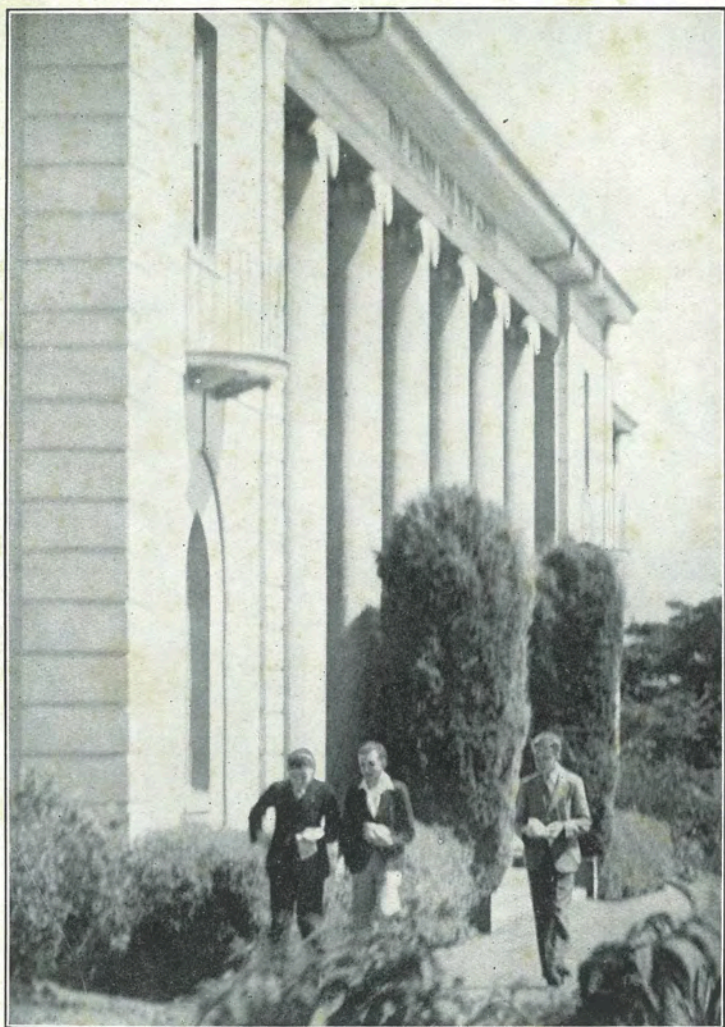




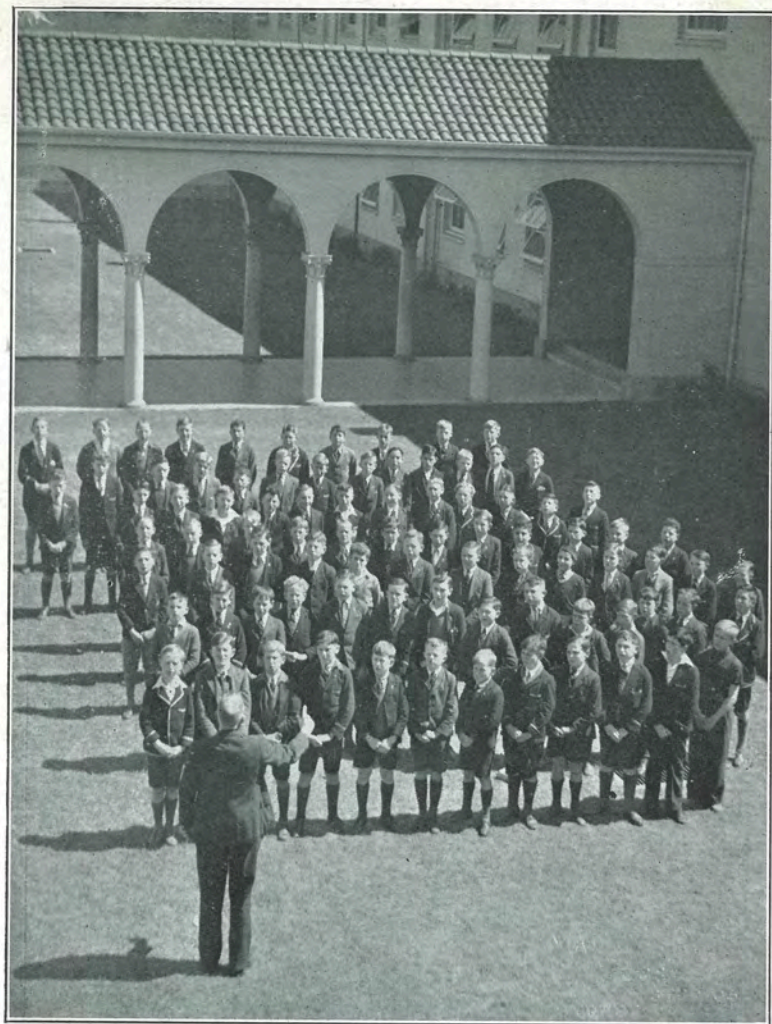
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THE FAÇADE OF SYDNEY BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL



"ON THE WINGS OF SONG."

THE SCHOOL CHOIR.

(Foreground: G. L. Reid, Esq., B.A., Chormaster.)



Boys of Sydney High School, exhibiting their skill at pyramid building in the School Grounds, after their exercises in the School's modern gymnasium.



"THE PLAY'S THE THING!"—"Hamlet" II. (ii).
Group of fourth and first year players who presented scenes from "Coriolanus" and "The Merchant of Venice," at the School Concert, on October 13th.

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EDITORIAL ORIENTATION

Amongst the brilliant minds in our midst during the Regional Conference of the New Education Fellowship was the Japanese representative, Mr. Yusuke Tsurumi, M.P. But Sydney heard very little from him, as, owing to shipping disabilities, he arrived too late.

He was grouped, however, with Dr. Paul Dengler, and spoke rather pointedly during a meeting of the League of Nations Union, held in the Pitt Street Congregational Church. He also spoke over the air from Adelaide on "Pacific Relations."

What Mr. Tsurumi had to say was of considerable interest to Australians, and, probably, balanced all that had been heard from the educationists of all the other countries. They had fastened our minds on the Occident, in which we had already, perhaps, become too interested. He drew the veil from the Orient, and deplored the fact that whereas the Japanese knew so much about Australia, and so many of them could speak English with an accent and a syntax which surpassed the attainment of some of us, we, on the other hand, knew so little about Japan, the Japanese and their language. He congratulated the pioneers in Australia who were developing the study of Japanese, and it seemed to him that Australia would lead the world in this respect—a world which amazed him in its ignorance of the Orient!

We have a natural interest, of course, in "1066 and all that," and, to a great extent, our thought is coloured by the Occidental Press and affairs. Most of our aspirations are Western. We belong to the West so inherently that it is difficult for the mass of Australians and New Zealanders to realise that they are definitely "Far Eastern." We are nearly one hundred per cent. British stock, and the Union Jack floats lazily in the breeze from many a masthead—but it is a Pacific breeze! Consequently, we should look at Japan through our telescope from Canberra, and not so frequently from London or Paris.

Our country is the centre of a circle whose peripheral lands are: New Zealand, South and East Africa, Arabia, Persia, India, Siam, Dutch East Indies, China, Russia, Japan, Canada, the United States, Mexico, Peru and Chile; but circumstances have forced most of our attention to affairs beyond the circumference indicated.

There is the little matter of the Japanese population, which Mr. Tsurumi so pointedly emphasised. The Japanese are increasing at the

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rate of one million per annum; and, whilst the birthrate in Japan is declining, so also is the death-rate. A nation of circumscribed area has to feed extra mouths and find room in its national economy every year for numbers aggregating those of a city of the size of Melbourne, or nearly the whole population of New Zealand! This is a salient fact which should cause us to think furiously.

It is obvious that we shall be constrained, more and more, to re-orientate our policy in every direction, and to develop a Pacific outlook. There are peripheral folk in this ocean with whom we shall have to live whether we like it or not. A more thorough knowledge of Oriental affairs is essential, at least, so that our young people may know the Oriental mind as well as the Australian mind is known by Orientals. This involves also closer co-operation with India, the United States and the Spanish Republics; but these are more remote.

Great Britain of the Pacific will need to take as lively an interest in her neighbours as Great Britain of the Atlantic does in the folk across the Channel, the Irish Sea, and beyond the Atlantic horizon.

T. B. INGRAM.



OBITUARY

The *Record* expresses the School's sympathy with the relatives of Mr. J. H. Smairl, M.A., a former English Master of this School, who died on October 5th. The striking portrait in oils hanging in the main porch, painted by E. A. Macdonald, and presented to the School by Mr. Smairl's former pupils, will always be a reminder of his ten years of splendid service as English Master. He retired from the Education Department in 1924, carrying with him the good wishes of all who appreciated to the full the richness of his scholarship and the nobility and sincerity of his gentle nature.



PERSONAL

Olympians Jack Metcalfe and Basil Dickinson have shown great interest in coaching school-boy athletes this year, and the result of their efforts is reflected in the improved style of many of our performers.



Mr. Vivian McGrath has returned after competing for the Davis Cup. He looks very fit, and suggests that a winter in Australia will make him fitter.



Mr. W. B. Eastaway has made two very fine shots for putting. They are good examples of skilled craftsmanship, and are much appreciated by our athletes.



Mr. Fred Lenthall is a member of the staff at Sydney Grammar. His son is Grammar's "Under 14 Sprints" representative.

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Mr. Herbert P. Brodie, who was a teacher of commercial subjects at Sydney High School for about ten years, died suddenly at Bexley in August last.

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We congratulate Mr. J. A. McCallum, B.A. (English Master), on his recent promotion to the Examinations Branch.

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Recent changes in the staff include Mr. T. H. Hingston, B.A., from Parramatta High, and Mr. J. Moyes, M.A., B.Sc.

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We are glad to learn that Mr. E. G. S. Evans, of the Maths. staff, has left hospital after his recent illness.

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The School Captain, K. T. Oram, has been appointed to a position with the Australian Mutual Provident Society. Oram has been an excellent Captain, and we wish him success in his new sphere.

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Dr. Ken. Howell, of Hurstville, an Old Boy of the School, repeated his last year's wager of a "picture show to nothing" for the Senior team's chance of winning the coveted G.P.S. Athletic Championship. Last year he narrowly escaped, but this year the wager was cheerfully paid.

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L. McCarthy, of 2D, was the first player for five years to win the bat, donated by the coach of Fourth Grade cricket, for the first century of the season. McCarthy made 131, including 25 fours, against Fort Street. This was a fine innings, as the runs were made in 80 minutes.



SCHOOL JOTTINGS

This has been a most successful year for Sydney High School in many ways. Below we instance a few of the most prominent boys; but it should be remembered that it would be impossible to include all who have been in the front rank. Everyone has done his share.

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R. HIGHAM is probably the finest all-round athlete the School has yet produced. He is the School Athletic and Swimming champion, Stroke of the Eight, and has regularly represented in both First XV and First XI.

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R. ANGUS has this year completed a fine double by being Captain of both the First XV and First XI. He was also a member of the successful Combined High Schools' Athletic Team.

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H. DENT, coming to the School last year, has already made a name for himself. He was School Tennis champion and Junior Athletic champion in 1936, and represents in the First XI.

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The Athletic Club received a hard blow during last term when F. POPPLEWELL left to join the Police Cadets. A fine tennis player and cricketer, and would possibly have won the Senior Athletics Cup.

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The Cadets this year have continued on after their fine start last year. Outstanding officers are: Z. FREEMAN, M. SAMUELS and L. WEBSTER.

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R. CRISTOFANI, the School's fine all-round Cricketer, who found a position in the Great Public Schools' First XI. last year, revealed himself in a new light this year by winning the mile championship, which carries the Macarthur Cup.

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K. COLEMAN, No. 7 in the School Eight, proved an asset to the First XV. He deservedly found a position in the Combined Great Public Schools Third XV.

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G. DIETHELM this year won the Combined High Schools' back-stroke swimming title, and also led the School Debating Team, which was most successful.

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J. HART, Vice-Captain of the First XV, should be a thorn in the side of other breast-stroke swimmers this season. Earlier in the year he was placed second in the Open Championship of the State.

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R. McNEILL, ex-State Junior Walking champion, has had a successful year in sport. He rowed No. 4 in the School Eight, represented the School in the Great Public Schools' Third XV, and found places in the Swimming and Athletic teams.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The *Record* thanks Messrs. P. Price (Technical High), T. Pauling (Lands Department) and H. R. Sullivan (the University) for letters of congratulation through Mr. Bassor on the successes in competitive Athletics.

We quote the following from Mr. Sullivan's letter:—

I am opposite Wesley College (in the Medical School), and I see Wall going down each afternoon to train, so I suppose we will hear more of him anon. I also see quite a bit of Jack Still (G.P.S. 100yds. Junior record holder) . . . He is now a Lecturer in Bio-Chemistry up here.

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At present I have a Research Scholarship from a Carnegie grant, having finished my Dentistry course last year . . . If I would be of any use I would probably come out some Wednesdays next year.



EXCHANGES

The Torch-Bearer (S.C.E.G.S.), The Sydneian (S.G.S.), The Armidalian (T.A.S.), The Magazine of the Fort Street Girls' High School, The Hawkesbury Agricultural College Journal, The King's School Magazine, The Scotsman (T.S.C.), The Knox Grammarian, Lux (Church of England Girls' Grammar School, Darlinghurst).



SPRING AT SYDNEY HIGH

When the writer came to S.H.S. four years ago, the external appearance of the School was very different from that which we now see. The floral attractions consisted of trees (mainly Moreton Bay



fig) and a few shrubs near the main entrance, which tenaciously managed to exist.

To-day all that is different. Anyone entering the grounds during the Spring and early Summer cannot fail to notice the beautiful flowers and shrubs throughout the grounds.

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As one walks down the main drive from Anzac Parade, one passes a long bed containing oleanders, cassias, boronias and other beautiful shrubs. Formerly, this area was covered with a rather bedraggled hedge. When all these shrubs are fully grown, a beautiful frontage to the School from Moore Park will be provided.

Outside the main entrance, a bed of poppies looks gay and sprightly.

The expanse of shrubs continues right down to Cleveland Street, and another bed, this time containing flowers, continues along from there to the gymnasium.

Throughout the whole School grounds the beauty of Nature is seen in its greatest glory. Many people make special trips about this time to the Botanic Gardens, in order to see the azaleas. We, at Sydney High, can proudly show a great bed of them, at present in full bloom.

Up till two years ago, the northern side of the quadrangle presented a problem. No grass would grow there; the usual view was an expanse of mud. To-day, shrubs and flowers, presented by the School, make beautiful this former eye-sore.

Elsewhere in the *Record* will be found an account of this year's tree-planting. Let it suffice to say that, in years to come, these trees will give the shade and protection which have been needed for so long.

There are beauties for which you need go no farther than Sydney High School.

B.M.



MUSIC

During this year slightly more than the traditional interest has been taken in music. As a subject of study, it has found its way into the First Year curriculum, and the School Choir has been functioning since the beginning of the year.

In May last, the Choir gave two items from the platform of the Town Hall, Sydney, at a concert under the auspices of the Tonic Sol-fa Association.

On 13th October the Choir again performed at a School Concert in the Great Hall, and we hope, as a body, to provide the music programme, as usual, for Speech Day at the end of the year.

The Part Songs practised and rendered during the year include *Shepherd's Dance* (German), *Soldiers' Farewell* (Kinkel), *Nymphs and Shepherds* (Purcell), *The Boat Song* (Steel), *Good-night* (Schneider).

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TREE PLANTING

After the extensive planting of trees and shrubs last year, the School's effort this year was on modest lines. On 3rd August four Jacaranda trees and two Lombardy Poplars were planted by the captains of the Six Grade football teams—R. Angus, H. Gibson, K. Oliver, R. Cawsey, R. Hall, and R. Chilvers. The Jacarandas were planted in a group on the lawn near the southern corner of the school building, to close the vista from the Cleveland Street frontage. The Poplars greatly improve the appearance of the corners of the sloping banks on the south-eastern frontage.



THE LIBRARY

Recent additions to the Library include:—N. Roosevelt: *The Restless Pacific*; Hayes and Moon: *Modern History*; A. Werth: *The Destiny of France*; J. Gunther: *Inside Europe*; Spender: *Fifty Years of Europe*; Happold: *Adventure of Man*; de Montgon: *Paris*; Potel: *Les Auteurs Français Contemporains*; A. Dumas: *Les Trois Mousquetaires*; J. Verne: *De la Terre a la Lune*; R. Kipling: *Cantes Choisis*; Barker: *Basic German for Science Students*; Copland and Weller: *The Australian Economy*; Portus: *Australia, An Economic Interpretation*; Mills and Walker: *Money*; Jepson: *How to Think Clearly*; Legouis and Cazamain: *History of English Literature*; *Best Australian One-Act Plays*; Sherwood Taylor: *Modern Elementary Chemistry*.

