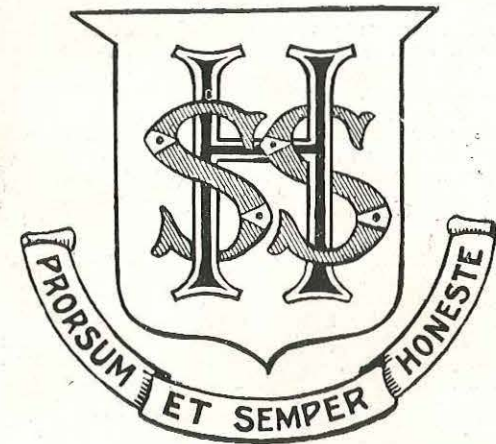


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EDITORIAL.

"Yesterday belongs to the Past, To-morrow is in God's hands, only To-day is your own."

"Only To-day is your own." To-day is in greater part compounded of Past and Future, for it is a product of the yesterdays and a building stone for the years ahead; yet each one of us, I think, and particularly those of us who are now entering upon High School life, may do well to think a little on this old saying. So much you have left behind, so strange and hard seems the new life into which you are thrust. As a well-known landscape blurs and dims neath a gathering mist, as a well-known coast line fades and fades in the distance, so the Yesterdays are dropping behind us. Shadowy and unreal the To-morrows are advancing, but To-day is our own. To-day with its dreaming, beauty of autumn wealth, its tingling winter rain, or sweet scented summer hours, To-day with its beauty of sea and sky, its chances of good-fellowship and a helping hand held out, To-day with all its twenty-four hours to live and live fully and well is ours to make or mar. All too soon it must join the shadowy ranks of Yesterdays, all too soon will the Future be upon us. Take each day as a God-given gift, something given for a little space, to embellish to the best of your ability. Try to make of your gift a very beautiful thing, then and only then, can you look serenely back at Yesterday and greet To-morrow with a smile of courage and hope.

A TALK TO PARENTS.

THE DISCIPLINE OF THE HOME VERSUS THE DISCIPLINE OF THE SCHOOL.

One of the saddest sights a teacher has to see is the weakening of the home discipline when a pupil leaves school.

In many cases a master watches the career of a promising pupil, who leaves his school with an excellent record in work, obedience, sport, and all the activities that compose the corporate life of the school, slowly but surely deteriorating. In some cases three weeks or less elapse before the youth is on the street corner with the inevitable cigarette butt in his mouth. Is this the fault of the home or the school. We are willing to allow a certain amount of culpability, but you must bear the greater. Supposing the boy had remained at school, would he have deteriorated to such an extent and in such a short space of time? I do not think so.

At school he finds that the whole tone of the establishment is against such practices. Does he find a different atmosphere in the home? At school he has his work, his play, his hobbies (as singing, library, camera club, etc.) all occupying his time.

When he leaves do you give him the opportunity to live his "full" life? Do you care whether he joins a choir, a library, or a tennis club, etc.? On leaving school he has comparatively more leisure time—especially in the evenings. What are you doing to enable him to spend this leisure time wisely? You political fathers! How much time do you spend discussing the problems of the day with your boys? If you bury yourselves in the latest novel you must not be surprised if the youth goes outside to discuss his problems, which eventually become the merits of the various football idols, or the winners of the approaching races. As a general rule, teachers find the average boy easy to discipline provided scope is found for his diversified activities. If you continue to provide means for these activities to be diverted into suitable channels, you will not have the worry of the boy who has gone astray.

SPEECH NIGHT

Our fifth annual Speech Night was held this year on Thursday, March 6th, in the Albert Hall. There were present on the platform the Hon. Minister (Hon. Tasman Shields, M.L.C.) and the Director of Education (Mr. W. T. McCoy).

The Principal (Mr. R. O. M. Miller, B.A.), in his report, gave a brief account of the year's work, both in the scholastic world and on the playing field. Our third Senior Public results were recorded, and we have to congratulate Basil Telford, who qualified for a Literary Scholarship, was the first on the list for the General Scholarships, and won the University prize for Latin; Alan Atkinson, who won the Education Department's Scholarship, qualified for a Science Scholarship, and won the University prize for Trigonometry; Lionel Briggs, who won a General Scholarship, and the University prize for Geography; and Frank Carey, who won the University prizes for Chemistry and Drawing.

Our most successful Junior Public candidate was Harold Thorne, who secured nine credits. In all 23 Certificates and 100 Intermediate Certificates were won.

Before addressing those present the Hon. Minister apologised for the absence of the Premier and Minister of Education, who was absent on the West Coast. He then gave a lucid address on education, in which he stressed its importance to the State.

The Director presented the prizes and certificates. This year there were several prizes donated by school friends.

The following obtained prizes:—Dux of School, and winner of £5 special prize: Basil Telford (6 credits, 3 passes). Dux of Girls: Vera Page (3 credits, 6 passes). Dux of Junior, and winner of special prize, £3 3s.: Harold Thorne (9 credits). Dux of Junior Public Girls: Mabel Russell. Dux of "B" Classes: Phyllis Harnett. Dux of "D" Classes: Winnie Howe. Chemistry prize at Senior: F. Carey. Chemistry prize at Junior: H. Thorne. Commercial prize: Mabel Russell.

During the evening the Girls' Choir, under the leadership of Mr. Grace, gave a varied programme. We wish to thank Misses Chick and Malcolm, who gave musical items which were greatly appreciated. The School Song closed the evening.

PREFECT'S NOTES

This year we miss many familiar faces, and to the prefects who have left us, especially the "A" Class Prefects, Harold McElwee, Lionel Briggs, Frank Johnstone, Marjorie Rudge, and Elmina London, we wish the best of success in their new spheres. At the last meeting, held last year, Harold McElwee, on behalf of himself and Marjorie Rudge, thanked all the Prefects for their loyal and hearty assistance during their term of office as Senior Prefects.

We all join in congratulating Eric Wyllie and Marjorie Smith on their appointment to the Senior Prefectship. At the meeting held during March, Eric Wyllie was elected chairman, and A. Luck secretary. Eric also welcomed all new Prefects, and congratulated them on the appointment.

It was also decided to form a general committee, and the selection was left until the next meeting, which will be held during April.

DUCES OF SCHOOL.

Fourth Term, 1918.

Dux of School—Basil Telford.
 "B1" Class—Phyllis Harnett.
 "B2" Class—Kenneth Dallas.
 "C" Classes—Harold Thorne.
 "D1" Class—Fred. Townsend.
 "D2" Class—Eric Sheldrick.
 "D3" Class—Ben. Bell.
 "D4" Class—Winnie Howe.
 "D6" Class—Rudolph Buring.

VALEDICTORY

With the end of last year we had to say good-bye to both Miss Tribolet, B.A., and Miss Matthews.

Miss Tribolet has been moved to the Hobart State High School, and Miss Matthews left us for the Junior Technical School that has just been opened.

We also lost our three junior teachers, Miss Mann, Mr. A. Scott, and Mr. E. Scott, who have gone to the Training College. We wish them and the two lady teachers the best of success in their new spheres.

CADET NOTES.

(By "Cato Major.")

With the end of last year we lost many of our former members, and I might say here that many of them caused us a great deal of trouble through not notifying the area officer of their leaving. A little forethought will avoid this, and we hope it will be practised.

Mr. R. A. Scott has left us for Hobart, and we have now no commissioned officers at all, except our company commander, Lieutenant A. L. Meston.

The allotment of N.C.O.'s is now as follows:—

No. 1 Platoon: No. 1 section, Sergeant K. Dallas; No. 2 section, Corporal E. Cunningham; No. 3 section, Corporal N. Kerrison; No. 4 section, Corporal J. Walker. Platoon sergeant, Sergeant A. Williams.
 No. 2 Platoon: No. 1 section, Corporal A. Crooks; No. 2 section, Corporal H. Clark; No. 3 section, H. Thorne (acting); No. 4 section, Corporal L. Baker. Platoon sergeant, Sergeant J. Truskett.
 No. 3 Platoon: Corporal R. Cullen, Corporal E. Sheldrick, Lance-Corporal P. Smith.

