

The day was Thursday, and thus Assembly day, and M. Lefevre and the Mayor were just in time for it. After a hurried introduction to the Principal, they went round to the pupils, gathered not in the Assembly Hall, but on the playground.

The usual sports results and other general news items being read out, the Principal introduced M. Lefevre to the students with "who will now say a few words."

M. Lefevre began:—"You pride yourselves on your brains and hope to gain influential positions and become good citizens. Let me tell you, the finest thing to impress people with your importance is to have the right surroundings."

He was like the Pied Piper, for he held the boys and girls enthralled by his inspiring address.

When the Mayor recovered from the quick events which had occurred, he heard the pupils say as in one voice, "We shall get a new High School," and as these words were uttered a feeling of joy and content filled his whole being for he knew that it would come to pass. "They'll do it," he murmured, "Remis Velisque."

—"KUBLA KHAN."

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## JILL AND THE HIGHWAYMEN

From the height on which we stood, Jill and I could see the long moor stretching for miles before us, as far as the eye could see, and then climbing up to the blue horizon. But this sight was a familiar one to Jill and I, for many a time we had roamed about the intricate paths and lanes, that were cut across the moor's face.

In the old days, before the invention of modern motor cars and trains, this very moor had been the happy hunting-ground of many a notorious highwayman.

Many were the times we had lain in the refreshing cool shade of the old trees by the river on a sweltering hot day, and told each other tales about these highwaymen of bygone days.

The moor was a lonely sort of place, but Jill and I found it interesting, for, for us, there was always plenty to do, gathering wildflowers, hunting for birds' nests or chasing butterflies across the soft springy turf. We spent most of our holidays here, but we never got tired of it, for we loved the old moor and its great loneliness.

"Wouldn't it be lovely to encounter a real highwayman now, but all those things are over long ago, and I suppose you'd have to go to India or somewhere to fall in with a real adventure these days," Jill commenced the conversation.

We were by this time, walking along the banks of the river, closed in by a screen of thick rushes, when suddenly, oh horrors! we heard the most blood-curdling screams, coming from a clump of reeds a short distance away. Jill nearly jumped out of her skin, as she termed it afterwards, whilst I stood transfixed.

"Come on," urged the adventure-loving Jill, "won't it be lovely if its a real highwayman?" she added, trying to be smart.

But I wasn't so sure. We were quite a long way from home, and I wasn't an excellent runner. Nevertheless, I wasn't going to let Jill see that I was afraid, and we stealthily crept towards the spot, taking care to conceal ourselves properly. We at once perceived a strange sight, a highwayman dressed in the garb of the robbers of the old days, struggling with a young girl in a powdered wig and frock of the 18th century.

"Gosh!" ejaculated Jill slangily, "am I dreaming or only going back a couple of centuries?"

I didn't answer, I couldn't, I just lay petrified.

"C-cum-come on Jill," I managed to blurt out, "don't you think we had better make tracks for home?" "We've a long way to go and it's almost dusk, you know."

"No!" stoutly declared Jill. "I'm going to stay here and see what happens; that g—" At that instant I clapped my hand over her mouth, and not a moment too soon, for a second highwayman riding a beautiful black horse came into sight. Nearer, nearer he came, would he see us, oh, would he see us? No! he had passed us by.

"You silly chump, you almost—" I began.

"Listen!" said Jill interrupting, and ignoring my outburst.

"Ho Job!" said the highwayman, "you have got a haul there, with all those jewels."

"Something better" answered the so-named Job, with a fiendish grin that made my blood run cold. "She is carrying despatches, and is to meet the mail coach in a quarter of an hour. We'll get that too. Killing two birds with one stone, eh?" he added with another grin. "You keep the girl here, I'll hide up in yon bushes until the mail coach comes along, and then—understand?" The other man nodded.

"Quick!" Jill grasped my arm excitedly, "we must reach the coach before them!"

I went only too willingly, and we set off at a quick pace.

We had only gone a short distance when we had to rest, for the moor was very rough and rocky, and we soon became tired. As I settled down on the roots of an old tree, I began to think for the first time about this situation. It was almost baffling. Highwaymen, these days! Impossible! And yet, there were. Could it possibly be that—

I was awakened from this reverie by Jill's high-pitched voice, for we had no longer need to be cautious.

"Listen!" she exclaimed, and accordingly I listened.

The rumble of wheels on the old gravel road soon reached my ears, and we started off again.

Before long we had reached the road, and coming in our direction we saw the old coach bowling merrily along the winding white ribbon-like road.

"Thank goodness, we reached the coach before those ruffians," panted Jill, as we breathlessly threw ourselves behind some bushes growing at the roadside.

The coach was now quite near, and we could already see the fat, jolly faced driver. The coach was, by this time, upon us.

"Stop! stop!" cried Jill, running out into the middle of the road, "you can't go on, you can't."

"What's the matter?" inquired the driver calmly, looking at Jill as if she were insane. Poor Jill sensed that something was wrong. She poured out her story breathlessly, and when she turned round she saw here were other occupants of the coach, powdered and rouged, with powdered wigs and magnificent clothes.

"La, Mr. Salisbury, what's to be done?" said one of the women climbing out of the coach. "What a pity she wasn't in costume, we could have had her in the picture."

And Jill, with amazement written on her face, for the first time saw one of the highwaymen turning the handle of a camera a short distance away.

It was then that Jill realised her mistake. They were only taking pictures for the cinema!

M. REYNOLDS, 2C.

#### TRANSLATION INTO FRENCH

The first and greatest merit of a translation is fidelity to the original. The ideal version is an exact rendering of the text without omission, without amplification and without commentary. It is not our part to summarize or to expand, to explain or to improve what the author has said. What we have to do is to deliver his message faithfully, preserving, so far as is possible, the order and arrangement of his words, his diction, and his style. If we are translating a book, we are not at liberty to interpose ourselves between the writer and his foreign reader. The exercise is, therefore, above all, a discipline in minute accuracy. We must render in French the **matter** and suggest the **form**.