A fine donation of books, suitable for junior boys, has just been received from Mr. D. J. Killip, and we thank him very much for his generosity.

To L. Booth and J. Lumsdaine I desire to express my thanks for their splendid services during the past two years as Librarians.

W. E. CUMMINGS.



SCHOOL CONCERT

Wednesday, the thirteenth of last month, witnessed in the School Hall a splendid concert organised by Messrs. Ingram, Wilthew and Reid.

To describe this concert here we feel is not necessary, for we are sure that nothing we could write or say could increase the admiration or appreciation of the crowd that was present; while to describe it to those who were absent would merely be to increase their envy and regret.

Suffice it to say, then, that we feel that the concert was a great success in every way, and the congratulations and thanks of the whole School are due to the organisers and players, not only for putting on such a splendid show, but also for the good impression of the School and its activities they must have created in the minds of the parents and others who were there.

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We must not forget the sterling work of Carl Radeski and Graham Engisch and assistants as electricians and operators. Their work gave the show a professional touch. We especially appreciate the expert help of Mr. Travers, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Beveridge and Parents and Citizens' Association for costumes, management, etc. Our esteemed caretaker, Mr. Scott, arranged the choir gallery, and secured footlights from the Conservatorium. R.C. (4A).



LEAGUE OF NATIONS' DAY

On 25th August, League of Nations' Day, a new arrangement was instituted for the celebration of the day.

Instead of the Headmaster (Mr. Killip) addressing the assembled school in the Great Hall, two addresses were given by B. Miller and G. Campbell (of 4A), on appropriate subjects, to representatives from each class in the school.

These representatives addressed their fellow classmates on subjects garnered from the remarks made earlier by Miller and Campbell, and the members of the various classes throughout the school heard several aspects of the subjects chosen.

Of the 834 members of the school, nineteen are life-members, and possessors of the life-membership badges, while 409 boys are holders of certificates of membership for one year. Thus, £2/13/1 was subscribed to the League of Nations' Union by Sydney Boys' High School. B.W.



THE INTER-SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Inter-School Christian Fellowship is an association of girls and boys in the High Schools of New South Wales, who desire to follow the Lord Jesus Christ and witness for Him. There are branches in 13 High Schools, and there are also 22 drawing-room meetings held in the suburbs and the country towns.

This movement had its inception about three years ago, and is affiliated with the Children's Special Service Mission and the Scripture Union. Thoughtful men began to realise the great need for some association of this kind in the schools, where pupils could meet together and discuss the things of God. At Sydney High we have been fortunate in having as our previous leaders two very fine young men—Bernard Judd and Harvey Turk.

The aim of every branch of the I.S.C.F. is to show those who are willing to attend the meetings something about the Bible and the things with which it deals. We believe that through the saving power of Jesus Christ, all who wish may be redeemed from sin and given real freedom and joy. We have proved it in our lives.

Our numbers this year have grown. To-day there are many in

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this School rejoicing in their new-found happiness. It is our hope and prayer that they will leave Sydney High strong in the faith, and will continue through all their lives to testify outside for Him.

Our meetings are held every Tuesday and Friday in room 7, at 1 p.m. You will be assured of a warm welcome there.

BRUCE MILLER (4A).

GORDON CAMPBELL (4A).



CINEMA REPORT

Although there has been only one full picture show this year, much work has been done to improve the biograph box, so that shows, when held, may be even higher in their standard of presentation than those of the past.

Included in the work is the overhauling of the projector, experiments to improve the light of the slide lantern (this difficulty has been successfully overcome), and a new system of communication between the stage and the box.

During the year there have been several short sessions of films on Tuesday afternoons, the subjects of these, for the most part, being educational ones. Now and again we have had lecturers to the School, giving illustrated talks on various subjects.

The one show that was held was remarkably well received, the programme comprising three cartoons, an interest film, Charlie Chaplin in *The Adventurer*, and Charlie Chase in *Uneasy Three*. The performance went through without a hitch, and this is due to the enthusiastic staff, all of whose names cannot be mentioned here, as there were about fourteen in all, exclusive of the prefects. However, we can mention Fred Wood, who provided the well-appreciated piano music during the changing of the reels.

We have one more effort in view, namely, the School Concert, as the operators are providing the lighting requirements, with the assistance of the Prince Edward Theatre and the Conservatorium, and we hope to make this a great success and to round off a very successful year.

C. RADESKI, G. ENGISCH, E. FRANCIS, J. CARROLL

(Operators).



DEBATING

This has been a particularly successful year in debating, not only because of our triumph in winning the All High Schools Hume-Barbour Debating Trophy, but also on account of the interest shown, and the quality of oratorical ability possessed by the speakers. That two of our team, B. Miller and G. Campbell, are still in Fourth Year, augurs well for next year's debating activities.

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THE SCHOOL DEBATING TEAM, 1937.

G. DIETHELM, B. MILLER, G. CAMPBELL, J. GIBSON, Esq.

Sydney Boys' High School has always maintained a high standard in debating. The school team has several times reached the final of both the G.P.S. and C.H.S. competitions. The Louat Shield has been held by the School, but this is the first occasion on which we have had the honour of winning the Hume-Barbour Debating Trophy. The wise choice of speakers made by Mr. McCallum in the early part of the year, and his careful coaching of the team, greatly assisted in bringing about this triumph.

G. Diethelm, the leader of our team, had the advantage of previous experience in last year's team. He profited greatly by this experience, and showed marked improvement in fluency and style. He was particularly strong in reply, and generally succeeded in "hitting the nail on the head." His worst fault has been an unfortunate posture which detracted from his public presence, but in later debates he almost overcame that defect and, with the acquisition of greater freedom in gesture, he would be an accomplished speaker. We hope he will continue to interest himself in debating at the University.

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B. Miller, our second speaker, shows very great promise. He always makes a sound speech, the result of thoughtful study of the subject, and he delivers it quietly but effectively. Perhaps, on occasion, he would benefit by a little more "fire." A debater should remember that he is trying to convince an audience, and that all his efforts should tend to gripping and holding his audience. Miller, I am sure, will, with more practice, learn "to let himself go" and, with just a little "vim" and ease of gesture, will make a first-class speaker for next year's team.

G. Campbell is also a thoughtful speaker who generally winds up a debate well, but, at times, his manner diminishes the force of his arguments. Elocution is valuable on a public platform; but in debating it is apt to become monotonous. A debater should avoid "preaching at" his audience. Campbell's pronunciation and enunciation are good, but his manner and diction tend, at times, to become artificial. More freedom of manner, combined with more gradation in voice tone, will make him a most forceful speaker.

All three speakers should try to cultivate the humorous vein. This does not mean that they should become flippant or satirical, but it is an obvious truism that *un bon mot bien placé* livens the dull exchange of pros. and cons. Strike to amuse as well as instruct.

A number of other speakers have assisted greatly in practice debates and, by their advice and criticism in preparation; among these are Docker (who replaced Campbell in the debate against Parramatta H.S.), Hammond, Wyke, F. Edwards, etc. We must also thank the Parents and Citizens' Association for their interest in our debates, and the ladies of the P. & C. Association for their liberality in providing supper on several occasions after G.P.S. debates.

The Debates

1. *June*—First G.P.S. debate against King's School, Parramatta. Subject: "That compulsory military training is in the best interests of our State." In this debate Sydney High affirmed, and won the debate.
2. *July 2nd*—First C.H.S. debate. Sydney High defeated Technical High, who affirmed the proposition that "The League of Nations had outlived its usefulness."
3. *July 16th*—Sydney High won against Riverview College, who defended Dictatorships against Democracy.
4. *July 30th*—Scot's College defended the proposal that "The censorship of books and films should be abolished," which was successfully denied by Sydney High.
5. *August 3rd*—Sydney High School successfully affirmed that "The cultural aspects of education are more important than the utilitarian," against Parramatta High School.
6. *August 13th*—Final G.P.S. debate won by Church of England Grammar School, North Shore. Public debate, held at Grammar

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School. Subject (affirmed by Sydney High): "That an alliance with U.S.A. is the best guarantee of world peace."

7. *September 21st*—Final of C.H.S. competition, won by Sydney High against North Sydney High. Public debate held at the hall of the Department of Agriculture. Chairman: Mr. K. Cramp, M.A. Adjudicators: Messrs. H. W. Moffitt, LL.B., E. P. Kinsella, LL.B., and E. Clegg, LL.B. The subject: That "A Fascist State is preferable to a Communist State," was affirmed by North Sydney, and denied by Sydney High. There was a good audience, and the debate was in every way most interesting and successful.

In next issue of the magazine we hope to have an account of the trophy accompanied by a photograph.

We close on a final appeal for support in our debating activities. We would remind boys that debating is useful as well as interesting, and that the ability to speak in public is of great assistance in any profession or walk of life.

J. GIBSON.



SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL

Reminiscences by Mr. H. S. Dettmann, Headmaster of the Sydney Grammar School

(When the History of the Sydney High School was being compiled in 1933, several most interesting articles were written by Old Boys, and this one is by Mr. H. S. Dettmann of the School in his day.)

After nearly five and forty years, memories crowd on one, vivid and vague, so that it is easier to write a small book than a short article. I recall my first morning, standing out on the floor as number one of the five new entrance scholars, next to me being W. G. Forsyth, now head of Sly & Russell, whom I beat then by half a year in age and half a foot in height—he was to be at the School for six years and one term, probably a record, and to end with the possible ten A's in the Senior, all except one B in French, the School weakness. W. W. Monahan, K.C., may have come about that time, and there stood there also a fellow with thick-soled boots called Friend, who later went to the English bar, and an American named Muller, who was to spend his leisure in making Boston Cream. It is curious how one remembers small details and forgets important things. But to me it was a big day.

It was an ugly building, one big room and a couple of class rooms off it, with a tin shed for Science and Geography—I do not remember ever entering that galvanised oven, but it must have been the limit in discomfort. On our front, to Castlereagh Street, was a stone wall, topped with iron. The playground was tiny, with poor asphalt, but some irregular walls at the Pawnshop end made possible a sort of handball. There was no organised sport except, or until, the first Annual Athletic Meeting, but I played in a cricket match on the



"I think he has contrived to bring together whatever can be said in praise of them, dropping all the other side of the argument most ingeniously."—Charles Lamb, "Christ's Hospital."

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Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

Mt. Rennie mud wicket at Moore Park, either with or against S. E. Gregory, then an Old Boy (he hit a ball over the tram-line), and in a mixed team of old and present boys at the Association (*i.e.*, Sydney) Cricket Ground, when I cut my head on the fence in mis-fielding a boundary hit—few schoolboys then had any experience of an enclosed ground.

There was talk of a similar combined match against Newington, with T. W. Garrett leading them and "Joey" Coates leading us, as he had once led New South Wales; but poor old "Joey" was already having trouble in stumping about with the aid of an umbrella. In my last two years I take credit for fathering (and mothering) a real Eleven, without any staff help at all, except "Joey's" hearty sympathy and a five pound note that he gave us to buy material—and five pounds went a long way in those days. After being beaten by most of the Second Elevens of the big schools, we learned a little psychology, and challenged the first teams, with notable success. Coates offered bats, once used by P. S. McDonnell, the great Australian XI. hitter, for any school match score over 50, and they were won by H. B. Lusk, afterwards the best batsman in New Zealand, against Shore, and by myself against Grammar—the *Sydneyan* of that day says I gave seven

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chances, but that now seems to me unlikely. But, apart from the Headmaster's practical blessing, we had no help from anybody.

Our football was even more ragged and even less organised, lacking the master mind. I can recall only that, after beating Scot's, our best fighter, D. G. Stewart, later a University Maths. medalist, and even then a good man of his hands, knocked out theirs in a friendly attempt to prove the victory correct.

On the staff were Crompton, Stephenson, Gordon Legge (the soldier), Elphinstone (a fine chap who ran the Sports, the one man who could help us out of school), Sharp (a Wesleyan minister), Studdy and Trebeck. Crompton was a most interesting fellow, a capable teacher in his own way—and much else. I owe him a good deal of Latin, not much Greek and, most gratefully, some knowledge of the bye-paths of English Literature. He had personality, he taught a good deal away from the book, and I had an affection for him not shared by everybody. Stephenson, a big man even without reckoning his feet, was Mathematical master, and a real master of Mathematics. He taught us admirably, when we felt like learning, and we liked him. Legge was a sound man; I think of him now as a little aloof. Coates himself was a first rate teacher, within his own range, which was not that of a specialist in anything. I think he caned left hand, and with a pleasing vigour. With the others I was on the polite terms of a nodding acquaintance, but remember Elphinstone as likeable and Trebeck as eccentric. George Saxby came as a young master just as I left. The great thing was they stayed on and were not shifted about to other High Schools.

One quaint and doubtful practice I recall: for our Athletic trophies we plagued the business houses of the city, and the loot was astonishingly worthy. The prizes were not, as in Homer, "caldrons and tripods and horses and mules and strong oxen and fair-girdled women and grey iron," but they were good stuff; and, like the heroic warrior, you saw beforehand what was offering; the prizes were displayed in all their glory, duly ticketed, in some shop window. For a win in the Quarter my brother got some silver spoons which are still bright and still silver. But, in general, we were not spoon-fed: we had to fend for ourselves. Similarly, there were no school prizes, except that the Head gave a medal or so. One prize he gave against his will. S. D. Chalmers, later a world authority on Optics (he did great scientific work in the war) had been our "false alarm" in Mathematics, always below his brilliant best. Joey presumed on this, and jocosely offered him "a writing desk worth five pounds," if he beat me in Maths. at the Matric. Chalmers ran straight and won the University Maths. Scholarship from a good field. The "old man" pleaded an obvious "never intended," but he compromised and paid up finally.

The change over to the new building at Mary Ann Street, Ultimo, was a disappointment. Of the building and its surroundings, its unimpressive structure and its cramped playground, I need say nothing, for later generations know it only too well. Our sport was advanced

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from handball to little cricket with a soft ball. The Glebe Oval (Blackwattle Bay, was it?) was close enough, but in my day we had no funds to pay for the humblest use of it. It is something of a miracle that a great school has been built up on such a foundation, amid such surroundings, but, as G. K. Chesterton has said, the really miraculous thing about miracles is that they do happen.

H. S. DETTMANN.



HUMAN NATURE

*There was a sign upon the fence:
That sign was "PAINT."
And everybody who went by,
Sinner or saint,
Put out a finger, touched the fence,
And onward sped.
And as he wiped his finger-tips,
"It is!" he said.*

B. WITTMAN (4E).



TO THE MEMORY OF A ROSE

*Oh, rose, what has Favonius done to thee,
That thou no longer hast thy perfume sweet?
He must have changed his gentleness to wrath,
And scattered thy soft garments at thy feet.*

*For, fragrant rose, 'twas only yesternorn,
Just as Apollo showed his golden face,
That I first saw thee, shimmering with the dew,
Enthroned in all thy majesty and grace.*

*Thy Maker gave thee perfect radiance
To show to men thy purity and love;
And now thy mission here has been fulfilled,
The Wind has taken thee to Him above.*

*So now, whene'er Favonius' voice I hear,
'Twill recall memories of thy radiant face;
And to my heart such gladness it will bring
To ponder o'er thy loveliness and grace.*

MERVYN TAYLOR (4A).

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SKI-ING

*I'm all for sport of every sort,
I do the latest dive;
Without some training every day
I couldn't keep alive.*

*Dirt track racing, boxing, boating,
Skirling, sleighing, too;
Climbing, skating, running, floating—
Any sport will do.*

*And yet I think, by all report
(And I fancy you'll agree),
In spite of every other sport
There's nothing like the SKI!*

J. FITZGERALD (1A).



POMPEII

On my journey to Australia I visited Naples, and from there I made an excursion to the old town, Pompeii. This historic town was destroyed, together with two other towns, through an earthquake and an eruption of Vesuvius in the year 79 A.D. For many centuries they were buried by a big mass of lava, which was so dense that no air could enter and, therefore, all the buildings, streets, even victuals, were preserved from destruction and decay. Most of Pompeii was again dug out in the 18th and 19th centuries.

When I went there the wonderful blue sky arched over our heads, and behind the town we saw Vesuvius, whose summit is always hidden by clouds. If you enter the town you do not see a big difference between Pompeii and any other Italian village. The streets had no asphalt or other pavement, but they were broad, and had a footpath on each side. There was even a regulation of the traffic in the form of big stones which were laid in the middle of the streets, and the vehicles were able to pass only by one side of them.

The buildings were also wonderful. Firstly, we visited two big amphitheatres, prepared for an audience of about 5,000 or more people. When reaching the business streets we were able to see wine casks in front of the shops as they were left there about two thousand years ago. There were many shops in Pompeii—comparatively speaking, more than nowadays in a little town. They all had only three walls, and were open to the street.

The residential houses, I think, were the most beautiful in the town. Although they had lost their roofs, and often a wall or two, nevertheless, it is still possible to see the beauty and size of the houses and rooms. In the middle of every house was a garden, sometimes with a fountain, and with lovely flowers. Round about was a gallery

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which was supported by columns, and all the rooms led out into it. The beds were not standing on the floor, but were hewed into the walls. Many of the rooms and galleries had an admirable tessellated pavement. The inhabitants had already houses with more than one storey. There were also buildings for meetings and bathing establishments.

