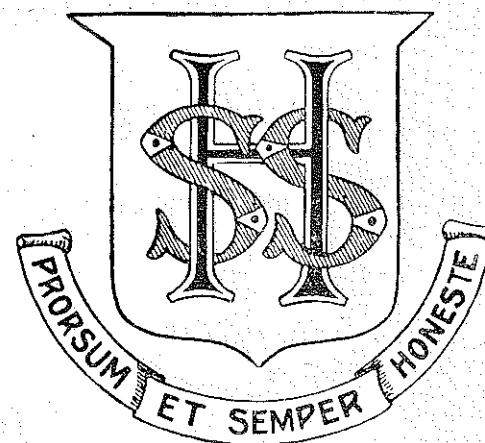




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EDITORIAL FOREWORD.**THE TEST OF ABILITY.**

In the everyday management of all large institutions, banks, shops, factories, schools, in agriculture and in mining, there are certain lucrative positions open to candidates for promotion. In the majority of cases these institutions give the best paid positions to the "able" competing candidates. The fact which largely determines the award of a better position with its fatter pay envelope is the ability of a person to rise to an emergency. When a battleship is being fitted with big guns the guns are first tested—not by a normal charge of explosive, but by an amount considerably above the normal. If the gun is not sufficiently strong to withstand the increased charge it is discarded. In the serious battles of to-day no one knows what emergency the gun will have to meet.

Right through the battle of life we are constantly confronted by emergencies that demand tremendous reserve power, mighty momentum, and quick decisions. Everyday faculties and everyday ability are all right for ordinary demands, but emergencies call for qualities of another kind and a different degree of power. In our school life we have the opportunity of accustoming ourselves to meet the unforeseen, to meeting crises. Who of us has not met in an examination paper some question that was out of the ordinary run of questions? Who of us has not had to face in the playground some tactics on the part of our opponents which we had not expected?

All of us have known opportunities when we, by being prepared, could have influenced the tone of the school for the better. Those who expect to do anything of importance must be prepared for the possible emergencies. To do this we must be flanked and buttressed on every side by preparation, by education, and by training. The great secret of success, the great test of ability, is to be ready for the unexpected.

Many a pupil fails in after life because he did not think it necessary to prepare for something better. He was not willing to pay the price (in the shape of work, sacrifice, or energy) for this preparation. He followed routine—which is easy. He stumbles over figures because he slumped the harder problems at school. He does not write a good hand because he hated the drudgery of practising good writing.

Because they put so little into them is the reason why so many person's lives are mean and "juiceless." Meagre is their harvest, because they sowed bad seed in an uncultivated life. We cannot take out of a bank more than we put in, neither can our lives yield more than we put into them. The great test of ability, then, is to rise to an emergency. Our efforts at school should be to prepare ourselves for meeting the unforeseen. Are we all doing it?

VALE.

It is with feelings of regret that we record the departure of a member of our staff—Miss Spotswood, the supervising teacher of "C1."

On the occasion of her last visit to the School a pleasant function took place in Room "C1." James Turner, one of the prefects of the class, voiced the general regret felt at the departure of their teacher. On behalf of the class he wished Miss Spotswood all future happiness and

prosperity, and presented her with a handsome set of carvers as a memento of their appreciation of the interest and enthusiasm she has displayed in all that concerned the welfare of the class and of the school.

A similar ceremony took place later in the afternoon, when Mr. Miller, on behalf of the staff, presented Miss Spotswood with a salad bowl on a silver stand, and spoke of the excellent work done by her during her sojourn at the school.

The best wishes of the whole school and of the staff go with Miss Spotswood—or shall we say Mrs. Gleadow?—to her future home.

PREFECTS' NOTES.

Several meetings of the Prefects have been held during the present Term, when general matters concerning the welfare of the school were brought forward and discussed. It was reported that the habit of throwing paper about the rooms was on the wane, as also was the bannister trouble. The system of appointing Monitors to look after the board, teachers' tables, etc., was giving good results. A list is exhibited in each Class-room setting forth the Monitor for each week in the Term. It is the duty of these Monitors to make the ink and distribute it each Monday morning, or at any other time when it is required; to clean the blackboard after every period, and see that chalk and dusters are ready; to keep the tables clean, and look after the room generally. This system is in existence also in the Lower School, where there is the extra duty of arranging the desks and forms for Wednesday afternoon. The chief trouble is with the dusters, which are continually being mislaid, necessitating frequent journeys into the other rooms for borrowing purposes. However, we hope this will soon be remedied. The Prefects received a kind invitation during the Term to a Physiography expedition to Distillery Creek, and those who took advantage of it spent a very pleasant and instructive afternoon.

DUCES OF SCHOOL (First Term, 1915).

"B1" and "B2"—Raymond Atkinson (Dux of School).
 "C1"—Beattie Ponsonby. "C2"—Jack Skemp.
 "D1" (Teachers)—Elmie London. "D1" (Secondary)—Olive Kidd.
 "D2"—Noel McLeod. "D3"—Francis Carey.

OLD SCHOLARS' COLUMN.**OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION.**

The Editor wishes to call particular attention to this section of the Magazine. Members of the staff and present scholars join in wishing the newly-formed Association every success. This section is the embodiment of the end which we have always had in view—namely, that of making the Magazine not the particular property of scholars within our walls, but, instead, the property of all who have ever been scholars of the School. "The Northern Churinga" is the official organ of the Old Scholars' Association, and every issue will contain several pages entirely devoted to news of old scholars. In all future issues we will publish the names and

addresses of all members of the Association. Any change in address or promotion in work will be duly noted if the General Secretary is advised of it not later than the end of the second month in each Term. The same time limit applies to contributions from ex-scholars to any of our columns, which will be appreciated, and should be forwarded direct to the Editor.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

The inaugural meeting of the Old Scholars' Association was held on Friday, April 16, 1915, at the old School. The Principal (Mr. Miller) was voted to the chair, and he addressed the old scholars to some length in explaining the objects of the Association, and how it was to be conducted.

It was resolved to form an Old Scholars' Association. A constitution was drawn up, and if members have not received a copy they should apply to the General Secretary. It is important that all members should have a copy and know its contents. The following office-bearers were elected:

Patron—R. O. M. Miller, B.A.

Vice-Patrons—Messrs. R. H. Crawford, A. L. Brockett, and Rev. J. W. Bethune.

President—A. J. Coombes, B.A.

Vice-Presidents—Miss Rockwell, Messrs. W. P. Listner, and W. Grace.

General Secretary—Tom G. Johnston, 22 Patterson-street, Launceston.

Assistant Secretaries—Miss Alison Bradshaw, Canning-street, Launceston, and Mr. Matt. Wise, Upper High-street, Launceston.

Auditors—Messrs. L. Collins and E. McIvor.

General Committee—Misses R. Good, D. Blewitt, and B. Jensen; Messrs. W. Geard, R. Barling, and L. Collins.

A general meeting was held in the Association rooms, at the School, on May 3, Mr. Coombes in the chair, and election of Vice-Patron already mentioned, followed. It was with regret that the resignation of Miss Bradshaw (Assistant Secretary) was received. As the result of a ballot Miss Amy Munro, Cimitiere-street, Launceston, was elected to fill the position of Lady Assistant Secretary, and we feel sure we have secured a valuable worker.

