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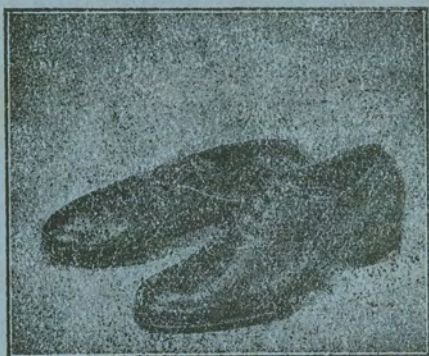
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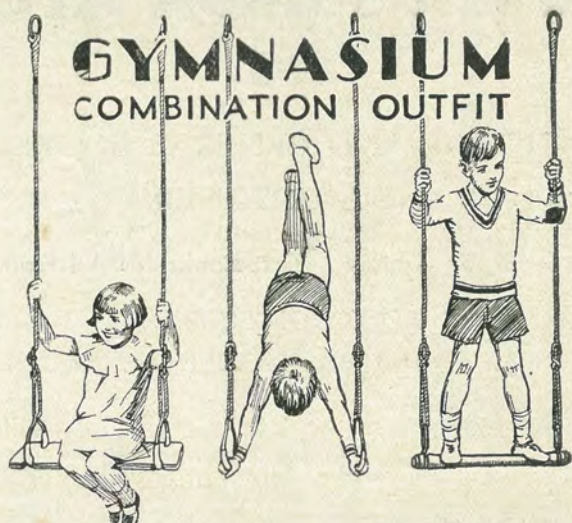
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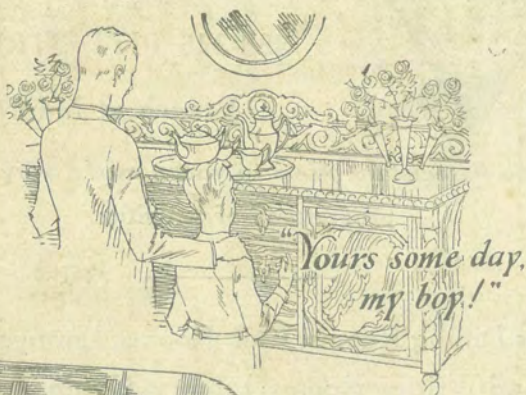
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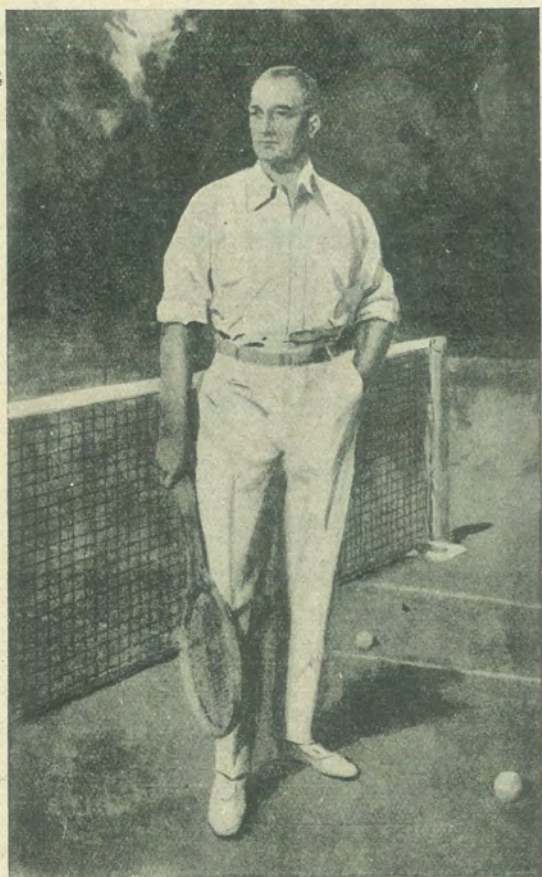
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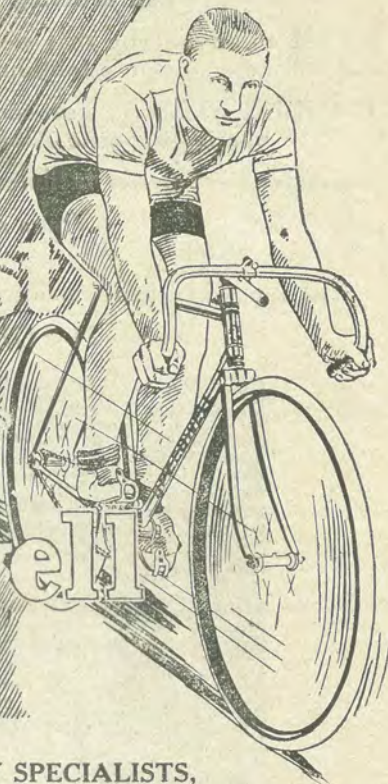
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## A YEAR OF PROGRESS.

Sydney High School may well look with pride on her achievements of the current year. We would venture to say that never before has the school equalled them. Let us briefly examine the fields of activity as the best means of justifying the statement.

It is too early to speak about the Public Examinations held this year; but last year's results reached the high standard established in earlier years. As our readers remember, the School carried off the Cooper and Barker Scholarships and the Horner Exhibition.

In the High School competitions we won the first three grades of football, the senior and junior athletic contests, and the second and third grades of cricket.

Of the two remaining High School sports, swimming and tennis, we may say that though no outstanding successes have been achieved, a high standard has been maintained.

We now come to the G.P.S. competitions, and discuss first rifle shooting. In this sport our boys, who have been practising earnestly throughout the year and taking part successfully in Citizen Forces' meetings in open competition, gained third place, the highest we have ever gained.

In debating, the standard has been amply maintained by winning the G.P.S. competition. This pursuit has, however, been rather neglected, but we hope for a change next year. We can assure all of the many benefits to be obtained from debating, which trains us to think clearly, to express our thoughts concisely, and is also helpful to boys who intend to become teachers or barristers.

Sydney High School had become so used to being Head of the River, that defeat in 1928 astounded all of us. The rowers, stirred to greater efforts by this reverse, regained the title this year, and in addition, won the first and third fours. The chief reason for our almost continuous success in this sport is the excellent and expert coaching of Mr. Hancock.

Our cricket is steadily improving; and we have won three matches in the G.P.S. Competition with a possibility of carrying off several more before the season ends. Though this total may ap-



pear small, it is large compared with those of past years. It is generally thought that this year's team, if not the best, is one of the best we have ever fielded.

The football team won the same number of competition matches as it did last year, namely two, but lost to Armidale. It was probably equal to last year's team, and put up good fights in the matches it lost, especially in those against the two strongest teams in the competition.

We must remark, however, that football alone of the sports is in a very bad position in the school. Of the seven hundred boys, there are not one hundred and fifty prepared to play the game. The problem requires immediate attention. This state of affairs, seems to be due largely to the increased popularity of tennis, an excellent, healthy sport, for which we have the greatest respect; but which, none can deny, is at present, of less importance to the school than football.

We now come to that sport in which we rejoice most, our athletics. Probably we have never been higher than fifth or sixth place in the senior division; so that coming second through winning four events is an excellent performance.

Success in athletics is attributable to regular coaching and to an enthusiastic response on the part of the boys. So, it appears, increased numbers and good grounds for practice are bringing their benefits. This year is the best we have ever had; and is also, we believe, the forerunner of even better years, which the future has in store for Sydney High School.

—T.J.M.

### CLASS LIBRARIES.

The school library has been greatly improved by the formation of small libraries, kept in the class rooms. This new arrangement has encouraged boys to take out more books, and has aroused a greater interest in the library. These small libraries can be exchanged by classes, so that there is always a constant supply of new books. Some boys have donated books. Donors of books in 2A are:—R. Gordon, E. Hanley, L. Henry, D. Kerr, D. Maclaren, A. Minson, P. Schachtel, A. Thomas and C. Whiting.

### JUNIOR SCHOOL BASEBALL.

Class 2A has a fine baseball team, the captain of which is W. Martin. The team comprises—Kerr (pitcher), Martin (catcher), Docwra (1st base), Schachtel (2nd base), Watson (3rd base), Bulteau short stop), Carr (right field), Coleman (centre field), Oliver (left field). Two matches have been played. In the first, 2A lost by 12 runs to 11; but later beat 1B by 17 runs to 5. The fielding is good and the batting is very strong. W. Martin frequently hits "home runs" in great style.

### AWARD OF BLUES 1929.

The following awards for outstanding sporting achievements have been made for 1929:—

Rowing: G. Walker, R. Uebel, J. Robinson, D. Duffy F. Bolton, F. Berger, H. Rees, B. Gardiner A. Khan.

Football: C. Gerrard, H. Rees, E. Gilding, M. Stening, E. Silk, T. Pauling, J. Boughton, J. Robinson.

Cricket: N. Simonsen M. Stening, W. Chesher, D. Loftus, E. Gilding.

Athletics: R. Ashbarry, J. Still, J. Metcalfe, T. Pauling, V. Napier.

Swimming: T. Pauling, J. Robinson.

Tennis: R. Thompson, R. Ashbarry.

Rifle Shooting: C. Ebsworth, D. MacCallum.

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### TENNIS COURTS.

The School Union has decided to lay down four tennis courts in the School grounds at a total cost of £360/12/6.

A special sub-committee consisting of representatives from the Union and the Parents and Citizens' Association investigated the position, prepared plans and specifications for four Sodwalls gravel courts, surrounded with a pipe and wire fence; and called for tenders. From the ten tenders received, that of A. E. Barbour, of Granville, for £144 for making the courts, and that of H. Clarke and Sons, Waverley, for £216/12/6 for enclosures, were accepted.

These firms have already commenced operations.

We have secured a loan from our bankers to enable us to proceed with this very necessary work at once; and the Union and the Parents and Citizens' Association have made arrangements to liquidate the debt over a term of years. Several contributions towards the cost of this work have already been received by Mr. Saxby, who hopes that others may be disposed to assist us in this direction.

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### LIFE-SAVING.

Mr. Cropley and Mr. Schrader have recently begun life-saving classes, which are held in the Gymnasium during the dinner-hour. They are attended by a large number of boys, mostly from the lower school, who are willing to give up some of their time to learn how to tow a drowning person from the water and to gain some knowledge as to how to administer first aid to the apparently drowned. Land drill is being practised, and the water drill will be taken when the class examinations are over.



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## THE SCHOOL CONCERT.

On the evening of October 12th, a Grand Concert was given by prominent artists in the Assembly Hall. In spite of the inclement weather there was a splendid attendance, which is indicative of the fine school spirit present in Sydney Boys' High School. Mr. Allen McCristal, celebrated pianist of the Conservatorium Orchestra, opened the concert with the National Anthem. Mr. Geo. White then delighted the audience as he played two violin selections, the one "Romance" (Vieuxtemps), and the other "Variations" (Tartini-Kreisler). Next was Miss Amy Firth who sang "If We Sailed Away" and "Waves," two selections from "Sea-Echoes." Following Miss Firth, there appeared Mr. Brunton Gibb who dramatically recited a composition of Frankau's entitled "Rifleman Brown"; after which he gave the audience a few wrinkles on soldiering, much to the audience's delight. After the applause had died away, there appeared Mr. R. A. Bartleman who was most entertaining, singing "The Rancher's Daughter" in which some excellent advice was given to young men. The next item on the programme was a piano-forte solo by Mr. Allen McCristal in which he played "Prelude, G. Mayor," and instead of "Prelude G. Minor" he substituted "Spinning Wheels." So exquisitely did he play that he was encored, and it was universally regretted, when the audience realised that the concert had to proceed according to schedule.

As Victor Hugo says in his incomparable book "Les Misérables," "When a good actor leaves the stage the eyes of the audience are idly bent on him who enters next," and so it was when Mr. Gibb appeared to politely explain that a slight mistake had been made on the programme, for the monologues, Grave and Gay, which were listed to be recited by Mrs. Brunton Gibb were to be recited by Mr. and Mrs. Brunton Gibb. Following the monologues, moving pictures were screened. The first part of the moving picture programme was a gazette, in which the audience were shown "High," winning the eights from Newington this year. Also there was shown the construction of Major Segrave's "Golden Arrow," in which he established a world's speed record. The second part of the moving pictures was a comedy, "Our Gang," in which the audience saw Ben Smith, or rather his double as an engineering genius.

Following the moving pictures there was an interval of five minutes, after which the Headmaster addressed the assembly. Mr. Saxby explained that the concert which they were enjoying was the work of the Parents and Citizens' Association, an admirable body whose members had benefited the school in many ways. The Headmaster then pointed out that the school needed financial support to provide tennis courts, improve the playground, make wicket pitches, and for many other pro-



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jects. "These," continued Mr. Saxby, "can only be accomplished if every individual will take an active interest in all the school functions, and all parents are invited to become members of The Parents and Citizen's Association." He concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to those who had assisted in making the concert such a success.

The second part of the programme commenced with Mr. G. Givan entertaining the audience with conjuring and illusions. Then Miss Firth sang a song entitled "Adelai," much to the enjoyment of some very romantic people among the audience. Mr. White then played two violin selections, "Caprice" (Paganini) and "Hungarian Dance" (Brahms). Mrs. Gibb recited a monologue entitled "Old and New," after which Mr. Bartleman delighted the audience by singing "The Bells of Brittany." Mr. Gibb entered the stage to explain that as the concert, till then had occupied more time than had been anticipated, two items had been removed. Mr. McCristal had volunteered to leave "Caprice Espagnol" unplayed, and Mr. Gibb substituted an amusing little monologue, "To be continued in our next" for "The Pact."

The audience highly appreciated the excellent accompaniments that had been played for Messrs. White and Bartleman, and Miss Firth by Miss Vera Hague, A.L.C.M.

E. QUANE, (4A).

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### MISREPRESENTATIONS CORRECTED.

Our success in the recent G.P.S. Regatta has given rise to a more than usually prolific crop of rumours. Most of these we can afford to pass over in silence; one, however, demands emphatic contradiction. It has been said that Mr. G. Hancox receives payment from the school for his capable and efficient services in coaching the eight. This gentleman has been associated with rowing in this school since its commencement in 1924.

The only return, with the exception of our sincerest thanks, that he has received during that period has been the photographs of the crews provided by the Old Boys' Union. This year the School provided him with a stop-watch for use in coaching. Not only has Mr. Hancox acted in an honorary capacity always, but as captain of the Glebe Club he has arranged for honorary coaching for our remaining crews by other members of the club.

Similar conditions prevail in other sports. Every one of the numerous gentlemen assisting in coaching our teams is doing so without pecuniary reward.

E. PATTERSON, Sportsmaster.

Lynch and Gordon are the two best players of Parkes VI. grade, Lynch making 64 runs not out when playing Reid VI. grade, while both are good medium pace bowlers. Lawton is also an asset to Parkes IV. grade, being a good all-round cricketer.

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Meetings: Third Thursday in the month, 8 p.m., at the School.

Membership Subscription: Not less than 1/- per annum.

The year now drawing to its close cannot be regarded as other than satisfactory in general from the point of view of the members of this Association. The several functions held under the auspices of the Association during the year have been uniformly successful. Particularly was this so in the case of the "Head of the River" dance, held on the night of 27th April, 1929, and which realised the splendid net result of £108. Opportunity was also taken in June last to express in a tangible way the appreciation of the Association of the good service rendered to the School by those gentlemen who so willingly gave their time to coaching and training the rowing crews for last G.P.S. Regatta: Messrs. G. Hancock, C. Smith, K. Dainer and H. Varker. At an enjoyable dance, held on 21st June, 1929, in the School Hall, they were the recipients of handsome gifts from the Association.

During the current year the School has been assisted from the Association funds in many ways, chief amongst which may be mentioned:—Grand piano purchased for hall, £110; new rotary copying machine, £44/11/6; school prizes, 1928, £26/19/6; improved lighting at tuck shop, £9/5/-; carpet for head master's room, £29/6/2; extra labour to assist gardening staff on grounds, £7/10/-; new meters, equipment for science section and books (Wright Memorial Library), £13/9/-; books, mathematics section, £5/0/10; dictionary and books for school library, £23/18/10; modern languages section books, £5; purchase of maps and charts, £3/5/3; first aid kit and gymnasium equipment, £30/8/2; donations towards slip fielding machine for cricket practice, £15; new vaulting pole, £2; contributions to rowing training expenses, £63/18/3. At the expense of the Association also, a former bear-pit in the grounds has been roofed and turned into a much-needed storage room for sports material.

While it is shown that good support is accorded to the various functions promoted by the Association with the object of raising funds for School purposes, it has again to be urged upon all parents and guardians of boys enrolled at the School how desirable it is that every one should join up, attend the meetings whenever practicable, and take an active interest in the welfare:



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of the School. It will be readily recognised that even with one-half the number of parents of the scholars attending the School enrolled as active members of the Association, there will always be ample scope to ensure good support and assistance in all functions promoted by the Association. As matters stand, only one-fifth, approximately, of the boys enrolled is to be found represented in the membership of the Association, and there is no good reason for such relatively poor response to the repeated appeals that have been made.

The appended statement sets out the position:—

Class	Number enrolled	Number whose parents or guardians are members of P. & C. Ass'n.
1A . . . . .	43	18
1B . . . . .	43	16
1C . . . . .	42	15
1D . . . . .	46	14
2A . . . . .	45	6
2B . . . . .	45	3
2C . . . . .	34	2
2D . . . . .	46	7
2E . . . . .	46	7
3A . . . . .	38	3
3B . . . . .	39	2
3C . . . . .	38	3
4A . . . . .	31	7
4B . . . . .	32	7
4C . . . . .	31	9
4D . . . . .	32	6
4E . . . . .	28	11
5A . . . . .	28	1
5B . . . . .	29	6
5C . . . . .	30	4
5D . . . . .	25	2

While it may be mentioned that the amount received this year for membership subscriptions and contributions exceeds that of any previous year, the position in respect of membership cannot, in view of the figures quoted, be regarded as satisfactory. To add point to the criticism implied in the figures, it need only be stated that of the 16 prefects of the School for 1929, the parents of only seven are represented in the membership of the Association.

In conjunction with the School Union the Association is now co-operating in the scheme for the construction of tennis courts (4) in the school grounds on the Cleveland Street side. The ensuing year should see much good work carried out in the direction of improving the school grounds generally. It is hoped

that the new year, 1930, will show that the parents of boys attending the school are taking a keener interest in its general welfare. There is no better way of showing this than by joining the Parents and Citizens' Association and taking an active part in its work.

J. H. STILL,

Hon. Secretary.

21/11/29.

### HERE AND THERE.

The advantage of good coaching in athletics was demonstrated by our successes in the sports meetings conducted this year. Congratulations to Messrs. Jennings, Pilkington, Moses, Galton, Winter, Bendeich, Ferguson, Worth, Brodsky and Farrell on their successful coaching. We note with pleasure that new brackets are required to hold trophies in the Great Hall, as the result of this year's successes in rowing and athletics.

This year Sydney High School was very fortunate in having the services of many prominent athletes from outside schools. R. Ashbarry, sprint and broad jump champion, came from Summer Hill; V. Napier, distance champion, was formerly a pupil Kempsey High School; while D. Fergusson, successful sprint and 440 man, is a product of Cleveland Street High School.

It is fitting that Sydney High School, as one of the largest schools in the State, should have such a well-appointed library as it now possesses. It has not been built up without constant care and supervision. In this regard we must thank Mr. Noakes especially, and also the two fourth year librarians, K. Park and M. MacDougal.

Of the sixteen prefects who were elected this year, nine—J. Metcalfe, J. Robinson, R. Robinson, H. Rees, D. McCallum, T. Pauling, A. Parfett, J. Odgers and R. Nicholson—belong to Reed House. This is assuredly a record and it may be predicted that it will be some time before it will be broken.

Ashbarry won the 100 yards senior in the G.P.S. in fine style, putting up a remarkable time of 10 3-5sec. He also won the broad jump title, covering 20ft. 8in.

Thanks to the energy of Mr. James, a school choir has at last been formed, with the boys of the junior years as its members. Already much time has been spent in practice, considerable talent has been displayed, and under Mr. James' able tuition the choir should prove a wonderful asset to the school.

Playing for Wentworth Fourths in the second round, Walters of 2D, captured ten wickets for 37 runs and also batted for a bright 15. Thomas, also of Wentworth Fourths, knocked up a useful 22 runs before being caught right out.

For the School Eleven, Ashbarry shows consistent form in bowling. In the match against King's he secured six wickets for 44 runs.





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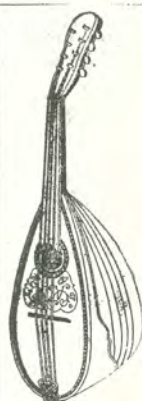
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### Annual Meeting.

Members and Old Boys are reminded that the Annual Meeting of the Old Boys' Union will take place in January, date yet to be fixed.

### SPECIAL SCHOOL PRIZES.

The Annual Award of Prizes to the School has again been made, viz., "The Old Boys' Prize," "The John Waterhouse Prize," and the "John Skyring Cross Memorial Prize."

At the time of going to Press the names of the successful winners are not known, and in any case, it has always been determined that the results should not be announced until Speech Day.

It has always been the desire of the Old Boys' Union that the boys at the School should aim at the ideal set out in the purpose of the prizes, which all call for a high quantity of School citizenship. It will, therefore, not be out of place for the benefit of the boys at the School who remain on for next year, to urge that they carefully read the conditions governing the award of these prizes. Then when the time comes for the exercise of the vote from the School, the candidates themselves, as well as the whole School, will realise that there is a big responsibility placed on them, and careful thought will be given to the candidates and their qualifications.

### School Athletics.

The Council of the Old Boys' Union have, in common with all Old Boys, expressed the greatest pleasure at the success of the School in the recent G.P.S. and Combined High Sports Meetings, and that at Taree. The splendid individual performances show that the standard for this year has made great advancement.

We are pleased to offer to Mr. Jennings, the Sportsmaster in charge of Athletics, our best congratulations on the success obtained through the enthusiasm he put into his work, which was also instilled into the boys themselves. Thanks are also due to the gentlemen who kindly gave their services in coaching the boys.

### Rowing Prospects.

The Council of the Old Boys' Union have decided that each member of the "Eight" shall receive a model "oar" and the Coxswain a "rudder." These have been constructed from the timber of H.M.A.S. Sydney, and will, therefore, be further prized as souvenirs. Each will be inscribed with the member's name. It was desired that the presentations should have taken place earlier, but delay has been unavoidable.

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### ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner was held at Adams' Cafe, George Street, on Wednesday, 18th September. Over 90 Old Boys attended, and a happy and enjoyable re-union was celebrated.

The guests included Hon. D. H. Drummond, Minister for Education; T. D. Mutch, M.L.A.; the Headmaster, Mr. G. C. Saxby; the Deputy Headmaster, Mr. W. Moore; Mr. C. R. Smith, former Headmaster; Mr. G. D. Ross, Under-Secretary for Agriculture; R. Nicholson, representing the School.

The President, Mr. W. J. Cleary, presided, and the toasts honored were "The King"; "The Department of Education," proposed by Mr. McKay, and responded to by the Minister; "The School," by the President, replied to by the Headmaster, supported to by Mr. Nicholson; "The Old Boys' Union," by Mr. H. S. Dettman, replied to by Mr. C. A. Fairland; "Our Guests," by Mr. A. M. Eedy, replied to by Mr. Moore.

It was very pleasing to find Old Boys from the earliest period of the School attending in good numbers, also representatives of various periods right up to last year; also there were some Old Boys present who had not previously attended any one of these gatherings.