Before I went to Pompeii I did not imagine that people, twenty centuries ago, were able to erect such buildings and to live in such comfort, but now I have changed my mind.

H. SANDER (2B).



SHANGHAI

With a screaming of sirens and the noise of busy tug-boats, the R.M.S. *Eastern* swings out from its Sydney wharf on its prospective cruise to the East.

After an enjoyable voyage we reach Hong Kong, where we receive our first real glimpse of the East. Although it is a British possession, it still retains the ancient customs and different phases of life of the old Chinese. We remain there for about a week, enjoying its sights, its cabarets and shows, before leaving for Shanghai.

A few days later we berth at this modern city where not only are there Chinese people but also large numbers of Europeans who reside there, on holiday or business.

A brief checking of our luggage, a curt word of welcome, and we pass through the Customs into the busy hum of Shanghai. We take up our residence at the Great Eastern Hotel, a magnificent building which can take its stance beside any other hotel in Europe.

The next day we decide to wander through this city to see its sights and to explore. Shanghai is divided into various settlements which belong to different European nations. This is the main reason why this city has grown so important with such rapidity as a commercial centre.

One of the most picturesque of these settlements is the Chinese part of Shanghai. Most of the important buildings in this sector are situated near the British settlement, principally the Wing On and Sincere buildings (recently bombed by the Japanese), while there are also numerous banks.

The Wing On building has sixteen floors above street level, on top of which are roof gardens, where there are singing and dancing to entertain the populace. Wing On is like Anthony Hordern's, but its working hours are much longer than the latter. The Sincere building is run on similar lines.

Through the streets are driven numerous vehicles, motor cars and trams, but mostly rickshaws and sedan chairs. We shall hire a sedan chair and take you with us through the streets, and to the heights above Shanghai. Everywhere quaint shops, displaying their various Eastern wares and their huge, brightly coloured banners with Chinese

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characters written on them, jut out into the street. Through the outer suburbs of Shanghai we sense a feeling of peace and quietness and, save for the occasional squeak of the chair, we enjoy the marvellous spectacle of this great city spreading under us as we travel up the mountain road.

At last we reach the top and, as it happens to be Chinese New Year's Eve, we see the activity of the Chinese as they go about preparing for their New Year's celebrations. Night falls; magically hundreds of lanterns are lighted, and their beams fall gently upon people, some worshipping the Buddha, while others are shouting out the prices of their wares as loudly as they can. We turn away from this sight and gaze down upon Shanghai, with its thousands of twinkling lights.

As we walk back to the city we pass through fascinating streets crowded with people bent on spending the evening at some cabaret or show. Slowly and reluctantly we return to our hotel after an interesting day's outing.

R. E. WON (4E).



DEATH AT THE SEVENTH HOLE

The whim to kill Charteris had seized Walker at the moment when the man he hated so much was playing an iron shot on the seventh fairway. Standing directly behind, Walker reflected how easily one could step up and fell him from behind with one blow of a club! And, of course, accidents were not uncommon on golf links . . .

All this came in a flash to Walker as he watched Charteris taking a few preliminary swings. The simplicity of the scheme appealed to him. No sooner had he thought of it than he put it into operation, because he really did hate the man . . .

A clean swipe from a heavy club and the deed was done; he dropped the club and ran across the green fields to the Club House, making up his story as he went.

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Later, Walker slumped into a chair at his house and thought out what he had done. He recalled with a shudder the tale he had told them at the Club House—how he had hit Charteris accidentally while making a stroke. He flattered himself he had made a pretty fair fist of that yarn, though the Inspector fellow had taken a little handling. But he was perfectly safe—he had an excellent reputation as a character, and no one would ever suspect him . . .

Just as Walker was congratulating himself his telephone rang. He jumped an inch, and cursed himself. Must not let his nerves beat him. The Inspector was at the other end. Would Mr. Walker be so good as to step around to headquarters for a few minutes? Walker gulped. Yes, certainly he would.

His feelings as he travelled to the Police Station were mixed. Had the Inspector discovered something? Impossible! Then what? The Inspector had been courteous over the 'phone . . .

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Detective-Sergeant Allcot ushered Walker into the Presence and dutifully retired. What the Chief wanted Walker for was more than Allcot could fathom. It looked like a real open and shut case to him. However, the Chief did not do many unfathomable things . . . A few moments later the door to the sanctuary opened.

"Come in, Allcot," said the Chief. "We've found the murderer!"

"Good heavens!" replied Allcot. "You don't mean Walker?"

"None other," said the Inspector, with a grim smile. "He would have been a good murderer if he hadn't been careless."

"But how did you get him?"

"Simple. It struck me as peculiar that a golfer of Walker's repute should use a mashie for what was obviously a mid-iron shot. Charteris' body was lying in the middle of a fairway. The club Walker was supposed to have used was a mashie."

IAN ROSE (4E).



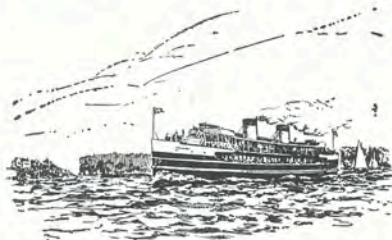
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We play a good variety of games, do a lot of swimming, surfing and boating, fish whenever and wherever possible, hike and, when necessary, work. Camp rules are few but strict. If you want to know more, try to get in, but don't apply if you are fussy, or spoiled at home, for "The Camp" is a place for real boys.

C. SCHRADER.

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A PEEP INTO THE PAST

I passed the rusted iron gate and entered the disused garden which had thrown off its old beauty and put on a new. Only the statue on the fountain was not covered with ivy, and it looked very quaint with its dark pedestal. The marble seat, where my mother first spoke to my father, was almost hidden by a large hydrangea.

I passed on. The rose arbour was covered in rose vines which had climbed unimpeded in every direction. The roses were everywhere—underfoot, above and beside. It was a veritable fairyland, where one could sit in the cool and watch the glorious red blooms.

I did not stop in the garden for long, for I was eager to see my grandfather's home, which I expected to be very weather-worn. But when I saw it I was amazed. Its condition was entirely hidden under the purple plumes of wistaria, which had climbed up the verandah pillars and around the upstairs windows.

I walked up the steps on to the verandah. It was a spot redolent of memories of the days when my mother's family was prosperous. My grandfather talked to my mother and father about their plans here. Here also he received his guests, and once had a great party for all the children on the estate. I had seen my grandfather but twice, for he had died when I was quite small; but I had seen his portrait. I could imagine him, with his big, jovial face and side whiskers, walking among the happy children.

I had to force the lock to enter the house, for it was too rusty to open. The mansion was dark, dusty and dismal—the sort of place that makes one think of ghosts. Rats scuttled to their holes, and boards creaked under my tread. Dusty pictures hung perilously on rusted wire, tattered curtains, broken vases and busts completed the depressing scene in the hall.

The ballroom, once so splendid with its floor of parquetry and gilded gallery, was in a decaying condition, but when I considered it had lain thus for thirty years, I was amazed at how well it had been preserved.

My mother had told me how, every Yuletide, a Christmas-tree was placed in the middle of this floor, my grandfather and grandmother handing down the presents to their family and servants. Then the tree would be put in a corner to be out of the way for the dancing that night.

I wandered into the garden, sat on the marble seat and mused. I think I sighed.

H. NICOLSON (2A).



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motor-cycle for one pound! Certainly, what he had bought from his friend that morning would not be thought perfection in motor-cycling by some people, but to Anthony it was the answer to his most ambitious dreams. He caressed its shabby petrol tank, seated himself in its rough, uncomfortable saddle and, as he did so, thought how wonderful it would be if only he could have a ride on it now.

He had not obtained a learner's permit yet, so he really should not do so. And yet, who would know? Surely he could go a short distance—perhaps to the end of the street? These were Anthony's thoughts as he pushed the old bike out on to the road.

The motor-cycle started easily—well, after about five minutes' coaxing! Anthony commenced his first ride uncertainly, but gained confidence after the initial ten yards had been traversed, and gradually opened the throttle. Why, this was as easy as pie! His illusions were quickly dispersed by a large dog who, perceiving Anthony, became obsessed with a scheme for his downfall. A well-aimed boot deterred him from his purpose, but the effect of this counter-attack well-nigh brought Anthony and his mount to grief. However, after a few original gyrations, Anthony continued to the end of the street, where there was situated a blind corner. Anthony approached this corner a trifle fast, though he did not realise this at first, and his attention was so taken up controlling his bike that he did not notice a horse and cart making ponderous progress in his direction. When his bike was at last restored to order, and he did see the afore-mentioned vehicle, it was too late. Anthony struck the dray amidships and, to the accompaniment of crashing wood, rending metal and unprintable curses, rolled clear of the wreckage and sat up to survey it.

At this point Fate stepped in, in the form of a minion of the law. Anthony blinked, then started to go cold all over, as he realised what was going to happen.

The carter, Anthony perceived, was decidedly angry. And rightly so, for the encounter had reduced his combination to little more than its original components; but this was not the worst of Anthony's worries.

Anthony was in a "tough" spot, and he was the first to realise it. Here he was, without a licence, and guilty of smashing up someone else's truck!

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Anthony limped out of the court-room completely dejected. He was little better than a broken man; indeed, mused Anthony, the Magistrate had been harsh.

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Upon the brush-clad ridges, stretching back from the sea, the mist which engulfed them formed grotesque shapes, as it writhed and twisted, slowly being dispersed by the dawn, till only the last traces remained over a dank swamp. Soon a red glow suffused the Eastern sky, golden streaks of radiance shot the horizon, announcing the presence of the sun. Then its rim came into view; pearly dew on the trees and ferns shimmered and glittered like myriads of diamonds, dazzling the eye which looked at them.

Beaming from his lofty throne, that monarch, the sun, looked down upon the fresh green earth, his bright rays being reflected by a glittering brook, which tumbled merrily over a moss-strewn bed, forming miniature falls and cataracts as it chattered onwards.

A lark rose high in the air, trilling a song, as cocks crowed loudly and other birds added their songs to join the chorus. On the fragrant breeze the melancholy mooing of the cows was wafted across the verdant pastures, where all things acclaimed the new day.

R. LOTON (2A).



RESTHAVEN

Unlike the majority of people I have read about and seen, I have never desired to wander as they do. Perhaps, you say, it is because I have never seen the outside world, or perhaps it is because I am not an adventurer, but I know that it is because I am contented, satisfied, happy with life. And as I sit back now with my faithful old pipe, I often ponder over the happy days of my youth.

Lying cosily at the foot of a giant emerald-green hill, and on the bank of a delightful little river, lies my home town of Resthaven. Rich fields of luxuriant, waving grass fringe the solitary road that runs through the township, and the thought of my rambles through these fields will always be a source of pleasure to me. Here on a rising knoll would I sit and gaze idly for hours on end at the country that stretched endlessly on till, finally, it lost itself in the line of majestic ranges that lifted their tree-covered tops towards the blue sky.

Down below I could see the river rolling lazily by like a winding stream of molten silver, and now and then the sound of happy laughter from a band of carefree bathers was wafted up by the fresh, evening breeze. Farther on, shy, woolly-headed sheep roamed idly over the plains, grazing here and there on the heavy seed heads of grass which rustled softly as little puffs of wind came fluttering along the earth.

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Then I would turn and wander aimlessly down towards the cluster of little houses that constituted the village of Resthaven. Along the winding road a drover would be driving his sheep and, with a friendly yet hardly audible "Good day!," would pass by in a cloud of choking dust that rose behind his weary flock. Pleasant-faced, simple-hearted folk greeted me as I walked down the street, and, occasionally, an old gossip invited me to share a tankard of ale with him and discuss the none-too-many events of the week.

This chat would last for, at least, two hours, and the brooding shadows of the Spring evening would already have transformed the bushland into a sidewalk of stately silhouettes as I made my way home. A stillness reigned that was broken only by the gentle gurgling of the river as it rolled tirelessly on into the purple mantle that night was swiftly weaving.

At home in my little cabin I would lie and listen to the moaning of the wind in the trees outside, or snuggle further under my blankets as the lonely wail of a curlew broke the silence. Thus one of my many memorable days ended.

As I dream these happy dreams over and over again, I give a thousand heartfelt thanks to Resthaven, my home for ever and anon.

J. GRIMSHAW (4C).



SHEARING TIME

Everyone is astir. Shearing has begun. The only thing to be heard above the monotonous throb of the engine and the whirr of machines is the curse of an angry pen-boy as he tries to shove the stubborn sheep into the pen. His work is endless. He just fills one pen when someone else shouts, "Pen oh!" By the time he has their wants satisfied, the rest of the shed is empty. He runs into the yard, where the yard-boy has a fresh mob from the paddocks awaiting him.

A tar-boy is standing close by the shearers in case of a bad cut. When necessary, the shearer shouts at the top of his voice, "Tar-boy!" He immediately rushes up with a dripping stick, bound at one end with a piece of wool, and does his duty.

Each shearer selects his sheep. This he tosses over and drags out. When finished, he pushes it down a short slide into the race outside. How strange these sheep must seem to each other as they huddle together in order to retain warmth!

When the wool comes off the sheep it is placed on wool tables to be classed. The weakest quality wool is the locks. The ascending order of quality is as follows: Locks, pieces, bellies, fleeces, A fleeces, AA fleeces, AAA fleeces, AAAA fleeces. Fleeces are baled according to quality.

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KEITH PARKER (1A).



OUR COUNTRYSIDE

Awakening from my slumber in a hammock, which was stretched between two stunted gums, I gazed about me.

Above was the clear azure sky, but in the West great banks of rolling, white clouds could be seen. What a wonderful morning! On either side were large, brown fields, tinged here and there with small patches of green, while far in the distance stretched long lines of mountains, decked with trees, over which the glorious morning sun was just rising to warm the countryside into life.

Now the birds were beginning to fill the air with their throaty, morning songs, and the flowers, warmed by the sun, to lift their drooping heads. Soon the fields would be teeming with life. Already busy little bees and grasshoppers were at work, while even at this hour, when the sun had barely topped the mountains, and the valleys were still filled with swirling mist, locusts were humming and butterflies fluttering noiselessly by.

But I, too, must be working, I remembered, although I might be on a holiday. However, I could not help noticing, periodically during the day, the different forms of activity going on about me. Long lines of ants toiled here and there in search of food. Beetles "wheeled their droning flight above me." Hares and rabbits scuttled about, and small brush wallabies hopped among the rocks.

Again I turned my gaze towards the clouds, which were now fairly close and floating majestically overhead, changing their shapes as they went.

Towards midday, as the air became hotter, the life about me grew slower, until there was hardly any stir at all. The only things that seemed to survive were the tiny ants, which kept incessantly at their work. But towards evening the activity again changed, as the birds, animals and insects made their way back to their resting places, just as in Gray's "Elegy":

*The ploughman homeward plods his weary way,
And leaves the world to darkness and to me.*

W. WHITING (4E).

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FEAR

Women fear me, so do most men. And yet I am young and, my mirror tells me, attractive. I am tall and strong. I have waving hair, dark eyes, and slender, white hands. And yet people fear me!

I met a girl, not long ago. She was a beautiful girl, the sort I had always wanted to meet, and as she looked at me I felt my heart contract. She did not fear me; in fact, she seemed interested in me.

Quite casually I mentioned my place of business, and I was overjoyed when, a few days later, I opened my door in response to a timid knock, and found her standing on the threshold. I knew why she had come, and I asked her inside. She entered the room with a light step and seated herself nonchalantly.

"You see," she said, "how soon I've come to pay you a visit. I've been meaning," she added, "to see you ever since we met."

I stood looking at her quite dazedly for a moment. I walked towards her and I began to see fear creep into her eyes for the first time. It was the same expression I had seen on many others' faces. She was fairly shaking with dread. All the interest had faded from her eyes, leaving only an agony of horror. I pitied her, and yet she had come of her own free will.

She opened her mouth and winced. I put my finger inside.

"Ow! You beast!" she exclaimed. And suddenly she bit my finger.

I am all alone for, of course, she left straight away. I did not try to console her, for I knew her fear had been supplanted by a bitter hatred. My wounded heart throbbed more painfully than my finger.

I am very unhappy, for people fear me; and yet my mirror tells me I am young and attractive.

You see, I am a dentist!

B. O'DWYER (4E).



The Gentle Art of Evasion

SCENE: The House of Lords. A Debate in progress.

TIME: The Present.

LORD PONSONBY (*resuming his speech*): "The Primate, the other day, said 'Christians are entitled to draw the sword for a righteous cause'."

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY: "It may be true, but I am not aware of having said it."

LORD PONSONBY: "I think I am right in saying that the Primate used the expression 'the sword'."