We have received several letters from Old Scholars in the country who have joined the Association, and will assist as members. The following wish to be remembered to Old Scholars and the Principal:—Thelma Rockcliffe, Alice Mann, Willie Mason, Basil Kildea, Alex. Marshall, Ivan Briggs, Gordon Stokes, W. Mason, and Wilfred Rockcliffe.

Members and intending members are reminded that their subscriptions should be paid at once, so as to be financial. The subscription is 5s. per annum. This includes the annual subscription to the Magazine.

Correspondence is invited between country scholars and town scholars. The General Secretary has the address of all old scholars, and can supply same to any member. Any member who desires to contribute to this portion of the Magazine is cordially invited to do so. All information pertaining to the Association can be obtained from the General Secretary, who invites correspondence.

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The General Committee met on Friday, April 23, to draw up and pass the constitution. Mr. Coombes occupied the chair, with a full attendance of members. A constitution was drawn up and passed on the motion of A. Bradshaw, seconded by W. Geard. The constitution may be had from the General Secretary. The meeting then adjourned. News of other meetings is held over through lack of space.

SOCIAL NEWS.

On Monday evening, May 31, at the King's Hall, we held a social evening, to which the third year scholars were invited. An excellent musical programme was rendered, items being contributed by Misses Duff, Hughes, and Jacobson, and Messrs. Collins and Daymond. Several competitions were held, and numerous interesting games were indulged in. An enjoyable supper was then handed round, and a speech by the Patron (Mr. Miller), followed by the singing of the school song and the National Anthem brought the evening to a close. A very pleasant time was spent by all present, to the number of about fifty, and great credit is due to Misses Rockwell, Munro, Jensen, Good, and Blewitt, and Messrs. Listner, Wise, and Collins, who formed the committee, for the untiring zeal with which they worked to make the social a success which it was.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

The Old Boys have formed a football team, which has the name of "Churinga." Reg. Barling is captain and Wilfred Geard is vice-captain, with Matt. Wise as secretary. We have only played one match, which was against the School Firsts, on Monday, June 7. It resulted in a win for the School by a fairly substantial margin. The scores were: School, 12 goals 8 behinds; "Churinga," 3 goals 3 behinds. Those who did most for the School were Munro, Cunningham, Rosevears, and Fahey, while for "Churinga" Geard, Kitt, Baker, and Wise. We hope next time we meet the School we will have the services of our captain, and perhaps it will have a different issue. We wish the School boys every success when they play the Southern boys on the 19th.

A girls' tennis club was formed, and Dorothy Blewett was elected secretary. Though she tried every means to secure a court she was unable to get one, so we will have to wait till we can share the School's court.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Wilfred Rockcliffe came in to town recently. He growls because he is too young to get a motor license.

Roland Rule was second in Tasmania in the Commonwealth Civil Service exam. Well done!

Ralph Anderson, serving on H.M.A.S. Sydney, wrote to us from the Bermudas, where the ship is engaged on patrol work.

Jessie Cumming wishes she was back for the hockey season. She lives near Burnie.

Marjorie Smith will be in town during the winter. We hope to see her.

Bob Stevens had an accident with his motor bike. It caught fire.

Tom Johnstone immediately wrote asking him to insure it with his company.

Eileen Kildea sent an apology for non-attendance at the Old Scholars' social.

Reg. Barling gets mentioned in the press after every football match.

Bob Docking, we believe, has obtained a position in the Commercial Bank. He is the third of our 1913 lot who are working in that bank.

Hugh Higgs is building mansions out at Deloraine. Surely he is not getting married.

Irene Bryan is remaining in Launceston after all.

Frank Taylor may go to Sydney.

Becky Good is an energetic member of the Association.

Now, Old Scholars, send us a par of your doings.

Reg. Watson writes from the Tingira to say he was second in the whole ship in the seamanship examination.

Florrie Lees sends a view of Gordon River.

THE NOVELISTS' CORNER.

THE TALE OF A HORSE.

By "Papanui."

"Have you ever heard of Dohbin? No, of course you haven't. You naturally conclude it's a horse. Well, you're right. It was a horse. It was 'the' horse."

To begin with, let me tell you I never hankered after that horse nor he after me. Probably the horse had learnt by experience—probably I had. You see, it happened this way: I went into the stable to feed him, when, what should he do but give my arm a sharp nip—probably something by the way—probably his way of shaking hands—probably to test my muscle. I know not what. There was a pin in my coat sleeve, and that pin remained in the horse's jaws. That horse never bit my arm again—presumably the flavour wasn't to his liking.

That wasn't the only thing I had against that horse. The way he could waggle his ears, stand on his legs one at a time and kick with the other three, would have made any acrobat jealous. He was a great financier. Now you say, "What nonsense to say about a horse!" Well, he was, because he had the knack of making both ends meet. I've often seen him bite his own tail.

Well, at this stage an old pal of mine, Willie, who had a great opinion of his horsemanship, essayed to break that horse in. Forthwith, accompanied by his faithful dog, Fido, he marches with due pomp to the stable. The doors are thrown ceremoniously aside. Willie then announced his intention of watching the horse a little first, while the dog remained stock still at the door. Now, if ever there was a dog who thought his head was stowed full of knowledge it was that dog. There he stood—a Napoleon's figure, only he couldn't clasp his hands behind his back—evidently ruminating the "Drink Question" or "White Horsetralia," when suddenly came a bolt from the blue, so to speak. Here's a chemical problem to illustrate it:

Apparatus—Horse, dog three feet from horse's heels.

Experiment—The horse made it, and was entirely successful.

Observation—Sharp bark.

Inference—Dog precipitated clean through doorway.

That the butcher bought the dog is a proof of the indestructibility of matter. Now, it was not so much the actual kick as the mortification of being thus caught that caused the dog to die of a broken heart.

To return to the horse, and to make a long story short, he tested Willie's muscle. Willie gave him a clout which the horse mistook for a pat of praise, and so forthwith administered another nip. Goodness knows how long this sort of thing would have continued had not I made my way to the horse's head and showed him my sleeve with pins in it. He remembered, and refrained. Then I said firmly and pompously, "Bill, you see this horse won't bite me. You must control a horse by will power, by your eye. Of course, if you have no will power, you cannot control a horse." This so nettled him, that without more ado he saddled that horse, back pedalled him out, and sprang on his back. It was beautiful to see the horse flourishing, so to speak. It reminded me of flourishing writing. After describing preliminary parabolic and hyperbolic curves, and a few spirals, ellipses, and circles—as if laying out the construction of some gigantic theorem in geometry—during which periods Willie almost flew off at tangents, the horse suddenly flew off at an enormous pace for the further end of the field, which was covered with briars, gorse, and thistles. I watched with breathless interest. There was tragedy in the air. I wonder whether Willie felt it? If he did not then, he did later because the horse stopped suddenly. Not so Willie, for he went hurtling like a diver into the gorse. No sooner had he landed than the horse pricked his ears in well-feigned fright, as much as to say, "Great Scott, where did you spring from?" and then tore, madly shrieking and neighing, across the paddock.