The Minister, in his speech, replying to the toast of the Department, indicated that he was in sympathy with what the Old Boys' Union was doing for the School. He also indicated that he hoped he would soon be able to bring into operation some better arrangement which would provide for a more permanent staffing of our School.

The Headmaster supplied some important information and also pointed out that with the larger number of boys in attendance there was much more increased scope for assistance by Old Boys; and he had been much encouraged by the generosity and encouragement that had been given by the Old Boys' Union as well as by individual Old Boys.

### Sydney High School Masonic Lodge.

Since last issue this Lodge has been definitely established, and has had four regular meetings. The membership of the Lodge is limited to Masters and Old Boys of the School. The Hon. Sec. is H. E. Harper, Esq., 6 Athelstone Street, Arncliffe.

### Sports Ground.

Work has been progressing on the area at Centennial Park by constructing an open cutting along the eastern boundary, which will drain a large portion of what at present is swamp; and also a lateral drain along the southern bank of the lagoon, to catch up the seepage. Work in the construction of these cuttings can only be carried out as the weather suits.



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The appeal to Old Boys for assistance in the way of funds for this ground is still open; and early next year it is anticipated that more information as to the cost of making a least one good area available can be made known.

### Membership of Old Boys' Union.

During this year there has been a number of Old Boys who have joined as members for the first time. Some have said that they have not known how to join before, also that no notification had ever been sent them. It is found that in quite a large number of instances the only address of an Old Boy obtainable was that where he resided when at School. Changes take place, with the result that when notices have been sent, quite a large proportion have been returned "not known." It must be apparent to any Old Boy that, even if he cannot directly ascertain with whom to communicate in order to join the Old Boys' Union, enquiry through the School will always put him in communication with the proper official.

Boys who will be leaving School at this vacation are reminded that the membership fee for them when joining within the first year of leaving School is  $\frac{3}{6}$ , and this includes the membership badge. The Hon. Secretary will not mind how many of them either call or send to him for membership.

### Coates' Memorial Library.

For the information of Old Boys and those interested, a further addition has recently been made to this Library, from the funds subscribed by Old Boys. The principal sum, subscribed some years ago, has been invested; and the trustees have been able from time to time to provide sums to purchase further volumes of reference to be placed in the Library of the School.

Old Boys who attended School during the period in which Joseph Coates was Headmaster, can still subscribe to this fund. The books are cared for in the School Library, and are placed in separate bookcases.

Scholars of the School are reminded that this Library is mainly the gift of Old Boys of the School, and was established in memory of the respect and regard for their Headmaster.

On the night of the 12th October, following upon the G.P.S. Sports Meeting, a moonlight excursion on the Harbour was held. Although the weather turned out somewhat inclement, a most enjoyable evening was spent in dancing, singing, and music. Supper was served on board the launch, whilst moored at Clark Island. In view of the success of this excursion, another is planned to take place early in the New Year.

Ted Pilkington, Captain of the School in 1925, won the 100, 220 and 440 Yards Inter Faculty Championships.

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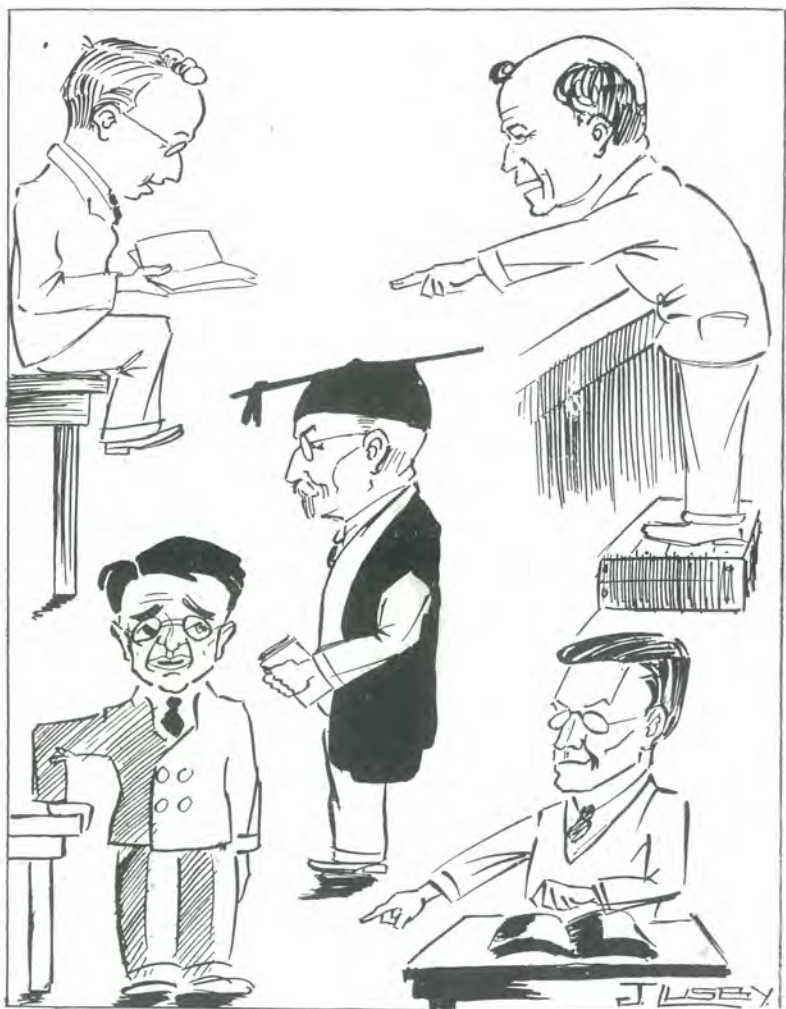
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Back Row: Mr. Schrader (coach), C. Bolder, J. Mackenzie, R. Farquaher, F. McLeod, K. Houghton, M. Owen.  
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Congratulations are offered to Dr. Earle Page, returned unopposed to the Federal Parliament for Cowper.

The sympathy of Old Boys is tendered to R. C. Cahels in his recent severe illness, and we are pleased at the good progress he has made towards recovery.

It is hoped that shortly after School resumes in the New Year that the Annual Cricket Match between Old Boys and the School can be arranged. Old Boys who would be available and desire to play in this match are asked to let the Hon. Secretary know, so that they can be informed and the best possible team selected.

### A NOTABLE OLD BOY.

The hearty and sincere congratulations of Old Boys go out to Mr. W. J. Cleary, our President, on his appointment as Chief Commissioner for Railways for this State.

His high and noble sense of public duty has inspired him in his acceptance of the position, and we trust that the ability which he has displayed in the advancement of the business of Tooth and Co., Ltd., of which he has been general manager for a number of years, will aid him in carrying out the new duties which will lie in the control of the extensive operations of the State Railways.

The appointment of Mr. Cleary is a further evidence of the great part our School is taking in the development of citizens who are qualified to fill high positions in our State, as well as in the Commonwealth.

Mr. Cleary has been an active and sincere supporter of the School practically ever since he became an Old Boy. He has expressed on many occasions the need for giving back to the great Empire to which we belong some public service. It is good for us to know that our great School has added to its roll of achievement the moulding of such a worthy citizen.

### WILLIAM JAMES CLEARY—CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR RAILWAYS.

#### An Appreciation—and an Inspiration.

William James Cleary, an old boy of the Sydney High School, has, at the early age of 43, been appointed Chief Commissioner for Railways for N.S.W.—probably the most onerous, exacting and responsible position in the State. He did not seek the office; but the Government, which required a business man to re-organise the Railway Department, selected him as one outstanding personality in the commercial world of Sydney big enough to undertake the task. The answer to the obvious question, "Why?" should be an inspiration to every past and present pupil of the Sydney High School, for we feel that he is, as it were, still one of ourselves.

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"Lives of great men," the poet says, "all remind us," etc., but they should do more than remind us, they should inspire us—and from this aspect a study of the life of W. J. Cleary is fully worth while. For Cleary is not one of those prosperous men who owe their success to the guiding hand of an influential friend or relative. All his advancement is self-earned, nor does he preach of it except by the force of example.

His early education, first at the Blackfriars Primary School and afterwards at the Sydney Boys' High School, showed marked promise, which was, however, somewhat blighted by his parents' inability to provide a University career—then a much more expensive undertaking than in these more enlightened days of exhibitions, bursaries and scholarships. The result was that at fourteen he became a junior clerk with Tooth and Co., Ltd., earning 10/- a week—not a very promising start, but great things grow from small beginnings.

The next twenty years found him plugging along, not with any insatiable ambition to become a wealthy man or a financial or commercial magnate, but with an honest desire to do his utmost at whatever job came his way, and to find pleasure and self-expression even in the most tiresome of tasks. In the meantime he fitted himself for more responsible work and was prepared for it when the opportunity arose. His first big chance came when his Company realised that its internal organisation was rapidly losing ground in the race with its growing business, and he was deputed to re-organise the system of delivering goods. The new methods he produced were so successful that other re-organisation work rapidly followed, and ultimately he had covered almost every important department. His appointments as Staff Superintendent, Assistant Manager, and then, five years ago, as General Manager, were the natural sequence, but were not achieved without exceptional competition from other sources. The position of Assistant Manager was advertised and he was selected from some thousands of applicants.

Last year Mr. Cleary was offered the highly important position of Chief Commissioner of the City of Sydney at a salary of £5000 a year; but his old associations were too strong, and vital matters lay ahead of his company. He stayed. Now that the sky is clearer for Tooth and Co., Limited, the call of public duty has come again, and he has accepted—but at a salary reported to be £2500 a year less than was offered him for the post, a remarkable tribute to his conception of the meaning of "public service."

At the University, where he attended to take evening lectures from 1913 to 1917, his scholastic ability was evidenced by the award to him of the annual prize given by the Sydney Chamber of Commerce for students taking the Diploma of Economics, and later by several of the Wilfrid Johnson essay prizes in



Economics, as well as the Professor's prizes. He graduated with first-class honours.

It is typical of him that, immediately on leaving the University, he set out to radiate among his fellows as much as possible of his newly-acquired learning, and organised, and lectured to a class of his fellow employees at Tooth's Brewery, under the auspices of the Workers' Educational Association. Later, he had a similar class composed of railway employees, who helped to give him his first keen insight in railway management. This, and other lecturing work, brought its reward, and on the retirement of Sir Henry Braddon five or six years ago from the lectureship in Business Principles at the University, Mr. Cleary was appointed to succeed him. The size and enthusiasm of his class is no small indication of the quality of his lectures and the attractiveness of his personality.

Though his leisure is limited, he finds time to follow up his old favourites, music, literature and art, and he has an exceptional love for the operas. Probably he finds his keenest enjoyment in a long holiday walk through the bush, and the more difficult the country the greater is his pleasure. Even in his recreations, however, he keeps constantly in mind the idea of mental and physical fitness for the daily tasks of his life.

It is difficult to define all the qualities which go to make up such a many-sided character. His boundless energy is tempered by strict self-control; and his honesty of purpose and rigid principle in his own conduct are contrasted somewhat with his sympathetic tolerance towards the weakness of others, induced by his intimate knowledge of human nature and of the trials and tribulations of life. Of these latter, he has himself had full measure and more, and perhaps this, more than anything else, explains his depth of understanding. His success in business is largely due to his constant care and meticulous exactitude. No detail must be missing, and no generalisation will suffice.

Given all these attributes, those who know W. J. Cleary best will remember him most for his one outstanding characteristic—that he must share his successes and his enthusiasms. In his school days his class was better, not because it included brilliant young Cleary, but because young Cleary wanted his fellow pupils to be as keen as he. At the University his year, particularly in Economics, was a superior and more active class, as a whole, because of him; and the staff with which he has, until now, been connected in his daily work is an enthusiastic staff because he has infused it with his own enthusiasm. It is with this same spirit—the desire to give rather than to receive—that he is tackling his new task, and he will succeed because of it.

This, then, is the writer's appreciation of William James Cleary, and in it lies an inspiration to present pupils of the School, not to set out to emulate him by making their goal the

Chief Railway Commissionership, or other similar objective of youthful ambition, but to give of their best in their daily life and to accept its rewards with becoming modesty.

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### A FAMOUS OLD BOY.

(The article which follows was published in the "Sydney Morning Herald," 23rd November, and contributed by another distinguished old boy, Mr. P. L. Murphy, Senior Lecturer in French at the Sydney Teachers' College).

It has been my privilege to claim the friendship of "Jim" Cleary, the newly-appointed Chief Commissioner for Railways, since the days when we were classmates at "High," and I am quite sure that every one of his former school chums uttered a sincere and vigorous "bravo!" when the eagerly-awaited name of the new rail chief was announced. Even as a schoolboy the sedate and solid Cleary won universal respect and admiration. Brilliant and sound in every subject, he was always the modest head of his class. I can recall only one occasion when a very exacting master felt constrained to rebuke him. We had been told to write an essay on Scott's "Waverley," and Cleary's love of literature had caused him to hand in a veritable mountain of foolscap. The return of essays was usually a solemn occasion for most of us, but for Cleary it was always another triumph. However, when the "Waverley" essays were being handed back the master, holding "Jim's" aloft, exclaimed, "My dear Cleary, life is but short; you surely didn't expect me to read all that," and threw the neatly-written manuscript over to the desk of its author, who hurriedly and dejectedly crammed it into his bag. On leaving school that afternoon I asked the unhappy Cleary to let me see his supposedly rejected work, and we were both surprised to discover that, on the last page, the master had written his usual "ten out of ten."

The confidence that that master had in the boy was destined to be continued by all who, in later years, were to have any serious dealings with the man.

Cleary's leaving school to take a position as office boy in Tooth's was a keen disappointment to his young friends, for we all predicted that he would some day attain to the dignity of a University professorship. Little did we imagine that the non-existence at that time of University exhibitions would prove a blessing to the State.

Mr. Cleary possesses every quality requisite for success in his new position. His rare knowledge of finance, keen sense of justice, moral fibre and power, charm of manner, skill in attracting and handling men, sympathy with the "under dog," penetration of mind and quiet firmness in control, stamp him as the ideal man to reorganise and revivify our depressingly en-

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feebled system of railways. There are critics who say "a railway man should have been appointed to manage railways." Did W. J. Cleary know anything about beer? Why, he didn't even know the taste of it! It was his bigness of soul and brain, his ability to soar above class, clique or creed, that enabled him to life Tooth and Co. to the commercial base on which it rests at the present time. If Ministers will only allow this unique personality to take complete charge of his job, and work without interference along his own lines, they will soon have cause for rejoicing.

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### MISS MAC'S COLUMN.

My old pal, Stan. Robertson, from Wardell, paying Sydney and Ultimo a visit in last September, was seated in the old home (644) enjoying a "cup of tea" and listening to all the gossip of S.H.S. Boys past and present. We were speaking of our soldier pals, of whom I am the directory on a small scale. On reading the first issue of the "Record" for 1929 he remarked how it had been enlarged, and continued, "Who worries you for this good idea of your column."

"Oh, it started during the war, and was continued by request. Mr. Harry Peake keeps me up to it. He is on the English staff, and the editor seeks his help in the effort to get news of the old lads."

Smiling at the wonderful coincidence which suggested itself to him, he inquired: "Is he a returned man?"

"Too true," I retorted, "but he has been at the S.H.S. for four years."

"Well, that's wonderful after all this long time, to hear of Harry Peake being a master at the old Sydney High. Give him the best of good wishes!"

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During the September vacation there were some old S.H.S. pals in Sydney, sitting for drawing exams. Naturally they called in at 644 to hear news. Amongst them was Jack Woodlands, who has been at the Tweed Heads Public School for two years and likes it very well. The School boasts of ten to twelve teachers on the staff. "Woody" has grown into a very handsome well set up young man.

"Oh! now tell me all the news, and School activities."

So I lent him my issue of the latest "Record" which he borrowed for the evening. He was up to date with S.H.S. football, and rowing, recalling the time in 1924 when the S.H.S. won its first race. He was a member of the crews.

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Ken. Robinson would be disappointed over the three points lost in the G.P.S. athletic meeting, I told him it was on the cards that the old School had the best team of competitors, but

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the luck was out—a most grievous disappointment to all after the brilliant start.

In October a grade exam. for Public Service officers was being held in the "Turner Hall." I had a few old boys call in. Amongst them were Ted Colvin, whom I have not seen for a long time, Reeves, just as fair and chatty as ever; Harry Street, of rowing fame; and Vic Williams. They represented the Departments of Agriculture, Law, Lands, and the Registrar-General.

A letter from John Churchward may prove of interest to his many old S.H.S. pals. It is headed "Agri. High School, Yanco," and reads:—

"I will try to let you know what I have done and am doing on this area. Following the glad summons of the Department, I set out and duly arrived at this veritable Eden. Sir Samuel McCaughey bequeathed his beautiful home with over a thousand acres of land to the Department, and it has been turned into an Agricultural High School. There are one hundred and twenty boys in residence; the staff comprises seven masters and three Fieldwork men. "McCaughy" and "Mutch" Houses billet the 1st and 2nd and 3rd year boys, and routine is very much the same as at "Hurlstone;" but the surroundings are much more beautiful—the lawns are extensive, and at the present time very green, indeed; and many English trees, including many elms, and maples, offer a cool shadiness on the hottest days. Willows border the artificial lakes and irrigation channels. Roses of all colours are blooming at present and it is delightful to lie on the cool grass in the evening and breathe the air made fragrant by the scents of most wonderful trellises of wisteria and climbing roses.

"Leeton is the nearest town of any importance, 'Yanco' being merely a siding. Although a small town it is very lively, in fact, from the social side, it is very good. I had the honour of playing football for the local district team. I had a very successful season, scoring 22 tries. The team was coached and captained by Alby Why (Carr) late of the Huddersfield Club, England. We do not belong to Group Nine, the famous Maher Cup Group, but played the holders of the Maher Cup at Barmedan, and defeated them each time.

"I read with great joy the achievements of 'School' on the athletic field. It looks as if we were coming into our own in sport as well as in scholarships. What a wonderful place it would be if it were a boarding school!!!

"Clarrie James is on the staff here, having thoroughly recovered from his broken leg. See you next vacation."

The name of Arthur Stayner, whom we all knew as "Jim," whose untimely death occurred last month, will stir many memories. We see him now, with the wonder of his smile, that



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drew everyone, irresistibly, his frank-clear gaze that challenged while it convinced he was fearless, and his manly expression—all evidence of his clean-living and dealing.

At school he was prominent in every sport, not to mention escapades. The late Headmaster (Mr. Hinder) once remarked to me, "Young Stayner is a fine lad, but won't work at his lessons."

Poor old "Jim" would say, "Never mind, Sir, I'll get there just the same," and so he did, he became a very smart business man.

In sport and school activities his great strength was proverbial. We loved him for his thoughtfulness and his vigour.

He left school in 1918. His old pals will join me in recalling a cherished memory of "the old Haunt," 644—.

Vale, "Sunny Jim"!

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### FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL.

R. Murphy, of 2B, is one of the most promising batsmen in house cricket. Against Wentworth 3rds he scored 50 run out, and is now a member of Reid House Firsts. Ray is also a successful performer in the G.P.S., under 16 team.

J. Kelaher, 1B, a new-comer to the School this year, has already revealed himself as a very fine cricketer. He has proved himself the best batsman in the School Third grade team in the High Schools' competition, and in the opinion of several judges in the School, may be in the First Grade team next year. A very stylish batsman, Kelaher hits hard and often, and is very pretty to watch.

Gordon House has started off well this season by winning the first cricket round.

High has a coming cricketer in Cheetham, of first year, who knocked up 101 runs not out against Parramatta 2nd grade. Then there is Dixon, another first year cricketer, who plays 2nd grade. Dixon is a coming fast bowler.

Keleher and Ford are two first year boys who display fine abilities in the cricket world.

If Medcalfe progresses as rapidly as he has done at this School, later on he may represent Australia in the Olympic games, thus bringing honour upon the school at which he was a pupil.



### FOOTBALL, 1929.

In looking back over the football seasons of the last few years the most pleasing impression is that the standard of play has improved considerably. In 1927 we won the H.S. competition, but could make no impression on the G.P.S. teams. In the former competition the only serious opposition was that of North Sydney. Our failure in the G.P.S. competition, must be ascribed not only to the high quality of the opposition; but to the inherent weaknesses of our team due to lack of capable individuals, lack of morale, lack of plan in training and an overcrowded programme of matches and practices.

It was the first factor that decided us to withdraw from the H.S. competition in 1928. In that year we defeated Armidale and two G.P.S. schools in the competition. The withdrawal from the H.S. Competition was not an unqualified success. It left us without adequate match practice early in the season. As compared with 1927 we improved in morale, had a better scheme of team training, had more capable individual players and did not have an overcrowded programme. Training facilities also had improved on our transfer to the new school.

Two drawbacks were responsible for a proportion of our failures in these two seasons. The first was the matter of referees. This is not a personal, but quite a general opinion amongst the onlookers of the game. In 1929 there was a great improvement in this respect, but unfortunately a couple were marred by the incompetence of the referees. The second drawback is due to the fact that we always play on our opponent's ground. The exception to this rule, our game with The King's School, almost caused us to register a first win against that team this year.



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In the 1929 season we entered once more in the H.S. competition. Our strongest opposition come from Parramatta. Fort St. beat us in the first match of the competition, but a win by some 40 points to nil, re-established our prestige in relation to this old rival. North Sydney and Technical High had solid teams and gave us good matches. As in 1927 we carried off the first, second, and third grade competitions in H.S. football, and with the first grade victory the Macmanamey Shield, which North Sydney had won in our absence in 1928.

In the G.P.S. competition we had a light team, in which, contrary to our expectations the forwards outshone the backs; this too, was in spite of the fact that the forwards were extremely light. Although we only won two matches, the games put up against our victors in the other games were closely contested. Our opponents in each case knew that they had been playing football at the end of the game. That could not be said about all of our 1927-28 fixtures. The number of good individual players has increased. We had no really weak players. The team worked well together. The morale was better, but the spirit of the team was not perfect. The backs did not reach that excellence in combination that was necessary for victory.

In this school we need a strong captain in the team; we need members who are prepared to submit to the discipline of the captain and to co-operate with him. The policy of our opponents is generally speaking to make football compulsory; here we have a policy of go as you please. Many good boys prefer games that are not so rough. Many big boys refrain from offering their weight pace and determination for the cause of the school in this most manly of games. Our school is comparatively at a disadvantage with most G.P.S. schools in being a day school. The boarder is glad to become enthusiastic about sport as an antidote against boredom and "fag." The day boy has to spend much time in travelling, and has more attractions in the world at large than the boy whose life is spent in a purely school world. To balance this we now have larger numbers to choose from than most of the schools in the G.P.S. Association.

One word of advice to future teams. Politeness to referees is a virtue well worth cultivating. It is remarkable how these folk respond to the title "Sir" when being addressed. Our school has probably not overdone this matter of politeness and respect. That is probably one reason why it sometimes gets unsympathetic treatment. Politeness and respect cost little and return good interest on capital invested.

One word in conclusion to those of the past and future. We would be glad if the Old Boys would push to a conclusion by next season, the work begun on our Centennial Park ground. A fair estimate would probably be that a match on our home ground is worth 10 points to us as against one away from home.

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To those who carry the school's colour next year, let me commend Napoleon's maxim that the "moral is to the material as three is to one." The moral force that we wish to develop will be composed of such elements as good leadership, discipline, obedience and active interest of all members, co-operation between parts, individual fitness and determination to win, unselfish play and enthusiasm for a cause that is of more value than any school boy can realise. We look to football as the great game for character training. What that word means in life no one can appreciate, till he has got far beyond the school boy stage. Football is not a waste of time; on the contrary its important contribution to a full life is hard to estimate, but is seldom fully appreciated.