### RESULTS OF INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION, 1927.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	11	14	15	18	19	23
	English	History	Geography	Maths. I.	Maths. II.	Latin	French	E. Sc.	B.P.	Shorthand	Art	Music	Tec. Draw.
Abel, Eric G. ....	B	B		B	B		B		B	A			
Akerman, Eric G. ....	B	B	B	A	A	A	A	B					
Allanson, Reginald ....	B	B			B				B	B			
Allbut, Charles W. ....	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B					
Baker, Marjory B. ....	A	B			B		B	B					
Ball, Doris N. ....	A	B		B	B		B						
Bedford, Madeline M. ....	B		B	B	B		B						
Bishop, Arthur W. ....	B	B			B	A	A	B					
Blakemore, Jesse ....	B	B	B	B	B		B	B					
Boot, Julia ....	B	B	B	B	B		B	B					
Bowie, Mary F. ....	B	A	B		B		B		B	B			
Britton, Jack H. ....	A	A	B	A	A	A	A	B					
Caldwell, David C. ....	B	B	B	B	A	A	A	B					
Canning, Ruth ....	B	B	B				B						
Chalmers, Jessie ....	B	A		A	A	A	A	B					
Chaseling, Clifton H. ....	B	B		B	A		A	A					B
Clode, Eunice ....	B	B		B	A	B	A	B					
Coles, Katherine ....	B	B			A	B	B						
Collins, Wilfred D. ....	B	B			B		B						
Craig, Donald M. ....	B	A	B	A	A	A	A	B					
Dalby, Joy ....	A	B	B	A	A	B	A	B					
Dean, Beryl I. ....	B	B			B						A		
Dixon, Philip ....	B	B	B	B	A		B	B					B
Dobson, Bessie M. ....	B	B	B	B	B						B	A	
Downie, Jean I. ....	B	B			B		B	B					
Dransfield, Jean ....	B	B			B		A	B		A(s)			
Drysdale, Vida ....	B	B	B	B	B		B						
Dyet, Keith ....	A	B		B	A	B	A	B					
Eddy, William H. C. ....	B	B	B	B	A	B	B	B					
Ede, Lorna I. ....	A	B	B	B			A	12			B		
Farrington, Joyce ....	B	B		B	A		A		B	B			
Finigan, Effie ....	A	B					A						B
Flemming Ella ....	B	B		B	B	A	A						
Frew, Rupert L. ....	A	B		B	A	B	B	B					
Frith, Robert H. ....	B	B		B	B	B	B						
Gillard, Lionel W. C. ....		B			B			B	B	B			
Gordon, Charles ....	B	B	B	B	A		B	B					
Hawkes, Harold S. ....	B	B	B	B	B	A	B						
Henwood, Thelma ....	B	B			B		B						B
Hinde, Jean I. ....	B	B		B	B		B						B
Holt, Elvie ....	A	B		A	A	A	A	B					
Hull, Hilda U. G. ....	B	B		B	A	B	B	B					
Hutchison, Eva ....	B	B		B	B								
Letcher, Norman R. ....	B	B	B	A	A	A	A	A					
Lorimer, John E. ....	B	B		B	B		B	B					
Lowbridge, Ernest ....	B	B		B			B	B					
Lynch, Mollie E. ....	B	A		B					B	B			
Macquarie, Edna A. ....	B	A		B	A		B	B					
McCann, Wallace M. ....	B	A	B	B	B	B	A	B			A		
Macdonald, Gordon A. ....	B	B	B	B	B	B	B						
Macdonald, James F. ....	B	B	B	B	B		B						
MacLachlan Frederick ....	B	B					B	B	B	B			
McWhirter, Elspeth C. ....	B	B		B	B	B	B	B					
Miller, Freda ....	B	B	B	B	B		B		B	B			
Morgan, Harry ....	B	B	B	B	A	B	B	B					
Munro, Donald ....	B	B	B	B	B		B	B					
O'Donnel, Elsie J. ....	B	B		B	B								
O'Neile, Heather L. ....	B	B	B					B					

	English	History	Geography	Maths. I.	Maths. II.	Latin	French	E. Sc.	B.P.	Shorthand	Art	Music	Tec. Draw.
O'Neile, Joyce M.	B	B	B	B	A		B	B			B		
Reed, Lawrence G.	B	B	B	B	A				B	B			
Rees, Allyn J.	B	B	B	B	B	B	A	B					
Roarty, Henry J.	B	B	B	B	A	A	A	B					
Robertson, Martha	B	B	B	A	A	A		B					
Royall, Joan B.	B		B	B	B	B	A						
Rundle, Enid E.	A	B		B			B						
Rush, Albert E.	B	B					B	B	B	B			
Rutherford, Walter J.	A	A	B	A	A	A	A	B		B	B		
Seale, John R.	A	B	B		A			B					
Shannon, Charles V.	B	B	B	B	B			B					
Simpson, Keith	B	A		B	B		B						
Snape, Ferne M.	B	B		B	B			B					
Strahan, Myee	A	A	B	B	B	B	A	B					
Wark, Gwendoline	B	B		B	B		A						
Waters, James	B	B		B	B				B	A			
Woods, Iolene E.	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A					
Wright, Lola E.	A	B	B	B	B	B	B						
Wrightson, Gwendoline F.	B			B	B						B	A	
Yates, Clement A.	B	B		B	A			B					B
Yates, Doreen M.	B	B		B	B						A		
Young, Marjorie	A	B	B	A	A	A	B						
Young, Beryl D.	B	B					B	A(s)					

