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EDITORIAL.

A Prospect.

In his essay "Of Studies," Francis Bacon voiced a trinity of precepts for the educator as the basis of a sound mental training.

All the charm of modern novelties in method has in no way modified the wisdom of his statement. Wide and intensive reading to develop a cultural background, controversy to oil the mechanism of a ready wit, and writing to train the mind to express itself with precision, are still the bases on which to build a really fine mental structure. This point of view is accentuated by the policy of compulsory Literature and History in some modern curricula abroad.

Two new factors are emerging, which, in future, will demand recognition as essential agents in the evolution of the efficient student.

Health as a compulsory subject has definite claims. Probably few subjects are so little understood at a stage when a fuller understanding of its laws might alter the course of a life. Knowledge of physiology, elementary psychology, hygiene, dietetics, bacteriology, as additions to physical culture, swimming and sport, are assuredly important during adolescence. "A sound mind in a sound body" is elementary commonsense.

The 1936-37 syllabus in the Alberta (Canada) schools provides for two courses, one leading to the University, and the other—the general course—providing for English, History and Health as compulsory subjects. Generous options of other subjects include "Motor Engineering."

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Visual methods in Education are also arresting attention. There appears to be a movement to supplement conventional teaching with visualization by means of some sort of projecting apparatus. The value of silent and talking films is now accepted, and efforts are being made to assemble film libraries, even in Australia. Abroad, the film library is a conventional adjunct; one of the most important being the Imperial Institute, which distributes non-theatrical film to schools on a free circulating basis. No fewer than twenty thousand films were lent by this organization during the past year. It is a Crown Department. Allied with it, but having a separate existence, is the London General Post Office Film Library, which has built up a comprehensive series dealing with its great public service and the subsidiary industries and services associated with the collection and distribution of mail matter.

Another organization, the British Film Institute, hovers like a Conscience over the film world, viewing and criticising films of all kinds from an educational standpoint, tabulating and assessing them, and in publishing regular monthly reports thereon.

Two film companies in England—Gaumont-British and Pathe—are actually exploiting the educational field by making non-theatrical films on a great variety of subjects, the 16 m.m. series being the vehicle used. Each film company has issued detailed catalogues of both sound and silent films. The Kodak and other companies have also assembled competent libraries.

Caution needs to be exercised lest trees might not be seen for wood. The film should be an aid and not an end. The film-conscious mind is usually a shallow type of mind, a current and apt term for it being "filmy-mind." However, with proper organization and correct perspective, the film should attract interest and stimulate thought.

In some respects, the Episcopo is superior to the film projector. Its library is already assembled, is comparatively inexpensive, and is very comprehensive. As the instrument will project objects, magnified and in natural colour, it should appeal more and more as a valuable teaching aid, occasionally, towards the close of a lesson. Provided an opaque blind of some sort and a power point are available in the classroom, it can be used without loss of time. It is a cheaper instrument than the Epidiascope, because it does not include the lantern slide attachment.

The amazing success of Television discovers a new era in the dissemination of ideas. It would not be difficult to prophesy what will be the probable ramifications of this new science once it has become a public service. There is considerable scepticism about its potential force; but once the heavy initial costs and "horizon" difficulties have been surmounted, there is little doubt that nation and continent-wide "coverage" will be possible, with a variety of programmes.

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Authoritative quarters like the London G.P.O. Television Department and the British Broadcasting Corporation, aver that the visionary stage is definitely past. The limited radius of some thirty miles can be overcome by expensive relays, for already a cable is being completed between London and Birmingham—nearly 200 miles—with Television in view. Further, the Scophony Company, Kensington, London, have developed apparatus to produce a picture about the size of a "home" movie, and experiments with a view to full screen size are being carried on, and with some degree of success.

The American Radio Manufacturers' Association regard Television as the logical future extension of Radio, and are exploring the field on the continent-wide "coverage" basis. America's problems will be Australia's, too, as their wide spaces and low density of population are more or less identical.

So to Bacon's dictum, plus sound physique, we may add visual methods as a fourth factor in inducing accurate ideation and logical thinking. The new order, however, must be contributory, and not an end in itself. Success in life may be an easy matter to a number; but the road to achievement will be ever a thorny and uphill one in despite of novelties like visual methods.

T. B. INGRAM.

PRIZE VERSE.

Nature.

*The day had dawned, the steeds of Phaethon rose,
And drew the golden orb of flashing fire
On high; the gentle breeze caressed my cheek,
Inviting, begging, pleading that I come
To see the wonders glist'ning in the sun.
I step in my canoe, push off from shore;
The river nymphs propel me down the stream,
Through reeds that gently quiver, seem to sigh,
And whisper, as I leave them far behind.
The willows, in their languid modesty,
With drooping heads, reflect the peace and love—
The calm that rests upon the soul; all this
Bestowed by Nature and the river god.
For hours I drift along the peaceful stream.
The trees and hills, the shadows softly pass,
Until all motion ceases, then I wake.
The craft has left the stream, and now I find
Myself on sand, a carpet placed for me
By Nature's hand, across the wat'ry course.*

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*The mossy bank invites, and so I go
To find what further wonders 'tend on me.
I climb the hill, whose mossy steps lead on
Through ferns, and shrubs, where dwell the tiny beasts,
That only venture out when darkness reigns.*

*As I stand here upon this rocky crag
And gaze in thoughtful wonder on the scene
Set out by Nature, pure in all its hues,
I feel some Presence ling'ring round it all.
Upon the faint-defined line of sky
I see the mountain, veiled in misty blue—
Or is't a purple tint that Nature threads
Into her garment? Slopes are cloaked in green,
And brown, and grey, with patches standing out
Of gold, the unalloyed gold of wattle.*

*Towards the left, there nestles in a vale
The river, blue as heaven's own face above,
And, ruffled by the breeze, it just appears
To sparkle like a gem. The gumtrees tall,
Majestic in their rugged, russet bark,
Occasional leaf, or none, it matters not;
Their unadorned beauty adds to charm.
A glance upon the other side affords
A picture, equal in its loveliness;
The rocky, barren, rugged hillside steep,
Falls almost straight into a valley dark
With shadows of the blood-red setting sun.
An hour before 'twas void of darkened haze;
'Twas bright and green, luxurious to the eye;
A shadow lingers on the distant hill
That rises as a wave from vessel's bow,
It mars the verdant scen'ry, but 'twill pass
And make us love it even better still.
The river winds down through the higher glade,
And floods the level plain with dazzling blue;
A finger of a headland jutteth out
And points the way to distant misty sea.*

J. DAVIS (5th Year).

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PRIZE STORY.

Let Sleeping Logs Lie?

By G. A. M. TAYLOR. (5E)

A solitary horseman emerged from the clump of stunted sandalwood and pulled up. For perhaps two minutes he remained motionless. His gaze first sought the boundary fence which he had been following, and then, apparently satisfied with his survey, he turned towards the west. The sun was setting in an angry sheet of crimson over an open stretch of plain country which swept away, treeless and lifeless, to the horizon. To the north, in the adjoining property, a line of stunted and twisted coolibahs marked the tortuous course of a dry creek bed. This creek had flowed just two years ago during the big flood; now, as most times, it was but a chain of scattered waterholes.

A shot rang out! Horse and rider started perceptibly. Two more shots followed in rapid succession. The horseman wheeled his mount to face the creek. His keen eyes swept the paddock . . . nothing moved. Sheep grazed peaceably in the vicinity of the creek. . . . Again the sound of gunfire broke the silence. This was followed by the distant barking of dogs. Still nothing moved . . . But, yes, there was the reason. A mob of wood-duck flying low and very fast came into view round a bend in the creek.

On shifting his position slightly, the rider suddenly caught a glimpse of a fire burning far off in the trees which surrounded a waterhole about a half a mile down the creek.

"Strange!" he mused. "Who ever could be camping in the back paddock of 'Bunaroo'? They have employed no rabbiters to my knowledge, or even burr-cutters, and these are the only ones likely to camp so far from the station homestead. If it weren't so late I would go across and investigate. But, anyway, it's no business of mine."

Glancing once more in the direction of the creek, he put his spurs to his horse and set off at a canter for home. That was how the boundary rider of Watonga Station missed a treat.

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Down the creek at the camp fire, most novel and attractive prospects were in view. The flames were dancing with delight as they licked greedily at the sweet, dry wood of a seasoned gum. The billy was simmering contentedly. Hard by was a young, freckled, ginger-haired lad plucking ducks as if his life depended on it, oblivious of the fact that he drew a most comical picture bedecked in the finery of soft, tenacious ducks' down.

"Wild duck for tea. Oh boy, what a treat!" was his chief comment on the "bag" which Paddy O'Brien had made at sunset at the waterhole.

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Presently, into the circle of firelight came the honourable Patrick himself, bearing on a board the makings of a damper, which he soon had cooking on the coals. He turned to the duck-plucker.

"How are you getting on, Blue?"

"Only one more to do, Paddy," was the cheery response. "But some of these blighters seem to have their feathers rivetted in. I reckon I have earned my share just as much as you have. Don't you think so, Bill?" he said, turning to the tall, square-shouldered man who had just walked up.

"Yes, Blue," he answered. "But Paddy shot 'em and he is also cooking them, so I think that entitles him to first choice of the bunch."

Blue grunted in half-hearted agreement and abandoned himself to the task of extracting certain slippery and very elusive members of a duck's "innards." Bill seated himself on a nearby log, lit a cigarette and quietly watched the preparation for the evening meal.

After tea, which had succeeded in surpassing even the imaginative expectations of Blue, the party adopted various attitudes for comfort while their dinner "settled." Paddy, seated on a petrol tin, lit his old briar pipe with a coal from the fire and puffed away, the picture of contentment. Blue, stretched out on a cornbag, was noisily sucking a "drumstick" of one of the vanquished ducks and zealously endeavouring to detach certain succulent morsels which he felt sure were still clinging to the bone. Bill cleared the plates from the make-shift table and on it laid out three wickedly efficiently-looking .32 rifles. He then produced a rag, an oil-can and a cleaning rod, and set to work to prepare the weapons for the morrow's hunt.

"You know," began Bill, addressing no one in particular, "we have been jolly lucky so far. To-day's tally brings our total up to three hundred and forty-seven and it has been all accomplished without any accidents to speak of . . . I had better touch wood," he added with a grin.

"We have done pretty well, all right," agreed Paddy. "And as you say we have been very lucky—no horses ripped up and only three dogs lost. It's not every drive that can boast a record like ours . . . I attribute the fact to the efficiency of our boss," he added with a twinkle in his eye.

"Don't talk rot, Patrick O'Brien, or I'll sling a plate at your head," stated Bill forcibly. "You know that I can depend on you fellows. The main thing in this game is never to leave your horses, and I have told you that often enough."

"Now supposing," piped up Blue, momentarily abandoning his bone, "That in the lambing season a pig eats four lambs a day—which is really a mild estimate—and supposing again that we get another fifty pigs to-morrow, it looks as if we shall have saved a few thousand lambs by the end of this drive."

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"When you consider that 'Bunaroo' lost eighty per cent of its lambs this year, not to mention the acres of country which have been uprooted and rendered useless, these infernal swine are a very costly proposition to the squatter. But this drive of ours should make the station pretty right for the next year or so. It's that rotten creek that makes them so bad here. They love some place to wallow in during the heat of the day," replied Bill.

At this point a frightful hullabaloo arose from the direction of the tip-cart. Every dog in the camp (there were fifteen) began to bark at once. Blue took a deep breath and with all the power of his lungs yelled "Lie down!" It only added to the din. Picking up a stick he disappeared into the darkness. Shortly afterwards there followed a string of apt epithets and the whack of striking stick accompanied by a few desultory yelps. Quietness descended once more on the camp, a silence that was only broken by the distant wail of curlews and the mournful howl of a fox from far off down the creek.

"They must have picked up the scent of some of these marauding scavengers," Blue dramatically announced, on his return. "The dear little creatures must thrive on lead, seeing that they come so close to our camp. Let's pretend it's kindness-to-animals-week so that we can give them extra measure to-morrow, without any qualms."

As no additions were made to his remarks, he turned to Bill. "Look here, Bill, I've been thinking . . ."

"I thought you looked a bit strained," remarked Bill.

Ignoring this weak sally, he continued, ". . . that we have been on the job four days now, and I haven't shot a decent-sized boar. You fellows always leave the half-grown stuff to me. So by the three-spires-on-a-jew-lizard's tail, if I don't shoot a boar with tusks two feet long, to-morrow, I am going on strike."

"And by the seven-stripes-on-a-goanna's tail, if you try any of your foolhardy tricks, to-morrow, it will be a matter of K.O. not on strike," suggested Bill with a hearty laugh in which Paddy joined him.

Had they but known the events of the following day, their mirth would have frozen on their lips. For that night certain hooded old hags, if not present in the body were there in spirit, dicing over the fate of one member of the party.

A sleepy old blue crane perched on a branch high above the waterhole contemplated the scene before him, dreaming, no doubt, of fat, juicy frogs and piles of helpless fish. The fierce summer sun had driven all the creatures in the neighbourhood to the shady retreat of the waterhole.

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On one bank, in the shelter of belah trees, lay an "old man" kangaroo watching the antics of the younger members of his family, who were romping about like a number of children. Not far off, a flock of wood-duck sat preening their feathers and casting quick glances at the "watcher" or "scout" who had posted himself higher up the bank for better observation purposes. On the opposite bank an emu strutted around his mate who was reclining in a most undignified manner with her legs out straight. The emu kept glancing with haughty disdain at a number of muddy, log-like objects which lay in the shallow waters at the end of the 'hole. Presently one of these objects, giving a prolonged squeal and several grunts, shifted its position. Doubtlessly Mr. Porker's siesta had been disturbed by the nippings of an industrious crayfish.

Suddenly, emitting a harsh squawk, the crane left his perch and flew off down the creek. At this waring the kangaroos sprang up, their delicate nostrils quivering as they sniffed the air. The ducks moved uneasily higher up the bank; and the emus stood tense, their stupid heads raised high in alarm. Not a pig shifted. Then shrill and piercing the warning note of a soldier-bird rang out over the creek. The ducks rose as one and quickly disappeared. Off went the 'roos, crashing through the trees, and the emus followed suit. Not a pig stirred. About thirty seconds later a panting dog emerged from the long grass near the top of the 'hole, its dripping tongue lolling from its open mouth. It paused momentarily, glancing up and down the stretch of water. Its eyes fell on the pigs. With a snarl and loud bark it made for them. The pigs woke with a start. Squealing in alarm they floundered about in their efforts to reach the bank. In its enthusiasm the dog entered the water and leaped at the nearest pig. It missed its mark. Quick as a flash the pig turned and before the unfortunate animal could recover itself a razor-edged tusk ripped through its flesh and tossed it screaming with agony onto the bank.

At this point a dozen madly barking dogs charged down the bank. The pigs did not stop to argue, but fled in terror up the opposite bank. No sooner had they left the shelter of the trees than there was a burst of rifle fire. Bill and Paddy emptied their magazines into the scattering animals. The dogs, hard upon the heels of the remaining porkers, soon brought them to bay. Vainly the pigs charged the nimble dogs and one by one they were despatched. When the last of the pigs had swallowed his pill (as Blue termed it) Bill turned to Paddy.

"This sight reminds me of a pirate book I once read, which opened with 'the deck was a shambles', but perhaps 'fifteen pigs on a dead man's chest' would be more appropriate in this case."

"Ay, ay," agreed Patrick, "but I have been wond'rin' how young Blue is getting along, I haven't heard any shots yet."

"Perhaps nothing went across his side," suggested Bill, "but we had better go across and find out."

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There was a note of anxiety in his voice which was not missed by Paddy. For Blue would have joined them long ago had nothing turned up.

Blue, who had been sent around to the opposite side of the water-hole, waited in the shelter of a big coolibah tree. Before long he heard the scream of a dog and guessed what had occurred. He grasped his rifle the more tightly and, keenly alert, watched the place where he expected the pigs to come forth. The rattle of rifle fire broke out on the far side. Still nothing turned up. Despairing of an opportunity for a shot he was about to ride across to the others when he happened to look down the creek. About two hundred yards away, careering across an open patch of country, with four dogs at his heels, was an old boar.

Cheering madly, Blue set off in pursuit at full gallop, brandishing his rifle like a full-blooded Mohican.

"He must have doubled back along the creek instead of following the others," thought Blue, "but I'll spoil his game or my name is not Bluey Stuart."

On coming up with his quarry which the dogs had bailed up at the foot of a gnarled, twisted old gum tree, he was a little awed by the sight before him.

With sides heaving the furious beast faced the snarling dogs, its wicked little bloodshot eyes keenly watching its nimble-footed aggressors. From its gaping foam-flecked mouth a pair of curved, needle-pointed tusks of extraordinary size protruded. Unknown to Blue the cunning beast had observed his arrival and had put him down as the instigator of these snapping snarling hounds.

Blue brought his rifle to his shoulder and fired. A miss! His horse had started at a sudden movement of the pig, thus spoiling his aim. Again he took aim, but the horse refused to keep still. Blue cursed volubly, but all to no avail. At last in sheer desperation he dismounted and tied his mount to a nearby tree.

Grasping his rifle firmly he approached from the side so as to get in an effective shot without danger of hitting the dogs. When within twenty yards of the apparently pre-occupied animal, it suddenly wheeled about and charged straight at him! His rifle leaped to his shoulder. He fired. Missed! Turning instinctively he fled for his horse. But tripping on a protruding root he fell headlong. The rifle slid from his grasp. The boar charged on with incredible speed. The terrified boy instinctively shielded his face with his arm. A scream of agony rent the air as a cruel tusk bit deeply into the soft flesh of the protecting arm. The boar unable to stop its mad rush continued on for several yards, where it was again confronted by the dogs.

The beast was just contemplating another charge at this object of its hatred, when one of the dogs, swiftly darting in, seized it by the ear. Roaring with pain the frenzied animal was turned on its back.

