (M.H.S.), 3. Time, 29 4/5sec.

50 Yards under 14 Championship.—First heat: Tuckey (M.H.S.), 1; M'Cune (S.H.S.), 2; Beeston (S.H.S.), 3.

100 Yards Junior.—First heat: Lamont (Hamilton), 1. Second heat: Laidlaw (Drummoyne), 1; Steele (S.H.S.), 2; O'Keefe (S.H.S.), 3.

50 Yards Junior Breast Stroke.—First heat: M'Kenzie (S.H.S.), 1; Rubensohn (S.H.S.), 2; Carson (Cook's Hill), 3. Second heat: Duffin (M.H.S.), 1; Steele (S.H.S.), 2; time, 51sec.

33 Yards Breast Strike, under 14.—First heat: Martin (S.H.S.), 1; time, 41 1/5sec. Second heat: M'Cune (S.H.S.), 1; Mitchell (N.H.S.), 2; time, 36 1/2sec.

Junior Dive.—Martin (S.H.S.), 1; Woodstone (S.H.S.), 2; Lamont (Hamilton), 3.

Under 14 Dive.—Martin (S.H.S.), 1; Beeston (S.H.S.), 2; Mitchell (N.H.S.), 3.

50 Yards Swimming on Back.—Ryan (S.H.S.), 1; Goodman (S.H.S.), 2; M'Kay (N.H.S.), 3.

50 Yards Junior Breast.—M'Cune (S.H.S.), 1; Rubensohn (S.H.S.), 2; Carson (Cook's Hill), 3.

33 Yards Under 14 Swim on Back.—First heat: Martin (S.H.S.), 1; Colman (S.H.S.), 2; Mitchell (N.H.S.), 3. Second heat: M'Cune (S.H.S.), 1; Lamont (Hamilton), 2; M'Kenzie (Cook's Hill), 3.

400 Yards Junior.—Steele (S.H.S.), 1; O'Keefe (Cleveland-street), 2; M'Kenzie (S.H.S.), 3. Time, 6min 52 1/2sec.

800 Yards Senior.—Agnew (S.H.S.), 1; Ryan (S.H.S.), 2.

The finals were swum off on the Friday, resulting in:—

200 Yards Junior Champion, N.S.W.H.S.: Laidlaw (Drummoyne), 1; Steele (S.H.), 2; O'Keefe (C.S.), 3.

75 Yards, Under 14 Junior Champion, N.S.W.H.S.: Martin (S.H.), 1; Mitchell (N.H.S.), 2; M'Cure (Syd.), 3.

200 Yards Senior Champion.—Agnew (S.H.), 1; Underhill (S.H.), 2; Ryan (S.H.) 3.

50 Yards, on Back, Junior.—Duffin (M.H.), 1; M'Kenzie (C.H.), 2; Gibson (S.H.), 3.

50 Yards Senior Champion.—Graham (M.H.), 1; Underhill (S.H.), 2; Scobie (M.H.), 3.

50 Yards, on Back, Junior.—Ryan (S.H.), 1; Goodman (S.H.), 2; M'Kay (N.H.), 3.

33 Yards, Under 14, Breast Stroke.—M'Cure (S.H.), 1; Mitchell (N.H.), 2; Martin (S.H.), 3.

200 Yards Junior Inter Relay.—Sydney 1, Maitland 2, Newcastle 3.

50 Yards Junior Breast Stroke.—M'Kenzie (C.H.), 1; M'Cure (S.H.), 2; Rubensohn (S.H.), 3.

50 Yards, Under 14.—Tuckey (M.H.), 1; Mitchell (N.H.), and Martin (S.H.), tie for second.

300 Yards Inter High Relay.—Sydney 1, Maitland 2.

50 Yards Junior Champion.—Laidlaw (Drummoyne), 1; O'Keefe (C.S.), 3; M'Kenzie (C.H.), 3.

100 Yards Senior Champion.—Ryan (S.H.), 1; Graham (M.H.), Scobie (M.H.), 3.

33 Yards, Under 14, on Back.—M'Cure (S.H.), 1; Martin (S.H.), 2; Coleman (M.H.), 3.

100 Yards Senior Breast Stroke Champion.—M'Kay (N.H.), 1; Underhill (S.H.), 2; Coree (M.H.), 3.

100 Yards Junior Champion.—Laidlaw (Drummoyne), 1; O'Keefe (C.S.), 2. 400 Yards Senior Champion.—Agnew (S.H.), 1; Ryan (S.H.), 2; Close (M.H.), 3.

Senior Diving.—M'Kay (N.H.), 1; Martin (S.H.), and Rubensohn (S.H.), tie for second.

Junior Diving.—Martin (N.H.), 1; Woodstone (S.H.), 2; Lamont (H.), 3.