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY: "I quoted St. Paul." (*Laughter.*)

LORD PONSONBY: "The Primate ought to have brought St. Paul's words up to date, and instead of the sword he should have said 'chlorine, phosgene, mustard gas, Lewisite and thermite.' Then he should have asked his fellow-Christians if they were justified in using those in any cause at all."

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A Satire

(With apologies to Gray, Shakespeare, and the Reader)

Now, this *Record* business. What shall I write? Fiction story? No, no, no! We had a history test yesterday. Drama? Comedy or Tragedy? Ah, yes. My term report has gone home. I feel tragic. A Tragedy it shall be. Hm! *Dramatis Personæ*. Hmm! Very useful things about the house, *Dramatis Personæ*. Bit noisy, but they often come in handy. Now, please don't interrupt me any more. I'm OFF!

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ

TEACHER

1ST YOUTH

2ND YOUTH (*friend to 1st Youth*)

3RD YOUTH (*friend to 1st and 2nd Youths*)

NUMEROUS OTHER YOUTHS

PROLOGUE

(This is all a bit complicated, I know. But what play isn't? I mean, it looks just as clear as any other.)

PROLOGUE

The school-bell tolls the knell of parting day;
The scattered class winds slowly o'er the street,
Save for the luckless ones. Alas! for they,
In the detention-room their teacher meet.

The school is silent, save for muffled sounds,
Where cleaner wrestles manfully with dust;
The groundsman, toiling in our glorious grounds,
In sweat of brow doth earn his daily crust.

This is our scene. By word of mouth, by sign,
A tragic tale will we to you unfold.

(But do not fear. We have no bad design.)

Untouch'd, ye should assuredly be cold.

[*Exit.*]

ACT I AND ONLY

SCENE I:

A School Corridor, lockers behind. Enter 1st Youth and 2nd Youth.

1ST YOUTH: Stay, my good friend. You do excel yourself
In speed and energy. Where goest thou?

2ND YOUTH: Marry! dear boy, I did not see thee;
For, to speak truth, my breath doth play me false.
There; 'tis better now. What didst thou say?

1ST YOUTH: I did enquire, in terms quite inoffensive,
The reason for thy haste. In short,
Why dost thou run so swiftly and out of breath?

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- 2ND YOUTH: As thou dost know, I love to play at ball
With friends of my acquaintance. This forenoon
We did arrange to practise on the field.
So now I go, with all due haste, to keep
My rendezvous with them. Is it not right
That I should do so?
- 1ST YOUTH: Forsooth, good friend, it is. But didst thou not
Receive an imposition at the hand
Of our most learned master? Sure, thou didst.
- 2ND YOUTH: Ye gods and little fishes! So it is.
It seems my game of football doth bid fair
To be extinguished ere it doth begin!
- 1ST YOUTH: Softly, softly. Can I not go down
To where this dread and fearsome schoolmaster
Doth his detention keep? It so may chance
That I can stave him off with some excuse.
- 2ND YOUTH: A brilliant idea! O, happy thought!
The room to thee I'll show and then begone
About my football practice. Come, let's go
Ere my tormentor doth discover his loss. [*Exeunt.*]
- (By the way, all this is written in the iambic pentameter, so they say. But don't believe them. I wrote it in my study.)

SCENE II:

A Classroom. Enter Teacher, 1st Youth and two of the other Youths.

- TEACHER: Ye boys would know why I do fill my lungs
With smoke, which, prematurely inhaled,
Causes the stripling, seeking forbidd'n joys,
To cough and splutter, and grow green in face?
This is the root, the very core of my offences—
Ye adolescent lads, romping in classroom and neglecting
homework,
Stir in my temper much injustice that,
Harassed by schoolroom cares and teaching worries,
I do seek solace in the fragrant weed
That comes from lands afar. Enough! Good lad,
Why art thou here?
- 3RD YOUTH: Marry, good sir, I do now bethink me
That, my mind wand'ring 'mid the verdant fields
And wooded glades of the sweet countryside,
Thou didst upon me pounce with sudden question,
Whereat, much startled, I did answer "Eh?"
And in reward receive an imposition
With which I now do toil.
- TEACHER: Go to, go to, sweet youth; an inattentive mind
Merits some punishment; and so behold
This imposition. Get to thy task, thou knave.
And thou, my beauty?

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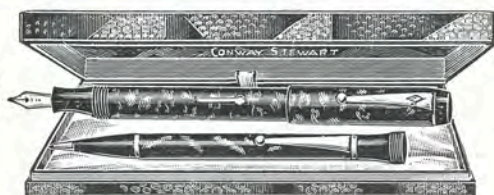
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4TH YOUTH: It so did chance that, other things in mind,
I did neglect to do my home lessons
And, thereupon, swift to discover an uncompleted task,
Thou didst upon me load a heavy duty which I do
undertake
With many sighs and grievous lamentations.

TEACHER: 'Twas what thou most assuredly did merit.
And now for thee, thou third and lonely youth,
Speak! What dost thou here?

1ST YOUTH: Good sir, I crave your pardon. I did not
Receive an imposition at thine hand. But, my good
comrade,
A most devout footballer and a sportsman,
Most excellent in match, did so receive. And I am here
To ask that thou excuse him from this room
To practise at his game, in preparation
For the forthcoming match against our rivals.

TEACHER: What! Doth he dare to send thee in his stead
And not appear himself? All for a game of ball?
Why, 'tis preposterous! Outrageous! Inconceivable!
That he, receiving punishment for wrongs,
Should so attempt to 'scape his punishment.
Go, thou varlet, out to the playing fields,
And bid that wretch come here. Go, I tell thee,
Ere I with weal do mark thy cringing body.
Begone, thou knave! [Exit 1st Youth.

SCENE III:

The Same. Enter 2nd Youth, 1st Youth behind.

TEACHER: What! Art thou here? It doth surprise me much
That thou shouldst show so much consideration
Unto the whim of one who loves you not. What
potent draught
Was served upon thee, that thou didst decide
To honour this low room with thy great presence?
Come, speak.

2ND YOUTH: O, sire, I do beseech you. Mercy have
Upon an innocent and guiltless lad.
I here before you stand, and pray to Heav'n
That thou wilt my transgressions all forgive.

TEACHER: So, thou dost shake, thou craven-hearted fool!
And, when thy punishment doth loom so near
As to fright thee, and to make thee cringe,
Thou criest, "Mercy, lord! O, me forgive!"
Hast thou no more to say, ha?

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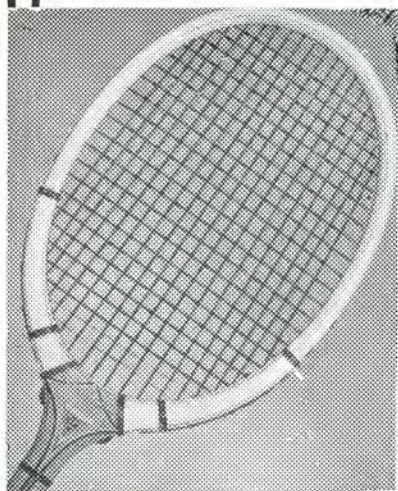
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2ND YOUTH: My lord, I only now do say to thee
That, deeming thee so kind in word and deed,
I for thee bought tobacco—here it is—
In token of my gratitude to thee
For all that thou hast done. See, here it is.

TEACHER: O, this doth touch me to the very quick
That, having harshly used this erring boy,
He so doth pay me back. I humbly beg
Thy pardon for inflicting thee with wrongs. Farewell.
I go
To pay my reck'ning in another world.
Farewell! [Falls and dies.

It's no use. I can't go on. It's *too* tragic. My friends are all weeping. (Whether for me or the teacher I don't know.) My life-work is done. I shall retire to my country seat, a la Milton, and henceforth devote myself to scholarly pursuits. Farewell!

(All characters fictitious, and have no reference to any living persons.)

N. GRAHAM (4A).



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In view of the steps now being taken to develop this department of Education, I have been asked to outline briefly the object of our School Physical Training.

This can be summed up briefly with the objective of developing in the rising generation two qualities—CHARACTER and HEALTH.

The recognition of the basic importance of the health of the body, as expressed in the physical culture idea and movement, has become vitally a necessary thing in modern life. It is foolish to question whether mind or body is the more important. The fact is that the two are so closely interwoven and interdependent that any effort to develop one at the expense of the other must defeat itself. The training of the body requires the use of the mind, and this, in turn, improves the mind. Through it one's mental powers are adjusted to certain aspects of one's physical environment. One learns to gauge distance, to co-ordinate mind and body, and to be conscious of physical conditions. The mind is active all the time in pursuit of any sport or exercises. Probably it requires as much mental attention to master a series of gymnastic exercises as to master a new process in mathematics. The activity of the mind, in each case, is much the same type.

All children should be trained in a variety of exercises and sports. Anyone who has missed such training, and who desires the most effective general use of his intelligence and powers, should begin by training himself in these matters, or by obtaining instruction.

Physical Training provides an outlet for energy in childhood, and tends to build character. Any programme of character-building for children should begin with a programme of physical upbuilding.

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A proper development of the body naturally eliminates viciousness, and lessens the tendency towards resentment and purely selfish cravings.

The character and the mettle of youth are like the physical body: they need to be exercised and used every day. Life is so arranged that few of us get anything of value without working for it. Most failure is due to an effort to get something without working for it. Every step of the way towards success is a sacrifice of something weak boys cannot give up—their selfish habits, their lazy ways, their personal, pet, private methods of being inefficient.

We are taught in schools to look to the Greeks as the founders of Western civilization; but no one is given the kind of education which made the Greeks what they were. The Greeks based education on gymnastics and music. To them, gymnastics meant the building of fine bodies through regular exercise, but that, as Kipling would say, is another story, since I am merely dealing here with the School object of health training.

Unfortunately, the time factor will not allow an over-ambitious programme of Physical Culture in our school syllabus. The idea rather is to induce each boy, in his own interest, and as his duty to his country, to be individually responsible for his own health, and to carry out his physical developments by personal exercises and practices "on his own," and in his own spare time. The intention is not only to give greater results to the school training, but to bring about in the many the personal practice of self-care and health-giving exercises as a persistent habit for life. The School course of physical training is to help boys to realise what it means to be fit, and to show him methods of achieving this object, and of keeping himself fit thereafter.

Temporarily, the boy who neglects his body does gain time for his other affairs. That encourages him in the habit of such neglect. Habits of living, once established, become difficult to break. Prevention is certainly better than cure. Prevention of loss of health, or the positive building of health, is the great ultimate purpose of PHYSICAL CULTURE.

R. K. WILTHER.



FIRST GRADE CRICKET, 1937

Second Half

In the previous issue of the *Record*, a complete account of the G.P.S. and the C.H.S. games was included relative to the fixtures in the first half of the year.

During this term one match in the C.H.S. series has been played, *viz.*, the engagement with Fort Street at Petersham Oval on the 29th September and 6th October.

Batting first, Fort Street compiled 228 runs.

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Cristofani captured 5 wickets for 92 runs, Cawsey 3 for 38, and Morgan 2 for 26.

In response, S.H.S. made 206, thus sustaining a defeat on the first innings by 22 runs.

The best performers with the bat were: McLeod 53 (9 fours), Cristofani 46 (7 fours), Nielsen 28 (4 fours), Norrie 26 (5 fours), Angus 17, Morgan 13, Miles 12.

In the second innings Fort Street lost 4 wickets for 6 runs, but subsequently carried the score to 46 without further loss.

Hughes bowled three overs, securing 3 wickets for 1 run.

The remaining C.H.S. fixtures are those against North Sydney, scheduled for North Sydney Oval on 13th and 20th October; and Technical High School, scheduled for the McKay Sports Ground, Centennial Park, on 27th October and 3rd November.

Among the social matches of the near future are: Premiers *v.* The Rest, 1st December; Old Boys *v.* The School, suggested for 2nd December; Metropolitan High Schools *v.* Combined Newcastle, Maitland and Cessnock, at a Northern centre, 8th December; C.H.S. *v.* New South Wales Cricket Association (annual match), at the Sydney Cricket Ground, 15th December.

G.P.S. Fixtures, 1937

October 16-23—S.H.S. *v.* S.C.E.G.S., Centennial Park.

October 30, November 6—T.K.S. *v.* S.H.S., Parramatta.

November 13-20—S.H.S. *v.* S.G.S., Centennial Park.

December 1—Combined G.P.S. *v.* N.S.W. C.A., Sydney Cricket Ground.

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February 19-26—S.H.S. *v.* Newington, Centennial Park.

March 5-12—S.I.C. *v.* S.H.S., Riverview.

March 19-26—S.J.C. *v.* S.H.S., Hunter's Hill.

April 2-9—S.C.E.G.S. *v.* S.H.S., Northbridge.

O. S. SMITH.



PARK CRICKET

Cricket at Centennial Park commenced in earnest on 24th February with some three hundred and fifty players engaged in four Year Competitions. At the end of the first half of the cricket season the position was as stated in the following table:—

<i>Year.</i>	<i>No. of Teams.</i>	<i>Leading Team.</i>	<i>Captain.</i>
First	10	1D Firsts	B. Freedman
Second	12	{ 3A Seconds	H. Carwardine
Third	4	2E	K. Raison
Fourth	6	3D	K. McCoy
		4D	R. Chilvers

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In the First Year, C. Powell (1C Firsts) took 28 wickets, and L. May (1A Firsts) made 158 runs.

In the Second Year, V. Mills (2A Firsts) took 26 wickets and made 122 runs.

In the Third Year, L. McCarthy (3D) took 20 wickets and made 239 runs. C. Rose (3A), on one occasion, took 4 wickets with the hat trick in five balls.

H. L. WATKINS.



FIRST XV REPORT, 1937

The First XV enjoyed a most successful season in every respect, being co-premiers with Hurlstone High School in the C.H.S. Competition, and reaching fifth place in G.P.S.

Very few injuries were sustained throughout the season, although some valuable talent was lost when Newcombe, McKerihan and McLeod were forced to withdraw.

The team was particularly strong in the forwards, and in no match were they over-shadowed by the opposition; the backs, though small, kept to their task well, defending staunchly against the heavier G.P.S. teams. Ably led by Hart, the forwards stormed the opponents, and it would be unfair to mention anyone separately. Angus' task as Captain was made easy by the splendid co-operation of his team mates.

The work of Newcombe and Tyrrell as line umpires was greatly appreciated.

The members of the First XV extend their heartiest congratulations to the Junior Teams, who have achieved remarkable success this season.

Footballers generally wish to express their gratitude to the ladies of the P. & C. Entertainment Committee, who worked so hard to make the refreshment arrangements a success.

The C.H.S. matches resulted as follow:—

S.H.S.—FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS

v. Hurlstone, lost 9-16; won 8-0.

v. Canterbury, won 17-12; won 34-0.

v. Parramatta, won 18-0; won 23-3.

v. Fort Street, won 37-0; won 27-0.

v. North Sydney, won 14-8; won 19-8.

v. Technical, lost 8-11; won 17-6.

S.H.S. scored 222 points as compared with the 65 points scored by opponents. Of these points the wingers, Tasker and Campling, were responsible for a good number, while Walsh, the half-back, often side-stepped his way through. Angus kicked consistently during the season.

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1st XV (C.H.S. CO-PREMIERS WITH H.A.C.).

Back Row (left to right): M. MARSHALL, H. TASKER, A. CAMPLING, R. BORN, R. HIGHAM, R. McNEILL, R. McLEOD, E. HUGHES, J. HARMER, M. BOYD, G. NEWCOMBE.

Second Row (left to right): A. W. STEPHENS, Esq., K. WALSH (V. Capt.), R. ANGUS (Capt.), J. H. KILLIP, Esq., J. HART, K. COLEMAN, M. T. LYNCH, Esq.

Front Row (left to right): G. ENGISCH, J. WILKINSON, R. NIELSEN, J. NORRIE, K. CONROY.

The following summary gives the results of the G.P.S. Competition:—

- v. St. Ignatius—Riverview won by 21-3.
- v. Newington—In this match S.H.S. won its first match for two years, beating Newington 11-6.
- v. Sydney Grammar—The forwards were more than a match for the heavier opposition. Nevertheless, the score was 3 all.
- v. The Scots—Scots won a hard match by 15-0.
- v. St. Joseph's—After leading 26-0 at half-time, "Joeys" were forced to a 34-8 decision, the second half being an 8-8 draw.
- v. S.C.E.G.S.—"Shore" won a 13-3 decision in a hard match.
- v. The Kings—S.H.S. unwound a remarkable finish to overwhelm Kings in the last match of the season by 23-11.

In the combined G.P.S. teams, Hart, Harmer and Walsh were successful in gaining selection in the Second XV. The Third XV contained McNeil, Coleman, Tasker, and Angus as Captain.

