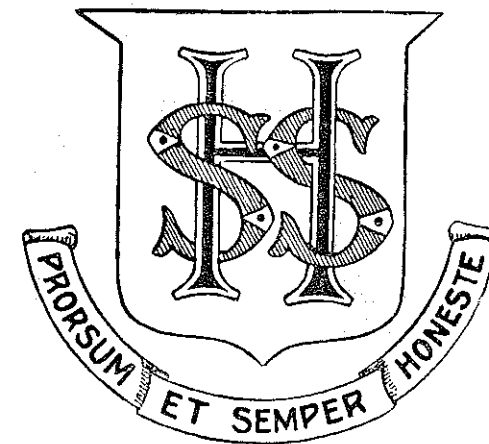


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EDITORIAL FOREWORD.

The end of a third quarter and the beginning of the spring season—a bad time surely for serious advice or weighty talk. A season methinks when Youth feels more disposed to fling off restraint than to listen with due reverence to the seasoned advice of Age.

Yet as there is such a short time now left before our fourth school year draws to its close, and many will soon be free to choose their paths at will, the Editor once again begs of your leniency a little attention to his quarterly chat. Maybe there are amongst you some bold spirits, who fondly imagine that with the completion of your school time your education also will be completed.

'Tis a common enough error, and one to which most of us are prone at this period of our lives.

We have so limited the meaning of the word that we are apt to apply it wrongly. Nay! you may even hear it said that there is such a thing as "over education," in fact that over education is the curse of the present age; so apt are we to forget that our education begins at our birth and continues for, who shall say how long a period! Its development we may follow to the edge of the grave, its completion is accomplished we know not when nor where.

Education means development, and everything which influences us in the slightest degree is a factor in this education.

Most of us have met the successful business man—polished, courteous, able to converse on most of the subjects of the day—yet shrewd and hard where a matter of monetary value is under discussion, having no compassion on the weaker opponents who may, perchance, cross swords with him.

We have also met the bumptious individual, egotistical and self-sufficient, with small knowledge of his subject, supreme self-confidence in his own views, and little tolerance for those of his neighbour.

"Educated" is our verdict in the case of the one, "uneducated" in the other, yet we might say "badly educated" in both instances.

Life has many a hard lesson to teach before any love of human kind can penetrate to the heart of either. For each of us there is a weak spot in the armour, and whether it be a knowledge of Latin, grammar, or a little of the milk of human kindness that is wanting, it behoves us to see that the weak place is made strong.

We must remember that the best educator of man is himself, and the supreme influence a warm and loving interest in the busy human world around him. The seasons with their sunshine and their snow pass over us in turn, and each has its lesson to teach. The road we are passing over we shall tread but once; let us then not consider education as a certain amount of book knowledge to be stored away in recesses of the mind, but as a development of character growing with our growth, ending for us with life itself. Seize your opportunities; garner each scrap of knowledge as it comes, but do not let it shut you off from your fellow men.

"Helping and loving each to each—
This is the brotherhood of the road."

Rather a fine old motto, is it not?

A hand on my brother's shoulder, a brother's hand on mine, till we come to the last long turn of the road, beyond which human vision may not see.

DUCES OF SCHOOL.

(Second Term, 1916.)

Class "A"—Raymond Atkinson (Dux of School).

Class "B"—Jack Skemp.

Class "C1"—Vera Page.

Class "C2"—Wilfred Stephens.

Class "D1"—Winnie Hodgetts.

Class "D2"—Keith Plummer.

Class "D3"—Lorna Sidebottom, Doris Tattersall.

Class "D4"—Harry Finlayson.

TO PARENTS.

Are you quite sure of the reason for keeping your boy at school?

Why do you want your boy educated?

Most of you would reply, "to get a position."

Now, each course at the High Schools has a definite vocational bias—i.e., it is drawn up to meet the needs of a special occupation. When your child came to school did you choose his course with a view of his securing a position?

Not all of you can answer "yes," because we have had boys who, after doing a course of woodwork and drawing in the Industrial Course, left school to become clerks.

Please decide definitely what your child is fitted for, and enter him accordingly. Remember that not every boy who can unscrew a nut from the family sewing machine is mechanically inclined.

Most boys pass through a stage in their lives when they would desire nothing more than to drive an engine for ever.

Remember, also, that to become a fully qualified engineer requires a University education and a long and arduous training.

This question, as to which course a child should take, requires careful consideration if round pegs are to be prevented from occupying square holes.

In every case the teachers are willing to give parents such advice as they can. Never hesitate to consult the school authorities in any matter affecting your children, for all are anxious to do the very best possible for the pupils.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H.W.—The standard of your story is hardly high enough for the "Northern Churinga," but try again, and for goodness sake remember your stops.

Anonymous ("D.")—"Bush Story" has not quite enough point in it, but shows merit. Try again. Story held over before through lack of space.

J.C. ("B.")—"Football" poem lacks spirit, and not quite up to standard.

Hcc.—1. As our Religious Editor is at present ill after the Early Closing Campaign, we are unable to give you any Sunday school advice. 2. Eggs are a trifle embarrassing, especially in a train. "Rotten" luck.

Roy.—Yes, we will make it known that you are holding lessons on "shaping the mouth when singing." What are the fees?

"Tidy One."—Quite so. The cultivation of roses is a most fascinating pastime.

L.O.S.—(a) Yes, it was very bad form, or, rather, they were. (b) Our football expert informs us that it is not right at football to go merrily "tripping" along.

M.R.—Yes, we certainly think the Hockey team should send donations towards replacing the lost tooth.

"Tabby."—Well, we have known boys of your age to invest in dolls, but the custom is becoming obsolete.

H.G.F.—Yes, we will consider the buying of your "living picture" in "D2."

Frank ("Cl.")—Ellerman's Embrocation is what is used generally for black eyes.

R.J.P.—We advise the ordinary eiderdown pillows in preference to the new-fangled "rubber down."

R.T.—Can you answer this riddle? Why is "D2" a "natty" class? Because it has a Tidey in it.

Ken—Yes, it becomes embarrassing, but "keep your hair on."

SOCIAL COLUMN.

NORTH AND SOUTH SOCIAL.

August 11 was the day on which we of the Launceston High School had the pleasure of entertaining our rivals in sport, representing the Hobart High School, to a social held in the Assembly Hall.

The evening was started by a game of "Jolly Miller," thus all, so to speak, had their spirits put into action.

Then Miss Cecil Nash favoured us with one of her much appreciated recitations. We then indulged in another game of "Jolly Miller." Next Mr. I. Douglas recited to us "The Play," from the "Sentimental Bloke." This was received with much mirth and applause. Then those present enjoyed a lively game of "Musical Arms."

Next the assembled folks, again to make matters interesting, started to play "Tersy," after which the famous quartette rendered to us the song, "O, Who Will O'er the Downs," and after much persuasive clapping they again took the platform. But the people entertained so liked the rendering of "Profundo Basso" that the quartette was forced to give it again.

Now the participants enjoyed "Jolly Miller" while supper was being prepared. Next, but by far the most important procedure of the evening, was the handing round and eating of supper. Then, after a game of "Three Jolly Fisher Boys," we concluded our evening's proceedings by Messrs. Stephens and Miller's speeches, the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and the National Anthem.

"D" SOCIAL.

On the first Wednesday after the inspection we—the "D" classes—held our first social, which proved to be a great success. The various committees worked strenuously, and by Wednesday evening everything had been arranged.

Although the social was to open at 8 o'clock, numbers rolled up at 7.45, and by 8 we were in fine working order. The class teachers had organised a geographical competition, which excited great interest. The first prize was won by Isabel McCallum, while Ivan Phillips received the "booby" prize—an elegant rattle.

