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we justify the inclusion of such functions in our school life—our aim is to produce not only good scholars, but good citizens.

If we review the sporting contests with Orange, we recognise that our girls were beaten soundly and fairly in hockey and basket ball. And for this we congratulate the victors on their skill and on their fair play.

We trust that the defeat will spur us on to greater efforts, and that next time we will make Orange fight harder still. But while each side should strive its hardest for victory, it is to be remembered that the losers may display as great sportsmanship as the winners. It is not very difficult to be a good winner, but it is generally difficult to be a good loser, and the side which loses, and yet shows the self-restraint which makes it "peg away" without murmur; the side which is characterised by that sense of fairness which makes it say, "Well, you fellows played a jolly good game, and deserved your win"; the side which is just in its applause, even when badly beaten,—that side has revealed those very qualities which sport aims to develop.

During the term we have instituted a "Soldiers' Comforts Club." The absence of such a means of remembering our representatives at the front would be a culpable oversight; its existence on its present efficient lines is worthy of the highest praise, and the most earnest support. The profits which accrued from the defunct or moribund tuck shop may well be handed over to those in charge of this club.

Let us now look forward to the prospects of the coming half-year. In the first place, our School continues to send students and ex-students to play their part in the appalling struggle in the old world. We extend to these boys our warmest congratulations, and our fervent prayer that they may acquit themselves with honour, and that they may return in safety to the land they fought for.

The coming half-year is likely to be a strenuous one. The half-yearly exam. is already upon us, and the Intermediate and Leaving Certificate exams, are approaching. It is to be hoped, however, that the work will be accomplished without curtailling the hours of sport; for since the period demands the most strenuous work, it demands as well plenty of sport, to enable the mind and nerves to stand the strain. Everyone should go to sport regularly, at least twice a week, for scholarship gained at the expense of health is a "sordid boon." It is only fair, however, that those, whose work or conduct is unsatisfactory, should be deprived of this recreation; for sport is the reward—the right,—of those who have devoted themselves to study; those who have not done so, have found, we presume, their recreation elsewhere, and so, must work while their comrades play.
We trust that the Debating Society and Glee Club will flourish this half-year, for they are among the most important and most diverting of school activities.

There is another point to consider before we close: The School is made and known by its students, and we look to our senior students to show qualities of character which will make us feel that they are indeed leaders of the school, and jealous of its honour. We have sent forth many boys and girls whose achievements, in all branches of life, have reflected honourably on the school. We know that there are among us, many students whom the school will be proud in future years; and we trust that those great characteristics, Honour, Steadfastness, and Leadership, which we can see at present developing in some of our students, will take root, and ripen to the full, in us all.

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School Notes

We extend a hearty welcome to the new members of our staff—Miss M. Sherwin, B.A., Mr. V. Peterson, B.A., B.Ec., and Mr. McLoughlin.

Our former Mr. McLoughlin reluctantly left us, and has taken up duties at Grafton.

The Debating Societies are now "going concerns." What about the Glee Club?

Practice in sport has slackened somewhat since the Orange visit. This slackness should not be allowed to continue.

Miss Sherwin is a hockey player of repute. We trust that she will take charge of the "hockey-ites," and train them in the way they should go.

Mr. Teasdale has (?) taken charge of the basketball team. Under his care we hope to see a revolution in this fine game.

The socials recently held were well attended, and apparently well enjoyed. At the Reunion, S. Jaques had the misfortune to break his arm. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Arthur Allan, too, has been in the injured list. While practicing for the Orange match he broke his collar-bone, and severely wrenched the muscles of the shoulder.

Since our last issue a Commercial Course has been included in the School Curriculum. The course provides for four years' training, qualifying students for entrance to the Economics Faculty at the University. A large number of pupils have joined the classes.

The sports' costumes adopted by the girls look very well indeed.

Lance Dudley is Ill in the hospital. We hope to see him with us again soon.

Mr. R. W. Hughes has not forgotten the school. He often speaks of the days spent here. He sent along a subscription to the funds of the "Burr," and has promised some literary contributions as well.

