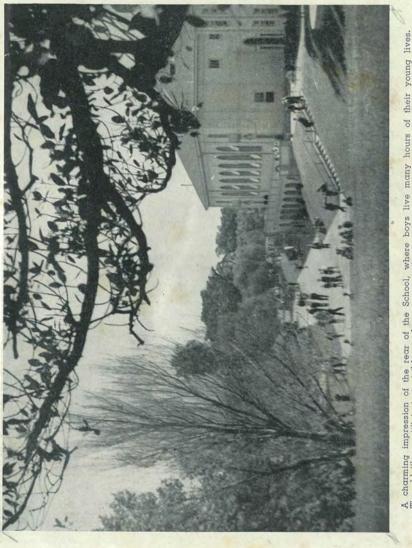
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A charming impression of the rear of the School, where boys live many hours of their young lives. The old "bear pit" is just visible on the extreme right, for these grounds were formerly portion of the Zoological Gardens before their transfer to Taronga Park.



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EDITORIAL

"WHILE HORSE AND HERO FELL ... "

"Be my brother, or I will bash your head in." —German Proverb.

There is no doubt that *Mein Kampf* is Hitler's lexicon of political behaviour, and Germany's rise over the past few years, along a path of ruthless duplicity and disregard for treaties is merely an unfolding of the gospel expounded therein.

"Oppressed lands," said the author of this Machiavellian book, "are not brought back into the pale of a united Reich by fiery protests, but by the thrusts of a mighty sword." To achieve his glorious purpose, the Fuehrer has descended "as low as to the fiends," and has marched rough-shod over the mangled corpses of States whose right to exist he denied—Austria, Czechoslovakia, and the land of Pilsudski, the liberator, have been crushed underfoot. Now Hitler looks across the economically rich lands to the south towards his Berlin-to-Baghdad scheme of world dominion.

Why have we been placed in the unenviable position of having to fight a war which we have sincerely tried to avoid? Was not the last conflict a "war to end war"? Yes, admittedly so, but there were two vital factors in the "peace settlement" of 1919 which rendered an enduring period of tranquillity well nigh impossible at the outset. In the tense atmosphere of Versailles, when the whole world was in the melting-pot, it was decreed that a crushing burden of reparations should be imposed upon a humiliated Germany. Therein the vengeful diplomats made their greatest mistake, for out of the mire of national degradation and misery rose the contagion of Naziism.

Then again, in framing an arrangement to guarantee the future law and order of the world, in setting up a League of Nations which should mould an ideal international society, the enthusiastic visionaries overlooked the fact that this League was not a League of all the Nations, but that certain large sections were entirely absent. The plan was doomed. . . .

Crisis followed crisis in "the peaceless peace" of 1936-39, and, all avenues of negotiation being closed, at 11.15 a.m. on September

3 last, "Mr. Chamberlain's firm, determined voice in calm tones informed millions of British listeners that Great Britain and Germany were at war."

Britain's call to her Dominions has not been in vain. Everywhere the members of the great Commonwealth of Nations have flocked to the colours to uphold those ideals which they hold so dear. It behoves us, as loyal Australians, to do our utmost to assist the Mother Country in the long struggle that lies ahead. The British Government has declared that we can be of greatest assistance by carrying on "business as usual," and by keeping up a steady flow of supplies, without which the war cannot be won.

Just which way are we to look, when we finally set ourselves to create order out of anarchy? Are we to attempt a restoration of the *status quo*? Must there be a basic change in world society? The one fact that obtrudes itself is that any permanent guarantee of peace must be based upon international, long-range planning, planning in the interests of all nations, upon the basis of an internationallyorganised democracy. Wilson's doctrine of self-determination must loom largely in the territorial re-distribution. A spirit of moderation must be shown towards the vanquished, for it is only reason, coupled with a sound world democracy, that can save the world from chaos.

But first we must win this war against the enemies of peace. Difficult as the task may be, we may safely place our faith, with Dr. Benes, "in the perennial strength of our people, in its energy, toughness and endurance, above all in its faith in those ideals of humanity, freedom and justice, for which it has so often fought and suffered, and by which it has always conquered."

-NEVILLE FORTESCUE.

OBITUARY

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The Late Pilot-Officer William Lockley, R.A.F.

It is with great regret that we record the fatal accident to Pilot-Officer Lockley whilst on Active Service patrolling the North Sea off the Norwegian Coast. He had been in England with the Royal Air Force for a little over a year, and had recently reached his majority.

Lockley was a student at Sydney High in 1935, and was respected by teachers for his manly and courteous demeanour, and he was deservedly popular with the boys. Placed as "breakaway" in the First XV of that year, he proved to be a dashing player, and was noted for his speed (according to Mr. O. S. Smith, of the School Staff). He also excelled in fast following-on and in tackling. He played in all matches in 1935 in the C.H.S. and G.P.S. competitions.

The Record extends to his bereaved parents, of Collaroy, the School's deep sorrow and sympathy.

THE CHALLENGE

This is the wonder, always, everywhere, Not that vast mutability which is event, The pits and pinnacles of chance, But man's desire and valiance which range All circumstance, and come to port unspent.

Not everyone to-day would have the courage to believe in the poet's grand credo. The movement of social and political development in contemporary society must lead to essential doubt as to the progressive nature of the evolution of civilisation, and the capacity of human beings to overcome the primary disruptive forces of Might.

The challenge goes deeper than power politics. The aggressors began their offensive with Hitler's access to power in 1933, and have followed the precedent of the Trojan horse with typical ruthlessness and efficiency. The drift to the jungle has been accelerated by the undermining of legally existing governments, four of which— Abyssinia, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Albania—have been submerged. The imperative need, the discarding of "appeasement," has been accomplished, the Peace Bloc has remained undismayed by the "war of nerves," and we announced our determination to collaborate only with a German Government which has a "sincere desire for peace." Let us face the onerous task ahead, firm in the knowledge that, despite subversive propaganda, despite the past successes of aggression, despite the plunderer's present formidable array, we must prevail.

-Douglas McCallum (5A).

INTER ALIA

An interesting link binding the School of to-day with the days of its foundation is the fine old cedar office chair in the Deputy-Headmaster's room. On the chair are engraved the letters "V.R." (Victoria Regina), surmounted by the Crown, and underneath, "Jun. 1884." In that chair have sat all the men who have guided the destinies of High—Coates, Waterhouse, Hinder, Smith, Saxby, McMullen, Killip. If the old chair could speak, what tales of the past would be unfolded!

A few years ago the chair was removed from the Headmaster's office to that of the Deputy-Headmaster, and there it is still doing duty.

UNION REGULATIONS GOVERNING SPORTING HONOURS

A special sub-committee was recently appointed to revise all regulations governing the award of sporting honours by the Union, and their recommendations have been ratified by the general Union committee. For the information of every boy in the School, these regulations are now published:—

BLAZERS:

Every boy may wear a school blazer on becoming a financial member of the Union.

METAL BADGES:

Every boy may wear one metal badge.

A prefect may wear a prefect's badge only.

POCKETS:

Pockets may be worn by boys who have represented the School in any sport in any grade, as provided hereunder:

- (a) In the cases of Swimming, Athletics and Rifle-shooting, they must have taken part in the annual C.H.S. or G.P.S. Carnivals.
- (b) In the cases of Tennis, Cricket and Football, they must have played at least in three matches.

STRIPS:

Strips may only be worn by boys who have played at least three matches in the FIRST or SECOND teams in Tennis, Cricket or Football; or those who have been in the FIRST or SECOND Rifle-shooting teams; or those who have been members of the Rowing Eight or FIRST or SECOND Four; or those who have represented in the SENIOR or the FIRST DIVISION of the Junior and Under Fourteen events at the combined C.H.S. or G.P.S. Athletic or Swimming carnivals.

GENERAL:

Any strip other than those mentioned in the above list is illegal. Any boy desiring to wear any of the Union's sporting honours should obtain from the master-in-charge of his particular team a certificate as to his performances. This should then be handed to the secretary of the Union, who will issue the official authority to any firm specified by the applicant.

E. BEMBRICK,

Honorary Secretary.

PERSONAL

Mr. Alexander J. Day, ex-Sydney Teachers' Training College and the special Physical Education Training Course, has joined the staff as Teacher of Physical Culture.

The following Old Boys have passed their Fourth Degree Examination in the Faculty of Medicine:—R. B. Blacket (G. S. Caird Scholarship No. 1 for General Proficiency, Harold Alfred Waldron Research Prize in Bacteriology, and Distinction); Credit: H. Emdur, E. J. Khan.



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NEW SOUTH WALES G.P.S. ASSOCIATION, BRISBANE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

The First Annual Meeting was held on the evening of 22nd April, 1939, at the Bellevue Hotel, Brisbane, and was followed by the Annual Boat Race Dinner. During the meeting a recording of the Boat Race held that day was heard from Station 4QG through the courtesy of Mr. A. N. Finlay (Grammar).

The election of officers for the year 1939 resulted as follows:--President: E. R. Cuppaidge (Shore).

Vice-Presidents: A. M. Epps (Grammar), H. S. Nettheim (Grammar). Committee: R. E. Dods (Kings), L. H. Dodwell (Armidale), A. N.

Finlay (Grammar), W. Shand Findlay (Newington), D. K. Irons (Shore), V. Milligan (Ignatius), Dr. A. W. Robertson (Armidale), J. R. Stringer (Shore), T. L. Walker (Kings), W. E. Whatmore (Shore).

Hon. Treasurer: R. W. Docker (Armidale).

Hon. Secretary: C. N. Nettheim (Grammar).

Assistant Hon. Secretary: R. E. Clapin (Grammar).

The retiring President (Mr. H. S. Nettheim), in his report, expressed satisfaction at the steadily increasing membership, and the fact that every Great Public School of New South Wales was repre-

sented. The total of 83 at the close of the first financial year was made up of Kings (19), Grammar (16), Shore (14), St. Ignatius (11), Armidale (9), Newington (7), Scots (3), St. Joseph's (3), High (1).

After the meeting concluded all adjourned to the dining room, where a most successful function was held.

After the Loyal Toast had been honoured, the following toasts were proposed:----

Winner of the Boat Race-Proposed by A. N. Finlay (Grammar). Responses: A. D. Harland (Shore), W. E. Whatmore (Shore).

Country Members-Proposed by A. M. Epps (Grammar). Responses: C. E. Gataker, of Maryborough (St. Ignatius); V. Milligan, of Toowoomba (St. Ignatius).

Sundry Congratulations-Marriages and Births-Proposed by Mr. H. S. Nettheim (Grammar). Responses: E. R. Cuppaidge (Shore), J. R. Stringer (Shore), L. H. Dodwell (Armidale).

The Old Schools-Proposed by Dr. A. W. Robertson (Armidale). Response: H. S. Edwards (Newington).

The Honorary Secretary—Proposed by E. Slatter (Shore). Response: C. N. Nettheim (Grammar).

DEBATING SOCIETY

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This year has been a very successful year for Sydney High School in debating. Large audiences were present at all the meetings during the beginning of the year and, as many members showed considerable skill in debating, the debating master experienced no little difficulty in choosing a team. The debating team, consisting of Messrs. Docker (leader), Ferguson and Badger, was defeated in the second round of the C.H.S. competition, but won the G.P.S. competition. A new constitution was adopted in October and, contrary to usual practice, meetings of the society have been continued throughout last term. It is only to be hoped that next year will be as successful as this.

G. Smith,

Secretary.

THE LIBRARY

The Library continues to be well used by a considerable portion of the School. The Modern Languages section has been enlarged, and it is gratifying to note the increased number of boys reading from this section.

Recent additions to the shelves include:—Beaglehole: Exploration of the Pacific; Hughes: Invasion of China by the Western World; Ogg: Europe in 17th Century; Lipton: Europe in 19th Century;

Davies: Outline History of the World: Ludwig: Hindenburg: Hitler: Mein Kampf; Seton-Watson: Munich and the Dictators; Waln: Reaching for the Stars; Coombes: Some Australian Poets; Halsey: With Malice Towards Some; Hilton: Good-bye, Mr. Chips; Mee: London; Florence: Long Will; Tucker: Judgment and Abbreciation of Literature; Wood: Cobbers; Curie: Madame Curie: Berthon: Nine French Poets; Martinon: Comment on Parle en Français; Lomont: Pasteur; Wordsworth: Modern French Syntax and Composition: Bithell: Advanced German Composition; Lewald: Scenes from German Life; Noakes: Text Book of Light; Lowry & Cavell: Chemistry; Richardson: Physical Science in Modern Life; King, Inorganic Preparations; Rowland: Living Things for Lively Youngsters; Hall & Knight, Higher Algebra; McDowell: Gymnastic Movements; Webster: Why? -the Science of Athletics; Hamilton: Complete Model Aircraft Manual; Thomas & Barton: Wings Over Asia; Harvey: Oxford Companion to Classical Literature; Bayliss: Eight One-Act Plays; Coward: Play Parade; Howard: 18th Century and the Revolution; Hughes: 19th Century and the World War; Spender: A Short History of Our Times.

The work of the Library has been carried out by B. Abbott, N. Docker, B. Wyke, L. Murphy and H. Nicolson. I should like to place on record my appreciation of the splendid service these boys have given.

W. E. CUMMINGS.

DONATIONS

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The Shakespeare Head Press have generously presented the following prizes:-

1. Cup for Class Football.

2. Prizes for French in Years V, III and II.

The latter was donated by Dr. Harden, of the Shakespeare Head Press.

ASSEMBLY, MONDAY, 8th AUGUST

The School was assembled for the purpose of expressing gratitude to the rowing coaches, Mr. F. M. Nichols and Mr. I. J. Duffy.

Mr. Hallett, summing up the successes of our crews, congratulated the coaches on their fine work. There was something more than the winning of races, and that was team spirit and co-operation.

Mr. Phillips, Secretary of the P. & C., also congratulated the teams and their coaches. He drew a lesson from their work, that the School should, as a whole, put the same zest into their activities. The P. & C. did much for Rowing, and it was their immediate aim to establish a School shed.

In the absence of Eric Longley, Captain of the Boats, Norman Docker presented a picture of the Eight to Mr. Nichols. He spoke appreciatively of Mr. Nichols as a coach, as a man, and as an Old Boy. His was an example worth following.

Mr. Nichols, in reply, said that he had been happy to associate with such fine boys and, with the construction of a new shed, looked hopefully towards next year's result.

Meldrum, Stroke of the First Four, then presented a large picture of the First and Second Fours to Mr. Duffy.

The latter was very optimistic about our chances for next year, and expressed his pleasure in coaching the boys who had responded to him always, though a hard task-master. He was grateful to Mr. S. Wick for the great work he had done as Rowing Master and Coach of the Third and Fourth Fours.

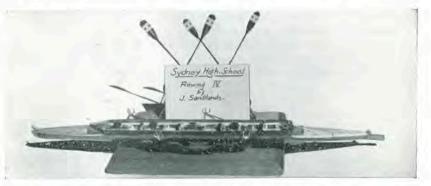
The ceremony was concluded by the School singing They Are Jolly Good Fellows and hearty cheers.

—B. Аввотт (5A).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FRIDAY, AUGUST 17th

The Acting-Headmaster, in referring to the Emergency Fire Drill precautions, emphasised the necessity of classes leaving the School building as silently as possible, in order that commands might be heard by everyone. The previous instructions were modified in that classes were to take up stations under the trees, remote from the School building, so as to be ready to go farther afield should necessity arise.

Championship Cups won by competitors at the S.H.S. Athletics Carnival were presented by the Sportsmaster, Mr. E. P. Patterson, *B.A.*, and the School was addressed by Mr. L. A. Basser, *B.Sc.*, Master-in-Charge of Athletics.



Photograph of a Model designed and built by J. Sandilands (Fourth Year), who was a member of the Rowing IV, 1939. Photo.: R. Blake, 4A.

As the School would be closed for the Combined High Schools' Athletics Carnival on League of Nations Day, August 24th, Mr. Hallett referred briefly to the significance of the League as originally inaugurated, and Mr. P. J. Barwick, B.A., Teacher of History, also addressed the School on the subject. Several present-day authorities were cited as favouring the retention of a League of Nations of some sort if the nations were to settle down to peaceful intercourse. Mr. Barwick referred to the useful social and economic work already accomplished by the League, despite ultimate political failure as at present constituted.

ON BEING AUSTRALIAN (Not Mr. W. T. Brook's "Australian")

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Sydney High School, Moore Park, 1st October, 1939.

The Editor, The Record. Dear Sir,

It is a matter of congratulation that we have in our *Record* such "undesirable nonsense" as articles about "Italian cities" and "Chinese pageants." Australia has inherited more culture from Italian cities than from any purely Australian source, and a true patriot should admit it. I still fail to see the undesirability of mentioning such a wonderful gesture to Australia as the Chinese pageant. The suggestion of Mr. Brooks that we write stories about Randwick (I presume he means the racecourse) is deplorable, but I am sure everyone would be thrilled to the core with an article "On Australian Glass-houses." (Prospective writers, please note!)

Australian literature is "neglected," and our writers "quite complicated," so why not use our present English literature? Why discard five hundred years of artistic writing for the limited and untested Australian literature? We cannot force the evolution of literature; we must wait till time and development give us enough works of quantity and quality to call Australian literature.

However, Mr. Brooks, don't think I am against your idea of a combined G.P.S. and C.H.S. attack on the present state of things. A good fight will do us the world of good. Lead on, Mr. Brooks!