Recitations by Muriel Suiter and Daphne Bearn, songs by Bessie Barret and Jack Truskett, and a violin solo by Louis Walsh, with Claudia Southerland as accompanist, interspersed with games, helped to pass away the time before supper. Then dainty plates of edibles were handed round by the supper committee. After playing the "Jolly Miller" we sung the school songs, and then dispersed.

"A" AND "B" CONCERT. A FARCICAL FETE. (By "Touchstone.")

The concert held by scholars of the "A" and "B" classes was an unqualified success. As is known by those interested, it was under the auspices of the German Navy Sinking Fund, one quarter of the proceeds going towards the new Patterson-street bridge, which is to be erected near the School entrance.

The able and energetic manager, I. Robson, who spared no pains to bring about the gratifying result, received many congratulations from various leading citizens. The other officials were:—O. Wyllie, at the gate (where the money was collected); H. Watters, stage manager; B. Merrick, financial secretary; while the performers were coached by that master of elocution, N. Richardson.

The first item was a troupe of well-trained and highly intelligent animals, working in perfect accord under their trainers, R. Atkinson and J. McFadyean. The first to appear on the stage was a fat and sleek ox, ridden by a delightful little pug dog, whose bright countenance captivated all hearts; they were followed by a pretty little pig, and while the performance was in progress "Cocky," a white cockatoo, recited "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

The Military department having offered a championship belt, the fly-weight, C. Cunningham, was challenged by E. Scott, an amateur, who never before had owned such a belt. Nevertheless Cunningham retained his honours, and Scott will have to brace himself up before his next attempt.

G. Dicker then gave an impassioned reading of the first act of "As You Like It," which showed careful preparation. He was immediately followed by J. Turner, the melancholy Jaques, who sang with great effect, "Who is Silviu?" He was encored, and sang "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud."

R. Pullen, whose appearance was the signal for a burst of cheering, gave a brief, concise, crisp, and breezy lecture on "The Tactical and Strategical Importance of the Launceston Suburbs." I. Douglas gave a recitation from Wordsworth, entitled "Up with me, up with me into the clouds," and as an encore, "I'm Afraid to Go Home in the Dark." A troupe of negroes, headed by W. Fahy, rendered "Old Black Joe," and "All the Darkies are a-Weeping."

Miss L. Sampson, the fine soprano singer, sang "For I'm the Shipwright's Daughter," while Miss E. Floyd and W. Smith thrilled the audience with their tight rope and acrobatic feats. A. Davern the while giving an exhibition of conjuring. L. Stubs played the accompaniment to the song, "Annie Laurie" (sung by request) by a member of "D" class, who was followed by B. Hope on the bones.

THE PROGRESS OF ARGUMENT.

"A" DEBATING SOCIETY.

"Classics versus Science" was the subject chosen for Thursday, August 10. The speakers who upheld the superiority of the "Classics"

were L. B. Daymond (leader), Doris Richardson, and H. M. L. Craw, while Ray Atkinson (leader), D. Mullenc, Pearl Berlowitz, and J. A. McFadyean used their arguments to good advantage as supporters of "Science." The audience thoroughly enjoyed the speeches, which embraced both humour and wisdom. The meeting concluded with a vote of those present being taken, the "Science" party gaining the majority.

August 31 was the date of our very successful Mock Parliament, the full number of members being present. Proceedings began with the placing of the mace—represented by our cleanest axe—upon the table. The Speaker (Fred Partridge) then took the chair, and the House was ready for business. L. B. Daymond (Member for Denison), acting in the capacity of Leader of the Liberal Opposition, introduced the Hobart-Strahan Railway Bill, and for about an hour and a quarter members discussed the proposed railway and its advantages and disadvantages. Following the Leader of the Opposition, W. J. Fahey (Premier and Treasurer), occupied the floor of the House as the Member for Wilmot, and made a vigorous speech against the bill. Then followed speeches by R. J. Pullen, P. Palamoutain, R. C. Atkinson, N. Campbell, and J. A. McFadyean. Interjections were frequent and varied, and members kept up a rapid fire of questions and answers. Eventually, on a division being called, it was found that the House had rejected the bill. The Ministry was composed of—W. J. Fahey (Wilmot), Premier and Treasurer; K. McKay (Bass), Attorney-General; P. Palamoutain (Bass), Minister for Lands and Works; H. Craw (Franklin), Minister for Education; N. Campbell (Denison), Minister for Railways. J. A. McFadyean acted as Government Whip, while L. B. Daymond (Denison), Leader of the Liberal Opposition, was assisted by B. H. Hope as Opposition Whip.

"B" DEBATING SOCIETY.

With their usual zest and vigour the orators of "B" entered again into the discussion of the vital questions of the day, and during the Term many interesting and instructive debates have been held.

The afternoon with the Australian poets was particularly enjoyable, the "Sentimental Bloke" playing a prominent part.

The best debates held were those on "Should the capital be moved to Launceston?" when the speakers were W. Smith, B. Ponsonby, and J. Watters, who supported the affirmative, and I. Douglas, V. Cunningham, and J. Turner, who upheld the negative. After a keen contest the affirmative side proved victorious. The next debate was "The Civilised Man v. the Barbarian." The speakers on this occasion were I. Douglas, C. Nash, and A. Davern, who opposed W. Smith and J. Turner. After a heated controversy the barbarian supporters scored a victory.

Several impromptu afternoons have been held throughout, all of which were thoroughly enjoyed.

"C" DEBATING SOCIETY.

During the last quarter our Debating Society has caused much interest, as there were several good debates. The first was an afternoon of impromptu speeches and conversations. Several good speeches and conversations were given, and afforded much pleasure and amusement to the audience. The next was a debate on "Would an Underground Channel from England to France be Beneficial to England?" This was rather a difficult subject to speak on, as, guided only by our little knowledge of Europe, we were unable to say much. Nevertheless, the debate was a success, the speakers at the conclusion becoming rather heated. The negative side won rather easily. After this, the next day was devoted

to an impromptu debate, which, considering that it was our first, was rather a success, the affirmative side winning by seven votes.

The last subject before going to press was an "Open Afternoon." As there was no piano in our room, the accompaniments to the musical items were played on the violin. Those who rendered items were:—E. Harrison, clarinet solo; Olive McQuire, "When the Sands of the Desert Grow Cold;" Fanny Freshney and C. Attrell, violin solos. These items were interspersed with much applauded impromptu speeches. As the Junior Public is drawing near, we have decided to discontinue our debates next quarter.

"D1" AND "D4" DEBATING SOCIETY.

The progress of this society during last quarter has been satisfactory. We have to report three debates during the quarter, and in each the contest was keen and strong.

The subject for our first debate was "The Abolition of Capital Punishment." The speakers representing the affirmative were Kiddle (Leader), P. Rathburn, and A. Luck, while those for the negative were C. Kerrison (Leader), C. Mason, and S. Maslin. After an interesting contest the negative were voted winners by a small majority.

The second debate drew forth the speakers' political views, the subject being, "Should the Capital Remain at Hobart or be Removed to Launceston?" The speakers representing Hobart were Gough (Leader), M. Smith, and Phillips, while those for Launceston were E. Wyllie (Leader), M. Suiter, and L. Thompson. In the ballot it was agreed upon that those speaking for Hobart were winners.

The third and last debate of the term was "Should the Students of the S.H.S. have Homework." Those speaking for the affirmative were Kiddle (Leader), M. Suiter, and Dickenson, and those for the negative were J. Gough (Leader), P. Rathburn, and S. Maslin. Although there has been a fair amount of interest shown in these debates, it is evident that the main support is coming from the boys of the class, and we would like to see the girls show a little more interest in our meetings.