### LEAVING CERTIFICATE RESULTS, 1928.

	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	10	11	13	19	18	14
	English	Latin	French	Maths. I.	Maths. II.	Mechanics	History	Physics	Chemistry	Geology	Music	Economics	Geography
Ahern, Arthur C.	B			B			B					A	
Bowers, Sydney	B			B			B				B	B	
Brent, Jean	B				B		A			H1		B	
Bruce, Valerie	B	L	B	A	B		B			B			
Brown, Alexander	B	B	B	B	B		B		B				
Brown, Aubrey A.	B	B	B	A	A			B	B				
Brown, Hubert P.	B			B	B		B					A	
Bryce, Joyce B.	B	L	B	B	B		B						
Buttsworth, Clifford R.	B			A	A			B	B			B	
Carruthers, Harry L.	B	B	L	B	B		B	B					
Craig, Robert	B			B	B		B					A	
Davies, Wilfred	B			B	A		B					A	
Dixon, Jonathan K.	B	B	B	B	B		B		B				
Frith, Ernest H.	A	B	B	B	A		B						
Grierson, Robert J.	A	B	B	B	A		H1		L				
Harris, Leslie R.	B			B	B							B	
Jones, Ella M.	B		L	B	B		B						
Kelly, Dennis W.		L	B	B	B		B						
Kitley, Thomas H. D.	A	H2	A	A	B		H2						
Marshall, William K.	A		B	A	A	B	H2	B					
McLeod, Doris C.	B			B	B		B			B			
Morris, Thelma E.	B	B	B	B	B		H2	B					
Megus, Ian W.	B	B	B	A	B		B						
Richardson, Kathleen	A		B	B	A			L					
Robinson, Lillian F.	B	B		B	B		B			B			
Rowe, James O.	B		B	B	B		B		B				
Smith, Edward	A	B	B	B	B		A						B
Snape, Leslie E.	B	B	B	B	B		A						
Talbot, Thomas S.	B	B	B	B	B		A						
Thomas, Jack	B			B	B				B				



### 5A. CLASS NOTES.

We now hold the honourable position of being members of the fifth year, and we have already found that it is a year of very hard work, and it will become harder as the weeks go by.

It is well known that position has a great deal to do with the quality of work done by a certain member of the class, for he has said that sitting in the front seat "cramps his style." Consequently he sits in the back seat to obtain the best results.

During a practical chemistry lesson, one of the "brains" of the class smelt a little of a certain gas which is not "healthy," to say the least of it. He was informed that this was so, and so one kind student offered to bring a bunch of flowers if he did it again.

By the discussion of certain "horse terms" in the English class, we have observed that one "Ferdie" by name knows a good deal about the habits of these quadrupeds.

The physics class desires to express its gratitude to the worthy member who so ably officiates at the bow, so producing fine musical notes for us.

We have seen that one of the students has some "Jew-like" tendencies, for he brings his ink to school in a very narrow-necked bottle, so that fountain pens cannot be filled from it.

We understand from our "anti-pugilistic" prefect that there is one single drop of ink on the floor of one of the new class rooms.

During a recent sports afternoon, this same prefect showed his willingness to fight anyone and everyone who came within his arms' reach.

There has been a question on our minds for some time why such an able cricketer as "Our Ted" should be included in the first eleven, and then have to play last man.

By all appearances, one of our English honours students has taken up golf, if trousers are anything to judge from.

Of late, between periods, we have heard sharp knocks on the back wall of our class room. We wonder what they could be?

It is not generally recognised that orange bathing caps suit male members, but it is so with one of the students of our class.

One of our members, "Peanut" by name, has by all appearances, gone back to the days of ancient archers, for we see arrow-like symbols upon his person.

At times, one is really forced to wonder with what company our French master was wont to associate during his sojourn in France. His command of such vocabulary as "parbleu," "ventrebleu," "sacrebleu," "diable," "hein," "hum," and his various translations of such, "odd bodkins," "gadzooks," "zounds," "holy smoke" "the dickens," and "hum hum" is really astounding.

We have had true cause to learn during the last few months that our history must be intensively and extensively studied, and that the task before us is stupendous and colossal and is of momentous importance.

We would certainly advise one of our female members not to hurl through the window such weapons as shoe heels at the Headmaster. Although she doubtless meant him no harm and merely wished him good luck, her act could quite easily have been misconstrued as an attempt against his life.

### 5B. CLASS NOTES.

At last we have reached fifth year, after a strenuous (?) fourth year. It seems incredible that we, who but a few years ago, looked up to and almost worshipped the fifths, should have at last attained that position of top year at school.

These notes are supposed to be 5B notes, but who can say what the composition of 5B is? Each lesson, the class assumes a different number of different people. It is therefore difficult to write notes which belong to 5B alone.

We have at last settled down to work again, after the long summer vacation. It was very hard indeed to bring ourselves back to school, but now we can all be seen wearing out good leather and using up good energy, climbing the hill every morning.

From the very beginning of our High School career we have heard it said that we were going to get a new High School **some day**. We are quite convinced now, however, that we shall never have the opportunity of working under better conditions at school. That is, if we have an ordinary amount of luck at the Leaving.

With regard to our scholastic progress, I fear we are not the most brilliant of classes, especially in Latin and Maths.

In a recent Latin period, one of our male members commenced translating his Cicero at about five words a second, before he realised that the joke was on him. The teacher had told a girl whose name commenced with the same letter to continue. Perhaps it was the only piece he could do! hence the anxiety to proceed.

The boys' Maths. teacher has a craze for breaking up the combination of certain sets of boys, by changing their places in the class. Is this lawful, for the honoured and respected maths master informs the injured

members that his law of changeability is not to be altered? It is like the law of the Medes and Persians, n'est-ce-pas?

The same master is going to inflict a dire penalty on all offenders in his lessons. He intends to ask "Jimmy" to say a few polite things to us in his own language.

"Rastus" did not enjoy the punishment inflicted upon him by his fellows for committing an unforgivable offence.

"M.R." and "L.S." are still like the Siamese twins, always together. Indeed, we wonder however they manage to part to go their homeward ways at 3.30. It must be a great strain for both of them.

The members of our class sincerely lament the transfer of Ardie Kay, the limerick man, to 5A.C. We are thankful to know, however, that he does not inspect foreign ships so often now.

### 5A.C. CLASS NOTES.

Although only recently inaugurated, the members of 5AC have, in many respects, become imbued with a certain amount of class spirit, and already the effect of such a creditable asset is making itself felt.

Another noteworthy asset to the class is the presence of a certain member, who, although "rather point device in his accoutrements," particularly his hair, disperses the gloom that oft hangs heavy over the heads of the toiling students by the exhibition of his extraordinary talent at music and conjuring.