R. ANGUS.



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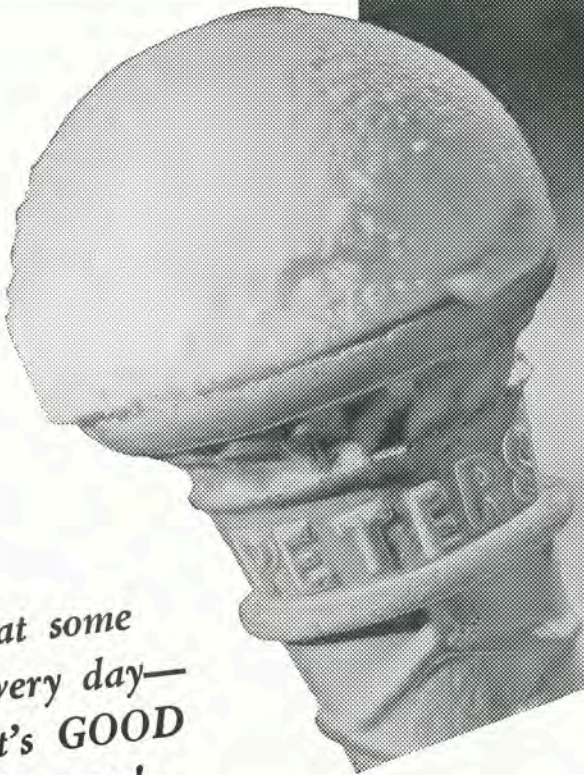
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SECOND XV, 1937

Second Grade, for the fourth successive year, succeeded in retaining undefeated the premiership in the C.H.S. Competition. Though not so well placed in the G.P.S. Competition, their performances were by no means discreditable and, with a little more weight and, of course, a little more luck, the team might have given a better account of itself. It would be impossible to distinguish between any of the players since, as a rule, everyone played as a team. However, the most prolific scorers were Smith, Dent, Engisch and Royall. A desirable feature was the excellent team spirit in which all the matches were played.

Ten matches were played in the C.H.S. Competition, in all of which we were successful. In the seven G.P.S. games we won two.

Competition results are as follow:—

C.H.S.—FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS

v. H.A.H.S., won 32-3; won 9-3.

v. F.S.H.S., won 37-3; won 63-0.

v. C.H.S., won 35-3; won 44-11.

v. T.H.S., won 36-0; won 21-0.

v. N.S.H.S., won 14-9; won 48-0.



2nd XV (C.H.S. PREMIERS).

Back Row (left to right): W. WHITE, K. FERGUSON, H. DENT, G. NEWCOMBE, E. VIDAL, J. ZEMENCHEFF, T. GILDERTHORPE.

Second Row (left to right): A. W. STEPHENS, Esq., A. SMITH, A. SHILLAND, H. GIBSON (Capt.), G. ENGISCH, S. ROYALL, M. T. LYNCH, Esq.

Front Row (left to right): R. LANGMEAD, G. DODDS, H. TYRRELL, L. GRIFFEN, C. HENDY.

Absent: K. GLASS.

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G.P.S. COMPETITION

- v. Riverview, won 20-0.
- v. Newington, lost 19-21.
- v. Grammar, lost 8-21.
- v. Scots, won 23-15.
- v. St. Joseph's, lost 0-46.
- v. S.C.E.G.S., lost 6-22.

H. GIBSON.



THIRD XV, 1937

Third Grade were co-premiers with N.S.H.S. and F.S.H.S. The S.H.S. record for the season was: 12 matches played; 9 won, 2 lost, and 1 drawn. Points scored by the team: 195 against 28. Bond finished the season with 37 points to his credit, Zemancheff gained 33, Kyd 21, Thornton 18, Nish 15, Morrison 12, Gilderthorpe 12, Oliver 8, Goldston, Dowker, Ahearn, Harrison 6 each, and Black, Born, Vidal, Gray and Hamblin 3 each. Of these, Morrison, Gilderthorpe, Born and Vidal were promoted to higher grades. The team showed its best form in the second round, when it was undefeated.



THIRD GRADE.

Back Row (left to right): W. DENTON, K. FERGUSON, J. AHEARN, A. BLACK, G. NEWCOMBE (line umpire), W. KYD, E. LONGLEY, S. THORNTON, B. ROYALL.

Second Row (left to right): J. CRAGG, J. BOND, P. GOLDSTON, W. H. JUDD, Esq., K. OLIVER (Capt.), J. ZEMANCHEFF, T. GILDERTHORP.

Front Row (left to right): K. HARRISON, R. FURLONGER, D. NISH, H. TYRELL (ball boy), E. PATERSON, W. DOWKER, J. CAMPBELL.

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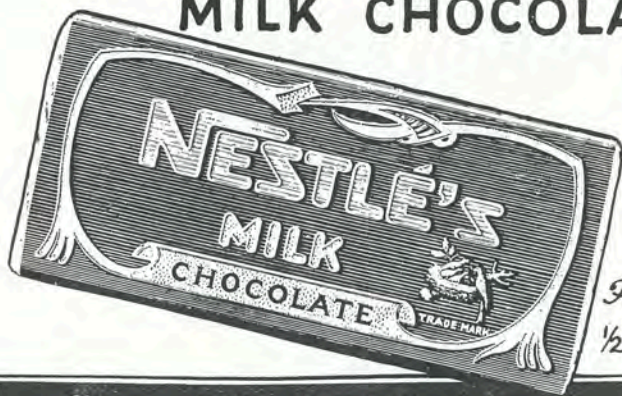
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THE RECORD.

The standard of play was good, and the games were played in the right spirit. The keenness of all boys—those playing and those who had just missed selection—deserves special mention.

All were pleased when four boys—Ahearn, Harrison, Gray, and Hamblen—who had just been missing selection most of the season, scored in the last match.

K. OLIVER.



FOURTH XV, 1937

The Fourth XV this year had a most successful season. Taking the field on fourteen occasions, it remained undefeated but, after defeating Hurlstone in the second round (18-0), regrettably had to forfeit the game for playing an unregistered member. Let this be a lesson to all other teams!

There was no particularly outstanding player either in the back or forward division, but some excelled at times. Hudson, at five-eighth, was uncanny, taking passes from all angles and showing good judgment in his short kicks. Cawsey captained the side well and, by his positional play, further increased the possibility of his being First XV half in later years. Chadwick and Agnew developed on the wing as the season progressed and, as rake, Lucas won a lion's share of the ball. The breakaways, Couani and Beveridge, were always offside, but did some wonderful work. At the beginning of the season the backs carried the forwards, but then, after meeting two weak teams, took things too casually and from then on the forwards produced such sparkling exhibitions that the opposition could not withstand their onslaughts. The pack, which suffered a few changes owing to injuries, but was generally Lucas, Dean, Loton, R. Higgins, Frizell, Beveridge, Harrington, Chambers and K. Higgins, showed initiative in combining well with the backs.

The scoring—405 points to 6 (two penalty goals)—shows that the team was strong in attack and defence. High met some very strong opposition in Fort Street and Canterbury, but in the second half of the four games proved its superiority.

The success of the team depended largely on the efforts of Mr. A. M. Duncan, who gave much valuable advice and forfeited many hours of his own time to ensure regular practice throughout the season.

Through medium of this report the Fourth XV takes this opportunity to congratulate the remaining teams on their success in the C.H.S. competition.

Results of matches were as follow:—

C.H.S.—FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS

- v. Hurlstone, won 11-0; lost on forfeit (18-0).
- v. Canterbury, won 19-0; won 9-3.
- v. Parramatta, won 43-0; won 67-0.
- v. S.H.S. "B," won 55-0; won 41-0.
- v. Fort Street, won 29-0; won 16-0.



FOURTH GRADE "A."

Back Row (left to right): W. WHITING, B. CARTER, J. HARRINGTON, D. AGNEW, R. HIGGINS, J. FRIZELL, J. COUANI, W. CHADWICK.
 Second Row (left to right): R. LOTON, S. WOLIFSON, R. HUDSON, A. M. DUNCAN, Esq., R. CAWSEY (Capt.), D. R. CRISTOFANI, J. BEVERIDGE.
 Front Row (left to right): R. DUCAS, K. HIGGINS, R. C. CHAMBERS.
 Absent: J. DEAN.

v. North Sydney, won 25-0; won 30-3.

v. Technical, won 11-0; won 49-0.

Chief point scores were as follow:—

D. R. Cristofani—46 goals, 5 penalty goals, 4 tries; 119 points.

D. Agnew—15 tries; 45 points.

J. Couani—13 tries; 39 points.

R. Hudson, 11 tries, 1 F.G.; 37 points.

W. Chadwick—10 tries; 30 points.

R. Cawsey—8 tries; 24 points.

Other try-getters were: G. Harrington, 7; R. Beveridge, 6; R. Loton, 6; J. Dean, 5; W. Whiting, 4; J. Frizell, 3; S. Wolifson, 3; B. Carter, 2; R. Chambers and R. Higgins, 1 each.

D. R. CRISTOFANI.

No Fourth Grade report would be complete without a reference to the work of our line umpires, Oliver and Lumsdaine, for whose efforts throughout the season our thanks are recorded.

This year a second team was fielded in the Fourth Grade Competition, and played eight matches. Though none were won, several boys, particularly Cadigan, Dale, Dawson, Berry, Stevens and Rea, showed promise of developing into useful footballers next year.

A.M.D.

THE RECORD.
FIFTH XV, 1937

The Fifth Grade "A" team finished at the head of the competition table, and deserve our heartiest congratulations for their well-sustained efforts throughout the long season. The team suffered one defeat only, scored 330 points, while 18 points were recorded against them. With a few exceptions this scoring was due to the fine handling and running of the backs when the opportunities presented themselves. In defence, they also maintained a high standard.

The forwards were not outstanding, often very slow, but were always imbued with the one idea of "rucking" and getting the ball out to the backs. This phase of their work they carried out with a good deal of success.

The whole team is to be complimented on the sportsmanship shown in their matches, and on the fine spirit displayed and maintained from beginning to end. Happily, there was no sign of selfishness.

The outstanding backs were Hall, Baldwin, Thornley, Woodgate and McCarthy, while among the forwards, Cassidy, Rose and Searle were always prominent.



FIFTH GRADE "A."

Back Row (left to right): D. MACLARN, P. JOHNSON, R. MARTIN, W. BERRY,
F. MURPHY, L. MCCARTHY, W. McBRIDE.

Second Row (left to right): R. SEARLE, C. ROSE, R. HALL (Capt.), S. R.
BILBE, Esq., F. CASSIDY, J. WOODGATE, R. BALDWIN.

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Results:—

C.H.S.—FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS

- v. Hurlstone, won 19-0; won 6-0.
- v. Canterbury, won 20-0; won 23-3.
- v. Parramatta, won 45-0; won 62-0.
- v. High "B," won 54-0; won 23-0.
- v. Fort Street, won 28-0; won 21-0.
- v. North Sydney, won 9-5; lost 3-5.
- v. Technical, won 9-0; won 8-5.

The School "B" team was unfortunate in that several schools were unable to fulfil engagements with them, with the result that the team had little match practice. Although badly beaten by the other schools, the boys were always willing to pit their strength against much stronger teams and enjoy the encounters.

S.R.B.



SIXTH XV, 1937

The experiment of having two teams in Sixth Grade was, internally, highly successful but, externally, nearly a failure. It gave a great opportunity for team practice and, to the credit of all, there were no days on which two teams did not turn out. The "B" team, however, did not get a full complement of competition matches, as



SIXTH GRADE "A."

Back Row (left to right): J. MILLS, D. FAILES, L. CAWSEY, C. P. SCHRADER, Esq., D. JAMES, A. HALLIDAY, W. WALSH.

Second Row (left to right): R. GOVER, R. PIKE, A. HARPER, K. WHITE, H. WHITE, R. CHILVERS, D. SCHULMAN, A. CLARK, G. PALMER.

Front Row (left to right): N. LITTLEWOOD, A. MARKS, R. SPENCE.

other teams did not keep up to their engagements. The "A" team had a very successful season and, by winning the premiership of the grade, kept up the excellent record of the Sixth Grade teams.

After the opening match, which we lost to Hurlstone by 0 to 6 on a bad day, we had a long run of successes till beaten by Technical, also by 0 to 6. After that the team played more determinedly and skilfully, and won all matches, defeating Hurlstone 5-3 and Technical 22-6 in the return games.

The success of the team was due to general evenness of play with a fair combination. There was not a brilliant member, nor was there a weak one. Our greatest problem was that of full back. A. Marks filled the place mostly, and did some good work, but was never really safe. He took brilliantly, ran cleverly, and, fortunately, did not have much tackling to do. He was not good in a tight place.

White, Failes and Pike were the wingers. All were fast, fair handlers. Failes was the tackler. White and Pike played splendidly in the final match. Schulman and A. Clark, as centres, were really good. Both ran well, cut in well, and were hard, if not good, tacklers. Schulman's runs in the final match were excellent.

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Harper, as five-eight, was the key man, and did his part well mostly. His taking was tip-top, his running and passing good, and his kicking good but lacked judgment. He tackled well.

Palmer, as half, did well till injured. He was acquiring that nip and swift pass that makes a half. He had pace and determination. Chilvers (the Captain) took over the half position, and did well. He was, however, better as a bustling forward. In the earlier games he played very finely, and scored most tries through good following and hard running. As Captain he was a real leader.

Cawsey and Halliday were the regular breakaways. Both were fast, and played good football.

Spence and Gover were honest, if not heady, second rankers. Spence kicked several penalty goals with drop kicks in good style. Mills, another second-ranker, ran particularly well, but did not get into the tight work.

Littlewood, as hooker, did very well. He also handled and ran well, but in spasms rather than all through.

James and Walsh were the front-rankers. Both were excellent. They were at home in the tight work, and handled and ran well in the open. They were tireless.

The team put up many fine games, but none better than the

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FOURTH GRADE "B."

Back Row (left to right): C. INGLETON, D. DUNN, R. GORMAN, P. SMYTH,
F. COOPER, B. HART, J. STUART, V. DAVIES, A. CROSS.

Second Row (left to right): J. SIMPSON, F. DAWSON, E. DUNN, A. M.
DUNCAN, Esq., G. CADIGAN, L. STEVENS, R. WALSH.

Front Row (left to right): D. BERRY, A. TURNER, K. DALE.

Absent: F. JACKSON, N. REA.

last against Technical. It was a delight to see such fine handling and running.

The record of matches was:—

C.H.S.—FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS

- v. Hurlstone, lost 0-6; won 5-3.
- v. Canterbury, won 12-3; won 9-0.
- v. Parramatta, won 15-0; won 12-0.
- v. "B" Team, won 17-3; won 31-0.
- v. North Sydney, won 14-0; won 14-3.
- v. Technical, lost 0-6; won 22-6.
- v. Fort Street, won 3-0; won 22-0.

Won 12, lost 2, for 176 points; against 30.

The "B" team was quite good in its grade, and put up several good games. They started well, but fell away from loss of confidence in each other. The experience gained in match play will stand to the players next season and, as many are very light and young, they should be a fine help to the team next year. Like the "A's," there were no "stars" in the "B's," but all were triers and enjoyed the games. Their best performances were to draw with Canterbury and defeat North Sydney.

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FIFTH GRADE "B."

Back Row (left to right): R. STRANG, B. GORDON, A. FROST, J. FALICK, F. FIFER, J. EGAN, R. BALE.

Second Row (left to right): R. DUHIG, R. MERCADO, J. FAILES (Capt.), S. R. BILBE, Esq., P. BACON, P. STANTON, E. BRADLEY.

Front Row (left to right): R. COOK, A. TURNER, R. HAMILTON.

TENNIS REPORT

The C.H.S. competitions have been the main feature of tennis activities since the last issue of the *Record*.

The First Grade competition was won by Parramatta High School, with S.H.S. filling third place.

Our Second Grade team deserves high praise for going through the competition without defeat. The team of Edwards, Dunn, Smith and Driver combined well throughout the whole competition, and thoroughly deserved its victory.

Another fine performance was given by the Third Grade team. Although defeated twice, they avenged these defeats in the return matches, and finished leaders in the competition. The team consisted mostly of boys from third year, which is very encouraging to those interested in the School's tennis, as these boys will be able to form the nucleus of the First and Second Grade teams next year.

Our extremely young Fourth Grade team fought well throughout the whole competition, but were defeated by much more experienced players. The performance of our young players attracts much attention, as they have quite a few years of school tennis ahead of them.

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The Annual School Tennis Championships have just begun, the entries for this year being numerous and satisfactory. A Senior Special Singles Championship, which was inaugurated this year, attracted a great deal of interest. Entries for the Junior Special Singles by far exceeded the entries for any event for many years.