Of course I went and helped Willie. What a sight he was! How sorry I was. I asked him to forgive what I had said in the stable. He said that was all right, because I hadn't hurt his feelings any more than the horse or gorse had. This story, of course, must end in the usual way. Willie got married, and lived happily ever after. But what about the horse? Well, he lived—until he died.

ON TOUR COLUMN.

PHYSIOGRAPHY EXPEDITION TO DISTILLERY CREEK (MAY 1).

(By Alice.)

Feeling as though they had worked hard at physiography for fifteen months, "C2" and "C3" thought they would like to "take an outing," and see for themselves some of the things which that useful subject teaches. The appointed day came on a Saturday, the first of May, and it really was a "May day," for there were no signs of winter or frost. Of course "B" was represented in the party, which met at Newstead tram terminus, and made its way (with notebooks) towards Waverley Woollen Mills at 2.15. It was originally intended to look over the mill, but it being Saturday afternoon the caretaker could not be found, so after observations were taken the party moved on.

The creek was crossed by an extremely rustic bridge, and followed for a short distance upwards; then a bridge was constructed, and, with one or two exceptions, we recrossed to the opposite bank. Heavy vegetation was noticed on the banks of the creek, this being due to the water

itself and the alluvial soil which it deposits. Then began the ascent of the large gorge. Rocks and logs had to be clambered over, thorns and bushes pulled aside. Several rocks of interest were found, and at length the top was reached. Some of the party declared themselves exhausted, and called for tea already. We were only "just about a going to begin" then though, and had quite a long and adventurous trip along the waterpipes before we reached the reservoir.

Tea was taken there, and we came home by the road, stopping by the way to indulge in various round games.

"THE WAG'S" OPINION OF IT.

The humorous side of the expedition, going up, was the left. Numerous sudden excursions were made to lower levels to examine things—things here standing for some portion of the anatomy. Several members tried their hand at artistic face decoration of the thorn tattooing type, not altogether without success. However, nothing serious occurred except that one boy broke a bottle of lemonade entrusted to his charge. At any rate, he said he did! It is rumoured that certain teachers promised the wiping off of detentions already incurred for help in negotiating the pipes. Already several of those who suffer badly from detentionitis are inquiring as to the possibility of holding these excursions once, or even twice, a week. Very sorry to disappoint them, but afraid it can't be done. A fire was made to boil the "billy" when we arrived at our destination (after many weeks of painful toil), and we hoped to see it boil quickly at that altitude. It didn't. A pair of binoculars were much in demand during the halt, but they were not needed to see the amount of "tucker" which several of us consumed. On the homeward track we attempted to get a song going, but the result was not exactly ripping, for the voices varied from A flat to Z sharp. One, indeed, was so high that at first it was thought to come from a Zeppelin up aloft. Several directed their gaze upward, and exclaimed, "My stars!" (showing that the Kaiser is not the only ambitious person in the world, even though he might die from heart failure if he knew it.)

We came across a cart broken down on the ridge of a hill, and one of our military geni suggested that the locality should be called "Cart-ridge," but was howled down. He was also bombarded with pebbles of the regulation .303 size, and forced to beat a hasty retreat (for strategical reasons, as the Germans say), but emerged later carrying a flag of truce (formed from his handkerchief), and was pardoned. Another member proposed that we should make use of the name Cartledge, but this suggestion was not received with the frantic applause it merited. Hard luck, Curley! Later we halted several times, and indulged in various games. Anyone within a mile of us on that night would not question young Australia's lung power. We had a good time at the second halt, but ask the fellows about that themselves! Ray dropped half-a-sov. (or was it a half-penny?), but it was eventually recovered. Then we all united in a grand rush for the tram, but missed it—a fact which made us feel unduly hilarious.

EMPIRE DAY. EXPEDITION TO KILLAFADDY.

(By Emily.)

On Empire Day, May 24, 1915, arrangements were made to take "C2" and "D3" to Killafaddy for a physiography expedition and picnic combined.

We met at the Newstead terminus at 2.15 p.m. From thence we walked down to the first bridge, and took some notes. After the train went by we hurried over the railway bridge, and then clambered over a fence into an exceedingly swampy paddock, through the middle of which were numerous waterholes divided by tussocks, which formed stepping-stones for us. At the end of this field there was a small stream, which we jumped over, until E. Kidd slipped, and a temporary bridge was formed. We then proceeded to the place chosen for our tea, but were warned off by the notice, "Trespassers prosecuted"! However, the owner must have thought we had nice faces, for he gave us permission to go on his land. We then had tea and some games. One of the boys took a camera, and we had our photos taken. What a merry group! On the summit of a miniature cliff E. Scott accompanied us, and took a microscope, through which we studied the many details of a piece of wattle. As soon as the 5.30 train went by we returned along the railway, and then to the tram terminus, where we dispersed in various directions towards home.

We hope it will not be very long before our physiography teacher thinks fit to take us on another similar expedition. We may go to Mole Creek some day!

Arrangements are now being made to take the whole Lower School for a geography picnic up to the Power Station on the last Wednesday of the Term.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Scottie."—We are pleased to hear that you have such a good opinion of the author of "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever." Perhaps you can suggest some method of informing him of the fact.

"Stan."—Yet is was rather embarrassing.

"E.L."—Yes; it is rather difficult to keep cool during such a very hard time as the one which you have been experiencing of late.

"Jack McFad."—Sorry we have no space left for your article on how to kick goals for the other side.

"Nigger" and "Snowy."—We have no tidings of your lost valuables.

"Doug."—We are glad to hear that even Mrs. Delaney considers you to be sweet enough to do without "ripe squinces."

"Ursis."—Yes, we like your hat. Is it a memento of that trip south?

"A.D.F."—Yes, it was annoying that one's hair should be ruffled by those thoughtless fellows.

"M.N."—You ask me whether I would do it if I were you? Well, it's a very hard question. In the first place, I'm not you. Well, on careful consideration I suppose I would or I wouldn't, as I thought wise or otherwise, as the case may be. I think that ought to help you.

"I.D."—Yes; three cheers for the "Courier"!

"Young Hec."—Who said oranges?

"Jesse."—The acrobatic feats of your top jaw are worthy to be classed amongst the seven wonders.

"Flyweight Dill."—Use your weight next time.

Classes "C2" and "D3."—Yes; certificates for jumping ditches are now available.

"Murfet-us-a-um."—You are quite right. A locust is a thing moving in accordance with certain given laws. You might have added that it often moves into your eye. It is then called the "O, Lor!"

THE PROGRESS OF ARGUMENT.

(By the Twin Brothers, Wise and Otherwise.)

"B1" and "B2" DEBATING SOCIETY.

Our first meeting during the second Term was held on Thursday, April 29, when the subject discussed was, "Will Australia benefit by the present war?" Fahey (leader), Craw, Atkinson, and Pullen spoke for the affirmative side of the question, while Campbell, supported by McFadyen and Trethewey, formed the opposition. Some good arguments were set forth by both sides, and after a lively and enjoyable debate the vote of those present was taken, resulting in a victory for the affirmative side by a large majority. It is a good sign to see the future politicians—shall we say—of Australia so optimistic regarding the future of their country.