"D2" AND "D3" DEBATING SOCIETY.

The past quarter has been even more successful than the previous one. During the quarter several very interesting debates have taken place. But the debate in which the majority of the scholars seemed to take more than usual interest in was "Should the Capital be Transferred from Hobart to Launceston?" This debate was fairly long, lasting nearly an hour and a half, and the result was a draw.

Another debate held during the quarter was, "Should Horse-drawn Vehicles be Abolished?" This debate went off exceedingly well, and ended in a victory for those speaking in favour of the abolishing of horse-drawn vehicles.

At last the long looked for debate between "D1" and "D4" classes and "D2" and "D3" has been fixed for September 21st. After much discussion it was decided that the subject should be "Army v. Navy." It was arranged that the "D2" and "D3" should take the side of the Army. The speakers chosen to represent the "D2" and "D3" classes are as follows:—R. Tidey (Leader), M. Ellis, S. Bryan, P. Fletcher.

OUR OPEN COLUMN.

(By Squibs.)

(All communications to this column should be handed to "Squibs," care of the Editor, during the quarter. All items of interest are acceptable.)

Although we do not as a rule insert advertisements, we are requested by "D4" Class to announce that a parrot has been offered for sale there. He talks remarkably well. Apply "M." "D4."

Rumour has it that a member of the Upper School is contemplating starting a butcher's shop. We doubt if he would have many customers, especially at the present time, when stock is so "Bony."

A member of "B" Class is evidently confusing Daylight Saving with Anno Domini and Before Christ, for he writes asking if people who lived B.C. calculated their dates from before the Birth of Christ!

"That Axe" seems to have died a natural death. Certainly it was much used, but it has beaten an honourable retreat from the school, "though not with scrip and scrippage, yet with bag and baggage." It has found an able successor in "You're at it again."

The School does not know what to make of "The Warblers." Some maintain that they are a secret anarchist society, meeting in caucus every Friday, while others think that they are merely a set of musical "cranks." Who is right?

We heartily congratulate W. Smith and L. Stubs on their success in the "Courier" competitions. We also congratulate L. Stubs and E. Scott on the success that attended their efforts in "The Bulletin" Red Page Competition. By the way, we are glad to hear that Eric is on the way to recovery after his illness. An article from his pen appears in this number.

"Perplexed" ("D" Class) asks the origin of the proverb, "Only the brave deserve the 'fair'." He says that he is not quite sure of the meaning, but he points out that, taking it one way, he has reason to be proud of his Science Note Book. Can any reader enlighten him? Another member of the same class tells us that Drake was the first to see the "Invisible" Armada. Was he really? We thought it was a fisherman who saw it first.

ON TOUR COLUMN.

TRIP TO DEVONPORT.

On Friday, September 15, the School sent down to Devonport a football team picked from the "C" and "D" classes, and two hockey teams, and from the "B" and "C" classes, and the other from the "D" classes. The teams journeyed by the afternoon train, and arrived in Devonport about 7 o'clock. They were each billeted by the Devonport schools. The football match was played in the morning, and, in spite of the unfavourable weather, a very good game was played. The result was a win for our side by 44 points. Those who kicked the goals for Launceston were McElwce (3), Walsh (1), Plummer (1), Tabart (1). Our best players were McElwce, Gill, Tabart, and Wylie.

The same morning the "D" class girls played their hockey match against the West Devonport State School. The rain had stopped, and, although our team was much too strong for the Devonport one, both sides put up a very good game. The results were:—Launceston, 2 goals; Devonport, nil. Very good work was done for our side by Isabelle McCullan and Winnie Hodgetts, who both struck one goal. Others who did very good work were Muriel Yost and Phyllis Collins.

As soon as this match was over the "B" and "C" classes played against the Devonport High School. Both teams played very well, and the game resulted in a draw, neither side scoring a goal. The game was umpired by Miss W. Orme.

The teams returned by the afternoon train, after spending a very enjoyable time.

OUR VISIT TO THE BOOT FACTORY.

Several weeks ago we, the students of "D4," had the privilege of visiting the boot factory owned by P. O. Fysh and Co.

We were shown all the different stages through which the boots, or parts of boots, go. The first thing required for the manufacture of a boot is, of course, the leather. The leather is made in Australia and America. The Indian goat skin is sent to Australia and America and tanned, to make patent leather and light box calf. Cow and ox hides are made into other kinds of leather, which is mostly tanned in Australia. There are tin shapes representing the different parts of the boots, and the leather is cut out according to these.

After leaving the room in which the leather is cut we pass on to the room where it is sewn. All the machines are worked by women and girls. Some of these machines have three needles, and are thus able to do three rows of stitching at the one time. There is also another machine which puts the eyes in the upper part of the boot. The next things required are the soles and heels, and these are cut out by an iron shape, which is put on the leather and pressed down by machinery. The edge of the thick leather is cut down or bevelled by a machine known as a skiving machine. A soleing machine is worked by men, and it attaches the sole to the upper part of the boot. Some of these machines stitch the soles on, while others nail them on.

A sole is made of two or three layers of leather, and these are joined together by a plugging machine, this machine making its own brads from a wire, which is continually passing through it. The heels are attached to the sole by a machine known as the heeler machine. For trimming heels a machine is used which has a small cutting wheel, revolving at the rate of 7,000 revolutions per minute. There are about 70 people working at the factory. There are several machines for finishing off the boot; some of these cut the sole level and straight, while others polish it. There are, working at one large bench, five men, who are putting nails and plates on the heavy boots. The nails they use mostly are called Hungary nails. The boots are then stamped by a small hand machine, which puts the number or brand on the sole.

Lastly, we visited the room where some girls were polishing the finished boot with paste known as size. From here the boots are taken to the warehouses.

Thus ended our instructive and appreciated visit, and we all feel greatly indebted to Mr. Fysh for allowing us to look through the factory.

BE IT KNOWN UNTO ALL MEN

- That Annie strongly objects to Mother's interference.
- That certain members (not of the Football Association), but of this School, find history repeating itself in the way of the Five Mile Act and of a Reform Bill, which we presume will be paid under the Riot Act.
- That "Os" has ceased to be a member of A.I.D.'s correspondence bureau. He has taken up literary pursuits, and is attempting a book on the fallacies of love at first sight.
- That "B" class agree that honest Ovid will once more make the acquaintance of the Goths when he enters their class room.
- That printers are doing well out of a certain little card. (Strictly confidential.)
- That a singing class has been formed. It is suggested that the Warbling Wobblers first produce an opera—say the "Geisha."

That certain people are already speculating in various industries. Orchards, Nickel Mines, and other profitable works are being taken up.
 That when "Doug." went up for his military exam. some wit said he was "going up for a star," and that he did not have far to go.
 That it is rumoured that G.D., of "B1," has previous to the five-mile race been putting beeswax and turps. on his crowning glory.
 That "Qui Vive" is becoming the watchword in "B" class. It is becoming a serious business.

"THE WARBLERS."

(By One of Them.)

Note carefully the name! It is not, as the facetious ones dub us, "The Wobblers." Far from it, for it would be hard to find a more sober class than when, on Friday evenings, the air is thrilled with a glorious medley of melodious sounds, which rise and fall from the assembly hall in spontaneous cascades of music. "The Warblers," therefore, is the name given to the class formed by the musical fraternity (and sisterhood) of this School. The class practises every Friday evening, under the conductorship of Mr. Grace. A secretary has been appointed, and from the subscriptions twenty copies of both "Who Will O'er the Downs so Free" and "Hush Thee My Baby" have been purchased. Besides these part-songs, items have been given each evening by members, and these—the items—have caused much amusement. Those we have to thank are Misses C. Malcolm, B. Barret, M. Hughes, and Messrs. Grace, Ede, Pullen, Douglas, and Rollins. The latter's items were especially appreciated, and his "We Won't be Home Till Morning" provoked much mirth.