G.P.

### FOOTBALL RESULTS.

- May 1st, Grade 1.—Versus Fort Street, lost 17-8.  
 Grade 2.—Versus Fort Street, won 14-0.  
 Grade 3.—Versus Fort Street, won 23-0.  
 Grade 4.—Versus Fort Street, won 12-0.  
 Grade 5.—Versus Fort Street, lost 23-9.  
 Grade 6.—Versus Fort Street, lost 8-6.
- May 8th, Grade 1.—Versus North Sydney, won 3-0.  
 Grade 2.—Versus North Sydney, won 6-0.  
 Grade 3.—Versus North Sydney, won 14-3.  
 Grade 4.—Versus North Sydney, lost 19-3.  
 Grade 5.—Versus North Sydney, lost 23-0.  
 Grade 6.—Versus North Sydney, lost 6-3.
- May 17th, Grade 1.—Versus Hawkesbury, won 16-0.  
 Grade 2.—Versus Hawkesbury, lost 9-7.
- May 22nd, Grade 1.—Versus Technical H.S., won 11-3.  
 Grade 2.—Versus Technical H.S., won 8-3.  
 Grade 3.—Versus Technical H.S., won 23-5.  
 Grade 4.—Versus Technical H.S., lost 9-0.  
 Grade 5.—Versus Technical H.S., won 8-0.  
 Grade 6.—Versus Technical H.S., lost 6-0.
- May 29th, Grade 1.—Versus Hurlstone, bye.  
 Grade 2.—Versus Hurlstone, lost 8-3.  
 Grade 3.—Versus Hurlstone, bye.  
 Grade 4.—Versus Hurlstone, lost 11-10.  
 Grade 5.—Versus Hurlstone, won 15-3.  
 Grade 6.—Versus Hurlstone, won 11-3.
- June 1st, Grade 1.—Versus Armidale, lost 7-6.
- June 5th, Grade 1.—Versus Canterbury, won 40-3.  
 Grade 2.—Versus Canterbury, won 17-3.  
 Grade 3.—Versus Canterbury, won 6-3.  
 Grade 4.—Versus Canterbury, lost 6-3.  
 Grade 5.—Versus Canterbury, lost 11-8.  
 Grade 6.—Versus Canterbury, lost 13-0.



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- June 12, Grade 1.—Versus Parramatta, won 17-0.  
 Grade 2.—Versus Parramatta, won 45-0.  
 Grade 3.—Versus Parramatta, won on forfeit.  
 Grade 4.—Versus Parramatta, no match.  
 Grade 5.—Versus Parramatta, won 8-6.  
 Grade 6.—Versus Parramatta, won 6-3.
- June 19th, Grade 1.—Versus Fort Street, won 31-0.  
 Grade 2.—Versus Fort Street, won 8-3.  
 Grade 3.—Versus Fort Street, won 6-5.  
 Grade 4.—Versus Fort Street, lost 5-3.  
 Grade 5.—Versus Fort Street, won 21-8.  
 Grade 6.—Versus Fort Street, lost 6-3.
- June 26th, Grade 1.—Versus N. Sydney, won 14-0.  
 Grade 2.—Versus N. Sydney, won 30-3.  
 Grade 3.—Versus N. Sydney, won 19-3.  
 Grade 4.—Versus N. Sydney, lost 18-0.  
 Grade 5.—Versus N. Sydney, lost 14-0.  
 Grade 6.—Versus N. Sydney, won 5-0.
- July 3rd, Grade 1.—Versus Old Boys, won 25-4.  
 Grade 2.—Versus Old Boys, draw 14.14.
- July 6th, Grade 1.—Versus Grammar, lost 27-15.
- July 10th, Grade 1.—Versus Technical H.S., won 33-3.  
 Grade 2.—Versus Technical H.S., won 8-0.  
 Grade 3.—Versus Technical H.S., lost 3-0.  
 Grade 4.—Versus Technical H.S., won 16-9.  
 Grade 5.—Versus Technical H.S., won 8-6.  
 Grade 6.—Versus Technical H.S., draw 3-3
- July 17th, Grade 1.—Versus King's, lost 9-8.  
 Grade 2.—Versus Hurlstone, won 14-6.  
 Grade 3.—Versus Hurlstone, no match.  
 Grade 4.—Versus Hurlstone, lost 17-11.  
 Grade 5.—Versus Hurlstone, won 9-0.  
 Grade 6.—Versus Hurlstone, won 8-0.
- July 20th.—Grade 1.—Versus St. Ignatius, won 27-8.  
 Grade 2.—Versus St. Ignatius, won 26-3.  
 Grade 3.—Versus St. Ignatius, lost 22-3.  
 Grade 4.—Versus St. Ignatius, won 9-3.  
 Grade 5.—Versus St. Ignatius, won 3-0.  
 Grade 6.—Versus St. Ignatius, won 12-0.
- July 27th, Grade 1.—Versus Scots, lost 9-0.
- July 24th, Grade 1.—Versus Newington, lost 21-8.  
 Grade 2.—Versus Newington, lost 9-5.  
 Grade 4.—Versus Canterbury  
 Grade 5.—Versus Canterbury, won 11-3.  
 Grade 6.—Versus Canterbury, draw 3-3.

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- July 31st, Grade 1.—Versus Parramatta, won 27-3.  
Grade 2.—Versus Parramatta, won on forfeit.  
Grade 3.—Versus Parramatta, won 23-0.  
Grade 4.—Versus Parramatta, bye.  
Grade 5.—Versus Parramatta, won 12-9.  
Grade 6.—Versus Parramatta, draw 3-3.  
Aug. 3rd, Grade 1.—Versus S.C.E.G.S., won 10-3.  
Aug. 10th, Grade 1.—Versus St. Joseph's, lost 14-8.
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## SOCCER FOOTBALL CLUB.

The football season of 1929 was marked by a revival of the Soccer game after an interval of ten years. Prior to the exclusion of the code from school activities in 1919, High teams had been regularly engaged in Soccer competitions for many years, and had numerous combined High School premierships to their credit. The re-introduction of the game early in the present year was due to the enthusiasm of a few senior boys, who eventually succeeded in convincing the Sports Union that a Soccer revival would have the effect of providing regular school football for many boys who would otherwise be compelled to select either tennis or rifle shooting. In previous years a heavy burden was imposed upon these clubs, as they were compelled to absorb all boys who were unable to play Rugby Union.

The standard of football attained by the newly-formed Soccer Club in its first season is very creditable, and cannot be judged by match results. In every game played during the season, our boys were opposed by experienced players, well-versed in the fine points of the game. Considering the limited membership of the Club, its performances are an indication that many successes will be achieved in the future.

Had we been able to nominate earlier in the season, there would have been a grade competition for city High Schools as in previous years, but the decision to organise two teams was only reached after the unexpected withdrawal of one or two other schools had made it impossible to arrange premiership matches for the 1929 season. Under these circumstances, we were compelled to arrange friendly matches with other teams, and opened the season with a meritorious victory against Fort Street. The principal events in the season were two matches with the redoubtable Wollongong High School team, which has held an unbeaten record for several years past. In view of the experience and reputation of these opponents, representing a school where Soccer has never been challenged by any other winter sport, our boys did exceptionally well in keeping the score within moderate limits. The form displayed in these contests, particularly in the Sydney match, was very encouraging. The exhibition of football provided by the Wollongong boys, several of whom are asso-



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ciated with leading South Coast clubs, was of a quality hardly expected of school boys and proved a revelation to our recruits. The experience gained by our team was so appreciated, that we had no difficulty in defeating a heavy team from the Chartres Business College by a margin of nine goals in the final match of the season.

Those responsible for the revival of Soccer are eager to see the game continued and extended in the future, especially as there is an abundance of good material in the School. The fact that Soccer is the only code of football which is a really international game should be sufficient evidence of its popularity and its merits as a winter sport. In addition to Oxford and Cambridge Universities, such conservative English schools as Eton and Harrow now make some provision for the round-ball game, which has the distinction of being the type of football featured in the Olympic games.

The fear that a Soccer revival would adversely affect the standard of Rugby football in the School has already been dispelled by the unprecedented triumph of this year's Union teams, so that conditions are now favourable for a further extension of Soccer, particularly in the lower School.

It is worth recalling that other High Schools, notably Fort Street and North Sydney, have frequently won first grade premierships while sanctioning both Rugby and Soccer codes.

With increased facilities for junior players and full recognition of Soccer as a winter sport, it will not take very long to produce teams comparable with those which represented the School prior to 1919. It is recalled with some satisfaction that the newly-formed Soccer Club had the distinction of playing the first match on the area set aside as High's future home ground in Centennial Park.

#### Arm'dale Match.

The A.A.A. G.P.S. has decided that in future this trip will be optional for us. The only date available is one early in April, and it is realised that this is unsuitable. The match is not regarded as a competition fixture. When our own ground is available, it may be possible to make different arrangements.





### CRICKET NOTES.

In the early matches, the team felt the loss of Starr and Wines, but with the inclusion of Thompson, McLeod and Gerard, a well-balanced side developed, the best perhaps for several years. The ground fielding showed distinct improvement, and gained favorable comment from sportsmasters of other schools.

A donation of £15 from the Parents and Citizens' Association, which we desire to acknowledge gratefully, has enabled the Union to purchase a slip-fielding machine. This provides greater facilities for catching practice; and, by allotting definite groups to use it regularly, the coaches hope to develop interest in one of the most important branches of the game.

In the G.P.S. competition we have had one victory—a narrow one at the expense of The King's School. In reply to our score of 208, T.K.S. compiled 7 for 143 by the end of the day. The following Wednesday, the batsmen put up a plucky fight, especially Sanger (24 not out), but failed by 15 runs, Thompson catching the last man behind the wicket off Simonsen.

The match against S.G.S. was lost through dropping catches at critical stages—when the score stood at 7 wickets for 140, and again at 152. The success of the "tail-enders" in both teams must have cheered them up considerably.

Opening up with Stenning, Simonsen batted through to the fall of the last wicket for a patient 58. Ashbarry also shaped well. Our outstanding bowler, Burne, secured four wickets, and did much better than his figures indicated.

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In the High School competition both Technical High and North Sydney proved much better on the day; and, when we played Parramatta, four schools had a chance to win the competition. After gaining the lead on the first day, we were compelled to postpone the match. The committee of the P.S.A.A.A. decided that Parramatta should receive a forfeit, and the four points gave that school the premiership.

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### Meritorious Performances.

Batting: Simonsen, 49 (v. S.J.C.), 58 (v. S.G.S.); Thompson, 57 (v. S.I.C.), 58 (v. T.K.S.); Cohen, 58 (v. S.J.C.); McLeod, 22 not out, (v. S.C.E.G.S.), 34 (v. T.K.S.); Loftus, 44 (v. T.K.S.); Stening, 58 (v. F.S.H.), 39 (v. S.I.C.), 51 (v. P.H.S.), Ashbarry 37 v. S.G.S.)

Bowling: Ashbarry; 4 for 34 (v. S.J.C.), 6 for 44 (v. T.K.S.); Burne, 4 for 33 (v. S.J.C.), 4 for 90 (v. S.G.S.); Simonsen, 3 for 3, (v. F.H.S.); McKibben, 3 for 46 (v. S.I.C.); Stening, 3 for 16 (v. P.H.S.).

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### Comments on Players.

- D. Loftus, captain; handled side well, excellent field, not consistent in batting.
- M. Stening, vice-captain, good opening batsman, but inclined to "chase" off theory, excellent field, useful change bowler.
- N. Simonsen, successful opening batsman, good slipfield, hampered in bowling by injury.
- W. Chesher, promising batsman who has not done himself justice; accurate slow bowler, good field.
- R. Ashbarry, successful bowler, much improved field, room for improvement in batting.
- M. Cohen, good batsman who takes too many risks to score consistently; fielding is improving.
- W. Burne, fast bowler of distinct promise; weak in fielding.
- R. Thompson, good wicketkeeper, and forcing batsman who should build up defence.
- E. Gilding, smart outfield with good return to the wicket, forcing batsman, who has failed this term.
- F. McLeod, a young batsman with sound defence and variety of strokes, who will go far in the game. Should improve his fielding.
- J. Odgers, useful left-hand bowler, reliable field.
- A. McKibbin, useful change bowler but weak in batting and fielding.
- C. Gerrard, very good in the field and improving rapidly as a batsman.



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### Scores.

St. Ignatius, 317 v. S.H.S., 107.  
St. Joseph's, 235 v. S.H.S., 167.  
S.H.S., 93 v. S.C.E.G.S., 5 for 212  
S.H.S., 208 v. T.K.S., 193.  
S.H.S., 172 v. S.G.S., 256.  
S.H.S., 67 v. N.S.H.S., 3 for 201  
P.H.S., 88 v. S.H.S., 4 for 91.

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### C.H.S. CRICKET COMPETITION.

An unfortunate ending, for which we were partly responsible, has completely spoiled an otherwise keen and enjoyable competition. On October 23rd our first grade team commenced the final match of the series with Parramatta High School, the scores at the end of the first day's play being:—

Parramatta 89, S.H.S. 4 for 96.

We had to ask for a postponement of play on the following Wednesday, 30th October, to enable our team to participate in a G.P.S. fixture, postponed on account of weather from Saturday, 26th. Parramatta consented to this, agreeing to meet us on Wednesday, 6th November. Again we had to ask for a postponement, owing to another G.P.S. fixture, which could not be completed on the preceding Saturday. At this stage the committee of the P.S.A.A.A. ruled that our match with Parramatta be forfeited, Parramatta voting against the motion. As a result the team, fourth on the competition list, was awarded the competition. A similar state of affairs resulted from a similar set of circumstances a few seasons ago.

Such a result is most unsatisfactory in whatever way we consider it, unsatisfactory for competing teams, for masters who gave their time to the coaching of those teams, and for the School. True sportsmanship demands that we find immediate and satisfactory answers to the following questions:

(1) Why should a C.H.S. fixture always be sacrificed by us to one with the G.P.S.?

(2) Are we justified in entering any competition in which we cannot meet all engagements at the proper time, or in which our failure to do so gives a result not indicative of the merits of competing teams?

E. PATTERSON, Sportsmaster.

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### UNDER 14 G.P.S. CRICKET.

#### Versus St. Ignatius.

High's under 14 cricket team played its first match this season against St. Ignatius. High batted first, making altogether 24 runs. W. Craig and D. Kerr were top scorers. St. Ignatius responded with 64 runs. In the second innings High

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batted better, making 64 for the loss of four wickets. D. Kerr reached top score, this time making 34. Algar was High's best bowler, taking ten wickets. St. Ignatius, however, made the required 25 runs, and won outright by six wickets.

### Versus St. Joseph's.

Against St. Joseph's High shaped better with the bat, making a total of 48. Kerr easily topped the batting with a splendid 26. "Joeys," however, proved too good, by scoring 131, and thus won on the first innings by 83 runs. Grover, Poole and W. Craig were High's best bowlers on this occasion.

### Cricket in 2A.

There are some promising cricketers in 2A. "Bill" Martin, the best among them, is a good all-rounder, being a foreful batsman and a fast medium bowler. Other batsmen are Nosworthy, Oliver, Nettleship, Gilmour and Bolton. The best bowlers are Martin and Nosworthy. Others worthy of mention are Nettleship, a left-hander, whilst Oliver and Whiting are slow bowlers. There are three promising wicket-keepers—Schachtel, Bulteau, and Thomas. Altogether, the class has a fair team, capable of putting up a good game.

### School Third XI.

The opening match of the second half of the 1928-29 season was played on 25th September, S.H.S. being drawn against S.T.H.S. at Centennial Park. Batting first, "Tech" could only muster 46 runs. High closed at four wickets for 76 runs. S.T.H.S. then batted, but time robbed us of a possible outright win, S.T.H.S. mustering 36 runs for six wickets.

On 2nd October High played the same school on Moore Park. Here a surprise awaited us. S.T.H.S., on batting, rattled up 156 in fine style, leaving us one and a half hours to get 157 runs. Indeed, a stiff task! Our batsmen were equal to the task, however, and we emerged victorious by five wickets and six runs.

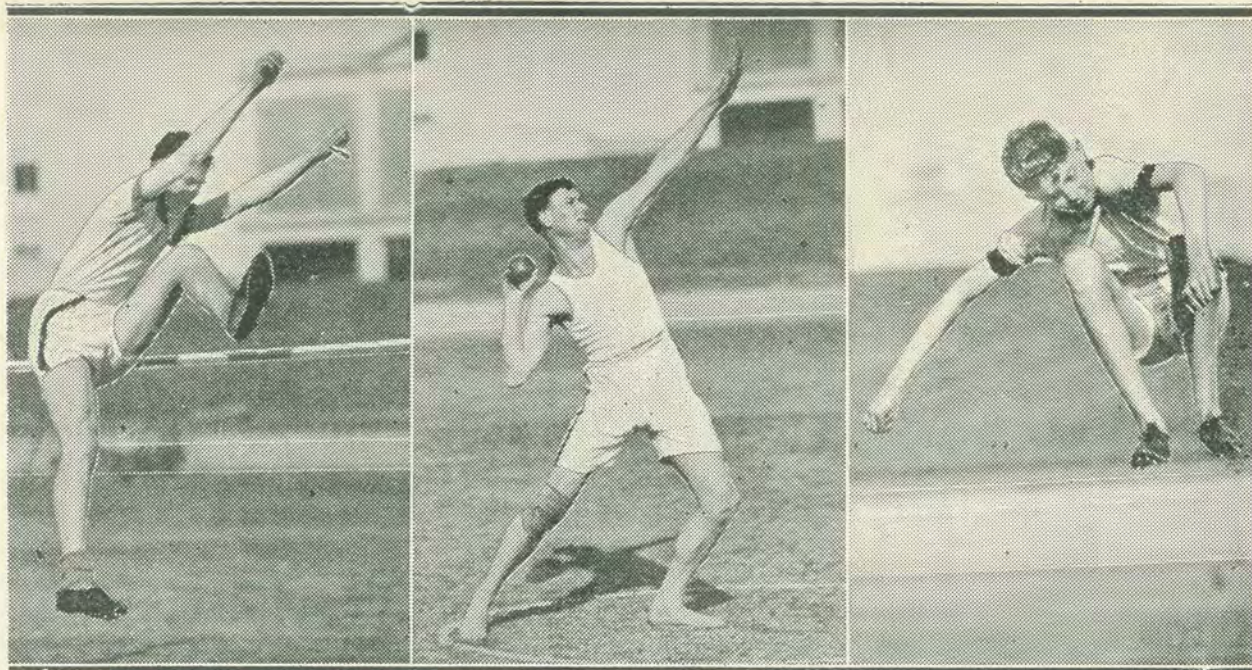
On 9th October we were down to play North Sydney. Wet weather, however, intervened, thus giving us a draw.

On 16th October we met N.S.H.S. on our home ground. Batting first, North Sydney scored 63 runs, the opening batsman, Dunkerly, carrying his bat for 27. High, on batting, scored 95 runs, thus emerging victor by 32 runs on the first innings.

On 23rd October we played Parramatta H.S. on our home ground. High closed at seven wickets for 139 runs. P.H.S., with a weakened team, scored only 18 in the first innings and 17 in the second.

On 30th October we journeyed to Parramatta to play P.H.S. on their own ground. High closed at seven wickets for 122. Parramatta secured 70 runs.





MAKING NEW SCHOOL RECORDS.

Left: J. METCALFE breaking the senior high jump record with 5ft. 9in.

Centre: T. PAULING establishing new record in the Shot Putt Championship, with 36ft. 11ins.

Right: F. STREET making new broad jump record with 16ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

(Labor Daily).

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Thus High finished first in the competition, winning by a margin of three points. The records reveal the following information:—Matches played, 5; won, 5; runs for, 594 for 36 wickets; runs against, 406 for 66 wickets; two were run out in opposing teams.

### 3rd XI. Averages.

Paton . . . . .	132	5	1	63*	33
Kelاهر . . . . .	91	5	1	37*	22.75
Fleming . . . . .	44	3	1	36*	22
Pauling . . . . .	61	3	—	31†	20.33
Ellis . . . . .	53	5	1	30	13.25
Zeitsch . . . . .	46	5	—	16	9.2
Curran . . . . .	36	5	1	14*	9

\* Not out; † Retired.

Russell . . . . .	43	64	20	3.2
Zeitsch . . . . .	49	134	24	5.6
Curran . . . . .	38	66	9	7.33
Llewellyn . . . . .	15	44	4	11

Catches:—Pauling 7, Kelاهر 4, Ford 3, Russell 2, Ellis 2, Zeitsch 2, Curran 2, Paton 2, Crouch 2, Turner 1, Fleming 1.

## ATHLETICS' PROSPECTS FOR 1930.

Although some of the stalwarts of 1929 will be leaving at the conclusion of the L.C. examination, prospects for a successful season in 1930 are very bright.

Most of our sprinters will be returning to school. Probably Fergusson, Ashbarry and Power will again be our representatives. Mr. Jennings can be relied upon to **build up a speedy relay**.

In the high jump E. Belschner will be a worthy successor to J. Metcalfe; and it is quite probable that with another year's experience and growth, he will even shatter Jack's records.

Tom Pauling, our shot putt champion, is almost certain to hold his title in G.P.S. for at least another year.

Both the broad jumper, R. Ashbarry and pole vaulter R. Clarke, will be remaining at school. Judging by their successes this year, we are confident that they will uphold their reputation.

Our hurdler E. Martin, with a little more training and concentration should perform well next season.

Another half-miler and miler will have to be discovered to replace V. Napier; but we have plenty of promising material in the upper school. It is rumoured that High is to receive an athlete of note from Cleveland Street at the beginning of next year.

This year the G.P.S. senior shield was snatched from our grasp by our mediocre display in the 440 Teams Race. Next year, profiting by our experiences, we should concentrate mainly on these events.

R.A. (4A).



## THE TAREE TRIP.

On Thursday, 19th September, at 9.30 a.m., a team of twelve athletes from our school left Sydney for Taree. The team was in the capable hands of Mr. Jennings, and the success of the trip was largely due to him. After a very enjoyable journey, we arrived in Taree at about 7.15 p.m. We were met at the station by the people, with whom we were to be billeted. The same evening a number of us attended a dramatic entertainment arranged by the pupils of Taree High School. On Friday morning we made a tour of the town, and in the afternoon at 2.30 p.m., the heats of the various events were run, together with three finals.

Ashbarry and Still won their heats in the 100 yards and 220 yards championships. Metcalfe and Martin ran second in their respective heats of the 120 yards hurdles, while Napier annexed the 880 yards championship in 2 mins. 7 4-5 secs. Mewton ran very well to gain third place. The time was an S.H.S. record, but cannot be officially recognised.

Ashbarry was successful in the broad jump, clearing 21ft. 10½ins., and beating Button, of Parramatta, by an inch. Metcalfe came third with 20ft. 1½ins. In the Medley Relay Race, our team was successful in downing Parramatta, who had beaten us in this event at the C.H.S. sports. This completed the first day's programme.

On Saturday afternoon the sports were continued before a fair number of spectators.

Ashbarry recorded our third win when he won the 100 yards dash in 10 2-5 secs., very good time for the track. J. Still was a good second in this event. In the 440 yards, M. Power, our school champion, was unable to run true to form, on account of a strained side. However, H. Rees ran a good race to gain second place, after being well back at the start. Power was just beaten for third place by Canterbury.

In the mile final Napier ran a well-judged race to win in 5 mins. 6 secs. Mewton again ran into third place after leading in the last lap.