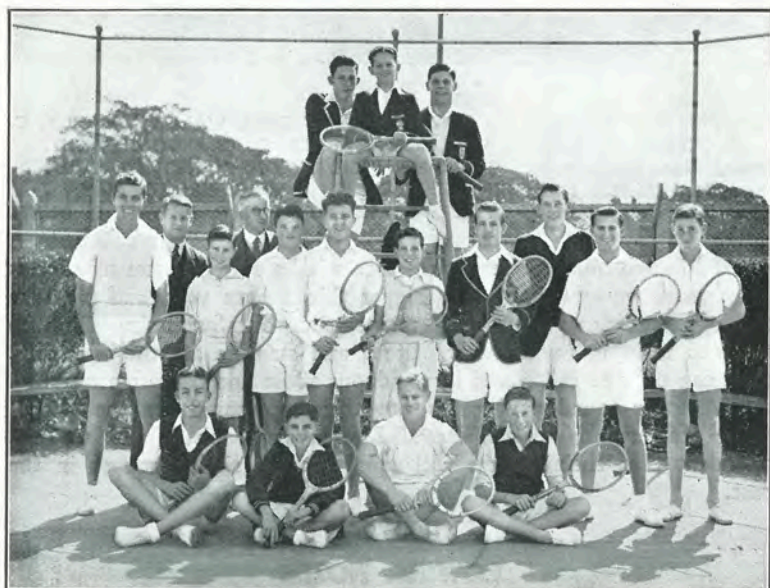
In conclusion, we would like to extend our congratulations to the Premiers of the First and Fourth Grade competitions. The members of all S.H.S. grade teams would like to express their appreciation of the interest taken in them by the teachers in charge, Messrs. Edmunds and Helm.

K. HICKS (Secretary)



SWIMMING

With the opening of the present swimming season, a fresh opportunity is presented for making vigorous preparations with a view to improving our prospects in the 1938 competitions.



GRADE TENNIS TEAMS.

First Row: H. DENT (1), D. CLAYTON (3), H. SLEEFRIG (2).

Second Row: (Teachers in charge.)

Third Row: P. DUNN (2), D. FULLAGER (4), G. SHELDON (3), E. SMITH (2), CREALY (4), W. THOMPSON (1), K. HICKS (1), J. EDWARDS (2), D. FOSTER (4).

Front Row: A. DRIVER (2); J. HODGSON (4); R. FULKER (3), P. HARDAKER (3).

Grades 2 and 3 won their respective competitions.



SIXTH GRADE "B."

Back Row (left to right): V. FINDLAY, K. WATSON, WALL, J. MANLY, C. P. SCHRADER, Esq., O. WILLIAMS, BARNES, D. CLAYTON, GRANT.
Second Row (left to right): WILLIAMS, RICHARDSON, C. THOMAS, L. JONES, H. HILLIER, CAMPBELL, F. McLERIE, P. KINGSVILL, D. MAY.
Front Row (left to right): A. TURNER, K. PATEMAN, R. BROWN, P. DUNN.

Although our representatives met with a fair measure of success last season, we are hoping for bigger things next year, and we take this opportunity of urging all members of our Swimming Club to get into training immediately. Speed and stamina are the essentials; these can only be cultivated by assiduous effort and intensive training.

Another squad of boys is now being prepared for the examination for awards of the Royal Life-Saving Society, and we feel confident that their success will equal that of similar squads in the past.



ROWING NOTES

This is the off-season for rowing, but a Trial Eight has been in training during second and third terms, under the care of Mr. Livingston. This crew is made up of Stroke, Seven, Six from the 1937 Eight, together with boys from the Fours, and should be a good basis for the 1938 Eight.

We were unfortunate in losing a number of boys who left school to take up positions, but a good nucleus still remains, and we can look forward with confidence to 1938.

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About twenty recruits have also been rowing at Drummoyne on Wednesdays, and some very fair material is offering for next year's crews, the boys being drawn chiefly from third and fourth years.

The "Nail in the Boat" scheme has not met with the success expected, and unless more effort is made, it is doubtful whether there will be a new racer next year. For the good of School rowing, it is to be hoped that the scheme will bear fruit, and Old Boys could here do some part by buying or selling tickets.

It remains now to look forward to next year, and hope, with some justification, for a win by S.H.S.

As regards the financial position, it appears to be impossible to balance the budget this year unless the Old Boys contribute a share. The whole burden of rowing has now devolved upon the Parents and Citizens' Association and the School Union, and in a budget of £230 this is well-nigh impossible. It is with great regret that we learn of the Old Boys' decision to withdraw their support from rowing.

S. WICK (Rowing Master).



FROM A COACH'S SCRAP-BOOK

At the Regatta at Penrith this year, none of the School crews were able to cross the finishing line first, though at the minor Regatta the Third Four missed the verdict by a very fine margin.

From all other aspects, however, the rowing fraternity has every cause to view its operations with satisfaction. The 1937 rowing camp is regarded by the supervisors, and others who have been connected with this sport for many years, as one of the best conducted and most orderly camps since the inception of rowing at the School; and that in itself should give the oarsmen a little of the glow that results from achievement.

During the serious business of training, the crews were singularly free from the minor mishaps and ailments which are usually associated with the solid preparation the rowers undergo, and this again speaks well for the intelligent attention paid to the advice and instructions of the coaches and supervisors.

It has been said that a good man acquires the knowledge from his defeats that enables him to work for ultimate victory, and if this be a truism, then the School has still some good men in that little band of rowing "veterans" who, realising that they must follow suit if they are to match strokes with school crews that row practically all the year round, are already getting in rowing practice during the week-ends. A little experience acquired before the Christmas vacation is a decided asset when the serious work commences in the following term.

Recalling incidents and personalities of the training camp is always an interesting pastime of rowing men, and which of them will forget that hilarious round table conference at "Heatherbrae" farm,

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Penrith, on the night prior to the Regatta, where everything from Kaad's eye to McNeill's sleepy leg was the subject of a toast; where McMillan proved himself an after-dinner speaker quite out of the ordinary; and where Coach Duffy was elected to leadership of a well known and ancient society; and which of us cannot appreciate the unassuming sterling character of the camp captain, R. Higham, the unfailing cheerfulness of that prince of crooners, K. Coleman, or the dental gyrations of I. Marshall. These are but few of the highlights which will come to the mind of School oarsmen, and will cause them to regret that the passage of time and the sterner realities of life will eventually remove them from the atmosphere of School rowing.

Very few of this year's rowers had raced on the old Parramatta course, and it is therefore impossible to obtain a general opinion as to the comparative merits of the Parramatta and Nepean courses; but one of the School's coaches was heard to remark that he noticed the crews taking much more interest in the scenery at Penrith, especially during the race; maybe the members of the crews could express opinions about that.

W. E. LIVINGSTON.



Winners of "The Merris" Silver Challenge Bugle, and "Earl Roberts Imperial Cadet Trophy Elimination Competition." Reading from right to left:
Back Row: Cdt. K. ORAM, Cdt. W. Yuoli, Cdt. D. DUNN, Cdt. R. STEWART.
Front Row: Sgt. L. WEBSTER (Capt.), Lieut. R. K. WILTHEW (O.C.S.H. Cdt. Coy.), Mr. J. H. KILLIP (Headmaster), C.Q.M.S. Z. FREEMAN.

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ANNUAL RIFLE CLUB REPORT

1937 has been a comparatively successful year for Sydney High Rifle Club. Following on our initial success in the June meeting by winning the Merris Bugle, we won our eliminating contest for the Earl Roberts Imperial trophy. This enabled us to represent the State against the remainder of the British Empire on Tuesday, September 28th. The team consisted of Cadet-Lieutenants Webster and Freeman, Cadets Dunn and Youll, and Lieut. Wilthew as Firing-Commander. The first stage on 500 yards gave the team a narrow lead over Sydney Grammar School, and when the concluding practice had been fired, Grammar's total was found to be equal to High's. On the "count-back," however, High was given the decision.

The team displayed good team-spirit in the monthly competitions at Long Bay, finishing quite close to the leading team of our section. Dunn and Webster shot well, returning the highest score at both meetings. J. Rose, in the second team, registered a meritorious possible at 300 yards in the first competition.

The G.P.S. competition, held on the 21st and 22nd of September, was our real objective, and the team, unfortunately, was considerably weakened by losing the Captain, K. Oram. The team, however, shot well, and in the Rawson Cup finished fourth.

Our scoring was much better in the N.R.A. Shield, but the winning team was still above our standard.

The team was also third in the Buchanan Cup, and we filled fourth place in the championship point score. R. Stewart was High's outstanding competitor, scoring well at each stage, including a possible in the "snap" competition. L. Webster, the Captain, also recorded good scores.

We extend our most hearty congratulations to Sydney Grammar School for their remarkable wins in all three competitions.

The second team was not up to winning standard, but some good individual scores were registered by the Captain, McCulloch, and McWhirter. We also extend our congratulations to Shore for their fine win in this competition.

The Championship Cup is being competed for at the present time, and D. Dunn appears likely to be the winner.

We thank Mr. Hanly and Mr. Wilthew for their assistance, and especially Mr. H. Smith, of the Randwick Small Arms School, whose coaching greatly raised the standard of our marksmanship.

With only four boys leaving the Club next year, the standard of the team should be very high, and we may quite well hope for some good shooting in 1938.

D. H. DUNN (Hon. Sec.).

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SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE

This Committee, although constituted representative of the three bodies working for the good of the School, *viz.*, The Old Boys' Union, Parents and Citizens' Association and the School Union, commenced to fully operate at the commencement of this present year, in that the Committee has handled the whole of the operations by means of its nine members, three being appointed by each organisation.

Officers were elected, these being: Chairman, Mr. R. T. McKay; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. B. Edwards; Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. A. Fairland.

Estimates of income and expenditure for the twelve months were arrived at within the lowest possible scope of the contributions from each body—the Old Boys' Union to provide £100, P. & C. Association £100, School Union £60.

Besides providing for the weekly payment of the Groundsman's wages, the sightboards, for use in the cricket season, have been repaired, these having been blown over by heavy storm and damaged. Improvements were made to the dressing-room in the ventilation, by having removed from several of the fixed windows to the top row of panes of glass. For the football season the No. 2 Oval was brought into use by the ground being mown, two playing fields marked out, and goal posts placed in position. These fields were very necessary to enable the increased number of boys playing football to have proper grounds to play on. Much improvement, however, is still necessary to this area, but lack of funds prevents this being carried out. The whole area should be top-dressed with soil, as well as water reticulation provided.

The Main Oval has now been placed in order for the cricket season, top-dressing soil for the wicket being provided, and a large section of the outfield, which was being rapidly becoming covered with Buffalo and other rough grasses, has been treated by a rotary hoe, and the grass removed and burnt. In the course of a few weeks the treated area will be in good order.

It is the desire of the Committee, as soon as funds will permit, to top-dress the greater portion of the Oval, so that the surface will be well suited for both cricket and football.

Each week, in addition to football being played in winter, the boys of the School in training for Athletics were able to use the area, and thus more fully prepare themselves for the sports events in which the School is directly interested.

All supporters of the School who are interested in the development of this Sports Ground to provide even more fully for the School activities, are invited to forward any contribution they may be able to give specially marked for the Sports Ground. Such can be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary, 59 Pitt Street, Sydney.

C. A. FAIRLAND (Hon. Sec. to Committee).

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C.H.S. SENIOR ATHLETIC TEAM.

Front Row (left to right): R. ANGUS, B. ELDER.

Second Row (left to right): A. CAMPLING, F. KAAD, Mr. L. A. BASSER, R. HIGHAM, Mr. J. H. KILLIP, H. DENT, R. CRISTOFANI.

Back Row (left to right): J. EDWARDS, S. THORNTON, R. McLEOD, Z. FREEMAN, R. BORN, R. McNEILL, K. HARRISON.

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G.P.S. Athletics Meeting

And so passes another year of fine athletic achievement—of athletes, trained to the minute, striving to do better than their best, and succeeding for the sake of the School.

For the second time in the 43 years of competition, High has won the coveted Senior G.P.S. Cup. The margin was minute—two-thirds of a point; the result unknown until half the runners in the final 440 had passed the post. (Last year, you remember, it depended on but half of one runner.)

Nothing could have been closer or more exciting, and to the gallant losers—S.C.E.G.S. and The Scots—we admit that this time the luck broke a little our way.

Higham's courageous and resolute burst at the end of that decisive 440 will long be remembered, but he merely crowned with success sterling efforts by every member of the team. None could have been spared, and all share alike the satisfaction of a well-earned victory.

Following heavy rain, tracks and times were slow, and our only two wins—by Higham and Kaad—were below their normal under

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better conditions. Only the weather prevented spectacular times, as almost every school fielded class athletes, B. Dunn and B. Ryan being outstanding.

High's unusually young team comprised only nine athletes, R. Higham (Capt.), Shot, Relay and 440; F. Kaad, Hurdles, Relay, 440 and Broad Jump; H. Dent, 100, 220 and Relay; and B. Elder, 880 and 440, having the heaviest programmes. Since all four shone in their final events, the burden was obviously within their capacity. The first three form a fine nucleus for next year's team.

The Junior team performed soundly, but were unable to defend the Junior Cup from a strong challenge by Sydney Grammar School, whom we congratulate on an excellent team.

The unfortunate last-minute illness of P. M. Willcox, a key man with four events, prevented High finishing among the place-getters. First place in the Under 15 Relay and second in the Junior Relay were two of the team's best performances. McMurray, Willcox and Wilson should strengthen the Senior team next year.

Following are the full results:—

G.P.S. Athletics

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

100 YARDS

B. Ryan (J.), 1; B. Dunn (I.), 2; D. Lord (S.), 3; H. Dent (H.), 4; J. Fitzherbert (E.), 5. Time: 10 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.



FINISH OF THE G.P.S. 100 YARDS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

1st, RYAN; 2nd, DUNN; 3rd, LORD; 4th, DENT.

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220 YARDS

B. Dunn (I.), 1; B. Ryan (J.), 2; M. Nicholls (S.), 3; H. Dent (H.), 4; C. Sefton (G.), 5. Time: 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

440 YARDS (DIVISION I)

P. Lloyd (K.), 1; B. Elder (H.), 2; G. Nott (S.), 3; F. Clerke (E.), 4; H. Eccleston (J.), 5. Time: 53 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

440 YARDS (DIVISION II)

F. Clark (S.), 1; D. Garland (E.), 2; D. Carrick (J.), 3; B. Brown (K.), 4; F. Kaad (H.), 5. Time: 51 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

440 YARDS (CHAMPIONSHIP)

M. Nicholls (S.), 1; R. Higham (H.), 2; B. Ryan (J.), 3; M. Wright (N.), 4; C. Tom (E.), 5. Time: 52 secs.

Team Points—(S.), 1; (H.), 2; (E.), (J.) (K.), 3.

880 YARDS

O. Hepworth (K.), 1; M. Wright (N.), 2; B. Elder (H.), 3; Leahy (I.), 4; N. Smyth (G.), 5. Time: 2 mins. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

MILE (DIVISION I)

G. Yuill (E.), 1; H. Neal (N.), 2; T. Browning (K.), 3; M. Renshaw (J.), 4; K. Harrison (H.), 5. Time: 4 mins. 57 $\frac{1}{4}$ secs.

MILE (DIVISION II)

W. Henderson (E.), 1; A. Gaulton (G.), 2; P. Finlay (K.), 3; J. English (I.), 4. Time: 4 mins. 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

MILE (CHAMPIONSHIP)

P. Way (E.), 1; P. Deck (G.), 2; R. Butler (S.), 3; W. Officer (K.), 4; F. Byrne (J.), 5. Time: 4 mins. 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Teams—(E.), 1; (K.), 2; (G.), 3; (J.) and (S.), 4.

SHOT PUTT

R. Higham (H.), 1; B. Travers (E.), 2; W. Daly (K.), 3; J. Milner (N.), 4; W. Ryan (J.), 5. 40ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

120 YARDS HURDLES

F. Kaad (H.), 1; J. Dally (E.), 2; G. Nott (S.), 3; A. Evans (G.), 4; D. Wall (K.), 5. Time: 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

HIGH JUMP

J. Wearne (E.), 1; A. Prowse (G.), 2; W. McIntyre (N.), 3; Z. Freeman (H.), 4; D. Wall (K.), 5. 5ft. 9ins.

BROAD JUMP

B. Dunn (I.), 1; D. Carrick (J.), 2; A. Roberts (N.), 3; D. Wall (K.), 4; J. North (G.), 5. 21ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

440 YARDS RELAY

The Scots College (D. Lord, J. Church, M. Nicholls, F. Clark), 1; Sydney High School (F. Kaad, A. Campling, R. Higham, H. Dent), 2; St. Joseph's College, 3; Sydney Grammar, 4; King's 5. Time: 5 mins. 44 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

Aggregate—S.H.S., 79 points, 1; S.C.E.G.S., 78 $\frac{1}{3}$, 2; T.S.C., 77, 3; S.J.C., 64 $\frac{5}{8}$, 4; T.K.S., 62 $\frac{1}{3}$, 5.

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R. Higham, G.P.S., C.H.S. Shot Putt champion, State Junior Record holder.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

100 YARDS

K. Gallard (K.), 1; C. Schwilk (A.), 2; J. North (G.) and W. McMurray (H.), 3; F. Epton (E.), 5. Time: $10\frac{1}{4}$ secs.