In addition to these songsters, an orchestra has been formed, and, though it has been in existence but a few weeks, it shows promise of great things, and, with the talk of a concert, we may expect much. "Where there's a will there's a way."

CLASS NOTES.

CLASS "A." Supervising Teacher—Mr. A. L. Meston, B.A.

"To-night ungathered let us leave
 This laurel, let this holly stand."

Alas! this, perforce, must be our guiding motto for the rest of the year. No more are the days of ease. Henceforth our days must be given over to labour and our nights to burning of the midnight oil. For the next three months we must "sitting well in order smite the sounding billows" of knowledge.

This Term we have been initiated into the mysteries of the chemistry lab. This, no doubt, has been the cause of many great inventions, inventions which promise to put the inventors high up on the scroll of fame. K——n has patented an invention for preventing the evil effects of sea breezes; Jesse, another of our members, in a philanthropic mood, organised a factory for the providing of those who were anhungered; but, much to the disgust of the promoters of the 20th century Bologna Concordat, their first product was scornfully rejected by the recipient.

The class premiership in hockey has been won by our team, and the coveted honour of holding the hockey shield for one year has thus been obtained by us. The shield now adorns our room.

CLASS "B." Supervising Teacher—Mr. Grace.

"As now the sun's declining rays
 At even tide descend,
 So this brief Term is sinking down
 To it's appointed end."

But as the Term ends so draws near the gloom of examinations, and we dread the very thought of Trig., and perhaps other subjects as well. But every cloud has a silver lining, and exams. being no exception to the rule, have holidays as their lining.

Though it has afforded us a greater degree of privacy, we were sorry at the departure of "B2" from our midst. However, they are still with us for some subjects, and we are glad of their company.

Several of our members have entered for the "quinque milia passuum" race, to be run at Hobart at Friday, September 22nd. We wish them and the team every success in their effort.

A beginning has been made in the collection of sports trophies. The first on our list is the Class Cricket Shield, but we regret to say that the girls were unable to win the hockey shield. But though they were unsuccessful this time, we hope that the "A" class of next year will succeed in gaining the coveted trophy.

When told at the beginning of the quarter that Mr. Johnson was to pay us a visit for the purpose of the annual inspection, we were filled with dismay "for what might happen." But the inspection is now a thing of the past, and we are left with many a pleasant recollection of that visit.

During the Term we have made a new acquaintance, viz., "Cicero." We extended a hearty welcome to him, and since then we have found him "a friend (?) that sticketh closer than a brother."

We now enter upon the last Term of a very pleasant year, but we do not forget that next year we will be the senior class of the School, and as such great things will be expected of us in the Senior Public Examination.

CLASS "B2." Supervising Teacher—Miss Davies, M.A.

Our class is beginning now to realise its separate existence, for we no longer form part of the "B" class, although we are glad to join them for some of our subjects. No longer do we sit cramped up in dual desks. We have taken possession of a fine class-room, and, surely our proximity to the "A" class, and the fine view we share with them of our noble river, should act as an inspiration to us.

Our numbers are small, but do not therefore underrate us, for we more than make up for mere lack of numbers by the striking personalities of some of our members. We need only mention, in order to prove our point, Irvine Douglas the rower, Eric Scott the philosopher, and Jack Skemp the prize-winner in the last Junior.

By the way, the afore-mentioned philosopher has been the victim of an attack of diphtheria, but is now regaining strength, and spends much of his time basking in the sunshine on the banks of the Tamar.

We should like to extend to our popular class-mate, Jack Challis, our sincere sympathy with him in the loss of his brother, who fell in France while nobly fighting in the great struggle against the Central Powers.

In conclusion, we wish success to the pupils of the "A" and "C" classes in the Public Examinations. We assure the senior candidates that, however great their success, we shall endeavour to keep up to the standard they have set, even if it is not possible for us to go beyond it.

CLASS "C1." Supervising Teacher—Miss A. Walker, B.A.

Quaking hearts are the order of the day as the dreaded Junior Public draws nearer. How we wish that we had worked more in the beginning of the year! However, we are all working very hard now, and hope to do our class and school credit in the coming exam.

As regards our school life, this Term has not been an eventful one. The annual inspection passed us by, for which we were very thankful. Even the Junior Public has its advantages.

The matches against the Hobart High School provided us with some excitement, especially as we were successful in winning every one.

The girls are all talking hockey, their enthusiasm being kindled by the class mistakes. We are all very proud of our team, which has the honour of not being beaten in any of the matches, and also of coming second in the class premiership. Next year we are hoping to gain the shield for our room.

With the advent of spring our room has become gay with bulbs and violets, and the flower monitors perform their duties well.

News is scarce this Term, and, short of inventing something, I am afraid there is nothing more to relate, so I will conclude by wishing our staff and fellow pupils a very happy holiday.

CLASS "C2." Supervising Teacher—Miss Bell, B.A.

The past quarter has been one of uninterrupted work. We have become quite accustomed to our new surroundings, and have settled down in earnest to work for the Junior Public Examination, which is to take place shortly. We are quite willing to sacrifice a little sport and amusement in order to uphold the honour of the School, and to win, if possible, the two £5 prizes for our class. Our hopes are centred in Carey and Stephens, and they will certainly try not to disappoint us.

Sport has been carried on as usual during the Term; the hockey and football season is now drawing to a close, and we are looking forward to tennis and cricket.

On September 9th a football match was played between the Devonport State High School and a team representing the "C" and "D" classes. After a good game our team ran out winners by 9 goals 21 behinds.

On the same day a hockey match was also played, in which our girls were defeated, but in the return match at Devonport on September 16th the game resulted in a draw.

CLASS "D1," Supervising Teacher—Mr. Glover.

Just imagine! our third quarterly examinations are now on. The quarter seems to have simply flown, but I suppose the good times we have had since last quarter have made it appear shorter than it really is.

When we came back to School after the holidays we heard that the Secondary were going to leave us to join "D4," so that "D1" teachers now have a room to themselves.

Two very important events have taken place this quarter. The first was the annual inspection by Mr. Johnson, and, on the whole, we think that our results are very satisfactory.

The other event alluded to was the "D" classes social, which was eagerly looked forward to by us all. Nor were we disappointed, for when 10 o'clock came we wished that we could have had it all over again.

There has been plenty of sport this Term, both football and hockey. We feel honoured in having in our room two first year boys who represented the School against both Hobart and Devonport teams. Congratu-

lations to you, Eric Wyllie and Reg. Cullen. Winnie Hodgetts bids fair to be our champion hockey player.

Our room is now practically completed, and its appearance has been greatly improved by the addition to the walls of some very good pictures. We have to thank the girls for the flowers and pot plants, especially Phyllis Dwyer and Lily Cartledge.

CLASS "D2." Supervising Teacher—Miss Stephenson, B.A.

This quarter has been marked by important events both in lessons and in sports. As regards the first, there was the annual inspection, when we had either written or oral examinations in the various subjects, whilst our prowess in sport was tested by matches against teams from the Hobart State High School. As both these important subjects have their special columns in the "Magazine," we shall not enlarge on them, but merely say that, whilst the majority in our class have acquitted themselves well at the High School, there are, unfortunately, a few who lag behind.