C.S.M.: J. C. Beardwood.

C.Q.M.S.S.: S. Cruikshank and J. C. Parish.

Every Wednesday, from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m., a class is now held at the Barracks for instruction for N.C.O.'s, present and intending, and many from here are attending.

At present our No. 1 Platoon are drilling hard, under S.S.M. Richardson, for the Daymond Cup competition, which happens on Saturday, April 5th. We wish them every success in this, and close with the hope of seeing that cup in the assembly hall before our next report.

CLASS NOTES.

CLASS "A1."—Supervising Teacher: Mr. A. L. Meston, B.A.

"Care mounts behind the rider and sticks to his skirts."

"Such were the notes a once-loved poet sung," but we think he surely meant "the A class student" when he wrote "rider," as many of us are turning grey with the added anxiety of an ever-looming Senior Public. Already, however, we have chosen our respective scholarships (see special list, "A1" class-room), and are shaping our wondrous futures.

In another week or so we will be once again immersed in that ever-rising flood—Quarterly Exams.—but we already see those scholarships being handed out, so we face the dreaded ordeal with an unimpeachable exterior at least.

The term, besides being rather short, has been considerably broken by the practice for Speech Night (the singing disturbed us), but, once that was over, we suffered nothing to deter us till the Southerners came up for Cricket, Rowing, and Tennis. In passing, we congratulate Cobbett on winning the cricket match, and Eric on stroking the first crew to victory in the Bourke Cup and the Clarke Shield.

We have acquired a rare collection of B.B. dusters, in many and varied conditions, and must surely find ourselves compelled, in the near future, to make presentations of some of them. We are sorry to say that the flowers look very downhearted some days (especially Mondays), but we attribute it to the 'flu, as these quarantines are not very effective (look out, Sam!)

In closing, let us congratulate Eric and Marjorie on their election to the Senior Prefectship. We wish them all success.

CLASS "A2."—Supervising Teacher: Mr. W. L. Grace, B.A.

"You cannot keep your eyes on your watch and your heart on your work."

In our position as a senior class of the school we ask to be allowed to open with these words of advice, as they have been realised by many of us this quarter, and we would that the junior classes should profit by our experience.

Firstly, we wish to congratulate Eric and Marjorie upon their election as Senior Prefects, and also Jessie as our Class Prefect, and Stuart as Senior Sports Prefect.

Nothing of exceptional interest has happened this term, except that we have discovered that one boy is worth two girls. For proof of this please apply to the tennis players. We are well represented in sports, and we hope to see at least one shield hanging in our room next quarter. Stuart says it will be the class cricket shield, but Lorna the hockey, whilst Whack says, "Why not both?" and we all agree.

Jack tells us he won the Bourke Cup, and we quite believe it. He has a voice (when the teacher's not listening) something like a siren. We cannot convince him that Richard was really intellectual.

CLASS "B1."—Supervising Teacher: Miss Bell, B.A.

Since we last thought of class notes we have been through that great ordeal, the Junior Public Examination, but as that is over there is no longer any need to worry about it. We heartily congratulate Marjorie Hope and Harold Thorne, who obtained the excellent result of nine credits.

We believe that Marjorie also won a box of chocolates at the social, and that she was very generous with them. Rumors are afloat that Ella was "impeached" for breaking the rules by bowling a leg break ball.

It has been a very broken term, owing to practice for speech night and the visit of various members of the Hobart State High School, for sport.

We extend a cordial welcome to our Devonport classmates, and hope that they like Launceston State High School even better than Devonport.

We also congratulate Edwin, Barbara, and Jim on obtaining the Prefectship of our class.

Our congratulations go out to Morton for stroking his crew so well in the Cup, and wish even better luck in the race for the Clarke Shield.

CLASS "B2"—Supervising Teacher: Miss Grubb.

THE TRAGEDY OF "B2."

Act I. and Only. Scene: "B2" Classroom.

Enter Mac., and seizes his chair. "Why! my books upon the floor. Some churlish knave hath undone me."

Enter K-y (with Jake in tow): "'Tis a weary world! Upon me hath been thrown five sentences ten times, an essay and four sums, all after drill. Friend Jake, will'st wait for me?"

Jake (angrily): "Well, move thyself, and get it done ere six doth peal his hungry notes."

K-y: "Dids't notice our new ink well covers; some say the work of the good Mabel. Our flowers, and, wondrous to relate, the black-board is now clean."

Jake: "Aye in sooth a goodly change. It appeareth that girls are of some use, despite our last year's freedom. And mark, friend Kelly, how our Prefect, Jean, hath organised the workers, who daily straighten chairs and polish desks."

Enter Teacher: "Silence all, and cease to bump those chairs. Why cannot someone fix that rattling door? Please shut it!"

Wrong (amid rattles, thumps, and bumps): "Please, Miss, I can't."

Teacher: "Shut it, Wesley."

Jake: "Now it's right."

Teacher: "Now, let's to work."

Enter "D" Class lad with note.

Teacher: "First platoon drill sharp at four."

Exit Churl (creaks from door, then rattles, bangs, and squeaks).

Teacher: "Shut it, Don."

Wrong (slamming door): "Help! Help! I've strained my heart!"

Teacher: "I lose my reason with the slamming of that door! I wander! Oh! I die!" (Teacher expires.)

Class in unison: "Now to blissful sleep and peace from doors henceforth." (All sleep.)

(Curtain.)

CLASS "C1."—Supervising Teacher: Miss E. Harvey.

Baby Bertie will now answer only to 'Bert of 'C1.'

'Tis strange what knowledge comes to J.P. students. We have heard it declared that Lars Porsena, Head of House of Hapsburg, caused a German war in 1618. (We learn dates now; we are told that they are "pegs" for something or someone to hang on. We prophesy that there will soon be an over-production). We heard a whisper, too, that a certain flask before being heated contains a cork. Ella has found that there is more in the simple method of getting acorns than at first meets the eye.

Some of our girls are timed and shrink from the slaughter of Caesar. If he hangs on an "Ancient History Peg," why need we worry about him?

We congratulate our "subs" on their appointments as Prefects.

Lastly, we wish to notify our flower-critic that after the remark on speech-night of one with whom we all agree, it is quite unnecessary to bunch flowers in vases in a teacher's class room.

CLASS "C2."—Supervising Teacher: Miss D. Brown.

"Hic adsumus, Hic adsumus, Hic adsumus iterum" (ask Rudolph, if you don't know what it means). Our war cry, ancient and threadbare as it is, we once again repeat. We are no longer babies—leastways we live upstairs. (Oh! those stairs—our poor feet—has anyone a spare packet of Biff?)—and belong to the famous "C" classes.

Once again the time has come, and for the billeting of Barra—er—Hobartians, whom we rejoice in saying we have licked (congrats. to the team and crew) owing to Albert Wearne's presence in the cricket team.

Much distress (is that the word?) is being caused by the non-arrival of much needed text-books, notably English and History ones. We manage—kindno (latest American edition)—by borrowing some books from other classes, and Tennyson's from the Book Room, as well as McAnlay's and Liar-er (a la Ron) Heroicas, etc.

Nobody seems to notice the "cloud which hangs over us"—the Junior Public exam, but we are paragons of virtue—or would be if we didn't talk so much.

We are doing great things in Chemistry this term—with Mickey Rooney's Ragtime Band, tomato sauce, and changing trees into hipopotami, to prove the presence of CO₂, etc. We (don't we talk a lot about ourselves?) are now the possessors of a superfluity of Notice Boards. Of the two we do use, one is adorned by a decorative time table (for ornament only), for which we thank Cecil Sanders, while the other carries a list of monitors—and Latin Homework.

Have you noticed our pot plant? We saved up for it (war time, too!), and Ronald gave us a "be-yewtiful" jardiniere for it. Thanks to the girls, however, we don't rely solely on this article for decoration, there being a plentiful supply of flowers.

In closing, we all sympathise with our Prefect, Bcb. Luck, who has been ill in hospital.

Now let us finish as we began, with Latin; this time with the declension: Cormack—comack—comic. (Very!).