One of our masters recently denied that the various members were over studious, in so far as "the blue eye and sunken" and the "lean cheek" of Shakespeare's student were undeniable absent. This statement gives rise to a point we wish to emphasise. Because many of our members are economic students, teachers have no grounds to assume that we do all manner of work with the least amount of effort.

The presence of a noted mathematician in our midst, who not only limits his capabilities to the study of maths, but also to cricket, is a factor which induces us to believe that great men of the future generally exhibit at an early age signs of their future eminence. His lectures on the fourth dimension are always well attended.

Our intensive study of Shakespeare's "As You Like It" often gives rise to the great embarrassment of the various members, particularly the young ladies. Intense embarrassment, however, is avoided as we do not possess Shakespeare's typical hero, a young man with blue eyes and "clustering locks of chestnut hair."

Thus the school world "wags" and we hope that all members will play their part in the course of the year in a manner creditable to the school.

#### 4A CLASS NOTES.

Hello everybody! 4A calling to the School!

Here we are again, a finer and a greater 4A than ever before, risen, phoenix-like from the glorious ashes of a deal 3A.

After having passed safely, and in many cases only just safely, through the narrow and tortuous passage between the reefs of examination difficulties, we have glided out at last into the placid haven, which we esteem to be the fourth year.

Despite the energenic efforts of the teachers to disillusion us, most of us still cling fondly to the idea of a restful fourth year.

Save for a few exceptions, the composition of 4A is much the same as last year's 3A, two or three unfortunates having, however, been dropped into 4B.

4A extends a very hearty welcome to the some half-dozen new-comers, all, by the way, belonging to the feminine section of the class, in hoping that they will not get disheartened by the unprepossessing behaviour of a certain Mr. L. regarding work.

By the way, this Mr. L. has a distinct predilection for obese people. He likes to have them in the front seat. Doesn't he Ella?

A certain member of our class is trying to live up to his distinguished name; he propounded the law that, under conditions, a pin will lift more than 10,000 times its own weight. This he has exhaustively proved by experiment. (Yes, the brute! I was one of his many victims.—Ed.)

Shellshear has had the shears over him. Three (s) cheers!

A meeting was held by our class, the other day, to consider contributing to an ear trumpet for our English master, through which to listen to names. The Scotch opposition was too strong, however, and so we had to let the matter drop.

According to one master, there is too much underhand work in this class. Sorry, my mistake, of course there is no work at all; it's underhand talking that's referred to.

It is reported by creditable eye-witnesses that a teacher whose height exceeds the average, is fast becoming a dare-devil speed fiend.

According to one member of our class, a certain English teacher goes about in fear of his life from gun-play. Ask dare-devil Keith, the Terror of the Border.

Our Maths. master often makes us think of that famous poem, "Our Andy's gone with cattle now." We don't say we go aroving, but sometimes in his lessons our minds go roving.

Finally, we wish to know if it is fact that they give free hair-cuts with motor bikes now.

#### 4A.C.

While pursuing the study of a social science we were informed by our worthy instructor that while Miss \_\_\_\_\_ had our class one could hear a pin drop. The only solution which we can offer to this is that we must have been asleep.

W. Simon, one of our new arrivals from Hamilton Intermediate High School, vice-captained a Newcastle cricket team against Sydney a few weeks ago. He put up a creditable performance and was among the top scorers. Last year, Simon was a member of the New South Wales team which toured Queensland.

The other day Mr. F\_\_\_\_\_ was explaining to our class the gas laws and just by the way he remarked that there were no perfect gases, and he said, in fact, that there is hardly anything that is perfect.

Taking a tip from this, one of our bright little geniuses remarked that there was no perfect teacher. "But," retorted Mr. F\_\_\_\_\_, "there are some perfect idiots."

"W.S." placidly ruminates over his private study, much to the disgust of our modern language teacher, who politely, but firmly, refers him to the school grounds as an excellent grazing area.

Some members of 4A.C. are doomed to be great economists, judging from the way they argue in Economic lessons.

Miss \_\_\_\_\_ informed certain members of this class that there was a time and place for holding each others hands—experience tells.

Members of 4AC who are going on the Kosciusko trip had better not take the advice of Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ as they will find it rather cold.

If the school is to hold a boxing contest this year, Fat R. will be an entrant in the flyweight division, while Willie S. will be a very formidable opponent in the heavyweight division.

#### 4AC GIRLS' CLASS NOTES.

"The day will come when every Freeman will come forth and rush to the Waters of the Shannon," said Henderson, "and proclaim that he or she is a Scott." This will set the ball rolling with the result that every Miller will Handel the Golden Bedstead and each wife will Pat-erson on the back and say, 'Allan-son,' and put every Scott into what will be called a Macquarie. But the Scott (s) will encourage their sons with "Let us not Si-mon and remain not be-Hinde when the hour of battle approaches."

And forthwith they took a Gill of water and had it blessed by the Dean who Canning it said, "O'Neile before the Altar," and with their Bowie knives they sallied forth; and then rose MacDonald and said to O'Donnell, "Lang-ley, the King," and O'Donnell said, "Einsaar (I answer) a-Minn(s)."

Pompe prepared a fish for Carsius and said, "Dear little Trebonius, pick the bones out of that," but Trebonius made answer, "In sooth I cannot, for 'tis but 'ripe. Such an oterashun would be unshootable as this is the angle we are concerned with."

"Oh! it is shootable enough or I'd fire you out, but as an alternative I could send you out to browse."

"Now class-s-s-s the—er—hysterical background of the—er—nineteenth century is—er—is—er—. Well! we must consider the—er—main influences of the—er—theorem of—er—Revolution, which is—er—slightly incompatible with the—er—religious beliefs of the—er—Romans."

"Three little maids from school are we, commonly called 'The Dauntless Three,' but not every class has a pair."

We offer a substantial reward for any one who can suggest a new diet for Charmaine. At present he feeds on wooden rulers.

Consult Blossom, the Oracle, especially for affairs of the heart.

EXIT 4AC.