We were sorry to lose our Prefect, Hilton Woods, who has returned home to King Island. Eric Tabart is to be heartily congratulated on having been elected to fill the gap in the Prefectship. Eric has done useful work for us in coaxing and hammering refractory blinds, and his influence is likely to be good also in subtler and more important directions.

CLASS "D3." Supervising Teacher—Miss E. Greaves.

The chief event of the quarter has been our annual inspection, and we of "D3" hope we have not disgraced ourselves, although most of us thought the geometry paper a stiff one. If, however, we did not make a very good showing, we will not become downhearted, but will try all the more to prepare ourselves for a good place in the next examinations.

We hope that next quarter will see Inez Cowle with us. She is said to have had the measles, and we hope by this time she has quite recovered.

Mildred Whatley, one of our Prefects, has left our midst to take up home duties. We are all very sorry to lose her.

Douglas Lohrey is at present ill, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

The "D3" vases are looking very dainty, thanks to the thoughtfulness of Katie, who generally supplies the flowers.

Several improvements have been made in our room since last Term, and we hope soon to have some pictures.

In conclusion, we wish the "A" and "C" classes every success in their coming examinations.

CLASS "D4." Supervising Teacher—Miss D. Brown.

Time flies! We of the "D4" class can scarce believe that we are sending in our notes for the third quarter. How much we had intended doing; how little seems to have been done!

But we must console ourselves that we have yet another quarter in which to fit ourselves for the Junior Public Examination class.

Since the last issue of the "Churinga" we have been joined by the Secondary people, and we here extend a hearty welcome to them, and although they are sometimes the cause of our detention, we would not like to be without them again.

Last quarterly examinations somewhat altered the positions in class, H. Finlayson, A. Padman, and A. Bowen being the first three on the list. Since then Harry has joined the Secondary, and we wish him luck with the languages.

Improvements are still going on in our room. We have now three pictures, and a very fine paper basket; also, thanks to Guy and Arthur, the results are again up, and now that Wilfred is back from his illness our vases are never empty.

We could speak at great length about our sporting abilities, but we shall simply state that Aubrey Luck not only played in the North and South match, but was captain of the team which played against Devonport.

Thanks to Mr. Fysh we had a most enjoyable and instructive visit to the boot factory. An account of this appears in another column.

We poor Secondary creatures are quite worn out with climbing stairs, and sometimes even the vocabularies of three languages fail to express our disgust at having to change rooms so often.

We will close by wishing the "C" and "A" classes the best of luck at the Junior and Senior Public Examinations.

SCIENCE FROM AN ARM CHAIR.

II.

A DROP OF WATER.

(By "Krinos.")

It may not appear to the casual observer that there is much interest attached to a single drop of water, but to the microscopist it is a store-house of wonders, and offers many phases of absorbing interest. From a drop of water, too, the physicist could predict the existence of an ocean with its varied and manifold phenomena of tides, hot and cold currents, surface variations of temperature, and so on even to the height of the waves under certain given conditions. The chemist from such slender data as is afforded by a single drop could accurately set down its physical and chemical properties. And thus in other branches of science much information could be gleaned from it; but here we will stop to consider it only from the standpoint of the microscopist, and deal with the animals and plants contained in it. It does not by any means follow that all these organisms are present in a single drop, for it frequently happens that there are not more than two or three forms to be found, since these have multiplied to such an extent as to occupy most of the available space. One other word remains to be said before we consider the inhabitants of our drop, and that is that a drop of water from a bush pool is likely to be better stocked with material than that obtained from the tap, although this latter is by no means devoid of living things.

The range of forms, both animal and vegetable, is almost beyond number, and their description and separation is further complicated by the fact that many of them undergo such startling transformations during their life history. There are scores of forms different in the sense that a turtle and a monkey are different, and each of these forms have more or less modified relations, sometimes thousands of them, distinct from one another as a chimpanzee is distinct from a gorilla. Here, however, we must confine ourselves to merely mentioning three or four of them. The green slime which covers such large areas of our mud-flats is formed by countless millions of an animal which is also very common in some water. They are nominally spindle-shaped bodies, but they frequently bunch themselves up into a position which is aptly enough described as "going through the hoop." Although these creatures are giants among the inhabitants of a drop of water, yet it would take between two and three hundred of them placed end to end to measure an inch. Their name

is *Euglena*. They are furnished with a whip-lash at one end, and also with a red "eye-spot" near it.

One of the most common of all the organisms found in water is the *Paramecium*, a more or less oval body much smaller than *Euglena*, from which it also differs in being very nearly transparent. It always contains two globular vessels, apparently connected with its mode of nourishment. *Paramecia* frequently fill the whole field of the microscope when water is examined, and they impart quite a lively air to the scene as they glide from place to place. They owe their locomotive powers to the presence of numerous eye lash-like hairs which clothe their surfaces, and which by rapid movement propel the organisms in the desired direction. Often associated with *paramecia* are the beautiful organisms known as diatoms—organisms which are on the boundary of the animal and plant kingdoms, and which one observer places among one group and another includes among the representatives of the other. They are now generally considered, however, as being plants. It is impossible to give the faintest idea of the beauty and multiplicity of the forms, existing in inconceivable numbers around us, and yet they work out their life cycles unseen and unheeded by the great majority of people. Within the circle of living matter, measuring only one hundred and fiftieth of an inch in diameter, there are triumphs of architecture far surpassing in beauty and delicacy the most magnificent of man's works, and these temples of life, tinted in the most glorious manner, do not remain stationary as ours do, but glide majestically in and out among the waving fronds of some emerald microscopic forest.

We cannot here stop to describe the multitude of other organisms which swarm in water; the minute specks of bacteria often capable of causing disease; the formless lumps of living matter known as amoeba; the lively wheel-bearing rotifers; the animalcules with swan-like necks; the delicately pink-tinted daphnia; the ever-rolling green spheres, with their exquisite silver tracery, which we call volvox; these and a hundred other forms we must leave untouched, but at least we can remember that they are there, and that within a single drop of water there exists, as Wordsworth says—

"A universe of Nature's fairest forms."

CADETS.

The new military year saw the formation of two School platoons. The interest in drill is very keen, and those who have just commenced drill have made a very good start. Their Platoon, No. 7, will soon rival No. 6 in smartness and efficiency. We are Platoons Nos. 6 and 7 of "B" Co., 92 Batt. Our organisation is as follows:—

Lieutenant, A. L. Meston; 2nd Lieutenant, R. Pullen.
No. 6 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant, I. Douglas; No. 1 Sect. Commr., Sergeant H. Rollins; No. 2 ditto, Lance-Corp. E. A. Cartledge; No. 3 ditto, Corp. D. Wheeler; No. 4 ditto, Corp. P. Palamoutain.

No. 7 Platoon.—Platoon Sergeant, L. O. Stubs; No. 1 Sect. Commr., Corp. R. Atkinson; No. 2 ditto, Sergeant L. Briggs; No. 3 ditto, Corp. A. Davern; No. 4 ditto, Corp. E. Scott.

At the beginning of the year a competitive examination was held for the position of 2nd Lieutenant. The examination was passed by Irvine Douglas, whom we hope soon to see promoted.

On Thursday, September 14th, the Commandant (Colonel Clark) paid us a surprise visit. After inspection several manoeuvres were gone through and successfully performed, then we adjourned to the Lecture Hall, where we had the pleasure of hearing him address us.

BOYS' SPORTS.

Football.

FIRSTS.