CLASS "C3" (Commercial).—Supervising Teacher: Miss E. C. Greaves.

Quarterly examinations are again looming on the horizon, and we look towards them with the usual wails of despair, and the same fervent wishes, that are heard every quarter. that "we wish we knew more about the work." However, too late for bewailing lost opportunities, we are trying to make up lost time by "buckling to" and "burning the midnight oil" in vain endeavors to get up the various subjects on which we are feeling "shaky."

We, the old "D4," not generally recognised as one of the tidy, good classes of the school, had the misfortune to step into the shoes of "C3" girls, whose room, we discovered, had been quite frequently graced with the picture last year. We also discovered, to our dismay, that we had their reputation to live up to, and have been more or less successful during the past quarter.

Of course, as we now occupy the coveted and exalted position of "C" class, we look down with conscious superiority on the "D babies." We are careful to make free use of the term "D babies," remembering now it used to rouse our wrath last year.

Our Prefects have been chosen, and we all join in congratulating Edna and Dorothy.

But the time is flying, so we will say no more, except to wish everyone a happy and enjoyable Easter-time.

CLASS "C4."—Supervising Teacher: Miss M. Lawson.

What! Writing class notes again. If that is so there will soon be that dreaded quarterly exam. How the time does fly! Anyway we now belong to the "C" Classes, and are no longer termed "babies." We feel that we have increased responsibilities, and try to bear them with dignity.

This term has been a very unsettled one, but work has begun in earnest, and although we are constantly greeted with "Your ignorance is appalling," yet we have firmly decided not to disgrace "C4."

"Just a week from to-day," says a teacher, do "your exams commence." "Yes, it is true we came top in the History test." Some say it was the "dear."

Our new Prefects have been chosen. One of them is a promising engineer. Four o'clock comes.

Teacher: Class, dismiss.

Prefect: Pick up all papers from the floor.

There is one great objection to Room No. 10—the constant opening of the door unaided by human beings. In fact Shiner has appointed himself doorkeeper, and is now quite an expert in the art of shutting it.

CLASS "D1."—Supervising Teacher: Mr T. Lee.

Attend all ye who list to hear

The praises of "D1."

Strangers to one another and to the school, it was with mingled feelings that we made our way into the Assembly Hall on Feb. 4. Now as we are nearing the end of the first quarter, during which we have struggled with declensions and congruent triangles, we feel no longer strangers, and are determined to do our utmost to uphold the honor of the school.

Our Professor of Languages is wont to improve his Latin by the use of French, and when corrected asks "Why learn a language and then not use it?" When in despair he turns to Macaulay and reads "How can man die better than facing fearful odds?"

We sympathise with our classmate who, through mistaking a Chemistry exercise for a letter, to the consternation of his parents, stated that he was colorless, tasteless, totally inactive.

That our boys are a success at Sloyd is evidenced by the fact that our notice board is one of the best in the school, on which fact the makers are to be congratulated.

Our room is one of the best in the building; we have provided a vase, which is always filled with flowers, and we have a paper basket, but we wish to draw attention to the following rule: "Paper must be thrown from a distance of less than 12 inches from the basket, as the accuracy of a lady's throw cannot be relied upon at a greater range."

We are now anxiously awaiting the Quarterly Examination. Do we know as much as we think we know? At all events we have all worked hard, and consider we have earned our vacation.

CLASS "D2" (Secondary)—Supervising Teacher: Mr W. V. Tenniswood.

Hearing the booming of a cannon called "Exams," we thought it might be advisable, Mr Editor, to write some class notes before we felt the fire. So far, High School exams. have been merely imagination, but they soon will be realisation.

Our first term is nearly ended, and it does not seem long since we trooped into the Hall to be appointed to our various classes. We feel more at home now, and do not jump at the shadow of every black gown we see.

Included in our number are several of last year's "D" Class. One of them, Hector, a would-be funny man, thinks he is a conjuror, and tries to turn a green pear into a living boy during lessons. Alas! poor Hector!

We congratulate Dorothy, Archie, and "Freezer" on their elevation to sub-prefectship, and promise to love, honor, and obey them.

We must end with a final wail from A.M.

CLASS "D3."—Supervising Teacher: Miss B. Layh.

"Nous voici." We cannot say "again" as this is our first appearance in the "Churinga;" but we have realised one of our highest hopes, for we have passed the "Q.C.," and are now pupils at the High School.

This, our first term, has passed very quickly. It seems only yesterday since, timid and shy, and starting at every flitting shadow, we first assembled in the Hall. Now we are quite a bright class, and very seldom have to be told to "Wake up."

We have begun several new subjects, and are rapidly becoming proficient in them. To hear us at French is a great experience, and we are developing a wonderful accent, while it is only occasionally that "The cow of John" affords any amusement.

Our class is well represented in the "D" Cricket Team, which is playing in the class matches.

We congratulate Connie, Doris, and Marjorie on their appointments as class prefects, and wish them a successful year in office.

Since we have been here we have had quite a number of surprises. The latest we hear about is the terminal examination, into whose dreaded mysteries we are soon to be initiated. We wish one and all the best of success in their exams.

As farthings are so scarce, we miss our class "Farthing," who is away; but the want is somewhat alleviated by the "Acres" we have containing "Salmon," a "Lamb," and a "Drake," which are always "Reddy" for the use of the "Earl."

We have occasional flashes of amusement. One girl thought that a taxi was one who paid taxes—spelt "taxee." One of our number has made an important discovery in Geography—namely, that Mount Wellington is on the N.W. Coast.

As our class consists entirely of the fair sex, our room is always tidy and well supplied with flowers. Doris brought a notice board and supplies dusters, Mildred gave a fern, while we all subscribed for a vase. Although the vase is now broken, the girls arrange the flowers so cleverly that the broken parts are always hidden. At present we are collecting for a jardiniere, and from the amount that is being subscribed, we hope by this time next term to be able to write about our "new jardiniere."

CLASS "D4" (Comm. Boys).—Supervising Teacher: Miss B. Wilcox.

We have always (that is to say, since the confusion of the first few nervous days) understood that, as a class, we were—well, just a little "extra special," and it was rather disturbing to find that, despite this fact, our laboriously penned contribution to the "Churinga" was to be placed at the very last of the list.

We had always taken such descriptions as "Babies," "Infants," etc., as rather pointless jokes, which had become a habit, but the idea is beginning to gain ground that, after all, there may be something in it. Unwillingly, we have visions of an unadorned desk, or, perhaps, of a lonely vase of flowers, almost apologising for its presence; we scarcely like to mention the B.B. duster, which should certainly have been pensioned off long ere this, or the W.P.B., which has not yet arrived.

However, we have planned, and are raising funds for quite a number of things, so perhaps we shall not have these thoughts to reproach us by next issue.

One of our number tactlessly suggested that, if it had been a class of girls, instead of boys, a hint would have been sufficient to change the bare room into a veritable garden. We trust that we made him realise how uncalled for and altogether unnecessary was such a remark. We have proved, with the aid of Don and Russel, that dusters both elegant and efficient, if not everlasting, are easily forthcoming; and, on occasions, even flowers have been smuggled into the room, not much the worse for their uncomfortable journey.

A system of "pounding" straying property took us rather by surprise, but it is quite certain that that same property is becoming less nomadic, and adopting a more settled mode of life.

We feel rather conscious of this, our first literary effort, so will not prolong it; but, in conclusion, we must congratulate our two sub-prefects, Arnold Cartwright and Frank Bye, on their election, and wish them success in their new position.

LIBRARY

This year the Library did not open so early as usual; and then under slightly changed conditions.

The periodicals, which have increased in number, are still free for the use of all, provided only that they are not removed from the Library; but it was decided that the lending library could be run on more satisfactory lines if a nominal entry fee of 6d per half-year were charged.

Already improvement has been observable; as, although there are fewer borrowers than was formerly the case, those enrolled make fuller use of the books at their disposal.

A fresh classification of the books has also been made, with a view to affording easy reference. Fresh books are being added from time to time, a new assignment being shortly expected. Donations of books are always welcome.

At present the lending library is open for exchange of books between 4 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. daily.

