

a pity, for all the team were keen, even the reserves appearing without fail and turning up to practice.

Results :—V. Hamilton IV, won 1-0; v. Junction, won 3-0; v. Cook's Hill, won 5-0; v. Hamilton III, won 7-0; v. Central, lost 0-7; v. Cook's Hill II, won 11-0; v. Central II, won 4-2; v. Hamilton, drawn 1-1; v. Adamstown, drawn 1-1. For 33, against 11.

ATHLETICS—COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS' MEETING

Congratulations to Parramatta H.S. on their victory in the Senior division, and to East Maitland on their splendid win in the Juniors.

Neither in Seniors nor Juniors did our teams perform up to expectations, but this was due rather to the fine standard set by competitors from other schools than to incapacity on our part. Our Junior relay team, for instance, equalled the record in their heat, but only came fourth in the final. The best of our representatives was Shannon, who by doing 9ft 8in. in the Junior pole vault beat the existing record by 5 inches. He also came second in the high jump and in the 90 yards hurdles.

Considering that he is still under 15 years of age, Jones ran well and should put up fine performances next year.

In view of his disability, Bob Galton is to be congratulated on his performance in the Senior pole vault, and Smith, though beaten out of a place, ran well in the Senior 100 yards.

Answers to Contributors

- "R.S.P.C.A. and its Work" by Lola Wright—Not ill written.
- "R.S.P.C.A. Value and Work" by Gwen Wark—Not ill written.
- "New Cardiff Railway Workshops," by W. S.—Fair of its kind, and that is not a literary kind.
- "Snow Ball time at Kosciusko," by Valerie Watt—Written with gusto.
- "A Drive through a Ring-barked Forest," by Joyce Jones—A fair attempt at "making description."
- "Sport of Kings," by "Roland."—Some humor, and told with zest.
- "Newspapers," by "Elizabeth," 4A.—Requires emendations. There is confusion as to subject. At least half the essay deals with "paper."
- "Wattle Day," by "Kookaburra"—A fair first year effort.
- "Exam Results," by Jean O'Donnell—Topical; rather like "Sunbeams."
- "The Smelting of Iron Ore," by H. D. L.—Either an excerpt from a manual or a transcript of notes.
- "Mt. Kosciusko and its Attractions," by Elvie Holt—A wretched example of cheap journalese, begotten by the society column of some newspaper or Ethel Dell.
- "Personalities," by "Myrrione"—Not consistent. Writer does not know whether to laugh or be serious. Cheap; mere frivolity. No wit.
- "Success in Life," by Enid Thomas.—A Sunday Schoolish effort, lacking literary quality and sincerity.
- "Advice to Intending Kosci-goers,"—An attempt to write in a language popularly supposed to parody the New Testament with a little Wodehouse added for flavouring.
- "Our Motor Ride"—Almost cribbed out of "Sunbeams."
- "Joys of Spring," by "Calliope"—Cheap rubbish, not many joys in reading it.
- "Detention," unsigned—Seems to have been deserved, but should have been at Watt Street.
- "Native Animals of Australia," also unsigned.—Ill informed; ill composed; ill written.
- "Rats," by Jack B.—And so say all of us.
- "Sweets," by Jack B.—Give them to the rats.
- "That Poem," by "Me"—There is not one. Says nothing and says it vilely. Imagine rhyming "verse" with "Circe."
- "Shepherd's Hill," by C. Gordon—A sin to tear him from his mother's arms. Anyway, he is still on the bottle. Six alleged rhymes: "it is," "it is," "passed," "passed," "to me," "to me."
- "The Old Sports' Ground," by Valerie Watt—Some spirit, but no other merit.
- "Evening," by C. L.—Sheer doggerel.
- "A True Hero."—More doggerel.
- "Sleepmoreheads," by "Peck"—An idiotic parody.
- "The Iron Horse," by "Nullus," 1A.—And the poem is "nihil."
- "The Viking," by F. M. D.—Not poetry. Says something, and will scan. Excise 4th stanza.

"The Sea at Eve"—Some descriptive power. Lines 5-6 meaningless, and last two lines ill-expressed.

"The Dell," by Joyce Jones.—Some distinct invectives of expression, but description very fair.

"The Pirate Captain," by Mena Aarsen.—Metre has a swing and there is plenty of spirit. Excise last stanza.

"Storm at Sea," by Jessie Semple—Rhymes and scans. Some spirit.

"Revised Nursery Rhymes."—Topical; omit last stanza.