Once more, with the lengthening of the days, is that favourite of winter pastimes—football—giving place to its summer rival—cricket. Nevertheless we have enjoyed a very favourable season, studded here and there with our victories. This has been a most successful season, for on only one occasion have we suffered defeat at the hands of our opponents. However, we have laid aside our muddled knickers, some of us, perhaps, for the last time, to turn our hands to the less strenuous game, at which we hope to be as successful as we were the preceding season.

As previously mentioned, our greatest difficulty has been the want of teams to play, and because of this the quarter has passed with our having played only two games. In the first one, against a combination of the Khaki Wanderers and the Ghurkas, we were successful. The other a match, which is of the greatest importance to us, was against the Southern State High. Although the day broke dull and foggy, yet as the time wore on it turned out to be beautifully fine and sunny. The match resulted in one of the best expositions of football seen on the Cricket Ground for some time. As is evinced by the scoring, the game was very even throughout, and at no part of the game could anyone say with certainty with whom the honours would rest. Within a few minutes of the commencement of play South scored a behind, and soon followed it up with a goal kicked by McNeair. North then took a hand, and after fifteen minutes' play Tabart kicked their first goal. The second quarter brought out some excellent play. The defenders of both teams worked with such success that only three points were added throughout. In the third quarter the Southern team had a majority, but, owing to the stubborn defence, were able to add only eight points, whilst North did not score. The last quarter was a fitting close to a magnificent attempt on both sides. Both teams struggled valiantly for the coveted honour. The Northern team, however, appeared to have slightly the better staying power, and consequently had the best of the play. By a fine effort and much good play North put on two goals through the agency of Tabart and Dicker, and two behinds. Final scores:

North, 3 goals 4 behinds.

South, 2 goals 6 behinds.

Those who put up the best effort for the Southerners were Davie, Fleming, Coleman, P. Geaves, and Dilger, while Campbell, Hope, Fahey, Cunningham, and O. Wyllie deserve special mention for the Northern team.

The other match was against a combined team of the Khaki Wanderers and the Ghurkas. The bad state of the ground militated against a good display, but nevertheless the game found some good exponents on both sides. After a strenuous contest the superior play of S.H.S. carried them through, the final scores being: S.H.S., 3 goals 6 behinds; Combined, 2 goals 3 behinds. Goal-kickers: S.H.S.—McElwee, Tabart, Campbell. Combined—Yost, Wilkinson. S.H.S., were best represented by Hope, Campbell, Fahey, O. Wyllie, and Partridge, while Illingworth, Mitchell, Wheeldon, and Gridley worked hard to avert defeat.

CHARACTERS.

B. Hope—Good captain; sets a good example; good back and mark; sure; plenty of dash.

W. J. Fahey—A good ruck man; good mark; plenty of dash.
R. Pullen—Plenty of dash; inclined to run too much with the ball; not always sure.
C. Cunningham—Good kick, good mark, good pass; uses his head.
P. Palamountain—Fair kick; fast, but will not get rid of the ball; does not keep his place.
F. Partridge—Good kick; good ruck man; does not make enough use of his weight.
N. Campbell—Fair kick, but plenty of dash; an excellent ruck man; ground work good; never beaten.
H. McElwee—Good kick; good mark, but too selfish.
Luck—Fair mark and kick; plenty of dash.
O. Wyllie—Very good mark and kick; a little selfish in the ruck; passing good.
G. Dicker—Very good kick; fair mark; passing good; not enough dash.
Brain—Good kick; fast, but does not get rid of the ball quickly enough.
Tabart—Very good kick, but too selfish; fair mark.
E. Wyllie—On the slow side; plenty of dash; kicking greatly improved.
Johnson—Fast, but runs too much with the ball, and does not keep his place; fair mark and kick.
Stubs—Plenty of dash; poor kick; needs to use his head more.
H. Craw—Poor mark; good kick; passing weak, but improving.
Challis—Cool player; fair pass; accurate kick; looks after himself; too much to say.
E. Scott—Fast, but often overruns the ball; passing weak; poor mark; kicking fair.
Cullen—Fair kick; too slow with the ball; needs to run at his top.

SECONDS.

This quarter has been a very successful one for the Second Football team as far as that sport is concerned. Six matches have been played, and five of them won. The first match was against the Ghurkas' Military team, and after an even game we were victorious by 4—8 to 3—3. McElwee, Stubs, Tabart, and H. Craw were largely responsible for our victory. The next match was against the Combined State Schools. It was played under unfavourable weather conditions, but we won rather easily by 7—7 to 2—6. Our most conspicuous players were Turner, Walsh, Cunningham, Towell, and Markey. The following Wednesday another match was played against a stronger State School team, and, for the first time, the Seconds were beaten by them, the scores being: Combined State, 4—4; S.H.S., 2—7. A. Scott, Stubs, Turner, and Mason worked hard to avert defeat. Next we played Scotch College, but were rather too strong, although they played a plucky losing game. The scores were: S.H.S., 3—7; Scotch, 3 points.

The "C" and "D" class team, which has been successful both in the home and return match against Devonport, is composed largely of Seconds, and we congratulate them on their success.

THIRDS.

This quarter has been to us a very eventful one. We have played many matches, and we were successful in nearly all of them. Every Wednesday ring work is indulged in, after which a match is played. We have met the Fourths a number of times, and have derived much benefit and practice from these encounters. The matches we have played are as follows:

V. Charles-street—S.H.S., 5 goals 6 behinds; opponents, 4 goals 13 behinds.

V. Charles-street and Invermay—S.H.S., 6 goals 3 behinds; opponents, 2 goals 12 behinds.

V. East Launceston—S.H.S., 5 goals 8 behinds; opponents, 6 goals 1 behind.

V. Grammar Thirds—S.H.S., 3 goals 5 behinds; opponents, 5 goals 6 behinds.

V. Grammar Thirds—S.H.S., 4 goals 11 behinds; opponents, 2 goals 9 behinds.

Our best players are difficult to pick, for the whole of the team has kept up a high standard of play. Those we have decided upon are West, Freeburgh, Finlayson, Redman, and Bentley. Next term we don the flannels, and then "farewell to football" for a long time.

FOURTHS.

Altogether we have had a very successful season, since we lost only one match. At the beginning of the season Dickens was elected captain, Burke vice, and Rollins secretary. Our practices have been carried out at York Park, under the able supervision of Mr. Ede. On the whole the play has been satisfactory, though there are still one or two members who in matches seem to play a little selfishly. Passing is our weak spot, and lack of accurate passing has lost us many fine opportunities to score. Our best forward, Brown, has fallen into the pleasing habit of taking marks before the goal. McDermott and Rollins are staunch ruck men. On half-back line McDermott has distinguished himself, and here also Rollins' weight and dash tell. On the wing Kerrison seems very promising, and Jackson makes a very efficient centre.

Miss McDonough has very kindly promised a trophy for the best all-round player in the Fourths, and consequently the competition is somewhat keen.

For practice we have played the Thirds, but have scored only one victory. Three of our best—McGuire, Lee Archer, and Edwards—have been promoted to the Thirds. Our matches were:

Two v. East Launceston II. Won both.

One v. Scotch College I. and II. Won after a hard struggle.

Five v. Charles-street I. and II. Won all.

Three v. Grammar IV. All won by a great margin.

One v. Invermay I.—Lost by 1 point.

The best match of the season was against Scotch College, who put up a gallant fight all through. We are looking forward to play a return match against them before the end of the season.

We did not get any representatives in the match against Devonport S.H.S., though not through any lack of good players.

The last match played was against Grammar School Fourths. We defeated them by 11 goals 12 behinds to 2 goals.

Our best players are Rollins, Brown, McDermott, Jackson, Shaw, and Lapthorne.

Cross-Country Running.

By "Fussy."