Metcalfe, as expected, annexed the High Jump with 5ft. 8½ins. He followed this by an exhibition jump of 5ft. 10¾ins. The former jump, however, will stand as the new record, 5ft. 5ins. being the previous one. Belschner also broke the old record in clearing 5ft. 8ins., thus gaining second place.

In the 120 yards Hurdles we had to be content with third place, gained by Metcalfe. Parramatta took the first two places in this event, the time of 16 3-5 secs. being a record. R. Clarke, who is only 14 years of age, did wonderfully well in the pole vault to clear 9ft. 4ins., and gain third place.

As the winners only cleared 9ft. 5ins., his performance was very creditable indeed.

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The 220 yards final resulted in a good race between Ashbarry, Sutton of Parramatta, and Still. However, the former finished too strongly, winning from Sutton and Still. They were very close together, but Sutton gained the verdict over our School Captain. The time of 22 4-5 secs. was easily a record for the track, and it also equalled the C.H.S. record.

In the circular relay, the last event of the day, our team was well in the lead when Power's side again gave him trouble, resulting in Parramatta taking the lead, which they held, despite a great finishing by J. Still.

When the total points were added up it was found that we had won easily by about 20 points. Parramatta were runners up, with East Maitland in third position.

On Saturday evening at the School the cups were presented. The evening was a glorious one for "High," as six individual and two team cups came our way, the Hooke Cup and the Bennett Cup. The latter was presented to the School gaining most points in the High Jump, Broad Jump, and 120 yards Hurdles. We gained 15 points against 11 2-3 by Parramatta. A dance was held after the presentations.

On Sunday the team was taken out to Black Head, a beach about 17 miles from Taree. A very enjoyable day was spent there with the members of the other teams, and a number of Taree High School pupils.

We left Taree at about 9.15 a.m. Monday morning, arriving in Sydney at 8 p.m. It was indeed a gloriously successful trip, and too much thanks cannot be bestowed upon Mr. Jennings for the capable way in which he handled the team throughout, and also for his unfailing interest in the boys themselves.

High hopes are entertained for an equally or even more successful trip next year, when a great number of the present team will be back at school.

E. BELSCHNER (4A.)

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## 44th ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEETING.

The Forty-fourth Annual Athletic Meeting of the Sydney High School Athletic Club was held at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Thursday and Friday, 29th and 30th August, 1929. Weather conditions were most suitable, and very creditable performances were achieved. Six records were broken and three new standards—in the pole vaults—established. R. Ashbarry smashed by 1-10 sec. H. Laing's 100 yards record that has stood since 1900. In the Senior Broad Jump, too, he smashed L. Parr's 1914 record, and broke by  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch the C.H.S. record of Adrian Button. The 220 yards senior heats foretold a sensational final. Both Ashbarry's 23 3-5 secs. and J. Still's 23 4-5 secs. eclipsed the 1928 figure of 24 socs., standing to the credit of J. Still,



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H. Wines. In the last 100 of the final, however, these brilliant sprinters collided, and Still was spiked. Tom Pauling in the Shot Putt, with 36ft. 11ins., outdistanced G. Walker's 1928 record by 5ins., while J. Metcalfe established new figures for the Senior High Jump with 5ft. 9ins.,  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch better than the G.P.S. record. Fred Street, an under 14 competitor, with a wonderful leap of 16 feet 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches shattered J. Still's achievement of 15ft. 7ins in 1925. His was a remarkable performance. In three successive leaps he exceeded the previous best; they were 15ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins., 15ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins., and 16ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

The placings in the Cup Aggregate were:—School Cup—J. Metcalfe, 16 points, 1; R. Ashbarry, 12 points, 2; E. Martin, 9 points, 3. Junior Cup—J. Gilbert, 10 points, 1; M. Cohen, 8 points, 2; E. Webster, 6 points, 3. Under 14 Cup—F. Street, 15 points, 1; C. Barr, 9 Points, 2; J. Graves, 4 points, 3.

Results:—

### SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards: R. Ashbarry 1, J. Still 2, D. Fergusson 3. Time, 10  $\frac{2}{5}$  secs., (Record). 220 Yards: H. Rees 1, J. Budge 2, D. Fergusson 3. Time 24  $\frac{4}{5}$  sec. 440 Yards: M. Power 1, J. Robinson 2, H. Rees 3. Time 56  $\frac{1}{5}$  sec. 880 Yards: V. Napier 1, J. Mewton 2, V. Lynch 3. Time 2 min. 13 sec. One Mile: V. Napier 1, J. Mewton 2, C. Gerrard 3. Time 5 min. 15 sec. 120 Yards Hurdles: E. Martin 1, J. Metcalfe 2, V. Napier 3. Time 17  $\frac{4}{5}$  sec. Broad Jump: R. Ashbarry, 20ft. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., 1; E. Webster, 19ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., 2; J. Metcalfe, 18ft. 10in., 3 (Record). High Jump: J. Metcalfe 5 feet 9in., 1; E. Belschner, 5ft. 5in., 2; D. Page, 5ft. 1in., 3 (Record). Shot Putt: T. Pauling, 36ft. 11in., 1; J. Metcalfe, 32ft. 9in., 2; W. Burne, 31ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., 3 (Record). Pole Vault: E. Martin, 7ft. 10in., 1; Davis, 7ft. 7in., 2; V. Lynch, 7ft. 1in., 3.

### JUNIOR CUP.

100 Yards: N. E. Hyman 1, J. Gilbert 2, R. White 3. Time, 11sec. 220 Yards: E. Webster 1, E. Hyman 2, R. White 3. Time 24  $\frac{4}{5}$ sec. 440 Yards: M. Cohen 1, R. White 2, R. Robinson 3. Time, 59 sec. 880 Yards: M. Cohen 1, J. Samuels 2, D. Saunders 3. Time 2min. 20  $\frac{3}{5}$ sec. 90 Yards Hurdles: J. Gilbert 1, R. Robinson 2. Time 14  $\frac{2}{5}$ sec. High Jump: J. Gilbert, 4ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., 1; M. Cohen, 4ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., 2; R. Clarke, 4ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., 3. Broad Jump: E. Webster 19ft. 2in. 1; J. Gilbert 17ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., 2; J. Elliott, 16ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., 3. Pole Vault: R. Clarke, 8ft. 2in., 1; W. Cartwright, 7ft. 9in., 2.

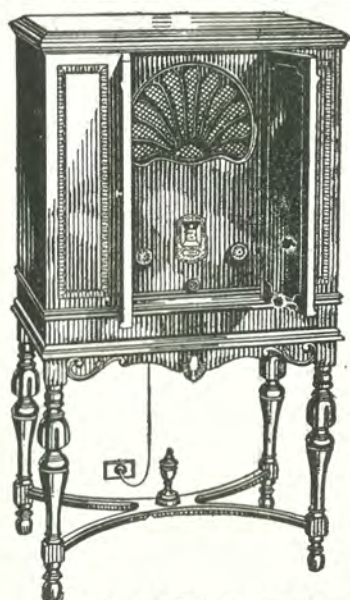
### UNDER 14 CUP.

100 Yards: F. Street 1 A. Gill 2, C. Barr 3. Time 12  $\frac{2}{5}$ sec. 220 Yards: F. Street 1, C. Barr 2, M. Cohen 3. Time 28  $\frac{4}{5}$ sec. 90 Yards Hurdles: F. Street 1, J. Graves 2, C. Barr 3. Time

17 3-5sec. High Jump: F. Street, 4ft. 6in., 1; A. Duncan, 4ft. 5in., 2; R. Hohnen, 4ft. 3in., 3. Broad Jump: F. Street, 16ft. (Record). Pole Vault: C. Barr, 5ft. 6in., 1. 8½in., 1; C. Barr, 14ft. 9½in. 2 R. Hohnen, 14ft. 1½in., 3

### HANDICAP EVENTS.

Class Handicaps.—5th: Boyne, Silk, Thorburn. 4th: Bel-schner, Thorpe, Chapman. 3A: Diethelm, Syred, Carr. 3B: Rockliffe, McLachlan, Kobelke. 3C: Cohen, Balkind, Duncan. 2A: Oliver, Beard, Bulteau. 2B: Grant, Walker. 2C: Stephenson, Gosling, Craig. 2D: Cunningham, Fitzpatrick, Ellis. 2E: Bounejin, Hely, Hohnen. Mile Handicap: 880 Yards Handicap: Jones, Homer, Conway. 1A: Mackenzie, Plumbe, Hunt. 1B: Bennett, Wood, Wills; 1C: Cohen, M., Gros, Cohen, S. 1D: Bonnefin, Hely, Holmen. 880 Yards Handicap: Grant, Barr, Lynch. 440 Yards Open: Boyan, Pritchard, Bartlett. 220 Yards Senior: Pritchard, Miller, Davis. 220 Yards Junior: Rockliffe, Cohen, E., Baker. Obstacle Race: Rockliffe, Cameron, D., McKenzie. Siamese Race: Pringle and Elliott; Spooner and Thorburn; Rockliffe and McLachlan. Sack Race: O'Connor, King, R., Dandie. Old Boys' 100 Yards' Handicap: H. Street, C. Rubie, W. Standing. House Relays (Senior): Reid, Wentworth, Parkes. Time 1min. 40½sec. Junior: Gordon, Wentworth, Parkes. Time 1min. 47sec. Under 14: Gordon, Wentworth, Reid. House Tug-o'-War, Senior: Reid, Parkes, Gordon, Wentworth. Junior: Gordon, Wentworth, Reid, Parkes.



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## ROUND ABOUT THE HOUSES.

### Wentworth House.

Since last issue, the Houses have contested several events.

Owing to a long and very full competition season, it was not possible to hold the contests in Rugby Football. That is to be regretted, as last year the House games were very close and interesting.

The Athletic Meeting was a success from most points of view. House members were very keen, and always ready to do their best. Reid had a very strong and well-balanced team, and topped the score with 71 points; Gordon got 61, Wentworth 45, and Parkes 15 points.

Teams' events were good. Wentworth filled second place in nearly all the teams' events. Wentworth was worthily represented by J. Still, M. Stening, E. Silk, L. Stonham, J. Sullivan in the seniors; W. Speight, J. Samuels, R. Vernon in the juniors, and F. Street, R. Smee, Seward, Sidman in the under 14 years.

The Tennis contests were cut rather short on account of the chief tennis players also being cricketers, and needed for competition matches.

Each House was represented by four players only.

Wentworth was well served by R. Thompson, L. Williams, N. Webb and G. Smee.

In the 1st. round Wentworth defeated Parkes by 7 sets to 1, and in the final round defeated Gordon by 5 sets to 1. Some of the tennis was good, the sets between Thompson, Williams and Ashbarry and Brown being very close.

Webb and Smee shaped very well too, and should make a good School pair next year. Wentworth was first, Gordon second, Parkes third and Reid fourth.

The Cricket Competition is still in progress; but now only has the first grade games to complete it. The order of points at present is in favour of Wentworth, Gordon, Parkes and Reid in that order.

Wentworth teams are well-balanced without brilliance. For the firsts, Spooner, Withers, Stonham, Patey, York have done best. Wright, Waddell, Samuels, Stone and Thomas are stalwarts in the seconds.

The highest score was made by Sheppard of the sixth grade, who knocked up 85 not out against Reid Sixths.

The Debating is the only activity to be finalised.

Wentworth had brilliant debaters in Wallar, Still and Silk last year, and with the help of these as coaches should do well this year. Debates will start after the exams.

The prospects are bright for Wentworth retaining the House Shield.

## THE RECORD.

### Parkes House.

Housemaster: Mr. R. Golding B.A., Captain of House: C. Gerrard. House Committee: Fackender, Loftus, Fulton, Hyman, Jones.

CRICKET.—Judging by the results of the trial matches, Parkes should be well up to the usual high standard in cricket. In the first trial match, Parkes 1st v. Parkes 2nd, a very interesting duel was staged, Parkes 2nd finally running out winners by 113-55. Their win was mainly due to the fine solo effort of C. Gerrard, who not only obtained six wickets for a trifle, but followed it up by a carefully compiled 61 not out. The bowling of the firsts was weak and disappointing, Farrow 3 for 18 and Gosling 3 for 28 being the best. Other promising players brought to light were Grover, Kobelke and Kerr.

In the first competition match, Parkes v. Gordon, after a very exciting finish, Gordon just won on time by 2 runs (93-91).

The only batsmen to offer any real resistance to the Gordon attack were Gerrard 38 and Henry 18. Gerrard, Kerr and Grover shared the Gordon wickets.

The seconds and thirds were also defeated.

In the Parkes v. Wentworth fixture, Parkes did very well the firsts, fourths, fifths and sixths winning.

Contrary to expectations, the firsts had quite an easy win; for after dismissing Wentworth for 87 runs, Parkes went on to score 5 for 97, thereby winning by 5 wickets and 10 runs. Gerrard again showed his consistency by compiling 60 not out.

Henry and Grover were the only other batsmen to reach double figures. Bowling honours went to Lobb and Gerrard.

The next match was against Reid. After having 3 down for 2, they went on to compile 94, mainly due to dashing innings by Martin and Routledge. Lynch, Gosling and Farrow bowled well on this occasion. In reply, Parkes narrowly missed recording another win, being all out for 89. Grover (22) Gilmour (16) and Hyman (11), causing the Reidites many anxious moments.

The seconds also won easily, Frankford and Gilbert scoring 30 and 35 respectively out of a total of 124.

The thirds broke the ice and ran out winners, by 87 to 53, Hockey (19) Isaacs (19) and Wells (12) performing ably.

The fourths, fifths and sixths have won a fair percentage of their matches, outstanding performers being James (4th) Gilbert and Gorrick (5th) and Johnston and Jones (6th).

Keep it up Parkes, and remember that all matches count the same number of points!

ATHLETICS.—The Parkes House athletes did fairly well in the school sports, our main strength being in the junior section, in which Gilbert won the cup.



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## THE RECORD.

In the seniors, all our places gained were thirds, the successful athletes being Fergusson (100 and 220), Lynch (880 and pole vault) and Gerrard (mile). Fergusson was unfortunately implicated in the Ashbarry—Still collision, the only accident that marred the day's sport. Lynch ran well in the 880 yds., but was not too successful in the pole vault, only reaching 7 ft. 1 in., Gerrard ran an excellent run in the mile, but tired towards the finish. He compensated for this, by winning his division of the mile at the G.P.S. sports in splendid style.

We were much more successful in the junior section, thanks to the prowess of Gilbert, who won the cup. Congratulations! He gained firsts in the high jump and hurdles, and seconds in the 100 yds., and broad jump. Hyman won the 100 yds., and came second in the 220 yds., the latter being very close to a dead-heat.

In the under 14 section, Hohnen gained third place in the high and broad jumps, Gill came second in the 100 yds., while Graves obtained a similar place in the hurdles.

In the House tug-o'-war (senior) Parkes put up a meritorious performance, coming second to Reid. In the relay, we came third to Reid and Wentworth in that order, gaining the same place in the juniors to Gordon and Wentworth.

Our prospects for next year are very bright especially in the senior section, as Fergusson and Lynch will still be at school, and Hyman and Gilbert will be seniors.

**SWIMMING.**—Swimming in the other houses this year is of such a high standard that our own chances of success seem comparatively slight; for we have swimmers of the calibre of Pauling (Reid) and junior champion Clarke (Gordon) opposed to us. However, with Grant in the juniors, and Jones in the seniors, we can at least expect to gain some points; and with the help of the usual "dark horses," who somehow turn up when least expected, our total may reach quite respectable limits.

Don't be overawed by a big reputation, but buck up swimmers, train during the Christmas holidays; and see if we cannot surprise Clarke, Payne, Pauling, Robinson and Co.

To this year's winners, Reid House, we extend our heartiest congratulations. Their win was well deserved and there was no doubting their superiority in all sections at the carnival. However pride comes before a fall, and as Parkes are all out to win, Reid beware!

**TENNIS.**—The Parkes House Tennis Team, consisting of Gregory, Lander, Lassan and Henry, was not particularly successful in the House Competition. Two of the best players, Hogg and Field, left prior to the competition.

Gregory and Lassau paired together, and Parkes met Wentworth in the first round. Gregory and Lassau lost to the first Wentworth pair, owing to the consistency of the opposition;



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Henry and Lander lost, and won one set against Webb and Smee. However, they were beaten by Williams and Thompson in two straight sets, and so Parkes lost this match.

Parkes met Reid House in the second round, and won five sets without loss.

Parkes House came third in the competition, Wentworth and Gordon Houses filling the first two positions. The Wentworth House Team was much too strong for Parkes House; and we wish to congratulate them on their good performances in this competition.

GENERAL.—Upon looking back over the past year, one must at least say that results were satisfactory.

In First Grade Cricket we were ably represented by Captain Loftus, and consistent batsman, Gilding, who have both performed well.

In football we were even better represented, Loftus, Gilding, Fulton and Gerrard finding places in the school team, while Gerrard (2nds) and Gilding (3rds) represented in combined G.P.S. matches.

We must look upon rowing as our chief success, being represented by Khan (cox), and Gardiner in the eight; Hill (cox) in the First Four; Henderson (cox), Gerrard stroke, and Fergusson in the Second Four; and Hill (cox), Gillan (stroke) in the Third Four.

As all these crews with the exception of the Second Four, were successful, we can honestly lay claim to a great share of the praise and honour bestowed upon the school for its successes; for where else could you have got coxes to fill the places of the above trio not to mention our two strokes and the other two rowers. Surely we must be regarded as "crack" rowing house.

Our athletics were somewhat disappointing; but nevertheless some very fine performances were recorded by Parkes House representatives. Gilbert, the winner of the Junior Cup, was successful in winning the hurdles and high jump and in coming second in the broad jump and in the 100 yds. Hyman also performed ably, his win in the 100 yds. being a particularly fine effort. Our seniors were somewhat disappointing, Fergusson, Gerrard and Lynch being the best. However, as we will again have Fergusson, Lynch, Gilbert and Hyman with us next year, a much more successful carnival should be recorded.

Prefects from the House this year were: B. Gardiner, D. Loftus, and I. Fulton.

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Sydney High under 14 cricket team has discovered a dashing opening batsman in D. Kerr, of 2A. A very hard hitter, Kerr had the honour of hitting an eight at St. Joseph's, where he scored 26. At Riverview, Kerr was again top scorer with 34.

THE RECORD.  
REID HOUSE.

House Master: G. Shaw.

Captain: H. Rees.

Committee: Metcalfe, Nicholson, Paton, R. Robinson, Martin.

**FOOTBALL.**—Owing to the lack of available ground upon which to stage the inter-house football contests, the latter were suspended this year. However, members of Reid House, who were representatives in grade football teams, particularly distinguished themselves. Among the more prominent are T. Pauling, star full-back of the First Fifteen, who, forming a splendid combination with J. Robinson and H. Rees thwarted many of the efforts of the opposing sides.

Among the juniors most prominent is J. Russell, captain of the sixth grade, who led his team to success on many occasions.

**ATHLETICS.**—Once again Reid is the most outstanding house in athletics, the senior members even eclipsing the record of the juniors last year. Reid was fortunate enough to secure the highest number of points in the school sports, which is in keeping with the champion house's previous performances. Those who assisted in this are to be heartily congratulated. Among these are V. Napier, who annexed the mile and 880 yards championships; J. Metcalfe, winner of the high jump and senior championship athletics cup; E. Martin, winner of the senior hurdles championship; and T. Pauling, shot putt champion.

Others, whose performances were particularly meritorious, are: M. Power, H. Rees and J. Mewton. Reid House was not so successful in the junior section of the athletics, not because of the absence of good athletes; but, perhaps, because of inexperience and lack of training. Junior members, however, are not to be disheartened, because of temporary defeat; for there is every possible opportunity of victory next year.

It is to be remarked upon, that Reid House members constituted the greater part of the victorious representatives of the School in the C.H.S. and G.P.S. combined athletic meetings.

**RIFLE SHOOTING.**—Reid is once again to be congratulated in winning the second round of the inter-house rifle shooting contest at 400 and 500 yards range, thus being champion house in rifle shooting for the year.

Most outstanding in assisting Reid to its glorious success are Master, Rowell, McCallum and Millard, who scored an aggregate of 61, 59, 58, and 58 points respectively. With regard to the combined G.P.S. meeting Millard and McCallum in the first team, and Paine, in the second team, particularly distinguished themselves. Millard, scored the highest aggregate with a possible at 500 yards range, secured the G.P.S. Cup.



## THE RECORD.

TENNIS.—In tennis, Reid was unfortunate enough to be defeated. This was not due to any lack of enthusiasm on the part of the players; but rather to the fact that Reid House possessed only one representative grade player, whereas the teams of the other houses were almost entirely composed of grade players. Reid House takes this opportunity of congratulating the winning team.

CRICKET.—Although Reid was defeated, but not disgraced, in the first half year in the inter-house cricket contest, members of all teams are anticipating the recovery of lost ground. Reid House, to date, has suffered comparatively few defeats, and the coming to the fore of excellent batsmen and bowlers will surely assist in the gaining of the Sports Shield.

Several members of the Reid House are representing the school in grade cricket, the most notable of whom are Paton and Russell.

SWIMMING.—We were most successful in the recent swimming carnival. With the prospect of members who represented the House so well, such as T. Pauling, R. Robinson, MacDougal, Miller and Payne, and O'Connor, State junior diving champion, remaining at school next year, our hopes are particularly bright and well-grounded.

DEBATING.—In many of the fourth year inter-class debates members of Reid House distinguished themselves. Messrs. Rowell and Park, leaders of the 4C and 4D teams respectively, and R. Robinson, former leader of the 4A-3 team, show promise as leaders in debate. It may here be added that Martin, a member of Reid House, also is one of the pillars of the School Debating Team, which lately won the G.P.S. debating shield.

With the advent of the coming yearly examinations, we are anticipating annexing the Study Shield. We are well represented in the literary realm, for Messrs. McCredie and Park, winners of the senior section of the W. M. Nimmo prizes, are both members of Reid House.

E. QUANE (4A).

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### A Strange Ending.

The match between Wentworth's IV. and Parkes I.V. ended in a remarkable manner. Last over having been declared, James, of 2A, bowled the last ball, which was hit to cover by Warren, also of 2A. Wentworth House needed two runs to win. The two batsmen had run one, and were on their second, when the fieldsman threw the ball in, and hit the wicket. The batsman was run out, and the game declared a draw.

## GORDON HOUSE NOTES.

(1) House Captain: J. Boughton.

ATHLETICS—Gordon House should feel very pleased with its showing at the School sports, as a result of running Reid House very closely for first place.

Congratulations to R. Ashbarry on his splendid performance at the C.H.S., G.P.S., and Taree Sports! At our own sports Ashbarry annexed the 100 yards in 10 2-5sec., and the broad jump with 20ft. 11in., and was unfortunate to collide with J. Still in the 220 yards championship, which was won by H. Rees. Ashbarry jumped 21ft. 8½in. at the C.H.S. Sports. Congratulations to the winner of the Senior Cup, J. Metcalfe, and congratulations to him also on his magnificent jumps at the C.H.S., G.P.S. and Taree Sports!

Other promising athletes are Belschner, Budge and Cohen, all of whom are in fourth year, and should do well next year. Belschner is a very promising high jumper, and should prove a worthy successor to J. Metcalfe, as he cleared 5ft. 8in. very easily at Taree.

In the juniors we are represented by Reg. Clark, who has been performing very well to clear 5ft. 11in. as a high jump and 9ft. 4in in the pole vault. We also have a promising young runner and broad-jumper in Bennett, of second year.