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On regaining its feet it charged in mad fury at the nearest dog. A neat side-step frustrated the attempt but only augmented the fury. Its malevolent little eyes again fell on the boy who sat half dazed with pain and fear, where he had fallen.

Galloping hooves sounded in the distance. A ringing shout, echoing wildly, was rapidly followed by the savage bark of a rifle. The thudding impact of a striking bullet resounded hollowly. The huge boar gave a convulsive jump and rolled over . . . dead.

The horses came to a sliding standstill. Bill leaped from his saddle and in two bounds was at the boy's side. He had fainted from loss of blood. Observing his condition at a glance, he whipped round and roared, "Water, iodine and rag out of the saddle bag, Paddy. Jump to it, man!"

Then stooping quickly he lifted the pale-faced boy into the shade of a tree. Snatching off his shirt he began to rip it into strips. Paddy ran up with the requirements and Bill, with quick, deft, steady hands, washed the wound, applied the iodine and tightly bound up the arm which was still bleeding profusely.

"Bad business, Paddy," he said, gloomily shaking his head. "I've never yet seen a rip from a pig that did not turn septic. The next thing is to get him to hospital. May God grant that the bandage stops the blood or we shall never yet him there alive. Now lift him up gently to me", he added as he mounted, "I'll carry him while you lead my horse."

They set off for the station, eight miles away, as fast as circumstances would permit.

The fear of blood-poisoning that had been voiced by Bill, was only too real. Almost invariably when a horse is ripped up it has to be shot. Living as they do, on carrion flesh and such filth, the pigs have tusks impregnated with germs, that give rise to rapid blood-poisoning. There was a slender chance for Blue if he received medical attention soon enough. The nearest doctor was seventy-five miles away!

About three hours later from a dusty travel-worn car, the pale limp body of the boy was lifted on to a stretcher and borne away to the waiting doctor.

His condition was critical, but an immediate transfusion was made possible by Paddy O'Brien's quick response.

Two days later he took a turn for the better, rallied, and being incorrigible, was soon hunting pigs again.

HAROLDKIN.

Lyall B. Cawsey. 1B.

*Among the knights who rode to town,
Was Haroldkin the Red,
A man of deeds both great and small,
Wherever blood was shed.*

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*Now to the tourney he did wend
His lone, unhappy way,
For maidens scorned to look at him,
A hunchback since birth day.*

*For all his looks he was a man—
A man as good as three;
His manners did besit a prince,
And chivalrous was he.*

*And at the tourney the next day,
When deeds of valour flew,
This solitary knight did show
What only he could do.*

*And many were the prizes there—
The best a circle gold;
The lonely knight this prize did win
By beating Don the Bold.*

*The maidens would not meet his gaze,
Save one and only one,
'Twas Jeannie Hamilton the fair,
And Haroldkin was won.*

*But Jean saw Haroldkin to be
A peerless, manly Knight,
Whereas the others only saw
A hunchback in the fight.*

*When man and wife at last they were,
And seated in their home,
He told to her his secret great,
Why he had had to roam.*

*"My form displeases all mankind,
Except my dear Jeannie;
Then shall my form be whole again,
When woman comes to me."*

*So to the kirk he made his way,
A cross clutched in his hand.
The devil's sons sought him to stay,
The cross dispersed the band.*

*A nightlong vigil there he kept,
Before the holy shrine.
At break of day he rose and left,
And walked in the sunshine.*

*His hump was gone, his face shone bright,
To Jeannie's side he sped,
His eyes a-gleam with true love-light,
All doubts and fears were fled.*

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SLEEP.

*Sleep, sleep,
Oh, for a draught of thy vintage, O sleep.
Just once to sink on thy soft, soft breast.
Losing my spirit in an ocean of rest.
Soothed and delighted.
Soothed and delighted.
Oh, for a draught of thy vintage, oh sleep.*

*Rest, rest.
Come to me slowly and quietly, Oh rest.
Slowly and quietly waft me away.
Lift me and waft me away, away.
Soothed and delighted.
Soothed and delighted.
Come to me slowly and quietly, oh rest.*

*Sleep, sleep.
Oh for a draught of thy vintage, Oh sleep.
Just once to sink on thy soft, soft breast,
Losing my spirit in an ocean of rest.
Soothed and delighted,
Soothed and delighted,
Oh for a draught of thy vintage, Oh sleep.*

W.H.A., 5A.

M'ZEI.

An African Sketch.

He must have been at least eighty when we knew him, so we gave him the title of respect: "M'zei," "the Old One."

He looked after our turkeys, and his honesty was such that he always brought in the eggs while they were still warm. His only garment was a red blanket, with black stripes at each end, slung over his shoulder. His adornments consisted of several necklaces of china and wooden beads, and his goat-skin pouch with the hair on, in which he kept odds and ends. Slung over his back by a leathern thong was his three-legged stool, which showed his rank as an elder of the tribe. His outfit was completed by half-a-dozen sticks. Such was M'zei, known to us for many years; but only by his title, not by his name, which we shall never know.

When M'zei brought in an egg, his ceremony was extremely curious. He started by shuffling his feet, slowly—for he was old—and quietly—for he was an elder, with dignity to maintain. When he had collected most of the family by these means, he was asked what he

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wanted. The reply was invariably, "M-m-m!" The question was repeated, and one of us was given all the sticks to hold, while the curious assortment of articles in the pouch was produced. At the bottom was . . . an egg! Amid expressions of joyful surprise, it was produced. Slowly, carefully, we received it, thanked the old man, and bore it off in triumph, leaving him to replace the contents of his pouch, collect his sticks, think a while, then turn to totter away. No one could say why an old gentleman like this should choose to mind our turkeys.

Some years ago he returned to his grandsons, and was lost to us. Perhaps some family feud, later settled, had driven him to us.

"PRIEST," 4B.

THE JEST OF FATE.

The sun glared redly down on the ruins of the old monastery; the heat waves shimmered up from the hard, baked earth; for the time being, the silence was broken only by the drone of an aeroplane high up in the arched, cloudless vault above. Behind this monastery of La Paloma lay the town of Aranjuez, while about one mile to the front of it, a fork of the great Tagus river. The monastery stood on a slight eminence, commanding an uninterrupted view of the ford at this fork, at which point the rebel advance guard must cross. The ruins themselves were in the hands of the Government forces. At the present moment, Sergeant Juan Inez and ten men were in command of the ruins, awaiting reinforcements from the town. The heat was stifling; and Inez, cursing his luck at having to stand the present watch, was idly scanning the ford again through his binoculars, when suddenly the face of a young rebel officer leapt into his field of vision. His lassitude left him immediately. As far as he could make out, the rebel officer was accompanied by five other men; doubtless they were reconnoitring for their main advance. Inez reached for his heavy rifle, rested it on a niche in the crumbling parapet, and began to adjust his telescopic sight.

Had not Fate intervened at this moment, that young rebel officer's life would have terminated abruptly then and there. However, the Government troops had been using these ruins as a sharp-shooting post for quite a time, and had thus considerably hampered the rebels' movements in that locality. Thus it was that the pilot of the rebel aeroplane, at that moment, became sure of his objective and dived down at the ruins like a hawk swooping on its prey. As he zoomed over them, two demolition bombs, harbingers of swift death, fell from beneath the plane's wings.

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Inez, hearing the increasing roar of the plane's engine, looked up, and seeing it hurtling down apparently straight at him, jumped to his feet to flee. Even as he did, the very earth before him seemed to erupt fire; a mighty wind like Vulcan's fiery breath smote him in the face; he was lifted off the ground and hurled to it again, then mercifully lost consciousness.

When he came to, there was an intolerable pain in his head, his mouth was burning, and his lips felt dry. He tried to rise, but found to his horror that he could not. The greater part of his body was buried beneath a debris of stone and wood, and it was impossible to free either an arm or a hand. As the full force of his predicament burnt itself into his stunned mind, his head bowed towards his breast, only to be arrested by something projecting from the rubble. He rested his forehead on it while meditating over his position; suddenly a thrill of dread ran through him; his scalp tingled and his heart seemed to skip several beats—the pressure on his forehead seemed that of a ring of steel!

He jerked his head back and looked at the object; it was the barrel of his own rifle and was pointed straight at his face. The cold hand of fear gripped his heart with its icy clutch. He knew that the rifle was fully loaded and that the trigger was at half-cock. Any slight movement he made might dislodge some of the debris and set it off.

He frenziedly called to his comrades for succour; but they were either all dead or had fled from the monastery. He looked at the barrel again; it seemed like a baleful black eye prophesying his death. No matter how he tried to look away his gaze always seemed to return to it. It almost seemed to mock him by its latent threat. He held himself rigidly still; the sweat poured from his face and the pain in his head grew more acute. Now his body was afflicted with racking cramp, and he felt that he must move; now it seemed that, despite all efforts, he was disturbing the debris. At any moment, he expected the muzzle to belch forth fiery death into his face.

An hour passed. The strain was telling on him; the suspense was becoming too great. He could not bear it much longer. He moved his head and dislodged a stone nearby; his heart stood still as he waited for the explosion—none came. Wildly he looked at the barrel and burst into peal after peal of insane laughter as he saw the irony of the situation. The bullet intended for the enemy would probably kill him; killed by his own weapon—it was a worthy jest of Fate's. The tears rolled down his face as he laughed. His mind was snapping under the emotional strain. For minutes he remained talking to the gun-barrel; threatening it, cajoling it, and praying to it.

At last, forgetful of his position, he twisted his body. The surrounding litter moved, stones rolled away from him, and to his terror he saw the barrel incline towards him. His head lolled down over his body.

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Towards sunset, a small party of rebels slowly toiled up the slope towards the ruins, keeping a sharp look-out for their enemy. When they reached the ruined monastery, the first sight that met their eyes was that of a man buried up to his shoulders in a litter of stones and boulders. He was quite dead, although his head and face was unmarked. The rebel officer, seeing the projecting gun-barrel, seized it eagerly and drew it forth, for his party was short of modern rifles. The next moment, he had flung it from him with a curse—it was a mere ornament. Apparently, in the recent explosion the rifle had been blown in two; the rebel had drawn forth only the barrel of a gun.

R. T. ORAM, 5A.

PERSONAL.

Our last issue omitted to record the transfer of Messrs. G. C. Shaw and V. E. Plummer to Lismore High School as Masters of Mathematics and Science respectively.

Mr. Shaw fulfilled the duties of Treasurer of S.H.S. Union, and Mr. Plummer was in charge of the First Grade Cricket team for a number of years.

This number records with pleasure their valuable services to Sydney High.

Mr. N. McDonagh—Science Department—was transferred to Fort Street High in May.

Mr. S. R. Bilbe returned to duty after three months' leave of absence, during which he toured United States and Canada.

Mr. T. B. Ingram also returned after a round tour of Great Britain, Europe and North America.

Mr. V. Hyde has received a permanent appointment as Lecturer in English at the Sydney Teachers' Training College. Congratulations!

Mr. C. Black is making excellent progress towards recovery after an operation for appendicitis.



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THE PRECINCTS OF AUSTRALIA HOUSE.

The traveller from the Antipodes soon assents—with some variations—to a word-picture of London, attributed to Charles Lamb:—

"Streets, streets, streets, markets, theatres, churches, Covent Gardens—lamps lit at night, pastrycooks' and silversmiths' shops—inns of Court with their learned air, and hall, and butteries, just like Cambridge Colleges, old bookstalls, Jeremy Taylors, Burtons on Melancholy and Religio Medicis on every stall. These are thy pleasures, O London . . .!"

Elia omitted roaring underground "tubes", red double-decker buses lumbering along, ubiquitous taxis, glowing Neon lighting and dazzling cinemas, Dominion products and American tourists! They are all there—and more!—an amazing sequel to the city of the Regency!

"We don't come to Lunnon to do nought but 'joy oursel, do we?" says John Browdie, in "Nicholas Nickleby".

We don't, for London is the world's playground.

"I hope to see London once ere I die," remarks Shallow's servant; to which Bardolph replies, "An' I might see you there, Davy, . . ."—II. Henry IV., v. 3.

Much in the great metropolis is terrible, too. Slumdom squalor—like the poor—is always with us. But someone is astir about this! A nasty underworld, a submerged "tenth", unconscionable selfishness, seeds of civil war amongst Fascist and Communist minorities—deprecatd by the great mass of British folk as a deplorable foreign invasion of "this other Eden, demi-paradise"—are all there! That is another London!

But our London is glamorous, fascinating, inspirational! It scintillates like the many facets of a huge diamond.

Australia House holds court in the Strand by Aldwych, just without the "city" boundary. It is a suitable starting-point for a ramble. Hardby St. Clement Danes—an island church—stands, sentinel-like, guarding Fleet Street and the newspaper world. The parish church of the Anzacs, on Anzac Day the official service of Commemoration is held there, attended by the High Commissioner and the Australian colony. It is immortalized in a nursery rhyme, "Oranges and lemons, the bells of St. Clement's!" and annually, at a children's service, the Rector distributes the golden fruit. Dr. Johnson's pew in the gallery is indicated by a tablet, and his statue—a poor one—adorns the east end of the churchyard. Adjacent are the pleasing modern Gothic Law Courts. We look East down Fleet Street, beyond which rises Ludgate Hill, crowned by Christopher Wren's masterpiece, St. Paul's Cathedral, its great dome—reminiscent of St. Peter's, Rome—and Cross, a commanding witness of the faith that is England's.

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Near the Law Courts stands the fabulous Griffin, guarding the "City", and occupying the site of Wren's Temple Bar, a gateway removed in 1878. Time was when executed heads adorned this structure, and when a telescope might have been hired for one penny to view more closely these grisly objects. It marked the division of the East end from West end. East of Temple Bar lies the throbbing "city," the pulse of Britain's great commerce. Here stand St. Paul's, Bank of England, Royal Exchange, Mansion House, Banks, Insurance and Shipping offices, shops and publishers—an entirely different city from that west of Temple Bar—the West End! In the latter resides the King at Buckingham Palace, at the end of the Mall, around which are grouped Trafalgar Square, Whitehall, Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Clubland, Piccadilly, parks, museums, theatres, hotels, restaurants, department stores, and the homes of fashionable folk. Thus Temple Bar is a significant landmark.

A few steps from Australia House we turn from the roar of the traffic in Fleet Street and pass through a classical gateway to the right, built by Wren in 1684. Here is a legal world, for we are within two of the inns of court—the Inner and Middle Temples. In the comparative solitude, our thoughts fly back over the centuries to the Crusades, and to those soldier-monks, "Brethren of the Militia of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon" (Knights Templars), who aided Christian pilgrims on their way to the Holy Land. At the end of a short laneway is the Temple Church, dating from the twelfth century, where, on Sundays, a crowded congregation attends Divine Service, enthralled by the famous cultured choir of surpliced men and boys. The Order was abolished in the fourteenth century—a dark tragedy.

These poor fellow-soldiers were originally quartered in the Palace of Baldwin II at Jerusalem. This was built on the site of the Temple of Solomon, near the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which the Knights Templars protected with their lives. Nowadays, a Templar is a lawyer or student living in buildings around the quadrangles of the "Temple," "far from the madding crowd" (as Thomas Gray might say) though right in the thick of it.

Over the gateway entrance is the crest of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple. It is a lamb and a flag—the "Agnus Dei." Near the Temple Church is the middle Temple Hall, dating from 1572, within which "Twelfth Night" was performed in 1602. Across the court is the fountain mentioned by Dickens in "Martin Chuzzlewit."

On a warm Summer's day, under the shade of the elms, a glimpse of the sparkling Thames may be seen beyond the garden below. Some of the rooms were occupied formerly by Goldsmith and Thackeray. Overlooking Hare Court, in the Inner Temple, Charles Lamb rented rooms. Indeed, he was born in King's Bench Walk, in the same area, a legend on the London County Council's tablet of No. 2 bearing the

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date, "1775." On a tomb in the churchyard of the Temple Church are the simple words:

"Here lies Oliver Goldsmith,"

although the precise spot is unknown.

We return to the bustle of Fleet Street and to Temple Bar, where the King halts on his way to the "City," and is met by the Lord Mayor of London, who holds the "keys." This picturesque ceremony was enacted during the present year, when Edward VIII. visited the "City" for his Proclamation as King. King George V. and Queen Mary were also halted at Temple Bar last year, during the Silver Jubilee, on their way to the Thanksgiving Service in St. Paul's.

It was William the Conqueror's indiscretion—or adroitness!—which initiated this procedure. The English have always had a "charter complex." They have no written constitution. A long series of precedents serves instead. Strangely enough, the English give constitutions away. The Dominions and Colonies have been the solemn recipients of these curious documents. Annoy an Englishman, threaten to impinge on his rights, or stop his breakfast bacon and eggs (two), and you will very likely be hit in the eye with a Magna Charta. King John nearly lost his life when, at Runnymede, he suddenly felt a violent dislike for a Magna Charta. He was highly indignant; but what he thought of the Barons is not recorded. However, discretion won the day when he caught sight of the point of Stephen Langton's sword.

William the Conqueror presented a charter to the city of London. It is still preserved at the Guildhall. The gist of it is that the city was to be under the "ecclesiastical and civil jurisdiction of a bishop and port-reeve." William also promised to respect the laws of the reign of his predecessor, Edward the Confessor. Being a shrewd monarch, and possibly not trusting the Anglo-Saxon Londoners overmuch, he carefully built the White Tower (still extant) of the Tower of London, on the Thames Embankment. Thus he was able to watch the enemy within and without. A London jest has it that the Conqueror is still "in touch," his telephone number being, "Hastings One-oh-double-six."

In this way the authority of the city was recognised, and Royalty to-day respects these age-long rights by halting at Temple Bar for the Lord Mayoral permit to enter. It is a pleasant fiction, but a gratifying privilege. A similar urge for autonomy lost to the Empire the great United States.