At our next meeting humorous readings were given by Jean Nichols, Ethel Mann, Mavis Hughes, Kathie McKay, Hope, Craw, Palamountain, Campbell, and Daymond. A very pleasant and interesting hour was spent, the readings being brimful of humour.

"C1," "C2" DEBATING SOCIETY.

This quarter we have made progress somewhat. In the first place, several new, good speakers have been brought to light, and in the second, we have defeated the third year people in a debate. But of this more later. The first debate was "White Australia." The affirmative side was led by Oswald Wyllie, and the negative, which was victorious by a majority of two votes, by Harold Watters. James Turner was in the chair. The next on the programme was "Should America remain neutral?" In this, as in the former debate, the negative side, led by Leonard Stubs, was victorious by three votes. The affirmative side was led by James Turner. To vary the subjects, on the next day papers and articles were read. They were both entertaining and amusing.

"B" AND "C" COMBINED CONTESTS.

On Empire Day a debate was held in Milton Hall between "B" and "C" classes, when the Principal officiated in the dual capacity of chairman and judge. The subject was, "Which has contributed more to the greatness of the British Empire—Peace or War?" The "C" classes, represented by Irvine Douglas (leader), Len. Stubs, Jack Turner, and Eric Scott, spoke in favour of peace, while Len. Daymond (leader), Ray Atkinson, Jack Fahey, and Campbell formed the war party. Several splendid speeches were made by members of both parties, and although the "B" representatives set forth the better arguments, the "C" party, owing to their style of language and delivery, proved victorious by a few points. The highest marks were obtained by Daymond, Douglas, and Stubs with 22 each out of a possible 30. Both classes are looking forward with pleasure to the next contest of this nature.

The last meeting before going to press was held in the Milton Hall, when "impromptu speeches" were delivered by members of the "B" and "C" classes. Mr. and Mrs. Heaton were present. As on previous occasions, the speakers gave a good account of themselves.

"D1," "D2," AND "D3" DEBATING SOCIETY.

Towards the middle of this Term the Lower School classes formed a Debating Society. The first meeting was held on May 3, and the

Principal was elected President, Mr. Grace Chairman, and a boys' secretary (Viv. Gill), a girls' secretary (Jinnie Thelwell), and four boys and two girls were elected to form a committee. Later on two more girls were elected, to make things more even. Miss Walker addressed the meeting as to the way in which debates are carried out.

As yet we have had three committee meetings, the first being held on May 6. The first speakers chosen were not too keen on starting, but when they once got into the way of it nothing could stop their energy in it.

The subject for our first debate was, "Should professionalism in sport be abolished?" The leaders were—for the affirmative H. Cullan, and for the negative J. Simpson. The arguments put forward were very good on both sides. The speakers spoke well, and showed great promise, and we expect great things of some of them in a future time.

The second time we met several humorous pieces were read, some of which were very amusing. The most amusing piece was read by Alec Bell. It was entitled "The Kaiser's Last Call." We were all very sorry when the light failed, and we had to stop.

We hope great things of the Debating Society next Term, and even contemplate reaching the giddy height of sending a challenge to the Upper School before the end of the year.

CLASS NOTES.

"B1," "B2" (3rd YEAR SCHOLARS).—Supervising Teacher, Mr. Coombes, B.A.

Although this Term has been of rather short duration, the members of "B1" "B2" classes have done some good work in both scholastic and sport circles. During the Term Miss Spotswood, on account of her approaching marriage, left the staff, and we join with the rest of the School in wishing her all future prosperity and happiness. The Junior Teachers are continuing their visits to East Launceston Practising School every Tuesday afternoon, and members of the class give fortnightly lessons to the lower classes there.

With winter comes football, and we are proud to be able to report that both the Vice-Captain and Secretary of the Firsts, as well as nearly half the team, are members of our class. Also, amongst our girls are many leading tennis, hockey, and baseball players, and we are looking forward to a successful season in all branches of sport.

Several of our class-mates have attended Mr. Listner's geographical expeditions, and we hope it will not be long before our own field geography expeditions commence.

Towards the end of the Term some of the "B" boys were examined for promotion in the Senior Cadets, and we are very gratified to know that all passed, one of them (Ray Pullen) gaining the rank of Second Lieutenant.

The majority of the third year scholars have lately been attending the lectures on the war at the Mechanics' Hall, the lecturer being Mr. Heaton, M.A. They were very instructive and enjoyable.

Last Monday the members of our class were invited by the recently-formed Old Scholars' Association to a social at the King's Hall, where a most pleasant evening was spent.

The terminal examination will soon be enveloping us in its black mist, but there is a saying that "every cloud has a silver lining," and we hope that the cloud of examination will prove no exception to this proverb.

"C1" (SECOND YEAR TEACHERS AND SECONDARY).—
Supervising Teacher, Miss Wharmby.)

When we reassembled this Term we were sorry to hear that Miss Spotswood had finally left us. We hope that her health will improve, and wish her every happiness in her future life.

It is nearly the end of the quarter, but examinations are again sending cold shivers through us, and farther ahead is looming the exam.—the Junior Public. We are holding our own in the world of sport. Cecil Nash, our tennis captain, is also distinguishing herself at hockey, while Doris, Kathie, May, and Ina are making their names on the hockey field. Everyone is still keenly interested in the Debating Society, Douglas being still "the leading light." On Empire Day we held a debate with the "B" class, "C" Society scoring by a few points. Some of us enjoy the privilege of afternoon tea on Mondays, served "A la Latin." It is certainly novel. The other day a well-known member of our class described some important event in English history as happening when Charles "married his wife." It is a good thing that it wasn't Henry VIII, or we might have been confused.

We heard with regret that Mr. Garrard, our old teacher, had been wounded in the Dardanelles. We hope that by now he is quite recovered. We have one new scholar, Clarice Williams, who prefers Launceston to Hobart. Clarice is an addition to our tennis club. We extend to her a very hearty welcome.

"C2" (SECOND YEAR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL).—
Supervising Teacher, Miss Rockwell.

It seems but yesterday that we were penning our class notes before the Easter holidays. And lo! midwinter is almost here. Perhaps the quarter has seemed short because so many interesting things have happened.

We have taken two physiography expeditions, under the guidance of Mr. Listner, and all enjoyed them very much. The first one was beyond Distillery Creek. We got to the reservoir after much climbing and slipping on the pipes that extended nearly all the way. However, the difficulties made the expedition all the more enjoyable.

On Empire Day a most interesting debate took place between "B" and "C" classes. After many able speeches from each class the victory was gained by the "C" division. Details are reported in another column. The debate was followed by an address from the Rev. Bethune, who received a hearty vote of thanks.

We enjoyed Mr. Heaton's address on "The Public Schools of England." We wish to thank him very much, and hope that we may be privileged to hear him again at some future date.

Sport is well represented in "C2." We have as class members three of the four football captains—Munro, Partridge, and McElwee. Hockey has commenced among the girls, though, as yet, we have played only one match. The Junior Public is now less than six months away, and we know that we must work very hard if we are to equal last year's record. However, we mean to try to do so, and, in conclusion, wish to our many readers the best of midwinter holidays and excellent results in the examination.