In the under 14 ranks, C. Barr is the only athlete worthy of mention. Barr is a good all-rounder.

Gordon House has no reason to be ashamed of her athletes.

CRICKET.—Gordon House has always been well to the fore in cricket, and this season's performances do not belie the statement. We are well represented in the School firsts by Ashbarry, Burn, Cheshier and Cohen; in the seconds by Dixon and Cheetham; and in the thirds by Curran, Crouch and Ellis.

In the inter-house cricket matches we have done exceedingly well, and at present we are leading in the competition.

Davis, Dearman, Easton, Baxter and Belschner are performing well for first grade, who, so far have had a very fair share of wins.

The seconds are strongly supported by Balkind, E. Cohen, Ellis and Diethelm. This team has played so well that it is undefeated.

The thirds have such strong players in Carr, Campbell and Bolton that they also are undefeated; while the diminutive fourths, with Alder (captain) and a promising young bowler in C. Bennett, of first year, carry on the sequence by winning every match.

So, with so many promising players at hand, it seems as if Gordon House will continue to do well at cricket.



**FOOTBALL.**—Much to the disappointment of the members of Gordon House, the inter-house football competition had to be abandoned, owing to a lack of grounds. The chances of success of our first team were very fair. The forwards, led by J. Boughton and F. Berger, were a formidable pack, being wholly obtained from the senior grade teams. The backs, under Chalmers, showed great promise, notwithstanding their lack of weight. The prospects of our seconds were distinctly promising.

Gordon House was amply represented in the grade teams; Boughton, Berger and Chalmers in the first fifteen, and numerous other good players in the various other grades.

Since the majority of players are young, the prospects for next year are particularly bright.

**TENNIS.**—The tennis in the School this year has been of a higher standard than in previous years. Gordon House has been well represented in grade teams; Ashbarry, Crouch, Eizenburg, Burne and Cohen having played in either first, second, or third grade teams.

A House Competition was held at the close of the School Competitions, and Gordon House performed very creditably, being beaten by Wentworth House in the final. Possibly we might even have run them to a closer finish, but for the fact that one of our best players was unavailable on the day of the tournament.

A school singles tournament was held during the tennis season; and Ashbarry, a member of Gordon House, finally emerged as the victor. Congratulations!

As only one member of the Gordon grade teams is in fifth year, prospects for a successful season in 1930 are very bright.

**RIFLE SHOOTING.**—Congratulations to Esbworth on winning the Championship Cup for Rifle Shooting. It was a very meritorious win. Congratulations also on his becoming captain of the S.H.S. Rifle Club. We wish him luck in his new position!

The inter-house rifle-shoot, which took place since the last issue of the "Record," was keenly contested by the four houses. Gordon House was represented by: Esbworth, Chesher, Brown, Dandie, Arkinstall and Boyan. These boys are named according to the number of points each scored.

Gordon House finished up last, 61 points behind Reid House, which won the competition, while the other two places were filled by Wentworth House and Parkes House respectively.

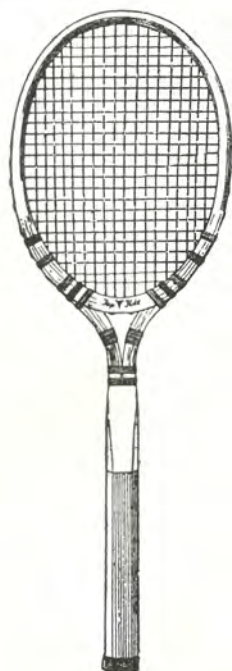
**SWIMMING.**—The House unfortunately lacks good swimmers. We have a good diver in J. Chapman, of fourth year, who won the senior diving at the School Sports; and a very promising young junior in C. Bennet of first year, who has been performing well.

## THE RECORD.

Of course the champion swimmer of the House is Reg Clarke, who broke so many records at the C.H.S. Carnival. He is, at present, in company with the other crack swimmers of the School, training under the expert tuition of Mr. Harold Hardwick of the Domain Baths, who kindly coaches them every Saturday morning.

If report is true Reg has been establishing some phenomenal times for the 50yds., and as he will still be a junior for the next C.H.S. Sports, it is quite on the cards that he will break the records that he established last year.

Good-luck to Reg Clarke for the next C.H.S. Swimming Sports!



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## SWIMMING REPORT, 1929.

About one fifth of the school take up swimming so that the Domain Baths are quite full on Wednesday afternoons. The Saturday morning coaching class is in full swing; and with the talent available, we now have a team twice as good as last year's. The attendance of the class is satisfactory, and the spirit excellent. Among ourselves we record our times each Saturday morning. At present they are: 50 yds., R. Clarke, 27 secs.; 100 yds., T. Jones, 67  $\frac{1}{5}$  secs.; 220 yds., T. Pauling, 2-51  $\frac{3}{5}$  secs.; 50 yds. backstroke, G. McDougal 37 secs.; 50 yds. breaststroke, R. Vernon and N. Thorp, 38 secs.; 100 yds. breaststroke, N. Thorp, 1-32  $\frac{2}{5}$  sec.

The juniors are swimming quite well. Clarke is outstanding in that division. In the under 14 division we have two promising swimmers in Skipper and Allen.

Prospects for C.H.S. Carnival are excellent. We have a good chance in every shield, and expect to carry off at least two.

Besides the swimmers mentioned above, we expect a great deal from T. Pauling, T. Jones, G. McDougal and J. Robinson, in the senior division; K. Payne, R. Robinson and R. Grant, in the junior; and H. Cole in the under 14.

N. W. THORP, Hon Sec.

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## DEBATING.

It can scarcely be claimed that this year has been a successful one, though the result of the competition could not have been more satisfactory for the school.

The Debating team, consisting of Bowler, Martin and Walker, won the G.P.S. competition, being undefeated in the six debates of the year. The debates with Fort Street and a Hawkesbury A.C. team were also won and in the B section of the G.P.S. competition, "High" won two contests against Shore and Scots; and drew the third with St. Ignatius. In the final the School met and defeated Grammar and thus holds the "Louat" Trophy for the year.

In less cheerful spirit we return to discuss the matter of a Debating Society. This body was not in existence throughout the year, because the number of boys who attended the early meetings, was insufficient to maintain it. Since that time debates have been conducted by the whole of fourth year on general English subjects in school time, which have probably awakened in some an interest in debating.

We can only hope that next year a strong society may be formed of boys, who may acquire added interest and enthusiasm as the result of this year's success, and also by reason of the state-wide Inter High Schools' competition, which will be inaugurated next year.

In conclusion the members of the team sincerely thank Messrs. Dennehy and Suleau for their interest and assistance in this year's debates.

T. J. MARTIN, (5A).

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### ATHLETICS NOTES.

This branch of sport has at last reached a level, worthy of Sydney High School! Our success this year was very gratifying and a tribute to the untiring efforts of our coaches.

Training was carried on in the school grounds every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon; but when the sports meeting was drawing near, we managed to gain the use of the Sydney Sports Ground on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. This afforded the boys a much needed opportunity of practicing on a circular track.

Our own sports meeting was held on the Sydney Cricket Ground on the 29th and 30th August. The number of entries for the various events was far and away a record for the school; but the number of parents and friends present, was not as large as was anticipated.

A very successful meeting was carried out, four senior records being broken, 100 yards, high jump, broad jump and shot putt. Metcalfe was the winner of the Senior Cup, Gilbert carried off the Junior, while the under 14 went to F. Street.

On September the 5th and 6th, the combined High School's Championships were held. Our teams put up a fine performance in carrying off the Senior and Junior Shields. This is the first year, S.H.S. has won the Senior Athletic Shield since 1918; and we last carried off the Junior Shield in 1920.

The most outstanding performances were those of Metcalfe and Ashbarry. The former jumped magnificently to clear 5 ft. 10½ ins., eclipsing the old record by 3½ ins. Ashbarry's broad jump of 21 ft. 8½ ins., was almost as meritorious; for he broke the old school record by 1 ft. 0½ ins., and the C.H.S. record by 9 ins.—truly a magnificent performance. He also filled the second place in the 100 and 200 yds. Our circular relay team was instrumental in creating a third record, when it ran the 440 yds. in 45 4-5 secs., breaking the old record of 46 2-5 secs. The time put up by our team was also within 3-5 secs. of the State record of 45 1-5, which stands to the credit of Western Suburbs and East Sydney Clubs.

Amongst the juniors, Webster and Clark stood out as a result of their victories in the broad jump and pole vault respectively. Both were S.H.S. records. Street jumped well in the under 14 high jump to clear 4 ft. 8½ ins., and gain second place.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the boys chaired Mr. Jennings off the ground, to show their appreciation of his fine work, in managing and coaching the teams.

The 35th Annual Combined Sports Meeting of the Great Public Schools was carried out on the 12th of October under dull, cloudy skies. Fortunately the rain held off, except for a

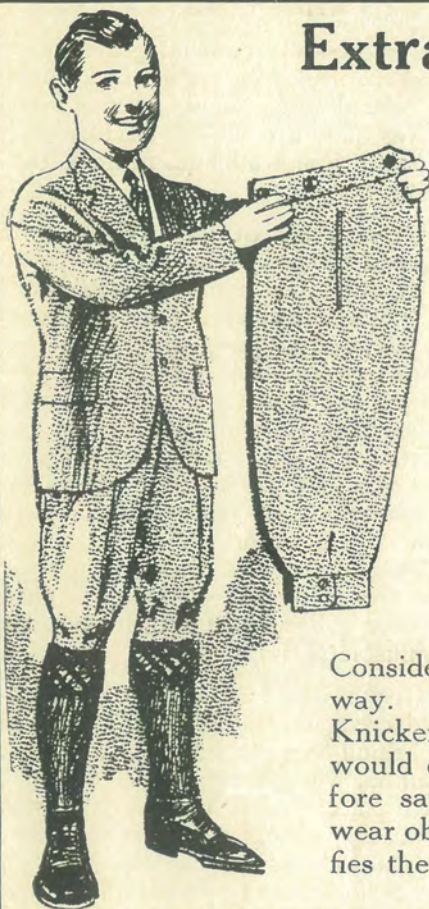
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slight shower, shortly after the commencement. Despite the weather, there was a very large attendance; and the stands, as usual, presented a colourful scene. The tracks were on the heavy side, owing to the recent rains, thus mitigating against fast times. Nevertheless, the performances were well up to standard, and in two events the previous best figures went by the board, while in two others the old records were equalled.

Although S.H.S. was not successful in annexing the Senior Shield, we put up our best performance on record by running second to Sydney Grammar School. Our Junior team finished sixth with 21 points, which was quite a creditable performance, seeing that a number of our "star" junior athletics in the C.H.S. were over age for this meeting.

The outstanding performers in the Senior Division were Ashbarry, Metcalfe, Pauling and Gerard. The first-mentioned secured a double in the 100 yds. and broad jump, and also gained third position in the 220 yds. Metcalfe continued his consistent jumping by clearing 5 ft. 10 ins., and eclipsing the previous record of 5 ft. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$  ins. This was an excellent performance considering the state of the ground, and it was indeed unfortunate for him that conditions were not better. Pauling annexed the shot putt with 39 ft. 4 ins., defeating the redoubtable D. Luibolutu of Newington College. Pauling's putt was easily a school record; and as he will be at school again next year, he should have a fair chance of breaking the G.P.S. record of 43 ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  ins. Gerard's win in the first division of the mile, was very popular and well deserved. The time of 5 mins. 5 secs., was quite good for the track. Mewton and Cohen also ran well in their divisions of the mile, and should be valuable performers next year.

Of the juniors, Hyman, Robinson and Street were outstanding. The former performed creditably to gain third place in the 100 yds. and 220 yds., behind that sterling athlete, P. C. Taylor of "Shore." R. Robinson, who is only 14 years of age, hurdled well to finish in fourth place. As the winners' time was a record, he should be quite classy by next year's meeting. F. Street caused a general surprise by carrying off the under 14 high jump with 5 ft. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$  ins., a School record. It was also within half an inch of the G.P.S. record. This same lad ran well in both the 100 yards and the 220 yds. to fill fourth and third places respectively.

In concluding, we all admit that we have had a gloriously successful year, thanks to all who have helped in making it such. Prospects for next year are very bright, and we should be just as successful, or even more so than this year.

E. BELSCHNER, (4A), Secretary.

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### TENNIS.

Great advances have been made in this activity during the year. Last year we could secure only six courts in the Eastern Suburbs, which meant that only boys from third year upwards had any chance of selection for play. This year the Union was able to make more money available, and seventeen courts were hired throughout the winter. Practically all boys who wished to play tennis were given an opportunity to do so, right down to first year boys. We have never been able to do this before.

Much more keenness and enthusiasm was in evidence, as those thought worthy were brought up to Kensington to play alongside the grade players. A tournament was held to decide the best players in junior and senior divisions. Reg Ashbarry, and E. Henry won the senior and the junior singles titles respectively; but it should be mentioned that R. Thompson—a sure winner of the juniors—decided to play in the seniors.

The grade teams met with varying success. The Firsts won five matches, lost four and forfeited one. There would be nothing remarkable in such a performance, were it not for the extraordinary consistency of our first pair, R. Ashbarry and R. Thompson, who won 33 sets out of 36 and were the outstanding pair in the whole competition.

The Seconds were very weak and lost every match. The Thirds just about held their own; but the Fourths were second in the competition, losing only two matches.

For the first time in the school's history two blues have been recommended to two tennis players, to R. Ashbarry and R. Thompson, who, we hope, will form the backbone of our attack next year.

So far our teams have been unable to practise at all, and have had to depend on match play. Next year our four courts on the school grounds will be available. This will not only enable mid-week practice; but also an earlier start in the season, so as to gain match form before actually playing in the competition. Also hopes are entertained that the generosity of some parents may enable us to secure a ball-serving machine. Altogether our prospects of success next year are brighter than ever they were.

These new courts, of which details are given in another column, will be well finished and strongly fenced. Some good friends have come to the School's assistance, and guaranteed the money for their construction, while the Parents and Citizens' Association, have guaranteed the repayment of the loan. By letting the courts on Saturdays, we hope not only to pay the loans off; but also to make tennis a self-supporting activity after that is done.

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### THE S.H.S. RIFLE CLUB.

The Rifle Club has been eminently successful during the year, and its present standard is worthy of the School.

The School has entered a team in the Citizen Forces Rifle Clubs Union fixtures, consisting of a series of monthly competitions open to all trainee units in the Metropolitan Area. The S.H.S. team is the youngest in the competitions, and at present is leading from the Sydney University Regiment by 46 points. In the two matches that have been fired, C. Ebsworth, G. Millard and D. McCallum have won silver spoons for the best aggregate of the day.

The captain was asked to enter a cadet team of four (under eighteen years of age) in the Earl Robert's Imperial Trophy, a competition open to teams of the world. Our School Team, consisting of W. Hingee, C. Ebsworth, G. Chesher, K. Lewis, with A. White teams captain, won the elimination round for the representation of N.S.W. and on the 24th September contested for the coveted trophy. The results are not yet known, but are expected to reach Sydney by the end of the year.

The shooting at the Annual Great Public Schools' meeting at Long Bay this year was of an exceptionally high standard. High came 2nd in the Buchanan Shield, 3rd in the Rawson Cup, 4th in the N.R.A. Shield.

"In the Buchanan Shield, Sydney High School's success was largely due to fine snapshooting, two of its members finishing with the maximum number of points."

In the Grand Aggregate of the whole meeting, High was excellently represented. There were eight boys who compiled 161 points and over—four of these being from High viz: G. Millard, W. Hingee, D. McCallum, and C. Ebsworth. This shows that High's tail did not wag.

There were three Cups given for marksmanship this year, two provided by the Club and the other by the School Union. The G.P.S. Grand Aggregate Cup, given by the club for the boy obtaining the highest aggregate in the G.P.S. Annual Meeting, was won by G. Millard, with a grand total of 169 points out of a possible of 179. This is perhaps the best performance the School has ever achieved, as he also finished second to A.B. Haley of King's in the G.P.S. Grand Aggregate.

The "Championship Cup," also presented by the Club to the boy obtaining the best total in a series of championship matches was won by C. Ebsworth, W. Hingee being second.

The Handicap Cup, presented by the School Union to encourage the veriest beginners, has not yet been decided.

In the National Rifle Association matches held in September many conspicuous scores were registered by members, while the teams entered in the "Fairfax" put up no mean performance.



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At the beginning of next year there will be several highly efficient members; but I wish to point out to the Upper School that lads in the Lower School were called upon to represent the School in the G.P.S. Matches.

Considerable hope is held for the nucleus of next year's team in Arkinstall, Sweet, Paine and Schomaker, and with ample practice they should have a successful campaign on the mound in 1930.

The successes of the Rifle Club this year have been greater than in any previous year; and on behalf of the Club and more especially on behalf of the members who will be leaving at the end of this year, I would like to express the Club's gratitude to Mr. Elwin for his unselfish interest in the Club and his efficiency as coach.

—CLIFF EBSWORTH (Captain).

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## MILITARY TRAINING.

Every Friday morning, since the beginning of July, all those who are or who will be senior cadets this year, assembled at 2.30 p.m. at the basement, waiting for Mr. Greaves to come along. After names were called, we were all marched over to the Victoria Barracks. For the first two or three times we were instructed, how to handle rifles, and then were allowed to try our skill at rifle shooting on a miniature range. Many of us had great difficulty in hitting the targets.

All of us were in great excitement, when it was announced that we were to receive our uniforms. On arriving at the drill-hall we were lined up; and in turn we were called into the military supply store, to get our uniform. Hats were tried on first, until we found one to fit us, and then we were given our coats, trousers, and other parts of the uniform.

After this, we had to try on our uniforms to find if they would fit us, and after this, was over, we had to assemble, while our uniforms were being inspected.

On the following Friday, we were instructed to wear our uniforms, and we were all feeling very nervous, about entering the companionship of our school mates, as we were sure, they would ridicule us, and make petty jokes about the uniforms. The first Friday, everyone was taking notice of us, and we were being joked at, in whatever part of the building we entered. But now, has come the dreadful news, that military training has been abolished, and we all feel sorry, perhaps!

P.B., (4A).

### THE NIMMO LITERARY PRIZES.

Early in the year W. M. Nimmo, Esq., donated a sum of £5 as a prize for the best imaginative composition, with the object of encouraging such composition in the school. With the donor's consent the money was divided to provide for prizes in the upper and lower school and verse composition was included.

A competition was held during the first half year; but the results both in prose and verse were so disappointing that the adjudicators decided to withhold the award and organise another competition.

The second competition closed on the 31st October and a large number of entries was received from both divisions of the school for the imaginative prose section.

It is gratifying to note a very decided improvement in the quality of all the entries, while the winning compositions reached a fairly high order of merit.

We have much pleasure in announcing the following awards :—

(1) Senior Short Story.—1st Prize, J. G. McCredie (4A); 2nd Prize, K. L. Park (4D).

(2) Junior Short Story.—1st Prize, R. M. Gilmour (2A); 2nd Prize, A. J. Harker (2A).

(3) Senior Verse.—F. T. Brett (4A).

(4) Junior Verse—Lloyd Kentwell (1A). —Adjudicator.

### “CURRAN.” TOPICS OF 3rd. XI.

When the day is “Algar”-ish patience is the essence of batting. Be content to “Pat-on” and “Pat-on.” But if the ball bumps high “Turner” neatly to leg. A “Zietsch” ball is bowled, watch its flight, and don’t—“Ellis” that it was the gentle “Russell” of the breeze which made the ball swerve. This is an a-“Pauling” state of affairs to fall into. When fielding, “Crouch” low ready for the ball; you can’t a-“Ford” to miss catches. Hit out right lustily at the slow “Balkind.”

J. RUSSELL.

### IN THE GYM.

I have noticed that, after spending one period a week for nearly a year in the gym, many boys have obviously benefited by the training. Quite a large number of boys who at the beginning of the year performed their exercises clumsily, now drill with ease and grace.

The most outstanding gymnast among the smaller boys is Anderson, who performs the exercises with a smartness and grace which are apparent to the rest of the class. Other promising boys are Martin, Cornforth and Watson. J.M., (2A).



## THE CLIPPER "FORTUNE."

Story Competition).

(Awarded First Prize Nimmo Senior Short



John G. McCredie, the author of "The Clipper Fortune," is a native of Sydney. All his life he has been interested in ships. His reading has found practical expression, for recently he constructed a model of a fully-rigged ship, which is now mounted in a handsome glass case. "Mac" is of a retiring disposition, but at last year's Intermediate Certificate Exam. he obtained 5 A's and 2 B's, and recently has been appointed prefect of 4A class. While a pupil of Woolahra Public School, he won a Sixth Class Essay Competition on "Sydney Harbour." Probably "Mac" will enter the profession of architecture when school days are over.

Captain James Stephens did not look very happy as he watched the sturdy little tug fighting its way back into the harbour mouth after casting loose his ship the "Fortune."

The "Fortune" was the fifth ship of the wool fleet for the year 187—, to clear Sydney Heads. With three fast vessels ahead and three more to follow on within the next few days, hopes of being amongst the first six to arrive in London were not very high.

In those days the competition was very keen among the sailing ships which took home the wool; for, by the time the cargoes of six ships were on the market, there would be no demand for wool for about three months. Accordingly the owners of the remaining vessels had the chagrin of seeing their cargoes put into bond for that time.

But there was another reason why the Captain of the "Fortune" should be anxious to win a place. His firm had offered him a sum of money should he succeed. It was not the honour of winning the prize for which he intended to drive his ship to the utmost, but the fact that the money would be sufficient to pay for an operation on his little crippled daughter and restore to her the use of her limbs.

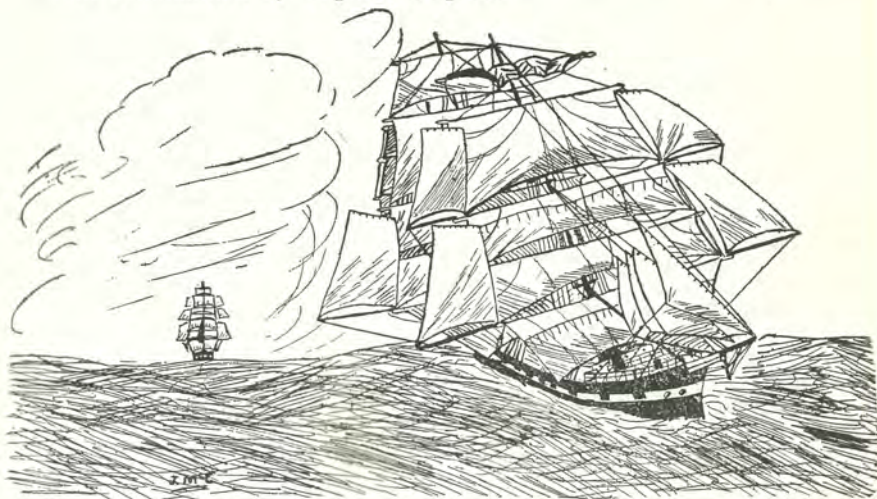
The Captain ordered all sail to be set up to royal studding-sails, and the full-rigged ship "Fortune" of nine hundred and fifty tons burden dropped out of sight of land before midday, running at a speed of twelve knots.

On the second day a four-masted barque, the "Diogenes," was sighted ahead and was steadily over-hauled, till, on the sixth

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day out from port she dropped out of sight of the "Fortune."

There were still three vessels ahead, however, and there was no chance of catching them up. There were several vessels following on behind, but only three of these were faster ships than that commanded by Captain Stephens.



After passing the Lizard, the "Alexander" was only half a mile behind.