An amusing story is related of strained relations between His Majesty and my Lord Mayor of London. James I. was hard-up, so he asked the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London for a loan. This sort of thing really does happen sometimes. Whether the Guildhall doubted James' ability to pay or were merely "showing off" is not clear. In short, they refused the request. James became very

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huffy about it, and threatened to leave London to set up his court elsewhere.

It will be recalled that his son Charles I., in 1642, after a quarrel with Parliament, set up his standard at Nottingham. On that occasion the King was annoyed with Parliament for extorting a charter from him for a miserable sum.

The Lord Mayor was unruffled by James' threat, replying in effect that His Majesty might do as he pleased and that the city of London would be duly obedient. However, he humbly prayed that when the King did remove his court he would please leave the Thames behind him! The reactions of James to this piece of insolence may be imagined. Thus, while monarchs have changed, the Thames has flowed on unceasingly—slightly muddier to-day—and the lofty Lord Mayors, in scarlet and ermine, and with gold chains about their necks, have maintained their semblance of power.

Beyond St. Paul's, in Cheapside, stands the Church of Bow Bells—bells, which, according to legend, caused Dick Whittington and his cat to loiter on the way at Highgate. "Turn again, Whittington!" they pealed, "thrice Lord Mayor of London." He did so, for a stained window in the Guildhall commemorates his period of office. 'Tis said that everyone living within the sound of Bow Bells is a Cockney, with an intonation suspiciously akin to the "horrid Australian accent."

"Cheap" means "market," and is derived from the Anglo-Saxon "ceap," meaning "price," or "a bargain." Interesting streets run off Cheapside at right angles. There are Wood, Bread, Milk, Friday Streets, and Ironmonger's Lane; Watling Street—relic of the Roman occupation—runs across Bread Street. John Milton, born in Bread Street, was baptized in All Hallows Church there in 1608. An inscription on Bow Church refers to Milton, and a beautiful window within commemorates the poet. Keats lived in Cheapside, and Thomas a'Becket was born near Ironmonger's Lane. Cheapside East is known as "Poultry," and the celebrated Midland Bank is located there. Hard by is the "Old Lady of Threadneedle Street" (Bank of England), rather reminiscent of another "old lady of Hunter Street, Sydney." Other streets in the vicinity are Cornhill, Leadenhall Street, and Pudding Lane, where the Fire of London started in 1666, the year after the Great Plague. The monument a few hundred feet away commemorates the conflagration. Further down the street is the Billingsgate Fish Market. Thus Cheapside was a veritable market area.

Governor Philip was born within sight of St. Paul's, for a large bronze tablet, unveiled by the Duke of Kent, marks his birthplace and records the foundation of Sydney.

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West from Australia House beyond the Strand we enter the Covent Garden market area, and close by stands the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, famous during the reign of Charles II., when "Sweet Nell Gwyn of Old Drury" drew all London. Crossing Shaftesbury Avenue is the foreign quarter of Soho. In the churchyard of St. Anne's we may stand a while before William Hazlitt's tomb. In Soho Square a tablet on a house indicates the birthplace of Sir Joseph Banks, while at the end of a street running off the square stands the "house of Dr. Manette," of Dickens' "Tale of Two Cities."

Our ramble—one of many we might essay—draws tardily to a close. As Shakespeare has remarked, we

*"Satisfy our eyes
With the memorials and the things of fame
That do renown this city"*

—("Twelfth Night," III. 3.)

We have not strayed far from Australia House. We might have returned to the legal precincts of Lincoln's Inn and Gray's Inn, the former associated with Inigo Jones, Dr. Donne, Pepys, Prynne, Sir John Soane and Ramsay Macdonald; the latter with Raleigh, Pepys, Wesley, Dickens, and Sir Francis Bacon, whose statue adorns the quadrangle. Shelley had rooms here, and Lamb wrote of Gray's Inn in these terms:—

"The best gardens of any of the Inns of Court, my beloved Temple not forgotten, have the gravest character, their aspect being altogether reverend and law breathing. Bacon left the impress of his feet upon their gravel walks."

Staple Inn, at High Holborn, was the house of the merchants of the wool staple. It became an Inn of Chancery about the time of Henry V. Dickens knew it well enough, for his "Edwin Drood" is associated. An amusing warning in the laneway arrests attention:—

*"The Porter Has Orders To Prevent Old Clothes Men
And Others From Calling Articles For Sale. Also Rude
Children Playing, &c. No Horses Allowed Within This Inn."*

Striking to the left from St. Paul's Churchyard along Warwick Lane, past Amen Corner and Paternoster Row (home of the great publishers), we reach Newgate and the Old Bailey Law Courts. Close by is the site of Christ's Hospital ("blue coat" school), where Lamb and Coleridge went to school. Portion of the General Post Office occupies the area to-day, but Christ Church remains, hallowed by the memories of these great litterateurs. In the basement of the G.P.O. is portion of the original wall of Londinium, with a bastion, and a curious medieval drain cuts through the wall. Beyond lies Smithfield

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— a great meat market — once the scene of fire and faggot in a religious cause. A legend on the wall of St. Bartholomew's Hospital indicates the spot of the martyrdom. Here, too, is the early medieval Church of St. Bartholomew the Great, founded by Rahere in 1123, in Henry I's. reign, an effigy in the chancel, illuminated by two lighted tapers, marking his alleged resting-place. To-day, only the original choir, cloisters, and Lady Chapel remain restored. The low-vaulted ambulatory, which is separated from the choir by splendid Norman arches, conjures up ornate ecclesiastical ritual and vivid processions. John Milton probably was thinking of this fane when writing "Il Penseroso":—

*"But let my due feet never fail
"To walk the studious cloister's pale,
"To love the high-embow'd roof
"With antique pillars massy-proof,
"And storied windows richly dight
"Casting a dim religious light."*

The windows, however, no longer have stained glass; but the "dim religious light" remains.

The churches of London are storehouses of priceless treasures. Here repose many of England's great. There we leave them, recalling the words of the epitaph on Shakespeare's tomb in the Parish Church at Stratford-on-Avon:—

*"Good friend for Jesus' sake forbear,
"To digg the dust enclosed here;
"Blest be ye man yt spares these stones
"And curst be he yt moves my bones."*

We return to Australia House for the air-mail, and on the steps nearly collide with the High Commissioner. He crosses Aldwych in the direction of the Law Courts. We glance from his soft felt to his shoes, and—no, Mr. Bruce does not wear spats!

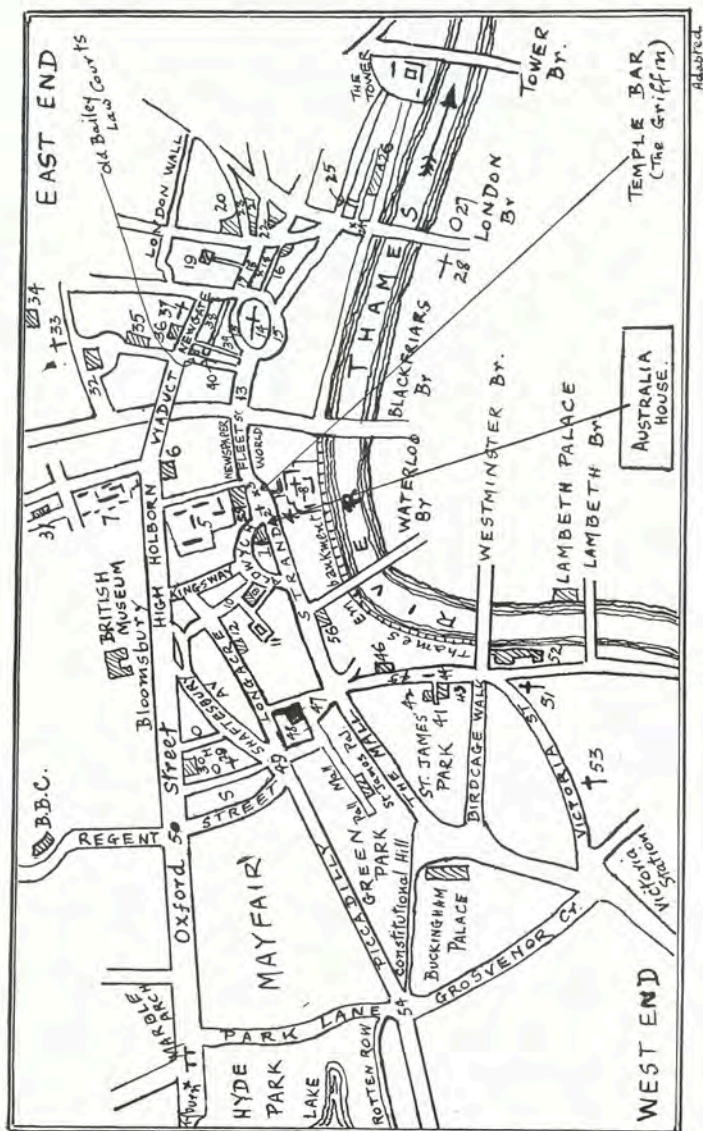
Too soon Southampton is left behind, the spirit of England permeating mind and soul. The glorious landscapes are beyond the horizon, and the New Forest recedes as we pass the Isle of Wight to starboard and Portsmouth to port, and steer for the open sea, and home . . . ten thousand miles "down under!"

As Albion's shoreline becomes dim, our last thought is of Shakespeare, who appraised the land of his birth as no other Englishman has done, when John of Gaunt in "Richard II." says:—

*"This precious stone set in a silver sea,
"This blessed plot . . . this England!"*

T. B. INGRAM.

SKETCH MAP
"THE PRECINCTS OF AUSTRALIA HOUSE."



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| 2. St. Clement Danes Church. | 30. Soho Square. |
| 3x. The Griffin (Temple Bar). | 31. Dickens' House. |
| 4. Inner and Middle Temple. | 32. Smithfield Meat Markets. |
| 5. Lincoln's Inn. | 33. St. Bartholomew's the Great. |
| 6. Staple Inn. | 34. Charterhouse. |
| 7. Gray's Inn. | 35. St. Bartholomew's Hospital. |
| 8. Temple Church. | 36. G.P.O. (site of Christ's Hospital). |
| 9. Theatre Royal, Drury Lane. | 37. Christ's Church. |
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ATHLETICS REPORT.

A review of athletic activities for 1936 marks this year as the greatest in the history of the school.

At the Combined High Schools meeting "High" athletes won all four championships—the first school to accomplish this feat—and at G.P.S., after winning the Junior Cup, failed by the narrow margin of one point to add the Senior Championship to the collection.

Beards, as yet ungrown, will wag in discussion of the epic effort by "Buck" Lewis to gain the final and deciding 440, of how he forced past Scots in the last few yards, stumbled, and while falling, hurled himself across the line, just failing to gain victory on a hair line decision.

No more dramatic climax could have been devised, and to Scots and their fine team we offer our hearty congratulations.

The senior championship at C.H.S. was almost as exciting. Event by event High and Technical stubbornly contested the lead for two long days, the issue being undecided until the second last race. Two fine athletes, Mumford and Stephens, of Technical, between them won every flat race, but High had no assailable weakness in any division, and, by consistently good team work, earned a hard won victory.

Captain and mainstay of the senior teams was Lyall Wall, and his mighty deeds have set a high standard for future generations to emulate. He takes with him all available high and broad jump records at figures which ensure a reasonable permanence. A great athlete and a real team's man.

Higham, Coape-Smith, Popplewell, Kaad, McKenzie and Chapman were also outstanding, but it must be stressed that every man in every division had to be fighting fit to make achievement possible. Champions are necessary, but modern school athletics has become a team event.

Junior Championships.

Despite good opposition, the uniform strength of the Junior team provided comfortable victories in both G.P.S. and C.H.S. meetings. Dent, Freeman, Kaad, Elder, Erskine, Hibberd and Angus are particularly worthy of mention. Kaad and Elder graduated to the senior G.P.S. team, acquitting themselves well.

Under 14 Championships.

The standard in this division was not as high as in previous years, their success being due rather to the fact that all three divisions were uniform in quality. Their C.H.S. win was, in fact, in the nature of a pleasant surprise. Levy, McCouatt, Nairn, Raftos, Thornley, Lewis and Fagg all promise well. The fine style of the sprinters in this section owes much to Dr. K. Hartley, who gave valuable assistance in coaching.

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SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR ATHLETICS TEAM—C.H.S. PREMIERS, 1936.
 Back Row (Left to Right): A. SMITH, R. McLEOD, W. ABBOTT, J. EDWARDS,
 Second Row: J. McKENZIE, Z. FREEMAN, T. ALLEN, V. CHAPMAN, A.
 McNEILL, V. HERCUS.
 Front Row: R. HIGHAM, V. M. LEWIS, L. A. BASSER, Esq., J. L. WALL,
 J. H. KILLIP, Esq., J. COAPE-SMITH, F. POPPLEWELL.

New School Records.

A fine crop of first-class athletes in the last few years has caused rapid revision of the record sheets. Only three records are now more than four years old, and most have changed many times during that period.

Saturation point, we hope, is still far distant, and seven alterations have to be made this year. Wall's broad jump is the outstanding achievement.

Senior Broad Jump: J. L. Wall, C.H.S., 1936, 23ft. 9½in.

Senior Hurdles: J. L. Wall, C.H.S., 1936, 16½ secs.

Circular Relay: Wall, Higham, Popplewell, Chapman, C.H.S., 1936, 44½ secs.

Junior 220 Yards: H. C. Dent, S.H.S., 1936, 23½ secs.

Junior 440 Yards: B. Elder, C.H.S., 1936, 55½ secs.

Junior High Jump: Z. Freeman, G.P.S., 1936, 5ft. 5in.

Juvenile 60 Yards Hurdles: R. Nairn and R. Thornley, C.H.S., 1936, 10 secs.

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In extra school activities, Popplewell 16 $\frac{3}{40}$ secs. and Kaad 16 secs competing for first grade clubs, have recently greatly improved on the school record for the hurdles. For the State schoolboy championships R. Higham won the under 18 Shot Putt at 43ft. 10in.; V. Chapman, the Under 18 Broad Jump at 19ft. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., and F. Kaad, the Under 17 Hurdles in 12 $\frac{3}{10}$ secs.

Results for 1936.

The following tables give High's results for the year in the three principal meetings. * Indicates record for the meeting.

SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS MEETING, AUGUST 7th.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards: J. Wall, F. Popplewell, R. Higham, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.
 220 Yards: J. Wall, F. Popplewell, R. Higham, 24 secs.
 440 Yards: J. Wall, M. Lewis, J. Coape-Smith, 53 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs.
 880 Yards: J. Coape Smith, J. McKenzie, M. Lewis, 2.9 $\frac{7}{8}$ secs.
 Mile: J. Coape-Smith, J. McKenzie, J. Edwards, 5.5 $\frac{5}{8}$ secs.
 High Jump: J. Wall, L. Freeman, T. Allen, 5ft. 11in.
 Broad Jump: J. Wall, F. Popplewell, V. Chapman, 22ft. 6in.
 Shot Putt: R. Higham, R. McLeod, W. Abbott, 41ft. 10in.
 120 Yards Hurdles: J. Wall, F. Popplewell, V. Hercus, 16 $\frac{1}{8}$ secs.*
 Senior Cup: J. L. Wall, 48 pts.; F. Popplewell, 20; J. Coape-Smith, 19.



SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR ATHLETICS TEAM—C.H.S. PREMIERS, 1936.
 Back Row: B. ELDER, W. BROOKS, N. ROULSTON, T. LOWE, C. POTTER.
 Front Row: F. P. KAAD, L. A. BASSER, Esq., H. C. DENT, J. H. KILLIP, Esq.,
 Z. FREEMAN.
 (R. ANGUS and D. ERSKINE absent.)

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JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards: H. Dent, F. Kaad, D. Erskine, $10\frac{1}{8}$ secs.
220 Yards: H. Dent, F. Kaad, D. Erskine, $23\frac{1}{8}$ secs.*
440 Yards: B. Elder, F. Kaad, H. Dent, $56\frac{1}{2}$ secs.
880 Yards: A. Angus, B. Elder, F. Dawson, $2.18\frac{1}{2}$ secs.
High Jump: Z. Freeman, D. Erskine, K. Hibberd, 5ft. 2in.
Broad Jump: K. Hibberd, H. Dent, R. Angus, 20ft. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Shot Putt: Z. Freeman, W. Brooks, N. Roulston, 43ft. 7in.
90 Yards Hurdles: F. Kaad, C. Potter, L. Talbot, $13\frac{1}{2}$ secs.
Junior Cup: H. Dent and F. Kaad, equal 26 pts.; B. Elder, 17 pts.

JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards: E. Levy, V. Lewis, B. Wittman, 12 secs.
220 Yards: E. Levy, R. Thornley, R. Nairn, 26 secs.
60 Yards Hurdles: R. Nairn, R. Thornley, E. Levy, 10 secs.*
High Jump: R. Fagg, R. Nairn, J. McCouatt, 4ft. 5in.
Broad Jump: R. Nairn, R. Thornley, E. Levy, 16ft. $5\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Juvenile Cup: R. Nairn, 25 pts.; E. Levy, $22\frac{1}{4}$; R. Thornley, 17.

The Class Championship Pennant, inaugurated this year, was won easily by IV. (C.) with $129\frac{1}{4}$ points. V. (E.), with 95 points, were second, and V. (B.), 86 points third. One unhappy second year class did not score a point.



UNDER 14 C.H.S. PREMIERS.

Back Row: R. THORNLEIGH, V. LEWIS, J. MCCOUGH, B. WITTMAN.
Front Row: R. NAIRN, L. BASSER, Esq., E. LEVY, J. H. KILLIP, Esq., R. FAGG.

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COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS MEETING.