"D1" (FIRST YEAR TEACHERS).—Supervising Teacher, Mr. Grace.

After a very pleasant Easter vacation we all returned to School, prepared to put in a hard quarter's work. Now we have well-nigh put in our quarter's work, and very soon the quarterly examinations will show whether our work has been wise.

In regard to the quarterly exams, various are the expressions heard thereon. One of our number wonders "why there was ever such a thing made to worry our poor brains." The same writer, in hopeless abandonment, further exclaims, "The quarterly exams are slowly but surely approaching." Then we have our optimists, and we are glad that they are not few. The majority of us are looking to these examinations to make an improvement in our positions of last quarter, whilst those who did well last quarter are hoping to do better this quarter, and eclipse the highest percentage obtained in any other class in the School. All honour to the ambition!

Since last Term there has been a division in our ranks, and the Secondary pupils have been formed into a separate class for all subjects excepting English, geography, and history.

On resuming after the Easter "vac." we were all sorry to hear that Miss Spotswood, who prior to that had taken us for Latin, had resigned. However, we are very pleased to know that Mr. Ede, who came in Miss Spotswood's place, is taking us for that subject.

Since last Term we have been initiated into the mysteries of barometer and thermometer charts, and though our mistakes have been numerous, yet we "hope for better things." We were very pleased at our representation in the newly-formed Debating Society's meetings. Out of two debates held (16 speakers) 8 of the speakers have been in "D1" (Teachers). Another source of pleasure to the class is a new book of Longfellow's poems, which are studied with much appreciation.

In sport we have much to be proud of. Frances Freshney upheld our honour in hockey, and in football one of our number, Albert McCormack, has been chosen to practise with the "first twenty."

When on the subject of quarterly examinations we should have congratulated Elmie London, and mentioned our pleasure in the fact that at the last quarterly examination Elmie obtained the highest marks in the Lower School. We hope to gain the same honour at these examinations.

We are looking forward to our midwinter holidays, which will soon be here. On the whole we have spent a very enjoyable quarter, and trust that the next one will be even more so, and that after the holidays we will come back with minds firmly resolved on a splendid quarter's work for "Hic opus, hic labor est."

"D1" (FIRST YEAR SECONDARY).—Supervising Teacher, Mr. Ede.

After the Easter holidays we resumed our usual work with a fair amount of vigour. Since then we have been separated from Class "D1" (Teachers). We are a small class, but hope that in the examinations the old saying, "Last, but not least," may be reversed to "Least, but not last." Another item of interest was the formation of a Debating Society. The debates are always a great source of amusement, and they do much to overcome our natural hesitancy in speech.

The girls of D.S. have got what you might call hockey mania; the boys football-o-phobia. Neither girls nor boys would like to miss Wednesday afternoon sports. Of the boys, three belong to upper teams, one to the fourths.

About a fortnight ago Mr. Heaton gave us an address about English schools. We hope he will visit us again. We enjoyed his lecture very much. Other items of interest to us, such as picnics, paper chases, debates, socials, etc., will be found in other columns.

"D2" (FIRST YEAR COMMERCIAL).—Supervising Teacher,
Miss Walker, B.A.

It seems but yesterday that we wandered round with wrinkled brow and book in hand, grinding away for our First Term's exam., and behold, we are in the turmoils of another! Last Term three boys gained the coveted first positions, but this quarter we are hoping to see some of our girls sharing the honours.

Our class has decreased in numbers, two of our boys having deserted to the Industrial Class, while our Prefect (Norman Howard) has left. However, we welcome a new arrival, Una Harris, and are pleased to see May Barrett among us again after her long illness. Apart from the items of news mentioned above, nothing of a momentous nature has occurred to disturb the even tenor of our way during the quarter.

"D3" (FIRST YEAR INDUSTRIAL).—Supervising Teacher, Miss
Stephenson, B.A.

There are a few changes to record in our class this quarter. We were joined by Browne and Flaherty, from the Commercial, whilst Morris and Walklate left the School. We settled down to steady work after the Easter holidays. The weeks have passed quickly, and now we are again on the eve of the quarterly examinations. May our class come out from these with good results!

There was a pleasant break in the ordinary routine on Empire Day. In the afternoon our class joined Mr. Listner's geography-excursion, and had quite an exciting time jumping the rivulets which intersected the paddock at Killafaddy. We must not enlarge on this enjoyable outing, as doubtless a full description appears in another column.

It is worthy of mention that Mr. Hunt has been so kind as to give us fine weather for sports on Wednesday afternoons, consequently football has proceeded vigorously.

Junior School ("D1," "D2," "D3") Geography and Physiography Note Books.

This Term an endeavour to improve is in most cases evinced. Low marks, where obtained, are usually due to a temporary falling off. This, however, is a serious fault. Graph Books have been added to our list this Term, but these have not yet come under the examiner's pen. Out of the Note Books of the three classes (roughly 100) 18 were selected from which the final choice was to be made. Out of these were selected the books of the following eight scholars:—Chrissie Finan ("D1"), Bessie Moir ("D1"), May Wilkins ("D1"), Belle Murray ("D2"), Elmie London ("D1"), Alice King ("D1"), Wilfred Stephens ("D2"), Alwyn Cowle ("D1").

These books were handed to the Principal, who awarded places as follows:—

First—Chrissie Finan. Second—Bessie Moir. Third—Wilfred Stephens.

"D3" Physiography Note Book awards were as follows:—

First—Robert Bligh. Second—Douglas Duff.

Credit is also due to the following for the time and careful attention which they have given to the construction of wind, rain, thermometer, and barometer charts:—

"D1"—Saltmarsh, Johnson, and Williams.

"D2"—Price, Stephens, and Wyatt.

"D3"—Cropp, Morrisby, and Bird.

It's a Fact

- That a certain member of "C3" can get into a test-tube.
- That Lionel is doing good work for the Fourth.
- That the chief of the Scouts' Brigade has taken to aeroplaning, and soared away to the dizzy heights of the Seconds.
- That Cullen, of "D2," made a name for himself at the first Lower School debate.
- That Tiny Tim still remained many feet above everyone else when impromptu debates came along.
- That most of the other speakers preferred telling us what they didn't know.
- That afternoon tea is fashionable in "C1."
- That one member of the Seconds' team has nice hair.
- That Long John Silver is doing good work for the Old Scholars' Association.
- That "Dad Sellars" travelled all the way from Scottsdale for the first meeting.
- That Barling is holding his own in "A" grade football.
- That a member of "C1" has discovered a feminine gas.
- That everyone thought before that gas was not entirely confined to male members of the class.
- That there was a fair at Invermay.
- That four members of "C1" were greatly had by the performing monkey.
- That a member of "C1" hopes to become rich by making nitric acid out of copper.