220 YARDS

K. Gallard (K.), 1; J. North (G.), 2; F. Epton (E.), 3; C. Schwilk (A.), 4; T. Duckmanton (N.), 5. Time: $23\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

880 YARDS

S. Suhan (E.), 1; B. Davis (G.), 2; R. Holt (N.), 3; W. Rawle (J.), 4; R. Evans (K.), 5. Time: 2 mins. 10 secs.

HIGH JUMP

A. Prowse (G.), 1; H. Cross (S.), 2; P. Haley (E.), 3; K. Bussell (N.), 4; T. Smith (A.), 5. 5ft. $7\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

BROAD JUMP

K. Gallard (K.), 1; J. F. North (G.), 2; W. J. McMurray (H.), 3; J. C. Petrie (E.), 4; C. Schwilk (A.), 5. 19ft. 5ins.

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90 YARDS HURDLES

A. Maxwell (E.), 1; J. Robilliard (S.), 2; T. Smith (A.), 3; G. Berry (K.), 4; J. Wilson (H.), 5. Time: 12½ secs.

UNDER 16 RELAY

S.G.S. (J. North, W. Berkman, K. Wickham, R. Short), 1; S.H.S., 2; S.C.E.G.S., 3; N.C., 4; T.A.S., 5. Time: 46½ secs.

UNDER 15 RELAY

S.H.S. (V. Lewis, R. Nairn, J. Raftos, B. Wittman), 1; S.G.S., 2; T.S.C., 3; S.J.C., 4; T.K.S., 5. Time: 49 secs.

UNDER 14 100 YARDS

E. Lenthall (G.), 1; W. Calov (S.), 2; J. Goodwin (E.), 3; M. Hall (A.), 4; D. Glover (H.), 5. Time: 11½ secs.

220 YARDS

W. Calov (S.), 1; M. Hall (A.), 2; E. Lenthall (G.), 3; D. Glover (H.), 4; J. Goodwin (E.), 5. Time: 26½ secs.

HIGH JUMP

N. Martin (J.), 1; J. Sharp (K.), 2; G. Edwards (E.), 3; P. Knight (S.), 4; D. North (G.) and T. Hughes (I.), 5. 4ft. 11ins.

Aggregate—S.G.S., 91 points; S.C.E.G.S., 75; T.A.S., 60; T.S.C., 56; T.K.S., 54; S.H.S., 53½.

S.H.S. Athletic Meeting

The School meeting, held as usual at Sydney Cricket Ground in August, produced few surprises. No records were broken—in fact, after the orgy of record-breaking in recent years, most of the figures have attained a status that ensures a reasonable tenure.

R. Higham had a field day, gaining the Senior Cup, the special 440 Cup, and, unexpectedly, adding the 100 Yards Cup to his collection.

For the Juniors, although W. McMurray won four events, P. Willcox, with three firsts and three seconds, proved too versatile, and took the Junior Cup. B. Clay was definitely the best of a promising lot of juveniles.

The now popular competition for the Class Pennant—gross points over all events—was well won by 3A with a fine score.

Here are the results:—

S.H.S. ATHLETIC RESULTS — SENIOR

100 YARDS

R. Higham, 1; A. Campling 2; F. P. Kaad, 3; H. Tasker, 4; H. I. C. Dent, 5. Time: 11 secs.

220 YARDS

H. I. C. Dent, 1; R. Higham, 2; F. P. Kaad 3; A. Campling, 4; C. Mitchell, 5. Time: 23½ secs.

440 YARDS

R. Higham, 1; B. A. Elder, 2; F. P. Kaad, 3. Time: 53½ secs.

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880 YARDS

B. A. Elder, 1; R. G. McNeill, 2; D. R. Cristofani, 3; R. Angus, 4; K. Harrison, 5. Time: 2 mins. 11 secs.

ONE MILE

D. R. Cristofani, 1; R. G. McNeill, 2; J. Edwards, 3; K. Harrison, 4; R. Angus, 5. Time: 5 mins. $0\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

BROAD JUMP

F. P. Kaad, 1; H. Tasker, 2; R. Born, 3; H. I. C. Dent, 4; W. R. Kyd, 5. Distance: 19ft. 7ins.

HIGH JUMP

Z. Freeman, 1; W. R. Kyd, 2; H. Tasker and S. Thornton, 4; F. P. Kaad, 5. Distance: 5ft. 6ins.

SHOT PUTT

R. Higham, 1; Z. Freeman, 2; R. Born, 3; E. Vidal, 4; F. P. Kaad, 5. Distance: 43ft. $9\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

120 YARDS HURDLES

F. P. Kaad, 1; S. Thornton, 2; H. I. C. Dent, 3; R. Higham, 4; R. Woodhead, 5. Time: $17\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

120 YARDS HURDLES (LOW)

F. P. Kaad, 1; S. Thornton, 2; R. Woodhead, 3. Time: $17\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

Senior Cup—R. Higham, 31 points, 1; F. Kaad, 27 points, 2; H. Dent, 14 points, 3.



F. P. Kaad hurdling vigorously in good style. He won the G.P.S. Open Hurdles in $16\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

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S.H.S. ATHLETIC RESULTS — JUNIOR

100 YARDS

W. McMurray, 1; P. Willcox, 2; C. Bowey, 3; M. Reid, 4; J. Grimshaw, 5. Time: 11 secs.

220 YARDS

W. McMurray, 1; P. Willcox, 2; J. Grimshaw 3; C. Bowey, 4; M. Reid, 5. Time: 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

440 YARDS

P. Willcox, 1; W. McMurray, 2; L. Cooper, 3; B. Wittman, 4; R. Beveridge, 5. Time: 57 secs.

880 YARDS

P. Willcox, 1; C. Rose, 2; L. Cooper, 3; K. Powell, 4; R. Mahoney, 5. Time: 2 mins. 22 secs.

HIGH JUMP

P. Willcox, 1; J. Bach, 2; R. Nairn, 3; W. Collis and W. Ahearne, 4. Distance: 5ft.

BROAD JUMP

W. McMurray, 1; P. Willcox, 2; W. Collis, 3; R. Nairn, 4; J. Bach, 5. Distance: 19ft. 7ins.

SHOT PUTT

W. McMurray, 1; K. Glass and C. Bowey, 2; P. Willcox, 4; J. Rogers, 5. Distance: 41ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

90 YARDS HURDLES

C. Rose, 1; J. Wilson, 2; W. Mason, 3; J. Harrington, 4. Time: 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

Junior Cup—P. Willcox, 41 points; W. McMurray, 37 points.

S.H.S. ATHLETIC RESULTS — JUVENILE

100 YARDS

B. Clay, 1; D. Glover, 2; J. Dreelin, 3; G. Cadigan, 4; J. Coombe, 5. Time: 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

220 YARDS

B. Clay, 1; J. Dreelin, 2; J. Coombe, 3; D. Glover, 4; R. Edwards, 5. Time: 26 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

60 YARDS HURDLES

B. Clay, 1; J. Coombe, 2; J. Dreelin, 3; R. Wheeler, 4; L. Bassar, 5. Time: 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

HIGH JUMP

W. Wood and R. Walshe, 1; L. Bassar, D. Freeman and J. Dreelin, 3. Distance: 4ft. 7ins.

BROAD JUMP

J. Dreelin, 1; B. Clay, 2; D. Freeman, 3; R. Reid, 4; A. Clark, 5. Distance: 17ft. 3ins.

UNDER 17—100 YARDS

R. Neilsen, 1; H. Sleaford, 2; P. Squires, 3; K. Conroy, 4; P. Goldston, 5. Time: 11 secs.

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UNDER 15—100 YARDS

B. Wittman, 1; J. Raftos, 2; V. Lewis, 3; T. Berry, 4; F. Murphy, 5. Time: 11½ secs.

UNDER 13—100 YARDS

N. Symonds and K. White, 1; J. Brown, 3; J. May, 4; K. Lancaster, 5. Time: 13 secs.

Juvenile Cup—B. Clay, 29 points; J. Dreelin, 21 points.

With Sydney attempting to defend all four titles, the Combined High Schools' meeting provided the usual interesting contest.

Sydney High's team won five open championships, and was consistently strong in every division. They gained the Senior Cup for the third time in succession. Nevertheless, the most brilliant performance of the meeting was the mile by L. Stephens, of Technical (4 mins. 35 secs), which we admired, somewhat breathlessly, from the rear.

The Juniors fielded a sound team, but had to be content with second to Fort Street's outstanding athletes.

In the Juvenile section we can fairly plead bad luck, as Clay, after qualifying well, was forced by injury to withdraw from three championship events. Even then a win in the relay would have gained the shield, but a collision caused a bad baton change, and hope went fleeting. Knowing the handicap country schools suffer, we are pleased that Newcastle should have been the team to gain the trophy.

The pennant for the aggregate championship was won by Sydney High for the seventh successive year.

Athletics Tables

C.H.S. RESULTS — SENIOR

EVENT.	DIVISION I.	DIVISION II.	DIVISION III.
100 Yards	A. Campling (1), 10½ secs.	H. I. C. Dent (1), 10½ secs.	F. P. Kaad (1), 10½ secs.
220 Yards	H. I. C. Dent (3)	R. Higham (1), 23½ secs.	A. Campling (1), 23½ secs.
440 Yards	R. Higham (2)	B. A. Elder (2)	R. Harrison (2)
880 Yards	B. A. Elder (2)	R. G. McNeill (2)	R. D. Angus
Mile	R. Cristofani (4)	R. G. McNeill (2)	J. Edwards
Hurdles	F. P. Kaad (1), 16½ secs.	S. Thornton (1), 16½ secs.	J. O. Wilson
High Jump	Z. Freeman (3), <i>aeq.</i>	H. Tasker	S. Thornton
Broad Jump ..	H. Tasker	W. J. McMurray (3)	R. Born (3)
Shot Putt	R. Higham (1)	R. Born (1), 38ft. 4½ins.	Z. Freeman

440 Yards Relay—F. P. Kaad, A. Campling, R. Higham, H. I. C. Dent. Time: 46 secs.

Point Score—Sydney (1), 102½ points; Technical (2), 79 points; North Sydney (3).

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C.H.S. RESULTS — JUNIOR

EVENT.	DIVISION I.	DIVISION II.	DIVISION III.
100 Yards	W. J. McMurray, <i>aeq.</i> , 11 secs.	C. Bowey (3)	M. Reid (1), 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.
220 Yards	W. J. McMurray	P. M. Willcox (1), 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.	J. Grimshaw
440 Yards	P. M. Willcox	J. Collis (1), 56 secs.	L. Cooper (3)
Hurdles	C. Rose	J. Wilson (3)	R. Nairn (3)
High Jump	J. Bach	P. M. Willcox (2)	J. Collis
Shot Putt	W. J. McMurray	K. Glass (3)	C. Bowey

Relay—P. M. Willcox, C. Bowey, M. Reid, W. J. McMurray (1). Time: 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Point Score—Fort Street, 84 $\frac{1}{2}$ points (1); Sydney, 49 points. (2).

C.H.S. RESULTS — JUVENILE

EVENT.	DIVISION I.	DIVISION II.	DIVISION III.
100 Yards	B. Clay	D. Glover (1), 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.	J. Dreelin
220 Yards	B. Clay	J. Dreelin (2)	D. Glover (1), 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.
Hurdles	B. Clay	J. Coombe (1), 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.	R. Wheeler (1), 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.
High Jump	R. Walshe (3), <i>aeq.</i>	W. Wood (1), <i>aeq.</i> , 4ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	D. Freeman
Broad Jump ..	J. Dreelin (1), 17ft. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins.	L. Bassar	D. Freeman
Under 13: 100 Yards ..	N. Symonds	K. White	K. Brown

440 Yards Relay—G. Cadigan, J. Coombe, J. Dreelin, D. Glover (3).

Point Score—Newcastle (1), Technical (2), Sydney (3).

In the N.S.W. Schoolboy Championships, High performed creditably, and notched more points than any other school. As the following results show, the School set four new records at good figures. Nevertheless, only one alteration is necessary to our own record sheet this year—the 120 yards hurdles figures being convincingly broken by F. P. Kaad.

N.S.W. Schoolboy Championships

UNDER 20 YEARS

SHOT PUTT

R. Higham, 1. 44ft. 7ins. (record).

880 YARDS

R. G. McNeill, 2.

UNDER 18 YEARS

880 YARDS

B. A. Elder, 2.

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SHOT PUTT

R. McLeod, 1 (39ft. 8½ins.); R. Born, 2.

BROAD JUMP

R. Born, 2.

HOP, STEP AND JUMP

S. Thornton, 1 (38ft. 0½ins.).

120 YARDS HURDLES

F. P. Kaad, 1 (16 $\frac{1}{10}$ secs—record).

UNDER 17 YEARS

HOP, STEP AND JUMP

H. I. C. Dent, 1 (43ft. 1½ins.—record).

90 YARDS HURDLES

H. I. C. Dent, 1 (12 $\frac{3}{10}$ secs—equals record).

100 YARDS

H. I. C. Dent, 3.

UNDER 16 YEARS

440 YARDS

P. M. Willcox, 2.

UNDER 15 YEARS

BROAD JUMP

J. P. S. Bach, 3.

UNDER 14 YEARS

BROAD JUMP

J. Dreelin, 2.

L. A. BASSER.



Samuel Pepys

A perennial discussion continues regarding the correct pronunciation of the name of the famous Seventeenth Century diarist. John Drinkwater is said to have noted seventeen different spellings. The baptismal register, in St. Bride's Church (off Fleet Street), has the spelling "Peapis." As a bridegroom, Pepys is entered in the register of marriages in St. Margaret's, Westminster (official Church of the House of Commons) as "Peps." The burial register of St. Olave's, Hart Street, has the record of "Peyps," although the journal which announced the funeral wrote "Pepys." One branch of the family used "Peppis"; another clan answers to "Peps." What is the verdict?

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Founded 1892.

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MEMBERSHIP

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

As members are well aware, the annual fee of 7/6 barely covers running expenses, and those who are able to do so are requested to follow the example of the many generous Old Boys who have adopted the practice of forwarding £1/1/- each year, covering their subscription and a donation.

Since the last issue of the *Record* the following life-member has been enrolled:—

SIR HARRY MOXHAM.

Members are invited to forward to the honorary secretary the names and addresses of Old Boys known to them, in order that they may be inserted in the O.B.U. records.



FINANCE

The adverse financial position of the Old Boys' Union has been greatly restored this year by the co-operation and generosity of members, and it is hoped that, by the beginning of the new year, we can plan for the future activities of the Union instead of being burdened by past commitments. The satisfactory recovery this year has been chiefly achieved, as previously pointed out, by withdrawing financial support to the School's rowing activities, which step was a regretted necessity.

Obviously, the extent to which the Old Boys' Union can assist the School is dependent on the support and co-operation of the Old Boys, in general, and members are urged to adopt the practice which several members have followed of forwarding £1/1/- each year, covering their subscription and a donation. If a sufficient number adopt this scheme, the Old Boys' Union can progress, and can assist the School to the extent which all Old Boys would like to assist in its sporting and scholastic activities.

A large membership means progress, and Old Boys are urged to become and remain financial members, and to attend the annual play, ball and dinner each year. They are also requested to endeavour to get Old Boys of their acquaintance to join up, and to forward names and addresses of Old Boys to the honorary secretary for insertion on the records.

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

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OBITUARY

It is with regret we record the death of the following Old Boys:—

The late O. G. Rienits, who was enrolled in 1891, and who, after a distinguished career in the Department of Lands, died in September last. At the time of his death he was officer-in-charge and Crown Land Agent at Forbes.

The late James Prior, who was a pupil at the School from 1929-1933, and who died at a very early age at Rockhampton after a serious illness.



EMPLOYMENT OF OLD BOYS

Senior Old Boys who have, from time to time, to recruit new members to their staffs, might make a practice, in the first place, of communicating with the Headmaster (Mr. J. H. Killip) at FL 4904, or the Honorary Secretary of the Old Boys' Union.

Attention is invited to the fact that several Old Boys who were unfortunate in reaching their early twenties during the depression have had great difficulty in getting placed in employment. If any Old Boy can offer openings to these youths, they are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary.



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

The President of the Council for 1937-38 is Mr. H. C. Wilson, a member of our Council, and who has rendered much valued service to our Union over a long period.

The Combined Council is encouraging the formation of country groups of G.P.S. Old Boys, and it is hoped to report progress in this direction next year.

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ANNUAL PAST v. PRESENT FOOTBALL MATCH

The annual match between an Old Boys' XV. and the School's 1st XV. was held at the McKay Sportsground on Thursday, 19th August, 1937, when the School won by 32 to 15.

The Old Boys' team was organised by J. Chapman and J. F. Bush, and consisted of the following Old Boys:—

J. Chapman (Captain), C. Windon, M. O'Keefe, A. Trevenen, R. King, L. Owens, W. Miles, J. Sharples, A. Braye, A. Dadour, T. Jones, E. Christensen, C. Christensen, W. Lockley, J. F. Bush, and B. Kendall.

Mr. C. A. Fairland acted as referee.