BOYS' SPORTS.

CRICKET.

FIRSTS.

Early in the year a meeting was held, and the officers elected as follows:—Captain, Lindsay Cobbett; vice-captain, Harry Williams; secretary, Stuart Maslin. It was also decided to have a special cricket cap to be worn only by the first eleven.

This year we have played five matches, as against two in the previous year, and of these five we have won four.

Our first match was against Grammar on February 26. In this match we were defeated by 34 runs, mainly owing to many chances that were missed in the field. Our best scores were:—R. McVilley 31, and E. Wing 14, the rest failing to reach double figures. Our bowling was done by E. Wing, five for 44; L. Cobbett, two for 28; W. Boscoe, two for 11; and W. Stephens, one for 16. We hope before the season is out to play Grammar in an all-day match, and with the improvement shown in the North and South hope to win.

FIRSTS v. SCOTCH COLLEGE.

This match was played at Ravenscraig on March 1, and resulted in an easy win for us by 92 runs. Scotch batted first, and scored 52, E. Hardman (22) being best scorer. The wickets were taken by E. Wing, four for 14; and H. McElwee, five for 15.

In our first innings we scored 80, R. Long and E. Wing (14) being the only batsmen to reach double figures. Scotch then scored 98, Bushman (24) and Steel (19) being the largest contributors. Bowling: H. McElwee, three for 16; W. Boscoe, two for 4; S. Maslin, two for 24. This left us with 68 to get to win, a task we easily accomplished, H. McElwee (34), R. Long (34), and E. Wing (34) playing in fine form. We thus ran out winners by 92 runs, and spent a most enjoyable day having dinner down by the river bank. Our thanks are due to Mr. Lee, who came out and umpired for us.

FIRSTS v. SCOTCH COLLEGE.

This (a return) match was played partly on the Cornwall and partly at Ravenscraig. We batted first, and scored 78.

Firsts.—First innings: R. McVilley, run out, 2; S. Maslin, b Waterworth, 5; M. Lawson, c and b Waterworth, 0; W. Boscoe, not out, 40; B. Bell, b Lee, 1; E. Wing, c Muirhead, b Lee, 6; R. Long, c Waterworth, b Hardman, 3; H. Williams, b Hardman, 6; L. Cobbett, c Hardman, b Lee, 8; A. Wearne, c and b Lee, 0; J. Walker, b Hardman, 2; sundries, 5. Total, 78. Second innings: R. McVilley, b Steele, 0; S. Maslin, b Muirhead, 23; E. Wing, c Acheson, b Steele, 28; L. Cobbett, b Hardman, 6; J. Walker, c Darling, b Hardman, 3; R. Long, c and b Hardman, 3; W. Boscoe, c and b Waterworth, 4; H. Williams, c and b Waterworth, 0; A. Wearne, b Hardman, 3; B. Bell, b Hardman, 7; M. Lawson, b Hardman, 0; sundries, 3. Total, 80.

Scotch College.—First innings, 59. Second innings, 71 for eight wickets. Bowling:—First innings: E. Wing, three wickets for 13 runs; R. Long, one wicket for 15; S. Maslin, three for nil. Second innings: E. Wing, two wickets for 20 runs; R. Long, one for 10; L. Cobbett, one for 9; S. Maslin, two for 28. We thus scored a two point win by winning on the first innings.

STATE HIGH SCHOOLS' PREMIERSHIP.

After the most exciting game that has been witnessed between the Launceston and Hobart State High Schools, the northern combination were successful, winning by 13 runs, and three minutes to go. The distinguishing feature of the match was the splendid fielding of both sides. An experienced test match player, giving his opinion, said that the home team's fielding was the finest he had seen exhibited by any school team. Launceston lost the toss, and were sent in to bat. The wicket was fairly fast, and they put up a score of 134, of which L. Cobbett, the northern captain, who is the most promising player, contributed 53 not out in excellent style. Hobart then batted, and made 101, L. Locke being the largest contributor with 29. The bowling for the North was done by Maslin, Wing, and Cobbett. In Launceston's second innings a rot set in very early, and in the first

over three batsmen went out with nil, while two more followed during the innings. Again L. Cobbett topped the score with 34. A splendid bowling average was put up in this innings by D. Green, the southern captain, who secured nine wickets for 47 runs. Hobart started their innings with an hour and a half to play and 113 runs to get, but in this they failed, their last wicket going down for 99 runs, of which L. Locke again obtained top score, with 21 runs. L. Cobbett, who obtained the highest score in the match (87), and accounted for most of the southern wickets, was carried off the field, amid thundering applause. Scores:—

Launceston State High.	
First Innings.	
H. McElwee, b Locke	22
S. Maslin, b Green	13
E. Wing, b Green	0
B. Bell, c Green, b Locke...	17
L. Cobbett, not out	55
R. McVilley, c Green, b Locke	0
R. Long, b Locke	0
A. Wearne, b Green	2
J. Walker, b Rowe	8
M. Lawson, lbw, b Hanson	12
H. Williams, b Green	1
Sundries	6

Total 134
Bowling: D. Green, four wickets for 70 runs; R. Locke, four for 40; J. Rowe, one for 9; G. Hansen, one for 9.

Hobart State High.	
First Innings.	
L. Locke, b Cobbett... ..	29
R. Townley, run out	1
A. Squires, b Cobbett	12
C. Bailey, lbw, b Wing	0
D. Green, b Wing	4
G. Hensen, b Wing... ..	11
K. Isles, c Wearne, b Maslin	10
N. Reynolds, c Weane, b Maslin	15
C. Hughes, not out	10
K. Andrews, b Wing	0
J. Rowe, c Williams, b Maslin	3
Sundries	5

Total 101
Bowling: E. Wing, five wickets for 42 runs; H. McElwee, nil for 18; S. Maslin, two for 15; L. Cobbett, two for 19.

We hope before the term ends to play a match against the old scholars, which is to be an annual event. It should bear good fruit in binding together the past and present supporters of the school.

Second Innings.	
S. Maslin, b Green	0
L. Cobbett, c Andrews, b Green	34
E. Wing, b Green	0
M. Lawson, c Rowe, b Green	13
R. McVilley, run out	7
J. Walker, b Green... ..	0
A. Wearne, b Green... ..	15
B. Bell, c Reynolds, b Green	5
H. Williams, not out	1
R. Long, b Green	0
H. McElwee, b Green	0
Sundries	4

Total 79
Bowling: D. Green, nine wickets for 47 runs; G. Hansen, nil for 19; L. Locke, nil for 5; J. Rowe, nil for 3.

Second Innings.	
L. Locke, c Walker, b Wing	21
N. Reynolds, b Cobbett... ..	8
D. Green, b Cobbett	17
G. Hansen, c Walker, b Wing... ..	6
A. Squires, c McVilley, b Wing... ..	14
C. Hughes, c McVilley, b Wing	1
K. Isles, run out	1
K. Andrews, run out	0
A. Townley, not out	10
J. Rowe, b Cobbett... ..	7
C. Bailey, b Cobbett	8
Sundries	6

Total 99
Bowling: E. Wing, four wickets for 39 runs; L. Cobbett, four for 51.

CLASS CRICKET.

At a meeting of the Class Cricket Committee, held early in the year, it was decided, on the motion of S. Maslin, seconded by L. Cobbett, to play the premiership off in three matches instead of six, as was usual in previous years, the object being to give more time to the firsts for practice for the North v. South. The officers for the year are as follow: "A" Class: Capt., S. Cobbett; Vice-Capt., S. Maslin; Sec., A. Williams. "B" Class: Capt., H. Williams; Vice-Capt., R. McVilley; Sec., J. Walker. "C" Class: Capt., L. Cunningham; Vice-Capt., B. Boscoe; Sec., W. Parish. "D" Class: Capt., P. Holmes. Stuart Maslin was elected general secretary of class cricket. The draw for play resulted in A.V.B. and C.V.D., while the winners are to play off for the premiership.

"A" v. "B."