Our sincere thanks are due to Miss Grace Spicer and to Miss K. Tremain for their work in connection with the Soldiers' Com-
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forts Fund. They do more than most of us are aware of, as the making and packing of parcels is by no means a trivial undertaking.

We are glad to welcome the forthcoming tennis match between past and present lady students. This is the sort of thing to give life to our Old Students' Union, and we hope to see many more matches of the same kind arranged.

With some little organisation, a hockey match might be arranged.

A change of considerable importance is to take place next year. The Intermediate examination, usually held in November, is to be held in September. This means that the Second Year Course should be commenced by our students in the September of their first year at School.

Keith Churches visited us on Thursday. He has been promoted to Sergeant in the Light Horse. Keith was one of the pluckiest and most popular of boys, and was enthusiastically farewelled by pupils and staff.

Class notes are often characterised by a peculiar desire on the part of students to proclaim that their particular class is the "best" or the "most hard-working" in the School. We know already that that is so. Therefore let us have real news—sober, sensible news about your own little doings in class, and out.

Contributors should be careful to see that the work is neatly written, and spelt and punctuated correctly. Much of the manuscript has frequently to be re-written.

Lieut. W. Lamerton has been promoted to the position of O.C. of the "B" Co., 4th Reinforcements, 53rd Battalion. We offer him our congratulations.

Spencer Gwilliam and Lance Clark are members of the Military Band, stationed at Bathurst.

Lieut. C. L. Henry, at present in France, has sent a vivid narration of an exciting adventure on the Western Front. Selections from this letter will be read at the School.

Miss Vansen, hon., sec., of the Old Students' Union, will be pleased to enrol any old students. Those already enrolled should round up stragglers.
Poem.

—

KINSHIP.

Not ours where battle-smoke upcurls,
And battle dews lie wet;
To meet the charge that Treason hurst
By gun and bayonet.

Not ours to guide the fatal scythe
The fleshless reaper wields;
The harvest moon looks calmly down
Upon our peaceful fields.

The long grass dimples on the hill;
The gums sing by the sea;
And Plenty, from her golden horn,
Is pouring far and free.

Oh, brothers by the farther sea!
Think still our faith is warm;
The same bright flag above its waves
That keeps you in your form.

The same red blood that dyes your fields,
Here throbs in patriot pride—
The blood that flowed when our men fell
By Gallipolian tide.

And thus apart our hearts keep time
With every pulse you feel;
And Mercy’s ringing gold shall chime
With Valour’s clashing steel.

—MILETANA.
The annual reunion was held on the 2nd June, and it was very pleasing to see the large numbers of smiling faces present.

1C.

1C Room has been greatly improved since Easter vacation. The dust is sometimes removed, the room tidied up, while flowers sometimes deck the lockers. We thank "Josie" for her beautiful autumn flowers; of course her reason for doing this is to help others who beautify the room, which is partly spoilt by the presence of some butter-boxes around the room.

Latin has been rather dull lately (?) and we do not wonder that "Dulcissimus" and his next-door friend frequently take a hard-earned rest in Latin. Of course it is not to be wondered at. "D" is not used to the strenuous life of the city, and his friend is rather small for such life; his mind will not carry such a load.

In Sport, 1C figures prominently, having sent four competitors to Orange—Doris Cliff and Eileen Press (basketball), E. Lamerton and J. Links (cricket).

Mr. Harney generously gave us the head and shoulders of some Grecian lady, and all day long this very estimable person beams over us while we do our lessons.

We ought to be famous in History, having King P——, King C——, and Surajah among us.

2A.

Although we are between several fires, we wish to call the attention of the rest of the school to the fact that the lecture hall is extremely well-ventilated. Although there are fires, we never get the benefit of them, as we are situated midway between them, and they are very far apart.

We congratulate First Year on the excellent game of football they played against Second Year.

We send our best wishes to "Tanarama," hoping he has a speedy recovery, and will soon be with us again. Congratulations should be thrown his way too, for his good luck in missing this oncoming exam.