- That paddling was fashionable on Empire Day.
 That Max won some chocolates at the paper chase.
 That several offered their help in eating them.
 That Stanley T. was on show in the Show Ground searching for safety pins.
 That McFadycan has discovered a way of kicking a goal which is only a behind.
 That the other side don't object to the process.
 That one member of our cooking class has discovered a "dry liquid"—a stimulant which, she says, will cure "E.L." of her fondness for scones.
 That a certain boy was heard to remark that "Dug." was a star performer.
 That Hector's hair dye produces a marvellous effect.
 That he should be careful of the pieces.
 That we have a Second Lieutenant amongst us.
 That only Highland Lieutenants are allowed to expose their knees.
 That the spirit of this last remark might be taken to heart by several amongst us.
 That "Dandy J.'s" book on Hairdressing should prove a great success.
 That Aidan carried a bottle South in his pocket.
 That he was silent in the tunnel.
 That hockey has again started amongst the girls.
 That Launceston chemists are in consequence making fortunes out of ointment for bruises.
 That the holidays are almost here.
 That it's not a fact that we intend to work hard all through them.

BOYS' SPORTS.

Senior School Paper Chase.

(By a Hound.)

The above event was held on Empire Day over an out-and-home course of about six miles, in which 19 runners took part. Jack Fahey as leader, Max Munro as whip, George Dicker (our water rat), Ray Pullen and Alf Trail were the hares. The first incident of note took place when A. Scott ran into a barb wire fence, and was repulsed with heavy scratches. Next we ploughed through some heavy orchard land, and were admonished in no-measured terms by a son of the soil. "Paulinus Palla" did good service in finding new scents. He is the making of a good pointer (in two ways). Our noble whip had to continually blow his trumpet to allow the younger members of the troupe to catch up. This gave the hares time in which to increase their lead. Jim Turner blew out, and after being patched continued the course. Bungey (assistant whip) greatly helped to keep the flock together.

The trail was lost for the last time after doing a desperate sprint across a field, but was found after a quarter of an hour's wait by a posse of hounds. Need I mention we all led off with a great burst, as there was a box of chocolates (kindly donated by Mr. Miller) for the winner. "Max" and "Nigger" were sprinting for their lives, when "Nigger" lost his trumpet, and came back to look for it. Most of the hounds tired in

the last hill, and Max sprinted home first, closely followed by several other members. I might here say that all finished, which I think is very creditable.

Cricket.

In our last issue a match with the Evandale Cricket Club was forecasted. This match eventuated on March 27, and was the occasion of much enjoyment and a very pleasant outing. In the morning our Second team played the local school team, and won easily; the chief scorers being Archer (44), Robertson (39), A. Hope (15).

In the afternoon the Firsts met the Evandale Cricket Club. This was the first time that we had attempted to oppose a men's team. Evandale, batting first, compiled 110 runs. To get this score we knew would entail some hard work in front of us, but when two or three of our best bats were dismissed and the score was well under the century, the spirits representing our hopes fell considerably. However, "a game is never won until it is finished," cricket especially, and so we found out that day. Our side was saved from disgrace by the meritorious performances of Trethewey, Price, and Scott, who scored 31, 39, and 28 runs respectively. Trethewey and Price put on 30 runs for the last wicket, and carried the score to 124 before Price was dismissed. The most successful trundlers for State High School were Munro (3 wickets), Stubs (2), Hope (2), Barling (2). After walking to Western Junction we caught the train for home again. We hope to have similar trips next cricket season.

Football.

FIRSTS.

The resumption of school work after the Easter vacation saw the peaceful flannels, with their clean appearance, superseded by the warlike knickers and jerseys, which often present anything but a clean appearance. Football, the king of winter pastimes, had arrived, and was warmly and earnestly greeted on all sides.

The whole of the boys in the school passed under review, and as a consequence there emerged a list containing the names of all who had been given the honour to practise with the "first twenty." When the election of officers came round, the following received the added honour of being chosen to the following positions:—

Captain—M. Munro.

Vice-Captain—W. Fahey.

Secretary—B. Hope.

There are many vacancies in the team owing to the departure of some of our number in December, 1914. Notable absentees are Barling, Geard, Sellers, Collins, Briggs, Smythe, Kidd, Wise. This has meant the inclusion among the "Firsts" of some who were originally in the Second team, and some who are now spending their first year at S.H.S. To the Firsts was allotted the Cricket Ground, on which an arduous practice is carried out every Wednesday afternoon. In regard to matches we are most unfortunate, as there are few teams about our equal in town. Scotch College are good enough to oblige us with a match whenever we require it, otherwise our inter-school matches are nil. We are playing them on Saturday, 10th, when we will be in press. The pleasing feature about the

Scotch team is that win or lose they always come up smiling and ready to play us again. The following are the details of the matches played to date:—

S.H.S. v. Scotch College.—This match was played on the Show Ground, and after a rather one-sided, though enjoyable game, the former team ran out winners by 112 points. This was our first match, and consequently no great form was shown by anyone either in passing, handballing, or in combination. However, the work of the following was conspicuous:—Munro, Browne, Cunningham, Fahey, Jacques, Archer, Campbell, Trethewey. The goal-kickers were Mills (3), Brown (3), Munro (2), Cunningham (2), Jacques, Wyllie, Hutton, A. Hope, G. Dicker (1 each). Scotch College were well served by Maddox, Pitt, and Powell.

S.H.S. Non-Drillers v. Grammar School Non-Drillers.—This was a much better match; the sides were more even, and, though far from perfection, S.H.S. showed an all-round improvement in their play. Scores: Grammar School, 1—8 (14 points); S.H.S., 3—19 (37 points). Thus S.H.S. ran out victors by 23 points. The goal-kickers were Archer (1), Browne (2), and the following deserve commendation:—Munro, Cunningham, Fahey, Jacques, A. Hope, H. McElwee, B. Hope. For Grammar School—Oldham, Rusden, Collins, and Turner worked hard.

S.H.S. v. "Churinga" Football Club.—"Churinga" is the name which the old boys chose for their recently-formed club in connection with the Old Scholars' Association. The match was played on the Cornwall ground, on the holiday of June 7. Owing to heavy rains on the day previous the ground was in rather a wet condition, consequently, as one of the bystanders remarked, the game was by no means "dry" to watch. After being somewhat worsted in the first quarter, S.H.S. then came with a rush, and after that time had the majority of the play. The state of the ground militated greatly against a good exposition of the game. Under the circumstances, however, the performances of both teams was good. The high marking of Munro, the rapid passes of S.H.S., and good combination in the ruck, served to send the ball towards the goals of S.H.S. repeatedly. A great fight was put up by the "Churinga" team, but they were unable to avert defeat. Final scores were:—"Churinga," 3 goals 3 behinds; S.H.S., 12 goals 4 behinds. The best players for S.H.S. were Munro, Fahey, Cunningham, Jacques, Rosevears, Dicker. For "Churinga" Collins, Smythe, Geard, Wise, Johnstone, Illingworth. Goal-kickers: For S.H.S.—Cunningham (4), Munro (2), Rosevears (2), Mills (2), Browne (1), Dicker (1). Our thanks are due to Mr. Percy Hughes, of Invermay, who gave up his morning to umpire the match, and carried out the duties of umpire in a very masterly manner.

CHARACTERS OF FIRSTS.

Campbell—Fine ruck, plays with plenty of dash, poor kick.
 Hope—Good defender, plenty of dash.
 Rosevears—Good mark, good kick, inclined to be slow.
 Cunningham—Good pass, tricky rover, plenty of dash.
 Jacques—Dashing wing player.
 Palamountain—Good wing man, but does not look where he is kicking; runs too much with ball.
 Trethewey—Good kick, poor mark, rather slow on forward line.