Yours truly,

H. D. NICOLSON, (4B).

THE HEADMASTER ABROAD

By the time *The Record* has been published, Mr. and Mrs. Killip should have covered many miles on their return journey. Meanwhile, Mr. Hallett has heard from the travellers from time to time, and has kept the staff posted as regards the itinerary.

The following excerpts will no doubt interest many of our readers:—

JUNE, 1939: "... Our tour exceeds expectations. We've covered nearly 3,000 miles, round the coast from Southampton to Liverpool, a week in the Isle of Man, eight days at the English Lakes, and arrived in Scotland yesterday. Brilliant sunny weather, the best for a generation, all the way. We stayed at Borrowdale, in the Lake district, a very lovely spot on the south side of Derwentwater, opposite Keswick . . . across the lake, with Skiddaw fells in the background ... amazing kaleidoscopic sky and lake effects from sunset till long after midnight. It is amazing how late colour remains in the sky. I broke much new ground at the Lakes, particularly in the Coniston, Ullswater, sections. The Duddon valley, about which Wordsworth wrote a whole series of sonnets, is out of the beaten track a little, largely because the fell road is inaccessible to sensible motorists. A typical Cumberland stream flowing in a pebbly bed through sheep country, with lovely vistas of scattered hamlets in cultivated sections here and there, and the wilder beauty of the fellside as the valley narrows near the source of the stream. . . I was fortunate, too, to be at the official opening of Wordsworth House at Cockermouth, where the poet was born, now the property of the National Trust. From Borrowdale we moved on to Carlisle, Gretna Green, Ecclefechan (birthplace of Carlyle), and then down the Yarrow Valley-of which Wordsworth and Scott have sung in ecstatic terms-to Galashiels. . . . By good luck we hit upon a guest house, "Kingsknowes" Hotel, on an eminence above Tweed, and all we can see from our bedroom window are two of the three Eildon Hills, the lovely belt of trees on both banks of the river, and in among the woods on the estate the turrets and chimney stacks and gables of Abbotsford-the whole a scene of surpassing beauty. We have visited Melrose, Abbotsford, Dryburgh in the Tweed Valley, and, like most centres we have visited, find it difficult to pack up and push on. . . . Reached Edinburgh . . . after an interesting tour of moorland after leaving Peebles."

JULY, 1939: "... We have had a most comprehensive itinerary. North to John o' Groats, via Dumferline, Perty, Arbroath, Aberdeen, Deeside, Balmoral, Braemar, Pillochry, Inverness, down the Caledonian Canal to Oban, with a good look round the lochs and sea firths in the neighbourhood, a fairly thorough exploration of the Scottish Lakes around Lomond, Katrine, Ard, etc., Stirling, Glasgow, Clydebank, a second trip down the Tweed, Yarrow and Ettrick valleys to Eerwick, down the coast through Durham, Scarborough, Hull, York, Beverley, Knaresborough, Harrogate, Leeds, Nottingham, the Dukeries and the Sherwood Forest area. We explored Stratford-on-Avon and environs very thoroughly for five days, moved on to Oxford for four days, and we are putting in a week here in Cambridge, making it a centre for excursions to various parts of East Anglia....

We had a long but fascinating day yesterday, first in the fen country between Cambridge and Elv, then on to Norwich and Yarmouth. The latter is the Blackpool of East Anglia, splendidly laid out, catering for all tastes. We've not seen a beach in Great Britain which is to be compared with any of Sydney's metropolitan sea beaches. The fen country, like Bedfordshire, is part of the kitchen garden of the country, acres upon acres of spinach, broadbeans, cabbages, potatoes, oats and barley, with colourful patches of scarletrunner beans-all grown on country which, in Hereward 'the Wake's' time, was a noisome swamp. Deep dykes or ditches run by the roadside or intersect the fields, which are divided by hedges or lines of willows pollarded heavily each year. It is a magnificent sight to see this flat country producing such fine crops, literally a kaleidoscope of changing colours, grain crops maturing and the varying greens of a wide variety of farming produce. We found a great deal of interest in the Ely and Norwich Cathedrals, each having distinctive Norman features uncommon among English Cathedrals. In a triangular area with each side about 20 miles, east of Norwich, lie the Norfolk Broads, where numerous small rivers in places broaden out into reedfringed lakes, the haunt of wild fowl, and popular resorts for fishermen and yachtsmen. Windmills are common, and it looks very strange to see across the fields yachts in full sail. We were fortunate in seeing typical boating parties under good conditions. . . .

"At Oxford and Cambridge we have visited a few of the outstanding colleges, punted and boated on the Thames and Cherwell, and along the "Backs" on the Cam, and caught something of the spirit of both places. Although the long vacation is being taken, there is still much activity in the colleges, and the big advantage for the tourist is that University lodgings are available that would be closed to the outsider in term time. At Oxford we stayed at the Old Parsonage on the Banbury Road, a virginia-creeper-clad old house of 1547—in reality, a group of seven cottages converted to one large house. . . . Here at Cambridge we are equally fortunate. Our dining room looks on the Cam, 50 yards away, with the pleasant setting of Jesus Green and its magnificent trees, lime and beech, beyond."

"PHYSICAL FITNESS"

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The New Monthly Official Magazine for State Fitness

The Record has received a copy of the first issue of this new periodical for October. The Editor is Mr. J. McRorie, and the Editorial Committee: Mr. Gordon Young, Capt. R. K. Wilthew and Major H. H. Hardwick.

The October number is notable for an attractive cover design and a foreword by the Minister for Education, the Hon. D. H. Drummond, M.L.A.

In an editorial, the aim of the promoters is expressed thus: "Physical Fitness will endeavour, by word and picture, to present attractively special news, interesting items of information and advice for all who aim at improving their physical standards." Good luck from S.H.S.!



A merry pastime of juniors in days gone by, When the term began each new year; Each First Year lad was "initiated" into "High," By a "ducking," to make it clear.

But now, woe betide that beasily cad Who should dare to lift, even a finger, To "bully" any incoming lad, For in detention long he will linger.

(W. H. CUMINES, 4A.)

OBITER DICTA

"I never wear my old school tie. It always fades so."—Professor J. B. S. Haldane.

"Over-eating is a sort of high treason."-Dr. Wirz.

When George III went surfing in the long ago, he emerged one fine day from the conventional bathing machine what time a band, secreted in another bathing machine, dutifully played God

Save the King. His Majesty was about to have his initial dip in the briny, and maybe the Anthem suggested a warning. At the time he was somewhat mentally unstrung, and his reactions were probably anything but pleasant. One hundred years ago (1839), The Morning Post, in reminiscent mood, gushed brightly:

"Sea-bathing has been found, by medical observations, very injurious to persons who have ever been affected with mental disorders; and, therefore, His Majesty (George III) was very properly restrained from it after one trial."

A scribe recently referred to an advertisement offering an African parrot for sale. *Inter alia*, the gay bird said "many words" and sang "rather deep, with Scottish accent." It also danced and whistled. Such versatility! Drawing a moral, the writer sorrowfully referred to many owners of parrots "who speak (or sing) who would gladly exchange them for parrots who think."

"We have no hymns about the Spanish Armada or the Battle of Waterloo; we rejoice over the discomfiture of Sihon, King of the Amorites, and Og, the King of Bashan" (vide Psalm 135).—Dean Inge.

"There has never been a British refugee."-Lord Lloyd.

And this gem! "Soviet democracy is such that no responsible Soviet Minister would dare to act in the dictatorial manner of Mr. Chamberlain."—Mr. Pat Sloan.

How the world wags!

INTER-SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The I.S.C.F. has been meeting regularly in Room 7 at 1 p.m. each Tuesday and Friday this year, and the meetings have been well attended, many new members having joined.

We believe that the Fellowship is carrying on a good work in the School in spreading the Gospel of the Redeemer Who promised that he "that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out."

A stock of books is available from which all may borrow. Bruce Reimer will be next year's leader. Come along and help to make 1940 a record year. You are assured of a friendly welcome.

-NEVILLE FORTESCUE.



THE FORUM.

A popular "Clearing House of Ideas" in the Cloister.

The Display System has been in operation for nearly 15 months, and still attracts numerous boys. The programme is changed weekly to avoid staleness, and although there is usually a miscellaneous collection of subjects, international and political topics are always emphasised by means of maps, pictures and literary articles.

-'Photo: R. Blake, 4A.

ANNUAL SCHOOL CONCERT

26th and 27th July, 1939

This event was presented under the auspices of the Parents and Citizens' Association, and was a financial success to the amount of £50 or so. The profits were augmented by the sale of sweets, organised by a committee of ladies, and the idea of prize numbers no doubt helped to stimulate business.

Artistically, too, the concert was very successful, and provided generous entertainment. Captain R. K. Wilthew submitted *The Cadet Corps in Camp* (in which Owen Weingott gave an amusing recitation, and Ted Wybrew played his piano-accordion with great success), a Gymnastic Display, and a historical pageant: *Physical Education Through the Ages* (commentary by Mr. P. J. Barwick, B.A.). In the latter, a series of tableaux were formed of living statuary in bronze, The performers were drawn from the senior school, and they displayed poise, control and graceful physique. The groupings were effective

and silently eloquent. This item would have graced the professional variety stage.

The School Choir, as usual, provided two tuneful interludes, this year under the direction of Mr. J. Dabron. A varied programme of music included Handel's Where E'er You Walk, Coates' Bird Songs at Eventide, and some Sea Shanties. Henry Harris (in a pianoforte solo) and Keith Steele (violin)—both showing improved technique enhanced their prestige as artists. Miss Irene Steele and Bailey (4th Year) acted as accompanists.

Unfortunately, Dramatic Art is not a feature of the curriculum. It is developed (if at all!) during stolen moments, such as surreptitious adjournments to classrooms or by dark secret meetings on the stage during the lunch period, what time a healthy argument between a football meeting or whatnot and the acting folk has sometimes to be settled before a rehearsal can take place. Oftentimes dramatic stars do not turn up on time, and . . .! Somehow, however, the show goes on!

This year the talented Owen Weingott staged successfully an amusing burlesque, *Guilty or Not Guilty?* which included the notabilities Christopher Columbus (Neville Stubbs), Guy Fawkes (John Fallick) and Magistrate (Owen Weingott). Douglas McCallum and Maurice Travers were policemen. 4A presented *The Humours of the Strike* (a farce on the days of the horse-railway). This was produced by John Sumner, and was creditable in every way. There were eight members in the cast, John Sumner playing the part of Hartshorn. Paynter (4D) rendered invaluable service in the dressing room as makeup artist.

Fifth Year staged the Banquet Scene from Shakespeare's tragedy, Macbeth. McReady (Banquo's Ghost), Travers (Attendant), Raftos (First Murderer), McCallum and I. and L. Thomas (Lords), played with confidence. Edward Badger gave a notable performance as Macbeth, a fine speaking voice and an excellent sense of rhythm enabling him to express eloquently Shakespeare's lovely blank verse. He brought out fully the tragic tenseness of this great scene, when, in the fury of horror, with uplifted sword, he drove off Banquo's ghost. As Lady Macbeth, Owen Weingott was an excellent foil, looking and playing the role with aplomb. It was in bold contrast to his other activities during the evening, and served to reveal this actor's versatility. The School is indebted to him for essaying such a difficult and undesirable part. But no one knows better than Weingott that the show must go on!

The nuisance value of the irresponsible boy was amply demonstrated on both evenings during the pianoforte item and the Shakespearean presentation. The general hubbub at the back of the hall

was objectionable enough on the first night; but the intentional disorder had an added feature on the second evening by the deliberate rolling of a bottle on the floor during serious declamatory speeches by Edward Badger as Macbeth.

One feels that only by ventilation of such behaviour can a school conscience be developed which will not tolerate a repetition by disorderly elements next time. It is useless to plead that the artists on the stage cannot be heard. The audience at the back of the hall have ears with which to listen. Too many people expect players' voices to boom like a loud radio. There were no amplifiers in the heyday of the Theatre. The normal voice production of the artist, plus the acoustics of the theatre, are but part of the process. A listening and interested audience is necessary, too. When the lights dim before the rise of the curtain, conversation should be hushed. It is a question also of good manners. In Charles Lamb's day illiteracy was widespread, and people who could not read were intent on hearing a play. In his delightful, reminiscent essay, Old China, Lamb avers: "that the company we met there" (in the gallery of the theatre) "not being in general readers of plays, were obliged to attend the more, and did attend, to what was going on on the stage, because a word lost would have been a chasm, which it was impossible for them to fill up."

As naturalism is a significant feature of modern stage technique, and as the player no longer "struts and frets," more is required of the audience than mere passivity. It must learn to listen!

S.H.S. PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

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Since the last issue of The Record in June, the Association has been steadily carrying on the work it set out to accomplish at the beginning of the year. Despite the serious international situation, the budget has been well maintained. The receipts at the 21st of September, 1939, totalling £716, and there is every indication that the year

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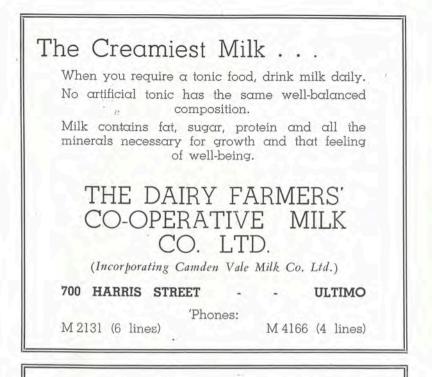
will finish with another record. This is very gratifying to the officebearers and members of the Association, who are striving so earnestly, during these difficult times, to uphold the fine traditions of this School by equipping it with all that is possible which will benefit the boys, and which is reflected in the results and records obtained by the School during the past twelve months in Educational Examinations, Debating, Athletics, Cricket, Swimming, Rowing and Football.

In June last, the petrol power mower broke down, and it became necessary to replace it with a new one earlier than was anticipated. After many enquiries and exhaustive tests, it was decided that a 24inch Dennis Mower, with roller and seat attached for operator, be purchased for £140, and it is very pleasing to all concerned that we were in the financial position to meet this urgent requirement. Reports from the gardeners of the School state that this mower is doing excellent work, which can be seen by the present condition of the lawns and grounds.

The attendances at the monthly dances have been very pleasing, a large number attending regularly every month. The financial result of the following dances has been most satisfactory: June Football, July Prefects, August Athletes, September Cricket, October G.P.S. The receipts from these functions to date total £225 and, as there is one more dance on the 9th December, there is little doubt that we will obtain the amount of £250, the figure we estimated for the year.

The Association wishes to congratulate and thank the Acting-Headmaster, Mr. P. W. Hallett, and his staff for the very fine School Concert they organised and produced on behalf of the funds of the Association. The whole of the programme was given by the boys, which was a credit to both themselves and their masters. The performance was produced on two evenings—Wednesday, 26th July, and Thursday, 27th July, when the large Assembly Hall was full almost to capacity each evening, with the wonderful result that £69 was handed over to the Association. We are sincerely thankful to Mr. Hallett and his staff for their wonderful assistance and co-operation. Throughout the year they have done their utmost to co-operate and assist this Association on every occasion they have had an opportunity to do so.

Early in the year it was suggested by one of our lady members that we should hold a "Father and Son Evening." A letter was sent to the father or male guardian of every boy in the School, inviting him to be present on Tuesday, 10th October, at 7.30 p.m. We are pleased to say that 150 fathers with their sons were able to be present, some having travelled long distances from country towns such as Bega, Nyngan and other places to be present. A most enjoyable entertainment was provided, and the Parents and Citizens' Ladies Auxiliary Committee worked very hard, and provided a very nice



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supper, the tables looking most attractive, and we are very thankful to them for their very fine effort.

The Acting-Headmaster, Mr. P. W. Hallett, presided, and warmly welcomed all present. Mr. Hallett said that he could not let the occasion pass without taking the opportunity of eulogising the activities and wonderful work the Parents and Citizens' Association was doing for the boys and School, and that much of the valuable work depended on the co-operation of the fathers and mothers with the Association and staff of the School.

The President, Mr. H. B. Edwards, also extended a welcome to the fathers present, and invited every one of them to take an active interest in the Association, whose sole object was to benefit their sons by providing everything possible that would be of help to them in their scholastic and physical welfare, as well as their sporting activities.

We know that all present enjoyed themselves. Expressions were made by some fathers that they hoped this would be an annual event, and we feel sure that many new acquaintances were made. A suggestion has been made that, owing to the success of this function, it might be possible to hold a Mother and Son Evening during 1940.

It is with very great sorrow we record the death on Friday, 6th October, of our late Past President, Mr. A. R. Sullivan, who was so well known to the parents and boys over the last ten years. He was a true friend and a great worker for the School. Mr. Sullivan was the second President of the Association, and occupied the position for five years from 1929 to 1934 with dignity, efficiency and enthusiasm. We mourn his passing, and extend our deepest sympathy to the members of his family.

To those boys who are now completing their fifth year, sitting for their Leaving Certificate, some passing on to higher education by entering on a University course, and others entering a commercial and business life, we extend our very best wishes for your future success, and we trust that you will always remember and endeavour in some way to help the School which has done so much to fit you for your position in life, and we, the Parents and Citizens' Association, commend to you one way that you can help your old School, is to become a member of *The Sydney High School Old Boys' Union* this coming year 1940, and, in later years, you will become a member and render service to this Association, and so help your old School to maintain and increase, if possible, the very high standard it has attained.

I would like to quote the following extract from a letter recently received by the Association: "I am enclosing a donation of one guinea towards the funds of the Parents and Citizens' Association. This donation is a token of my great appreciation for all that your Association has done for my old School. With all good wishes."