Last week we had the pleasure of welcoming Jock Syer back to school after a long illness.

6 Sidere Mens Eadem Mutato.

In the last issue of the "Burr," a rough description, under the above heading, was published on the topic of the general University buildings. Perhaps in this article, a little more information about this summit of learning may prove interesting.

At the outset, let us review its foundation and origin. It was incorporated by an Act introduced by William Charles Wentworth into the Parliament of New South Wales, on 1st October, 1850. In 1858, on 27th February, the Royal Charter was issued, which definitely set forth that graduates of the University of Sydney were entitled to the same privileges as graduates of other British Universities. The endowment was fixed at £5,000 per annum. The constitution was subsequently changed by the University Colleges Act of 1900, and amendments thereto in 1902 and 1912. In 1903, the endowment was increased to £10,000, and later, in 1912, to £30,000. This, then, is the annual minimum Government grant for the upkeep of the institution. This is supplemented by other Government grants, usually for special purposes, as in 1914—£2,500 for Evening Lectures and University Extension Lectures, and £5,000 for Agricultural and Veterinary Science Departments. The annual gross cost, in later years, has been in the vicinity of £70,000.

The burden of much of this huge expenditure does not fall upon the Government, but is borne by a certain amount of fixed income derived by the University from bequests. These may be divided into two classes, those which are to support the actual management, and those which are to provide bursaries, scholarships, etc. It is those of the former class which are the more remarkable. Some years ago, the late Mr. Challis bequeathed the sum of £276,856 to the University authorities to use at their own discretion. This pays the salaries of seven of the more important professors, and several assistant-professors and lecturers. Some time later, Sir Peter Nicol Russell, a Sydney engineer, made two bequests of £50,000 each for the building and upkeep of an engineering school, for the payment of lecturers and demonstrators, and also to provide several scholarships. A bequest of £30,000 was made by Thomas Fisher for the erection of a library, the purchase of books, and its general upkeep. Several other bequests of smaller amounts have been made, for the general management of the University. In the second class the bequests are many, the value of the scholarships provided ranging from £4 for one year, to £72 for four years. The vast majority are, however, limited to certain faculties, many only obtainable by men students, others by women students, many
also for students only taking up a particular course. For instance, of the many scholarships provided, only two are obtainable by students actually taking a course in the Faculty of Medicine, and but one of these is accessible to the ordinary student. Besides the regular bursaries provided by interested persons, the Government provides a certain number of bursaries each year.

At the present time, there are about a hundred professors, assistant-professors, lecturers and demonstrators at the University, practically all of whom are stipendiary. Of students there are far more men than women, the total number reaching somewhere about 1,400. Some departments are far more utilised than others, Arts, Science, and Medicine particularly. The whole educational work of the University is divided into four main sections or "faculties," namely, Arts, Science, Law and Medicine. This means to say that a student may graduate (i.e., successfully complete his course in) any of these faculties; but they themselves are too broad to take in all the variations demanded of them. So attached to the Faculty of Science are several minor divisions or "departments," as Veterinary Science, Agricultural Science, Engineering, etc. Similarly the Faculty of Medicine has attached to it the Departments of Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Massage. Any student proceeding to a degree in the University has a certain amount of latitude or choice in the course he takes, provided that he abides by the general regulations. In Medicine and Law, the choice is very restricted indeed. In Science, the choice is broader, there being seven sciences from which to choose four courses. In Arts, the course is so broad that it has been said that two students may obtain their first degree, attending the University at the same time, and yet never meet in the same lecture-room.

In the Royal Charter of 1858 it was definitely set out that the graduates of the University of Sydney should have the same standing as those of other British Universities, but this is so, not only because of the Royal Charter, but because the actual standard of the University of Sydney is equal to that of Oxford or Cambridge. In particular examinations this statement may not be exactly accurate, but in the vast majority of cases it holds. It has been said by a reliable authority that it is quite as easy to get a degree in Medicine at Edinburgh, as it is in Sydney. Since a degree in Medicine at Edinburgh stamps the holder as having obtained the highest British medical education possible, this is a very proud statement for our own University.