SENIOR.	DIVISION I.	DIVISION II.	DIVISION III.
100 Yds.	J. Wall (2)	F. Popplewell (1)	R. Higham (1)
		11 secs.	11½ secs.
220 Yds.	J. Wall (2)	F. Popplewell (1)	R. Higham (1)
		24 secs.	23½ secs.
440 Yds.	M. Lewis (3)	J. Coape-Smith (2)	A. Smith (2)
880 Yds.	J. Coape-Smith (2)	J. McKenzie (2)	R. McNeil (2)
Mile	J. Coape-Smith (3)	J. McKenzie (2)	J. Edwards (1)
			5 mins., 0½ secs.
Hurdles	J. Wall (1) 16½ secs.	—	V. Hercus (1)
			17½ secs.
High Jump	J. Wall (1) 6ft. 2in.*	Z. Freeman (2)	T. Allen (1) 5ft. 4¾in.
		19ft. 10in.	
Broad Jump	J. Wall (1) 23ft. 9½in.*	F. Popplewell (1)	V. Chapman (1)
			19ft. 7in.
Shot Putt	R. Higham (1)	R. McLeod, 35ft. 11in.	W. Abbott, 35ft. 10¾in.
	44ft. 9½in.		
Medley Relay	Sydney (2)		
Circular Relay	Sydney (1) 44½*		

Senior Cup: Sydney High, 140 pts.; Technical, 116 pts.

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EVENT.	DIVISION I.	DIVISION II.	DIVISION III.
100 Yds.	H. Dent (2)	F. Kaad (1) 11½	—
220 Yds.	H. Dent (1) 24	F. Kaad (1) 24½	D. Erskine (2)
440 Yds.	B. Elder (3)	—	D. Erskine (1) 56
Hurdles	F. Kaad (1) 12½*	H. Dent (1) 13½	C. Potter (1) 14
Broad Jump	H. Dent (2)	D. Angus (3)	C. Potter (1) 18ft. 1½in.
High Jump	Z. Freeman (3)	D. Erskine (2)	T. Lowe (1) 5ft. 2in.
Shot Putt	—	W. Brooks (1)	N. Roulston (1)
		40ft. 2½in.	41ft. 3½in.

440 Relay: (1) Dent, Kaad, Erskine, Elder, 47 secs.

Junior Cup: Sydney, 97 pts.; Fort St., 57½; Technical, 50.

C.H.S. JUNIOR.

EVENT.	DIVISION I.	DIVISION II.	DIVISION III.
100 Yds.	E. Levy (3)	—	R. Thornley (3)
Hurdles	—	—	—
Broad Jump	R. Nairn (1)	R. Thornley (3)	—
	10 secs.	10 secs.	R. Thornley (3)
High Jump	—	—	J. McCouatt (1)
			4ft. 8in.

440 Yds. Relay: (1) Levy, Thornley, Lewis, Wittman, 51½ secs.

Juvenile Shield: Sydney, 39 pts.; Parramatta, 32 pts.

Aggregate Championship Pennant: Sydney 276, Technical 180.

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SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR ATHLETICS TEAM—RUNNERS-UP G.P.S., 1936.

Back Row: B. ELDER, J. MCKENZIE, R. HIGHAM, J. TYRER, J. EDWARDS,
Front Row: J. COAPE-SMITH, V. M. LEWIS, J. H. KILLIP, Esq., J. L. WALL,
L. A. BASSER, Esq., F. P. KAAD, F. E. POPPLEWELL.

Great Public Schools Meeting.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards: F. Popplewell (4).

220 Yards: J. L. Wall (3).

440 Yards Championship: V. M. Lewis (2), Teams S.H.S. (2).

440 Yards, Div. (3): J. L. Wall (2).

440 Yards, Div. (2): R. Higham (2).

440 Yards, Div. (1): B. Elder (3).

880 Yards: J. Coape-Smith (3).

Mile Championship: J. Coape-Smith (8), Teams S.H.S. (4).

Mile, Div. (3): J. McKenzie (2).

Mile, Div. (2): J. Edwards (3).

Mile, Div. (1): J. Tyrer (5).

High Jump: J. L. Wall (1), 6ft. 1in.

Broad Jump: J. L. Wall (1), 22ft. 2½in.

120 Yards Hurdles: F. P. Kaad (2).

12 lb. Shot Putt: R. Higham (1), 42ft. 9½in.

Senior Cup: The Scots College, 89 pts.; Sydney High, 88 pts.; Sydney C. of E. Grammar, 64 pts.

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JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards: H. Dent (2).

220 Yards: H. Dent (3).

880 Yards: D. Angus (2).

High Jump: Z. Freeman, equal (1), 5ft. 5in.

Broad Jump: K. Hibberd (4), 18ft. 1in.

90 Yards Hurdles: H. Dent (3).

8 x 220 Teams Race: (1) Dent, Erskine, Potter, Hibberd, McMurray, Harrison, Sleaford, Wilcox. Time 3 min. 21 secs.

Juvenile 100 Yards: V. Lewis (8).

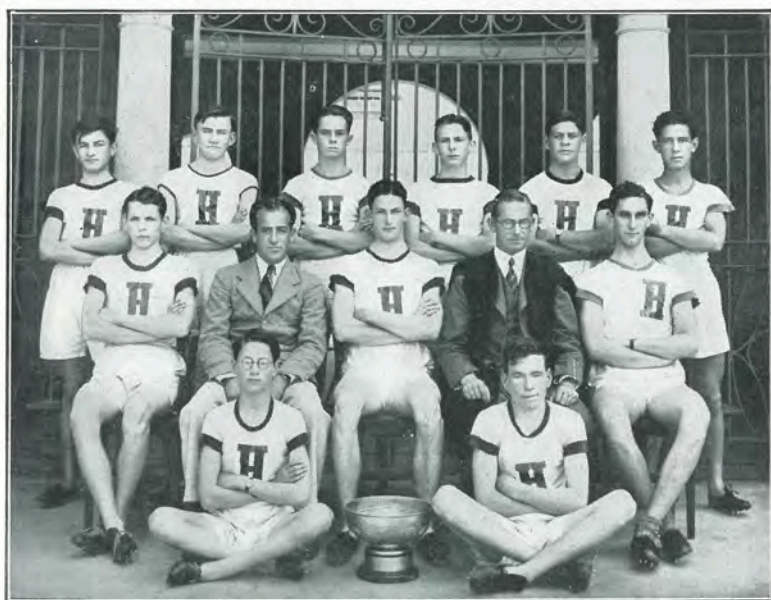
Juvenile 220 Yards: J. Raftos (3).

Juvenile High Jump: J. McCouatt, equal (1), 4ft. 8in.

Junior Cup: Sydney High (1), 75 pts.; Sydney Grammar, 67; The Scots College, 59.

High has now a proud tradition of athletic achievement, but continuity must be ensured. Grade athletics have just commenced, and the clubs welcome schoolboy athletes at a nominal charge. Join up now, decide on a few events, and gain the necessary stamina and experience, that the school may have a worthy team for the coming year.

L. A. BASSER, Athletics Master.



SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR ATHLETICS TEAM—G.P.S. PREMIERS, 1936.

Back Row: J. RAFTOS, P. WILCOX, — McMURRAY, C. POTTER, H. SLEEFRIK, K. HARRISON.

Second Row: — HIBBERD, L. A. BASSER, Esq., H. DENT, J. H. KILLIP, Esq., Z. FREEMAN.

Front Row: V. LEWIS, J. MCCOUATT.
(R. ANGUS and D. ERSKINE absent.)

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TENNIS.

Tennis, under the supervision of Messrs. Paynter and Reid, was again provided at Kensington and the Showground, while at the school courts, provision was made for 16 non-grade players while the competitions were in progress.

Victorious only in the Fourth Grade competition, the S.H.S. teams performed well in all the other grades, despite the loss of all the leading players of last year. The First Grade team met very strong opposition from Parramatta and Canterbury High Schools.

The Second Grade team commenced very well, but as the competition drew to a close, was defeated by several stronger teams.

The Third Grade players also showed good form throughout the earlier matches, but they, like the seconds, met defeat also in the concluding rounds.

The Fourth Grade team gave a very satisfactory account of itself, being composed of four juniors, who have shown much improvement during the last twelve months. This is very pleasing to those interested in the school's tennis, for it is to the younger players that we look to uphold the prestige of High in the future. The team was beaten once by Canterbury High School during the preliminary matches, after a fine struggle. However, after the final round Sydney won.



FOURTH GRADE TENNIS TEAM.

Back Row: D. CLAYTON, R. CHAPMAN-FULKER, P. HARDAKER.
Front Row: W. H. EDMUNDS, Esq., B.A.; G. McCLOY; J. H. KILLIP, Esq., B.A. (Headmaster).

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Annual School Tennis Championships.

The tournament commenced after the vacation, and was so late in beginning that we are not yet able to publish the final results. As in former years, the tournament was run in two divisions, senior and junior, with a special singles event for boys under 16 years of age, who had not played in any grade team. There were very few entries, the senior singles championship being the most popular event. There were twelve entries in all. In this event the final was contested by H. Dent and P. Crosthwaite, Dent winning 3-6, 7-5, *6-3.

In the senior doubles championship, the finalists were G. Browne and T. Coombs, and E. Smith and W. Thompson.

Junior players were strangely shy of competing. The singles final was contested by H. Dent and K. Hicks, the former winning 6-3, 7-5.

The junior doubles was won by H. Dent and K. Hicks, who defeated N. Roulston and W. Brooks, 6-2, 6-4.

The final of the Special Singles was contested by A. Clarke and Ainsworth, A. Clarke winning 6-2, 6-0.

Summer Tennis is now in progress, and selectors are watching closely for players to compete in the G.P.S. matches of 1937. Players are pleased to have the assistance of Mr. R. Bilbe, who is now aiding Mr. Edmunds in the organisation of the school tennis.

We extend our congratulations to the winners of the first, second and third grade competitions, and look forward with confidence to the G.P.S. matches of next year.

K. HICKS, Secretary.

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES.

At various times during the year, the School has assembled in the Great Hall to commemorate historic occasions and important events, and to receive distinguished visitors.

Anzac Day, Empire Day, Music Week and Health Week were suitably celebrated. Thanks must be extended to Dr. Lang, a representative from Canada, who gave the School an excellent lantern lecture; also to Captain Stevens and Sir Harvey Sutton for giving their time to us. We also congratulate the Sydney High School Choir and Mr. Reid for their performances at the Concert given at the School and also during Music Week.

On Friday, 23rd October, the School assembled in the Great Hall to farewell Fifth Year and Third Year. In the afternoon Fifth Year were the guests of Fourth Year at a "slight snack." The Headmaster presided and a number of teachers and representatives from the O.B.U. and P. & C. were present.

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CADET REPORT.

Foreword by Capt. W. G. Smith.

"The noiseless foot of time steals swiftly by," and the A.I.F., once a powerful fighting machine, can no longer be regarded even as an effective fighting reserve, many of its members now having passed the age of forty-five, the age limit for enlistment in the militia. Although in a case of national emergency their services would be utilised, yet, for an effective fighting machine, we must look to the youth of Australia, as we did in the dark days of the Great War.

Your fathers will recall how the youth, the flower of Australian manhood, did, at the call of duty, leave all that was dear to them, and sought the great adventure. They have handed down to us a glorious heritage, and have gained for us a place amongst the foremost nations of the world.

The storming of the heights of Gallipoli, the saving of Amiens by the capture of Villiers-Brettoneux, and finally the smashing of the Hindenburg line, will always be evergreen in the memory of those whose privilege it was to serve their country in that great crisis.

What, then, was it that made the A.I.F. the fighting machine that it was? There are many contributing factors, too numerous to relate here, but there stands out clearly in the writer's mind, the fact that during the early stages of 1914 a trained British army took the field, whilst the A.I.F. was in the making.

Another fact worth mentioning is that Australia was committed to compulsory training from 1911, and from these trainees the nucleus of officers and men was formed, and ably assisted by the Australian Instructional Corps, the Australian Expeditionary Force came into being.

The first graduates from the Royal Military College at Duntroon were at this time drafted for service and later occupied many important positions in the A.I.F.

Although many of the early reinforcements were rushed into action with little or no military training it must be clearly borne in mind that a nation courts disaster which does not make adequate provision for the training of its citizens in peace. It is impossible at a time of national emergency to recruit all and sundry at a moment's notice and rush them into action. A nation that does not make provision for its defence is in a similar position to a man who does not pay his life assurance premium.

To-day we have a voluntary scheme, voluntary cadets in our High Schools, and a very high standard of efficiency has been attained. It means much work, often without any prospect of immediate promotion or material reward, but a great pride goes with it, and a knowledge that you have done your job—something really worth while for your country.

Those of you who become cadets will never forget the experience gained by a period of service with your cadet company, the comrade-

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ship made with your brother cadets and the cadets of other detachments, and if the call ever comes (which we sincerely hope will not), you will be in a position to put into practice the knowledge so gained in your Cadet, and later on, in your Militia training.

The History of the Cadet Movement at S.H.S.

The Cadet movement originated in N.S.W. in 1872, and was under the control of the Volunteer authorities, Lieutenant H. W. Strong being the Commanding Officer. When Sydney High School was opened in 1883, a request was made to Mr. Waterhouse, the headmaster, for permission to form a Cadet Corps in the School. He agreed and the Cadet Corps was soon formed.

The uniform of the first Cadet Corps was brilliant. The jacket was scarlet with braid trimmings; badges or rank were silver stars and chevrons; the long trousers were navy blue with a two inch red stripe; and the head-gear was a peaked cap with a silver bugle worked on the front, and with a white pugaree for hot weather.

The Commanding Officer, Captain H. W. Strong, appointed the Sergeant and Colour Sergeants, and the Corporals were more or less elected. A. C. Mackenzie was Lieutenant; A. Hall, Colour Sergeant; A. H. MacTaggart, Sergeant; A. M. Eedy, Corporal.

In 1884 the Department of Public Instruction took control of School Cadet Corps. This step, helped by the popular enthusiasm aroused by the departure of the Soudan Contingent in 1885, firmly established Cadet Corps in the Schools.

The Sydney Boys' High School formed the Guard of Honour for the Soudan Contingent when it sailed from Circular Quay in 1885, for active service in Africa, the first Australian troops to take part in the wars of Empire.

The Sydney High School Cadet Corps became very proficient in rifle shooting, at first with the old carbines (or "gas pipes," as they were called), and later with the Martini rifle. The "All Schools' Match" at the National Rifle Association's meeting was won by Colour Sergeant A. C. K. Mackenzie. In this event, at subsequent meetings, the performances of entrants from Sydney High School were remarkably creditable. In 1884, Colour Sergeant A. C. K. Mackenzie was third. In 1886, Corporal H. N. Slee was second, and in 1886 Sergeant L. J. Richardson was first.

In the meeting of 1884, Sydney High School qualified in four out of eight events, Col. Sgt. A. C. K. Mackenzie winning the Figure of Soldier Match, and in 1885 five out of the eleven events were open to Sydney High School representatives, and the whole five were won. Cpl. N. J. Mackenzie won the title of Champion of New South Wales.

These successes firmly established the S.H.S. Cadets' fame as riflemen. They had many matches with other Cadet Corps and proved

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SCHOOL CADET COMPANY.

Back Row: Cadet D. M. Devenport, Cadet T. P. Jordan, Cadet H. R. Clark, Cadet R. C. Blake, Cadet A. Reed, Cadet N. M. Hardaker, Lance Corporal R. L. Ainsworth.

Fourth Row: Cadet M. Reid, Corporal R. Finney, Cadet A. Mitty, Cadet H. Slate, Cadet C. F. Rollo, Lance Corporal R. Smith, Cadet C. Carey, Cadet K. C. Chambers, Corporal M. G. Samuels, Cadet A. Dunstan.

Third Row: Lance Corporal J. R. Lumsdaine, Cadet C. Kratzing, Corporal A. H. Warner, Corporal R. S. Beesley, Cadet A. H. White, Cadet K. Dowding, Cadet W. S. Hamilton, Cadet G. Potter, Cadet F. A. Edwards, Cadet L. A. Booth, Cadet R. C. Stewart.

Second Row: Lance Sergeant J. G. Black, Sergeant H. L. Webster, Sergeant J. Duguid, Lieutenant D. Chaffey, Lieutenant I. H. Macdonald, Captain W. G. Smith (O.C. Coy.), Mr. J. H. Killip, Esq., B.A., C.S.M., Sergeant-Major J. Oliver, Quartermaster-Sergeant Z. Freeman, Sergeant R. Williams, Corporal J. Wilkinson.

Front Row: Cadet C. White, Lance Corporal Vidal, Cadet W. J. McMurray.

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themselves first class riflemen. In 1886 a New South Wales rifle team, consisting of fifteen cadets held a contest with a Victorian team, eight of the cadets being chosen from Sydney High School. In 1888, when a return match was arranged, the New South Wales team consisted entirely of Sydney High School cadets. This is not to be wondered at, for in 1887 cadets from Sydney High School had filled first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh places in the match for the Mayor's Cup, and had also filled first, second, third and fourth places in the "Champion of New South Wales" Cup, Q.M.S. Richardson being the Champion.

Soon, however, because of lack of official support, the Cadet movement began to decline. Lack of rifles and adequate equipment limited the size of the Corps and the training. The Sydney High School Cadet Corps continued until 1913, when compulsory training was introduced and all eligible members belonged to the Citizens' Forces, until 1929 when compulsory training was abolished.

This year, owing to the enthusiasm of the Headmaster, Mr. Killip, a Senior Cadet Corps has been again formed at Sydney High School and has already taken part in many events. Cadets have taken part in the Military Gymkhana and the Tattoo, the whole Corps took part in the ceremony at Centennial Park on the King's birthday and a detachment of eight cadets and a corporal took part in the welcoming of our late Governor, Sir Murray Anderson, at the Town Hall, on October 9th, by the Youth Rally Organization.

During the May vacation twenty cadets went into training at Liverpool Camp for ten days in order to become N.C.O.'s. Later in the year an examination was held at the school as a result of which, Sergeants Chaffey and MacDonald received commissions as Lieutenants; Sergeant Oliver was appointed Company Sergeant Major and three sergeants, one lance-sergeant, four corporals and four lance-corporals were also appointed.