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in our Association. While we realise that it is not possible for all parents to attend the monthly meetings, the Association feels that, in a School accommodating approximately 850 boys, the work should not be left to the comparatively few who make it their duty to assist. It should be realised by all parents that, although the Government of New South Wales provides the magnificent building and grounds together with the very efficient teaching staff, much remains to be done in equipping the School so that the boys may continue to uphold its very excellent traditions. The Association appeals, therefore, to all parents to put something into the School out of which their sons reap so many benefits. This can be done by joining the Parents and Citizens' Association, and helping in some personal way, financial or otherwise, and so assist to carry on the work for which it was formed.

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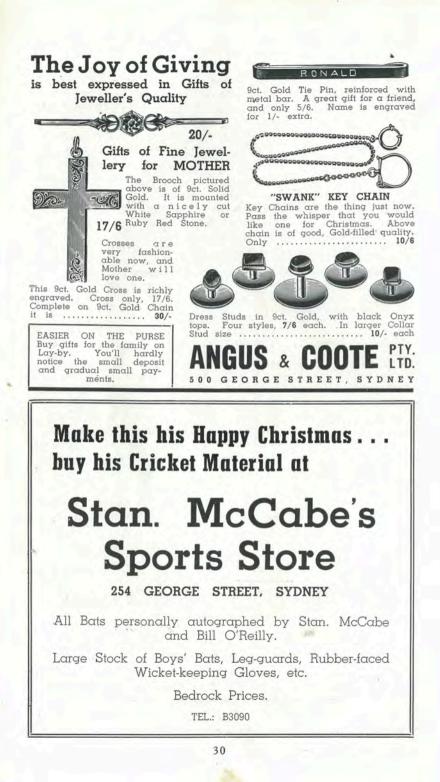
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59 Pitt Street, Sydney, 3rd Nov., 1939.

The Editor, S.H.S. "Record."

Dear Sir,-After a period since 1934 I have again become associated with the activities of the Old Boys' Union, and as it is known to many Old Boys, as well as a large proportion of the Staff, that my interest in the welfare of the School has been sustained over a long period of years.



I would now like to take the opportunity of appealing to all the boys who will be finishing their school course this year that, as soon as they possibly can, they will continue their interest in the School in any way that may lie before them.

Become a member of the Old Boys' Union, and then make an effort to be present at the Annual Meeting, which should be held by the end of January next. You will then be brought into contact with the officers, and may soon find that there will be some activity that you could become interested in.

The system under which you have benefited in the period of your education has given you much, which has been free to you, and in order to fully appreciate these wonderful advantages, quite a large section of the Old Boys of the School expect that you will, in the course of the times ahead of you, do your best to keep an interest in the welfare of the School.

A particular appeal is made to all the boys who have been participants in the Cricket, Football and Rowing activities. You are reminded that the acquisition of the Sports Ground in Centennial Park has given you a wonderful advantage in its use. The Rowing also was definitely established at the School by the strong support given by Old Boys at the outset.

The members of the Grade Cricket Teams are reminded that the practice pitches in the School ground were first laid down out of funds provided by the Old Boys' Union. I feel somewhat disappointed to hear that in some instances boys of the teams have not remained for practice on these pitches after school, when the opportunity was there for them. A lot of time and trouble was undertaken in the early stages to have this facility supplied, and it is therefore expected that the members of the cricket teams will use them and co-operate with the masters, who so interestedly are willing to coach their teams.

I therefore hope that the senior boys who will be back at School next year will in every aspect give the very best lead that they can and fully maintain the best for the School.

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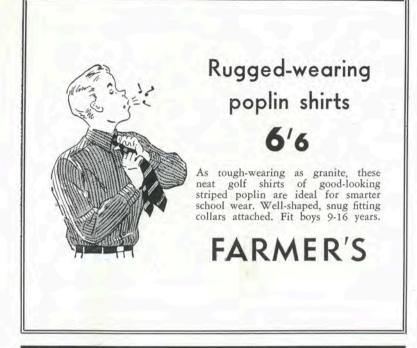
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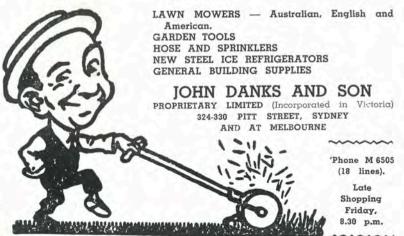
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FOOTBALL

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We must extend to Mr. ("Bill") Cerutti our appreciation of the hours he spent in coaching the First XV. We must thank also the Ladies' Committee for their valuable services which helped to make Saturday afternoon football more pleasant for the boys.

On the last day of the term, the Third Annual Football Luncheon was held, and proved very successful. Mr. Hallett took charge of the proceedings, and among the official guests were Mr. G. Young and Mr. W. Cerutti, to whom a presentation was made for the good work he did throughout the season.

In the afternoon of that day the Old Boys' match was played, and it was indeed pleasing to see so many ex-pupils arrive and make it a success.

First Grade

The First XV, with a strong set of forwards and capable backs, had quite a good year.

In the C.H.S. competition, there were many close games. The results are detailed below.

First round:-

- S.H.S. v. Hurlstone, won 16-8 (Cremin 2, Shilland tries, Cawsey 2 goals 1 penalty).
- S.H.S. v. North Sydney, lost 8-9 (Cremin, Cawsey tries, Cawsey 1 goal).
- S.H.S. v. Fort Street, won 21-6 (Wilcox 3, McCouatt tries, Cawsey 3 goals, 1 penalty).
- S.H.S. v. Canterbury, won 18-8 (Wilcox 2, Fagg 2, McMillan tries, Cawsey 3 goals).
- S.H.S. v. Technical, won 22-9 (Fagg 2, Cremin, Wilcox tries, Cawsey 2 goals, 2 penalties).
- S.H.S. v. Parramatta, won 44-5 (Wilcox 5, Cremin 2, Shilland, Dawson, Wieland tries, Cawsey 4 goals, 2 penalties). Second round:—
- S.H.S. v. Hurlstone, won 13-3 (Cremin, Kaad, Wilcox tries, Cawsey 2 goals).

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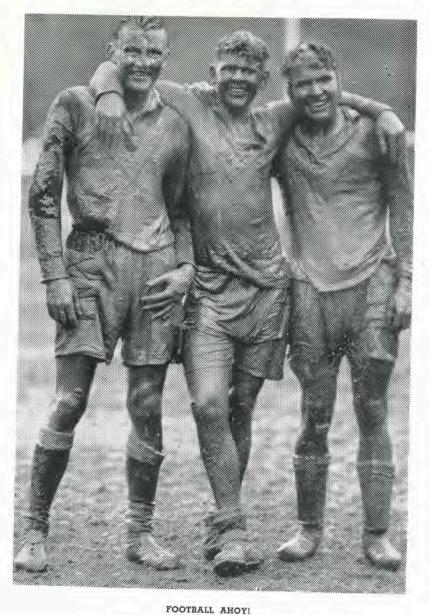
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S.H.S. v. North Sydney, won 3-0 (Cawsey a penalty).

S.H.S. v. Fort Street, won 27-3 (Wilcox 2, Kaad 2, Cremin, Fagg, Hart tries, Wieland 2, Cawsey goals).

- S.H.S. v. Canterbury, won 16-9 (Cremin, Wilcox, Clay tries, Cawsey 2 goals, 1 penalty).
- S.H.S. v. Technical, won 11-10 (Cremin, Wilcox, Fagg tries, Cawsey a goal).
- S.H.S. v. Parramatta, won 31-3 (Clay 3, Wieland 2, McMillan, Weingott tries, Cawsey 4, McMillan goals).

Of the twelve matches played in the C.H.S. competition, only one match was lost, and that was to North Sydney, 8-9.

In the G.P.S. competition we had a fair record, beating as many teams as beat us. However, every one of the matches was closely contested, and the team was never in disgrace. The outstanding game of the season was that against St. Joseph's College, in which we were beaten by a field goal. Right up to the final whistle the spectators were thrilled by the fact that, if "High" beat "Joey's," it would be the first time in history.

The following list shows the results of the matches played:— S.H.S. v. S.J.C., lost 5-9 (Baret try, Cawsey a goal).

- S.H.S. v. S.I.C., won 17-12 (Wilcox 3, Weingott, Wieland tries, Cawsey a goal).
- S.H.S. v. T.K.S., won 19-11 (Cremin 2, Kaad 2 tries, Cawsey 2 goals, 1 penalty).
- S.H.S. v. T.S.C., lost 9-11 (Weingott a try, Cawsey, Wieland penalties).

S.H.S. v. S.G.S., draw 3-3 (Clay a try).

S.H.S. v. N.C., won 11-3 (McMillan, Weingott tries, Cawsey a goal, Wieland a penalty).

S.H.S. v. S.C.E.G.S., lost 8-19 (Cremin, McMillan tries, Cawsey a goal).

In the Old Boys' match, after playing for an hour, the School was leading by quite a fair margin, but by some "slight" misjudgment on the part of the referee, Mr. Fairland (an Old Boy!), the match went on for another half an hour, and we were narrowly defeated.

In the selection of the Combined G.P.S. teams, members chosen from Sydney High were: Cremin in the Firsts, McConatt in the Seconds, Weingott and Baret in the Thirds, as well as Glover, Shilland, Wieland and Hart as reserves.

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Second Grade

Second Grade had another successful season in the C.H.S. competition, being outright Premiers. Only one match was lost, the first of the season, that against Hurlstone High School. In ten matches, Sydney High scored 183 points to a total of 42 scored by opponents.

In the G.P.S. competition, the opposition was mostly too strong. We won two matches only out of six played, scoring 46 points to our opponents' 108.

The season, as a whole, was one with which we should feel well pleased, especially in the matter of the spirit in which the games were played, and in which our own teams co-operated in re-adjustments within the three upper grades.

We have once more to thank Mr. Cerutti for assistance given, and Mr. Ahern, our enthusiastic supporter, for his continued keenness and help.

We were pleased to see a number of senior boys, playing football for the first time in their school careers, making a success of the game, and enjoying it. We should have been still better pleased if they had begun their football in their tender years.

-W. H. JUDD, J. E. HAGAN.

Third Grade

The Third Grade had another successful season, emerging as Premiers after two rounds of hard-fought and interesting football. This success was due, not so much to spectacular individual efforts, but rather to the co-operative team spirit that prevailed throughout the season. All members played their part heroically and earnestly to build up a match-winning machine.

Khan, as Capt. and fullback, played solidly and effectively; Kent as five-eighth, Reay as centre and Seare as hooker did their job efficiently.

Special mention should be made of those members of the Grade who, in spite of the fact that they were not fortunate enough to be chosen, turned out each week for practices, and held themselves in readiness as reserves should the necessity arise. Such enthusiasm augurs well for the 1940 season.

Fourth Grade

We are not at all down-hearted, though we managed to reach no better place than third in our competition. We shall not seek to offer excuses, even if, in our own minds, we are conscious of having been handicapped by the absence through injuries of key players at critical times, but rather offer our congratulations to the excellent teams turned out by Technical High School and North Sydney High School.

Our best point-scorers were: Maclaren (fullback and Captain), who was responsible for 33 points; Peet, Failes, Kirke and Pike, who



scored 9 each. Our half-back, Palmer, was always reliable, and Campbell must be mentioned as the most energetic and determined player among the forwards.

The match we shall look back on with most pleasure was that in which we defeated North Sydney (10-3), thus making amends for our earlier discomfiture (3-14). Despite mud, wind and rain, our side played with fine spirit.

Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade had another very successful season, and again won the Premiership.

The Fifth Grade competition was a particularly good one. There was not a weak team among the seven schools. Consequently, there were no runaway wins; indeed, the teams played so brilliantly, and were so evenly matched, that no expriments could be tried with the teams. Our team was beaten once and drew once, and yet won by two points, showing how the fortunes of the games must have fluctuated.

Fifth Grade was a very well-balanced team; it had no real weakness, and was really stronger in the forwards than in the backs. That is unusual in school teams, and particularly in our teams. Forwards should realise that their work is not only scrumming and rucking-their most important function is getting the ball to the backs, and then getting the ball from the backs. Do you get that? You will never be a great forward till you do get that. Now the Fifth forwards worked on that principle more than any other team I have had to train. The passing rushes among the forwards after getting the ball from line-outs, or from the half in possession, were really fine. Time and again Crossin, Wilson, Dexter, Bacon, Thorburn, Beveridge, Campbell, Ellis, Christensen, Simpson and Allen would handle the ball just like three-quarters or tip-top forwards should. Another feature of forward play was keeping the ball, and keeping on the ball. In this respect Wilson, Crossin, Dexter and Beveridge were outstanding. Referees generally considered Wilson and Crossin among the best forwards playing. We agree.

The backs did not always combine as well as they might. However, some very fine movements were finished off with scores. Lack of combination was due sometimes to the backs running too far or trying to do too much individually. That is not a great fault, for our principle is never to pass the ball except to a player in better position. Of course, that requires rare judgment, but it was not beyond the Fifth's at times.

R. Brown was an excellent half, with very good judgment in defence. Meers, as half, was fine in attack, but was too new to the game to defend well. As a wing three-quarter, Meers played very well, and did some beautiful runs. Schulman, as Captain and five-

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eighth, was an inspiration to the team. He was untiring, intercepted, and ran splendidly. K. White, as a centre, was very solid and a great tackler. J. Brown, the other regular centre, saved many tries by his pace and good tackling, and scored many tries by pace and determination—a 70 yards run being his best. Stewart and Howell did well, and Bacon, when called to the wing, did some good work. Baker, the regular winger, who injured a hand, was our surest tackler, and a very straight and determined runner. Spence, the regular fullback, was a great success. His taking on the full was excellent, his kicking powerful, and his tackling, though still lacking the grip, was much improved. Thorburn kicked goals accurately, and with little effort.

We must congratulate the Fifths on the excellent spirit in which they played the game. We believe that there was not one boy who gave a thought to anything but the joy of the game once he got on the field. In this respect, we must note the help and support the team got from its emergency men—Shanks, Cameron, Ross, Burnett, and others. They attended practices regularly, and, we hope, got good fun out of the practices.

We had time only for one outside match-Christian Bros.' College, Waverley-and had an exciting and enjoyable game.

Fifth Grade record was:-

S.H.S. v. Hurlstone-won 8-6, 17-8.

,, v. N.S.—won 16-0, 29-0.

,, v. Canterbury-won 10-0, 15-3.

,, v. Fort Street-won 16-6, 14-3.

" v. T.H.S.—lost 3-11, drew 3-3.

,, v. Parramatta-won 14-9, 3-0.

Competition points: 25/28.

" v. Christian Bros.' College-won 15-3.

Sixth Grade

Sixth Grade had a good season and finished Co-Premiers with Parramatta.

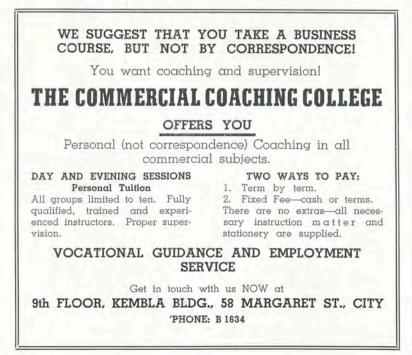
In this competition the teams were not nearly as evenly matched as in the Fourths and Fifths. There were many hollow victories, but also many good games. Parramatta and ourselves were outstanding, and it was a fitting ending as co-Premiers.

Sixth Grade did not show the high standard of general play as did the Fifths. Their success was due to individual brilliance and hard play. At times the combination was excellent, and the ball would be handled by all the backs for the wingers to score. Often it did not need to get that far, for Clarke, Knox, Hopkins or Mitchell would cut in to beat the opposition.

Dumbrell, as fullback, played some good games, but did not handle well off the ground. Raey and Denton, as wingers, ran well,

and Denton tackled very well. McMinn, as winger or centre, was safe, and a good team man. Knox and Mitchell were the regular centres. Both performed well, with Knox at times cutting in and dummying finely, and Mitchell doing a great deal of work. Clarke, as Captain, led his team well; he ran brilliantly, and scored many tries. Hopkins, the half, was the life of the team, and both in attack and defence did a remarkable amount of work. His tackling was excellent, his kicking good, and his work near the line that of a real half—he was a prolific try-getter, and kicked as many as seven goals in a match.

The forwards worked hard and, at times, handled well, but the taking was not up to Fifth Grade standard. Bevan was brilliant at times, and ran and side-stepped well. Kingsmill was very energetic, but did not handle enough. One or two tries were very good. Dunn was a hard worker and a hard runner who caused the opposition a lot of trouble. Patrick was well on the ball, and scored more tries than the referees gave him. Barrett was the opportunist, and was generally there when an opening showed. K. Kahn hooked well, and was a good bustler. R. Kahn did good work, and was a solid tackler. He could have run better. Davis played some good games, but did not tackle well. Burton, West, Anderson, Miller and Scott did their bit when called on.



Sixth Grade, like Fifth Grade, were very assiduous at practice, and got more play there than in the competition. Sixth Grade lost only one match, and that by 3-0. Their record was:—

S.H.S. v. Hurlstone-won 52-0, 29-0.

,, v. N.S.—won 14-0, 21-0.

,, v. Canterbury-won 17-8, 24-5.

" v. Fort Street—won 11-3, 8-3.

,, v. T.H.S.—won 44-0, 17-0.

,, v. Parramatta—won 9-0, lost 0-3. Competition points: 26/28.

" v. Christian Bros.' College-drew 6-6.