This, then, is the institution which is turning out for New South Wales the bulk of its teachers, lawyers, engineers, and medical men.

The Re-Uniion.

The annual reunion of past and present students of the High School was held in the Oddfellows' Hall on Friday, 2nd June. There were 87 present, including Mr. Inspector Henderson, Mr. W. Smith, M.A., headmaster of the Primary School, Miss Bertie, B.A., the well-loved teacher of many students of the old District School days, and four old boys in uniform: Keith Churches, Horace Moxon, Howard Waddell, and Wally Hunt, who are shortly leaving Australia on active service. These were the guests of the evening. Apologies were received from a number of old students and an eloquent letter was read from Mr. Inspector McLachlan, who has lost none of his interest in the students who were once under his care.

The earlier part of the evening was devoted to games and dances, and here Mr. Bartrop proved himself an efficient master of the revels. At the supper, the headmaster, Mr. R. G. Thomas, B.A., presided, and disposed of a formidable toast list before midnight. Among the toasts honoured were those of "The King," "The Guests," "The School," and "The Old Students." The "Ladies" received special attention in a musical toast in which Mr. Pratley proved himself 'A verray parfit gentil knight.' His graceful compliments made us rather suspect that this was not the first occasion on which he had been their champion. And not the least surprising feature of the toast was the aptness of the replies from Miss Bertie, Miss Belle Yansen, and Miss Doris Phillips.

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It might not be inappropriate here to make a few suggestions relative to the reunion. This is a function which must grow in significance as the years go by, and the traditions of the school become articulate. And that being so, it seems that the time has arrived for the old students to control the reunion themselves. It is pleasing to note that steps have already been taken to establish an Old Students' Union, and the annual gathering should be one of its first cares. Miss I. Yansen, of the Public School, Bathurst, is the secretary of that Union, and she is anxious to secure the membership of all ex-students. We hope this appeal will not fall on deaf ears. There is ample testimony from Friday night's speeches, from Old Boys' letters from the Front, and from other sources, that an Old Students' Union is needed as a rallying-ground for those who have gone out from the school to the home, the workshop, the University, and the battlefield.

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**Girls' Sport.**

Many things during the quarter have contributed to the success of our sport—additional tennis courts, the use of the Cricket Ground, and last, but not least, the presence among us of Miss Sherwin, whom we welcome most heartily to our sporting fields.

The games most favoured by the girls are hockey and tennis. We had an opportunity this term of trying conclusions with Orange in various sports.

The hockey match was most enjoyable. Our team consisted of Misses B. Waddell, Grace and Doris Spicer, A. Ferris, I. Bennett, M. Wood, I. Wallace, K. Tremain, D. Nielsen, E. Links, and P. Golsby—a good many veterans among them. But at half-time we were sadly in arrears—4 goals to nil. The play of the Orange girls was marked by great dash and by vigorous hitting. In the second half we scored one goal, and so did Orange, the final scores being 5 goals to 1 against us.

As this is the first season that Orange has consistently played the game, they deserve the warmest congratulations on their proficiency. Hockey is a great game, and, when played as this one was, can never fail to be popular.

Basket ball, too, fell to the visitors, whose throwing for goal was excellent, and whose general play was very good.

Though beaten, we fought hard, and made no complaints.

In tennis our representatives—Misses E. Cheney, D. Nielsen, W. Rivett, and K. Tremain—played well, and secured a victory for Bathurst.

We remind our players that Tuesday is Hockey day, Thursday Basket-ball, and Friday a day for both games.

A notice regarding the Old Girls' match is included in the "School Notes" column.

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Senior & Jun. Debating Societies

The Senior Girls' Literary and Debating Society held its first meeting on the 7th April, 1916. The committee elected consists of Miss Burns, Mrs. Nutter, and Miss Eva Links, Vice-Presidents; Miss K. Tremain, Treasurer; Miss Nellie McMenamin, Manuscript Journal Editor, and Miss Elsie Cheney, Secretary. The general committee, Miss Adie Ferris, Miss G. Spicer and Miss F. Jones.