Later a band to consist of buglers, drummers and flautists were formed under the command of Captain W. G. Smith, which should prove to be a valuable adjunct, not only to the Cadet Company, but to the School.

On Tuesday, 9th September, the cadets had their annual shoot at Long Bay Rifle Range. The day was favourable for shooting, and the cadets, considering the fact that many had never fired a Service rifle before, did very well. As a result of the shoot, 59 cadets were efficient, the average score being 64.7. Noske secured first place with 89 and Oram second place with 88. The standard of efficiency compared very favourably with that of other Cadet Corps, and we hope that the present Company will do as well next year at rifle shooting as the first Cadets did fifty years ago.

The Coronation of King George V.

Twenty-five years ago a contingent of Cadets left Sydney to attend the Coronation of his late Majesty, King George V. The Detachment

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from this School was under the command of Capt. Headburn, a former Master of this School.

ARMISTICE DAY.

The eighteenth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice was celebrated in a fitting manner at the School on Wednesday, 11th November. The students formed a hollow square in the vicinity of the flagpole, and the headmaster, Mr. J. H. Killip, gave an eloquent address on the significance of the day, and particular emphasis was placed on the need for peace.

The Guard of Honour was under the command of Lieut. D. Chaffey, who is to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which he carried out his duties.

After the two minutes' silence, the Guard of Honour, with fixed bayonets, presented arms, and Lieut. Waller played the Last Post. The flag was then hoisted to the mast head and the Reveille was sounded.

After the National Anthem the Guard of Honour marched off and placed a wreath on the Memorial at the head of Anzac Drive.

Many eulogistic remarks were passed by ex-inspectors and members of the teaching service who were at the School in connection with the examinations.

All were impressed with the solemnity of the service, which was based on the ceremony at the Cenotaph.

The organisation of this function was ably carried out by Capt. W. G. Smith, O.C. School Cadet Company.

CADET PERSONALITIES.

Our O.C. Capt. W. G. Smith, M.M., was formerly attached to the permanent forces of the Defence Department. He has had a wide and varied experience both as a teacher and as an officer.

Capt. Smith enlisted with the original 30th Battalion, and saw service in Egypt and France.

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Lieut. Waller is gradually getting the Band into shape, and if given more time, he should be able to turn out an excellent Band.

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Congratulations are due to Lieutenants Macdonald and Chaffey on their promotion to commissioned rank; both have worked hard in the interest of the movement.

We further congratulate Lieut. Macdonald on his appointment as a prefect.

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Ken Oram, one of our outstanding rifle shots, is joining up with the Cadets next year, and should prove to be a tower of strength. We congratulate him on his appointment as prefect and Acting Captain.

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Although C. S. M. Oliver qualified for the rank of lieutenant, there was no vacancy on the establishment for him.

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Sgt. Webster, a coming rifle shot, should do well next year. He is already showing himself to be capable of leadership. We congratulate him also on his appointment as a prefect.

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C.Q.M.S. Freeman, the custodian of our valuable stores, is an authority on signalling, and is always willing to pass on his knowledge.

THE CAMP.

From the 7th to 12th of December 45 cadets will proceed to Liverpool Camp, where they will undergo an intensive course of instruction.

Associated with the School will be the King's, Cranbrook, S.C.E.G.S., Barker, Knox, Scots and Canterbury High School, and we are looking forward with great pleasure to this, our first camp.

An excellent menu has been arranged, and all the necessary organization is well advanced. These Camps are voluntary, and the cost of same, to a large extent, is borne by the individual.

Much keen rivalry between the various detachments is anticipated; the syllabus embraces squad, platoon, and company drill; also section leading, musketry and Lewis gun instruction. Lectures will be delivered by the O.C. on the theory of Small Arms, Fire Direction and Control and Defence against Gas.

During this camp it is hoped to organize the Cadets for the forthcoming year; particular attention will be paid to lads who have organizing ability and leadership, with a view of promoting them to non-commissioned rank.

DEBATING.

Debating this year was a fairly popular pastime. The support varied from time to time, but on most occasions we could produce a fairly strong team. Apart from the school debaters there was sound material to be found among the various class debating teams.

The High School's Competition was tragically brief from our point of view. We were defeated in the first round by Fort Street, the eventual runners-up, and as this was a "knock-out" competition we had no further chance. The team was led by Simms, with Beesley second and Abbott third.

In the G.P.S. Competition we were more successful. On June 19th we defeated Scor's College, our team being captained by Simms, Abbott

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and Diethelm being second and third speakers respectively. The same team took part in all the G.P.S. debates. On July 17th we defeated St. Joseph's College, but in the last debate of the season, on August 7th, we were defeated by Riverview, who deserved their victory.

J. GIBSON, M.A.

J. A. McCALLUM, B.A.

THE GRAND ENTERTAINMENT.

On 26th September a Grand Entertainment was held in the Great Hall, and congratulations and thanks are due to the committee which organized it, and especially to Mr. Horner. The Post Office Choir, consisting of twenty ladies and fifteen gentlemen, gave many excellent renderings, and we wish to thank them for helping us to make this function a success.

Our own School Choir, with Mr. Reid, who has trained them, as conductor, sang splendidly. Miss Kathleen Bourke, the young Queensland soprano, and Mr. Marcus Burkitt, the blind pianist, both gave excellent performances. Master Gordon Campbell greatly pleased the audience with his inimitable renderings of "Monty on the General Outlook," and of a sweep who goes to an aristocratic house to sweep the chimneys while a fancy dress ball is in progress, and is mistaken for a "sprig of nobility."

One of the "hits" of the evening was the physical culture display given by a squad of senior boys, under Capt. W. G. Smith, the physical training master. They gave an excellent exhibition of vaulting and tumbling, which the audience greatly appreciated.

We are sure that the audience thoroughly enjoyed the whole concert, and wished, as *Oliver Twist* did, for more.

PICTURE SHOW.

In keeping with our motto, "Advance," we are able to look back upon 1936 as a red-letter year in the history of the Picture Show activities. The school is now equipped with a modern "box," and in spite of the fact that the long-promised "Talkies" have not been forthcoming to date, we are fortunate in possessing a permanent installation of silent-film (cine), slide (stereo) and spot-light equipment (the slide-spot machine being constructed on the premises during the first term). In conjunction with these we have inaugurated a modern system of operating and overhauling, with the aid of a new hand-book, which ensures the smooth running and general efficiency of the shows. The force of this statement will be realised when it is remembered that not one breakdown has occurred during the year.

Two term-end shows were held on May 7th and August 17th respectively, at which a total sum of £15/18/10 was taken. These

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shows, which each included five comedies and two "interests," proved immensely popular features. We are indebted to F. Wood, K. Watts, T. Lowe, and E. Wright (music); V. Chapman (lights); B. Miller (curtains); J. Lumsdaine and J. Edwards (screen), and L. Virsu (amplifier).

Other activities include:—

Feb. 18. "The Life of Christ," a colour-tone film.

Feb. 27. "Rowing," and "S.H.S." to School rowers.

June 9. "Biblical Archaeology;" lecture with slides (Rev. G. F. Cox).

June 16. Rev. Dr. Lang (Canada); illustrated lecture on Canada.

July 16. "Life of Christ;" C. of E. Scripture (Mr. P. L. Kenny).

July 23. "Baxter's Second Innings," slides, C. of E. Scr. (Mr. Kenny).

Oct. 8. Health Week; slides, C. of E. Scripture (Mr. Kenny).

The school operators also ran outside shows at "Scheyville" Boys' Training Farm, Mulgrave (June 21st), and at the Assembly Hall, Margaret St. (Aug. 8th).

We owe a great deal of our success to the keen interest and very practical help of Mr. Killip, who has proved a very real friend to us. With Carl Radeski at the wheel in 1937, we shall look forward to next year's activities being even more favourable.

V. TURNER.

Projectionists: W. STIBBS.

C. RADESKI.



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FOOTBALL.

First Fifteen.

The First Fifteen, from a match-winning point of view, did not enjoy a successful season. The expectations, at the beginning of the year, of a reasonably experienced team nucleus were disappointed in the departure of Carrol, Khan, Cremin, Martin, Quin and Thomson, the school thus losing, within a short period, a very promising back division.

Those called upon to fill the breach performed ably, but, although the forwards developed into a formidable pack, the lighter and inexperienced backs were unable to overcome a serious weakness in defence, a weakness responsible for more than one overwhelming defeat.

No matches were won in the G.P.S. games, but the team was successful in forcing its way into second position (with Technical and North Sydney) in the C.H.S. competition.

A. Fielder, captain of the Fifteen, did many fine things to enhance his reputation as a clever and courageous centre. He was particularly unlucky in that his injuries precluded him from his chance of selection in the G.P.S. combined teams.

In a team which played through a difficult season in a commendable spirit, perhaps Deane, Maxwell, Tasker, Noske, Roulston and Phillips were outstanding, the latter being selected in the Second Combined G.P.S. Fifteen.

The members of the First Fifteen extend their heartiest congratulations to the junior teams, who, in winning five premierships, achieved a remarkable record for the school.

The teams are appreciative of the keen interest taken in their progress by the Headmaster, whose regular attendance proved a welcome encouragement.

An enjoyable fixture was the annual match with the Old Boys. This year the school was unsuccessful in a happily contested game, which was concluded by a pleasant social function, at which Mr. Killip presided.

The pupils of the School, and the footballers in particular, desire to express their gratitude to those ladies of the Entertainment Committee who worked so enthusiastically to ensure the success of the refreshment arrangements at home matches.

A.W.S.

The season's matches resulted as follows:—

C.H.S. Competition.

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| v. Parramatta, Won, 11-3. | v. Hurlstone High, Lost, 5-20. |
| v. Technical High, Lost, 0-36. | v. Canterbury High, Won, 23-0. |
| v. North Sydney High, Won, 15-4. | v. Hurlstone High, Lost, 6-22. |
| v. Fort St. High, Won, 14-3. | v. North Sydney, Lost, 6-27. |
| v. Technical High, Won, 11-9. | |

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G.P.S. Competition.

- v. Newington College, Lost, 11-21. (Tasker a try; Phillips a convert and two penalty goals.)
v. St. Joseph's College, Lost, 0-62.
v. The King's School, Lost, 6-27. (Phillips a try and a penalty goal.)
v. Sydney Grammar School, Lost, 13-21. (Laforest and Fielder tries; Phillips three goals.)
v. Church of England Grammar, Lost, 8-29. (Fielder a try; Phillips two goals.)
v. Scots College, Lost, 0-57.
v. St. Ignatius College, Lost, 6-32. (McPherson a try; Phillips a goal.)

Second Grade.

The 1936 season has been a very successful one for S.H.S. Seconds. In the C.H.S. Competition the side played eight matches, winning seven and drawing one, thus finishing undefeated Premiers. In the G.P.S. Competition seven matches were played, of which two were won, one drawn, and four lost.

Team-work and solidity were the chief features of this side, who were ably captained by J. Denehy and R. Angus, assisted by M. Lewis, J. Bush, and G. Roper, but mention must be made of the fine work of Dopson at five-eighth, Angus at centre, and the goal-kicking of Coombs and Angus.



1st XV.

Back Row: K. WALSH, G. ENGLISH, J. HART, W. MAXWELL, G. HENEHY,
M. BOYD, J. DEANE, G. ROPER.
Middle Row: J. BUSH, R. TORRINGTON, R. HIGHAM, H. TASKER, R.
LAFOREST, H. TURK, M. LEWIS, L. PARNELL, W. STEVENSON.
Front Row: W. NOSKE, P. PHILLIPS, J. H. KILLIP, Esq. (Headmaster), A.
FIELDER (Capt.), A. W. STEPHENS, Esq., N. ROULSTON, A. MCPHERSON.

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S.H.S. SECOND GRADE, 1936—PREMIERS C.H.S. COMPETITION. II GRADE.

Back Row: C. BAKER, D. HENDERSON, J. DENEHY, R. WILLIAMS, J. BRENT,
G. NEWCOMBE, J. HARMER, G. ROPER, J. BUSH.
Middle Row: C. DOPSON, A. DADOUR, A. PAILLAS, G. MOORE, I. McDONALD,
M. LEWIS (Vice-Capt.), L. PARNELL, B. KENDALL, R. WHITE.
Front Row: B. SOMERVILLE, L. COOMBS, J. H. KILLIP, Esq. (Headmaster),
R. ANGUS (Capt.), A. M. DUNCAN, K. HEBBLEWHITE, A. SMITH.

C.H.S. Results.

FIRST ROUND.

S.H.S. 20, v. Technical 0. (Engisch 2, Laforest, Baker, Macdonald, tries; Coombs, goal, penalty.)

S.H.S. 10, v. H.A.H.S. 5. (Paillas, Smith, tries; Coombs, 2 goals.)

S.H.S. 29, v. Canterbury 0. (Laforest 2, Higham 2, Macdonald 2, Smith, tries; Coombs, 4 goals.)

S.H.S. 21, v. N.S.B.H.S. 0. (Lewis, Higham, Smith 2, Baker, tries; Coombs 3 goals.)

S.H.S. 22, v. F.S.B.H.S. 0. (Laforest 2, Baker, Higham, Williams, tries; Angus 2 goals, a penalty goal.)

SECOND ROUND.

S.H.S. 21, v. N.S.B.H.S. 3. (Laforest 3, Dopson, Smith, tries; Coombs 3 goals.)

S.H.S. 17, v. Technical 9. (Laforest 3, Smith 2 tries; Coombs a goal.)

S.H.S. 0, v. H.A.H.S. 0.

Played 8, won 7, drawn 1. Points for, 140; against, 17.

G.P.S. Results.

S.H.S. 9, v. N.C. 26. (McPherson, Smith, tries; Angus a penalty goal.)

S.H.S. 0, v. S.J.C. 41.

S.H.S. 3, v. T.K.S. 3. (Angus, penalty goal)

S.H.S. 16, v. S.G.S. 9. (Torrington, Smith, Henderson, tries; Angus 2 goals and a penalty goal.)

S.H.S. 3, v. S.C.E.G.S. 17. (Higham a try.)

S.H.S. 8, v. T.S.C. 17. (Angus, White, tries; Angus a goal.)

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THIRD GRADE—CO-PREMIERS, SEASON 1936.

Back Row: J. NORRIE, D. ERSKINE, C. HENDY, R. McCARTNEY, D. MORRISON, K. GLASS.

Second Row: A. DADOUR, P. FALKINGHAM, S. THORNTON, D. BRENT, R. WILLIAMS, G. NEWCOMBE, R. WHITE.

Front Row: J. MULLER, J. MARTIN, J. H. KILLIP, Esq. (Headmaster). B. SOMERVILLE (Capt.), W. H. JUDD, Esq., K. HEBBLEWHITE, D. HENDERSON.

S.H.S. 14, v. S.I.C. 6. (Dadour, 3 tries; Angus a goal and a penalty goal.) Played 7, won 2, drawn 1, lost 4. Points for, 41; against, 119.

Rugby Union (3rd Grade).

This year we were co-premiers with North Sydney and Hurlstone, our record of matches being 6 won, 2 drawn, 1 lost. Both drawn games were when opposed to North Sydney, against whom our first Third Grade fixture last season had the same result. The match lost was the fixture versus Hurlstone in the second round.

Our team was quite a good one, and all members played the game in the right spirit. As usual, quite a number of players passed from third grade to second, but, fortunately, we were able to find others to replace them. Boys playing class football should realise that there is always a possibility of making Third Grade as the season progresses, and should try to improve with an eye to the possibility of getting competition games.

Points scored by individual players: Thornton 21, Angus (3 games) 19, Williams 15, Coombs (1 game) 7, Brent 6, Muller 6, Dopson (3 games), Hebblewhite, Henderson, Somerville, Martin, White, McCartney, 3 each. Total of points scored, 95. Points against, 23. Quite a satisfactory season.

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FOURTH GRADE XV.—PREMIERS.

Back Row: K. GROGAN, K. FERGUSON, S. ROYALL.
Second Row: A. SHILLANTE, R. NICHOLAS, J. COUANI, R. FURLONGER,
L. GRIFFIN, T. GILDERTHORP, R. LANGMEAD.
Front Row: R. CHRISTOFANI, R. NIELSEN, L. GIBSON (Capt.), M. T. LYNCH,
Esq., H. GIBSON, K. CONROY, F. OWEN.

Fourth Grade.

The Fourth Grade team was successful in winning the premiership this year. Of the nine competition matches played, seven were won and two were lost, the team scoring 139 points as against 30 by our opponents. Including the 3 non-competition matches played, the team won in all nine matches and lost two, scoring 213 points, while 38 points were scored by their opponents.

In the first round of the competition the team was unbeaten, but in the second round suffered defeat on two occasions, losing to Hurlstone 0-3 and to Fort Street 0-10. While injuries may have contributed in some degree to these defeats, a sudden loss of form was the main reason. All the fire had gone out of the forwards, the ball was lost from scrums and rucks, the backs lost combination, the tackling of both backs and forwards was atrocious, and our opponents scored the points. This lapse was only temporary, and a slight re-arrangement, Grogan going into the backs, and Couani to breakaway, made a great difference.

The team was well captained by L. Gibson, five-eighth, who also headed the list of try getters. Cristofani, at full back, developed well in

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this position, and, by reason of his reliable goal kicking, headed the list of points scorers. H. Gibson at half served his backs well from the base of the scrum, and Grogan, with his penetrative ability, increased the hostility of the backs. Among a hard working lot of forwards, Conroy was outstanding. His hard rucking, safe catching, sound defence, and intelligent co-operation with the backs, was a feature of all matches. Couani, transferred from centre to breakaway, was a great success, and his football in the final match against Technical High was excellent. These were the outstanding members of the team, but all the others must have pulled their weight, otherwise we would not have won the competition against the strong opposition we met this year.