The "A" v. "B" match took place on the Glen Dhu ground. "B" Class batted first, and put up 167, R. McVilley playing the best game for 30 (not out), while M. Lawson (26) and D. Wright (17) were the next best scorers. The bowling for "A" Class was done by L. Cobbett, 4 for 45; W. Stephens, 4 for 48; H. McElwee, 1 for 37; and S. Maslin, 1 for 25. "A" Class responded with 139; R. Long 38, L. Cobbett 36, and H. McElwee 29; the wickets being taken by J. Walker (4), E. Wing (3), R. McVilley (1). In their second innings "B" made 101; H. Williams (30) and E. Wing (20) being the largest contributors. "A" Class bowling was done by S. Maslin, 3 for 3; L. Cobbett, 5 for 28; and W. Stephens, 2 for 20. Thus to win "A" Class had to score 130 in an hour and a half. This score was obtained for the loss of one wicket, the chief scorer being S. Maslin, with 64 runs, while H. McElwee (38) and L. Cobbett (12) were the only others to bat. "A" Class thus won by 9 wickets and 5 runs.

"C" v. "D."

This match was played on the Cornwall Ground, and resulted in a win for "C" Class by an innings and 47 runs. "C" Class batted first, and scored 125 for 5 wickets; W. Boscoe, 45; H. Thompson, 26; and W. Parish, 24. The bowling for "C" Class was done by Walker, 2 for 18, and Holmes, 2 for 45. "D" Class then scored 31 for their first innings (Walker 15 and Broomby 6), and upon being put in to bat again failed to reach "C" Class's score, making only 47, a total of 78 for both innings. The bowling for "C" Class was done by: First innings: W. Boscoe, 5 for 15; and Wearne, 3 for 5. Second innings: H. Thompson, 4 for 26; Parish, 3 for 5; and Boscoe, 2 for 7.

FINAL.

The final, "A" v. "C," will take place after the North v. South match, and both "A" and "C" supporters are determined to see the shield hanging in their respective class rooms for the ensuing year.

SECONDS.

A meeting of the seconds at the beginning of this term resulted in the following officers being elected:—W. Beaumont (captain), E. Cunningham (vice), M. Lawson (secretary).

On March 8 two matches were played, one against Grammar School and the other against Scotch, and both resulted in a win for the

SECONDS v. GRAMMAR.

Grammar batted first, and secured 82 runs. Bowling: H. Thompson, five for 45; A. Williams, three for 25; M. Lawson, two for 14. High School then batted, and secured 122 runs. Batting: A. Williams, 25 runs; C. Kerrison, 27; W. Parish, 21; M. Lawson, 17; H. Thompson, 8. High School thus won by 40 runs.

SECONDS v. SCOTCH COLLEGE.

Scotch College batted first, and secured 35 runs. Bowling: W. Beaumont, one for nil; M. Lawson, four for 8; J. Towell, three for 11; W. Parish, two for 8. High School scored 81 runs. Batting: W. Beaumont, 19; R. Walker, 13; M. Lawson, 13; F. Townshend, 12. Scotch College, second innings, 51 runs. Bowling: W. Parish, four for 9; C. Moody, two for 4; F. Townshend, two for 3. Thus we ran out winners by an innings and five runs.

ROWING.

During this quarter things seem to have been rather quiet for us, especially the younger members of our club. We have about a dozen new members from "D" Class, but, unfortunately, we have not been able to spend much time with them owing to scarcity of sports days. However, they have been given a start in "first principles" of the art, and if they continue some should prove good oarsmen.

At a meeting held at the beginning of the quarter we elected new officers and the following are positions:—Captain, E. A. Wyllie; vice, A. Luck; secretary, J. Truskett; committee, H. Finlayson, J. Broomby, M. Leicester.

Since Christmas we have been busy daily with our first and second crews practising for Bourke Cup and Clarke Shield races. Besides this, a few of our members occupied positions in T.R.C. representative crews at Tamar Regatta. A Luck rowed in the Maiden Eight, and Truskett steered the Maiden Four to victory. Unfortunately Wyllie, who was rowing in the Senior Four, Senior Eight, and Junior Eight, visited a neighboring orchard a few days before, with fatal results.

One of the great drawbacks of the T.R.C. as regards schoolboy rowers is the scarcity of good racing paddles (ask Leicester). It seems that the second crew spend more time searching in "awkward" places for paddles than in rowing. Someone says that if Morton were in No. 1 crew he would have his own paddle—a pointed one, too. Wait till next year.

THE BOURKE CUP.

The Bourke Cup race was rowed on Home Reach course on Saturday, 22nd April, under almost perfect weather conditions. There were four crews competing, two from Hobart and two from North. Devonport were unable to get a crew. The race was started at about four o'clock by Mr. Croft, who got the crews away well together, after some "pulling up" and "backing down." In the first few seconds it seemed as if Hobart No. 1 crew were going to obtain some lead, but as Launceston No. 1 began to "lengthen out" they soon forged ahead, gaining a lead of about three-quarter length in the first quarter-mile. From there the race resolved into a series of challenges from Hobart No. 1, which were responded to by the northerners. Crossing the bar of North Esk the southern crew got into difficulties with cross water, and Launceston, by a smart sprint, extended their lead to two lengths, and finished rather easily in this position. Both No. 2 crews rowed well, the northerners again proving too strong for the southerners.

We are rather anxious as to results of the Clarke Shield race next Saturday. As this race is in eights for the first time, we are all eager to win it.

THE CLARKE SHIELD.

On Wednesday, the 26th March, the first and second crews journeyed to Hobart to row the Clarke Shield on Saturday, the 29th. It was decided to row this race in eights this year, but in a special kind of boat, the dimensions of which were alleged to be 6 x 4. Two crews only, one from here and the other from the Hobart High School, competed. Our crew consisted of: A. Glenn (bow), P. V. O'Reilly (2);

J. R. Broomby (3); H. M. Leicester (4); H. Finlayson (5); J. R. Spencer (6); W. Luck (7); E. A. Wyllie (stroke); V. J. Truskett (cox.). On Saturday morning we travelled up the River Derwent to Bridgewater (where the race was to be held) in a motor boat loaned for the occasion. Both crews got away well at the start, but our crew soon took the lead, and although the Southerners pushed up to within half-a-length of our bow about half-way down the course, we kept at it steadily till the final gun, and won by a bare length. This race marks an important event in School rowing, as it is the first Eights Race in Tasmania.

GIRLS' SPORTS.
TENNIS.

During this term there has been keen competition in the ladder matches, and although they are not yet finished they have shown us where to look for the promising players. Owing to wet weather, we have not had many days for sport, and thus we could not get as much practice as we wished, and this has been chiefly the cause of our downfall in the North v. South matches.

The only event of any great importance in our tennis world this term was the annual match between a team of eight representing our school and a team from the Hobart High School. The match resulted in a very easy win for the southern girls, as they won every double and all the singles except that against Bertha Gould. Well done Bertha! We look to you for something good in the near future.

CRICKET.

Owing to our cricket season being so short (Speech Night practice) we have had only time for Class Matches. This was especially unfortunate for the "D" Class, who had very little chance of combined practice. They, however, did very well, and because of the good work of several in the team our cricket promises well in future years.

For "A" Class the best work was done by W. Hodgetts and P. Harnett, while D. Emms and E. Peachey played well for their team. For the winning team, "C" Class, splendid work was done by D. Fletcher, T. Simmonds, and W. Howe, but the whole team played well. D. Layh, E. Simmonds, and C. Salmon did the best for "D" Class.

The Shield goes to "C" Class, and we congratulate them on keeping the Shield where it has always belonged.

Now hockey is about to commence, and already the game has us in its grip, and we long for hockey, and yet more hockey. May we be able to report a successful season in this also.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

R. Mc.—If you do, by any chance, find a pair (pear), you must own it.

"C4."—Yes, Mick has a job at Coogans. We think your old comedian dresses very well on his salary.

"Sport."—As to your enquiry as to whether a certain person is "cox" of the First Eleven, we refer you to greater authorities on the subject.

"J. Mc."—Yes, vacuum cleaners are very useful, and they are much used; but they are liable to frighten would-be callers.