Before another week had passed the "Port Phillip," one of the three ships behind, had caught up with her. This ship had overtaken her in two weeks. About ten weeks would elapse before London was reached, so that it was very likely that the other two, also would arrive before the "Fortune."

As Cape Horn was neared, both the "Port Phillip" and another vessel passed her.

There was only one formidable rival left now, the "Alexander." Every morning Stephens went up to the maintop to scan the horizon to see if his fears were realized. The anxiety which he felt was kept to himself; but he often walked the poop, in moody silence, glancing astern every now and then.

The weather had become colder, and the crowd from the forecastle could be seen preparing their oilskins in readiness for the fight which they knew they would have to put up to bring the ship safely round that ill-omened cape.

The older hands began to tell tales of the times they had been round the Horn before, and, as the new apprentices came near, they would look critically at the sky and add: "And it looks as if we'll get it worse than ever this time. Why, look at the clouds, there'll be a snorter on top of us before this week's out."

The heavens had for some days been overcast and an icy wind came in squalls from the south.



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The studdingsails which denoted fine weather had been taken in a week before. As time passed, the sky became positively threatening. A line of heaving black clouds was gradually mounting above the horizon. It looked like a veritable "snorter."

The Captain was anxiously watching all these signs, for he well knew what Cape Horn weather could do; and he feared lest the ship might be damaged and so make his chance of a place smaller than ever. He well knew that the loss of masts and spars is by no means an uncommon occurrence in such weather as this promised to be.

The hatches were battened down. Ropes were rooted out to be fitted up as lifelines, since the "Fortune" had no midship bridges and the maindeck with the seas sweeping over it was a source of great danger. The boats were lashed into place and the decks cleared. The ship was ready for the worst.

The next day dawned dull and threatening. A dim, eerie light pervaded the scene, whilst the water had assumed a sinister, dirty appearance. The ship rolled in an oily, sluggish swell which was ruffled now and then by an icy wind approaching from the south.

The skipper, pacing the poop, had the royals, topgallantsails and uppertopsails taken in.

The storm burst with a shriek.

The ship heeled over with the force of the wind, till the foaming cauldron of water buried the lee rail and mounted the sloping deck, almost reaching the hatches. Men clung to anything handy to prevent themselves from sliding down the slanting deck. It seemed she could never reach an even keel; but, gradually she righted, till with a shudder she was upright, and came round to the wind.

Sail was ordered to be shortened, and the men clambered up the weather rigging to furl the great sails. It was a colossal task. It was a case of man fighting the elements. But at last the men conquered and the ship, eased of the extra canvas, rode on under fore topmast stay sail and fore and mizzen lower topsails.

The main deck was hidden time and again, the seas sometimes filling her to the topgallant rail, till it seemed she must sink under the weight of the water.

The Captain, standing beside the two helmsmen, every sense on the alert, gave the word at the exact moment and those at the wheel would bring her through each time. She shook herself free of the water in response to the wheel and came up ready for the next wave.

The spray, hurled aloft by the wind, froze on the rigging and sails, till the watch were forced to go up and chip it off the blocks to allow them free play.

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The men were swept away from the braces as they pulled on them. They were carried across the deck till they managed to get hold of the bits, or hatches; or they were cast into the lee bulwarks.

The yards bent under the strain of the sails on them, till it seemed they must snap, and the men anxiously watched, waiting for the order to go aloft and furl the remnants of a rail or to clear the wreckage of a broken spar.

Suddenly both sheets on the fore lower topsail parted and the sail flew out in the wind, flapping with reports that could be heard above the shriek of the gale.

The men struggled up the shrouds to furl it. Not one of them knew how he got along the footropes or how he passed the gaskets over the sail and made it fast. But they did it somehow, and the ship, kept to the wind by the fore stay sail, bounded on.

Towards morning the wind had begun to abate somewhat and lightning began to flash. The air had become highly charged with electricity and the thunder was deafening.

Suddenly there came a mighty crash of thunder and some one screamed:—

"She'll be struck! She'll be struck!" A blinding flash of forked lightning hissed into the sea alongside.

Then a voice cried: "Look aloft! The yards!"

Dancing on the ends of the yards and on the trucks of the masts could be seen little flames of St. Elmo's fire. Sometimes little balls of the strange fire would run down the masts and along the yards.

For about ten minutes this wonderful display of lights lasted. It was watched with wonder and admiration by the men. It stood out against the dark, wind-streaked clouds, casting a faint, weird light on the ship which flickered and flashed.

Some of the old hands declared it was a bad omen and meant ill-luck for the ship. They were pooh-poohed by the apprentices as usual, who were supported, to their surprise, by the skipper.

"I think that display has marked the end of the storm, thank Heaven," said Stephens to his second mate. "You'd better give orders for sail to be set."

The wind had died down considerably, although the seas were still high. Such a wind, however, although still strong was favourable for fast sailing. The frozen sails were beaten out and the ship sped onwards once more.

Occasionally an outward-bound vessel would pass by. The sailors looked at these with a superior smile as they beat into the wind, their decks awash and their crews toiling on the frozen ropes, drenched to the skin as they themselves had been a few nights before. But that was forgotten now. They could sail straight on with hardly a yard to be altered, while the crew



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over yonder would be mustering to the braces as the ship rounded on another tack, with the water swirling about their legs, while the scuppers and wash-ports poured ceaseless waterfalls.

The decks of the "Fortune" might be still awash; the scuppers might be pouring as hard, almost, as the outward boulder's; but there was little work to be done. They did not have to be in the main deck all the time hauling on ropes. They were homeward bound!

So the good ship sailed on. There was still no sign of a rival coming astern, nor was there any ship to be seen ahead. But the log registered good sailing and the skipper was satisfied. The winds continued to be favourable, and soon she went along under "all possible sail" to use the official phrase.

The "Fortune" flew on, past Diego Ramirez, up towards the Falklands. Onwards she went skimming over the crests of the waves, swooping down into the troughs, till the foresail swelled to the wind and pulled her up again to the crests. Ever onwards, the spray flying from her graceful bows, every line of her radiating strength and beauty, racing on for the prize which was to bring happiness to a little cripple, waiting for her father in that little cottage on the outskirts of mighty London.

The ship seemed to read her skipper's thoughts and to realise that he wanted her to speed to her utmost; and, as though in answer, she spread her bellying white wings to the wind, and flew ever faster.

Captain Stephen's hopes began to rise as he realised that the "Alexander," the only ship he feared, must have left several days after him. He might yet arrive in London in sixth place.

When the vessel reached the Bay of Biscay and still no rival appeared, he became more confident. The anxious expression which had pervaded his features during the earlier part of the voyage, had gone. For, he thought, even if the "Alexander" did happen to come into sight, the "Fortune" could surely hold her own for the remainder of the voyage to London.

But just before leaving the waters of the Bay, there appeared on the edge of the horizon, the very vessel he did not wish to see.

Day by day the ship astern began to gain on the "Fortune" very steadily. It was going to be an exciting race indeed. As the two ships approached the Lizard the wind increased in force, but Stephens refused to take in a single sail. He was resolved to carry on to the last minute; although the chances of beating the "Alexander" seemed now to be very small.

His happiness had soon left him when he saw how he was being overtaken. Each day he remained on deck till darkness fell, and at night he tossed in his bunk, snatching only a few hours sleep. It would be a bitter disappointment to be beaten in the very last stage of the race. But he was determined he

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should not be beaten. He had led the "Alexander" for two days across the Bay. She was still behind, and at the rate she was gaining, the "Fortune" still had a chance.

The wind was still blowing hard, and the fore-castle hands were waiting uneasily for the order to shorten sail; for the straining squares of canvas threatened to crack the spars. But the order was not given, and the "Fortune" went racing along under full sail with fore and main topmast studdingsails and fore topgallant studdingsails set. On she went with her rival slowly gaining, till after passing the Lizard, the "Alexander" was only half a mile behind.

Captain Stephens stood at the taffrail watching the approaching vessel, looking aloft at the bellying canvas, scanning the sky, the very picture of uneasiness and anxiety. Now he would start to pace up and down, now he would examine the binnacle, then he would be leaning over the taffrail again watching the "Alexander" through his telescope.

The men no longer wished to shorten sail for they were infused with the spirit of the race. They wanted their ship to win.

The captain remained on deck all that day. At nightfall the "Alexander" was almost level with the "Fortune." Lower studdingsails were ordered out by the desperate Stephens; and the ship, with the wind on her port quarter, heeled over under the pressure of canvas, till her starboard bulwarks were covered by a smother of white foam.

The other ship was carrying all the sail she could stand. She looked a noble sight with her bulging white sails spread to the wind, and her graceful cutwater bow rising and dipping as she ploughed her way through the foam-flecked waters. Her path was marked by a line of silvery foam, which glowed like a mass of the purest pearls in the soft rays of the rising moon. She was a sight which any artist would have revelled in painting.

The two vessels seemed to be running at equal speeds now. They were doing about sixteen knots, roaring along over the ruffled waters neck and neck. They caught up with, and passed two steamers in their flight.

At one moment it seemed that the "Fortune" was creeping ahead; at the next her slight lead would be overtaken by the other.

All the crew were on deck, thrilled with excitement, cheering their ship, climbing into the rigging the better to see their rival.

The "Fortune" sailed as she never had sailed before, she seemed to leap over the waves, literally to throw herself forward. Gradually she began to draw ahead till she led by a length.

The captains' heart rose as she forged ahead. It seemed that she might yet win.

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But she did not increase her lead. Then gradually she began to drop back. The "Alexander" in her turn forged ahead and again took the lead. But unlike the "Fortune," she did not drop back again. She continued to fly on, to increase the distance between the two vessels, till, when day dawned, she led by two miles, and the other ship was left with no chance of beating her.

Captain Stephens descended slowly to his cabin. The reaction of the sleepless nights and the anxiety set in, and he gave way to his disappointment. Things had been hard with him for the last few years, and he had been waiting for such an opportunity as this to help his little daughter. But now all was lost. He had been beaten, and would receive no prize. Beaten at the eleventh hour!

It would not have been half so bad, had the "Alexander" passed him in mid-Atlantic; but to see the goal before his very eyes, to see the prize being taken from his hand, when defeat had seemed almost impossible, was more than he could bear.

It seemed that Fate had been against him all the way, with the late start he had had, the storm, and now, worst of all, defeat.

He threw himself on his bunk and wept like a child.

Success had meant so much to him. It had meant the welfare of the little cripple he loved so well. And he had failed.

That afternoon, the pilot came aboard, to be received by the first mate, who informed him that the captain was apparently ill and would not see anybody.

The pilot was silent, till, as the tug brought the ship up to the wharf behind her recent rival, he remarked :

"Well, you just did it, eh?"

"Did what?" asked the mate.

"I mean, you just arrived sixth in the fleet."

"Sixth! The 'Alexander' was sixth." Came the astonished answer.

"No. The 'Alexander' was fifth. The 'Port Phillip' has not arrived yet," explained the pilot.

To his amazement, the mate sprang over the break of the poop to the quarterdeck, and rushed to the captain's cabin.

"We're sixth! We're sixth!" he shouted wildly. "The 'Port Phillip' isn't in yet!"

There came a cry of disbelief from the cabin.

"It's true! It's true!" cried the mate and raced off to tell the crew.



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Ten minutes later the captain, his face haggard and his eyes red, but with a happy smile on his face came on deck and made ready to go ashore for his reward and his home.

Three months later the "Port Phillip" was posted as missing at Lloyd's.

Evidently, she also had encountered the Cape Horn "snorter," but with disastrous result.

J. McCredie (4A).

### REFERENCE LIBRARY.

During the current half year, the reference library has been augmented by the addition of a considerable number of valuable books especially in English, History and Science. We have to acknowledge the donation of £16 from the Parents and Citizens' Association, with which we were able to provide much needed books in English literature and modern History.

The Old Boys Union also made a donation of £5 towards books for the Coates' Memorial Library. This sum enabled us to purchase half a dozen works in Shakespearean Criticism, which were urgently needed by the Fourth and Fifth Year Classes.

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Keith L. Park, author of "Man Proposes," was born at Albury, and has spent most of his life in country centres. He is a newcomer at Sydney High from Summer Hill Intermediate High School. His story, "Fortune Creek," was published in the last edition of the "Record," and revised for the competition in which he has gained second prize. Both stories are based on gold-mining, with which the author became familiar during his residence at Wilcannia, from which he visited the abandoned mines at Cobar. Some years ago Keith was awarded a certificate in a Wattle Day Competition run by the old "Telegraph." His ambition is to enter the profession of journalism, where, no doubt, his talent and enterprise will earn him recognition.

"Deep in the yellow, flowing river—  
That's where the dead men lie!  
Under the bank where the shadows quiver—  
"That's where the dead men lie!"

Barcroft Henry Boake.

Cold! In the hot hush of noon the cry echoed and re-echoed along the stone-strewn hillside. The man on the summit stared vaguely for a moment, then plunged down the slope in a mad frenzy of haste, his face alight with hope.

When he reached the swiftly-flowing creek, the sight of the gleaming nuggets in his mate's hand, confirmed that wild cry. The careless dislodging of a stone had revealed that a hitherto unprospected part of the creek bed was studded with the gleaming metal.

For a moment the men stood breathless each spell-bound in the immensity of his good fortune.

They were strangely contrasted these two. One was a bushman, lithe, sunbrowned and frank-eyed. The other was a weedy city lout, shifty-eyed, weak-chinned and pale-faced. The inevitable cigarette hung from his loose lips, and even the startling discovery had not forced him to discard it.

The first transports of joy over, the two set to work, and filled two small bags with the precious nuggets. A hasty meal was prepared and eaten, and they sat down by the fire.

The faces revealed in the red glow were strangely dissimilar. The bushman's expressed quiet joy and honest pride in work well-rewarded. The city man's showed avarice, and his eyes



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gleamed evilly, as if imbued with Satanic life. There was something else too, as his frequent lowering glances towards the man opposite showed. When his companion "thought he'd turn in," he mumbled a reply; his hands clenched and unclenched nervously, and his face worked with unnameable passions.

For a long time he stared into the fire; ever and anon he started up with an air of indecision. At last he sprang resolutely to his feet and seizing an axe lying nearby he crept to his mate's blanket.

The innocent, almost childlike face stared up at him seeming to reproach, and with a sob in his throat he was about to throw away his weapon. At that moment one of the gold bags, insecurely placed, fell over on its side, with a musical clink.

The sound seemed to rouse the wild beast in the man. He took a tighter grip on the axe, and throwing himself on the sleeper, smote and smote with insenate rage.

The deed accomplished, he fled shrieking into the outer gloom, pursued by a thousand devils of fancy. The denizens of the bush watched in terror, while he stamped up and down, alternately cursing and praying in dreadful agony of mind.

It seemed indeed, as if he must go mad. But at dawn he calmed himself sufficiently to return, drawn by the greed, which men of his kind can never resist.

Avoiding the ghastly thing at the fire, he made his way towards the hut. It was fully five minutes before he was able to control himself sufficiently to cross the threshold, which had so often rung to the footsteps of the dead man.

Unable to eat, he packed some provisions, and strapped them on one of the horses. Then turning to the gold he found that the body had fallen across it. In an access of blind unreasonable panic he dragged the bloodstained thing to the creek. There he hurled it in, where it was caught between two stones. Feverishly grasping the gold, he put it with the provisions and set out.

Urged on by fear, he travelled all day, then camped at the foot of a hill, not far from his objective. When he woke at dawn the sky was dark with scudding clouds, and when his preparations were complete the rain was pouring down in blinding sheets.

He pushed on, hoping to reach the main river of which the creek was an off-shoot before the floods came down. But as he left the slopes and descended on to the flats, the sight of the first crest told the tale of failure. Far away up the valley thundered a huge wall of water.

Tying the gold round his neck, he loosed the pack-horse and urged the jaded saddle-beast through the water. When nearly across, he felt the horse sinking under him. He slipped off cursing, for the roaring torrent was almost upon him.

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He began to swim. As he neared the bank, the trailing cord, which tied the bags, caught in some obstruction. Taking a firm hold on the bank, he turned to free himself. With a choking gasp he tugged wildly at the rope which held him; for he was staring into the face of his dead mate!

With the clearness of mind which comes to those on the brink of eternity, he realized that the body had been swept down by the flooded creek as it rushed to join the river.

Reaching out a hand to shut out those staring eyes, he was whirled rapidly away from the bank. While the rope slowly tightened round his neck. As he uttered a frightful scream, the weight pulled him beneath the surface, and he disappeared in a swirl of broken water.

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**THE LIGHTHOUSE MYSTERY.**  
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Robert Gilmour, the author of "The Lighthouse Mystery," came to Australia from overseas. Robert was born in Renfrewshire, and went to school at Strone, a small village on the coast of Argyllshire.

About four years ago, before setting out on the voyage to Australia, the kindness of a friend enabled him to see over the Clock lighthouse in the Firth of Forth. While a pupil of Carlton Public School, "Gilly" won the sixth class story competition with a tale of the Hebrides; and an essay open to all pupils of the school on the "Uses of the Gramophone."

There has been a lot of talk in the papers lately about "The Light-house Mystery," as they call it. In case you don't just remember the facts, I'll quote a newspaper cutting :

Mystery still shrouds the fate of the two light-house men who disappeared in such strange circumstances, on May 17th, from the William's Reef light-house, on the west coast of Wales. For three nights the light was not lighted, and no word of accident came from the keepers. On the 21st a boat set off from the shore, and found on arrival, that both men were missing. A search ensued, but no note or letter of any description was found. No signs of a struggle were to be seen, and the boat was lying in its usual position on the jetty.

Well, as I, Tom Jacobson, am one of the keepers concerned, I know all about it, and the world may as well know the facts.

It was on the 17th when it happened. Joe Franklin, the other keeper, and I, were in our kitchen having breakfast, when we noticed a big motor-boat rushing towards us from the Atlantic. We raced out to the landing-stage, and waited there for the boat to approach. We were quite excited; for, you see, it was a rare thing for any boat to come to that lonely reef.

Well, as I said, we waited there till the boat came up to the jetty; then we caught the rope that was thrown to us, and took a turn round the bollard with it.

There were three men in the boat, hardy-looking fellows, with the ordinary blue jerseys and flat caps of the average sailor. It struck me as strange that there was no name on their jerseys. One of them, leaping ashore, touched his cap, and said, "These

are stores for this station, sir," indicating, with a sweep of his hand, some boxes lying in the bottom of the launch.

"Why, what's up with the Trinity boat?" I asked him, curiously.

"She got smashed up a bit trying to take stores to the Bishop," the sailor answered, "so they asked us to bring 'em. That's our ship out there!"

I gazed out to sea, and for the first time noticed a long, rakish-looking steamer lying hove-to.

"That's not all, eh?" Joe asked.

"Oh no; that's only a little bit; but we didn't want to take too much at once. It's a risky business, this."

"It is," Joe agreed. "Well, will you just carry the boxes up to the door, there?"

The two men who had remained in the boat hopped out, and we helped them to lift the boxes. We stood talking to the other man, while they carried the boxes up to the door. We heard their footsteps as they came back, then something gave me a terrific clout on the nape of the neck, and I went to sleep.

When I came to, I had a splitting headache. I was lying on a bunk in a small cabin, with a barred port-hole. Joe Franklin was lying groaning on another bunk. I tried to move, but my hands were tied behind me. I closed my eyes and tried to think, but unconsciousness came over me again.

When I woke up again, the appetising smell of coffee was in my nostrils. Joe Franklin was sitting on his bunk with a mug of hot coffee in his hand. I found I could move my hands, so I levered myself over my bunk, very laboriously, for I was aching in every joint. Joe looked up as he heard me moving.

"Hallo, Tom," he said, "All right now?"

"Pretty fairish, except for a headache," I answered. "What on earth happened?"

"Those three chaps from the boat knocked us over the head, of course," said Joe, "then I suppose they brought us off to that ship we saw. But what on earth can they mean?"

"Dashed if I know," I said indignantly, "but it may be serious, for what will happen to boats if the light isn't on?"

"We've been here some time now," Joe said, "for it's dark outside. But I can't make out anything."

"Who brought the coffee?" I asked.

"A Chineese, and—oh, I forgot, there's a mug for you below the bunk."

I went down on my knees and fished the cup out, then I drained it in three gulps. "I was needing that," I said. "I felt fair parched."

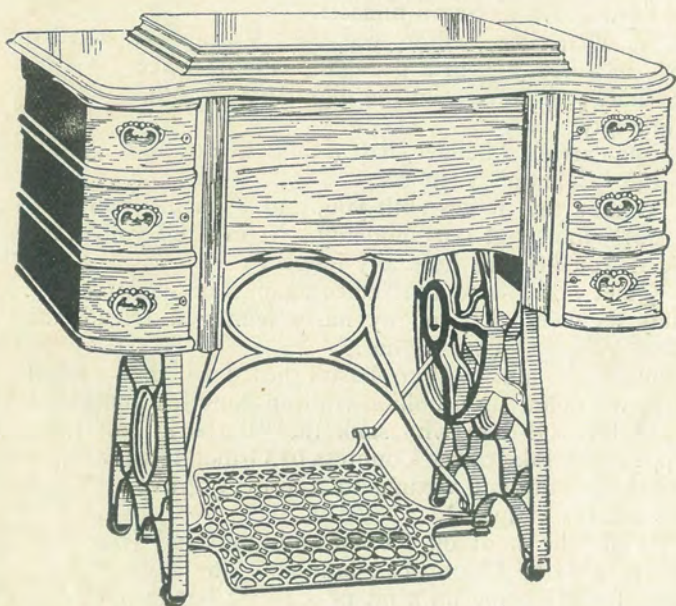
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"Captain wants you, gentlemen," he said, in quite good English. "Follow me, please!"

"No good making a break, Joe," I said, "for we don't know where we are."

We followed the Chink along a passage-way, up a companion, across a short bit of deck to the bridge, up to the bridge, then the Chinese stopped outside a door marked "Captain." He rapped at the door and a sharp voice said, "Come in." So in we went and found ourselves in a plainly-furnished cabin, with maps and charts hanging on the wall. At a plain desk sat a little wizened man, a mere shrimp of a fellow, but his eyes! They looked clean through you, and, I tell you, I felt fair shrivelled up. The door closed, and we were left alone with the "Captain."

He glanced from Joe to me and back again, but what a relief to me! I felt sick whenever these eyes looked into mine, for I felt he was evil as Satan himself.

"At what time, fellow, was the "Vulcan" expected off the reef?" he asked Joe, in a peculiar, metallic voice.

"At half-past eleven, on the night of the 20th," Joe answered unthinkingly.

"She carries, I believe, half a million sterling in gold bullion, eh?" the "Captain" went on.

"What's that to do with you, and what are you playing at with us?" Joe burst out suddenly. "I can tell you, it'll be the worse if you keep us here any longer!"

"Quiet now," said that voice again, but with menace in it. "I may as well tell you, my hasty tempered friend, that I'm Captain Vasto. Heard of me?"

Heard of him? Who hasn't heard of that cold-blooded wretch, who blew up a bullion train in America and killed fifty-one people? Of him who sank the "Barbaric" off the Tahiti group, for the sake of the Countess of Ormanda's jewels, sending ninety-three innocent victims to a watery grave? No wonder I had felt his evilness!

"Well," he went on, "I had you removed from the light-house to get the "Vulcan's" bullion. The light won't be on tonight, for it's come up a bit of a blow; but they can't put off from the shore to have a look, so that doesn't matter. But when the "Vulcan's" due, there'll be a powerful light on a derrick half a mile up the reef. So, you see, the Vulcan will just run into the reef about where the light-house stands. Then I and my men will hop in, and, with the aid of a few machine guns, collect that half million."