Results of Matches were as follows:—

COMPETITION.

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| v. Parramatta, Won, 93-0. | v. Fort Street, Won, 10-5. |
| v. Hurlstone, Won, 8-3. | v. Hurlstone, Lost, 0-3. |
| v. Technical, Won, 9-6. | v. Fort Street, Lost, 0-10. |
| v. Canterbury, Won, 3-0. | v. Technical, Won, 5-3. |
| v. North Sydney, Won, 11-0. | |

NON-COMPETITION.

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| v. Technical, Won, 14-8. | v. North Sydney, Won, 44-0. |
| v. Canterbury, Won, 16-0. | |

Chief point scorers were as follows:—

- R. Cristofani, 1 try, 25 goals, 2 penalty goals—59 points.
- L. Gibson, 9 tries—27 points.
- R. Nielsen, 6 tries—18 points.
- K. Conroy, 5 tries—15 points.
- K. Grogan, 5 tries—15 points.
- S. Royall, 4 tries—12 points.

Other try-getters were:—H. Gibson 3, Couani 3, Griffen 3, Shilland 2, Langmead 2, Gilderthorp 2, Ferguson 1, Chadwick 1.

The last game of the season against Technical High was virtually a final. It was the best game of the season, and we won an exciting match 5-3, but so evenly were the teams matched that the result might easily have been the other way. The game was hard and fast, but above all clean, and played in the true spirit of Rugby.

M. T. LYNCH.

Fifth Grade.

In the last issue of "The Record" we predicted that the Fifth Grade would make a good solid team. In that we were right, but Fifth Grade exceeded our expectations, and moulded into an unbeaten combination like the Fifth Grades of 1934 and 1935. Like those teams also they played one draw during the season.

Fifth Grade was the most consistent of all our teams, and never played a poor game. They were never rattled, even when hard up against it or behind in the scores, which was not often. That was due largely to the fact that the players concentrated on the game and played just for the love of playing.

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The team was evenly balanced, with the forwards just as strong as the backs. That is unusual in the lower grade teams. The forwards were good to the last man. They kept well on the ball and well on the opponents, and at the same time, ran and passed with the backs as good forwards should.

The pack, with hardly a change during the season, was Higgins, Thomas, Frizell, Wright, Cassidy, Oliver, Beveridge, Loton.

We could not discriminate between the forwards, as all were very good attackers and solid defenders. The backs were not as even as the forwards, but with a couple of very heady natural footballers, worked up good combination.

Grosvenor started at half, and was an adept at sending the ball out. He hurt his collarbone ice-skating, and was out for the season, but Tudehope, who took his place, was more versatile, varying his play like a veteran with short kicks a little overdone. He scored several tries in the Pony Holloway style.

Cawsey, as five-eighth and captain, led his team in every respect. His judgment of when to go and when to pass was excellent. His defending was tip top, and his goal kicking was very helpful. Phillips,



FIFTH GRADE PREMIERS, 1936.

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R. BEVERIDGE, R. HUDSON.
Front Row: E. GROSVENOR, B. THOMAS, S. WOLIFSON, R. CAWSEY (Capt.),
N. TUDEHOPE, N. PHILLIPS, R. LOTON.

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Hudson and Hamilton, as centres, did much fine work. All tackled solidly, if at times a bit high.

Wolifson was the most consistent winger, but Agnew was at times brilliant and disappointing. Ford, as full-back, took and kicked well, but was a weak tackler. He needs more experience.

We had many enjoyable hard, close games; the best were against Technical. Those against Canterbury were closest, but the second was too rough to be a good game. The matches against Hurlstone were also very enjoyable.

The record was:—

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| v. Hurlstone, 19-0; and 11-5. | v. North Sydney, 49-0. |
| v. Canterbury, 6-5; and 11-11. | v. Fort Street, 25-5. |
| v. Technical, 17-5; and 6-3. | v. Parramatta, 29-0. |
| Total, 173 to 34. Won 8, drawn 1, lost 0. | |
| Competition Points.—17 out of 18. | |
| Premiers, 1936. | |

Sixth Grade.

Sixth Grade had the most even competition ever played. We played two draws, but Canterbury played 3, North Sydney 3 and Fort Street 2. Our team was one of extremes. There were fourth year



SIXTH GRADE PREMIERS, 1936.

Back Row: R. CHILVERS, R. WALSH, J. STUART, C. GRAY, D. MACLARN,
R. BALDWIN, C. P. SCHRADER, Esq.
Middle Row: R. HALL, J. WOODGATE, D. ROSE, N. REA, L. BACON, O.
GODDARD.
Front Row: K. COLEMAN, F. LUXFORD, M. WINSLETT, P. NEWMAN, L.
MURPHY, J. FAILES, L. CAWSEY.

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boys and first year boys. There were tall boys and short boys and medium boys.

However, all boys worked well together, and though we sometimes despaired of the forwards at other times they did well. The backs were good throughout and the team only really failed on one occasion, and that was due to injury and a bad ground more than anything else.

Maclaren, a usual winger, had to play fullback. He acquitted himself well mostly and excellently near the end of the season.

Rea was a very strong winger, and with Failes, did much good work. Withers and Coleman, and afterwards Rose, were great centres. Coleman and Withers combined excellently and played first grade football. Coleman's goal kicking won a couple of matches. Hall made a great attacking five-eighth, who kicked a little too much, and Newman, the captain, was a tricky and energetic half, who put all he had into every game.

The forwards were Walsh, Goddard, Luxford, Deacon, Murphy, Woodgate, Chilvers, Gray, Rose, Cawsey.

Goddard was excellent at times, and tackled splendidly. Woodgate was good in the open, and a great spoiler. Rose did a lot of work, and Chilvers usually did something worth while.

All were useful, but, of course, need experience.

Our record was:—

v. Parramatta, 37-3.

v. Hurlstone Park, 50-0.

v. Canterbury, 0-0, 8-6.

v. North Sydney, 3-12, 6-0.

v. Fort Street, 12-5 6-6.

v. Technical, 22-3.

Total, 144 to 35.

Won 6, Lost 1, Drawn 2.

Competition Points $\frac{14}{—}$

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Premiers Sixth Grade, 1936.

Class Football.

During the season games were played at Centennial Park, four fields, and when available, five, providing at least seven matches each day.

Competitions were arranged as under:—

(i) 1st year: 6 teams, 1A, 1B, 1C₁, 1C₂, 1D and 1E.

(ii) 2nd year: 5 teams, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E.

(iii) 3A-D, 3B, 3C and combined 4th-5th year.

Towards the end of the season fifth year had a full 15. Each team played competition matches on 12 Wednesdays, the matches being keenly contested.

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Following are the results:—

	W.	D.	L.	Pts.		W.	D.	L.	B.	Pts.		W.	D.	L.	Pts.
1C ₁	11	—	1	22	2E	10	—	—	2	24	3B	6	1	4	13
1C ₂	7	—	5	14	2B	4	1	5	2	13	4-5	6	—	5	12
1B	5	2	5	12	2A	3	1	5	3	13	3C	4	2	5	10
1E	4	3	5	11	2D	3	1	6	2	11	3A	4	1	6	9
1A	4	3	5	11	2C	2	—	8	2	8					
1D	1	—	11	2											

The following acted regularly or in emergency as referees:— J. Lucas, G. Jockel, M. Cohen, H. Curtis, R. McLeod, and A. H. Clarke, G. Engisch, S. Pollard, J. Martin, J. Muller, A. Fatouros. Their services are greatly appreciated, the duties being carried out in a very satisfactory manner.

RIFLE SHOOTING REPORT.

This sport, it would appear, is becoming more firmly established each year. As nearly all the old members had left school, the efficiency of the club depended on a good enrolment of new members. About forty boys turned out at the commencement of practice, and after a series of shoots, this number was reduced to twenty-two.

The Rifle Club is now run in alliance with the School Cadet Company, and from the greater number of boys to choose from, strong teams should be turned out within the next few years.

A team was entered in two matches in the Annual Militia Prize Meeting held in June, and gained fourth place in the "Merris" competition. In the militia competitions conducted on the first Saturday of each month, two teams were entered in August and one in September for the C. grade competition. The first and second teams gained first and second places respectively in August, and the team was beaten by two points for first place in September.

In spite of the fact that no coach could be obtained, two of the strongest teams which the school has turned out took part in the G.P.S. competitions this year, but, unfortunately, did not shoot up to the standard attained in the week's practice before the match.

The captain, L. Freeman, won the "Aggregate Cup" for the second year in succession, while K. Oram and D. Pittar, who showed consistency through each stage of the shoot, tied for first place in the "Championship Cup." G. Cutler won the N.R.A. medal, as well as prize money in the "Gallipoli" competition in June. D. Dunn was the most successful performer in the two monthly shoots, winning a spoon on each occasion, while A. Clark and R. Fieldhouse each won a spoon.

The Rifle Club would like to express thanks to Mr. Hanly for the keen interest and enthusiasm he showed as master in charge, and though his zeal, perhaps, merited greater reward, he built up a fine team and club spirit among the boys.

J. DUGUID, Hon. Secretary.

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C. H. S. CRICKET, 1936.

First Grade.

RESULTS OF THE C.H.S. CRICKET MATCHES, SECOND HALF, 1936.

September 23 and September 30, at Centennial Park.

Sydney High School, 131 (Fielder 23, Paillas 22 not out, Deane 14, Hercus 12, Laforest 13, Coombs 11, Cristofani 12).

Technical High School, 169 (Cristofani 4 wickets for 39 runs, Fielder 2 for 32, Hercus 2 for 59, McLeod 1 for 11).

Sydney High School, 7 wickets for 75 runs (Fielder 20, Deane 21, Coombs 14 not out).

Result: Lost on first innings by 38 runs.

October 7 and October 14, at Concord Oval.

Sydney High School, 282 runs for 7 wickets, innings declared closed (Fielder 126 not out, Laforest 56, McLeod 36, Deane 17, Coape-Smith 16, Cristofani 12).

Hurlstone Agricultural High School, 139 (Laforest 4 wickets for 20 runs, Fielder 3 for 45, Wall 2 for 23, Hercus 1 for 19).

Result: Won on first innings by 143 runs.

Summary for 1936: Matches played, 6; won outright, 2; won on first innings, 3; lost on first innings, 1.

Competition Points, 36. Position in Competition, 1.

Batting Averages, 1936—C.H.S. Matches, First Grade.

Batsmen.	Innings	Not Out	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
A. Fielder	8	1	126*	241	40.1
R. McLeod	7	—	87	212	30.2
A. Paillas	4	1	52	85	28.3
L. Wall	6	1	40	137	27.4
R. Cristofani	7	1	58	129	21.5
J. Deane	8	—	70	160	20.0
R. Angus	2	1	10	16	16.0
R. Laforest	7	—	56	105	15.0
C. Dopson	4	3	9	14	14.0
L. Carroll	4	—	20	54	13.5
V. Hercus	4	1	16	38	12.6
L. Coombs	5	2	14*	35	11.6
J. Coape-Smith	8	—	23	83	10.3

* Signifies not out.

A. Fielder's 126 not out v. Hurlstone: 1 1 1 4 3 3 4 2 3 2 1 4 1
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Bowling Analysis, 1936—C.H.S. Matches, First Grade.

Bowlers	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
L. Wall	61	17	136	23	5.9
A. Fielder	64.2	15	188	19	9.3
R. Cristofani	59.5	14	161	13	12.3
R. Laforest	44	11	131	10	13.1
V. Hercus	40	14	122	9	13.5

Also bowled: C. Dopson, 1 wicket for 5; J. Coape-Smith, 1 for 11; R. McLeod, 1 for 12; J. Beeson, 0 for 16.

Catches: Deane 6, Fielder 6, Wall 3, Coape-Smith 3, Dopson 3, Laforest 2, Paillas 2, Cristofani 2, McLeod 2, Coombs 1.

Wicket-keeping: Deane, caught 6, stumped 13, byes 26, equivalent to 3.1 per cent. of total runs scored against the School.

Runs scored by S.H.S.: 1,407 runs for 62 wickets; average 22.6.

Runs scored by opponents: 831 runs for 82 wickets; average 10.1.

1936 SECOND HALF.

Comment on the C.H.S. Matches.

The School had a very successful year in the C.H.S. competitions, winning four grades and repeating the performance of 1935.

The first match in the second half was played at the McKay Sports Ground, Centennial Park, against the Technical High School.

Batting first, the School compiled 131. Of this total, Fielder made 23 when runs were at a premium.

After Fielder's dismissal at 97, Paillas contributed a very useful addition to the score of 22 not out.

Deane 14, Laforest 13, Hercus 12, Coombs 11, and Cristofani 10 showed glimpses of good form, but were unable to augment materially the total.

Technical, scoring 169, gained a first innings lead of 38 runs.

By stumping four and catching one, Deane co-operated with the bowlers very effectively.

Cristofani had the best bowling figures, viz., 4 wickets for 39, off 14 overs.

Fielder, 2 for 32; Hercus, 2 for 59, and McLeod, 1 for 11, shared the remaining wickets, one batsman being run out.

In the second innings, the School lost 7 wickets for 75, Deane making 21, Fielder 20, and Coombs 14 not out.

Technical gained their win by very good all-round play. In every department of the game, they gave a good exposition.

It became necessary to win the match against Hurlstone to achieve Premiership honours. Our opponents were situated similarly. A win by them would have resulted in the attainment of the coveted distinction of Premiers, with the honour of playing "The Rest" later in the year.

Winning the toss, the School had first use of an excellent wicket at Concord Oval.

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FIRST GRADE—PREMIERS, 1936.

Leaders: G.P.S. Competition (end of fifth round).

Winners: C.H.S. Competition.

Standing (Left to right): Mr. O. S. SMITH, C. DOPSON, V. HERCUS, L. WALL, J. COAPE-SMITH, L. COOMBS, R. CRISTOFANI, Mr. O. A. TAYLOR.

Seated: R. ANGUS, R. McLEOD, J. DEANE (Capt.), J. H. KILLIP, Esq. (Headmaster), R. LAFOREST (Vice-Capt.), A. FIELDER, A. PAILLAS.

J. DRANSFIELD (Scorer).

When the total had reached 282 runs for 7 wickets, the innings was declared closed.

Fielder, in 98 minutes, played a chanceless innings for 126 not out.

Laforest was aggressive in compiling 54 (8 fours), while McLeod 36 (5 fours), Deane 17, Coape-Smith 16, and Cristofani 12, gave valuable assistance towards the objective, viz., a substantial total.

Hurlstone made a gallant effort to stave off defeat. When it became apparent that they were extremely unlikely to overtake the score of 282, they endeavoured to play out time and secure a draw.

The last wicket fell within 12 minutes of time, and the result of the match assured S.H.S. of the Premiership for 1936.

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SECOND ELEVEN—PREMIERS, 1936.

Back Row: P. PHILLIPS, F. POPPLEWELL, H. DENT, R. HIGHAM, M. BOYD, W. THOMPSON.

Middle Row: R. NIELSON, K. WALSH, K. J. ANDREWS, Esq., J. DENEHY (Capt.), J. H. KILLIP, Esq., E. SMITH (Vice-Capt.), R. ANGUS.

Front Row: A. DAWSON, J. EASTAWAY.

Laforest bowled very well, securing 4 wickets for 20 runs. Fielder completed a good double performance by capturing 3 for 45, while Wall, 2 for 23, and Hercus, 1 for 19, also bowled effectively. As a batsman, A. Fielder had the following record in the C.H.S. matches: (a) Highest individual score, 126 not out; (b) highest aggregate, 241; (c) best average, 40.1.

In the bowling department, Wall excelled as follows in the C.H.S. matches: (a) Most wickets, 23; (b) best average, 5.9.

The following are the remaining matches on the C.H.S. Fixture List:—

- (a) Combined C.H.S. v. Newcastle and Maitland, at Newcastle.
- (b) Premiers v. The Rest (All Grades).
- (c) Annual match versus the N.S.W. Cricket Association.

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PROGRESS REPORT ON G.P.S. MATCHES.

October 17 and October 24, at Hunter's Hill.

Sydney High School, first innings 116 (Coape-Smith 21, Fielder 19, Deane 18, Laforest 18, McLeod 15).

St. Joseph's College, first innings 116 (Fielder, 3 wickets for 29 runs; Cristofani, 2 for 24; Laforest, 1 for 19; Wall, 1 for 23).

Sydney High School, second innings 169 (McLeod 62, Fielder 42, Laforest 31, Wall 13).

St. Joseph's College, second innings 113 (Wall 5 wickets for 22 runs; Fielder 3 for 35; Laforest 2 for 20).

Result: Won outright by 56 runs.

Summary: Matches played 5; won outright 4; won on first innings 1. Competition points 46; position in competition, 1.

Comment on the Match, S.H.S. v. St. Joseph's.

Batting first, the School made a moderate total of 116. Coape-Smith, Fielder, Deane, Laforest and McLeod were the principal run-getters.

St. Joseph's, after losing 7 wickets for 57 runs, made a partial recovery, the eighth wicket falling at 81, the result of a splendid caught-and-bowled effort by Fielder.

The ninth wicket partnership carried the score to 107 when Laforest brought about a separation by throwing the wicket down from the vicinity of the boundary.

No little excitement prevailed, as only 9 runs were needed to equalize the scores. The runs were obtained in due course of time, but owing to over-anxiety to gain the lead, our opponents gave Hercus an opportunity of a run-out. This was gladly accepted. Hercus gathered the ball smartly, sent an accurate return to Fielder at the bowler's end, and the dismissal effected, left the totals equal—116 each.

A peculiar feature of this innings was the fact that no batsmen were bowled. Six were caught, three run out and one l.b.w.

In the second innings, the School fared better, scoring 169 runs, but at one stage 4 wickets had fallen for 114.

McLeod, who had opened the innings, and Fielder remained together till the end of the first day's play, when the score-sheet showed 4 wickets for 54 runs.