### 3A GIRLS' CLASS NOTES.

Oh yes, we are 3A! who has ever left off reminding us that we are those unhappy persons? Unhappy, because we're fated to be thrown to that dreadful dragon, Examination, at the end of the year, although we do hope that when 3A's turn comes, its mouth will have suddenly become enlarged and we will all be able to pass easily through, for this dragon's mouth is only a door leading into a strange land called Fourth Year, a land where students are daily tortured by Mathematics, but also daily comforted by English.

Still, in other ways, we are certainly not unhappy. Even if on hot days our room is like an incubator, we have our bad egg, W.W., who does his best to enliven our existence and often succeeds.

It really is a pity, K.H., but the name of the person whom you advise to try castor oil for crankiness has been lost.

Amies Mo Neel and Grundy Filbert, oh dear! what's the matter? I'm getting slightly mixed up but you know who I mean (do you think the fact that the electric light is behind me is the cause of it, J.J.?) have for a long time acted as Post Office for "A Certain Party."

Do Class Notes mean notes written in class (if so, I.M. had better turn out her desk and pass them over) notes written about class or notes written for class?

I wonder, Johannah, if Mr. W. would pass this definition of a circle (the shortest one possible) "straight line caught bending"?

No, J.C., it certainly is not permissible to ask where flies go in winter. Neither is it right for you to answer E. Jr. that they go skating on W.W.'s head, because someone might feel offended.

Ques.: "If K.H. or A.H. were wound up at 7.30 in the morning, when would they run down?"

Ans.: "They would run down when the length of their tongues would equal."

Our Prefect has begun to take singing lessons, and gives us the benefit of hearing her practice the scales every morning in lessons, particularly in Maths.

Anyone in 3A requiring to make himself pretty with ink sketches, please go to Miss Eva and Miss Joyce C., who open their shop in English lessons

There is an old saying about a storm in a teacup. Yesterday there was a very big storm in an ink bottle.

And now our dear friends, since you've met us before,  
We will only, can only say a sweet au revoir;  
Good luck to the Fifth Year's, good luck to us all,  
For though much we regret it now our curtain must fall.

3A GIRLS.

### 3B CLASS NOTES.

We consider ourselves real personages now that we are 3B! But alas, the room leaves rather much to be desired when the windows are propped up with furniture legs (chairs, tables, etc.), because refusing to stay up of their own accord. Nevertheless, our room's never empty while we have a Tennant!

Our class poet has been busy, hence the small poem (?)

What is he?  
He is born on the rocks  
And is bait for the fishes.  
Oyster.

We are not really understood by our heartless teachers who say we are the champion class in the school—at talking.

This is one of our little band's opinion of us, which, in our opinion, is really true:—

The pupils of 3B excel in many things.

- (1) Manners (refer to our Latin teacher for verification).
- (2) Neatness (ask our Maths. teacher).
- (3) Work as a whole (ask any 3B teacher).

Another effort of our class poet is:—

It's strange the lack of inspiration we show,  
When asked to contribute to the "Novo."

We have elected our prefects for the year. 3B now bows in respect to the supremacy of our new prefect (or perfect), "Sir" Robert Harvey.

Now we have aspired the height of 3B, we have become much more prominent in school affairs. Two extraordinary lucky members of our class have even had the honour of giving a (mouth) organ recital to Mr. Harvey.

### 3AC CLASS NOTES.

Cheerio! here we are again, back to the land of ink and paper, ready to work for our big examination at the end of the year. We have some new members in our class this term. They are—C. Sullivan from Cook's Hill, R. Miller from Wellington, R. Hindmarsh from Grafton, and J. May from Kempsey. We welcome them all and hope that they will do much to uphold the prestige of the best class of the school, 3AC.

Also we have lost a good many of our former class mates, viz: R. Thompson (now attending Newcastle Business College), E. McCrae (who is working in a stationery shop), M. Illingsworth, now residing in Sydney; M. Frost, who is staying at home; J. Calderwood, working in an office, and B. Neave, who is also working in a stationer's shop. We also miss our fun promoters, A. Jarman, A. Robertson and H. Mathewson.

Questions we would like answered:—

- (1) Will "Lofty" never grow?
- (2) What Shakesperian character in "Twelfth Night" was "shaved"?
- (3) How was the glass broken?
- (4) Who said "Call her Aspro"?
- (5) How many necklaces has M—————?
- (6) Why does a very small boy in our class create such a disturbance during Maths. periods?

Our class members have been very mixed lately, for one individual has informed us that twice times three is six, and another that two plus ten makes eleven.

Well, dear folk, all that the poor pupils of 3AC hear now is "Get on with that problem; you ought to know that that is the basis of all your algebra for the intermediate" or "Don't miss this note, it is of vital importance," etc. Now, we are sure that you will agree with us that this would drive one frantic but still, we have something to look forward to, for, when the intermediate examination is over we shall be able to breathe free air again. Yet we will do our best to uphold the honour of our dear old school for ever, and so never allow the words "Newcastle High School" to be erased from our page of history.

We must leave you all now.

We are, yours ever hopeful,  
THE ILLUSTRIOUS 3AC.

#### 2A

Second year's, the stormy passage of first year finished, sailing smoothly (?) over the calm waters of second year.

We have a certain person, A.A., in our class, famous for his tadpoles and big feet. It has been said that although our new classroom is preferable to our previous one, by the time A.A.'s feet get inside there is not much room for anything else.

Another witty person gives his opinion of K.S.'s bad memory (which is known to most of our teachers who set home work). He says that K.S. has water on the brain—it freezes in winter and subsequently everything slips his memory.

We also have a poet among our number who wrote the following lines:—

The schoolgirls' favourite is Mr. Gibbs,  
The boys' hair he pulls and tickles their ribs.

Another member of our class stated ruefully of the same teacher, as he, our class-member, cautiously touched his ear, that, "He has a soft spot for girls, but a hard hand for boys."

The boys wish that a certain prefect would not tell the girls of our class not to look at the boys drilling as it distracts their attention. This gives the girls swelled heads and life is becoming almost unbearable with them in class.