To commence with, we had impromptu speeches, and, although some of the girls have not had very much experience in debating societies, the majority spoke very well indeed.

We have also spoken of the benefit of "Going to bed early and getting up early," versus "Going to bed late and getting up late." In this debate, Miss D. Neilson made a particularly good speech.

On another occasion, the subject for debate was "Who is in the better position—the man on the land, or the man in Government employ?"

At the last meeting of the Society, several of the members brought poetry and prose concerning the present war. The afternoon proved a most enjoyable one.

For the last meeting before the holidays, it has been decided to debate on a question that is at present of interest to every Australian, that is "The early closing of hotel bars."

At the last meeting we also decided that a Manuscript Journal should be prepared and read on the first Friday after the holidays.

In April the First Year Girls formed a Debating Society, which now meets every Friday afternoon.

Ena Larmach was elected President, Muriel Wood Vice-President, and Beryl Middenway Secretary.

Betty Lewins, Dorothy Waters and Myra Burgess were elected members of the Committee.

So far the Society has been quite a success. The meetings would be more exciting if the girls were not so shy; most of them were afraid to make speeches, but lately they are losing their nervousness. We thank the girls who have assisted the Society by giving speeches, by reciting, and by reading.

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Essays.

Some of our students were asked recently to write an essay, in the Baconian style, concerning "Teachers." As a result there is some very pointed criticism. We print a few selections:—

"Teachers are of three kinds; firstly those who impart the arts of poesy, history, and the knowledge of literature; secondly those who impart the mathematics; thirdly those who impart the foreign and heathenish languages of French and Latin.

"Those of the first kind are discoursing wits and humorous patricians. . . .

"Those who teach the languages are beyond comprehension. They shriek out in high falsettos or deep bass, the heathenish foreign words. . . ."

Another student is full of complaint:—

"It is a naked and open daylight that to spend too much time in studies is sloth, for they not only sort to the inconvenience of the mind, but to bodily inconvenience as well. There be among the Teachers those who ask for more than is just in order to get a full period; for they do bark most loudly if the poor pupil be not seated at his desk when it be time to commence lessons.

"Another mouthing demagogue giveth the sound advice that the pupil should adhere to the four rules of life. The first which be that the pupil hath plenty of sleep, a thing greatly impossible. . . ."

A third essay states:—

"But if a man is to be well taught, then there must be competent teachers, to instruct and guide his efforts. Thus the first essential of a teacher is that he be competent; for if he is not, then the pupil receives instruction which may exert improper influences on his or her after life. The teacher should be prepared to discuss his subject fully, answer all reasonable questions. But then a teacher need not necessarily be a 'walking encyclopedia' save that he have a first hand knowledge of the essential things in the subject, at hand. Even if a teacher have this competency in knowledge of the subject, another great thing is necessary, and that is his ability to deliver his subject to his pupils in a way that will stimulate their interest, and make for them a certain enjoyment in the lesson, and, if a teacher does not possess this power, then much of his teaching will naturally be not understood, and appreciated by his pupils. But then a teacher may have a class of intensely dull scholars, whose powers of thought are hard to call up, and here, more than in any other place, is the capability and competency of the teachers put on trial. For if a teacher manage to impress dull pupils, and arouse their interests, then he may be said to possess powers several, and well developed. The teacher should be an example to his scholars in dress, in courtesy, in manners, and in conduct."