Continuing on the second Saturday, McLeod and Fielder shaped soundly and confidently until 101 runs were registered, when Fielder was bowled for 42 (5 fours). At a critical period of the game, the partnership yielded 87 runs in 85 minutes.

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Laforest joined McLeod and a useful partnership of 47 resulted. At this stage McLeod lost his wicket. He had played an invaluable innings for 62 runs, which included one hit for 6, and seven 4's. The total was then 148 and the time of compilation 143 minutes.

After 32 minutes at the creases, Laforest was caught for 31 (6 fours). Wall hit a six from the first ball delivered to him and soon reached 13.

Requiring 170 to win, St. Joseph's made 113, the match thus resulting in an outright win for the School by 56 runs.

Wall, bowling at great pace, delivered 10.3 overs for 22 runs and 5 wickets—a match winning effort. Fielder bowled 7 overs and captured 3 wickets for 35. Laforest secured 2 wickets for 20 runs off 10 overs.

At the conclusion of this match, the fifth of the series, J. Deane, with 11 caught and 3 stumped, was responsible for a fine wicket-keeping performance.

Hercus 31.5 and Fielder 31.1 lead in the School batting averages. The aggregate of 218 by Fielder is the highest. Carroll's 90 against Riverview is the highest individual score.

Cristofani has taken the greatest number of wickets, viz., 27, average 7.7; Wall follows closely with 21 wickets at an average of 7.9. Fielder has taken 22 wickets for 264 runs, average 12.0; and Laforest 15 wickets, average 9.1.

Deane 11, Wall 7, Fielder 6, Cristofani 4, have accepted most catches.

Second Eleven.

The Second Eleven maintained its unbeaten record and won the High Schools' Competition for 1936. Several members of the team having left, a number of promotions were made from the Thirds. J. Denehy, who succeeded N. Howard in the captaincy, led the team with conspicuous success. E. Smith was appointed vice-captain. Players who won promotion from the Thirds were J. Eastaway, a promising slow bowler, W. Thompson, M. Boyd and L. Phillips.

Of the two matches played this half, the first, S.H.S. v. Technical High, was won by 52 runs on the first innings. K. Walsh (4 for 20) and J. Denehy (3 for 12) were the most successful bowlers. J. Eastaway batted well for 28.

The second match, S.H.S. v. Hurlstone, was won by 80 runs. High made 200 runs and declared with 5 wickets down (Angus 75, Denehy 35, Dawson 32, Smith 32). Of the bowlers, K. Walsh bowled excellently to take 6 for 25. Higham, making his initial appearance with the team, took 3 for 28. R. Nielsen has been an asset to the team as wicket-keeper.

K.J.A.

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Third Grade.

The team continued its winning sequence by defeating Tech. High on the first innings; and Hurlstone outright, thus winning the competition with 46 points out of the maximum 48.

Success was due to a particularly well-balanced side and excellent team spirit. Conroy, Smith, Lucas, Hudson, Scully, Skinner and Tuck, all showed promise as batsmen. Skinner, Bruen, Hendy and Baldwin were the most successful bowlers. Crosthwaite did good work behind the stumps.

As most of the team are now in 3rd or 4th year, there will probably be plenty of material available for next year and we can look forward to a repetition of this year's success.

4th Grade.

IV Grade had another successful year and again annexed the Premiership.

The success of the team was due to an even balance in the batting. There was no tail end as our best bowlers were also good batsmen.



THIRD GRADE CRICKET TEAM—UNDEFEATED PREMIERS FOR 1936.

Back Row: O. V. SKINNER, J. LUCAS, D. LEVI, C. HENDY, M. CRAY, R. BRIEN.

Centre: R. HUDSON, P. CROSTHWAITE, H. B. ABRAHAMS, Esq., K. CONROY, J. H. KILLIP, Esq., A. SMITH, A. SCALLY.

Sitting: R. BALDWIN.

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The bowling had good variety, and the fielding was usually very good.

We had some easy victories, but also several close and exciting games as well as getting well defeated in the last game.

Against North Sydney on the turf at Chatswood, we rattled up 250—Cawsey, Lyon, Woodgate doing most damage. We dismissed N.S. for 38 and 116; the bowling honours going to Cawsey and Norrie.

The match against Canterbury was full of incident. They scored 92 and we replied with 90. They scored 68 and left us 69 to get in 45 minutes. Scotney, Walsh and Norrie got the runs in 35 minutes, which was good batting.

We had little difficulty with Parramatta and won outright.

Against Fort St. we scored 163, of which Cawsey got 65 and Scotney 26. Fort St. got 116, and we closed with 72 on the board and at the call of time had 8 of Fort St. for 37. Norrie and Cawsey bowled very well.

Against Technical we had a race for time also. They scored 70 and 148. We had made 196—Hodgson 47, Norrie 58 not out, Woodgate 40, and that left us 22 to get in 15 minutes. Hodgson went l.b.w. first ball, but Norrie and Cawsey, by good running and hitting, got 33 in the time.

In the last match against Hurlstone we met our Waterloo, but made a game fight of it. Hurlstone batted and made 236 by good hard cricket, aided by our worst exhibition of fielding. We replied with 137, of which Bowsey made 33, Cawsey 34 and Lyon 26. Hurlstone made 41 in the second innings but we did not have time to bat again.

We thus had:—

4 outright wins, 1 win on the 1st innings; and 1 loss on the 1st innings, making 40 out of 48 competition points.

CENTENNIAL PARK CRICKET.

Boys taking cricket as their Summer Sport and who do not belong to any of the four Grade teams are catered for at Centennial Park.

Park cricket commenced with 22 teams on 12th February, and the first half of the season closed on 15th April. The second half of the season commenced on 9th September and will conclude on 16th December.

The players are graded into four sections, namely, First, Second, Third and Senior Years, and competitions are organised for the first three of these four sections.

The First Year Competition in the second half of the year comprised the 1A Firsts (Captain, J. Dunne), 1A Seconds (J. Bach), 1B Firsts (K. Haub), 1B Seconds (R. Duhig), 1C Firsts (H. Tyrrell), 1C Seconds (W. Walsh), 1D (A. Morton), 1E Firsts (R. Thornley), 1E Seconds (R. Townrow) and 1X (L. Basser).

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FOURTH GRADE PREMIERS, 1936.

Back Row: C. BOWEY, J. HODGSON, A. LYON, J. NORRIE, R. WALSH.
 Middle Row: D. MACLARN, C. P. SCHRADER, Esq., R. CAWSEY (Capt.), J. H. KILLIP, Esq., J. WOODGATE.
 Front Row: C. ROSE, R. LOVERIDGE.

This competition was won by 1C Firsts team, which consisted of H. Tyrrell (Captain), R. Bentley, B. Clay, K. Crossin, B. Gordon (1D), G. James, K. Kent, B. Lord, E. McLerie, L. New and L. Wieland. 1B Firsts team was just one point behind 1C Firsts.

The Second Year Competition comprised 2A Firsts (J. Raftos), 2A Seconds (H. Carwardine), 2B (G. Ahern), 2C (J. Wood), 2D (V. Falkner), and 2E (R. Woodhead), and was won by 2A Firsts, which consisted of J. Raftos (Captain), E. Badger, J. Barbour, F. De Santis, F. de Vine, J. Failes, D. Glover, G. Harper, F. O'Brien, W. McMurray and R. Walker. 2D Team was second two points behind 2A Firsts.

The Third Year Competition comprises 3A, 3B, 3C and 3D teams, and was divided by 3A and 3D. The 3A team comprised R. Hardacre (Captain), R. Chilvers, W. Duggin, A. Dunstone, R. Furlonger, R. Gray, E. Paterson, R. Smith, L. Tennant, A. Watson, W. Whiting and the 3D team consisted of P. Willcox (Captain), J. Dean, J. Gilda, N. Graham (3A), R. McRitchie (2D), D. Nish, C. Taylor, M. Cooper-Vines (3A), A. Thelander, A. Warner and J. Wood.

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The Senior Years played one day matches amongst Fourth and Fifth Years.

The highest score was 101 not out and this total was made by Halliday (2C), Strang (2C), and Bentley (1C).

The outstanding bowling feat was that of J. O'Brien (2A Firsts), who took 4 wickets with 4 consecutive balls on 21st October, when playing against 2A Seconds.

GENERAL NOTES.

The annual match v. the Old Boys is scheduled for November 26, at Centennial Park. This is one of the most enjoyable games of the year. The Old Boys will be sure to appreciate, as we do, the new "sight-boards," which were presented to the School by the Parents and Citizens' Association.

New boundary flags in the School's colours were donated by Mr. G. C. Saxby, ex-headmaster. Messrs. Oberg and Finnie very kindly supplied the supports.

The joint-committee of management of the McKay Sports Ground at Centennial Park allocated a fairly substantial grant towards the purchase of soil for top-dressing purposes, on those portions of the outfield most in need of attention.

The beneficial effects of this expenditure have been very pronounced, but there is still room for considerable improvement in this respect.

A very enjoyable social game, confined to one day's play, was contested against the Sydney Grammar School XI, on September 26.

The scoring was rather brisk—478 runs being recorded for the day's play. The School made 265 runs for 8 wickets (Laforest 86 not out, Paillas 48, Coape-Smith 38) and Grammar School responded with 213 runs for 9 wickets. The game resulted in a draw. Cawsey, for the School, secured 6 wickets for 66 runs.

The wicket provided for the match v. Sydney Grammar School was an excellent one in every respect. Mr. Garner is very conscientious in the work of preparing a wicket.

The remaining matches in the G.P.S. Competition are those against S.C.E.G.S. at Northbridge, and the final match against The King's School at Centennial Park on November 14 and 21.

An account of these games, and the complete figures relative to the batting and bowling averages will be given in the next issue of "The Record."

To those of our readers who are candidates for the Intermediate or Leaving Certificate, we have pleasure in wishing them success in their efforts.

O. S. SMITH.
O. A. TAYLOR.

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ATHLETICS.

Our relative success in inter-school matches has prompted the question, "How would a High team fare in Saturday inter-club competitions." Many members of the present and past High athletic teams have expressed a desire to form a club of Present and Past athletes. What do you think of this idea? With the support of those athletes who are already in outside clubs, High should be able to form a promising club for next season. Give us your opinions on the topic and let us know if you would be willing, in the formation of a club, to join under the old Chocolate and Blue.

B.A.E.

ROWING.

Boys have been training on Wednesdays and Saturdays during this term. A Junior Eight has been rowing under Mr. W. Livingston, but training has been suspended during the examination period.

The shortened training period, owing to the earlier date of the earlier date of the regatta this year, curtailed expenses somewhat, so that the expenditure is well within the budgeted amount. But, unfortunately, the incomes of the P. & C. and O.B.U. were much smaller owing to the change to the Nepean. As a result these bodies have not yet met their commitments for the year, so the financial position calls for close attention. Just how serious the position may be gathered from the announcement contained in the O.B.U. notes, where withdrawal of financial support from school rowing is reported.

The Rowing Advisory Sub-Committee will meet shortly to review this year's operations and to prepare a budget for next year's expenditure. In view of the O.B.U. decision, its task is not going to be an easy one, for it does not appear likely that either the P. & C. or the Union can increase its expenditure on rowing. Another matter to receive the Committee's attention is the proposal to erect a rowing shed. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. J. Hallett, plans for a shed have been prepared, but it will be for the Committee to decide if this is the time to proceed with the buildings. The O.B.U. intends opening a subscription fund to be devoted to rowing expenses. It is to be hoped that Old Boys of the school make a ready response to the appeal.

—W. E. CUMMINGS.

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THE SCHOOL UNION.

The present year has witnessed still further expansion in the Union's activities, and 1936 will be a record year in several ways. The administration of the finances of the newly inaugurated book scheme and cadet corps had increased our business to such an extent that even early in October our receipts and expenditure had each exceeded two thousand pounds.

The ordinary revenue of the Union such as subscriptions, and rent from tennis courts and tuck shop is about the same as for last year, and we are glad to be able to report that, assuming our friends of the O.B.U. and the P. & C. send along the contributions which they have promised, a small credit balance on the year's operations seems assured.

E. BEMBRICK,
Hon. Secretary.

The athletics club in particular and the school in general take much pleasure in welcoming home our two Olympic representatives, Jack Metcalfe and Basil Dickinson. Both athletes were handicapped by the adamant quality of the German cinders, but nevertheless Mr. Metcalfe was the star performer of the Australian team, being placed third in the Hop, Step and Jump.

They have brought back a wealth of information on all things athletic, which will be of incalculable value to Australia, and we may reasonably hope to the School.

Both have rendered fine service to "High" athletes in the past and their interest in the school is still vivid.

L.A.B.

LIBRARY.

The main entrance to the School was used by Mr. H. Byrne as the basis for his design in executing an etched book-plate for the library. The treatment is dignified and stately, resulting in a plate of great beauty. Donations to the library can now be recognised in a fitting manner.

The departing 5th Year boys made a presentation to the School of a picture, "The White Mill," by Percy Lancaster, which has been hung in the library.

I should like to express my appreciation of the fine work done by F. Rush and A. Renouf in the library this year.

—W. E. CUMMINGS.

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SWIMMING.

During the year swimming has been as usual one of the major sporting activities of the school. The regular Wednesday afternoon classes held at the Domain Baths have catered for a large number of swimming enthusiasts, and the Life-Saving classes resulted in the securing of a long list of awards.

A second Life-Saving squad, under Mr. Black's tuition, will undergo examination at the end of the year. We also take this opportunity of reminding all boys who aspire to represent the school at the C.H.S. carnival in March next year, to lose no time in beginning their training, for we have the Under Fourteen Shield to retain, and the Senior and Junior to fight for.

We deeply regret that Mr. Black has been obliged to enter hospital, and all join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

C. HENDY, Secretary.

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Vice-Presidents: A. Horner, Esq., J.P., 30 Botany Street, Randwick;

A. R. Sullivan, Esq., Commercial Banking Co. Ltd., Haymarket, Sydney.



SENIOR S.H.S. SWIMMING, 1936.

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Middle Row: J. BUSH, K. SUMMERBELL, R. W. CALDWELL, Esq., R. HIGHAM, J. H. KILLIP, Esq., W. ABBOTT, J. DUGUID.

Front Row: F. JACKSON.

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UNDER 14 SWIMMING TEAM—PREMIERS C.H.S., 1936.
 First Row: K. GLASS, R. SMITH, B. ABBOTT, R. HIGGINS.
 Second Row: J. DREELIN, H. W. CALDWELL, Esq., E. LEVY, J. H. KILLIP,
 Esq., J. FALLICK.

Hon. Treasurer: O. W. Earl, Esq., 22 Flood Street, Bondi.

Hon. Secretary: E. H. Oliver, Esq., J.P., 3 Yanko Avenue, Waverley.

The Parents and Citizens' Association is again able to review the year now drawing to a close with quite a lot of satisfaction, although a certain amount of difficulty has been met in an endeavour to successfully finance its various commitments. During previous years, quite a lot of money was raised by the aid of the monthly dances, but for some reason difficult to explain, this form of entertainment did not prove as popular as usual in 1936. This was particularly noticeable at the Head of the River dance held in April, at which an attendance of only about 500 dancers was reported, instead of the usual thousand. The reason for this partial failure of one of the Association's most successful functions can only be ascribed to the action of the G.P.S. Rowing Committee in deciding to hold the Annual Regatta on the Nepean River instead of on the Parramatta River. It was accordingly found to be necessary, in view of this failure on the part of the dances to yield the usual amount of revenue, for the members of the Association to seek other ways and means of raising the necessary funds. Fortunately, however, setbacks of this description had no other effect than to spur the active members of the Association on to greater efforts and other sources of revenue were quickly discovered. With

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PREFECTS.

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A. FIELDER, N. FOWLER.
Second Row: D. FORD, L. FREEMAN, V. HERCUS, I. MacDONALD, J. TRYER,
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(Capt.), J. H. KILLIP, Esq. (Headmaster), B. LAFOREST (Vice-Capt.), V.
CHAPMAN.

the aid of a very successful market day organised by the ladies' Committee and a play and musical entertainment arranged mainly by the energy of Mr. A. Horner, the Association was able to meet most, if not all, of its financial obligations. Two very successful card parties, arranged by the ladies' Committee, also brought a considerable amount of grist to the mill.

During the year, the Association was able, with the assistance of a very energetic grounds committee, to carry out extensive improvements to the School grounds. The whole of the old Hedge facing Moore Park was removed and a new lot of shrubs planted along this frontage, in addition to which a number of new trees and shrubs were planted in other parts of the ground. Some hundreds of feet of water piping was installed and the Association was successful in obtaining a considerable amount of assistance from the Department of Education, which materially assisted the scheme by asphaltting the paths, renewing the fence facing Moore Park and providing a new entrance to the School in Cleveland Street. Most of this work was made possible by the assistance and enthusiasm of the Headmaster (Mr. Killip) who was untiring in his efforts to have the scheme completed.

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During the year the Association expended the usual amount of money in assisting the school activities. Rowing, the Sports ground, prizes, library, cricket, football, debating and other items, all received their share of the Association's revenue and members now look forward with the usual optimism for a successful year in 1937.

This report would not be complete without some reference to the assistance extended to the work of the Association by the Headmaster and Mrs. Killip. Both have been untiring in their efforts to assist the Association through a difficult period and members have the greatest pleasure in placing their appreciation of this assistance on record. The Association's thanks are also due to the Deputy Headmaster and Mrs. Hallett for their assistance and interest on many occasions during the year.

E. H. OLIVER,
Hon. Secretary.

SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' UNION

Founded 1892

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FINANCE.

The financial position of the O.B.U. has caused the Council much worry. The transfer of the Regatta to the Nepean caused a loss of substantial revenue and unless matters can be adjusted by some other means the support given to the School sport must be withdrawn. If two hundred Old Boys promised a donation of £1 each per year the situation would be solved.

The Council considered the quuestion at some length, and reluctantly has come to the decision that it is unable to guarantee any definite sum towards the rowing costs next year.