He paused for a moment to let his words sink in then said, "Good-night, my friends," and disappeared through another door. We went out into a passage, where the Chink was waiting. He led us back to our cabin, but, as we crossed the deck, I took the opportunity to stare towards where I supposed the



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coast to be. No lights, however, were to be seen, and certainly not the bright flash of the station. I noticed, too, that the wind had sprung up, and a heavy sea was running. Then the Chinese hustled us down the companion, along the passage, into our cabin. There the key turned in the door, the light clicked out, and we were left in darkness and despair.

That was a nerve racking night for us. We knew that a ship was to be wrecked, perhaps lives lost, because of our carelessness. We ought to have been on the alert, we thought bitterly. But it was no use trying to escape, for the door was locked, and the port had an iron grating over it. So, at last, we fell asleep.

When I woke up next morning, Joe was pacing up and down the deck with a worried frown on his brow.

"No use, Tom," he said, dully, "I've searched the cabin, but there's no way of getting out."

I went over to the porthole and looked out. I could see the land, but I couldn't recognise it. Joe came and stared out over my shoulder.

The key turned in the lock, the door opened, and the Chink came in with our breakfast on a tray. He laid the tray down on the floor and backed out, keeping a wary eye on us.

We ate our breakfast and then fell to discussing the situation. At last we decided not to try to escape till the boat approached the reef to rig up the derrick. At twelve they brought us more food, and again at seven.

We were kept there all that day, and the next, but on the 20th, we were taken up on deck. The derrick was all ready, and they were only waiting for night to rig it up on the reef. No one took any notice of us, so we took our chance and sneaked all round the deck, seeing if there was anything to help us to escape. However, we had found nothing, and formed no plan when darkness fell, and the boat crept towards the land.

We had been lying about ten miles out, and, as we were going slow, it was fully eight o'clock when the ship was moored alongside the reef.

If it hadn't been extraordinarily calm, the boat would surely have been smashed on the reef. As it was, they moored her securely with fenders down her side, and then threw a gangway across. The ship was showing no lights, you know, and everything was done as quietly as possible, so that no one from the shore could hear. They must have been on the reef before, for although it was dark, and there were no lights to help them, they all knew what to do.

Joe said he was going to jump, and swim for it, but we noticed the Chink hovering in the shadow of a deckhouse with his revolver in his hand.

"We'd better settle him first!" I said, in a low voice.

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"We'll separate, you go aft and I'll go forward. Take him behind."

We parted, but I noticed that the Chink was watching me. I walked towards him, and he watched me very carefully. He never thought of Joe, who came up behind him and hit him over the head with an iron bar he had picked up. I caught him as he fell forward, and hauled him into the shadows.

"Come on," whispered Joe, and we stole silently to the side. Just then a brilliant notion struck me.

"Just a tick," I said, and ran aft to where the motor-boat that had brought us was hanging on its davits. Joe followed me, and I told him my plan.

"We'll take this boat, Joe," I murmured, in case we should be overheard, "and go for our lives to the Llanperro coastguard station."

"But that's thirty miles away," Joe interrupted.

"It's a fast boat, and the destroyer there is very fast. We'll do it."

"All right," was Joe's reply, so we set to lowering the boat. We let it down very carefully without any noise. Then, as Joe was about to slide down into it, I caught him by the arm.

"You'd better not come," I said, "You'd be best to stay here; for, if they see one, they'll think the other is about."

Joe brought some tins of petrol from a deckhouse and lowered them gently into the boat. Then I slid down into the boat. There was a pair of oars there, I noticed, so I picked them up and was just going to cast loose the ropes when a thought struck me. "Sling down the Chink!" I called out. "Quick!"

A few seconds later the Chinaman, with a rope round his waist, was lowered into the boat. I cast off all the ropes, and pulled out to sea. When I was a safe distance from the boat, I started the engine, and we raced along the coast to Llanperro.

The spray came flying over me from time to time, but I enjoyed that ride. It was good to feel I was free again, and doing my duty. I kept a wary eye on the Chink, but he never moved.

It had been about a quarter past eight when I left the ship. At a quarter to nine I reached Llanperro. The commander of the destroyer listened attentively to all I told him.

"Captain Vasto?" he barked, "I'll get him, too, by gosh!" And at ten o'clock the destroyer, Vigilant, left Llanperro.



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Well, there's nothing much to tell after that. The Vigilant reached the reef at eleven, and caught Captain Vasto's ship stealing out. She refused to stop when a shot was sent across her bows, so Commander Datson sent three shots into her engine-room. That stopped her anyway.

The sailors searched the ship for Captain Vasto; they found him in bed with a bullet through his head, and a revolver in his hand.

So passed Captain Vasto.

The lights of the Vulcan were seen to glide past in safety at half-past eleven.

We had found that the light-house lens and light had been smashed, so the motor-launch with a hand searchlight was moored off the reef. Seemingly, no one on shore had noticed, for the papers didn't mention it.

Joe Franklin was found safe and sound in his cabin. So ended our adventure and the nefarious deeds of Captain Vasto. When the men had searched the lighthouse, they had been unable to get into the light-room, as the door was locked by the wreckers after they had smashed the lens.

On the night of the 21st all the newspapers were full of the solution of the mystery.

Joe and I, however, crept out of the limelight as quickly as possible. We preferred our quiet light-house life.

N. M. Gilmour (2A).



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**A DEAL IN OPIUM.**  
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Andrew Harker, the author of "A Deal in Opium," was born in Mosman; but before he was aware of that fact, made the trip to China with his parents. Thence at the age of four he went to England. Naturally, he has heard much of China, although he was too young during his stay to observe a great deal. The starting idea of this story was the Chinese custom of sending the dead back to their native villages for burial. A few years ago, "Drew" won the R.S.P.C.A. prize, open to pupils of New South Wales, for the best essay, stating the objects of the Society.

Arthur McDonald, British Customs Officer at the port of Wu-hu on the Yangtse Kiang, gazed with far from loving eyes upon the coffins which were being carried by a gang of noisy coolies from the deck of the river steamer "Kwang Wu."

"Wish these natives would bury their blooming friends where they die instead of sending their corpses to their native joint to be buried," he muttered to himself; for he had been in China long, and was well acquainted with the custom of sending the corpses of dead friends to be buried in their native town or village.

Suddenly he started, and stared hard at a coffin which had been thrown rather heavily to the ground by a coolie. "There are tin cans in that, or I'll be jiggered," he muttered. Then suddenly it dawned on him that it might be opium. This thought roused him to the importance of the situation. He could not take immediate action and have the coffin opened, so he resolved on a daring plan. He took particular note of the size, shape and appearance of the coffin, and then went back to his ordinary duties. At the end of the day he went to his quarters for tea.

He was not excited, on the other hand he was calm, when at about half-past seven he went out, and wended his way through the narrow deserted lanes of the native city. Occasionally his path was lighted by flickering oil lamps, but usually all was dark.

At last he reached the outskirts of the city and came to the burial hall, where the coffins awaited a "lucky day" to be buried. It was situated on top of a hill, more or less exposed; so McDonald kept in the shadow as much as he could, while



he was approaching it. Before he crossed the small open grass patch, he looked round to make sure no one was in sight; but he saw only the dark deserted streets and the broad expanse of the silent city spread before him. Then he turned, crossed over to the door which was half open and stealthily went inside.

McDonald stood still for a few minutes until his eyes became accustomed to the dark. The hall was a single long, low, wooden room, dank and dirty, with a broad, wooden shelf running along three of the walls. On this shelf were placed rows of coffins, while numbers of them were on the floor. McDonald crept on top of one of the higher coffins, above the coffin in which was hidden, so he believed, opium; felt that his torch was safe, and settled down to wait.

He was certain that someone would come; for as he said later, "Dead bodies don't usually rattle like tin cans." At a quarter-past ten he heard a faint sound as of whispering voices outside. Immediately he grew rigid and flattened himself out on the coffin.

Slowly the small ray of moonlight from the half-opened door widened, and a shadow darkened the threshold. Then a man stepped in, followed by another. For a moment or two the moonlight fell full on their faces and showed clearly their features. The first one to enter was an old Chinaman with a yellow wrinkled face, a drooping mouth and narrow eyes.

The second was younger, perhaps about forty years of age, with a tawny grey moustache and a white scar on his cheek. Although they were clad in rough gowns, McDonald recognised them with a start as two of the district mandarins, Tsen and Li.

They entered silently, followed by a number of coolies. After a short search round, they stopped before the suspected coffin. Having unscrewed the lid, they exposed contents which confirmed McDonald's suspicions. The coffin was tightly packed with tins which, no doubt, were filled with opium.

He was now very excited and strained out further to obtain a clearer view. Suddenly the coffin on which he was lying creaked loudly. The mandarins jumped up from their task, to gaze with bulging eyes upon his white and startled face.

McDonald thought quickly and, jumping up, took a flying leap on to Tsen. They both landed on the floor with a crash, and rolled over and over, locked in each others grips. At last Li and the servants overcame their surprise and dashed fiercely into the fray. Although McDonald fought bravely he could not stand up to the fierce coolies; and soon he was bound hand and foot, while Tsen and Li conversed in low tones.

At last they came over to him, and the coolies having gagged him securely, threw him into the empty coffin. It was then that he realised with horror that they intended to bury him alive. They screwed the lid down, but bored some holes in it for him

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to breathe. He heard the rattle of the tins as they loaded them into a box which lay in the corner of the hall; he heard the door close softly and their footsteps die away in the distance.

McDonald lay for some time thinking over the events of the day. The mandarins had taken the torch away before they left, so he could not see anything. Then he tried to slip his hands out of the rope, but found this impossible, for the coolies had done their work well.

The air was terribly stuffy and the coffin too small, cramping his limbs; but, in spite of all these drawbacks, he fell into a troubled sleep.

He was awakened next morning (for he could see the light streaming in through the holes) by the sound of voices conversing in Chinese. He could tell by the sound of their voices that there were several men, probably coolies by their talk. They came straight to the coffin in which he was lying, and after they had had a short discussion as to which coffin it was they had to bury, McDonald felt himself being lifted up.

He was carried out into the open air and jogged along at an easy pace, while the coolies chanted the monotonous dirge they sing while carrying a load.

After about half an hour of jolting, he was dumped to the ground. He could tell by the inclination that the coffin was on a hillside. The coolies were sitting near him enjoying a smoke before they set to work to bury him, when a plan flashed upon his brain. He suddenly wriggled violently to one side, and the coffin started slowly to jolt over and over to the bottom of the hill.

He was bumped and bruised and dizzy, when with a crash the coffin hit a stump, which shattered the lid into a thousand pieces. Sitting up dizzily amidst the screams of the coolies, as they fled full speed over the top of the hill at the sight of the resurrected "corpse," he gazed around him, half blinded by the glare of the sun.

He was seated at the bottom of a hill on a burying ground not far from Wu-hu. Close at hand he noticed a large rock, to which he managed to crawl after some trouble; then, sitting with his back to a sharp edge, he started to saw through the rope which bound his hands. Slowly but surely he felt the strands snap, until at last the rope was cut, and he was free. Hurriedly he rid himself of his gag and feet bonds, and set off at full speed for Wu-hu.

There is little more to tell. He reported the matter to the proper authorities, Tsen and Li were captured, and the opium was found in a hiding place with many other tins smuggled in at different times.

McDonald was promoted to a higher rank, but never forgot his night in a coffin.

A. Harker (2A).





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 Back Row: E. Belschner, M. Cohen, J. Menton. Second Row: J. Robinson, V. Napier, E. Martin, D. Fergusson, J. Budge.  
 Front Row: T. Pauling, J. Metcalfe, Mr. G. Saxby (Headmaster), J. Still (Capt.), Mr. A. Jennings (Coach), R. Ashbarry,  
 M. Power.



R. E. ASHBARRY,

who, at the annual sports meeting, won the 100 yards senior championship in 16 2-5 seconds, breaking a school record which had stood for 29 years. He also won the senior broad jump. At the G.P.S. Meeting he won the 100 yards and the broad jump. At the C.H.S. Meeting he won the broad jump, and ran 2nd in the 100 yards and 220 yards.

—Sydney Morning Herald.



F. STREET,

who at the School Sports broke the under 14 broad jump record with 16ft. 8½in. He also won the 100 yards, 220 yards, high jump, and broad jump. At the G.P.S. Meeting he won the high jump with 5ft. 0½in.

—Labor Daily.



## VISIT TO THE GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK.

On Monday November 11th, a visit was paid to the Government Savings Bank by members of the Record staff. The visit proved most interesting and educational, for the Committee was soon impressed with the immensity of the Bank's structure as well as by the wonderful institution that it is. It is the emblem of security, prosperity and protection, and is recognised throughout the world as a most necessary institution.

The construction of the Bank presents the acme of perfection in architecture, internal design and building. It was designed by Messrs. Ross and Rowe, Architects, built by Concrete Constructions Limited, and its tiling requirements were attended to by The Wunderlich Tile Company. It cost between one and two million pounds sterling, which itself is an indication of its enormous size. The Bank has been installed with the most modern, efficient and best equipped electric lifts namely the Waygood-Otis and English Electric. The lift-wells are products of scientific and technical skill, combining a maximum of volume with a minimum of sound.

The exterior typifies beauty and strength. The lower part of the building is faced with marble; but the higher portion is faced with tiles of a special composition, which will neither lose their colour nor be affected by extremes of temperature.

The windows are covered with metal grilles, which though they are in reality for protection do not give one that impression; for so artistically are they designed, that they aid in making the building more picturesque and imposing.

The use of columns in the exterior construction of the Bank is very effective for it serves a double purpose. It aids the appearance of the building in that it adds to its artistic qualities, and also gives it strength as well as serving to conceal unimposing joists, beams and girders.

The interior is magnificent and in some parts palatial, especially in the Board Room where the visitor is surprised by a large table of cedar, elliptical in shape, highly polished and cut from the one tree. As one crosses the room to inspect this exquisite piece of workmanship, one's feet literally sink into an Axminster carpet. To the left is the wall which contains the wine cupboard, and in which are set shelves concealed by sliding panels of polished woodwork. To the right upon the wall hang the portraits of former presidents and commissioners. The walls of the Bank are made of marble 90 per cent. of which has come from N.S.W., while the floors are made of tiles neatly set in a pleasing pattern. This method of flooring and constructing the walls is advantageous as compared with wooden structure. One reason is that in the case of wooden floors or walls the latter are affected should any one board prove to be imperfect, another is that floors will not be subjected either to wet or dry rot.

The ceilings which are of metal, have cut into them air holes for purposes of ventilation; and metal plates can be removed, if it is desired, should it be necessary to repair any overhead wire or pipe.

The doors other than those opening into a room are of metal and are locked every night. The doors themselves as well as the banister railings, tables, desks, counters and other pieces of woodwork are made of Queensland maple, which has been naturally seasoned (the process of baulk-stacking being used) for five years before being used.

The department of the bank where public business is daily transacted is very impressive. One is met by great pillars, of what appears to be green marble veined with red, but which is in reality scagliola, a new modern composition in which any shade of red or green can be obtained. The walls in this vicinity are also of this material. In the precincts of this department is the Roll of Honour, overlooking which are the portraits set in mosaic of the three Commissioners, Messrs. W. H. Wood, H. D. Hall and J. H. Davies. If one looks to the ceiling from the Roll of Honour he can see, set in multi-coloured glass, scenes portraying rural pursuits, such as agriculture, gold-mining and farming..

It has previously been stated that the Bank is the emblem of security. This not only implies that it is safe from theft, burglary, and financial ruin, but also that it cares for the welfare of its employees. In this connection it should be noticed that at various intervals, mechanical devices are attached to walls, so that should fire break out, the action of the heat on any one of them would set ringing every fire-alarm bell in the building. It is also to be remarked that a unique fire-escape ladder has been installed; which, on the releasing of two levers, unfolds itself into the street below, so that the employees may make their exit.

On the roof of the Bank there is the ventilation-controlling machinery, which draws away impure, and pumps fresh air, to every part of the building. The ventilation system is most ingenious, shafts being inserted and concealed wherever possible. For the employees have been built lounge rooms and dining rooms, in which have been set steam radiators for use in winter. Adjacent to the dining rooms is a dance-floor where the diners may dance, should they so desire. Also there is the Hall, with polished floor, should it be needed for a dance. In the Hall too meetings are held and sometimes lectures given, for which latter purpose the room has been fitted with a cinemetograph projector.

For the convenience of employees also, the American idea of letter-chutes has been introduced. A rectangular chute, made of glass extends from the top to the bottom floor, with opening slots on each floor where letters may be inserted. For a nominal fee they are collected four times a day by G.P.O. officials.

If security helps prosperity, then N.S.W. should be prosperous, for the Bank safe deposit is the most secure in the world. The Chubb 30-ton steel door is fitted with five locks namely, two spring, two combination and a time lock. The safe cannot be



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opened until the time specified has expired. A key fits one locker only of the many thousands in the interior; and this locker can only be opened if the "guardian" key of the Bank has previously been inserted. In one side of the Bank safe there are two emergency safe doors, which work on precisely the same principle as their bigger brother.

To protect themselves and the money for which they are responsible, employees are taught how to use a revolver, and attend revolver-practice at a target of 25 yards range on the roof of the building.

All passages are closely watched, corridors patrolled, safes securely locked, so that there is absolutely no fear of burglary.

E. QUANE, (4A).

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### MR. OSBORNE'S ADDRESS TO FOURTH YEAR.

A few weeks prior to the close of the second term, a visit was paid to the School by representatives of the Vacuum Oil Co. Mr. Osborne, the chief representative and lecturer, addressed the assembled 4A and 4B classes and a little later the 4C and 4D mathematics classes in the Physics Demonstration Laboratory. The lecture was both interesting and educational.

The subject of Mr. Osborne's address was petroleum, its origin, distribution, manufacture, and uses, also various products of petroleum were discussed. Mr. Osborne made everything thoroughly comprehensible by the use of carefully and accurately drawn diagrams. Especially did he aid the class in understanding the process of the distillation of motor spirit by demonstrating his remarks on an excellent diagram of the distilling plant.

During the course of the lecture Mr. Osborne performed a very interesting experiment. From one hundred cubic centimetres of Pennsylvanian crude oil various quantities in respective ratios of unrefined motor spirit, kerosene, and petroleum with its sundry by products were obtained. The method employed was to heat the crude oil and condense the vapour given off in a jacket for the purpose, following which the liquid obtained was further chemically treated.

Mr. Osborne followed this experiment by screening some moving pictures. By this means the class was taken over the Mexican Oilfields, and some saw for the first time the working of the mining plant, and the extraction of oil from the earth. The dangers of oil-boring were illustrated in a picture of a wide-spreading oil fire which is almost unextinguishable. The class was introduced to the Plume refinery and distributing depot and also to the Plume chemical laboratory.

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Mr. Osborne concluded his excellent address by telling the class of the possibilities in the realm of science, and encouraged members to take a very active interest in this branch of study.

Mr. Wilmot proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Osborne and his assistants for having given such an enjoyable talk on such an important subject. The class supported this with a burst of hearty hand-clapping.

E. QUANE, (4A).

## FAREWELL TO FIFTH YEAR.

On the eve of their departure from School, the Fifth Year boys attended a party given in their honour by Fourth Year. Although time was pressing, Fourth Year nobly responded to the call and an energetic committee under the direction of Tom Pauling assisted by Chapman and Ross eagerly set to work. With the help and experience of Miss Sims and Miss Wilson, the necessary preparations were completed, with the result that a sumptuous repast adorned the tables. After the arrival of Fourth and Fifth Year, the sumptuous repast was "no more." When all and sundry had satisfied the inner man, the chairman, Mr. Saxby, called upon Tom Pauling, representing Fourth Year to speak, Tom wished the L.C. candidates the best of success in forthcoming examination, and called upon Fourth Year to toast their success.

The chairman then called on Mr. Hallett, who, in wishing Fifth Year the success they deserved, declared that examinations were only a step towards our greater life work. However they were important now and he hoped that all would succeed better than they had anticipated.

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot;  
And never brought to min,'"

Absolutely not, said Mr. Fairland, who in appealing to Fifth Year to join the Old Boys' Union declared that the numerous duties which they owed to the school could be performed through the Old Boys' Union and by joining up, they could actively assist the School.

Mr. Saxby supported Mr. Fairland's advice, declaring that Mr. Fairland was an enthusiastic supporter of S.H.S. and then called on Jack Still, the School Captain, to respond. Jack thanked each of the speakers for his good wishes and Fourth Year for their kindness. He earnestly appealed to the new scholars of Fourth Year to co-operate with their fellow pupils and thus consolidate the School.

Jack Robinson who was called on after the Captain said: "Boys little realize how much they owe to the School. It should be the aim of all good citizens to attempt to repay this lifelong debt."



The proceedings were terminated by the combined Fourth and Fifth Years giving three hearty cheers for their "Alma Mater."

K. ROSS.

### VALETE.

- J. Still.—I.C., 1927; Prefect, 1928-29; Captain of School, 1929; G.P.S. and C.H.S. Aths., 1928-29.
- J. Robinson.—I.C., 1926; Prefect, 1927-28-29; Vice Captain of School, 1928-29; 1st XV., 1926-27-28-29; 1st IV., 1927; School VIII., 1928; Champ. VIII., 1929; C.H.S. and G.P.S. Aths., 1927-28-29; C.H.S. Swimming, 1927.
- B. Gardiner.—I.C., 1926; Prefect, 1927-28-29; Captain of School, 1928; 1st XV., 1927-28; 2nd IV., 1927; School VIII., 1928; Champ. VIII., 1929.
- H. Wines.—I.C., 1926; Prefect, 1928-29; 1st XI., 1927-28; 1st XV., 1927-28-29; Captain 1st XV., 1928; Captain G.P.S. 2nd XV., 1928; C.H.S. and G.P.S. Aths., 1927-28; School Champ. Athlete, 1927.
- H. Rees.—I.C. 1927; Prefect, 1929; 1st XV., 1928-29; C.H.S. and G.P.S. Aths., 1929; Champ. VIII., 1929.
- J. Metcalfe.—I.C., 1927; Prefect, 1929; C.H.S. and G.P.S. Aths., 1928-29; School Champ. Athlete, 1929.
- R. Nicholson.—I.C., 1927; Prefect, 1928-29; 1st XV., 1928; 1st IV., 1928-29.
- M. Stenning.—I.C., 1927; Prefect, 1929; 1st XI., 1927-28, 29; 1st XV., 1929.
- C. Gerrard.—I.C., 1926; 2nd IV., 1929; 1st XV., 1928-29; 1st XI., 1928-29; C.H.S. and G.P.S. Aths., 1928; G.P.S. Aths., 1929.
- E. Gilding.—I.C., 1926; 1st XV., 1929; 1st XI., 1927-28-29; C.H.S. Aths., 1928.
- D. McCallum.—I.C., 1926; Prefect, 1928-29; Rifle Shooting, 1927-28-29; Captain Rifle Shooting, 1928.
- A. McKibbin.—I.C., 1926; Cox School VIII., 1928; 1st XI., 1927-29.
- D. Loftus.—I.C., 1927; Prefect, 1929; 1st XI., 1928-29; Captain 1st XI., 1929; 1st XV., 1929.
- E. Silk.—I.C., 1927; Prefect, 1929; 1st XV., 1928-29.
- N. Simonsen.—I.C., 1927; Prefect, 1929; 1st XI., 1928-29; 1st XV., 1929.
- R. Uebel.—I.C., 1927; School VIII., 1928; Champ. VIII., 1929; Captain of Boats, 1929; G.P.S. Aths., 1928.
- J. Boughton.—I.C., 1927; 1st XV., 1928-29; 2nd IV., 1928; 1st IV., 1929.
- J. Odgers.—I.C., 1927; Prefect, 1929; 1st XI., 1929; 1st XV., 1929.
- I. Fulton.—I.C., 1927; Prefect, 1929; 1st XV., 1929.
- F. Berger.—I.C., 1927; Champ. VIII., 1929; 1st XV., 1929.
- A. Parfett.—I.C., 1927; Prefect, 1929; 1st XV., 1929.