The following is an extract from a certain eulogy on "Picture Shows." The style is not intended to be Baconian:—

Educational pictures concerning photographs of different parts of the Globe, are the next best thing to real travel. They give to us an idea of the manner and methods of living outside our own lives. For business people, who are at work all day, pictures serve as a relaxation for the mind, especially for those whose work requires brain power. Dramatic pictures are often serviceable, because their moral may awaken in one a chord either of reflectiveness or of sadness, which otherwise may have lain dormant. One is apt to get self-absorbed and melancholy if always poring over books, and in such a place as Bathurst, where there are so few nocturnal enjoyments, pictures shows are practically the only recreation to attend. There the sight of so many faces, the merry laughter or even the silence, helps one to forget, if only for a short time, his own cares and worries. When one goes into a picture show he may not be in a very merry humour; but the fever of laughter is often catching, and, although the picture is often utterly ridiculous, it is hard to refrain from joining in the laugh and so, often, pictures serve as a tonic."

We print another selection from an essay entitled "A Holiday in the Country":—

"It was on one of those laughing, golden days which are so typically Australian, that Pauline and I set out on our walking tour, through the happy, smiling country. We followed a little track, which wandered in and out among the trees—grey gums—on whose stems were still traces of the brilliant orange hue that glowed there throughout the summer; spotted gums with daintily dappled trunks, grim ironbarks, box and stringy-bark. All these were tall and stately, and beneath their shelter grew many graceful saplings, crowned now, as in the springtime, with tender leaves, while underfoot were bracken, trailing vines, and maiden-hair. The track turned steeply upwards to a saddle between two hills, and there joined an old road, wild and lovely. Away in the dim distance we see an ivy-clad church; we hasten our footsteps and reach an old, fast-decaying church. The grey-haired chaplain, who reads his prayer-book whilst he walks to and fro, bids us 'Good-day.' We converse with him for a brief space, bid him
'Farewell,' and pass on. Now we follow the silver singing streamlet; the warm breezes sweep it into ripples of music, the glad music of light and joy, through sunlit meadows it wandered till it reached the shadowy forest and softly whispered to the great dark trees of the sunshine beyond the shade.

Still another selection—this is the actual experience of some of our pupils:

"Oh! Isn't it cold! Hurry up and make a big fire! It's too cold to get up yet! I can't get up; I will miss the train, but I don't care. These few remarks may be heard continually at daylight on a frosty morning, in a few houses near Bathurst. The air is bitterly cold; the whole ground for miles around is covered with a white, hoary coat; every little stick, every blade of grass, and every leaf on the tree, is covered with a kind of frosty dew. The grass is wet, and one's boots, too, are fairly soaked, as one walks through the grass. No birds sing as they do on a summer's morning. Everything is quiet, and cold. Just before sunrise the sky, near the horizon, is tinted with a faint glow of pink and gold. A little breeze begins to blow. Then it is colder than ever. A few minutes later birds begin to sing. Far away on a hill near Bathurst the sun may be seen shining; how anxiously we wait for it to come, and greet us "Good Morning!"

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Schofield, Francis Olive—1B, 4B, 5B, 8B, 16B.
Sligar, Noel—1B, 3B, 4A, 5A, 8A, 9A, 11P.
Yates, Harold—1B, 3H, 4A, 5A, 6B, 8A, 9A.

Honors.

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Latin ..................... 2 Botany ..................... 8
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 Soldiers’ Comforts Fund.

The Soldiers’ Comforts Fund was inaugurated for the purpose of sending parcels, as a small token of remembrance and respect, to the High School boys who are fighting, or are on their way to fight, for the Empire. There are about twenty of these boys now, some of whom were at Gallipoli, and are at present in France.

A collection is taken up weekly, and the total for the four weeks since this Fund was established is £2 6s. 10d. The parcel sent costs about 9s., and contains tobacco, cigarettes, soap, writing paper, raisins, chewing gum, chocolate, coffee and milk, bachelors’ buttons, khaki handkerchiefs, cotton and needles. A pair of socks and a Balaclava cap are also included in the parcel, but these articles have been donated by students of the school. Donations of knitting have been received from Misses Chidzey, Annie Godfrey, Adie Ferris, Mabel Robertson, Grace Spicer and Doris Phillips, while there are promises from other students which will be redeemed during the next few weeks. The total cost of despatching a parcel is about 11s. 6d., including postage of 2s., calico for sewing up the parcel, and other miscellaneous articles such as marking ink, twine, and wrapping paper.