Under 14 Diving.—Martin (N.H.), 1; Beeston (M.H.), 2; Mitchell (N.H.), 3.

Junior 400 Yards.—Steele (S.H.), 1; O'Keefe (C.S.), 2; M'Kenzie (C.H.), 3.

Senior 880 Yards.—Agnew (S.H.), 1; Ryan (S.H.), 2.

Points.—Sydney 121, Maitland 36, N.H.S. 29, Drummoyne 18, Cook's Hill 14, Cleveland-street 14, Hamilton 2.

### BOYS' SWIMMING.

The annual swimming carnival was held on the 22nd March, M.H.S., C.H.I.H.S., and H.I.H.S. also participating.

S. McKay again carried off the swimming and diving championships. The school was represented in the Senior Inter. High Relay by S. McKay, C. Walker, R. Peate, and C. Burns, but was defeated after a hard and exciting race by Maitland High School.

The results were as follows:—

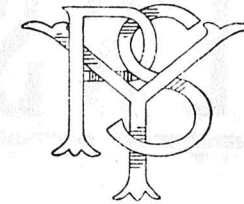
100 Yards Inter High Junior Championship: Cuthbertson (C.H.), 1; M'Mullen (Mait.), 2; Miller (Mait.), 3. Time, 79 4-5sec. 50 Yards Breast Stroke Senior Championship: McKay, 1; Cameron, 2; Brier, 3. Time, 41 4-5sec. Fifty Yards Back Stroke Junior Championship: Carson, 1; Mitchell, 2; Donaldson, 3. Time, 48 1-5sec. Thirty-three Yards Junior Cadet Championship (Back Stroke): Morris, 1; Clarke, 2; Howland, 3. Time, 33sec. Relay: Peate (4th Year), Mitchell (3rd Year), M'Leod (1st Year). Time, 2min 41sec. Junior Dive: Elkin, 1; Mitchell, 2; Hamilton, 3. Junior Cadet Dive: Morris, 1; Clayton, 2; Rundle, 3. 50 Yards Junior Championship: Lackey, 1; Watson, 2; Mitchell, 3. Time, 38 2-5sec. 50 Yards 4-Oar Handicap: McKay and Burns, 1; Malcomson and Doherty, 2; Attwood and CCameron, 3. 50 Yards Junior Cadet Championship: Clarke, 1; Rundle, 2; Clayton, 3. Time, 42sec. 50 Yards Senior Handicap: Heath, 1; Walker, 2; Peate, 3. Time, 37sec. 33 Yards S.O.B. Senior Handicap: McKay, 1; Cameron, 2; Brier, 3. Time, 15 1-5sec. 50 Yards Junior Handicap: Watson, 1; Lackey, 2; Attwood, 3. Time, 47sec. 200 Yards Inter High School Relay Race: Maitland, 1; Newcastle, 2. 200 Yards Inter High School Junior Cadet Relay: Cook's Hill, 1; Maitland, 2; Newcastle, 3. Time, 2min 54sec. 200 Yards Junior Relay: Maitland, 1; Cook's Hill, 2; Newcastle, 3. Time, 2min 26 3-5sec. Senior Dive, Inter High School: McKay (N.), 1; Beeston (Mait.), 2; Lamont (Ham.), 3. 50 Yards Junior Cadet Handicap: Quilkey, 1; Russell, 2; Rundle, Clarke, 3. Time, 51 4-5sec. 50 Yards Senior Championship: Peate, 1; McKay, 2; Doherty, 3. Time, 35 1-5sec. 75 Yards Junior Cadet Championship: Chipman (C.H.), 1; Tucky (Mait.), 2; M'Kinnan (C.H.), 3. Time, 53sec. 100 Yards Inter High School: Duffer (Mait.), 1; McKay (New.), 2; Tegg (Mait.), 3. Time, 78 2-5sec. Champion of School: S. McKay. 400 Yards Senior Handicap: Doherty, 1; McKay, 2. Time, 5min 5 6-5 sec. 400 Yards Junior Handicap: Punton, 1; Mitchell, 2; Carson, 3. Time, 8min 4 1-5sec.

### LIFE-SAVING.

Towards the end of last year a Life-saving Class was established, under the supervision of Mr. Thompson, an instructor of the Royal Life-saving Society. Thirteen boys went for the examination, all being successful. S. McKay obtained the Award of Merit, the second highest distinction awarded by the society. He also received the Silver Medal, Bronze Medallion, and Proficiency Certificate.

The following also were awarded the Bronze Medallion and Proficiency Certificate:—C. Walker, W. Cleaves, H. Doherty, J. Parton, J. Brier, N. Hamilton, T. Malcomson.

The following boys, being under the age of fifteen years, could only gain the Proficiency Certificate: N. Morris, E. M'Leod, O. Smith, and J. Martin.



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