An innovation has this Term made its appearance, for night upon night a motley squad of cross-country runners is to be seen wending its weary way down towards Beaconsfield. Strange to say, no one has yet become a victim of the Tamar mud.

This school is getting together a formidable combination of nice-looking young gentlemen, who are confident of success, one wealthy personage even venturing to wager 2s. 6d., to be paid by I.O.U.

Among our star performers are to be seen the veterans A. Scott, L. Stubbs, O. Wylie, A. Davern, G. Dicker, H. Watters, and A. Luck.

We wish the runners every success, and a pleasant trip on the "Old Mail."

GIRLS' SPORTS.

Tennis.

The only event of any importance that has happened this Term is a ladder match, played between Jessie Bradshaw and Mavis Hughes, the former winning by six games to four. As the winter months are now over, much more interest will be taken in tennis.

Hockey.

FIRSTS.

All players are sorry that the warm weather is coming, because hockey sticks will be put aside and tennis racquets used instead.

During this season our Firsts have done remarkably well. They secured the honourable position of "runners-up" in the Senior Premiership of Launceston. These matches were played with eagerness during the whole season, and the girls are to be congratulated on their improvement on last year's work.

On September 9 a hockey carnival in aid of Belgian children was held. The Firsts were to play Devonport S.H., but owing to the arrangement of the matches they were unable to do so. Nevertheless a match was played between the Present Girls and the Past Girls. This match ended in a victory for us by 4 goals to nil.

We are all looking forward to next Saturday's trip to Deloraine. This team is reported to be heavy and fast, but we will make a good bid to keep up the honour already gained.

Class matches have been played every Wednesday, and a shield was given to the winning class. This honour was gained by the "A" class, the "C" class being runners-up. Next year the Old Scholars will have a splendid opportunity of winning the premiership, because their team will be strengthened by the "A" class, and perhaps "B" class people, who will be leaving this year.

Alice Cunningham has done excellent work as goal-keeper, and a good deal of praise is due to her for her help in the team.

Cecil, who made an excellent back, has a very strong hit, and can be relied upon to do her share.

Marjory Rudge, Dorothy Mullene, and Eima Kidd also did good work throughout the matches.

We are anxiously waiting to know who will get Mr. Birchall's trophy for hockey.

On August 11 a match was played between our Firsts and Hobart S.H. Our girls proved too good for the Southerners, and the match ended in a win for us by 4 goals to nil.

SECONDS.

This quarter the Second Hockey team had a trip to Devonport, to play the return match against the Devonport State High School firsts. The team left school about 2.15 p.m. to catch the afternoon train, which arrived at Devonport at about 7 p.m. The Principal (Mr. Sharp) and Miss Squires were there to meet them, together with some of their pupils, by whom our team was kindly billeted.

It rained throughout the morning, and consequently the ground was not at its best. At 2 p.m. the match commenced. At first, owing to the strangeness of the ground, our team did not show their best form, but towards the end of the first half they picked up, and led a vigorous attack. Both teams played a splendid game throughout.

Two goals were hit by our team, but unfortunately they were both hit from outside the striking circle, and could not be counted. The game ended in a draw, neither side having scored. The best players for our side were Fanny Freshney, who played splendidly throughout, Cecil Nash, and Bessie Moir, the two backs, who also played extremely well.

"D" CLASS.

Last week a team from the "D" classes was chosen to play the West Devonport State School team in hockey.

We left town at twenty minutes to 3, and arrived down at Devonport at 7 o'clock.

The next day it was very dull and miserable, and later it began to rain very hard, but this did not hinder us from having our match, and not long after it started the weather cleared up.

At the end of the first half no goals had been scored by either side, but at the end of a very exciting game the "D" classes proved victorious by scoring two goals to nil.

CLASS MATCHES.

Great interest was taken in hockey this winter owing to the class matches, which were a source of excitement and entertainment on Wednesday afternoons. As well as stimulating our interest, it also improved the play of many members of the various teams. Kathie McKay, Alice Cunningham and Marjorie Rudge made most efficient umpires, and gave satisfaction to all. On Wednesday, September 7, the decisive match of the season was played between "A" and "C" classes, and as each side was determined that the other should not score, the game ended in a draw. As a result "A" class gained the premiership and the coveted class shield. The position of the various teams is as follows:—

- "A" Class—5 points.
- "C" Class—4 points.
- "B" Class—1 point.
- "D" Class—Nil.

Baseball.

About thirty-five girls assemble at the Brickfields for baseball practice on Wednesday afternoons, and most of them are trying to improve their play.

Several of the girls have kindly brought bats, whilst there are generally two or three balls, which have not been lost over the walls or down the gutters.

We were successful in gaining a victory over the Hobart State High School team a few weeks ago, despite the fact that several of the girls had had no baseball practice this year, having become hockey players instead. The team that played so well in the above-mentioned match consisted of May Wilkins (captain), Olive Kidd, Isobel Arnott, Nona Bayley, Florrie Bayley, Marion Chick, Marjorie Ellis, Phyllis Collins, and Muriel Yost.

Previous to the match against Hobart was one against the Combined State Schools of Launceston, in which we were rather badly beaten.

POET'S CORNER.

LATIN.

(By J.F.T.)

"Who first invented Latin"? The questions not in glee,
And yet I cannot answer, it seems so strange to me
That anyone with feeling could ever design to dare
To write up such a language—it really isn't fair.

You start off with declensions, you think its rather fun,
But when you meet with "dies" you confess you're nearly done;
And "dies" is an angel compared with "bos" an ox,
(No insult to Hector, the boy with golden locks).

The five declensions over, you feel a bit relieved,
And think the worst is over, I needn't c'er have grieved.
But, alas! you don't know "amo" in conjugation one,
Still you've got to grin and bear it, and say its only fun.

Then the "regulars" are finished—surely Latin's over now,
But no! you groan with anguish for a rest I won't allow;
Just "carry on" with Caesar, who wrote the Gallic wars,
And fought the ancient Picts and Scots on Britain's war-swept shore.

Though knowledge comes but slowly,

With Julius you're through.

Then attempt to learn your Virgil, a thing I cannot do.

"Oh, why could he have written such tales of pain and woe"
Non possum I tell to you—ask Stubs, he's sure to know.

OUR SPLENDID MEN.

LIEUT. W. L. GARRARD (ex-Master).

SERGEANT S. LONERGAN.

PRIVATE D. L. WHITCHURCH.

PRIVATE LINDSAY SCOTT.

PRIVATE MAC KIDD.

PRIVATE P. RYAN (died of illness).

PRIVATE W. MASON.

PRIVATE R. RULE.

PRIVATE EDGAR BRIGGS.

PRIVATE ERIC McIVOR.

PRIVATE R. H. STEPHENS.

PRIVATE JACK ROBERTSON.

SEAMAN RALPH ANDERSON.

SEAMAN REG. WATSON.

OLD SCHOLARS' COLUMN.

(By The General Secretary.)

On August 2 a very enjoyable social was held in the School Assembly Hall. This was our first social to be held in the new school, and I am sure we all felt very proud of our being able to come to the school for our pleasures.

In this connection our worthy President has worked very hard for us. He was instrumental in inducing the Director to have two rooms upstairs fitted with lights for small parties, etc. I am sure we are grateful to both the Director and him.

Many delightful games were indulged in, there being two competitions. These were won by Misses Eileen Kildea and Myra Barrett. The following contributed to the musical part of the programme—L. Waldon and T. Jacobson.

After supper was handed round we finished by singing "Auld Lang Syne" and the School Song.