Pullen—Improving player; good kick, only fair mark, plays with plenty of dash.
 Wyllie—Good kick, high mark, change ruck, too slow.
 Archer—Good kick, very tricky on forward line, inclined to be too easy-going.
 Dicker—Good kick, keeps his place well on forward line.
 Brown—Good rover, but does not look where he is kicking.
 McElwee—Fair mark, good kick.
 Partridge—Improving player, change ruck, long kick.
 A. Scott—Plenty of dash, but cannot handle ball well; change ruck.
 A. Hope—Improving player, rather reckless; poor kick.
 Mills—Tricky player; poor mark.
 M. Munro (capt.) plays centre; good kick, and very good mark. He can improve his passing, however. Supervises team excellently.
 J. Fahey (vice), plays back and ruck. Plays both with dash and doggedness. Good help to captain. Kicking is much improved since 1914.

SECONDS.

The Seconds have played only four chief matches this Term. As the Term has progressed so has the team, improving greatly in system and form, due, shall we say, to their strenuous ring work? The first match was against Scotch College, which, though a defeat, was the only one suffered by the team this quarter. The scores were:—Scotch, 10 goals 10 behinds; Seconds, 2 goals 3 behinds. The best players were H. Partridge, Mills, and H. Craw, while Maddox and Pitt played well for Scotch.

The next match was against the Combined Thirds and Fourths, and resulted as follows:—Seconds, 6 goals 22 behinds; Combined, nil. The best players were Partridge (2), Creighton, Mills; for the Combined, Stubs, Wyatt, and Emms.

The next match arranged was against Combined East Launceston and Charles-street schools, the resulting scores being:—Second, 2 goals 8 behinds; Combined, 1 behind. Creighton, Mills, McCormick, Stubs served the seconds best, while Harvey, Dent, and Barton worked hard to avert defeat.

The last match before going to press was against Grammar School Thirds, and after a very friendly game we came out victors by 8 goals 18 behinds against Grammar Thirds 1 behind. Goal-kickers for S.H.S. were S. Craw (2), McFadyean (2), H. Partridge (2), Bridley (1). The best players for S.H.S. were Creighton, McFadyean, H. Partridge, and Mills. Grammar were best served by Tregaskis, Ford, Jones, and Harrison. Some excellent individual work was done by other members of the Grammar team, but they could not break through our combined play.

In addition to these matches, every Wednesday afternoon twelve of our number have gone to join the Firsts in a scratch match, and several matches which have been arranged have lapsed or resolved themselves into scratch matches owing to inclement weather. During the season Powell and Barnard, of the Fourths, and Craw and Stubs, of the Thirds, have been promoted to our ranks, and all are trying hard to make good.

We have been practising consistently and systematically of late, and hope as a result to report many victories in next issue.

THIRDS.

In connection with the Third team three important matches have been played, two of which were victories. The first match was against Charles-street, by whom we were defeated by 3 points. On May 22 we met and defeated Scotch College Seconds by 54 points to nil. We defeated Glen Dhu on June 2 after a very vigorous game by the margin of 3 points. Besides these we have played several other matches of lesser importance, notably when we played the Fourths, being defeated by 12 points. The final scores were—Fourths, 3 goals 5 behinds (23 points); Thirds, 1 goal 5 behinds (11 points). On May 29 a combined Third and Fourth team was decisively defeated by the Seconds. The official positions of captain, vice-captain, and secretary are filled by C. McElwee, A. Wyatt, and A. Traill respectively.

FOURTHS.

At the beginning of the season one cannot but think of the age of football as a sport. In Shakespeare's times football was known. Shakespeare himself did not think much of footballers, as they were a rough, uncouth lot. Let us hope that such is not the case, nor ever will be the case, with the Fourths. To come to the point, the Fourths are somewhat the reverse, but, of course, not too meek and docile.

Since the number of pupils increased this year a Fourth team was made. These have entered the arena—not to be devoured by lions—but as lions to devour their victims—innocent victims mostly, most innocent. But we feel in no boastful mood, and realise that any victories scored reflect a certain amount of credit, and also a certain amount of luck, on us—mostly luck. The following are the matches played:—

V. Charles-street School Seconds—Charles-street, 2 goals 3 behinds; S.H.S., 2 goals 2 behinds.

V. East Launceston S.S. Seconds—East Launceston, 1 goal 1 behind; S.H.S., 9 goals 10 behinds.

V. Scotch College Seconds—Scotch College, nil; S.H.S., 7 goals 12 behinds.

V. S.H.S. Thirds.—S.H.S. Thirds, 2 goals 5 behinds; S.H.S. Fourths, 3 goals 5 behinds.

V. Charles-street S.S. Seconds—C.S., 1 behind; S.H.S., 1 goal 4 behinds.

V. Longford S.S. Firsts—Longford S.S., 1 goal 2 behinds; S.H.S., 3 goals 3 behinds.

On Saturday, 5th inst., Mr. Ede took the Fourths to Longford, to play the local State school team there. Although we had to get up very early to catch the 7 a.m. train, we did not regret it, because it was altogether an enjoyable trip. Until quite recently H. Powell, E. Wheeler, and L. Briggs were captain, vice-captain, and secretary respectively, but owing to some of the boys, among whom was Powell, being put into higher teams, the following were elected—L. Briggs, E. Wheeler, and Emms to captaincy, vice-captaincy, and secretaryship respectively.

Rowing Notes.

For the first time a crew from the Launceston S.H.S. competed in the race for the Clarke Challenge Shield, and with it the Championship of Tasmania. The holders of the shield (Friends' High School) did not

enter a crew to defend it, owing to the race clashing with their school sports. The race was rowed on March 27, at 3 p.m., over a course extending from Government House point to the naval jetty—a distance of about one mile.

Our boys pulled well to the front from the start, with Hobart S.H.S. No. 1 crew chasing them, whilst Hobart No. 2 S.H.S. and Hutchins were battling for third place. These positions were maintained for about three-fourths of the distance, when our crew, who now had a lead of about three lengths, got into difficulties owing to one of our number catching a crab. They soon got together again, and were now gaining up some of their lost ground when the catching of another crab stopped the progress of the boat altogether, and, despite all efforts to catch Hobart S.H.S. No. 1, who had gained a good lead, we were defeated, and came in second, H.S.H.S. No. 2 crew third, and Hutchins' School fourth. The crews were placed:—Hobart S.H.S. (No. 1 crew), 1; Launceston S.H.S., 2; Hobart S.H.S. (No. 2 crew), 3; Hutchins' School, 4. Our crew consisted of A. Scott (bow), H. Craw (2), I. R. Douglas (3), W. J. Fahey (stroke).

The Hobart "Mercury" said "all the crews showed good form for school boys, but the Launceston S.H. crew had undeniably the best style, their stroke being steadier, longer, and more powerful than that of the other crews."

Much praise is due to Mr. C. Pattison for his untiring efforts in giving up so much of his own time in coaching our crew for the race. This year we anticipate entering two crews for the Bourke Cup, and already members of the crew are looking round for likely learners of this fine sport.

GIRLS' SPORTS.