Someone wants to know if it is a record that the windows of our new room have remained intact for a fortnight.

#### 2B

Here we are again as 2B, but not from the old dungeon of last year do we greet you, for we now inhabit the new portable. Of course it is hardly necessary to state that the class is working doubly hard here and progressing favourably. The smell of new paint in the air has enlivened us to such an extent one teacher calls it "demoralizing." One of our members, a girl (apologies to the sex), has, for some time past been known as "Simp." One boy has suggested a sign be printed and attached to her head bearing the words, "Vacancies Within."

Our prefects (noble people) would be able to attend to their duties more thoroughly if they both weren't bullied so much by Clifford and Parkinson.

The girls are constantly obtaining "impots" for watching the boys drill. We wish the prefect-in-charge would not be so comical in his actions. Our Latin is very good, more or less—the teacher says very much less.

To the order that all ink must be cleaned up, our clumsy one adds:—  
You may scrub, you may rub.

The ink spill if you will,

But red marks for danger cling around the floor still.

We've been reading "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The most natural part is that wherein Demetrius falls asleep—he is always doing so.

The boys think "Sweet Hermia" knows how to blush, and, although the "ass" is a bit of a "goat," the girl with semi-Eton thinks he has a charming smile.

"Simp" writes of 2B :—

Now, in these little verses I'll try hard to tell,  
All the faults of 2B and virtues as well,  
If you please, don't attempt to find fault with the rhyme,  
As our Latin and French need the whole of our time.

In our class there are just thirty-six on the roll,  
And we all do our very best work on the whole ;  
But a few boys are lazy, just careless, or slow,  
And they answer, "I can't sir," or just "I dunno !"

Now I've named a few good points, and also some bad,  
And to make up this poem, quite a thinking I've had ;  
I'm no poet you know, as these verses will tell,  
So I'll put down my pen for there goes the bell !

Clifford does not heed the proverb, "Self praise is no recommendation," for he writes :—

The 2B boys are happy,  
We never fight,  
We never quarrel,  
In fact we never disagree.

Take Stanley Dix. for instance,  
A sleepy lad is he,  
But still he is a scholar,  
Sleepy as he be.

Murchison is a smart "loring,"  
With all his four eyes a-rolling,  
He copies all his French home-work  
From poor old Darky Rolings.

A wily lad is Merrilees,  
He plays about in school,  
And when supposed to learn some Maths.,  
He always acts the fool.

I've told you of all the bad lads,  
But now I'll tell you straight,  
The two best men among them,  
Are Clifford and his mate.

2C

A certain member of 2C candidly admits that his legs are too long, so he had at one time to sit sideways, but he has since been removed to a more comfortable seat. It is to be hoped that in the new school arm-chairs will be issued by the Department for each individual.

Another little boy, whose first name is Charles, has just entered the third degree of life, namely, long trousers. He dislikes being teased about them, and calls those who tease him ignorant fools. This member of the class gets tired after Wednesday's strenuous (?) sport.

Hair oil is becoming quite popular in 2C lately. There is one member of the class whose hair has suddenly become saturated with machine oil (so we think). Stone, Maddison and Miller are the big hits in the oil trade. Hair cuts are also becoming quite popular.

When we first came into our present room there were few roof decorations, but they speedily increased. Our French teacher, noticing this, made the boys knock them down with the duster. Consequently we is gradually being knocked off the walls.

needed another one. Our duster very often is used as a ball, and the dust

We, of course, consider ourselves the Latin experts, and we are quite sure Mr. Lynch agrees with us. We are often known to work hard for him—after school hours. It is noticeable that Mr. Lynch has been using Mr. Gibbes' methods of teaching lately.

Nicknames are very plentiful in this class among the boys. One boy is known as "Dead Legs," "Useless" and "Fathead." Another delights in the name of "Horatio," and still another is called "Tin Hare." P—, J— and M— are called "The Three Bad Men" by one teacher—why, we don't know.

M— took a great liking to the floor recently when he attempted to reach it by falling off his stool backwards.

We are wondering where Telford thought he had to go when Mr. Foster asked him to get Mr. Fitzpatrick's umbrella from the laboratory.

A young lad named Murray (no relation to the famous escapologist) has been elected representative for 2nd Year tennis. Congratulations!

There is a certain small boy in our class who knows words bigger than himself, and we think he must have swallowed a few dictionaries before he put his word list on the board.

1A

"Here we are, the good 1A.  
Good at work and good at play ;  
Ever ready, to be sure.

When the bell goes, to be out the door.

Although 1A consists of new entrants to the High School, it is progressing very favourably.



Betty James is the Girls' Prefect, and Len Deed is the Prefect of the Boys of 1A.

The "Boy Charlton" of 1A is Mervyn Johnston, who swims as fast as a "Tin Hare" can travel.

The long and short of the class is Strang and Browne.

Betty James hopes to swim the Channel—some day.

Joyce Bluett is the budding authoress of the class judging by her essays.

Miss Fletcher is pleased with the Geometry results obtained by 1A (we don't think). Ollis is the Geometry expert of the class (?).

"Brown" is the chief colour of 1A. Hingst is trying hard to be able to annex the Davis Cup, and if he keeps up he may have a chance of doing so.

Just before we close :—Why won't "Miss Australia" require a wash for at least another fifty years? Because Bond's have hosed her for life.

We must say "bye-bye" now as our supply of news is exhausted.

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### 1B

We arrived about a fortnight late owing to lack of accommodation. Two new rooms were constructed to allow us to enter. The room in which 1B were placed, commonly known as the dungeon, is the stuffiest in the school; still we hope to survive till the new school is erected, and meanwhile we brighten the room with flowers and wave our arms on hot days to create a breeze.

There are over forty children in our class and they came from about twenty different primary classes. Most of us know one another now as we have been here for about three weeks.

We were never acquainted before with subjects such as Latin, Science and French. The change of teachers for each subject was a new experience. The few minutes' break between lessons is much appreciated by all.