"Little Eyes."—We are afraid that you will never be a great poet. Your beautiful line "Gather ye hay while ye may" is "slightly" behind a certain line of Robert Herrick's.

"Mac and Steve."—We are certainly very glad to see the advancement of your printing firm. We are very sorry that former engagements prevent us from handing over to you the work connected with our magazine.

"Charlie S."—The gender of "Bull" is generally accepted as masculine.

"Enquirer."—(a) The captain of the N.H.B. is William Weston. (b) M.L. aspires to the position of vice-captain.

"R2."—Yes. It is quite possible to frown and still remain "gentle." Refer to "Gentle Annie."

"Curly."—Yes. You are allowed to make use of sweet smiles, but their direction must be considered.

HOME WORK

DRAMATIS PERSONAE—A DRAMA IN ONE ACT.

JUDY SMITH (a S.H.S. Student, "B" Class).

MR. AND MRS. SMITH.

MISS SMITH (an Accomplished Pianist).

THE MUSICAL COUSINS.

ACT I.

Scene I.—The Smith's Dining-room, 7.45 p.m.

Enter: Judy Smith, carrying a case of school books and an inkstand.

Judy (seating herself at the table and strewing it with books, papers, and geometrical instruments): I suppose I had better start on this "Pro Archia." (Stares at the book very thoughtfully, and then writes "Pro Archia" on the top with a great flourish). "Ac ne quis hoc ita dici forte miretur." Oh, yes, that's quite easy. (Writes.) And lest anyone may be astonished. (A knock sounds.) Now, I wonder who that is? I know; it's the musical cousins. I foresee it will be difficult to do my Home Work to-night. "Quod alia quaedam in hoc foniltas"—because a certain other in this. Well, that is silly. (Thoughtfully chews pen.) Oh! now they are going to start. (A piano crashes out an introduction from an adjoining room.) I'm sure no one can translate to the strains of a vocal duet. "Ne nos quilem"—not even I. "Oh! that we two were a ma-a-a-oying." I'd better go; bother them all. (Picks up books, throws them into a case, and leaves the room.)

Scene 2: Judy's Bedroom.

Enter Judy, carrying a table, which she slams down on the floor, draws up a chair, and again brings out books, etc.

Judy: I certainly can't do "Pro Archia" now. Never mind, I'll get up at six in the morning and do it. (Opens a Trig. book.) My hat! these look hard. I can't do them—at least Jane said she couldn't, so I certainly won't be able to. (Shuts the Trig. and opens a French book.) French—h'm-m, that's not till the afternoon. I'll be able to do that in the dinner hour. I'll do my Arithmetic. No! Let me see. It isn't Arithmetic to-morrow at all. That's a good job. (Shuts up the Arithmetic and surveys the table in a contemplative manner.) I think I've finished at last. I'll be able to learn my French in the morning, the theorem during the intervals, and my Vocab. at recess. Perhaps I'd better learn my history. (Long pause). They seem to be having a good time downstairs. It's pretty rough staying up here the whole evening. (Gets up and does her hair; then leaves the room.)

Scene 3: The Smith's Sitting-room.

(Mr. and Mrs. Smith and the musical cousins are sitting round the room; Miss Smith is seated on the piano stool.)

Enter Judy, looking very exhausted, and drops into a chair.

Mrs. Smith: Well, dear, have you finished your Home Work at last? You look so tired!

Judy: Not quite, mother.

Mrs. Smith (turning to cousins): Judy does work so hard. You know, I really think she is almost too conscientious.

Judy: You'll call me in the morning, won't you, mother! I've got to do my Latin.

Mrs. Smith: I don't know, dear. You really ought to have more rest. I'm sure your teacher will excuse you, considering you have done the rest of your work so carefully.

Judy: No, really, mother, our teachers never dream of excusing us. They regard pardon as an infamy; punishment, a virtue. (Sighs profoundly.)

SECRETS.

F.F.

Old walls have a comfortable, friendly habit of breaking the bonds of every-day society and indulging in what Mrs. Grundy calls "unseemly conduct." They blink and glimmer in Diana's chaste light, and in their mellow age beget a cheerful friendliness to weary passers-by.

Somewhere, I know not where, but just in that glorious, indefinite somewhere, there is a crumbling remnant of an ancient wall. It lingers in dull chrome and blushing red harmonies, lichen-covered, shaded by a trembling aspen and a grim, fatherly copper beech. The ground is mossy and damp; just damp enough to shelter modest violets and prim-roses in the spring; and just dry enough to admit of cherishing thyme and buttercups in early summer. Pure columbines grow in confused bunches, mingling their perfumes with the dainty scent of briar buds. Robins and young cuckoos hop with quaint friendship over swaying brambles and sing tiny songs of love.

When evening steals quietly over the world the columbine modestly closes up and sleeps. The birds croon sleepily in their nests, and even the baby briar buds nod sleepily on their stems.

In the shade of the beech moonbeams dance fitfully, and the Blind Boy loosens his quiver and fits the last arrow to his bow. Then the dart twangs through the still air with fateful accuracy. Very softly two lovers leave the wall. Cupid steals away, brandishing his bow in happy exultation. The aspen shivers, the old wall holds another secret, and one naughty baby briar bud wakes and peeps into the night. Perhaps the old wall will finish the story; perhaps the baby briar will whisper it—perhaps.

SONNET

Did you know dreams are real and alive?

They are quaint, uninvited guests that glide

Into our minds, unheard and undesired

They softly open doors. Steal on. Arrive

At comfortable rooms, and there contrive

To stow themselves in bed, or, peeping-eyed,

Behind the memory-shelves' worn fixture hide.

They swarm like bees into a proffered hive!

They bow themselves to thought (as radiance

Yields freedom up to dwell in shining hair):

All day they long for the hot brain to sleep;

And when he rests, they step upon the air

And laugh and live awhile, and with a deep

Graciously-slow curtesy begin to dance.

D.Y.S.

"IT'S A FACT."

That rowers are all right, but when their sport interferes with picnics it becomes lamentable. (Ask Clara.)
 That "Ivy" grows in a Bottle?
 That we congratulate McV. on his score against Grammar, but he used a bat and we used logs.
 That our cricket captain was attracted by the cobbler's trade when a youth.
 That during one full moon he became a teacher.
 That Whack led the seconds to victory.
 That Frank C. looked quite at home on Speech Night.
 That we teach novices to row in the "Weetah."
 That "Joan of Arc" resides in "C4" on school days.
 That "soldier cousins" have been returning lately. (Ask Katie.)
 That "little" Clara has a friend, also a badge.
 That Mollie has a "bow"—either way.
 That a Prefect ("A2") always knows the contractions?
 That we had about fifty "best musicians" in the school on Speech Night.
 That some "B1" girls are good cooks.
 That "Tiny" winks very loudly.
 That Harold got a credit in Algebra.
 That "Cob." was extra heavy on the 21st.
 That "Silver Sammys" were in great demand at the picture evening.
 Did you speak, Jessie?
 That Lorna was thunderstruck when the Southerners were up.
 That Bill is becoming a good boxer (with a book).
 That some cricketers have very fine voices. (Ask Snowy.)
 That it was quite safe, from a financial point of view, to offer a bat for centuries on Friday.
 That Harry patronises a certain dog kennel.
 That W.H. is becoming very green.
 That it is rather awkward if one can't find one's paddle.
 That the following comes from "C2":—Wanted: To know why ambiguous statements are made and placed on notice boards? To buy the "pun"-opoly. To buy an expert theorem-copier.
 That one remarks "How (c) Earnest M.D. has become!"
 That cricket over the fence is our neighbors' keeps.
 That some "A" swots are studying "energy work."
 That "those whom the gods love die young." (Ask Loris.)

ALL ON A TOADSTOOL

A brown tinted toadstool
 Suggestive of pink;
 A quaint little fairy,
 Miss Rosebud, I think;
 In a delicate measure,
 She mingles the hue
 Of her exquisite drapings
 With cobwebs and dew.
 A pale fitful moonbeam
 Glints over the grass;
 The fairy discovers
 Two queer brownies pass;
 A whirl and a flutter,
 (Oh, brownies beware!)
 Away on that moonbeam
 She has melted in air.