ATHLETICS

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Again Sydney High has fielded athletic teams of which the School can reasonably be proud. A tradition has been built, and although ceaseless selfless striving is necessary to maintain it, each year the effort is made anew. On paper, next year looks rather lean; we lose many fine athletes, but we must mark the weak spots and, by intelligent training, fill the gaps.

Briefly, the School's record this year has been: A successful carnival of a high standard in August; a clean sweep of Senior, Junior, Juvenile and Aggregate at C.H.S.; a win in a match against Trinity Grammar School; a reasonable share of titles in the N.S.W. schoolboy championships; and, finally, runners-up in both Senior and Junior at G.P.S.

The G.P.S. meeting was not a disappointment—our teams were good, but met teams who, on the day, were better. The struggle was clean and exciting, the standard of athletics high, and one cannot ask more than that.

G.P.S. Athletics Meeting

Students of form had long proclaimed that the tussle between St. Joseph's and the title-holders (High) would be dramatically close, and so it proved. Our first win came in the 880, when Fagg courageously asserted his superiority over a powerful field in the good time of 2 mins. 2 secs. The first lap, $56\frac{4}{5}$ secs., was too fast for record-breaking, but restraint is difficult, although necessary, when the field is going away.

Kaad followed with a convincing victory in the Hurdles, his time, 15.5 secs., being a tenth outside the record. Only one G.P.S. hurdler, J. S. White, of King's, has ever beaten or approached his skill as a hurdler.



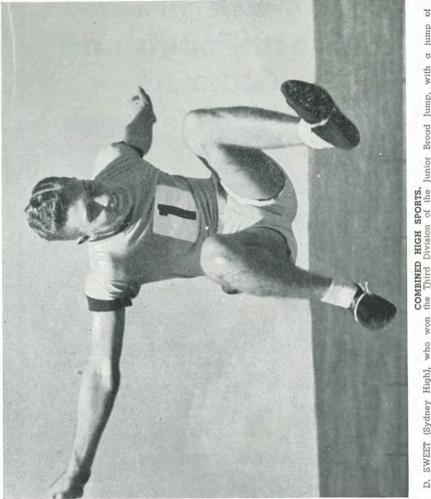
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Baret followed with a Shot Putt win at 46ft. 1in .- another second best in the history of the competition, and four feet ahead of his nearest competitor.

The points piled up steadily. McWhirter soundly won one division of the Mile in 4 mins. $51\frac{1}{2}$ secs., and Rose, judging his pace perfectly, gained a worthy fourth in the Championship.

Despite strenuous preparation, Bach could do no better than fourth in the High Jump, and the St. Joseph's Relay Team relegated ours to second place with a speedy even time run.

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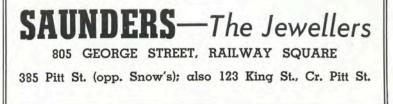


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sprinters set long ago by J. A. Carlton. In so excellent a field, Kaad's third was notable.

With only the 440 teams race to run, High had a seven point lead from St. Joseph's. Only too well we knew that their quality practically assured them of 24 points-12 for the championship and 12 for the teams. But the two nines for the second places would give us a one point victory could we but get them. A last-minute change was made in the team, and Kaad, who had run but one 440 this year, replaced King. The desperate chance worked. Despite four previous strenuous events, Kaad ran a brilliantly judged race from the outside track, winning in 53 secs .- a true captain's race. That gave the School a chance of victory. Willcox carried on the good work with a third in the next division and, with one race to go, we could still win. It was a repeat performance of the last act of our favourite drama, for in each of the last four years the position has been the same. Twice we had won and once lost, and this time Fagg's strength, drained by the 880, proved unequal to the task, and St. Joseph's claimed the victory.

The Junior team, with Wittman, Freeman and Dethick outstanding, fought valiantly. They gained second place seven times, with most of the decisions going against them by inches only. But Grammar, with six firsts, were unbeatable, and comfortably retained the title.

G.P.S. Athletics Results

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

100 Yards

B. Ryan (J.), 1; K. Gallard (K.), 2; F. Kaad (H.), 3; C. Schwilk (A.), 4; F. Epton (E.), 5. Time: 10 secs. (Equals record).

220 Yards

B. Ryan (J.), 1; K. Gallard (K.), 2; F. Epton (E.), 3; C. Schwilk (A.), 4; J. North (G.), 5. Time: 22 secs.

440 Yards (Division I)
 F. Kaad (H.), 1; W. Flanagan (J.), 2; S. Suhan (E.), 3; R.

Wilson (K.), 4; E. Phippard (G.), 5. Time: 53 secs.

440 Yards (Division II)

W. Beath (J.), 1; K. Gallard (K.), 2; P. Willcox (H.), 3; B. O'Neill (I.), 4; D. Taylor (E.), 5. Time: $52\frac{4}{5}$ secs.

440 Yards (Championship)

B. Ryan (J.), 1; E. Lane (G.), 2; F. Edols (K.), 3; F. Epton
E.), 4; C. Leahy (I.), 5; R. Fagg (H.), 6. Time: 51¹/₂ secs.
Teams' Events

(J.), 1; (K.), 2; (H.), 3; (E.), 4; (G.), 5.

880 Yards

R. Fagg (H.), 1; C. Leahy (I.), 2; E. Lane (G.), 3; N. Taylor (J.), 4; R. Evans (K.), 5. Time: 2 mins. 2 secs.

Mile (Division I)

G. McWhirter (H.), 1; R. MacGregor (S.), 2; G. O'Shaughnessy (L.), 3; R. Handley (J.), 4; M. Robinson (K.), 5. Time: 4 mins. 51¹/₂ secs.

Mile (Division II)

W. Burgess (E.), 1; A. Cooper (J.), 2; K. Morgan (I.), 3; A. Clarke (G.), 4; R. Davidson (S.), 5. Time: 4 mins. 51¹/₁₀ secs.

Mile (Champonship)

D. Yates (E.), 1; R. Minter (K.), 2; R. Clemesha (S.), 3; D. Rose (H.), 4; J. O'Riordan (I.), 5. Time: 4 mins. $43\frac{1}{10}$ secs.

Teams' Event

(E.) and (S.) 1; (I.), 3; (H.), 4; (K.), 5.

Shot Putt

K. Baret (H.), 1; R. Halter (J.), 2; J. Robilliard (S.), 3; D. Vanderfield (G.), 4; G. Wearne (E.), 5. 46ft. 1in.

120 Yards Hurdles

F. Kaad (H.), 1; A. Maxwell (E.), 2; C. Schwilk (A.), 3; R. Kenna (J.), 4; G. Berry (K.), 5. Time: 15¹/₂ secs.

High Jump

N. Matthews (N.), 1; D. Vanderfield (G.), 2; N. Martin (J.), 3; J. Bach (H.), 4; P. Ibery (E.), 5. 5ft. 8ins.

Broad Jump

K. Gallard (K.), 1; F. Kaad (H.), 2; R. Flanagan (J.), 3; J. North (G.), 4; W. Prior (I.), 5. 21ft. 9ins.

440 Yards Relay

St. Joseph's College (A. Tonkin, A. Flanagan, W. Flanagan, B. Ryan), 1; Sydney High, 2; King's, 3; Sydney Grammar, 4; The Scots College, 5. Time: 44 secs.

Aggregate

S.J.C., 96 points, 1; S.H.S., 89, 2; T.K.S., 74, 3; S.C.E.G.S., 67¹/₂, 4; S.G.S., 57, 5.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

100 Yards

G. Yum (I.), 1; R. Wittman (H.), 2; J. Elliott (J.), 3; W. Fox (G.), 4; W. Caloy (S.), 5. Time: 11 secs.

220 Yards

W. Fox (G.), 1; J. Elliott (J.), 2; G. Yum (I.), 3; D. Church (S.), 4; R. Wittman (H.), 5. Time: 24 secs.

880 Yards

E. Dunshea (A.), 1; T. Hughes (I.), 2; J. Maiden (K.), 3;
 I. Carter (E.), 4; E. Fahey (J.), 5. Time: 2 mins. 5¹/₂ secs.
 High Jump

N. Smith (G.), 1; D. Freeman (H.), 2; J. Elliott (J.), 3; P. Knight (S.), 4; N. Martin (J.), 5. 5ft. 5ins. Broad Jump

N. Smith (G.), 1; D. Freeman (H.), 2; R. Eonomini (J.), 3; R. Veness (N.), 4; H. Sharpe (A.), 5. 19ft. 11ins.

90 Yards Hurdles

E. Finck (E.), 1; R. Wittman (H.), 2; E. Lenthall (G.), 3; J. Leith (A.), 4; P. Snow (S.), 5. Time: 13¹/₃ secs.

Under 16 Relay

Sydney Grammar School (E. Lenthall, D. North, L. Bond, W. Fox), 1; Sydney High School (Freeman, Van Dugteren, Reimer, Wittman), 2; Shore, 3; St. Ignatius' and St. Joseph's Colleges, 4. Time: 48¹/₂ secs.

Under 15 Relay

Sydney Grammar School (W. Goddard, J. Carfrae, N. Smith, D. Champion), 1; Sydney High School (Harris, May, Elder, Dethick), 2; Sydney Church of England Grammar School, 3; Newington College, 4; St. Ignatius' and St. Joseph's Colleges, 5. Time: 49 secs.

100 Yards

D. Champion (G.), 1; R. Dethick (H.), 2; K. Vidler (N.), 3; E. Dahlem (K.), 4; C. Doyle (J.) and A. MacNeill (A.), 5. Time: $10\frac{19}{10}$ secs.

Under 14 100 Yards

J. Coghlan (E.), 1; J. Davoren (J.), 2; J. Carfrae (G.), 3; D. Church (S.), 4; G. Middleton (E.), 5. Time: 11½ secs. 220 Yards

J. Coghlan (E.), 1; J. Davoren (J.), 2; K. Austin (G.), 3; J. Salmon (S.), 4; G. Middleton (K.), 5. Time: 26¹/₂ secs. High Jump

K. Campling (N.), 1; R. Johns (S.) and M. Rose (A.), 2; E. Summerbell (K.), 4; J. Coghlan (E.), R. Cuneen (G.) and R. Rowlston (H.), 5. 4ft. 10ins.

Aggregate

S.G.S., 104 points, 1; S.H.S., 76, 2; S.C.E.G.S., 73¹/₂, 3; S.J.C., 63¹/₂, 4; T.S.C., 47, 5.

C.H.S. Athletics Meeting

As ever, team work won the day at C.H.S. Only four Senior Championships were obtained, but the second and third division men were always on the job and, in the thirty finals, were only twice lower than third place.

This was even more marked in the Junior, as the only championship obtained was in the Relay, yet the team won by 22 points. Clay, Freeman, Wittman, Reimer and Myers, to name but a few show promise for next year.

The Juveniles, who were coached by Mr. J. Barwick this year, had a runaway win by 40 points, Dethick and P. Dreelin in particular performing very well.

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Following	are	the deta	iled results:	
		C.H.S.	RESULTS - SENIOR	

EVENTS.	DIVISION I.	DIVISION II.	DIVISION III.			
100 Yards	F. P. Kaad (2)	P. M. Willcox, 10 4/5 secs.	T. Berry, 11 sees.			
220 Yards	F. P. Kaad (4)	P. M. Willcox, 24 1/10 secs.	T. Berry (2)			
440 Yards	R. G. Fagg (2)	G. McWhirter (3)	State States			
	R. G. Fagg, 2 m. 2 9/10 secs.	J. Ellis, 2 m., 8 3/5 secs.	J. McCouatt (2)			
Mile	G. McWhirter (2)	J. Ellis (2)	J. Duffy (2)			
High Jump	J. P. Bach (2)	R. Nairn (2)	N. Docker (2)			
	F. P. Kaad (3)	R. Nairn, 20ft. 2½ins.	W. McMurray, 19ft. 10 ² / ₄ ins.			
Shot Putt	K. Baret, 44ft. 5½ins.	W. McMurray (2)	N. Docker, 37ft. 4 ⁴ / ₂ in.			
Hurdles	F. P. Kaad, 15½ secs.	R. Nairn (2)	E. White (2)			

Circular Relay: Sydney (1) [Kaad, Berry, Willcox, King]; Technical (2), 45 2/5 sees.

Senior Cup: Sydney, 234; North Sydney, 194; Fort Street, 117.

EVENTS. DIVISION I.	DIVISION II.	DIVISION III.
100 Yards	B. Reimer, $11\frac{1}{2}$	D. Sweet (2)
220 Yards	B. Reimer (2)	M. Myers (2)
440 Yards		10.00
Hurdles J. Coombe (3)	and the second se	O. Duffy, 14 secs.
High Jump D. Freeman (2)) L. Brasser (2)	L. Bear, 5ft. 3ins.
Broad Jump . D. Freeman (3)) M. Myers (2)	D. Sweet, 18ft. 1in.
Shot Putt D. Glover (2)	L. Foley (2)	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

C.H.S. RESULTS - JUNIOR

Relay: Sydney (1) [Clay, Reimer, Myers, Sweet]; Technical (2); (equals record).

Junior Cup: Sydney, 145; Fort Street, 123; Technical, 122.

C.H.S. RESULTS — JUVENILE

EVENTS.	DIVISION I.	DIVISION II.	DIVISION III.
100 Yards	R. Dethick, 11 2/5 secs.	J. Williams (2)	S. Riley (2)
220 Yards	R. Dethick (2)		J. Williams, 27 ¹ / ₂ secs.
	R. Dethick (3) R. Dethick (2)	R. Sharpe (3)	P. Dreelin (3) R. Roulston, 15ft. 9in.
Hurdles	P. Dreelin (2)	R. Dethick, 10 3/10 secs.	G. Stewart, 10 2/5 secs.

Relay: Sydney (1) [Dethick, Dreelin, Williams, Riley]; Cessnock (2). 52 3/10 sees.

Juvenile Cup: Sydney, 131; Technical, 911; Cessnock, 81.

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S.H.S. Athletics' Carnival

With so much subsequent excitement the School meeting now seems very remote. The standard was high enough to promise a successful year, and we were not disappointed.

F. P. Kaad convincingly won the Senior Cup, D. D. Freeman the Junior, and R. Dethick claimed the Juvenile trophy after an interesting tussle with P. Dreelin.

The popular competition for the class pennant, which includes every event on the programme, was narrowly won by 4A, $120\frac{1}{2}$ points, with 3B, $110\frac{1}{2}$, and 5B, $91\frac{1}{2}$, close up.

S.H.S. Results

SENIOR

100 Yards

F. Kaad, 1; P. Willcox, 2; T. Berry, 3. Time: $10\frac{2}{5}$ secs. (Equals record.)

220 Yards

F. Kaad, 1; T. Berry, 2; P. Willcox, 3. Time: 233 secs.

440 Yards

R. Fagg, 1; G. McWhirter, 2; T. Berry, 3. Time: 533 secs. 880 Yards

R. Fagg, 1; G. McWhirter, 2; J. Ellis, 3. Time: 2 mins. 8³/₅ secs.

Mile

R. Fagg, 1; G. McWhirter, 2; J. Duffy, 3. Time: 4 mins. 56 secs.

Broad Jump

F. Kaad, 1; R. Nairn, 2; W. McMurray, 3. Distance: 20ft. 4ins. High Jump

J. Bach, 1; R. Nairn and N. Docker, 2. Height: 5ft. 51ins.

3ft. 6in. Hurdles

F. Kaad, 1; R. Nairn, 2; E. Davies, 3. Time: 16⁴/₅ secs.

3ft. 3in. Hurdles

F. Kaad, 1; R. Nairn, 2; E. White, 3. Time: 16 secs.

Shot Putt

K. Baret, 1; W. McMurray, 2; N. Docker, 3. Distance: 43ft. 10ins.

School Cup

F. Kaad, 1; R. Fagg, 2.

JUNIOR

100 Yards

B. Clay, 1; B. Reimer, 2; R. Wittman, 3. Time: 11 secs.

220 Yards

B. Clay, 1; R. Wittman, 2; B. Reimer, 3. Time: 24⁴/₅ secs. 440 Yards

D. Freeman, 1; J. Dreelin, 2; J. Coombe, 3. Time: 57 secs. 880 Yards J. Coombe, 1; P. Johnson, 2; I. Stuart, 3. Time: 2 mins. 22 secs. Broad Jump D. Freeman, 1; M. Myers, 2; D. Sweet, 3. Distance: 19ft. 11Jins. High Jump L. Basser, 1; D. Freeman, 2; B. Reimer, 3. Height: 5ft. 2ins. 90 Yards Hurdles J. Coombe, 1; O. Duffy, 2; I. Stuart, 3. Time: 133 secs. Shot Putt D. Glover, 1; L. Foley, 2; J. Coombe, 3. Distance: 43ft. 4ins. Junior Cub D. Freeman, 1; J. Coombe, 2. **IUVENILE** 100 Yards R. Dethick, 1; J. Williams, 2; S. Riley, 3. Time: 113 secs. 220 Yards R. Dethick, 1; S. Riley, 2; A. Howell, 3. Time: 27²/₅ secs. Broad Jump R. Dethick, 1; P. Dreelin, 2; R. Roulston, 3. Distance: 18ft. 1 Jins. High Jump R. Dethick, 1; R. Sharpe, 2; P. Dreelin, 3. Height: 4ft. 8ins. Shot Putt P. Dreelin, 1; R. Dethick, 2; T. Wild, 3. Distance: 36ft. 51ins. 60 Yards Hurdles P. Dreelin, 1; D. Stewart, 2; R. Dethick, 3. Time: 9⁹/₁₀ secs. (Record.) Juvenile Cup R. Dethick, 1; P. Dreelin, 2. RECORDS

Despite the uniformly high standard, the record sheet is not yet static. F. P. Kaad equalled the 100 Yards record in 10.4 secs. and the Hurdles in 15.5 secs.