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Annual Chocolate and Blue Ball

The Annual Ball took place at the State Ballroom on Saturday, 7th August, 1937. This was the first occasion that an annual ball had been held on a Saturday night, but the Ball Committee felt justified in taking this step. Results justified this innovation, as the function was the most successful ball for some years.

The President, Mr. G. F. Diamond, entertained the official party with the invaluable assistance of Mrs. C. G. Diamond, who kindly acted as hostess. In the official party were:—The Minister for Education (Mr. D. H. Drummond, M.L.A.) and Miss Helen Drummond, the President of the G.P.S. Association (Mr. David Maughan, K.C.), Mr. R. Keegan (Council of the Old Boys' Unions of the G.P.S.), Mr. J. H. Killip (Headmaster) and Mrs. Killip, Mr. P. W. Hallett (Deputy Headmaster) and Mrs. Hallett, Mr. B. R. Riley (King's) and Miss M. Riley, Dr. H. L. St. Vincent-Welch (Shore) and Mrs. Vincent-Welch, Mr. E. S. Miller (St. Joseph's) and Mrs. Miller, Dr. Donovan Foy (St. Ignatius) and Mrs. Foy, Mr. A. Bathgate (Scots) and Mrs. Bathgate, Col. T. G. Millner (Newington) and Mrs. Millner, Mr. N. L. Cowper (Grammar) and Mrs. Cowper, Mr. C. F. Dowe (Armidale) and Mrs. Dowe, Mrs. J. C. Dunbar (Old Girls' Union) and Mr. Dunbar, Mr. H. B. Edwards (Parents and Citizens) and Mrs. Edwards, Dr. C. G. McDonald and Miss Gloria Brandon.

Parties were organised by the following Old Boys:—B. L. Moses, Dr. G. Hardwicke, H. H. Wiedersehn, E. J. H. Colvin, D. J. Duffy, R. Ralph, J. Chapman, T. Pauling, B. Whelan, R. F. Bartlett, T. Jones, M. O'Keefe, J. E. R. Ward, H. Oliver, C. Oliver, J. F. Bush, A. S. Lewis, H. V. Quinton, K. C. Cameron.

The thanks of the Old Boys' Union are due to Mrs. C. G. McDonald for her efforts to make the ball a success; to M. T. Lewis, who acted as cashier; and A. E. Moore, who wrote the beautiful copper-plate place-cards.

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1938 Annual Chocolate and Blue Ball

Hordern Bros.' Florentine Ballroom has been engaged for the 1938 Annual Ball, and the date is Saturday, 16th July. Members are requested to book the date now and organise parties for the 1938 event.

Attention is drawn to the importance of correct table reservations being made, as the guarantee must necessarily be signed in relation to the total bookings made, and unless they are correct, the O.B.U. has, in all probability, to pay for catering for persons who are absent from the function.

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Athletic Night Dance

On the night of the G.P.S. Sports, Saturday, 9th October, the Council of the Old Boys' Unions held the usual combined dance at the Blaxland Galleries.

These combined functions, where Old Boys from each of the G.P.S. can gather together, are happy and welcome functions.

This year H. H. Wiedersehn organized the function for the Combined Council, and also looked after our own Union's share of the function.

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33rd ANNUAL DINNER

This annual re-union will be held in November. All members are requested to make an effort to attend this 33rd annual re-union. Particulars may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary.

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JOTTINGS

Roland Green, M.H.R., was a Commonwealth representative to the Imperial Conference.

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Dr. A. J. Cunningham left for England in the middle of the year.

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J. Huxtable was married recently. During the year he was captain of the White City.

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D. J. Duffy was sent by his firm to Wollongong until early next year.

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H. Horne was married during the year.

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Sir Harry Moxham, as President of the Australian Dental Association, presided at the recent conference.

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H. V. Quinton was elected Honorary Treasurer of the Royal Motor Yacht Club.

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E. R. S. Slade had a son born in July.

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R. McKinnon was selected to tour England with the Rugby League Team.

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T. Pauling played in the State XV. against the Springboks. He is now deposition clerk to a Land Board Chairman.

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A. E. Ross is a student at the Duntroon Royal Military College.

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Thanks are again due to B. L. Moses for having much of the Old Boys' Union typing done in his office.

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Lieut. E. C. Milliken has been transferred to the 45th Battalion, the St. George Regiment.

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Lieut. A. H. Hunt has been appointed Officers' Mess Secretary.

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Jim Walker has been sent to Hall, Federal Capital Territory.

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K. C. Cameron has joined the staff of the Water Board.

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G. L. Sutton has retired from the post of Director of Agriculture in Western Australia. He has done a tremendous amount of work in wheat-breeding experiments, much to the benefit of Australia's agriculture.

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F. K. Bowler, *B.A., LL.B.*, was recently admitted by the Bar to practice as a solicitor.

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R. H. Boyan has left to take up a position in Papua.

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Thanks are due to K. Oram, the School Union's representative on the Old Boys' Union Council, for his co-operation in several ways.

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C. V. Taylor made a donation to the School, through the Old Boys' Union, of all his text books for the use of present pupils.

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F. Copland had to tender his resignation from the Council owing to pressure of business in the country.

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The "open letter" drafted by Mr. G. C. Saxby, and published in the last issue of the *Record*, was printed and issued to all Old Boys whose addresses are known. Mr. Saxby was so good as to donate £1/1/- towards the cost of printing, and his continued efforts for the School and O.B.U. are much appreciated by the Council.

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ON DIT !

Spoonerisms

Mrs. Malaprop—Sheridan's ludicrous character in "The Rivals"—has become a synonym for incongruity in the use of words resembling one another in sound, such as "derangement of epitaphs" for "arrangement of epitaphs." It is good farce, and Shakespeare, in his delineation of Launcelot Gobbo and Dogberry, realised this long before Sheridan.

A Spoonerism, however, is a form of Metathesis, in that an involuntary transposition of letters or sounds in successive words leads to humorous results. A scholar like the late Reverend W. A. Spooner, D.D., Warden of New College, Oxford, might write learned tomes in the choicest English; but he is reputed to have had an uncontrollable tongue.

The learned Doctor was guilty of an amusing "Spoonerism" when he referred to Queen Victoria, not as the "dear old Queen," but as the "queer old Dean." In giving out a text he said, "Many are called but chew are fosen," and ended by saying, "Be ye, therefore, of the fosen chew." In announcing the hymn, "Conquering Kings Their Titles Take," he transposed it as "Tinkering Tongs Their Kitles Kake." Trying to improve on this, he amended it as "Kinkering Kongs Their Titles Take."

The most serious slip was when he said he understood that it was "kistomary to cuss the bride."

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The Gentleman

"Education begins the gentleman; but reading, good company and reflection must finish him."

—John Locke.

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FLORENCE

"O BELLA!"

*I heard last night a little child go singing
'Neath Casa Guidi windows, by the church,
O bella Liberta, O bella! . . .*

These verses, in English, and repeated in Italian, are officially inscribed on a marble slab on the wall of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's house in Via Mazzetta, Florence, where she lived and died in 1861. They are quoted from her poem, *Casa Guidi Windows* (1848), and express her enthusiasm for a free and a united Italy:

*. . . the heart of Italy must beat,
While such a voice had leave to rise serene
'Twixt church and palace of a Florence street.*

Enter softly the little "church" nearby. It is late afternoon, and within the light is dim, save for the flickering tapers on the altars. The ornate scene is one of quiet devotion, the worshippers, mostly women, apparently awaiting the priest to chant Vespers. Outside the



THE CATHEDRAL OF SANTA MARIA DEL FIORE, FLORENCE.

Giotto's beautiful Campanile and the Baptistery are to the right; part of Brunelleschi's Cupola is also shown.

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crowds are hurrying along the Via Romana. Down the street towards the Ponte Vecchio, which spans the river Arno, is the majestic Pitti Palace, now closed for the day. Begun in 1440 by Brunelleschi, it was the residence of the Grand Dukes of Tuscany. To-day it is the Royal Palace, and five hundred precious paintings decorate the walls of the Pitti Gallery—Raphæl, Titian, Tintoretto, Van Dyck, Velasquez, Bartolommeo! Magic names!

A lily in the city's coat-of-arms is in allusion to the tradition that Florence (Firenze) was founded in a field of flowers. Thus it is called the "City of Flowers." The Etruscan hill-town of Fiesole, of Roman times, is a suburb. On the great route from Rome to Northern Italy and Germany, Florence blossomed as a rose. "O bella!" A beautiful name!

The thirteenth century witnessed the transformation of a small town into one of prosperity and extraordinary political, literary and artistic importance. It happened during the lifetime of Dante Alighieri, who died in 1321. From that period Florence entered on a brilliant career, due to the able government of the guilds and the patrician families—particularly the Medicis. From the thirteenth to the fifteenth century the city was adorned with monuments, churches and palaces, and the greatest artists in Italy have left an imperishable record of their inspiration. At the beginning of the sixteenth century Florence was the art capital of the world.

Dante first saw the light in a small house at No. 2, Via Dante Alighieri. Two coats-of-arms and a quotation from the *Inferno* xxiii., 94-95, on the outside wall mark the public memorial of the great Florentine poet. In a neighbouring street lived Dante's first love, Beatrice Portinari.

But there were other celebrated Florentines—Petrarch, Cimabue, Brunelleschi, Orcagna, Ghiberti, Filippo Lippi, Donatella, Botticelli, Boccaccio, Andrea del Sarto, Ghirlandaio, Cellini, della Robbia, Lorenzo the Magnificent, Machiavelli, Galileo. Close by were born Giotto and Leonardo da Vinci, and Michelangelo was brought up in a village overlooking the city.

It was under Lorenzo de Medici (1469) that Florence attained its greatest glory. He was surnamed "Il Magnifico" in power. The Medici family were enlightened despots who permitted a semblance of democracy. Lorenzo's grandfather, Cosimo, had been named by a decree on his death (1464) "Pater Patriae." In the year of Lorenzo's death, two important events occurred. Columbus discovered the West Indies, and Savonarola, the Dominican friar, zealous and inflexible, arrived in Florence.

It is not altogether a city of antiques. After leaving the fantastic Venice, with its quaint canals, romantic gondolas, ducal palaces, arcades lined with fascinating shops, and the broad, sunny Piazza San Marco, a swift train, hauled by the most modern of electric locomotives, dashes, four hours later, into the ultra-modern white railway, "Stazione Centrale." It is a monument of cleanliness and

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efficiency. Our American friends might aptly term it "stream-lined," for surely there is nothing like it in the wide world—not even New York City's own Pennsylvania Station on Seventh Avenue! From Venice to Florence through the longest tunnels, beneath the Apennines, is to rush from the past into the future—until the next day, when exploration of Mediæval Florence begins:

. . . to catch a novel form

Of Florence city adorned by architect and carver . . .

Its narrow streets are strangely reminiscent of Sydney and, at night, are quiet, though resplendent with inviting cafes and electric advertising devices. The people, apart from the obvious Italian facial aspect, are too much like ourselves in physique and temperament for remark. There are now 250,000 of them.

After the usual Continental breakfast of coffee and rolls at the comfortable Hotel Roma, one strolls across the Piazza in front and enters a thirteenth century Dominican church, "Santa Maria Novella," which is the treasury of some of the best work of the Renaissance. Splendid frescoes by Ghirlandaio adorn the walls of the Choir; those in the Strozzi Chapel are by Filippo Lippi; an Altar Piece, "The Madonna," by Cimabue (1280), and a wooden Crucifix, by Brunelleschi, are priceless.

The Via Panzani leads to the Piazza del Duomo. The Duomo is the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore (dating from 1296), begun by Arnolfo, and the Campanile to the right of the facade (see picture) was commenced in 1334 by Giotto. The dome—a beautiful red cupola—was designed by Brunelleschi, and the Cathedral is covered with coloured marble. Magnificent works of art cover the walls within, notably by Donatella and Luca della Robbia, whose lovely Cherubim are frequently seen. Michelangelo's last effort, the "Pieta," is at the back of the Altar. He was 89 years old when he died, and was then engaged on this work. Giotto's Campanile includes splendid statues by Donatello, Pisano and Luca della Robbia. E. V. Lucas was in whimsical mood when he wrote:

This delicate, slender marble creature, all gaiety and lightness, which as surely springs from roots within the earth—from a bulb, I think—and was never really built at all, whatever the records may aver!

Giotto was appointed in 1334 by the Signory to prepare plans for a campanile, or bell-tower, adjoining the church. The decree stated that "the campanile should be built so as to exceed in magnificence, height and excellence of workmanship everything of the kind that had been achieved of old by the Greeks and Romans when at the zenith of their greatness." On his death in 1337, Giotto was buried in the Cathedral in the corner nearest his Campanile.

In front of the Duomo is the Baptistery—a Tuscan-Romanesque

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building—once a Cathedral, and dating from the seventh century. All Florentine children are baptized here. The bronze doors are the work of Pisano, Rustici (aided by Leonardo da Vinci) and Ghiberti. The latter cast two pairs of doors, and those on the Eastern side occupied him for 27 years. Michelangelo said, "They are beautiful enough to be the gates of Paradise." Plaster casts of Ghiberti's East doors are to be seen in the Sydney Art Gallery, and are worthy of close study. Each panel represents events from the Old Testament.

Within the Baptistry is an octagonal Cupola executed in amazing mosaics by Andrea Tafi (fourteenth century). The slumbering bronze figure by Donatella is above the tomb of Pope John XXIII who was deposed by the Council of Constance in 1414 after the Great Schism.

As one wanders through this glorious city, the Renaissance of five hundred years ago, it is no longer a vague generalisation. It is a vivid reality. To cover—even in a very sketchy fashion—the wealth of achievement offered by this vast museum would be a pretentious task. The Medici Chapel itself would fill a volume, for here is treasured the best work of Michelangelo—some of it unfinished. His statue of Lorenzo, called "*Il Pensieroso*" (The Thinker) is a gem, and is probably the sculptor's greatest achievement. The Duke is represented in deep meditation, one finger pressed upon his lips, his face shaded by his helmet—a still, but vivid study. Most of the Medici family are buried in the Crypt of this Chapel.

The Palazzo Vecchio, with its beautiful courtyard, in the centre of which is a bronze boy and a dolphin (the work of Verocchio), is notable. The alarm bell in the tower used to warn Florentines of danger. Formerly the seat of government, it is now used as a Town Hall. The interior is magnificent with the work of Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci.

Adjoining is the Uffizi Gallery, with its priceless collection of original paintings—Cimabue, Giotto, Fra Filippo Lippi, Ghirlandaio, Botticelli, Bartolommeo, Perugino, Raphael, Reni, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Fra Angelico, Titian, Tintoretto, Andrea del Sarto, Rembrandt, Rubens, Van Dyck, and the English Reynolds are all represented.

In front of the Palazzo Vecchio stands the Loggia dei Lanzi, designed by Orcagna. It was built as a forum for discussion of political and commercial matters in wet weather. To-day, it is a quaint open museum of famous sculptures, especially the bronze "*Perseus with the head of the Medusa*," by Cellini, and the "*Judith*" (a relief), by Donatello.

Both the Loggia dei Lanzi and the Palazzo Vecchio front the historic Piazza della Signoria, where Savonarola caused a huge pyramid of "vanities" to be set alight, what time the Signoria appeared on the balcony of the Palazzo and applauded the reforming friar amid song, the sound of trumpets and the pealing of bells. The following

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year, on the same spot, after six weeks' imprisonment in the tower of the Palazzo (1498), Savonarola was hanged and burnt to ashes. A bronze plate marks the place of his martyrdom.

One is still shown Savonarola's cell in the San Marco Monastery, where his books, and some of his apparel, are much as he left them. His closing years are reminiscent of Palm Sunday and the first Good Friday in a remarkable way, and bear testimony to the fickleness of the emotional mob. In this monastery every cell has a fresco painting of the Redeemer, some of them by the brush of Fra Angelico himself. His easel painting, "The Last Judgment" (1440 A.D.), is an irresistible magnet to travellers. The Dominican monastery of San Marco is a veritable museum of the works of Fra Angelico, especially in the frescoes which adorn the cloisters.

A short stroll leads one to the Ponte Vecchio, a bridge which spans the river Arno. It is flanked with goldsmiths' shops and houses in mediæval style, above which runs a corridor connecting the Uffizi and Pitti Galleries, on opposite sides of the river. There is a break in the rows of shops, and here a small monument commemorates Cellini Benvenuto.

Gazing at the river, now roseate with the rays of the setting sun, the buildings rising sheer from either bank, one is reminded of the Grand Canal of Venice. There is the same charm. It has been an entrancing day! Much remains to be seen; but a pleasant sense of satisfaction, and a fatigue both mental and physical, dissuade further effort. The day closes; crowds are hurrying homeward; traffic is congested; so, slowly, one crosses the Ponte Vecchio, passes the Pitti Gallery to the Via Mazzetta, "by the church" where Mrs. Browning heard a little child 'neath Casa Guidi windows go singing "O bella Liberta, O bella! . . . Yes, O bella Firenze!

But the English touch induced a mood of nostalgia!

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