Hockey

Firsts.

Hockey has once more commenced. This season the game is most popular, and as the members are so numerous, a subdivision has been made. We have lost several important members this season, and our Firsts are undoubtedly weaker; however, by practice we hope to remedy many of our failings. As yet only one match has been played, when the Firsts met College Seniors. The match resulted in a win for College—six goals to four. The goal-strikers were Elma Kidd, Fedora Balstrup, and Olive Turner.

Seconds.

With the second Term came the hockey season. This is the first time some of us have played, but now that we are well in the way of the game, we are agreed it is fine sport. At last we are learning—rather painfully sometimes—to keep our places on the field. Our Saturday morning practises at 7 o'clock have been fairly well attended, our largest rally being nineteen players. It is an excellent training for some of the bed-lovers.

The following girls have shown the best form:—Forward line—Kathie Haley, Thelma Jacobson, Blanche Mullenc, May Holloway. Half-back Line—Doris Wylie, Ina McRae. Back Line—Cecil Nash, May Salter.

Baseball.

With the winter months baseball has again commenced, and though the players are few, we are endeavouring to make up in quality what we lack in quantity. Several of the players had their first game this winter, and have made considerable progress, Olive McGuire especially doing wonders in the catching line.

We have had no real matches yet against other schools, but are looking forward to a few games next Term. Mr. Walter Miller's Charles-street team have given us a few games for practice to help on our beginners, and our thanks are due to Mr. Miller for giving up so much of his spare time for our benefit.

Tennis.

At the beginning of the quarter we had the misfortune to lose Miss Spotswood from the tennis, but we again take the opportunity to congratulate her on her success while at the High School, and to wish her every happiness in her future life.

During the quarter we have played two matches, the first against Hobart S.H.S., which ended in a victory for the southern team by 10 games. The players were:—

Hobart S.H.S.	Launceston S.H.S.
1. Nellie Hughes (capt.)	Cecil Nash (captain)
2. Leila Weavers	Bertha Layh
3. Winnie Leitch	Pearl Berlowitz
4. Joyce Geeves	Jessie Bradshaw
5. Clarice Williams	Jean Nichols
6. Amy Murchison	Mavis Hughes

Clarice Williams, from the Hobart team, is now in our ranks, and is working hard to gain a good position in our team.

The second match was played against Broadland House School. The players and games were as follows:—C. Nash and P. Berlowitz (S.H.S.) played D. Hunt and J. Fisher (B.H.S.)—6,5:6,3; C. Nash (S.H.S.) played D. Hunt (B.H.S.)—6,3:6,0; P. Berlowitz (S.H.S.) played J. Fisher (B.H.S.)—6,5:6,4; B. Jensen (S.H.S.) played D. Hunt (B.H.S.)—6,1, unfinished. Not having enough time, the match had to be left unfinished. State High won by 21 games. Total games: S.H.S., 42; B.H.S., 21.

POET'S CORNER.

PRO PATRIA.

(From "Pinch.")

England, in this great fight to which you go
Because, where Honour calls you, go you must,
Be glad, whatever comes, at least to know
You have your quarrel just.

Peace was your care; before the nations' bar
Her cause you pleaded and her ends you sought;
But not for her sake, being what you are,
Could you be bribed or bought.

Others may spurn the pledge of land to land,
May with the brute sword stain a gallant past;
But by the seal to which you set your hand,
Thank God, you still stand fast!

Forth, then, to front that peril of the deep
With smiling lips, and in your eyes the light,
Steadfast and confident, of those who keep
Their storied scutcheon bright.

And we, whose burden is to watch and wait—
High-hearted ever, strong in faith and prayer,
We ask what offering we may consecrate,
What humble service share?

To steel our souls against the lust of ease;
To find our welfare in the general good;
To hold together, merging all degrees
In one wide brotherhood;—

To teach that he who saves himself is lost;
To bear in silence though our hearts may bleed;
To spend ourselves, and never count the cost,
For others' greater need;—

To go our quiet ways, subdued and sane;
To hush all vulgar clamour of the street;
With level calm to face alike the strain
Of triumph or defeat;—

This be our part, for so we serve you best,
So best confirm their prowess and their pride,
Your warrior sons, to whom in this high test
Our fortunes we confide.

—O.S.

KAISER.

(An old ballad readapted for modern use.)

Kaiser was determined bellum to declare,
Britannos to extinguish, quod erat unfa'r;
And in magnum iter vastare near and far.
So imperat aurigae ut pararet motor car.
Milites paraded, sagittas pointed new,
Emovit deinde rifles, bullets not a few;
Dat his wife an osculum, eripuit his bag,
Hired equum carrumque, ut portaret off the swag.
Britanniam attingit sed statim on the shore,
Britanni woaded hopping optantes Kaiser's gore,
Per paucos dies mansit et messuit their grain
Ad naves se recepit celeriter again.

THE ELEMENTS AT WAR.

By "North-Wester."

During the Easter vacation it was my privilege and pleasure to witness a moderate "north-easter" in the vicinity of the Burnie Breakwater. The scene which presented itself was sufficient to infuse the dullest imagination with enthusiasm, and was, in its grandeur, beyond the power of human description. I imagine, as a background, the broad expanse of heaving ocean, flecked here and there with "white horses"; above it the dull lowering sky, already darkened by approaching night.

As our eyes wander nearer the shore, the scene changes to a more confined, but even more majestic splendour. Hemmed in between two walls the sea equals Proteus in its contortions. Now rushing high in a heaving mass, now swooping low in a gurgling cauldron of seething foam, the swell progresses, slowly but surely, towards the shore. What can check the victorious advance? With a sullen roar, which causes even the solid earth to tremble, the relentless wave meets the firm, opposing wall, while into the air shoots a mighty column of water, assuming many a fantastic shape as it rises.

High, indeed, must be the walls over which this water does not fling itself in a sheet of white spray. Driven by the fierce gale, a fine mist drenches the various buildings and spaces within a radius of forty yards. Back flows the defeated wave, only to join again in the ceaseless battle of the elements against man's dominion.

EDITOR'S SCRAP BOOK.

Empire Day was duly celebrated in the L.S.H.S. Work proceeded as usual until 10.45 a.m., when the whole School assembled in Milton Hall to listen to a debate on the subject, "Which has contributed more to the greatness of the British Empire—peace or war?" The sentiments voiced by the speakers were eminently suitable for such a day. At the conclusion of the debate the Rev. Bethune kindly gave us a short address. He took "Patriotism" as his central theme, and, amongst other inspiring remarks, bade scholars to remember that a man need not be a soldier to be patriotic, that the man or boy who continually tried to improve his character was attaining to a very high standard of patriotism by so doing.

Fortune furtherfavoured us on May 27, when Mr. Herbert Heaton, M.A., of the Hobart University, and Mrs. Heaton, paid us a visit. During the last period the whole school assembled to listen to a very interesting address which Mr. Heaton gave us on the Public Schools of England. In concluding, the speaker applied his remarks more directly to ourselves, administering a little advice, but tempering it very freely, as is his forte, with words of cheer and encouragement.

Since our last issue we have a new teacher on the staff. We wish Mr. Ede every success and happiness while he is amongst us.

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