R. G. Fagg displaced his own record in the 880 with 2 mins. 2 secs.

The Junior Relay Team—Clay, Reimer, Myers and Sweet equalled the C.H.S. figures of 47 secs., and P. Dreelin set new S.H.S. figures for the Low Hurdles with 9.9 secs.

The thanks of the Athletic Club are due to Messrs. T. Pearson, H. Edmonds and J. Barwick for their assistance in coaching this year. Mr. Barwick, who took over the Juvenile team this year, scored a win at the first attempt.

L. A. BASSER (Athletics Master).

FOOTBALLERS' PICNIC

Fifth and Sixth Graders, to the number of 42, celebrated their successes at a picnic to the Woronora River on Saturday, October 21. Train was taken at Central to Sutherland. A brisk walk to the Woronora boatshed, and nine boats were soon loaded and speeding or otherwise up the river.

3E representatives, in Spence, Thorburn, Crossin, Schulman and Ross, rowed best, but the midgets, in Hopkins, Bevan and the Khan Bros. were not far behind. Energy in many cases nearly compensated for skill. A few more such outings and there need be no fear as to the ability and staying power of the School Eights.

On reaching fresh water there was good swimming, and then lunch. All were ready.

A paper chase—long, difficult and trying—was won by Morgan (3A), who, however, failed to catch the hare, P. Edwards (1B). Another swim and then a row to Prince Edward Park. Here a game of pass ball between V and VI Graders ended in a draw—3 goals all—while J. Erown and Ellis won the footballers' race in good style.

We made the sheds about five-thirty and Sutherland by six o'clock. The outing was voted a great success, and all consider the Woronora River an ideal place for such a picnic.





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ANNUAL TENNIS REPORT

Tennis for this year has been conducted most satisfactorily.

In the C.H.S. competition, the First Grade team, comprising G. Sheldon, G. Barrett, D. Clayton and D. Foster, remained undefeated throughout, and thus qualified for the Premiership.

The Second Grade team, though it lost only one match in the competition, and the Third and Fourth Grade teams, were less fortunate.

The Fourth Grade team this year, as is usually the case, was extremely young, but with further experience its members will doubtless be more successful in the future.

The tennis championships were recently completed, and the results are as follows:----

Senior Singles Championship-D. Clayton.

Junior Singles Championship-D. Foster.

Senior Doubles Championship-D. Clayton and D. Foster.

Junior Doubles Championship-D. Clayton and D. Foster.

Senior Special Singles-F. Hill.

Junior Special Singles-J. Crealey.

Special Doubles-A. Dive and J. Ellis.

The annual G.P.S. Tournament was thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned, though none of our teams were successful. Three teams —one Senior and two Junior—were entered, and both the Senior team and the Junior "A" team were defeated in the finals by Grammar, whom we heartily congratulate.

Winter tennis was conducted at Kensington, being supervised by Mr. Paynter.

The tennis players wish to thank Mr. Paynter, Mr. D. R. Blakemore and Mr. Edmunds for their assistance, and for the time they gave up during the year.

-D. L. FOSTER.

BASKETBALL

Basketball was invented at Springfield College, Massachusetts, in December, 1891. It was first introduced by a Canadian, Dr. James Naismith, a graduate of McGill University, Montreal. For his first game, improvised goals were made from peach baskets nailed to the gallery of the gymnasium. From that time the game has been known as basketball.

In its early stages it was used as a training game for football or gridiron, but it rapidly gained favour in the United States and Canada as an indoor and outdoor game, chiefly owing to the small area required and the minimum expense involved in supporting a team.

The Olympic Committee in 1936 made basketball an Olympic sport for the Berlin games, and Australia now has the right to send a team to any Olympic Games.

Basketball has developed from a rather rough and somewhat unskilled game to a fast, scientific game, in which condition and stamina are great-assets. Unlike the girls' game, which most people immediately picture in their minds when the word basketball, is mentioned, the men's game is as exciting and interesting as any of the popular sports of the present day.

The game was introduced into the School early in March of this year. After several trials the School team was selected, and the progress has been marked. Much is owed to such men as Mr. V. Pye, Mr. Gordon Young, Mr. Reid Richardson and Mr. Reg. Wilthew, who have played important parts in the coaching of the team.

Soon after the introduction of the game into the School, a match was arranged against the Y.M.C.A. Juniors as a supporting match to a game between a team from the *Mariposa* and Sydney Y.M.C.A. The School team was ably coached by Mr. V. Pye, who journeyed to the School several afternoons a week, with the result that the School was successful by 42 to 25.

Many matches were arranged by Mr. Gordon Young, the Director for Physical Education, who has taken great interest in the School team. Mr. Wilthew, the School's Physical Instructor, soon learnt all that was to be known of the game, and he has given much of his time to the coaching of the team.

Participation is being taken in the City of Sydney Junior League, and, up to date in this competition, the School has been defeated once, and we are very hopeful of winning the shield offered. We are pleased to notice the interest taken in the game by several members of the staff.

The School team and reserves are as follow:-Centres, N. Stubbs, O. Weingott; Forwards, A. Oliver, N. Forest, J. Ellard; Guards, R. Jones, H. Warren, T. Antico, R. Meleski.

Some results are:-

S.B.H.S. v. Y.M.C.A. Juniors-Won 42-25.

S.B.H.S. v. Eastern Suburbs-Won 18-16.

S.B.H.S. v. Chinese-Lost 32-19.

S.B.H.S. v. Randwick-Kensington-Won 29-19.

City of Sydney Junior League

S.B.H.S. v. King George V Playground-Won 8-5.

S.B.H.S. v. Moore Park Playground-Won 7-6.

S.B.H.S. v. Camperdown Playground-Lost 11-25.

S.B.H.S. v. Y.M.C.A. "A" Team-Won 26-16.

S.B.H.S. v. Crown Street School-Won 11-7.

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S.H.S. RIFLE CLUB. Back Row: R. BARNES (3B), J. DENNING (4), G. McWHIRTER (5), J. SHARP (5). Front Row: E. YELF, R. WON (5), F. HANLEY, Esq., M. REID (3E), E. BRADLEY (3).

CRICKET

In the last issue of The Record, details were given of the matches played in the G.P.S. and C.H.S. competitions, and batting and bowling statistics were appended.

The fixtures for G.P.S. Cricket are as follows:-

October 21 and 28, S.H.S. v. Sydney Grammer School; November 4 and 11, T.S.C. v. S.H.S.; November 18 and 25, N.C. v. S.H.S.

In 1940: February 17 and 24, St. Joseph's College v. S.H.S.; March 2 and 9, S.C.E.G.S. v. S.H.S.; March 16 and 30, S.H.S. v. T.K.S.; April 6 and 13, S.G.S. v. S.H.S.

The annual matches, viz., G.P.S. v. N.S.W. Cricket Association and G.P.S. II v. Associated Schools, will be played as in previous years, but the details are not yet finalised. The G.P.S. Cricket Week will be held in the first week of the Christmas vacation.

Our annual match, v. The Old Boys, will probably be played on November 30, the most suitable date available.

The C.H.S. Cricket fixtures are:-

October 4 and 11, S.H.S. v. North Sydney; October 18 (all day), S.H.S. v. Fort Street; October 25 and November 1, Canterbury v. S.H.S.; November 8, 15, 22, no fixtures; December 6, Possibles v. Probables First Grade; Premiers v. The Rest, Second Grade; Premiers v. The Rest, Third Grade; December 12, C.H.S. v. Newcastle; December 13 (probably), C.H.S. v. N.S.W. Cricket Association.

Details relative to C.H.S. Cricket Week are under consideration. -O. S. SMITH.

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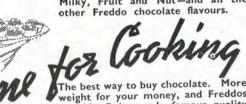
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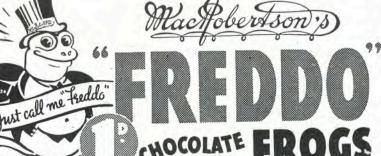
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"I am on a cargo boat sailing for Rio. She is 7,000 tons, and the passengers number nine. . . . I spent five weeks in Morocco and Algeria. It was excellent fun and good experience. It is interesting to find that another nation also does its colonising pretty intensively. . . . There are large numbers of Frenchmen there, and they have done a good job by the natives, giving them a far higher standard of living than they could have enjoyed before, and excellent medical services. . . . It is a good place to holiday, cheaper than France even, and with all the interest of provincial France, backed up by a contact with Arabs and Berbers, giving a real Eastern atmosphere. I met a New Zealander who was finishing his third year in the Foreign Legion, had tried to get away four times, and was mighty glad to meet someone from down under. He had come over, having decided that he wanted a more exciting life than is obtainable on a N.Z. sheep station, but found that in the Legion he built roads and barracks most of his time, never got a shot at an Arab, and was paid 1 fr. 50 a day. The franc is at present 14d. My reaction to the Regiment was to be ill first, and then to go and shoot P. C. Wren."

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MEMBERSHIP

At the commencement of 1939, the Council realised the membership of the Old Boys' Union was far from satisfactory, and decided that, during the year, a concerted effort should be made to attract new members, and, in general, attempt to encourage exstudents of "High" to appreciate their obligations to the School, obligations which the Old Boys' Union were striving to fulfil.

The Union's ability to assist the School is, naturally, controlled by the strength of its membership, and it was felt by the Council that the most effective reconstructive results would be obtained by increasing the number of enrolled members. The ready response of the Old Boys to the appeal was very encouraging, and proved all that was necessary, in many instances, was merely a reminder. Already the membership total for 1939 exceeds any year since 1930, and there is also a steady increase in the ranks of Life Members. The corner has been turned, but it is only a beginning of a long road.

This year is drawing to a close, and subscriptions will be again due in January, 1940. Old Boys are asked to make it a personal duty to maintain the progress the Union is making, and to remit their subscriptions promptly in the New Year. The annual subscription fee has been kept at 7/6, but it has been previously explained this fee merely covers administrative expenses, and an ever-growing number of members annually remit one guinea, being their subscription plus a donation to the funds. Such a practice greatly assists the financial strength of the Union, and all who can are asked to follow their example. The size of the remittance is of secondary importance, the essential thing is to become a financial member of the Old Eoys' Union, and all ex-students of High are assured of a welcome.

It is a pleasure to again report a further increase in the Life Members, and the following new members are welcomed to the ranks: Professor F. R. E. Mauldon, Dr. Bruce-Williams, R. T. Boyd, C. Hirst, R. A. Vale.

FINANCES

It was reported in the last issue of *The Record* that a very small bank balance at the end of 1938 restricted our expenditure for the current year. The response to the membership drive, previously mentioned, enabled the O.B.U. to meet such obligations as its share towards the upkeep of the McKay Sportsground, instalments on the Dressing Shed Loan, and is preparing to cover the usual annual prizes to the School.

In past years the restricted resources of the Union prevented any financial assistance being given to the Rowing, but the 1939 Council disapproved of this omission, and believed the Rowing should receive some help, even to the detriment of another obligation. Accordingly, a donation was made to the Rowing Fund of the School.

The revenue of the Union is far from sufficient to meet all obligations, and depends on the ability of Old Boys to increase their donations whenever it is possible.

Since publication of the last *Record*, the following donations have been received, and are gratefully acknowledged:-

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

As promised in the last *Record*, the Social Committee organised two functions during the winter that were expected to appeal to the younger members of the Union. Realising the first few years after school days are past present few opportunities for an Old Boy to to meet his school-day friends and reminisce of days gone by, the Social Committee busied itself and organised a "Smoko" Concert on June 14, 1939. The Old Boys who attended were unanimous in expressing their approval of the innovation, and the evening proved to be an outstanding success. In addition to a professional entertainer, the many stories of school-day pranks caused much amusement.

Encouraged by this success, a second "Smoko" was arranged for September 13, 1939, and although the response was disappointing, all present voted it a "really good night." The reduced attendance was felt to be caused by the declaration of war, and many Old Boys being called upon to fulfil their obligations as members of the Militia. "The Chocolate and Blue Ball" of 1939 was held on the new Showboat, s.s. Kalang, on July 8th. The attendance showed a considerable increase on the figures of previous years, proving that this night is becoming an annual function for many Old Boys. The novelty of holding the ball on the harbour met with approval, and it is claimed that more familiar faces were seen than at any previous ball. The Annual Ball is one night when each and every Old Boy attending can be assured of meeting an old school friend, and of enjoying himself immensely.

The decorations of the official table were a novel arrangement of the letters "S.H.S. O.B.U." in autumn-toned flowers on a foundation of chocolate and blue tulle. Each lady guest was presented with a miniature lady, dressed in blue taffeta and lace with chocolate and blue sash, as a souvenir of the ball.

The President, His Honour Judge J. R. Nield, assisted by Miss Leslie Nield, gowned in pale blue covered by a burgundy velvet coat, received Mr. P. W. Hallett (Acting-Headmaster of Sydney High School) and Mrs. Hallett, the representatives of other G.P.S. Old Boys' Unions, the S.H.S. Old Girls' Union, and Mr. H. B. Edwards President of the S.H.S. P. & C. Association) and Mrs. Edwards.

The preliminary arrangements for the Annual Dinner are well in hand, and particulars will be advised at a later date. Following the enthusiasm demonstrated during the year, those concerned with the organizing of that function are confident of providing a successful night. Every Old Boy should show his love for the Old School by being present at this dinner. The secretary will be only too willing to provide particulars to all interested.

OBITUARY

The Late Mr. A. E. Blair

Mr. A. E. ("Gus") Elair, who died in the middle of 1939, was well known in the business world as Secretary of the George Adams Estate, of which he was also a Trustee. In his sporting activities he was known to the man in the street as the lucky man who owned the champion racehorse, "Chatham."

The Late Mr. J. L. Bush

Mr. John L. Bush, Chartered Accountant (Aust.), who died in September of this year, was well known in the city and country business circles, he having accountancy practices in Sydney and Wagga, and in other towns of southern New South Wales. He was one of the very few Old Boys who realised to the full what he owed to his *Alma Mater*, and endeavoured to repay that debt. His son, John,

rowed in the Fours for two years, and is at present a member of the O.B. Council.

The Late Mr. Stanley Garthside

It was reported during the month of August that Mr. Stanley Garthside, a member of the Division of Economic Entomology of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, was drowned in England while attempting to rescue another bather who was caught in an undercurrent. Mr. Garthside was appointed a member of the staff of the Council in 1929, after he had completed A.C.S. and I.R. studentship at Cornwell University, U.S.A., and he had worked at the Farnham House laboratory on behalf of the Council since then.

The Late Pilot-Officer W. Lockley

It is with the deepest regret that the death of Pilot-Officer W. Lockley is reported. Pilot Lockley, who was 21 this year, had been patrolling the North Sea off the Norwegian Coast, after twelve months' experience with the R.A.F. in England. All Old Boys of his years at "High" are deeply moved by his death.



O.B. GRADUATES OF THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY, 1938

The 13th May of the year was Graduation Day at the Sydney University, and it is pleasing to report that amongst those on whom degrees were conferred, Sydney High was well represented. This is the first opportunity that the Old Boys' Union has had to convey their heartiest congratulations to those successful students, and it is hoped that the future holds many more successes for them.

The following graduates are all products of "High":----M.A.----

H. J. Oliver (English: First-class Honours and University Medal).

B.A.-

John Forsythe (French: First-class Honours; German: Secondclass Honours; French Government Travelling Scholarship).

H. S. Dean (Anthropology: Third-class Honours).

R. W. Hooke, A. H. Loomes, K. F. E. Torrington.

LL.B.-

J. C. Harris, B.A.; J. P. Metcalfe, B.A.; S. E. Wolfe, B.A. M.B.—

R. J. Hoy (Second-class Honours).

G. G. Burniston, B. C. Eglitzky, C. H. Gilbert, R. Lloyd Jones,

J. M. Moyes, J. H. Samuels, R. Syred, F. I. Wootten.

M.Sc.-

J. W. Cornforth (Organic Chemistry; recommended for the 1851 Exhibition Science Research Scholarship).

A. J. Tow (Organic Chemistry).

B.Sc.-

- N. R. Hansen (Physics: First-class Honours; Mathematics: Third-class Honours).
- D. H. Freeman (Chemistry: First-class Honours; divided Chemical Industries Exposition Prize).
- R. C. Betty (Organic Chemistry: Second-class Honours).
- A. C. A. Flack (Organic Chemistry: Second-class Honours).
- J. G. McKean (Organic Chemistry: Third-class Honours).
- G. J. Parker.
- B.E.-
 - W. S. Holdaway, B.Sc. (Second-class Honours in Civil Engineering).
 - Maston Beard, B.Sc. (First-class Honours in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering).
 - V. R. Peterson, B.Sc. (Second-class Honours in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering; Commonwealth Research Assistant).

D. A. Ferguson, J. A. Jay, M. S. Walker, D. E. Seale.

D.Sc.Agr.-

C. J. P. Magee.

J. de la M. Buggie.

B.Ec.-

- F. B. Horner (First-class Honours and University Medal; Walter and Eliza Hall Research Fellow; Chamber of Commerce Prize; Frank Albert Prize; divided John D'Arcy Prize for Distinction students).
- J. F. Cortis, A. R. Cutler, R. A. Hohnen, V. W. Lynch, J. B. Robinson, B.A., LL.B.