The Council will open a rowing fund, to which donations will be invited, and any donations so received will be made available for rowing activities.

Since the list published in the last "Record" was compiled, donations have been received from the following:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Dr. A. C. Thomas	10	0	0	J. L. Bush, Esq.	15	0	
M. Balkind, Esq.	12	6		O. S. Bell, Esq.	1	1	0
S. Carr, Esq.	14	0		E. Pye, Esq.	10	6	
A. M. Forbes, Esq.	1	0	0	S. B. Glass, Esq.	1	0	0
H. Ellis, Esq.	1	0	0	Dr. A. H. Tebbutt	15	0	
E. J. Hyde, Esq.	1	0	0	Dr. W. B. Brown	1	1	0
Dr. W. Mackey	1	0	0	Dr. C. E. Winston	1	0	0
R. Thornton, Esq.	1	0	0	J. M. Houston, Esq.	1	0	0
Prof. F. Mauldon	3	0	0	Dr. C. G. McDonald	3	17	6

A FEW INTERESTING STATISTICS.

In July, 1936, it was ascertained that at the School:

10 members of the staff were Old Boys.

1 pupil's grandfather was an Old Boy.

34 pupils' fathers were Old Boys.

73 pupils' brothers were Old Boys.

S. H. S. MCKAY SPORTSGROUND COMMITTEE.

The Committee has functioned throughout the year and thanks to the efforts of Mr. E. Pye, Solicitor, has had proper rules for its conduct drawn up and approved by the three constituent bodies. The funds voted to the Committee have been expended in paying the groundsman's wages and maintaining the area. The cricket pitch has been top-dressed whilst much of the outfield has also received top-dressing.

The ladies of the Parents and Citizens' Association, by their own work, enthusiasm and efforts, raised funds sufficient to present sight boards to the sportsground.

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BLAZERS.

Old Boys who wish to obtain O.B.U. blazers must obtain a certificate from the Honorary Secretary prior to ordering such a blazer.

1937 ACTIVITIES.

Any suggestions as to the conduct of the O.B.U. affairs for 1937 will be welcomed. Those desirous or willing to participate in the 1937 dramatic production in March, the football or cricket matches against the school teams, or in the social activities should advise the Honorary Secretary accordingly.

ROWING CAMP SUPERVISORS.

Supervisors will be required again next year and any Old Boy willing to take charge of the rowing camp for a period—a week—should advise Mr. Duffy or the Secretary.

JOTTINGS.

A. W. Sneddon, General Manager of the A.M.P. Society has been elected president of the Union of Old Oarsmen of Sydney.

R. H. Boyan, B.Ec., has been elected honorary secretary of the Amateur Athletic Association of Australia. G. Carruthers, another Old Boy, is the honorary treasurer.

Three Old Boys, A. W. Horner, J. E. R. Ward, and W. S. Wright, played roles in the P. & C. Association's presentation of "Seven Keys to Baldpate."

R. T. McKay, our esteemed vice-president, has recovered from his recent severe operation and is once again active in the O.B.U. affairs.

The thanks of the O.B.U. once again are due to E. J. H. Colvin for having circulars done for us, and to B. L. Moses for his assistance in having typing effected.

Captain C. Farquhar-Smith, R.A.N., has been appointed Commander of the cruiser "Delhi" by the Admiralty.

R. M. Crawford has been appointed lecturer in history at the University.

F. K. Bowler was a member of the University Debating Team which met the Washington University team when it was in Sydney.

Mr. L. S. Polden has been President of the Insurance Institute of N.S.W. during the year. He recently completed a term as President of the Actuarial Society of Australia.

J. D. Thompson has obtained his commission with the St. George Regiment (45th Battalion).

Captain D. J. Duffy recently was promoted captain in the St. George Regiment (45th Battalion).

Dr. J. G. Churchwood, assistant lecturer in the Faculty of Agriculture at the Varsity, obtained his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota. His thesis was on wheat diseases.

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

Annual Chocolate and Blue Ball.

The Annual Ball took place at Hordern Bros.' Florentine Ballroom on Thursday, 9th July, 1936. The President, Dr. C. G. McDonald and Mrs. McDonald entertained the Official Party which included the Headmaster, Mr. J. H. Killip and Mrs. Killip, the Deputy Headmaster, Mr. P. W. Hallett and Mrs. Hallett, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Allen (Council of the G.P.S. Old Boys' Unions), Mr. B. Riley and Miss M. Riley (Kings), Mr. and Mrs. R. C. M. Boyce (Shore), Mr. and Mrs. Murray-Prior (Old Sydneians), Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hoare (St. Joseph's), Mr. and Mrs. John Spence (Newington), Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Morgan (St. Ignatius), Mrs. N. W. Caldwell and Miss Evelyn McQuoid (Scots), Mrs. Alan Owen and Dr. Owen (Old Girls' Union), Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Eedy.

The thanks of the O.B.U. are due to Mrs. C. G. McDonald, who took great pains to make the Official Party an outstanding success.

Donations towards the Ball expenses were received from Dr. C. G. McDonald and Dr. C. E. Winston.

Athletics Night Dance.

In view of the G.P.S. Sports being held on Eight-hour week-end, the Council of the G.P.S. Old Boys' Unions decided to hold the usual dance on the following Saturday. The function took place at the Blaxland Galleries on the 10th October and some 500-600 persons attended. The S.H.S. Old Boys' formed a large proportion and a really enjoyable night eventuated for all present. Mr. Wiedersehn represented the O.B.U. on the Dance Committee, whilst Miss Jean Knight—our nominee on the ladies' committee—acted as Honorary Secretary to the ladies' committee.

32nd Annual Dinner.

This annual function is to be held at the Carlton Hotel on Monday, 7th December.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership this year is an increase on the number of financial members last year. Since the last issue of the "Record," two new life members have been enrolled, W. Dickson and J. F. Clark.

Members are reminded that subscriptions fall due on 1st January, 1937, and they are requested to forward their renewals as soon as possible after that date.

It is pointed out that the 7/6 annual fee barely covers running expenses and those in a position to follow the example of many members by forwarding £1 each year are urged to adopt this practice.

THE RECORD.

COUNCIL OF THE OLD BOYS' UNIONS OF THE GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Mr. H. J. H. Henchman of The Armidale School Old Boys' Union has been elected President of the Council of the Old Boys' Unions for the year 1936-37.

The Council, formed four years ago, is comprised of a representative from each Old Boys' Union. Since its formation it has proved a useful consultative body and has been responsible for the holding of a combined Regatta and Athletic Night Dance.

Mr. H. C. Wilson is our representative on the Council.

A LETTER FROM MR. T. B. TREBECK, M.A.,

One-time Master of the School.

It was the turning point in my life's career when I knocked at the Screen of the S.H. School one January morning in the year 1885. Having applied to the Department of Public Instruction for a position in a high school, I was ordered to report at the Castlereagh Street centre after an interview with one Mr. Maynard, Chief Inspector. The whole of the buildings and surroundings were drab and unlovely and I was not favourably impressed by them. However, after the Headmaster, Mr. Joseph Coates, had recovered from the shock of perusing my "paste-board" or "Carte de Visite" which I had sent into the Head he sent for me, examined my credentials and escorted me to an over-crowded room of "entrants," where I suffered the torments of a wild animal surrounded by hounds, due largely to lack of experience.

However, I bought this latter at a severe expense and developed into quite an average pedagogue during sixteen years at the S.H.S. until receiving a call to East Maitland, where I reaped the fruits of a ripe experience for a further twenty years, when I retired with a gratuity and moderate pension, which I am thankful to say I am enjoying this year of grace, 1936.

My fellow colleagues were A. B. Piddington, J. F. McManamy, who was later killed at Gallipoli, one Mr. Thomas and at subsequent intervals, L. Blumer, C. R. Smith, C. Taylor, J. Gordon-Legge, later Major-General, one Mr. Stout and Mr. Coorall of Ireland, both of whom passed away not very long afterwards. G. P. Barbour was acting as relieving staff when Mr. Piddington took a trip "home," whilst W. Crompton of Winchester also did good service, both at the old and new buildings.

THE RECORD.

I might mention the staff examined the new boys on Mondays and Tuesdays, and announced the results at about 4 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon, even on one occasion having completed the work by 1 p.m. on Tuesday. The boys knew of their probable success prior to our producing full certificates and those who passed attended the school on Wednesday. Reading, algebra, geometry, French and Latin formed the compulsory subjects during some years of the system. Of course, we took papers home on Monday evenings in order to get results by Tuesday. I saw the Head correct the 125 algebra tests in 45 minutes at the School, although there were four questions of division, and prove his corrections at a glance. With five classes going in one room there was a good deal of noise, but we managed fairly well.

The school cadet system was managed at the Castlereagh Street depot and "faute de mieux" as the French have it. I enlisted and some of the rank and file gave good service in the Boer War and Great War, like Lieut. Fitzhardinge and Bugler Watson who rode into Pretoria unattended and demanded the surrender of that capital by 9 a.m. the next morning in the name of Field Marshall Lord Roberts, V.C. He was received at first with disgust, but afterwards was entertained at afternoon tea. Brig. General J. Heane learned to shoot at Flemington under my command when he was in the school cadets. In 1891 I took 54 riflemen to Campbelltown Camp (N.S.W. Military) as a unit and we took part in the movements for the whole period, having the bands playing at Mess as in the regulars; turning out the Guard at 4 a.m.; and visiting pickets at uncertain hours. A grand sham fight took place, with the explosion of a mine and artillery attack. A great many "shells" (oysters) burst as we marched to positions at the rear of the Commissariat. The Officers' tents were floored with oilcloth and wood and had proper beds and internal fittings.

When we moved to Ultimo, whole day instruction parades were held, but as these entailed my absence from a class of 40-44 boys I did not feel justified in being absent from duty and responsibility for such a long period. I did not regret the time taken up in the cadet corps, although sometimes I had to walk three miles to Redfern Station by 8.30 on a Saturday and entrain to Flemington for rifle practice. These rifle practices used up most Saturdays and made a pleasing interval to chalk and blackboard, whilst they gave me a chance of being a help to the boys outside mere teaching duties.

The semi-military system of school yard parades and drill was of great help in the cadet system, the fact of boys knowing the meanings of "fall in" and "numbering off" gives them a start in life which boys who do not go through the system, fail to grasp. I have found it useful in school fetes and functions, as it reduces "chaos" and waste of energy to order and system and enables people in authority to handle a crowd without friction.

THE RECORD.

In cases of panic, fires, shipwreck, etc., men who have drilled are amenable to discipline, as was exemplified in the loss of the "Birkenhead" when the soldiers stood to attention while the women and children were taken off in boats.

PAST v. PRESENT FOOTBALL MATCH.

The Annual Match between an Old Boys' XV and the School XV took place on Thursday, 20th August, 1936. The O.B.U. team won the Match by 31 points to 25.

The Old Boys who comprised our team were:—

L. Miller, A. Trevenan, L. Owens, S. Taylor, A. Myles, T. Jones, W. Medcalf, C. Proctor, A. E. Braye, J. Chapman, J. Turnbull, C. Paton, R. Clark, V. Thicknesse, J. Waugh, J. McKenzie.





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HUMOR

MISSED IT.

The traveller picked up the railway buffet sandwich and took two small bites.

"H'm!" he sniffed. "I haven't come to the ham in this sandwich yet."

"Try another bite," advised the waitress.

The traveller took another bite—a large one.

"No, not yet," he said.

The waitress shook her head in disgust.

"Too big," she said; "you must have gone right past it."

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"Have you much to say in your part in the new film?"

"Unfortunately no—I am the husband."

—"Jugend" (Germany).

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TAKES SOME DOING.

A fellow has to be a contortionist to get on these days. First he has to keep his back to the wall and his ear to the ground. Then he must put his shoulder to the wheel, his nose to the grindstone, keep a level head, and have both feet on the ground.

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DIDN'T MEAN IT.

The young politician had chosen a very tough spot in the East End for his first meeting. His appearance on the platform was greeted with catcalls and hisses.

He held up his hand and at last got some sort of silence.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he began.

From all over the hall the catcalls and jeers started anew. The politician stepped back in alarm.

"I'm sorry," he shouted above the din. "I didn't mean to insult anyone."

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BREAKING THE NEWS.

The road engineer arrived to find the trench had fallen in.

"Hi," he shouted to one workman very busy with his shovel, "does the foreman know about this?"

"No, sir," replied the shoveller, "but we thought it would be a kindness to dig 'im out and tell 'im."

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"Who did your homework?"

"Father."

"Alone?"

"No, I helped him a bit."

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BY INSTALMENTS.

"Here's my bill," said the lawyer. "Please pay down 100 dollars, and 25 dollars a week thereafter for ten weeks."

"Sounds like buying an automobile," said the client.

"I am," returned the attorney.

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THE TRAVELLER.

The people who had sold the car to Albert had assured him that he would be surprised at the speed of it. When he found himself in a quiet country lane he decided to give it a real test, pressed hard on the accelerator, and felt the car leap forward like a bullet from a gun. The speedometer raced round like a clock gone mad. Telegraph poles became a hazy, wooden fence!

Then came a crash, and he awoke later in a hospital bed. It was Carnival Day at the hospital, and poor Albert caught sight of three students dressed like Red Indians. He gaped at them through his bandages, his eyes aglow with wonderment.

"Indians!" he gasped. "Great heavens! What a car!"

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NOT QUITE.

"Now, Robert, tell me what an engineer is," said the teacher.

"He is a man that works an engine," replied Robert.

"Correct," said the teacher. "Now William, can you tell me what a pioneer is?"

"Yes, sir," answered William. "He is a man that works a piano."

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PILING IT ON.

Judge: It is the sentence of this court that the prisoner be confined to prison for the remainder of his natural life.

Prisoner: This is a rank injustice——

Judge: Silence! Two more years for contempt of court!

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A GOOD JOB.

He had got a job as collector for a gas company.

"Take this master key and go round and empty all the meters; get all the pennies and shillings," said the manager.

Three weeks later he walked into the office. "Can I have another key? I've lost t'other one."

"Certainly," replied the manager. "But where have you been all this time? The cashier has stopped late every Friday night, expecting you to come for your wages."

"Great guns!" exclaimed the collector, beaming broadly. "Do I get wages as well?"

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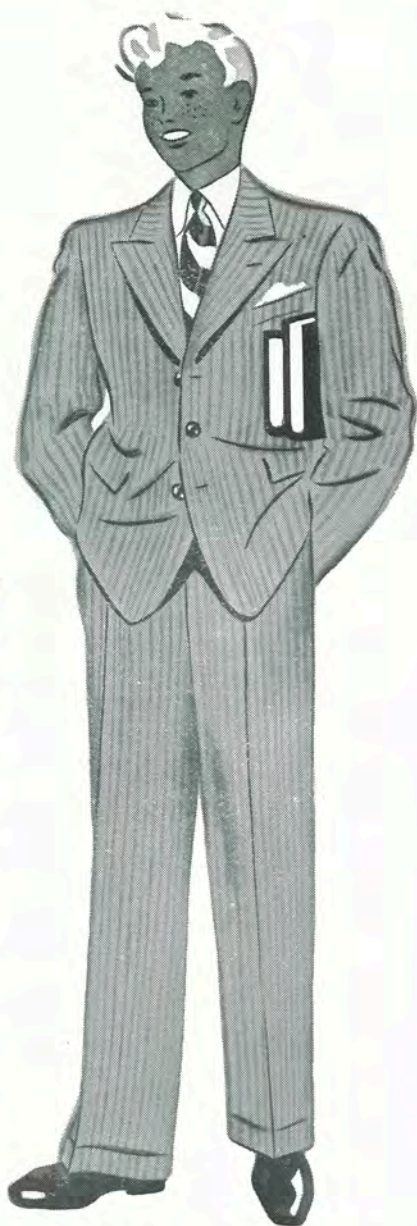
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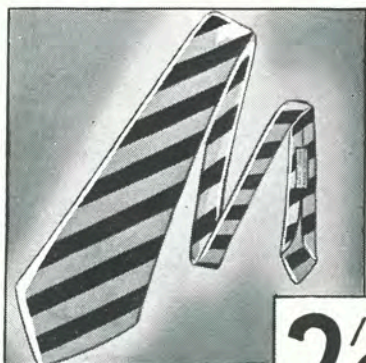
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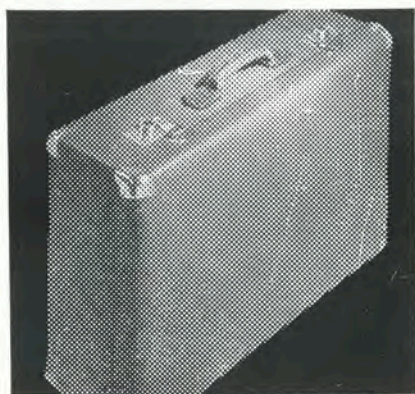
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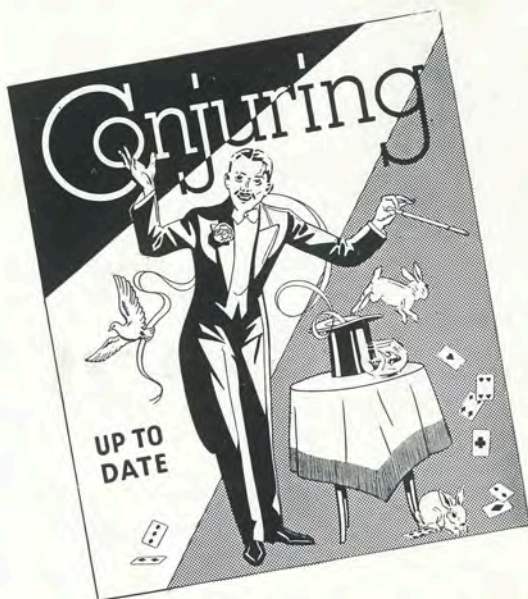
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