Donations of knitting or money will be thankfully received from any of the ex-students, as we feel that their sympathies are with us in this effort, and so ask for their co-operation.

Letters are sent at the same time as the parcel, so that if the latter go astray, the boys will know that at least we are thinking of them. These letters also serve another purpose—that of keeping the boys in touch with the happenings of the school.

Parcels with accompanying letters have been despatched as follow:

- On 18th May to Corporal R. F. Hodge.
- On 23rd May to Trooper J. G. Williams.
- On 31st May to Private R. W. Robertson.
- On 7th June to Sergeant A. C. Clarke.

The committee controlling this movement consists of Misses Eva Links, Alma Williams, Beryl Middenway, and Lorna Webb, with Miss Grace Spicer as Hon. Treas. and Miss Kathleen Trema in as Hon. Secretary. Mr. W. A. Ferguson is the teacher-in-charge.

Boy’s Sport.

The football season commenced immediately after the Easter vacation. It has been in progress for about seven weeks. A meeting was held to decide upon the office-bearers for the ensuing season, and also to decide upon various other matters vital to the successful prosecution of the game this season. The meetings were always packed, and great enthusiasm prevailed from the outset. The following were elected as officers for this season:

- Secretary, Rod. Patterson; Selection Committee, A. Pringle, N. Sligar, R. Patterson.

It was resolved that the office of Treasurer be dispensed with on account of the fact that the Sports Union controlled financial matters. It was decided that the Management Committee should consist of the same officers as the Selection Committee.

The selection of a permanent captain was left in abeyance, it being decided that that officer should be elected after the respective merits of the various players had been more fully ascertained. Alec. Pringle has filled the position so far in every match, and has handled his men in such a way as to give satisfaction to all.

It was hinted at the commencement of the season that the present guernsey (all blue, with gold badge) was to be replaced by a less attractive, striped one. This matter was fully discussed, and it was decided to keep to the former style.

Since the commencement of the season the following matches have been played:

(a) Against St. Stanislaus College, in which we were defeated by 52 points to nil. No excuse can be made for such a defeat, but we hope to do better next time.

(b) Against All Saints’ College, in which we were defeated by 15 to 2.

(c) Against Orange High School, whom we defeated by 14 points to 8. This is considered the most important game of the season, and both teams eagerly look forward to a return match before the end of the season. Although the prospects for such a match are very remote, it is to be hoped that the staff of both schools will try to bring about its realisation.

The most conspicuous players for Bathurst in this match were Pringle, Pollard, Patterson, Tonkin, Sligar. For Orange, the best players on the day were A. Cock and Gillies. The game was even throughout, and both teams played fast and hard and skilful football.

(d) Against Experimental Farm, who defeated us by 10 points to nil. Tries for the winners were secured by Archer (2), both of which were converted by Stitt. Our team was considerably weakened in this match owing to the fact that eight of the boys of our first team could not play, and had to be replaced by small junior players.

Our junior teams also played several matches against the various local schools and colleges, with varying successes.
Tennis is still as popular as ever. The boys were defeated by Orange by 4 sets 37 games to 4 sets 34 games. This is the closest we have ever got to the Wildings and Brooks's of Orange, but some day in the dim future we hope to wrest the ashes from them. For our school McLeod and Patterson played splendidly, while the best players for Orange were Bailey and McGregor. Our other representatives were McGlyn and Basser, who both played up to expectations.

Correspondence.

Many classes pass unnoticed in this issue. This is due to some editors who failed to get the necessary inspiration; but, of course, all the work should not be left to the class editor. Most praiseworthy efforts were made by some first year students; although most of the news was not suitable—or where suitable, was badly expressed—still it is good to have tried. Practice makes perfect.

"Sport."—The "Soccer" proposition was not to oust "Union," but to absorb those players who were not available for the Union game.

"Third Year."—As the class notes overlap somewhat, we have made a selection from each batch. Cannot publish too many personalities—had to draw the line at the window.

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