OLD BOYS' UNION v. "HIGH" FOOTBALL MATCH

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The annual tussle between the Old Boys and the present First XV of "High" took place on August 24, 1939, at the McKay Sportsground, Centennial Park. A hard battle was expected, so the Old Boys arrived in force with reinforcements.

The Old Boys who attended were: R. Angus, R. Eorn, J. Chapman, E. and C. Christensen, K. Conroy, T. Jones, I. Marshall, L. McPherson, R. Nielsen, L. Parnell, C. Paton, J. Prentice, K. Read, J. Sharples, J. Skinner, V. Thicknesse, N. Tudehope, J. Wilkinson, A. Lander and K. Coleman.

After a hard match the Old Boys were victorious, the score being 18 to 14, although the School had led throughout the game.

The well-known C. A. Fairland acted as referee, and proved to be very fair and unbiased, using the whistle to advantage, especially when he found himself unable to keep up with the game. Never-

B.Sc.Agr.-

theless, a happy day was spent by all, and the Old Boys are thankful to R. Born and J. Chapman, who oragnised the Old Boys into a team for the match, and to the ladies who provided such enjoyable refreshments after the match.

OLD BOYS: HOME AND ABROAD

Dr. F. Lions, with his wife and infant son, sailed for England on the 22nd August, 1939, but only managed to travel as far as Melbourne before the ship on which they were travelling was commandeered for National Service. Finally, the outbreak of hostilities prevented him from resuming his trip, and so the Doctor is again in Sydney, lecturing on organic chemistry at the University.

Another Old Boy who has mixed feelings towards the European situation is F. B. Horner, *B.Ec.*, a former Captain of the School, for he was on his way to the London University to study for his *Ph.D.*, but the outbreak of the war has led him to be stranded in South Africa. However, Frank is taking the opportunity of having an extensive holiday.

As announced elsewhere, J. Forsythe gained the French Government Travelling Scholarship, and was well on his way to France; but alas! hostilities commenced, and John is now on his way home. Bad luck, John.

Congratulations to J. N. Lawson on his appointment as Minister for Customs, and to Judge H. G. Edwards on his elevation to the Industrial Commission.

J. Clark was the winner of the Albert Prize for Psychology II at the Sydney University last year. Congratulations, Jack.

The Old Boys' Union and School are still keenly followed by an Old Boy, who for many years has been resident in Melbourne— Arthur Sorensen, of the 1914-1918 quota.

W. A. Lowe, who some years ago was transferred by his bank to Melbourne, has now been promoted to Manager of their branch at Orbost.

Leo Geer is now at Port Macquarie as the Officer-in-Charge of Main Roads operations in that district.

Cliff Ryan was married at St. Michael's Church, Vaucluse, on Saturday, 9th September. Congratulations, Cliff, and best wishes.

Arthur J. S. Jones is the local manager of the North Coast Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. for the Clarence River District. Arthur operates from Grafton.

Another Old Boy found on the North Coast is H. E. McGregor, M.A., for he is now Deputy Headmaster of Kempsey High School.

Certain Old Boys have been classified as the "Golf Burglars." The pride of place for consistency must be given to E. Kenneth Deane, Headmaster of the Blue Mountains Grammar School, who recently won two competitions on the same day at Wentworth Falls from the 5/4 mark. If "E.K.'s" son, Johnnie, who was Captain of High a few years ago, ever takes up the game, there will not be enough trophies to go round.

The name of A. W. W. Gray heading the list at Roseville was the first thing seen on opening our Sunday paper recently. It is said that although par was made to look sick, Alex did not charge him for his visit.

Wally Russell (at High, 1921) rustled the "B" Grade at Long Reef on October 7. What, again? His famous club mate, Wally Smith (1921), runner-up in the N.S.W. Amateur Championship, now on the western line for "A.M.P." petrol, plays most of his approaches on the Orange course. A. K. (Keith) Paterson, O.B.U. treasurer, and Gordon Soutar give their services to the Long Reef "A" Grade team.

G. P. ("Nick") Alexander still sees to it that the R.A.S. Easter Gala functions without a hitch, whilst Sid Willsher supervises playgrounds, golf courses, etc., for the City Fathers. S. Willsher and R. Campbell are proud of their golf prowess, and were contemplating the issue of challenges, but war duties have cancelled all of R. Campbell's free days.

William Munday left High in 1929, and departed for England in 1932, where he has had a varied experience as a newspaper man. After "inkslinging" for the *East Anglican Times* at Ipswich, England, whereat he reported the Simpson Divorce, and for the *London Daily Express*, the world's largest newspaper (2,600,000-odd issue per day), W. Munday has taken over the Night News Editorship of the *London Daily Sketch*. He writes that one of his most poignant memories is having rowed round Blackwattle Bay with Des. Duffy, as coach, seated in the stern. Such an ordeal is not quickly forgotten.

Recently returned from his second tour of Japan and the East in the last three years is J. B. Wallace (1890), Alderman of the Mosman Council, doyen of the printing and publishing trade, looking very fit and well. One of his first acts on returning was to send a donation to the Old Boys' funds. Others please note and copy.

Les. Winkworth very seldom goes in for "divot digging" these days, for his duties as an Honorary Executive of the Big Game Anglers' Association keep him from coming up for air too often. However, he does find time to write a cheque for the O.B.U. whenever the "acid" is applied.

A. D. Walker—a name known far and wide in aquatic sport colossus of the *Free Press*, uncrowned King of Broken Bay, director of many public companies, President and Commodore of the Annual Pittwater Regatta, has "turned farmer" in his spare time. Someone once said, "If you want a job well done, give it to a busy man," and that is A. D. Walker.

A. H. Keith Weir has returned from London where, for four years, he was Secretary to the New South Wales Government. He is to take up the duties of Secretary of the N.S.W. Film Commission, and his appointment gave great satisfaction to the Film Interests represented here.

Sid. Webb was always a star long-distance man at school, and that he continues in this vein is shown by his brief before the S.P. Commission, and that, in a case in which he is now appearing, it has been stated that 129 witnesses are to be called.

A "permanent" barracker at the School's G.P.S. football matches was Dr. Jim Boag, a former front row husky himself. R. Kemmis was also a keen supporter, and did not miss a match.

Herman Flynn is still beguiling the public as Publicity Chief of the brigade which says, "If it's a Paramount Picture it's . . .") (No prize is offered for the successful solution.)

Home by the Aorangi came Dr. Ivan Turner, Lecturer in Mathematics at the Teachers' College. During his two years abroad in England and America, Ivan collected a Doctorate of Philosophy.

If a poll was taken for the title of "the busiest man in town," O. D. G. Oberg would just about head the list. Only the high price of paper prevents the printing of the list of organisations to which he devotes his time.

Recently appointed Sydney City Librarian, Frank Bell (1921) is the youngest man ever to occupy the position. Good luck, Frank.

There is no keener supporter for the School or Old Eoys' Union than A. R. Beveridge, known as "Bev." Football, athletics—all are followed by "Bev." He claims that his children insist on going to the meetings, and, of course, he is forced to attend; but this is exaggeration. Allan threw his whole weight behind the Old Boys' Union this year, and much of the improvement is a result of his work. Thank you, Allan; the Old Boys appreciate your work.

It is reported that "Possum" Davies is Sportsmaster at the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute.

Selby Burt still proves a dangerous bowler—8 wickets for 4 runs recently. Congratulations, Selby, but why the four runs?

The wedding bells are due to chime for Arthur Brennan on the 11th November. Good luck, Arthur.

G. Reddish and K. Grantham are both feeling important, having recently been made fathers. Congratulations.

Eric Tremble walked the aisle last July. Congratulations, Eric, and the very best wishes.

Roy Gray was recently admitted as a Fellow of Advertising. The F.O.A. is only obtained after much hard work, but Roy was capable. Congratulations, Roy.

Third Battery, First Medium Brigade, Royal Australian Artillery, is fortunate in having such a group of Old Boys within its ranks as K. J. Oram (former Captain of the School), L. Walkley, M. S. Lewis, T. Summons, J. Walker, C. Ohlsen and J. Plimsoll. C. J. Pritchard, who was a rifle-shooter at School, has just obtained his first commission in this Brigade. Very best of luck, boys.

Deepest sympathies are expressed to Dick and Harold Sullivan on the recent death of their father, A. R. Sullivan. The late Mr. Sullivan will always be remembered by the School for the wonderful work he did as President of the P. & C. Association.

Hector Lee has transferred his living quarters to Melbourne because of business.

Reg Wise announced his engagement recently. Congratulations, Reg., and best wishes.

Henry A. Coss spent some time in hospital following a bad accident. Best wishes, Henry, and sincerest hopes that rapid progress is being made.

All Old Boys will be sorry to learn that R. T. McKay had a nasty accident recently. He slipped on a greasy rock and fell 30 feet, breaking his left arm and thumb. The injuries could have been worse, but Mr. McKay assures us that he is recovering as well and as quickly as may be expected.

C. B. Ebsworth was elected Captain of Sydney Rowing Club for 1939. In spite of all his obligations, Cliff still finds time to assist the Old Boys at their social functions. Thank you, Cliff, and congratulations.

EXCHANGES

The Editorial Committee acknowledges with many thanks the following school publications:-

The Caulfield Grammarian (Caulfield Grammar School).

The Fort Street Girls' High School Magazine.

The Fortian (Fort Street Boys' High School).

The Hawkesbury Agricultural College Journal.

The High School Magazine (Glasgow).

The Highway (North Sydney-Chatswood Junior High School).

The Knox Grammarian (Knox Grammar School).

The King's School Magazine.

Los Angeles Collegian (Los Angeles City College).

Loyolan (Loyola University, Los Angeles).

Lux (Sydney Church of England Girls' Grammar School).

The Scotsman (Scots College).

The Sydneian (Sydney Grammar School).

To-day (Commercial High School, New Town, Tasmania). The Torch Bearer (Sydney Church of England Grammar School)

The Unicorn (Melbourne High School).

THE MARCH OF MARS

The crimson glory of the sunrise pierced the still mist-enshrouded pine forest on the outskirts of the village of Lys. Already the populace had commenced their daily toil. Thin spirals of smoke crawled heavenwards from some dozen red-tiled cottages, as the housewife prepared her family's breakfast.

Children's laughter tinkled thinly on the early Spring air; here and there a dog would join in the chorus, while overhead a single lark soared to heaven, his shrill voice mingling pleasantly with the other morning sounds.

Animals browsed placidly in the surrounding fields, or stood in groups near the stream under the drooping willows, blinking at the day's approach. Distant cow-bells rattled lazily, accompanied by occasional lowing from the feeding herds.

Further over, standing in the pale green shoots of newly-born grass, a flock of sheep stood immobile as they watched the approach of the besmocked shepherd, accompanied by a couple of frisking dogs.

Now the men-folk moved towards the fields, chatting and smoking among themselves, clad in the working dress of the humbler class.

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The sun had reached its zenith. The sheep had moved towards a cooler region, whilst the cows lay in the shade of the willows. Two sturdy horses dragged a plough in a neighbouring meadow, churning the once green field into a chocolate brown.

The cobble-stones of the town rang again as the children moved homewards for the midday repast.

Day was fast approaching its conclusion; the sun was rapidly sinking behind a range of purple hills in a fiery blaze to westward. From the north came the dull, ominous rumble of thunder. Flashes of lightning lighted the evening sky to the north-west.

As the sun finally dipped over the hills, a country policeman rode into the village from the north and stopped outside the local Gendarmerie . . .

The church-bell crashed out its warning, shattering the evening air and temporarily drowning the thunder.

The villagers flocked to the village square, where the Sergeantof-Police addressed them. A half-hour later the dusty road leading south was cluttered with fleeing refugees carrying their meagre belongings by hand, wheel-barrow and cart.

From the north came the sound of a marching chorus.

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Lorries raced through the once peaceful village, their racing engines hurling back the echoes in a crescendo of sound. Following these came the lumbering tractors, dragging field guns as they moved further back.

Out of the gloom came the singing khaki-clad infantry, complete with gas respirators and steel helmets. The troops assembled in the forum for a period then, after being addressed by their officers, moved to take up their positions.

A shell burst in a field a quarter of a mile away. The gun-fire grew louder. Another shell exploded on the outskirts of the village, followed by another and another. One fell on the church, reducing it to a heap of battered masonry. More shells rained on the cluster of red-roofcd cottages, reducing them to heaps of smouldering ruins.

The range of the guns moved back along the southern road. A flight of bombers fell out of the darkening sky and dropped their load along the road on the fleeing civilians and supply waggons.

These black-crossed warbirds dived again, and swept the road with murderous machine-gun bullets which took their toll among the silent, struggling refugees.

From the village came the sound of rifle fire to meet the enemy advance. The aeroplanes withdrew, while the battle for Lys raged below. Walking wounded straggled in a continuous stream along the south road.

The position could not be held. The soldiers evacuated, leaving a detachment to fight a rearguard action, but these retired when the battalion moved back to a safe distance.

Enemy troops enter the village, but in a split second an explosion rent the ragged air, staggering the enemy advance guard.

Explosion after explosion followed, until the village was entirely demolished.

The sun rose behind the misty pine forest in a glorious light.

Silence prevailed in the surrounding countryside. The fields were strewn with the mangled bodies of animals; the fields were torn asunder by massive shell craters. Lys lay in silent ruin—a town of the dead. Wounded were being transported to the back areas in the north, while the dead were being buried in the once fertile fields.

Along the south road lay wrecked motor vehicles, and the simpler means of transport utilised by the unfortunate peasants.

An air of utter desolation prevailed throughout the long, lifeless day.

As evening fell the thunder rumbled towards the south, the skyline lighting up occasionally as the lightning flickered. Across the sky the dark shapes of bombers flitted towards their southerly destination.

The wrath of Mars must be appeased.

-M. REID (3E).

DEATH OF A COWARD

It was the year 1915. The small village of B—, situated between the war-torn centres of Douai and Aitas, was all a-bustle, for the 3rd ——shires had arrived, and were taking up their quarters in it.

In an almost deserted square of the little town, hidden from the light by buildings on three sides, several boys were playing. At that moment another boy turned a corner, thus coming into the view of the remaining players. As soon as they espied him they at once commenced scornfully crying:

"Ha! ha! Here comes Jean. Jean est un lâche (coward). Jean est fou (stupid). Ha! ha! ha!"

The boy called Jean wore a patched but clean blue suit, and his fair, tousled hair hung about his face, giving an angelic effect. His face was shining and clean, and even the little dog at his heels showed signs of soap and water. He was smiling as he neared them, but when he percived those who were his tormentors, his expression changed to one of misery and wretchedness. The others laughed even more at this sudden alteration; they encircled him, jeering, laughing, teasing his pet, joking.

They soon tired of this "dog-baiting," however, and departed laughing, chattering.

Jean walked disconsolately over to a half-broken box and sat down. Before long tiny tears began to trickle down his rosy cheek, and soon his whole body was wracked with sobs. The little dog sat at his feet and gazed up at him with his faithful brown eyes. Ever since the day he had refused to climb a wall because it seemed so high, he had been regarded somewhat doubtfully, and when one of the boys had kicked his dog, Pierre, he had started up in anger and raised his little fists, ready to fight; but he had backed down at the last. From then he had been commonly known as "Jean the Coward."

As he sat there these all too familiar scenes passed before him, and he re-lived those awful moments. At last he rose from his seat and, motioning to Pierre, the boy and dog set out to the top of a high hill from where Jean could see the country for miles around on all sides. This was his favourite spot, and he would often come here and gaze at the scenery. On these occasions he looked what he really was—a poor soul, helpless and alone.

About two miles from B— a division of Uhlans was encamped, and one late summer's day fighting between the English and Uhlans broke out. The streets of B— were filled with women wearing the red cross and in the *bôtel-de-ville*, which was being used as an hospital, men were lying about—wounded and dying.

One day Jean missed Pierre, his only friend. He was griefstricken. Frantically he ran to and fro, shouting until his lungs almost burst, "Pierre! Pierre!" No reply. Out of the town he ran, over hill and dale, till the country resounded with his heart-felt cry of "Pierre! Pierre!"

Unknowingly, he was approaching the camp of the Uhlans. Suddenly he seemed to hear a faint bark. He stopped and listened. Yes! There it was. Now it seemed louder. It was more like a whine. Then, as he turned a hillock, he beheld an awful scene. Two German soldiers were baiting his little dog. On Pierre's coat Jean could see drops of blood. Jean saw red. He flung himself at one of the soldier's feet. The soldier fell cursing to the ground. Before they could gather their wits Jean had seized Pierre and was off running as fast as his little legs could carry him.

Then the stillness of the summer's day was pierced by the roar of a gun. The second soldier had raised his rifle and pulled the trigger. Jean stopped in his tracks, fell, and the blood surged out of the small round hole in his back.

The little dog whom he had clutched so tightly whined softly.

The funeral procession slowly wound its way through the broken village streets. The village boys followed slowly behind it with bowed heads and hearts filled with remorse.

Jean, the "coward," had given his life for that of his dog.

A heroic little coward was dead.

-MAURICE TRAVERS (3A).

BRITISH SHIP ADOPTION SOCIETY

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Visit to the T.S.S. "Anchises"

By courtesy of the Captain and owners, a party of 27 of our boys, together with Mr. Taylor and Mr. Smith, paid a visit to the *Anchises* on 6th July, 1939.

The boys made a thorough inspection of the ship, and were particularly interested in the intricacies of the wireless room and the wheelhouse. The process of loading such goods as wool, hardwood, rice, meat and coal provided an instructive spectacle.