Apologies were received from Misses I. Barnes, Davis, E. Balstrup, J. Cumming, R. Good, E. Mitchell, E. Eastoe, T. Rockliffe, H. Duff, C. Williams, and A. Munro, and Messrs. E. C. Briggs and H. Johnston.

On Wednesday, September 6, a most delightful little euchre evening was spent by members in our new room upstairs. The room arrangements were capably carried out by M. Meston, and left nothing to be desired. The winners were Miss Sibel Clarke and Mr. Arthur Kilby. Mr. Kilby received a silver match box and Miss Clark a box of chocolates.

Apologies were received from Misses A. Munro, A. Mann, and Mr. Stan. Trethewey.

The syllabus of events is as follows:—Wednesday, October 4, dance and games; Wednesday, November 1, musical evening; Wednesday, December 6, gramophone and picture evening.

Invitations for the annual social, to be held Show Week, will be issued later.

RESIGNATIONS.

During this quarter two resignations were received. Miss R. Good resigned her ably-filled position on the General Committee, owing to her inability to devote enough time to the position. Her resignation was received with much regret, and we trust she will continue to take an interest in the affairs of the Association.

Mr. Eric Melvor having enlisted for active service, his position as Auditor fell vacant. We wish him a safe return and the best of luck.

Mr. Percy Fordham was duly elected to fill the vacancy.

APPOINTMENTS.

Owing to the enlarging of the Association, it was thought by the General Committee that if an Editor for our portion of the Magazine were appointed, the column could be made much more interesting.

With this purpose in view, Mr. L. T. Collins was duly elected to the position. We trust that this new arrangement now entered upon will be entirely beneficial to members of the Association.

Nothing sent.—Editor.

On August 2, at a special meeting called for the purpose of electing a lady on the committee to fill the place rendered vacant by Miss Good's resignation, Miss Eileen Kildea was elected to fill this position, and we feel quite sure that we have secured quite an asset to the committee.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION.

The following alterations to the Constitution were passed at the Annual Meeting. Members are requested to alter their copies accordingly:

To Rule 2 ("Membership").—Add (c) Ex-teachers on the staff of the Launceston State High School.

To Rule 4 ("Officers").—Add vii. If any office other than that of Auditor or Assistant Secretary fall vacant between the Annual General Meeting, the vacancy shall be filled at a Special General Meeting called by the General Secretary. All other offices, should they become vacant, shall be filled by the General Committee.

Rule 9 ("General Secretary").—To the end of this Rule add:—All accounts shall be paid by cheque, signed by General Secretary and countersigned by the President, and no moneys shall be spent without the consent of the General Committee.

Rule 12 ("General Meetings").—To the end of this Rule add:—The General Committee shall call a Special General Meeting upon the written request of not less than five members of the Association, who at the same time will state the business to be considered at such a Special General Meeting.

Rule 14 ("Subscriptions"). Add (b):—It is the duty of every Old Scholar to see that he or she obtains a receipt on a correct form, signed by the General Secretary, when he or she has paid his or her subscription.

Add (c):—Any Old Scholar may become a member of the Association from January 1 to April 15 by paying a subscription of 2s. 6d. (2/6).

Rule 16. ("Unfinancial Members").—Line 5, take out December 31 and insert June 31.

Next quarter the list of members with their addresses will be published. Will your name be amongst them? If not, why not? You are just as much an Old Scholar as any in the members' list, and your name should be in the list.

Every member should make it his or her duty to see that every Old Scholar is a member of the Association.

The number of boys who have left the School is 127, and out of that 22 are members. Of the 62 girls who have left 25 are members. That is, out of 189 Old Scholars 47 are members of the Association, or about one-fourth.

If you are a member of the Association you are actively in touch with the School and its doings.

The objects of the Association are:—1. The promotion of unity and friendship amongst the scholars of the Launceston State High School. 2. The continued interest among Old Scholars in the welfare of the Launceston State High School. Therefore, by becoming a member of the Association you are doing your share to keep the School what it is.

OLD SCHOLARS.

N.B.—The Secretary, who was deputed to forward these notes, has been rather dilatory.

Kathie Barnes sends a long letter, wishing all 1913-1914 students best wishes, and congratulating us on the boat race.

Millie Solomon is teaching at Waratah.

Lucy Cumming is teaching at Ridgely.

Both of these were sadly missed by the Old Scholars' hockey team.

Edgar Briggs during his sojourn in camp has put on much weight.

Poor old "Presto" Ryan, who died of meningitis whilst crossing from Egypt to France, wrote to Mr. Miller on May 7, mentioning that he had met Mac Kidd in Egypt. We sympathise with his parents.

Mac Kidd's address is No. 5,217, 52 Battalion, 4th Aust. Division, Base Depot, Section 17, B.E.F., France. Please write a line to him.

"Dad" Sellars always gets mentioned in Monday's paper for his fine football.

Bob Stevens has enlisted.

Wilfred Rockliffe, who comes to Launceston in his car (he is old enough to drive it now) was delighted with the new building.

Willie Mason looked well in khaki. 1913 scholars will remember him.

Jack Robertson enlisted in Victoria. He wished the School well before he left.

Clyde Rowell, after going to Claremont, was sent back for being

under 18. We admire his spirit.

Reg. Watson is now on the Australia, in the North Sea.

Stan. Trethewey made an excellent Secretary of the Cadets' Football team. They say he favoured the S.H. lads.

Melita Walden always assists our socials with her singing.

Bob Docking has left the bank, and is now at a steamship company.

Norm. Richardson enters D. and W. Murray's as a warehouseman.

We miss him in rowing.

WHO'S WHO.

Principal—Mr. R. O. Miller, B.A.

Staff—Mr. A. L. Meston, B.A., Miss Davies, M.A., Miss Bell, B.A.,

Miss Stephenson, B.A., Miss Brown, Miss Greaves, Miss A. Walker, B.A.,

Mr. W. Grace, Mr. H. Ede, Mr. H. Glover.

Senior Prefects—Girls, P. Berlowitz; Boys, W. Fahey.

Dux of School—R. Atkinson.

Captain of Football—B. Hope.

Captain of Cricket—B. Hope.

Stroke of Crew—W. Fahey.

Captain of Hockey—K. McKay.

Captain of Tennis—C. Nash.

Captain of Baseball—M. Wilkins.

Senior Cadets—Company Commander, Lieut. A. L. Meston.

Debating Societies—Secretaries: "A" Class, L. Daymond; "B" Class,

E. Scott; "C" Class, N. McLeod; "D2" and "D3" Classes, K. Plummer;

"D1" and "D4" Classes, E. Wyllic.

Librarian—Miss A. Walker.

"Warblers' " Singing Class—Conductor, Mr. W. Grace; Secretary, I. Douglas.

Old Scholars' Association—President, Mr. W. Grace; Secretary, Mr. T. Johnstone.

"Northern Churinga"—Editor, Mr. A. L. Meston; Sub-Editor, I. Douglas.

EDITOR'S SCRAP BOOK.

It is with extreme regret that we have occasion to record our deepest sympathy with J. A. Challis, who has had the misfortune to lose his brother, who was killed in France. To many of us Challis' brother was well known as a footballer—one of the finest in Australia—and we give our sincerest sympathy to our schoolfellow. "Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori."

We should like to draw the attention of readers to the two new columns—The Open Column and the "Be it Known unto All Men" Column. If you have anything for either of these, bring it along to the Editor as soon as you think of it, and don't wait to be asked the last week in the Term. The same thing applies to all contributors—secretaries included. If your poem, story, or article is rejected, try again, for this is the only way to succeed, and make the "Northern Churinga" what it should be.

To the Junior and Senior Public classes we wish the best of luck in the coming ordeal.