ANSWERS TO CONTRIBUTORS.

H. Sketches: "Do you know these masters?" and, "whom does this picture represent?" are not of sufficient merit to justify the expense of publication. Try again.

E.H. (2A).: "The Dove and the Ant" is a praiseworthy effort; but the standard of poetical effusions has been raised in this issue. Your metre jerks in a number of places, but you should make your mark in later issues as the result of further practice.

C.W. (2B).: "Schoolboy Days" lacks inspiration, is metrically defective in several places; but we trust you will continue to improve your 'prentice efforts with a view to reaching the standard of publication.

K. McL.: Your story, "The Interview," was well planned and developed, though the ending was far too abrupt, in fact the story remains incomplete. Your punctuation is vile. We suggest the story be revised for next issue.

D. D. (1c).: "A Rose" should be carefully revised for next issue. It shows promise.

R. A. (2b) Very fair attempt, but suggest further revision.

K. G. What is it all about? Try again.

C.—"Music" may be metrically perfect, but its meaning has baffled all who have suffered the agony of reading it. The final stanza is a fair sample. Here it is:—

"Luxury of music is the joyousness of life.

Stirring all the hidden concealments of joy

Striking on the notes of the remembrance of strife

Wakening the sorrow of the ages in the past.

May we add, punctuation marks are also necessary.

J. M. Thanks for the photograph showing the school at the inception of the House System, but unfortunately it cannot be used at present.

Pro Bono Scholastico. To describe the House System as "a farce" is plainly an exaggeration. Reports of House activities in this issue indicate the Houses are, still live institutions. Criticism is valuable, but enthusiastic endeavour is a priceless quality, which will effect the speedy revival of the House Scheme.

Y. Not: Marbles and hopscotch are not likely to be introduced into this school. Surely you agree that tennis is preferable to the games you suggest. The cancellation of the House football competition is explained in the Wentworth House notes.

Dissatisfied: Your complaints against school parades are somewhat one-sided in view of the policy announced by the Headmaster. Parades were scrapped some time ago; but for certain reasons, well known to the whole school, were re-introduced. At the Old School time was allowed for entering and leaving the class-rooms, and probably little difference exists under present arrangements.



B.V.B.: The fading of hat-brands from blue and chocolate to white and plain brown is a matter which your union representative might be asked to ventilate as early as possible.

Progress: The House Scheme was introduced as an improvement on the class competition system. To suggest reversion to the former state of affairs resembles progress round the circumference of a circle to the original starting-point.

Saphy: Your proposal that the library should be re-opened in the lunch-hour, will receive consideration after the vacation. As you recognise that the privilege was abused, guarantees of good conduct will be necessary, as well as effective supervision by prefects.

F.L.: The school has taken a step forward this year, and the search for causes is opportune. Your answer is worthy of general consideration.

The answer is not found in mere words, but in a survey of the school spirit, in the co-operation of the masters who arouse the boys' keenness, train and advise them, and instill in them that wonderful feeling of confidence in their trainers, in their school, and, above all, in themselves. It was due to the masters and boys' initiative and keenness that the rowing honours came to the school, that the Junior Shield and Senior Cup were won at the C.H.S. athletic meeting, that eight cups for athletics were won at Taree, and that the school filled second place in the G.P.S. athletic meeting—a position never before approached by High School.

C.W.: You complain about the rush in preparing articles for the "Record," at a time when the half-yearly examinations are taking place; but you should also bear in mind that contributions can be prepared and handed in at any time during the year. The rush is evidently a matter of choice, we admit that the contributions are seldom as "good" as they might be.

O.J.H.: The turf wickets are nearing the stage when they can be used for practice. If you consult your union representative, you will probably learn more about the difficulties which have caused the delay. We have been reliably informed that the matter is not nearly so simple as you evidently imagine.

R.C.: Your appeal on behalf of the House Scheme is most opportune. In your words, we, too, "appeal to the boys of the school, especially to those of the lower school to support their houses, and so build a tradition in the school that will endure, and be as familiar to every scholar as the school badge itself. We have a fine school building—why not an equally fine school tradition."

V.J.: Your statement that most of the big, shady trees in the grounds have been cut down is an excellent illustration of hyperbole. The one big tree cut down was at the back of the wickets, and that part of the grounds was already out of bounds.

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You ask: "Why the tennis courts?" Is there any necessity to attempt an answer? We still have a big playground. It will be long before the playing area shrinks to the dimensions of the exercise-yard at Ultimo.

T.J.: Contributions must be written on one side of the paper only.

O.K.: Lack of punctuation marks, incorrect spelling and illegible writing have delayed the publication of your story indefinitely.

### ADVICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The Editor has submitted to me a number of letters from correspondents who draw attention to various matters connected with school life. While agreeing that in all cases the motive for writing appears satisfactory and in general the spirit of the writers is loyal, at the same time, in too many cases facts are distorted, or attendant contributory facts are omitted. Writers should not fall into the declamatory habits of speakers using hyperbole to too great an extent. Gross exaggeration will kill the most worthy cause. In addition, since the magazine circulates through many schools, a false impression will be created, where the same wild statements amongst boys of the school itself, would only raise a laugh.

G. SAXBY.



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### GIFTS AND BENEFACTIONS.

The School Union desires to express its appreciation of the excellent assistance rendered by the Parents and Citizens' Association and by the Old Boys' Union. It also expresses its appreciation of the assistance given by Messrs. Burt and Moses in connection with the new tennis courts, and to Dr. Simmons, Dr. Doak, Messrs. S. K. Shipway, E. A. Southee, C. A. Fairland, C. E. Hall, R. K. Hooke and Mrs. N. Smith for donations towards our funds. We are deeply indebted to the following gentlemen who have so generously agreed to act as guarantors to the bank for the loan granted to build tennis courts: Messrs. R. W. Burt, W. J. Cleary, A. Waddell, H. Halloran, Drs. A. W. J. Bulteau, O. A. A. Diethelme.

Tennis courts are being laid out in the school grounds on the Cleveland Street side. For these we are indebted to the Parents and Citizens' Association.

Congratulations to Grammar, the winners of the Senior title at the G.P.S. sports, and to Kings, proud holders of the Junior Shield!

This year the School debating team has been unbeaten; and once again we had possession of the Louat Shield, which we last held in 1925. Congratulations to Bowler, Martin and Walker!

The Rifle Club has elected new officers. The new officers are: C. Ebsworth, captain; A. White, secretary; G. Rowell, committee-man.

Fifth year was in a very generous mood on the day they left to study for their examination. This generosity was displayed in making presentations of ready reckoners to their mathe-matic teachers. It is thought by most, however, that they themselves will have greater need of such things to achieve their "A's" and honours in this particular subject.

### PRESENTATION TO TEACHERS.

On Wednesday morning, 4th December, a delightful little function took place in the 3B Class Room. Mr. Saxby, Mr. Moore and the teachers of 3B were invited to meet the class in a farewell gathering, and were presented with little gifts to mark the appreciation of the class for the efforts of the teachers on their behalf.

Mr. Saxby was asked to take the chair, and the presentations were made on behalf of the class by Trickett and Curran.

As a fitting conclusion a cake made by Trickett was cut by Mr. Saxby, and shared by teachers and boys.

## THE G.P.S. SPORTS.

What a great day in the athletic world is that on which the Great Public Schools' annual meeting takes place! How important it is! What an amount of interest it creates! We all know, too, that this year's carnival was **no exception**.

The weather was, perhaps, not quite all that could be wished for; but, though the skies were grey, the large number of supporters who had assembled found "the silver lining," and a spirit of enthusiasm prevailed throughout the afternoon.

Both nature and man had assisted in making the Sydney Cricket Ground a thing of beauty. Nature had painted the grass a perfect green, while human hands had added snow-white lines, which formed the running tracks, and incidentally served as a finishing touch to the natural beauties of the arena.

The body of men in charge of the arrangements had obviously performed their duties admirably. Everything that goes to make a meeting of this kind a success had been provided. The tracks were clearly marked; elaborate indicators enabled the spectators to ascertain the results of the events, and an excellent system of amplifiers had been installed.

Long before the scheduled starting time, a happy throng of schoolboys, parents and admirers began to pour into the stands, and when the first event began excitement had reached fever pitch.

As was expected, the majority of the events were evenly contested, and, as at least four schools gained their fair share of victories, it was foreseen that an unusually narrow margin of points would separate the winners from the runners-up. This surmise proved correct, for "High" was defeated by a slightly stronger combination, which gained victory by only three points.

Though disappointed at not gaining the coveted title, we kept on smiling, and are now looking forward to entering the contests again next year, and striving once more to gain the honour of being the premier school in athletics.

I.C.G. (2A).

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### "THE RALLY."

"The Rally" is a monthly publication devoted to the activities of the Great Public Schools. The needs of this school are at present catered for by Brett and Chapman, and either will be glad to receive extra orders each month. The school also profits by the sale of "The Rally," as a certain amount of the money goes to the school funds. Any matter submitted for publication will be gladly received by either of the above representatives, or by Mr. Smith.

J. Robinson has broken his record for the Silver Medallion which already stands as a State record."

It pays to read the advertisements.



## VISIT TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE.

On Tuesday afternoon, 3rd December, a party of sixty Fourth Year boys, accompanied by Mr. W. D. Noakes, English Master, and the Hon. D. M. Smith, M.L.C., Asst. English Master, made a visit to Parliament House. Mr. Saxby, Headmaster, joined the party at the House.

The party were courteously received by the Hon. T. D. Mutch, M.L.A., by whose thoughtful arrangement the boys were provided with seats in the visitors' gallery.

The first part of the afternoon's proceedings happened to be Private Members' Business, and the boys were particularly interested in listening to the various questions and watching Parliamentary procedure. The House afterwards settled down to the consideration of the Rural Industries Bill, the proceedings on which were keenly followed by the boys.

At four o'clock the party retired to the lawn, where they were entertained at afternoon tea by Mr. Mutch. While tea was being served, Mr. Mutch gave a particularly interesting account of the history and development of the building from the time of its early beginnings under Governor Macquarie to the present, and also an instructive and interesting explanation of Parliamentary procedure.

On behalf of the masters and boys, Mr. Saxby heartily thanked Mr. Mutch for his consideration, courtesy and hospitality, and assured him of the high esteem in which he is held by all Sydney High School boys, who regard him as the father of our new school building. He also reminded the boys of the energy, devotion, ability and humanity displayed by Mr. Mutch during his term of office as Minister for Education, which have earned for him the lasting gratitude of the whole body of teachers.

After tea Mr. Mutch conducted the party over the building, showing them the library, the various party, members', and press rooms, and finally secured them entrance to the gallery of the Legislative Council Chamber, where they heard an interesting discussion upon the Upper House Reform Bill.

Through the medium of this journal, the boys desire again to convey their thanks and appreciation to Mr. Mutch for the pleasure and instruction they received through his consideration and courtesy.

# Poets' Rest.

## A Track That Leads to Somewhere.

On a track that leads to somewhere through a maze of bush and  
shrub,  
Where the gum-tree saplings rise above a mass of ti tree scrub,  
And the sunlight glinting downward, casts a shadow here and  
there,  
I and my pal, the dog, we three had sought the open air.  
Oh! the sky was blue and cloudless and the sun was not too  
hot,  
While the bush was cool, refreshing, where it held a shady spot,  
And the track was white and winding, flecked with shadows  
great and small—  
Ever the lazy, lovely bush breathed magic over all.  
To the right there sloped above our heads a rugged, rock-strewn  
hill,  
To the left across the gully, rose another, higher still.  
While below us waved a sea of grey and green of blue and gold,  
Shimmering in the sunlight where it struck each leafy fold.  
On a rock we paused to rest awhile, to look along the way,  
Which our track took winding in and out to where we cannot  
say;  
For the day was loitering and we were happy and content,  
Following in its wake we lingered longer as we went.  
So to where that pathway led, we three, could never hope to tell,  
But maybe it rambled downward to some mossy stream or dell;  
Or perhaps it clambered up a slope to find some bushland fair,  
Resting at last to gaze upon a scene of splendour rare.—ANON.

## A REQUEST.

(Awarded Nimmo Prize for Junior Verse Competition).

O little bird of cheekiness  
That sits upon the sill,  
And sings a song of happiness  
Oh, tell me if you will  
Of places you have visited,  
Of places far away;  
Across the wide and rolling sea  
Of places sad and gay.  
O sparrow tell me, if thou wilt  
Of scenes in fair Brazil,  
Of scenes in far America,  
Oh, tell me if you will  
About the land of six months night,  
About the plains and seas,  
About the sands of Florida  
O sparrow, tell me please.

LLLOYD KENTWELL, I.A.



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THE FOX AND THE CRANE.

(Special Mention Nimmo Junior Verse Competition).

If you but listen carefully,  
To what I have to tell,  
Then you will learn a moral good,  
But you must listen well.  
A fox there was, who met a crane  
Who then asked him to tea,  
"That will I do," replied the fox,  
"Indeed quite readily."

That night the fox to tea did go;  
The crane surprised him there,  
By bringing forth the food in jugs;  
Said fox, "O! would you dare  
To bring me here, and then to treat  
A fox in such a way,  
For you know well I cannot eat  
From jugs so tall as they."

"Oh, not at all," replied the crane,  
"Now, just you look at me,  
And I will show you how to eat,  
It's simple, can't you see."  
The fox departed in a rage,  
With thoughts of vengeance sweet,  
Though showing not an outward sign,  
Of his bad temper's heat.

The fox returned the compliment,  
And asked the crane to tea,  
The crane accepted readily;  
"That's good of you," said he.  
That night the crane to tea did go,  
The fox surprised him there,  
By bringing forth the food on plates,  
Said crane "O! Would you dare  
To bring me here, and then to treat  
A crane in such a way,  
For you know well, I cannot eat  
From plates so flat as they."  
"Oh, not at all," replied the fox,  
"Now just you look at me,  
And I will show you how to eat,  
It's simple, can't you see."

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The crane then said, "Oh! why did you,  
Bring me like this to tea."  
The fox replied, "Oh, that's all right,  
'Tis what you did to me."  
Now since my story's told, my friends,  
Will you be careful to  
Do unto others, as you would  
Have them do unto you.

A. W. HOLDAWAY, 2A.

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### THE BOAT RACE.

Hurrah! 'They're off! We're in the lead,  
And there will stay for ever;  
For no known eight can beat our crew,  
'Twas never heard of—never!  
The first half-mile is traversed now,  
But oh! Our lead's decreasing,  
O, are our men becoming tired,  
Or our rival's speed increasing?  
Hey! Speed her up, we just *must* win,  
We cannot be defeated;  
For if we finish first in this,  
The "hat-trick" is completed.  
Now, give a dozen, merry lads,  
For they are in pursuit,  
But there are just two hundred yards,  
So surely we can do it.  
One hundred yards, and still they come  
And do their best to beat us;  
But we are too close to the judge  
For them now to defeat us.  
The judge's pistol strains its voice,  
The good news to deliver;  
And now the flags are flutt'ring up,—  
Three cheers! We're "Head of River!"

J. C. GRIEVE, 2A.

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### NIGHT.

The darkness falls about the world, and all  
The weary creatures take their homeward way;  
The glories of the night have come to stay  
Until the morning sun shall cause their fall.  
The stately pines, so slender and so tall,  
Are gently rustling with the west wind's sway  
And all the sounds have died which filled the day;  
Each thing has answered slumber's gentle call.



## THE RECORD.

Our work is o'er, our little duties done,  
Our souls to thoughts of kindness now give birth;  
Our hearts are roused within us to withstand  
All evil, and to learn our race to run;  
To learn to win our place in Heav'n and Earth;  
We wish that peace may spread o'er all the land.  
J. COPP, 4C.

### A CURIOUS CARGO.

From Barnyard Port in County Cork,  
A schooner forth did fare.  
Some cases in her hold there were,  
Large, strong, and marked "With Care."  
For many days she ploughed her way,  
Towards that distant land,  
Where party strife and struggles rife,  
Arise on every hand.  
An awful odour then arose,  
It made the men turn sick.  
"O Captain, sir," they cried in pain,  
"It really is too thick!"  
The Captain searched the lading bill  
"There's nothing here," he cried.  
But still that awful odour stayed.  
As strong on every side.  
At last to Sydney town they came,  
Relief had not been gained.  
But as they took the cargo out,  
The odour quickly waned!  
A super-cargo came aboard,  
From him, they asked the reason.  
"Do not be in a hurry, friends,  
You'll learn it all in season."  
And then he went on to explain,  
With gesture and inflection.  
"These cases to the top are filled,  
With eggs for next election."

R. M. GILMOUR, 2A.

### A CORNER OF AUSTRALIA.

The dazzling stream leaps o'er the glistening rocks,  
The weeping willow trails her leafy boughs  
O'er verdant grass, entwined with gaudy flowers;  
While scented daisies toss their silv'ry locks,  
As often as the whisp'ring winds declare  
They should enjoy the cool, sweet, morning air.  
Like tinkling bells the leaping streamlet sings  
As round the mossy rocks it twists and twines;

## THE RECORD.

The green moss sparkles and the willow pines  
And cools the sloping bank with tears it brings.  
Around about you rugged, gnarled gum,  
Amidst the ferns, the gnats and crickets hum.  
The golden-tinted butterfly is here;  
The happy wren, who flits from bough to bough;  
The wagtails hop around the grazing cow;  
And droning beetles come to disappear.  
The jackass breaks the still and quiet scene  
With hearty cackles, as a snake is seen.

K. ANDERSON, (4B).

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## ON A HEADLAND.

(Special Mention Nimmo Senior Verse Competition).

A quiet hollow nestles on the foreland's sides,  
A space of green, where mighty trees o'er shade  
The gently sloping banks, and peace abides  
Unbroken through the day till evening's shade.

From here till hazy distance dims the sight,  
The shoreline lies with azure skies o'er head,  
Deep sheltered bays, with dancing waters bright,  
While soft against the green gleam housetops red.

These rugged cliffs have firm withstood the toll,  
That passing storms have buried on their side,  
Deep scarred and brown, they watch the dawn unroll  
Her misty curtains o'er the swelling tide.

Against the coast the tumbling ocean breaks  
With rolling thunder on the foreland's base;  
So mighty is its power the headland quakes  
As craven youth before an angry face.

Yea! scarred and brown, the headland still withstands  
The battering waters boiling round its base:  
While brown and green, o'er golden ocean sands,  
The sea-plants wave with soft and pliant grace.

Yea! all these scenes can human eye behold,  
In brooding calm upon the headland's crest  
The sights and scenes which never shall grow old  
Of nature's face by sun and wind carress'd.

—G. SMEE (4A).



## THE RECORD.

### THE WIND.

Now summer is approaching, and it brings back to my mind  
A moonlight night when "Balmy Breezes" blew—  
(The stuff of which the poets speak and write about as "Wind")  
The waves broke on the beach and thrilled us through.

While sitting round the campfire, telling stories of the west,  
And of the east and north just as we chose,  
The tent was gleaming whitely and inviting us to rest,  
The gentle "Zephyrs" lulled us to repose.

So we got into our stretchers, and we soon dropped off to sleep,  
And dreamt about the wind and "Zephyrs" fair,  
But the wind became a hurricane, the ocean's roar grew deep;  
The pegs came out, the tent rose in the air.

Dad rose to the occasion, and at once assumed command,  
"Boys, dress yourselves, don't bother with your socks,  
Just grab the sides and hold them, hold them close down to  
the sand,

While two of us go out to find some rocks."

We found those rocks, and placed them where the little pegs  
gave way,

We tied the tent sides to them, strong and tight,  
Then all of us crawled back to bed, gone—gone our spirits gay;  
The "Wind" became just wind in dead of night.

BERNARD V. BEARD, (2A).



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Francis Brett, whose poem, "The Pioneer's Grave," was awarded the "Nimmo" Prize for senior verse competition, has always been fond of reading Australian poetry. Amongst the English poets, Wordsworth stands high in his regard. "The Pioneer's Grave" was inspired by reading Gray's "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard." Frank has been a pupil of Sydney High School for the past four years, and qualified at the Intermediate Certificate Examination with 5 A's and 3 B's. He intends sitting for the Leaving Certificate Examination with a view to entering the Teachers' College.

### THE PIONEER'S GRAVE.

(Awarded Nimmo Prize for Senior Verse Competition.)

A low green mound, by Nature blest,  
By man forgotten and forsaken;  
'Neath which the pioneer doth rest,  
Till judgment's voice his soul shall waken.

A low green mound, o'ergrown with flowers,  
That God's own hand had sown and tended;  
Had fed with sunshine and with showers,  
And with the air their perfume blended.

A low green mound, no headstone there,  
No cross, not e'en a willow weeping;  
No tall and deathly cypress sighed,  
A hardy pioneer lies sleeping.

No tall or deathly cypress sighed,  
No emblem stood of death or sadness;  
The river with its flowing tide,  
Murmured and rippled in its gladness.

The sun shone down in bright array,  
And on its waters danced and glittered;  
The magpies carolled all the day,  
The little nestlings chirped and twittered.

Violets and daisies flourished there,  
Bright native creepers twined and clustered;  
The bright winged parrots filled the air,  
Or in the trees their forces mustered.



## THE RECORD

The wattles waved their golden bloom,  
The tall gums spread their boughs above;  
The thrush poured forth his sweetest tune,  
All nature guards with care and love.

That low green mound, by nature blest,  
By man forgotten and forsaken,  
'Neath which the pioneer doth rest,  
Till God's own voice his soul shall waken.

F. BRETT (4A).

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## NOTES.

### THE JOHN SKYRING CROSS MEMORIAL PRIZE.

The John Skyring Cross Memorial Prize is awarded annually for good sportsmanship in connection with the G.P.S. activities (cricket, football, athletics, swimming, debating, and any other activity that may be adopted in the future). Amongst the conditions is a ballot by the G.P.S. representatives and members of the various G.P.S. grade teams.

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**BADGE REGULATIONS.**

The attention of the School is drawn to the following provisions drawn up by the Sports Union Committee. These were published last issue but some persons still seem in doubt and for their benefit they are re-printed:—

- 1 That the School Badge be worn on the blazer by School Representatives only.
  2. That all Prefects are entitled to wear the Prefects' Badge only on the blazer.
  - 3 That only ONE School Badge be worn on the blazer.
  - 4 That all members of first grade teams in Cricket, Football, and Tennis are entitled to wear a strip on the blazer, containing that information.
  - 5 That all members of the Senior Representative Athletic Team in G.P.S. and C.H.S. Carnivals, are entitled to a strip.
  - 6 That all members of the first grade Rifle Shooting Team are entitled to a strip.
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- 7 In Swimming, boys entitled to a strip for representation, must be nominated by the Committee.
  - 8 In connection with Rowing, all members of an Eight are entitled to wear crossed oars and all members of First and Second Fours are entitled to wear a strip.
  - 9 That all strips are to be in GOLD for Prefects and in BLUE for all others, except golden oars for members of Championship Eights.
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### JOHN WATERHOUSE PRIZE.

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