As most of you know, the *Anchises* is the ship allotted to this School under the "British Ship Adoption Society Organisation." It is also linked to the Minchenden Secondary School, London, and, through the services of Mr. T. A. Jardine, the ship's Purser, we are in friendly relationship with the English school. The objects which the British Ship Adoption Society have in view are, among others, to stimulate interest in travel, to encourage a better understanding between the various parts of the Empire, and to promote and sustain

feelings of friendliness and goodwill between members of the British Commonwealth of Nations and other nations.

At afternoon tea, which was provided for all, Captain James expressed his pleasure at the interest taken in his ship, and in the work of the British Ship Adoption Society, and said he hoped that another visit would be paid later.

-NEVILLE FORTESCUE (5A).

P.S.—Responding on behalf of the School, Neville Fortescue made a neat, efficient speech, in which he thanked Captain James, Mr. T. A. Jardine and other officers for their courtesy, consideration and generosity. He expressed a hope that interest in the aims and ideals of the British Ship Adoption Society would develop, and concluded by wishing prosperity for the future to the Captain, officials and all aboard the good ship Anchises.—O. S. SMITH.

SYNTHETIC SERVANTS OR MARS

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The period bell has just rung and various classes are changing rooms. Let us go to the 4th year chemistry class; they are having A.R.P. lessons, and are to discuss poison gases to-day.

The teacher (shall we call him Mr. X?) enters and puts his books on the demonstration bench. Everyone has his book ready.

"To-day," says Mr. X, leaning on the desk, "we are going to have a lesson on poison gases. The definition of a poison gas is 'any lethal substance capable of minute dispersion into the atmosphere." These 'lethal substances' may be classified according to their physical properties. The first group is the true gases. These cannot be liquefied by decreasing the temperature without an increase in pressure. These are not used, simply for the reason that they don't kill enough of the enemy.

"The next group are liquids, or easily liquefied gases, all of which boil below 150°C. (302°F.). These are non-persistent gases. (A nonpersistent gas forms a cloud which may be carried away on the wind and is soon diluted by the air.) Gases in this group are chlorine (Cl₂, B.Pt. -34°C.); phosgene (COCl₂, that is, carbon monoxide and chlorine, B.Pt. +8°C.); diphosgene or trichlor-methylchloroformate (Cl—COO—CCl₃, B.Pt. 128°C.); and chloropicrin (NO₂—C—Cl₃, B.Pt. 112°C.). The next two are not likely to be used, because they again are not deadly enough and are too easily stopped by respirators."

"Sir," interrupts a voice from the back at this moment, "what is the difference between a gas-mask and a respirator?"

"Well," says Mr. X, "the powers that be decided to call gasmasks 'respirators,' because they seem to think that the name res-

pirator' will scare the public less. Anyway, to resume, these two gases I was going to tell you about are chlor-aceto-phenone (nonpersistent tear gas) and bromobenzyl cyanide (B.Pt. 24.5°C); this is classed as a persistent tear gas. A persistent gas is usually given off from liquids or solids. It evaporates slowly, sometimes taking as long as three weeks (though much less in Australia because it is warm) and contaminates everything it touches.

"Now in the third group we have vapours of substances which are normally liquid or solid, and boil above 150°C. These are persistent gases, and here we have mustard gas (BB1-dichlorethylsulphide, Cl-CH, -CH, S-CH, -CH, -Cl, B.Pt. 217°C.) and Lewisite. Lewisite is a mixture of three compounds, namely: B chlorvinyl - dichlorarsine (CHCl = CH-AsCl.), BB-1dichlor - divinylchlorarsine [(CHCl = CH) "AsCl], and BB1B11-trichlorvinylarsine, [(CHCl = CH), As], the whole mixture boiling at 190°C. Mustard gas and Lewisite differ in effects to the extent that the signs of mustard gas are delayed, whereas Lewisite acts almost immediately. To this group belongs also ethyl iodoacetate (CH_I.COOC_H_, B.Pt. 180°C.). In the fourth group we have the smokes, which are usually arsenical and from solid substances. These are formed from solid, though sometimes liquid, particles of a diameter of 10-4 to 10-5 cms., and as their velocity is less than one inch per second, they escape adsorption by the activated charcoal of the respirator, and have to be stopped by filters. These provide the hardest job of all for the respirator. In this lot we have D.M. or diphenyl arsine cyanide, [(C6H5)2-AsCN, B.Pt. 300°C.]; D.A. or diphenyl chloro arsine [(C6H5)2-AsCl, B.Pt. 333°C.]; and, thirdly, Adamsite or diphenyl amine arsine chloride, B.Pt. 410°C.

"The last group consists of "Accidental" gases. Thus there is nitrogen peroxide (NO_2) from shells, hydrochloric acid gas (HCl), etc., from smoke screens, carbon monoxide (CO) from broken gas mains, and fire extinguishers, containing carbon tetrachloride (CCl_4) . This reacts with iron and water to give phosgene and chlorine. It is just barely possible that bacteria will be used, but technical difficulties and the necessity of a large and well-trained staff renders that form of slaughter highly improbable. Incidentally, poison dusts (silica, lead, etc.) kill people in industry, but they as yet have not been used on a battlefield.

"Of course there are rarer gases, such as hydrocyanic acid (HCN), cyanogen chloride (Cl—C \equiv N); both of these are systemic toxins, to quote two examples. Fortunately, the smaller and relatively simple molecules are all known, and the larger the molecule and the higher the boiling point the easier the gas is adsorbed by the charcoal. Therefore, you may rest assured that 'new' gases need not be feared.

"These gases may be briefly classed according to their physiological effects. In this classification there are, in Group I, Lung Irritants or

Asphyxiants. These are non-persistent, and to this group belong chlorine, phosgene, diphosgene. Group II are Nose Irritants or Sternutatories. These are the arsenical smokes. Tear Gases or Lachrymatories form Group III. Members of this group are ethyl iodoacetate and bromobenzyl cyanide (both persistent), chloropicrin (a vomiting and tear gas), and chlor-aceto-phenone (both non-persistent). In the fourth group are Blister Gases or Vesicants. These, of course, are Mustard Gas and Lewisite. The last group consists of the high explosives' fumes or oxides of nitrogen. It is interesting to note that a man, with a gas mask, in a cellar in which' a gas main has been broken, would be safer if he put on his gas mask and went outside, even if there was a high concentration of poison gas outside.

"The value of gas attacks lies not in their ability to kill and maim the enemy but to frighten them. Although theoretically a oneton phosgene bomb which contains three-quarters of a ton of phosgene would spread the gas 6,000 cubic feet and give a concentration covering half a square mile 12 feet deep, causing death if breathed for five minutes, the gas would be moved in an hour by an ordinary breeze and complete protection would be provided by a respirator."

"Please, sir," asks L, a clever blonde boy in the front of the class, "what steps would you suggest we take for our safety in the event of an air raid with poison gas?"

"I," replies Mr. X, considering and running his fingers through his hair, "I suggest you keep a respirator ready for use; if possible, keep in a gas-proof room or shelter; definitely don't panic and, equally definitely, keep to windward of gas-infected areas."

As the bell has just rung the period has, unfortunately, been brought to an end.

-R. BLAKE (4A).

"THERE'S MANY A SLIP . . ."

The patrol struggled along through the thick, clogging mud. Inured to this, they were no longer troubled by any irritation. Each was occupied with his own thoughts. Peter Klister was haunted with a fear, ever with him, ceaselessly occupying his thoughts; the gnawing, nagging fear that he would be identified and taken into custody, for Peter was a felon, an escaped murderer. Having escaped before the detectives had photographed or fully tabulated his features, he was comparatively safe. He had joined the Army as Carlson—David Carlson.

It was one of those days when no distinct masses of clouds were visible, the sky being overcast with one vast blanket of grey. Under severe bombardment, the patrol hurried forward to the village. Greeted by heavy fire, they sheltered amongst outlying buildings. Gredually they drove forward, but the resistance stiffened, and came a stage

when the whole patrol was sheltered in a church. Waiting for the supporting bombardment to cease, Klister heard snatches of conversation, "Yes, murderer escaped . . . name of Klister . . . supposed to be over here, he is." He crept away towards the door. "'Ere, where are you goin' to?" demanded the commanding officer.

At that moment there was a terrific explosion, beams tipped crazily up on end, masonry crashed down, and a cloud of dust rose slowly up to mark the deed. Klister crawled painfully out from beneath the debris. Standing near the door, he had been remote from the blast. He hesitated and then seemed to remember something. He unloosened his watch and hurled it back into the wreckage.

A young ambulance officer found the watch and pocketed it. Examining it later at leisure, he traced out the inscription on the back, "Peter Klister," and conscientiously wrote a letter to the Criminal Investigation Department. War might be providing the major articles for the sensational journals, but Klister's brutal crime still occupied public interest. Righteous citizens, suppressing their merciful instincts, justified war's horrors for the moment to this extent, "Well, he only got what he deserved."

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And Klister, signing a hospital register with the familiar signature that he had written so often, so often indeed that it had become automatic, was obsessed only with one idea: No longer need the fear of discovery possess him. No one worried about David Carlson. And a nurse, following him with curious eyes, looked again at the signature on the register: "Peter Klister." "Why——!" Reaching for the telephone she said, "Police? Is that the Police? . . . Yes, Peter Klister. Here. Yes, that's right."

-DOUGLAS MCCALLUM (5A).

THE SCIENCE MUSEUM, LONDON

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We have just passed through the revolving doors which give entrance to one of London's most interesting museums.

To the left is a stairway leading down to the Children's Section. Here are modern burglar alarms, the evolution of man's transport and lighting, and other interesting subjects.

Back in the main entrance we see a large section of steam engines in front of us. On closer examination we find that the central aisle of the first section is lined with stationary engines, whilst to the left are pumps and cranes; and on the right are locomotive models, including the original "Rocket," and a replica which is set working at various times during the day. I may say here, that most of the models in the Museum may be worked by the visitor either by pressing

a button or turning a handle. In the former case, the model is set in motion by compressed air, whilst in the latter case the visitor himself moves the model. At the end of the first section is the lecture hall. Here, at 3 p.m. every week day, a lecture on some scientific subject is given. The lecture is illustrated with lantern slides, and the lecturer uses a beam of light to point out parts of the slide.

In the second section are aeroplanes and aeroplane engines. There is the Wright's plane (1903), and various other models and originals to the present-day planes. Further on, there are models of famous boats, and the last section, on the ground floor, is devoted to the evolution of the automobile.

On the first floor there are typewriters, right from the first one made to the modern electric one. Also, there is a section on television, wireless and telephonic communications, and also the Science Library, where visitors can read books on almost any science.

On the second floor are physics and associated subjects, whilst on the third floor chemical and mathematical exhibitions are featured. The chemical exhibition includes such things as a periodic table with a bottle of the element beside each name, except, of course, in the cases of radium and the gaseous elements; a sectional piece of apparatus for the liquefication of gases of low (less than 200° C.) boiling point; minerals and apparatus prepared or used by famous chemists. This is the section that interested me most. I have some photographs of it, and would have liked to put some in, but space does not permit.

In 1851 the Prince Consort proposed the establishment of the Museum of Science. In 1857 collections of foods, building materials and educational apparatus were brought together at South Kensington. Scientific apparatus was added in 1874, but it was only after 1876 that it became of importance. Until 1899 the collections, together with Art collections, had formed the South Kensington Museum, but in that year it was re-christened "Victoria and Albert Museum." In 1909 the collections were separated, Science and Engineering collections becoming the Science Museum, and the Art collections remaining the Victoria and Albert Museum. Additions have been made to the Science Museum, mostly in the form of bequests, from time to time, until it has reached its present dimensions.

The British Museum, at Bloomsbury, London, houses an enormous library and priceless documents, especially copies of Magna Carta and the Codex Sinaiticus (the oldest extant copy of Scripture, purchased from the Russian Government). It is thus a humanistic museum, whose field of interest is clearly differentiated from those of the Science and "Victoria and Albert" Museums at Kensington, London.

-R. BLAKE (4A).

HOMMES A MOUSTACHES

Europe's destiny is being swayed by moustaches—or, at least, by those that wear them!

Chamberlain, Hitler, Stalin. . . . The reasons why these illustrious gentlemen allow their whiskers to grow is a matter for conjecture. To those of us who are obliged to rise early on a winter's morning to subject our faces to a rather severe scraping process, which is by no means pleasant after the luxurious warmth of thick blankets, the habit does seem somewhat justifiable. But, however that may be, we find the personality of each of these three potentates uniquely expressed in his moustache.

For instance, can't you see in Mr. Chamberlain's aristocratic, rapidly greying whiskers the very epitome of "the fine old English gentleman" of tradition? They certainly go very well with an umbrella!

The "toothbrush" moustache is suggestive of a highly strung, nervous, impetuous nature; just the type of moustache which reminds one of Charlie Chaplin. The owner of such would probably not be one to hesitate over folding a few insignificant Austrians, Czechs, Poles, etc., into the ample bosom of a glorious fatherland.

It may only be fancy, but I can't help comparing M. Stalin with the Badger of *Wind in the Willows*. Stern and forbidding in aspect, but with the interests of rats, moles and Russians at heart. Such an extensive moustache might be used as a very convenient eartickling device. . . . Who knows?

-NEVILLE FORTESCUE (5A).

A FUTURISTIC, BLOODLESS WAR

For the second time within twenty-five years Europe, and the world at large, are in the throes of a second ghastly war. I have no doubt that it will claim a greater number of civilians and soldiers than in the previous Great War, but, personally, I expect this present struggle to be the last bloody affair (on a gigantic scale) of its kind in the history of the world. Rather a rash and prophetic statement, you say, but perhaps if I illustrate my meaning you may understand my attitude.

The year is 2539 A.D., and though the Treaty of —, which concluded the war of 1939-?, seemingly prevented the re-occurrence of any future wars, the ambitions of L—'s military leaders to recreate Germany resulted in a titanic struggle between the afore-

"At 6 a.m. two enemy fleets of 50,000-ton tanks launched a determined attack on the town of B—, seven miles within Federation territory. Exploiting Prussian shock tactics, every 'land battleship' disgorged approximately 1,000 robot warriors, each armed with an explosive ray and explosive bullet pistol, all detachments being controlled by radio from some unknown enemy base. Fighting fiercely, the defenders accounted for an unestimated number of attacking robots, besides inflicting heavy damage upon three tanks with anti-tank shells and bombs from supporting rocket-ships.

"The occupants of the town, safe in subterranean shelters three miles beneath the surface, did not even hear the battle, though many television sets 'tuned-in' to the unique spectacle of slaughtered robots. In all, the defenders lost 736 robots, 9 controllers and 2 televisionmen, who were attempting to televise the action."

Thus, you see, as I see it, a futuristic battle, fought by mechanised units of radio-controlled robots and tanks, in which no appreciable number of human lives were lost. Such robots would be used to inflict death on civilians, some may argue, but if all warring factions kept to and maintained the unwritten humane laws of warfare, any conflict involving the question of world supremacy should be absolutely bloodless. An impracticable, unlikely dream?

-W. B. HOWELL (2A).

THE HIGHITI TRIBE

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This is Cæsar's last work, and is now fortunately rare.

There is, bordering on Anzac Parade, and in the wilds of Moore Park, a tribe known as the Highites. This tribe consists mainly of young men (there being few elders). The young men delight in showing their strength and skill, and on this account they make raids every week, and sometimes twice a week, upon their neighbours. In winter their army consists of six cohorts, and, as is the custom of the Roman people, the most skilled warriors are in the first cohort. Their plan of battle is to detach eight men of great strength to hunt in a pack, with seven swifter men on the wings. With winter finished they engage the neighbouring tribes in athletic contests, and the best marksmen show their skill. In summer, however, some of the young men devote themselves to the pursuit of small balls with clubs of varying sizes, while others excel in swimming. The Highites maintain a fleet of five long boats. The largest of these has eight

slaves for rowing and a steersman, and the remainder have four slaves and a steersman each. As often as the Highites have joined battle and have been successful, they have raised a fierce war chant, and after a season's fighting the warriors hold a great feast. When the Highites gather together in their various rooms nothing of much importance is done, although rumour has it that the members of the tribe come together for instruction and study. Because of the danger of a sudden raid by the enemies of their country, at the given signal the Highites evacuate their meeting-place and take shelter in the nearest woods. In conclusion, I must say that, in passing one day in my chariot, I observed that their territories were devoid of rubbish of any kind, and everywhere it is said that the Highites live up to the "High" standard set them by their motto.

-C. PARSONAGE (4D).

WAR IS NOT DECLARED

By R. THOMSON (5A).

Mr. I. M. Orffminutt, Dictator of Splurge, sat in his office busily chewing his pen.

"Strike me pink!" he cried, spitting in the fireplace. "What the devil is there for a bloke to do in this dump?"

He cursed for two or three minutes then rang a bell. An orderly entered, treading softly and silently. He did this because his corns were bad. He walked up to Orffminutt's desk.

"Yessir. You rang, Sir?" he barked, raising his left eyebrow in a stiff Splurgian salute.

Orffminutt returned the salute and the officer clicked his teeth in smart precision.

"Fetch me the Minister for Public Enlightenment, if he's awake," said Orffminutt. "By the way, what's the odds on Fizzbang? You might put on two bob for me."

"Yessir; it shall be done. All shall be done. I go, Sir. Heil Orffminutt!"

He raised his eyebrow, turned swiftly, clicked his teeth and went out, treading very softly. "I must get some corn salve, or something," he muttered to himself, as he closed the door.