OLD SCHOLARS' COLUMN.

President: Mr W. L. Grace, B.A., State High School.

General Secretary: Mr R. I. Douglas, "Newstead House," Newstead.

Assistant Secretary: Mr. H. Illingworth.

Editor of Old Scholars' Column: Mr. P. Palamountain, "Daily Telegraph," Launceston.

AN APPEAL

The school has been opened for over six years now. We all did our bit, no matter how small, to make the school a success, and now we all are proud to be associated with the Launceston State High School, so much so, that we refuse to be put aside as back numbers. To those who are ignorant of the fact, let it be known that an organisation known as the Old Scholars' Association is in existence, and has been for over four years. Are you an active member? If not, why not? You at one time were a scholar at the school, so now stick by the past traditions of your school, and join up with your old comrades, whose aim it is to keep bright old friendships made whilst at school. The Association, for which the annual subscription is 5s, is a live one, and its membership is increasing rapidly. You all received a circular from our energetic secretary, Mr. R. I. Douglas, in which an appeal was made to you individually, and in which some of the aims of the Association were placed before your notice. If you didn't receive such a circular, you heard about it, didn't you? You did not? Then you must be sadly out of touch with all doings of the Old Scholars and the School. Isn't it time you slid back into old grooves and learnt something of the School's latest achievements, and more especially those of the old boys and girls. You are missing some good times. You were at the last social and dance, weren't you? No? Well, that is the latest treat you have overlooked. Those who were fortunate enough to happen along that evening thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Listen, since the School first made its mark on the page of Launceston history we have had 1150 scholars, of which 701 are now old scholars. Our Association roll numbers are approximately 100. Where are the other 600 old scholars? All of you have been scholars, so join up as a member of the best of all Old Scholars' Associations.

We are a body with a purpose, having been scholars at a school with the same idea.

When we leave school our occupation takes us into spheres totally different to those we have been accustomed to, whilst under the guidance of the teacher, and if we are not careful our surroundings quickly obliterate all past memories of school life and class pals. We want to avoid this state of insouciance. It is our object to maintain the "esprit de corps," that happy state of fellowship which existed among us at school. But we cannot do this without co-operation. Your aid is solicited. Will you give it? The Association has made a nominal fee of admission, which entitles you to all the privileges of membership.

What about a badge? Why cannot the state of comradeship that exists among the members of the A.I.F. who wear the Returned Soldiers' badge also exist among members of the Old Scholars' Association? It ought to be a case of "Hail Brother, Well Met," as soon as the enamel badge of the O.S. Association is sighted. Get a badge and make yourself known.

In conclusion, it is hoped that by next annual meeting the proportion of non-members to present members will be reduced to a minimum. Don't be the last to join up.

ANNUAL MEETING

PRESENTATION OF REPORT AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of the Association was held in the school on Wednesday evening, February 27, there being present: Mr. R. O. Miller (Patron), Mr. W. L. Grace (President), Mr. R. I. Douglas (Secretary), members of the committee and a large gathering of Old Scholars.

The old scholars took this opportunity of welcoming home from the front Lieut. R. L. Stephens, Corporal H. Rosevear, M.M., and Private Gordon Stokes.

ANNUAL REPORT.

It is with pleasure that your committee present to you their fourth annual report. It is apparent that the progress of the Association is on the up grade, and though there was not a very large increase in the membership during the last half-year, this year promises a greater membership than has been experienced heretofore in the history of the Association. Following on an amendment to the constitution, the annual general meeting is held in February, instead of in June, as formerly, consequently our report covers only six months' work. Election of Officers: Your late able and popular General Secretary, Mr. Tom G. Johnstone, was compelled to relinquish his position owing to ill-health, and it was with great regret that your committee were compelled to accept his resignation. Your committee appointed Mr. R. I. Douglas Acting General Secretary. Messrs. E. and R. A. Scott, elected to the committee at last annual meeting, having been transferred to Hobart, tender their resignations. During the year Mr. F. A. Andrews, Assistant Secretary, having enlisted for active service, Mr. R. A. Scott was appointed to the position. With these exceptions, the officers appointed at last general meeting are eligible, and offer themselves for re-election. During the period between last general meeting and this the Association has made considerable progress in various directions. A club, named the Churinga Club, was formed, and under its auspices a dancing class and Literary and Debating Society were inaugurated. The former meets every Saturday evening, the latter every alternate Monday. Both these branches proved themselves successful, and valuable in furthering the Association's work. The Tennis Club and Hockey Team have also had a successful half-year, and are rapidly strengthening their positions.

Obituary: It is with deep regret that we report the death of Marguerite Lamb. Her parents have our greatest sympathy in their bereavement.

Various social gatherings and picnics were held, and during the month of October the annual social was held in the School Hall. An American Tea was also arranged to provide comforts for our members at the front. This was fairly attended. On the departure of Mr. Johnstone, late General Secretary, a presentation of a rug and travelling bag was made by Mr. Miller, on behalf of the members. We wish him every success and good health.

Our list of "Splendid Men" increased greatly during the half-year. In this connection the Association, acting in conjunction with the School, have invited subscriptions towards the engraving of an honor board donated by a supporter of the School. It is hoped that this appeal will meet with a hearty response from all members. Three of our old scholars also we are pleased to welcome home safe and sound: Flight-Lieutenant R. H. Stephens, Corporal Hedley Rosevear, M.M., and Private Gordon Stokes. We extend to them a hearty welcome.

Our finances are still steady, though the bank balance is only 4s 6d. This is due, however, to the small receipts owing to the year

being reduced to a half. Five hundred copies of the Constitution were printed at a cost of £5 15s, and these are available to members, and will be supplied with the first quarter's magazines.

Five hundred circulars were also printed, and posted to all old scholars of the School urging the desirability of joining the Association, and also appealing for subscriptions towards the honor board. The results of this appeal will go on to next year's business, but so far it is safe to predict a most successful year judging by the number of new members.

Your committee wish to thank the School and the Director of Education for the liberal use of the building for meetings. They also offer to the Principal, the Staff, and Scholars their heartiest congratulations on their successes in the recent examinations, and on the sports fields, and trust that the coming year will be one of as high a standard of well-being and success as the past six have proved themselves.

In conclusion, your committee thank all who have in the past helped the Association in every way. They hope that this year will carry with it added successes, added activities, added responsibilities, and wider fields of work for the Association.

The report and balance-sheet were then adopted.

The following officers were elected for the forthcoming year: Patron: Mr. R. O. Miller. Vice-Patrons: Messrs. Daymond, Brockett, and Crawford. President: Mr. W. L. Grace. Vice-Presidents: Last year's vice-presidents were re-elected, and the following additions were made: Misses Jensen, Kildea, and Grubb. Secretary: Mr. R. I. Douglas. Assistant Secretary: Mr. H. Illingworth. Editor "Old Scholars' Magazine": Mr. P. Palamoutain. General Committee: Messdames Blewitt, Jacobson, and McKay, Messrs. Freeburgh, Barling, and McElwee.

OLD SCHOLARS' BALANCE-SHEET.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance Brought Forward	7 7 4	By Purchase of Magazines	4 11 0
„ Subscriptions and Donations	7 2 6	„ Stationery	1 4 7
„ Interest	0 1 10	„ Petty Cash and Postages	1 3 11
		„ Purchases for Socials	1 12 3
		„ Daily Telegraph Ltd., 500 Copies of Constitution	5 15 0
		„ Balance as per Bank Book	0 4 6
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I. DOUGLAS, Acting Gen. Secretary.

W. L. GRACE, President.

Mr. R. O. Miller, in addressing the meeting, touched briefly on the past year's work and its satisfactory nature. The influx of fresh members gave promise to a year even more successful than the past one, and as the present financial condition, although satisfactory, could and would be bettered on account of new subscriptions, the Association should prosper greatly. Regret was expressed at the death of one of the members, namely, Miss Marguerite Lamb. Mr. T. G. Johnstone, the late Secretary of the Association, who was forced to resign on account of ill-health, was unanimously elected a life member of the Association as an appreciation of his good work. Mr. Johnstone holds the position of being the first life member of the S.H.S.O.S. Association.