No Title, by Una Canning.—Says nothing; not unmelodious.

"West and East," by Jean Dransfield—Melody and atmosphere.

"Nocturne," by Jean Dransfield—Some bad faults; gets atmosphere.

"Advent of Spring," by P. P., 3A.—Moves; last line limps.

"Your Race," by H. Worley—Sound sentiment.

"Geology"—Verses worthy of subject. Imitation of Gilbert.

"Ten Little French Fags," by "Nemo"—No wit; no rhyme; no metre.

"Australia," unsigned—Clumsy plagiarism.

"New School," Breeze—Parody, and a poor one.

"Bashful Poet," by "Modest"—Enough to make the author modest.

"School," by I. D.—Parody; rotten. He needs more school.

"A Mistake," by Nance Blumer.—Just that! A parody.

"A Test," by Vina Morrison—So it is; another vile parody.

"The Storm," by J. Halcrow—Conventional "Sun" article type, but not too cheap, and fairly written.

"Sports' Day," by Colman—Topical and should have some interest. Excisions needed.

"The Parting," by "Lillawson."—Rubbishy theme, but not badly written.

"The Society Martyr," by Anonymous, 3A.—Some humour; rather American. First page purely introductory and poor. Could well be reduced to two lines.

"He was a Man," by G. W.—Saccharine sentiment, not well written and unnatural, but has feeling.

"The Man with a Twisted Smile," by Lola Wright—Story amounts to precisely nothing, but it is not ill written.

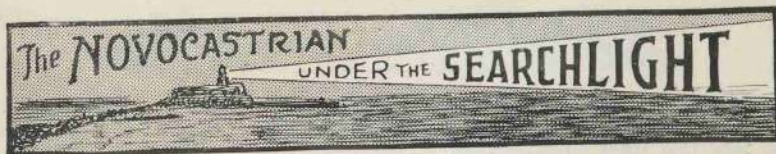
"Saved by the Life-boat"—Same old story, only worse written. If it refers to the author "more's the pity."

"White Price"—An accurate imitation of "The School Girl's Friend." Verb sap.

"The One Chance," by A. B.—And he missed it. Thoroughly cheap. Marred by second-hand ornament, tawdry when new.

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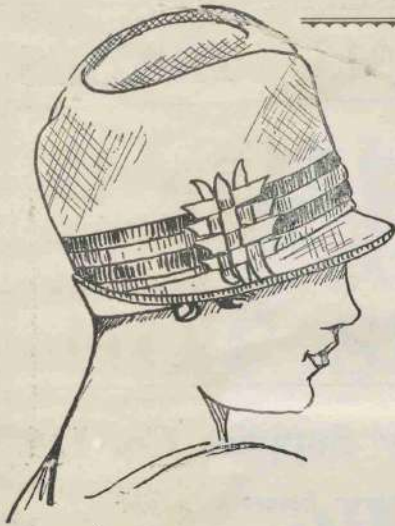
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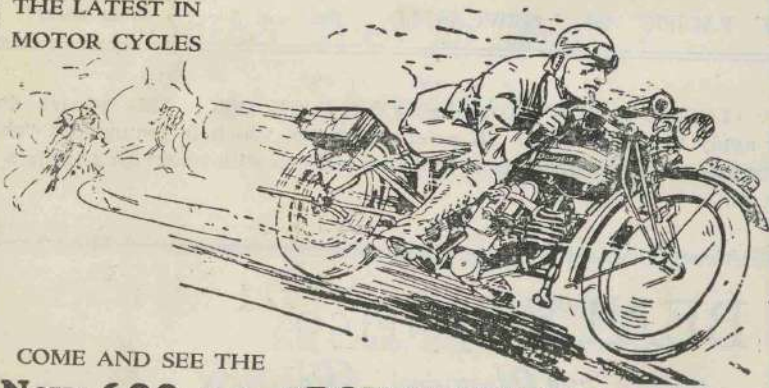
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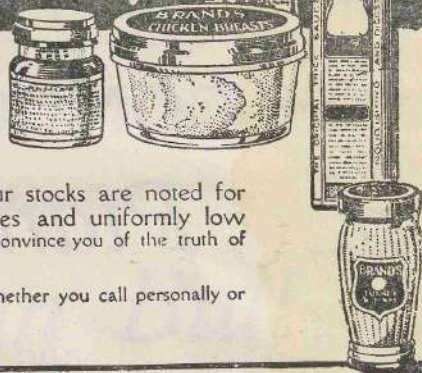
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