Another new experience was the election of Prefects and sports representatives. The Prefects elected were Gladys Merrion and Arthur Taylor. The latter appears to be our foremost aquatic performer, who, in the school Carnival, won both under 14 years and under 16 years diving championships. Our sports representatives are Peggy Harker and Ern Payne. The former represented us with some success in the junior breast-stroke event. The latter, owing to illness, was unable to compete. Barnes appears to be a likely cricketer as he reached double figures in his first game.

We like attending the High School because of the new friends and new lessons. The boys are pleased with themselves for defeating the girls twice in mathematics. Still the girls may triumph at other subjects, and as long as 1B does well at lessons and sport we can feel that the dungeon contains one of the best classes of First Year.

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### 1C

Jacko was a carpenter  
 (At least he tried to be),  
 He had a little chest of tools,  
 From off a Christmas Tree.

Now Dingle was a speed-hog  
 (He went as fast as a snail on a log),  
 He had a little motor-bike which ran on ale,  
 Which he had purchased at an auction sale.

Rub-a-dub-dub,  
 Three lads in a tub,  
 And who do you think they be—  
 There's Wong, Jacko and Dingle,  
 All out of good 1C.

There is an awful insect called the "Mossie." It breeds in stagnant water. The "Mossie" sometimes alights on the dingo's back and then goes and bites a human being, giving him or her the "Dingo Fever." The best (?) way to kill "Mossies" is to tie their legs up with rope, tickle their ribs with an axe, and throw lust down their throats and choke 'em.

"La Bebe" would like to know why she was christened that name by a certain language teacher.

What boy came top in a recent history essay? (Two over Twenty)

Why do people pick the lockers of 1C when they want to take ink?

Surely the N.H.S. can pick a fine day out of the 365 to hold our Swimming Carnival.

Our teacher has just decided that we are going to have French instead of Phonetics.



## CRICKET.

The cricket results for the Xmas term were fairly satisfactory.

Both 1st and 2nd Grade competitions during the past season were won by E.M.H.S., and our 1st and 2nd Eleven "A" teams were runners-up in each case.

In the last half of the season the first eleven began by going down badly to Maitland, losing by 7 wickets and some 80 runs on the first innings.

The next match, however, against Marist Bros., was won by 30 runs, and the last against Maitland H.S. by one run.

Many changes were made in the team in the course of the season, both with a view to its immediate improvement, and an eye on next season. Of the new men thus brought in, Letcher has abundantly justified himself. He has improved in every department of the game, and is, perhaps, our most dangerous bowler. Charge is shaping excellently, and should be our best bat next year.

Evens, too, has proved his worth, and put some much needed aggressiveness into the batting. Unfortunately, King who made top score in the match in which we defeated Maitland, left school at Xmas, though he had only completed his first year.

The second eleven "A" team escaped with a draw against Maitland at Waratah, and were very lucky to do so, although thanks to a fine innings of 71 by King they reached 200 runs, their highest total during the season.

In their next match, they had an easy outright win over Marist Bros., George making 75, and Charge 48.

They were easily beaten by Maitland at Maitland, and ended the season by defeatin the 2nd Eleven "B" team on the first innings.

This team suffered naturally from constant changes, as men were taken up into, or dropped from the 1st eleven. The batting was undependable, but apart from those already mentioned, Papfield and Rudd scored well at times. The bowling was weak, though Grisdale and Noble bowled well on occasions, and was inadequately supported by the field, while the captaincy was downright bad.

The 2nd eleven "B" team went down to the "A" team, as already mentioned, and were badly beaten by Maitland, but gained a fine outright win against Marist Bros., thanks to a hard hit 129 by Harivel.

This team owed much to Collins, who bowled consistently well throughout the season, and also had, in Smith, the best wicket-keeper in the school.

The present season has opened well. Owing to the withdrawal of Marist Bros., a new competition has been arranged, the only two schools engaged, being E.M.H.S. and ourselves, and the teams consisting of 1st Eleven, 2nd Eleven, and one team composed of boys who will be under 15 years of age next December.



The first round was played on February 22nd and 29th. The 1st and 2nd Elevens met the corresponding Maitland teams at Newcastle, and both won their matches, the 1st eleven by 33 runs on the first innings, the 2nd eleven by 32 runs outright.

For the 1st eleven, K. Williams batted very nicely for 40 runs, and Letcher and Lawrence bowled well. The fielding was generally good, and Williams held the team together well.

For the 2nd Eleven, George and Harivel made 39 and 29 runs respectively, and Collins took 12 wickets for 39 runs.

The 14 year olds, journeyed to Maitland, and were overwhelmingly defeated.

So far as the prospects for the current season are concerned, everything looks bright enough in the two upper grades.

We could do with a little more aggressiveness in the batting of the 1st eleven, but the team is capable of getting plenty of runs. The bowling is good and varied, the wicket-keeping and fielding are thoroughly sound, and the team is well led.

The 2nd Eleven has at least one really good bowler, and a most promising batsman in Patfield, while George and Harivel should continue their successes in this grade.

The prospects for next year, however, are not so good, and it is to be hoped that some arrangements will be made for practice during the Xmas term, as the proportion of fifth year boys in both first and second elevens is very large.

## FOOTBALL.

The difficulties in the way of arranging a proper football competition are already causing some of us grave concern.

At present, all we have been able to do is to arrange games with E.M.H.S., where we shall send four teams on May 1st, a 1st XV, a team under 9st. 7lbs., one under 8st. 7lbs., and one under 7 stone. If Marist Brothers can put in four similar teams all will be well, as the 9st. 7lbs. team will give the 1st XV some much needed opposition at practice.

The 1st XV should be fairly strong, and if properly coached, at least as good as last year's, but the quality of the other teams must depend so much on the amount of time which masters are prepared to give to coaching that it is impossible to forecast their probable strength until we know what assistance will be given. The material last year was good enough for anything, had the boys been well looked after.

It would be a good thing both in cricket and football if some matches could be arranged with Sydney schools. The first eleven should make a creditable showing against any metropolitan High School, and I have no doubt that the first fifteen will be able to do as much.