In welcoming Flight-Lieutenant R. Stephens, Corporal H. Rosevears, M.M., and Private G. Stokes, Mr. Miller referred briefly to the lives of these soldiers while at school. All three had been keen football enthusiasts, and ardent players of the winter pastime, and their work

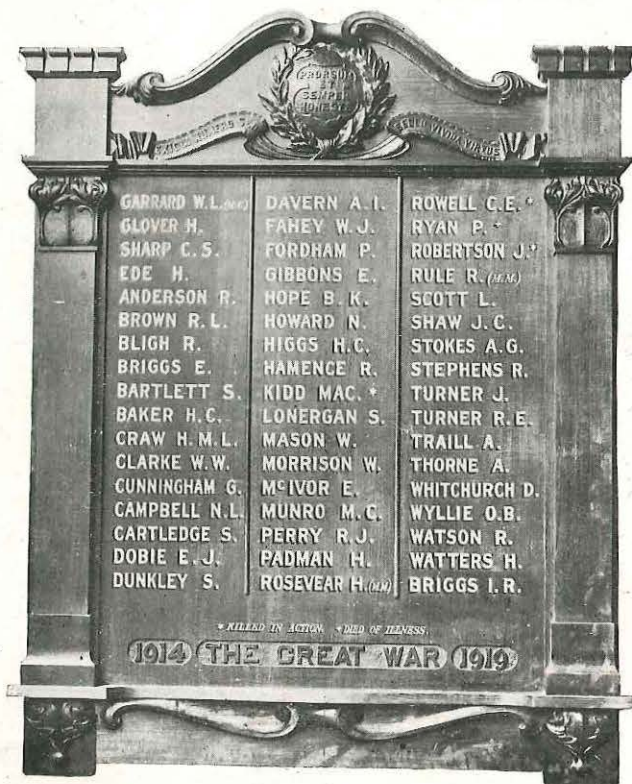
in the class room was characterised by sincerity. Two of the three men had obtained high distinction on the battlefield, Corporal H. Rosevear having obtained the Military Medal, whilst Lieutenant Stephens was awarded the R.F.C. Medal for downing an enemy aeroplane.

The guests of the evening suitably responded to the welcoming words of their past Head Master, and also apologised for the unavoidable absence of Corporal Rosevear.

Dancing was indulged in for a considerable time, at the conclusion of which a dainty supper was served by the ladies of the committee.

The evening concluded in the usual manner with "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

THE UNVEILING OF THE HONOR BOARD



Presented to the School by Members of the
OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION.

Some months ago it was decided by the Old Scholars' Association to present an honor board to the School. The wife of one of our vice-presidents (Mrs. R. H. Crawford) kindly consented to execute the

carving on the board, and to her the Association feel particularly grateful, as she has carried out the work with the greatest skill.

On Saturday evening of March 29th the unveiling of the honor board was performed by his Excellency the Governor (Sir Francis Newdegate, K.C.M.G.), in the presence of a very large gathering of parents and relatives of the old scholars who answered the call of the Empire, and whose names it was desired to perpetuate. The platform was very nicely decorated with flags and pot plants, under the direction of Miss Grubb, and presented a very attractive appearance. His Excellency, who was received by a guard of honor of State High School Cadets, was escorted into the assembly room by the Principal (Mr. R. O. M. Miller, B.A.), and was attended by Lieutenant-Colonel G. E. Harrap, Hon. A.D.C. On the platform were also Mr R. H. Crawford, Secretary for Education, and Inspector A. L. Brockett.

The Principal (Mr R. O. M. Miller, B.A.) briefly sketched the history of the production of the honor board, and said that, in his opinion, no better memento could have been presented by the Association.

His Excellency said it was impossible to come to such a ceremony unmoved. The first feeling he had was one of sympathy for those who had lost sons and relatives at the front; the second was congratulation to the soldiers who had done their duty, and who had come back again; and the third feeling he had was that in this, as in other schools in Tasmania, they had got traditions of great deeds done in the war—traditions which would last as long as the school existed. It was with feelings of very deep respect that he attended that night to do what honor he could to those men who had done their duty so nobly to the Empire. No school would be the same in the future as in the past. They would look back on the board which created tradition. "As the representative of his Majesty," concluded his Excellency, "I can only do honor to the men who have gone from your school, and esteem it a great privilege to unveil the honor board which you have put up to-night."

The Governor then drew aside the Australian Flag which covered the board, and Mr. S. Craw sounded "The Last Post."

The School Choir, under the baton of Mr. W. L. Grace, B.A., sang "Australia," Kipling's "Recessional," "Now the Labourers' Task is O'er," and "Land of Hope and Glory."

The singing of the National Anthem brought a highly enjoyable evening to a close.

SONNET.

I had been reading Shakespeare all day long,
And mixing his still-living tolerance,
And wide humanity with the wave's song
And the blue sky and green sunlights that dance
On bushes . . . When at night I sat, replete
With dreams, there shone out of the deepening gloom
A woman inside a house across the street.
I saw her candle light up all the room,
Flickering: Whereat my sleepy mind at such
A suddenness of light with wonder tasked,
(Just as a child, in answer to a touch,
Will turn from idle staring) oddly asked:

Is she a dowdy symbol of life or death—
A Rosalind or a Lady Macbeth?

D.Y.S.

DANCING CLASS

It has been decided to continue the Dancing Class, which was established last winter. We have not yet decided upon the night, but as soon as this is done, old scholars will be circularised.

OLD SCHOLARS' CONCERT COMPANY

This year we are about to launch a new project, the formation of a Concert Company. For some time past many old scholars have been desirous of this, and as we have the talent, it has been eagerly taken up. A committee comprising Miss McKay, Messrs. W. L. Grace and P. Palamountain, at present have the matter in hand, and will be pleased to know of any old scholars desirous of taking part. This committee is but temporary, and will eventually, when the company is formed, be superseded by a committee elected by the company.

OLD SCHOLARS' FAIR

The Committee of the Association, at their last meeting, decided that the Old Scholars would hold a monster fair about the end of July, the proceeds of which are to go towards providing tennis courts for the school. This gives us a chance to do something for our alma mater. Any old scholars with suggestions please get in touch with the General Secretary.

WHO'S WHO.

Principal—Mr. R. O. Miller, B.A.

Staff.—Mr. A. L. Meston, B.A., Mr. W. L. Grace, B.A. (Senior Masters), Miss Bell, B.A., Miss A. McDonough, Miss D. Brown, Miss E. Greaves, Miss A. Grubb, Miss B. Wilcox, Miss Lawson, Miss E. Harvey, Miss B. Layh, Miss V. Bush, Miss M. Tevelein, Mr. W. E. L. Callaway, Mr. T. Lee, Mr. Teniswood, Mr. J. Parish.

Prefects.—Marjorie Smith, Eric Wyllie (Senior Prefects), Winnie Hodgetts, Stuart Maslin (Sports Prefects), Aubrey Luck, Jessie McKenzie, Jessie Biggs, Eileen Targett, Barbara Drake, Edwin Wing, James Spencer, Don. McOmish, Jean Peter, Gladys Brown, Dorothy Cox, Edna Radford, Thelma McIvor, Robert Luck, Fred. Townsend, Alan Crooks, Phil. Frith, Mattie McKinnell, Carl Cunningham.

Dux of School—Basil Telford.

School Champion—H. McElwee.

Captain of Cricket—L. Cobbett.

Captain of Football—A. Luck.

Stroke of Crew—E. Wyllie.

Rowing Club Captain—E. Wyllie.

Captain of Five-Mile Team—W. Sturzaker.

Captain of Tennis—Jessie McKenzie.

Librarian—Miss B. V. Wilcox.

Senior Cadets—Company Commander: Lieutenant A. L. Meston. Sergeants: J. C. Beardwood (C.S.M.), J. Parish (C.O.M.S.), S. Cruikshank (C.O.M.S.), K. Dallas, J. Truskett, A. Williams.

Old Scholars' Association—President, Mr. W. L. Grace; Secretary, Mr. R. I. Douglas.

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