## SWIMMING.

The Annual Swimming Carnival was held at Newcastle Baths, on Thursday, 15th March, in very bad weather. Some events had to be abandoned, and for others there were no competitors, which was not surprising in the circumstances. Good times were, of course, not to be expected, but Moyes swam well in the 50 yards and 100 yards Championships.

During the past season there has been a marked improvement in the Girls' swimming, thanks to the efforts of Messrs. Burgess, Rose and Bignall, who have been coaching them practically every afternoon.

Among the most improved swimmers are Nora Einsaar and Barbara McCormack, Nancy Lees is the most promising breast-stroke swimmer.

Nora Einsaar, Cecily and Le Sullivan, Nancy Lees, Enid Thomas and Betty Giles will be going to Sydney to represent the school in the Combined High School Carnival. Newcastle at present holds the Country High School Shield. The donation of a cup by Mr. George Dick, is much appreciated by the school. This cup has been awarded for the greatest number of points won in the Annual Swimming Carnival—the winner this year is Lee Sullivan.

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### GIRLS'

The girls' swimming has improved considerably this season, owing to the enthusiasm and interest shown in the new relays and competitions, introduced by Miss Skinner. New life-saving classes have also been organised and are progressing well, under the tuition of our new sports' mistress, Miss Kelly.

—N. EINSAAR, Swimming Representative.

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### BOYS'

This branch of sport at N.H.S. has met with the usual success of previous seasons.

The life-savers commenced work early in the season, and, under the able tuition of Mr. Ireland and I. Munro, gained certificates and medals. The school regrets the departure of the late sportsmaster, Mr. Ireland, whose untiring efforts brought N.H.S. to the fore in many branches of sport.

The school sent a team to Sydney, but our swimmers were unsuccessful against the "cracks of the State."

The Annual Carnival was held at the baths last week. There was a good attendance, but the weather was unfavorable. Owing to a southerly gale, the races were held in 50 yards sections at the southern end of the baths. This condition benefitted the weaker swimmers in 100 yards races.

On the whole, the carnival was a success. The girls showed more enthusiasm than the boys, and dared the wind to do its worst, as they faced the water.

Thanks are due to Mr. Walker, who showed great ingenuity by venturing on to the wet cement in knickerbockers, barefooted. The Committee also desires to thank Mr. Ian Munro for his excellent work as starter. Be it even so, we could go on thanking each teacher individually for his or her work, so now we take the privilege of thanking the whole staff for their efforts at the carnival.

Up-to-date, there have been no drowning fatalities. Young aspirants for diving honours should be warned from swarming up the new 20 foot tower like ants, as a fall to the concrete below might end disastrously.

The season is now drawing to a close and swimmers should make the most of the remaining days.

SECRETARY.

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### BOYS' TENNIS.

During the last six months the boys who participate in this sport have been fortunate in having the use of three courts, the two Commercial Club Courts, and one of the Reid Park Courts, and they have been able to obtain a fair amount of practice.

As usual, during the swimming season, tennis has suffered considerably, as swimming seems more popular in the hot weather, so that the numbers present have been relatively small. During the winter season more than 40 boys take tennis, and the number is hard to cope with, despite the fact that three courts are available.

Matches have been very few to date, mainly due to the scarcity of suitable opponents. An enjoyable game was played at the beginning of this year against the ex-students. The ex-students had a strong team, and defeated us 7 sets to 3. The games, however, were fairly even. We hope to play Maitland and Cook's Hill in the near future, and as our team is stronger than last year we are confident of success.

At the end of last year, Les Snape and L. Donaldson journeyed to Sydney to participate in the High Schools Championship. Donaldson was defeated in the semi-final of the Singles Championship, but Snape and Donaldson, in the doubles, were successful in reaching the final, in which they were defeated 8-6 after a well-contested set. At one stage they held a lead of 5-2, but their opponents having more experience on turf courts, won by consistent play.

The "A" team now consists of Donaldson, Rudd, G. Clack and Porter.

In conclusion, we wish to welcome into our midst Mr. Roberts, our new tennis master, who has already shown great interest in us.

A tournament handicap was conducted on the Commercial Courts, in the beginning of the year, Singles and Doubles, K. Dyet winning the Singles, and Dyet and partner the Doubles.

—L. DONALDSON.

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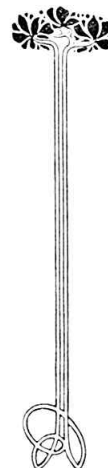
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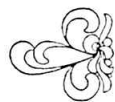
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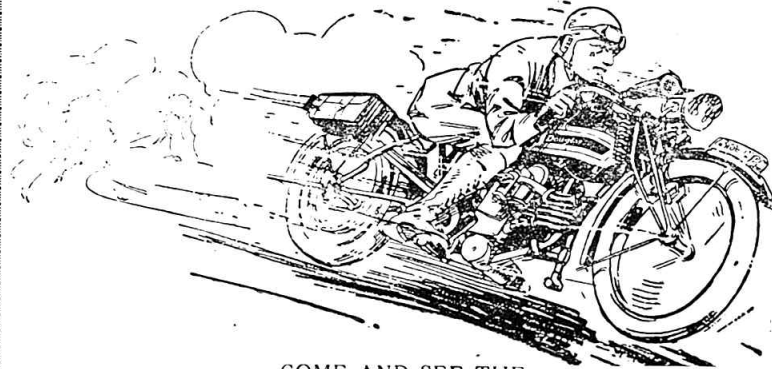
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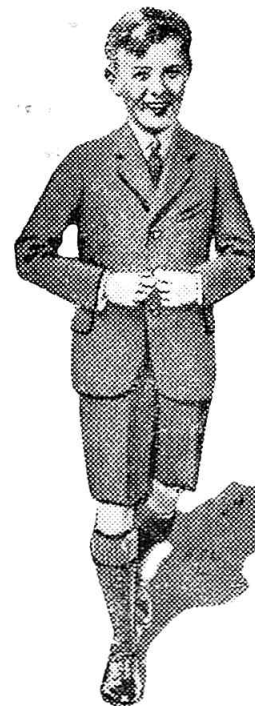
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