Orffminutt stiffened. "Muttering, eh?" he thought. "Something fishy about this. I must remember to have the fellow shot." He made a memorandum in his desk diary. A few minutes later Herr Boschentosch, Propaganda and Public Enlightenment Minister, came into the room.

"Heil Orffminutt!" he said, spitting in the fireplace.

"Hi there, Boschentosch!" cried Orffminutt. "How's the body?" Boschentosch chuckled. He was in a good humour, having just won a quid off Marshal Gorindosebells at two-up.

"Okay," he said. "What do you want me for, Chief? Make it snappy now. I want to strip Goringdosebells while my luck's in."

"I was a bit bored," explained the Dictator apologetically. "That's the worst about being Dictator; there's never anything to do except spit in the fireplace.

"I see," said the other, musing. "Well, we could have a card party—or would you prefer a Blitzkrieg?"

"Humph!" replied Orffminutt. "Toss up. Heads for a Blitzkrieg, tails for a party." He spat on the carpet by accident.

Boschentosch got out his double-headed penny and tossed up. It came down heads.

"Blitzkrieg she is!" he said. "When do we start?"

"Soon as you're ready. But what can we get for a pretext this time?"

"Easy! It's like this, boss. You see, the people of Bingo sent us very inferior grade cabbages."

"They did, eh? What's their spiel, do you think?"

"I dunno exactly. Anyway, it's an atrocity!"

"An outrage!"

"Terrorism!"

"Eolshevism!"

"Encirclement!"

The Dictator fell in the throes of an apoplectic fit. Boschentosch toddled off to start the war.

Some hours later the Dictator might be seen conferring with his generals.

"If you please, Sir," ventured one, "when do we declare war on these people?"

A dread silence followed. A scowl knit Orffminutt's brows.

"What!" he thundered. "Declare war??? Have the man shot! He's an insolent traitor! He wants to DECLARE war! Disgraceful!"

"Perhaps he's got a touch of the sun," said one.

"No matter," growled the Dictator; "I didn't like his face, anyway. He's got a hooked nose."

"Well," asked another, "what'll we bomb first?"

"Why, women and children, of course! Toujours la politesse, you know. Women and children first-even in war-time."

That's how it started. The Bingans got in a few allies and, before you could say "Heil Orffminutt!" three times, it had become a world war.

Now no one knows when it will end-least of all, Orffminutt, who thinks, however, that he might have preferred the card-party.

And all this merely because a Dictator had nothing better to do! Fantastic, don't you think?

Certified original.

A. Schickelgruber.

IMPREGNABLE CASTLES OF THE SKY

What exactly is meant by a "Balloon Barrage"? How can balloons possibly stop bombing planes from reaching a destination? These questions must be in the minds of many people who read about it daily, and yet cannot understand the exact efficiency of the system as a defence measure against attacking aircraft.

During the war of 1914-18, the idea of a great net to catch enemy craft was evolved, but this proved to be impracticable. The right solution to the question was discovered in Italy in 1917. Separate balloons, each attached to a highly resistant cable, were experimented with, the balloons being launched into space near the objectives to be protected. The French also experimented with a similar type, but owing to the difference in the wind, the balloons were not launched successfully. The problem was solved, however, by employing a type similar to an observation balloon, and shaped somewhat like a fish with a finlike tail. This was then launched into the air in the manner of flying a kite.

Difficulty then arose as to how the balloon could be kept sufficiently inflated. To keep it inflated at a height of some thousands of feet it could only be partially inflated on ground, but then the wind would hamper it on the ascent. The solution to this came in the form of a balloon still shaped like a huge fish, but the sides lobed with rubber ribbing, giving it a melonlike appearance. This ingenious invention made it possible for the balloon to ascend in a 45 m.p.h. wind, the resistance of the cable being about 17.5 pounds per square inch, or nearly 400 kms. per square metre.

Thus our sky sentinels are ready in the journey of safeguarding open towns, and to a height of 10,000 to 50,000 feet go these walls in the air.

As regards the question of their worth, at night they are invisible and practically impossible to locate. Any plane touching such a cable would be forced down immediately, and no one, as yet, has come into contact with these defences and lived to tell the tale. Facts recorded show that three planes in succession striking such a cable were brought down without being able to free themselves,

leaving the cable unbroken. The explanation is that when a plane travelling at a speed of well over one hundred miles an hour strikes a balloon cable inclined at an angle, the cable serves as a sudden brake and absorbs up to 2,000 horse-power, and the plane is forced to stop and fall instantly. When any other part of the plane besides the middle strikes the cable, it is either unbalanced or damaged by the cable cutting deeply, causing the machine to spin.

Attempts, of course, have been made to overcome this new weapon of defence. Some ingenious man conceived the idea of a mass formation of planes flying into the cables so that even though the first planes would crash, the others would be able to pass through. This system, however, proved to be impracticable, as mass formation in complete darkness under fire from anti-aircraft was impossible. Added to this, the planes could not be more than a yard apart if they were to be successful in overcoming the "barrage." To fly over the balloons was an alternative, but then at such a great height the planes could not gain direct hits.

In the last war this system of balloons was highly successful, and so long as these impregnable castles of the sky are built to protect great cities, we may be easier in our thoughts of the nightmare of aero-chemical warfare.

-W. H. CUMINES (4A).



METAMORPHOSIS

(An Attempt at Modern Verse)

Ping!

Pong!

Ping! Pong!!

Ping! Pong! Pop-pop-Pong!!! With determined countenance Two maidens demurely dance And try to hit that

Elusive "ping-pong"

Ball. But Now 1?!!?! An athlete With determined grasp Seizes the bat And Challenges His rival ! Rap-rappety-rop-rap-!!!!!! On, on, on, Never-ending patter, Pneumatic drill's clatter,

Then,_____ Rattle,

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Pop, Ping, Pong!!

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Lost,—____ In "table tennis." Point

IAN D. THOMAS (4A).

TO A WATERFALL (Blue Mts.)

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Thou hast no chafing torrent, loveliest Lodore, No wraith-like wind-borne spray conceals thy face; Where soft thy waters sink with muted sibilance, In clinging creaming folds of bridal lace.

But though thou hast not grandeur, depth vertiginous, Down in thy glen by countless ages worn, There comes a sweet serenity to those who hear A whispering as of forest leaves at dawn.

H.E.

THE LADY OF THE SPINNING WHEEL (From the painting in room 5)

Lady in grey, while you're spinning away To the whirr of your old-fashioned wheel, Are your thoughts on your task, may I venture to ask, Or away to the past do they steal?

Rich with its gold, does your trim room and cold Make you dream of the bowers of yore? Do the deep blue and grey banish thoughts of to-day? Open wide yesteryear's magic door?

Headdress severe and chaste beauty austere Make you look like some high maiden fayre; Do you see riding by knights with lack-lustre eye For vain love of you doomed to despair?

Or do you dream of some maritime theme Pensive, made by yon ship on its case? On the wild tossing sea where the wind ranges free, Have you visions of some loved face?

What be your thought (if indeed you think aught), Would this mad world your sweet calm could feel? Would the drone of the plane, with its harvest of pain, Were the whirr of your old-fashioned wheel!

H.E.

A HERO OF 1938

(Chris Kayser, victim of the "Rodney" disaster) When panic gripped the stoutest heart And screams of terror rent the air, One child stood by the rail apart, True to the words that bound him there: "Cling fast, my son, cling on!"

With straining breast and drumming ears Down with the "Rodney" to her doom He sank. But through his mortal fears Still throbbed these words from out the gloom: "Hold fast in life or death, hold on!"

And then was peace, the struggle o'er. Grieve not, O mother, but rejoice, For One stands on a distant shore With outstretched hands and gentle voice: "Cling fast to Me, my child, cling on!"

In him there lived again the race Of Scott and Eyre, bold Grenville, Bruce, Who dared the threat of death to face, And scorned to call a craven truce. "Strive on, though hope be fled, fight on!"

God grant such courage still be found If foreign foes attack our shore; And there ring out from peak to sound Australia's cry, our spaces o'er: "Hold fast, my lads, fight on!"

H.E.

ON IRON COVE BRIDGE

Earth has not anything to show more fair, Dull would he be of soul who could pass by A sight so touching in its majesty. The High School Eight now doth like a wraith slip past, Skimming o'er the water, noiseless, fast, Showing in its style and might That which others seek, but never sight. Ne'er did man more perfectly create A thing of beauty like this Eight. Now From afar 1 hear a voice yell, "Easy all!" I think it was the cox, that boy, so small. The craft now glideth at its own sweet will: Dear God! The very men do seem asleep, And all that mighty crew is sitting still. K. LONGMUIR (4B),

in co-operation with William Wordsworth.

AUTUMN SOLITUDE

A gentle breeze stirs o'er the hill, Rustles the solitary tree Which strangely silhouetted stands Before the dimming sun's last strands Of golden light, And overhead a large black bird Is gliding down to rest, While oddly distant may his call be heard Floating down the valley on a breath of wind, ... And the dry leaves stirred.

P. BAILEY (4c).

SOLIS OCCASUS

Slow sinks the sun behind the purpling range. The golden orb, celestial course complete, Descends to take his rest, encradled on A cushion soft of downy clouds, heaven's vault His canopy, and stars to guard his couch.

Soft twilight deepens; shrouds like shadows Steal slowly o'er the face of earth and sky, Enveloping in all-embracing folds All things tangible, perceptible to sight, Till they become mere transient shapeless wraiths.

Forms without substance, ghostly outlines Etched upon the darkening twilight canvas, Seem to glide and wreathe about the hillside— The beetling crags, dominating plain and hill, Now resemble Nature's towering battlements.

Raised against the encroachment of mortal men, Those cliffs and ridges can no mere man ascend, For those escarpments tower to the skies, Brushing with their lofty peaks the fleecy clouds Which ever veil and shroud their sombre summits.

The valleys, depths as yet unplumbed by man, Seem twice as deep by virtue of those shadows Concealing now their floors from searching eyes, Like the gloomy gateway to the land of Dis Each one descends—each one a murky chasm.

And thus it is that through the countless ages From the very dawn of time, 'til Armageddon, The shadows fall, and evermore shall fall, Conveying to the mind of every watchful man New truths eternal, new prophecies divine.

-E.D.W. (5A).

THE TOAST

There are great schools and small schools, Schools famous and unknown; But there's something in their spirit That throughout the world has grown, When a lonely stockman riding O'er a burning sunlit plain. Hums the music of a school song, And his heart is light again. It is worth it if a soldier. On a far-off foreign ground. Hears a voice of boybood comrades 'Neath the noise of battle sound, And knows again the courage That a school can bring to life, To flourish never-ending In the midst of shame and strife. If a meagre and scattered dozen O'er a thousand natives rule: If they fight and swear and suffer, Yet they still can toast the school-Then there's something in their spirit That a writer cannot name. When it lives in swamp or city, And can flourish just the same, Then the strength that such men carry, And their pride and will to rule, Is embodied in a spirit-In the spirit of their school.

P. SEWELL (2D).

Do you recall the flush of colour in the East As the sun rose red at the dawn of day? Do you recall the cry of gulls near the surf, And the flash of fish in the bay?

Can you recall the mist and the fog-grey coast, And the silver that gleamed where the sunlight shone, And the cry of the fisher pushing off from the shore, Eager to sail now that darkness has gone?

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Yet, again, can you recall the song of the sea As the rushing waves upon the shore broke white? Do you remember how we listened, minds a-wander, Dreaming fanciful dreams in the twilight?

Here are the places where my sad soul still wanders Just to revive some precious thoughts of you, For though you have passed from Australasian shores, Still can I recall the things we used to do.

ROBERT C. GILLAM (5A).

THE PROPHET

The prophet stands without the cavern's mouth With pensive eye and melancholy air, Gazing o'er vale and bill, meditating Upon the mystery that is life. This man Is penance doing; penance selfimposed As punishment for some grave sin against The laws of God and Man. Earthly comforts Hath this man rejected, in favour of A spiritual ecstasy-delight From Heaven sent, to comfort him on earth; For be dwells in close proximity to Nature, which is the handiwork of God, And hence in close communion with his Lord. As round the head of him that was the Christ, A gleaming light forever shone—symbol Of Heavenly descent and parentage Divine, so round the brow of the lone prophet A golden glow suffused doth seem to come, Indicating now for all the world to see That he is one of God's elect, chosen To justify the ways of God to men.

B.D.W. (5A),

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REMINISCENCES OF THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MIDDLE EIGHTIES

My twin brother and I became pupils of the Sydney High School about 1886 or '87. The school was situated where David Jones' building now stands. It was a two-storied stone building, stretching from the Monte de Piete down to about 100 yards from Market Street —or rather the playground reached there—and at that end was a galvanised iron shed which we called "The Tin Shed." It was used for the lowest classes and, being candid, I must admit to having spent most of my school days in that shed.

The boys' entrance was in Castlereagh Street. We had to mount about 20 stone steps to our school hall, which was on the ground floor. Our playground was on each side of the stone steps, and was all asphalt. In the middle of one half, near the Monte de Piete, a big Moreton Bay fig tree grew. Up above, on the first or top floor, was the girls' classroom. Their entrance to the school was in Elizabeth Street. There was a stone wall about 12 feet high guarding their playground, with an ordinary wooden door and an old-fashioned brass knob attached. This was their only entrance to their school.

There were, I suppose, about 100 boys attending school, and the fee was 2 guineas a quarter. The boys' usual dress was either Eton jacket or sailor suits, all the boys wearing straw hats with the colours of the school as a band. It was utterly impossible to distinguish the difference between my brother and me, the likeness being uncanny, and we took full advantage of that fact, which I shall relate later on.

Mr. Joseph Coates was the name of our headmaster, commonly known to the boys as "Joey." And oh! what memories that name revives. Many a well-deserved caning I received from "Joey," but a great many more I did not receive when I richly deserved them. What a grand, clever, painstaking, lovable man he really was! But I, for one, was too stupid to realise that fact at the time. He had been Captain of the N.S.W. cricket team, but I am not sure if he played with the Australian Eleven. He played "cricket," I'm sure, all his life, and so I salute him, and from the bottom of my heart I shall always remember him as dear old "Joey."

Another of our teachers was Mr. A. B. Piddington, also a kindly, clever man, now a well known Sydney barrister who only lately has been contesting a big law suit.

Then Mr. Elphinstone, whom we used to think was very stern, but I'm sure his sternness was only skin deep. He was up to all the tricks of the boys, and he worked most strenuously in trying to impart knowledge to us. It was he who thought of a plan by which he could distinguish my brother from me in class. He made one of us sit in the back seat and one in the front so as, of course, he would know which one he was addressing, but we changed seats without his



(Joseph Coates, Esq., First Headmaster of S.H.S., 1883-1896.)

knowledge, and when the lesson was finished we informed him how we had deceived him. He laughed heartily at this act of ours, and we foolishly thought how smart we were to be the means of causing such amusement to a teacher, so we perpetrated this act again, but when we informed him this time he ordered us to remain in, which meant one hour's detention. After that, if we practised this deception again, we resolved to remember the old adage, "It's a wise boy who can keep a silent tongue."

The detention book was brought round to the master of each class, and he would enter the name of the boy he'd decided to detain. One afternoon my brother's name was entered in this book and he, having to get home early for a music lesson, asked me if I would stay in for him, and I consented. I forgot to mention that only the headmaster caned, so if one of the masters thought a boy deserved this punishment he would report that boy to "Joey," who would cane him. The afternoon I stayed in for my brother I, according to school-boy parlance, "played up" in class, so the teacher who had detention class said to me, "I will have you caned in the morning." Next morning "Joey" came round with the detention book and, calling my brother out, gave him the caning I should have received,



S.H.S. FIRST FIFTEEN, 1884.

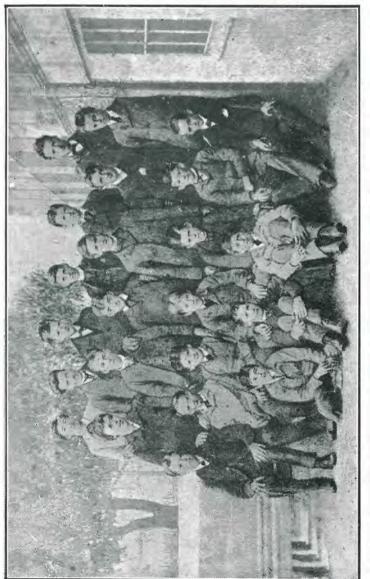
and he daren't demur. He was the most astonished boy in the class, as I had not informed him what to expect. I should imagine this was coming very close to that saying, "Hoist with his own petard."

Another day we went for a swim to the Domain Baths and, on the way, one of us threw a book under a bicycle ridden by a man. He baulked and fell on the asphalt path, scratching his hands. We ran away, forgetting that we had left the book behind with our surname on the front page. Next morning the man appeared at the school with the tell-tale lesson book, plus, of course, a complaint. "Joey" asked the man if he could identify the boy who had performed this act. He replied there is no necessity, as the name is in the book, so "Joey" called the two of us out and asked him to pick out the culprit. The look on the man's face was one of amazement; it was positively comical, and even "Joey" being unable to control his laughter.

Another tall, stately master was Colonel Legge. The writing master was Mr. Stephenson, the French master Monsieur Thibault, and Mr. Trebeck, who until lately was teacher at the Maitland High School. Another teacher was Mr. Crompton who, on occasions, used to speak to the boys very roughly; but he was brimming with good nature and thoughts for the boys.

A new teacher came to the School named Mr. Sharpe, just out from Scotland. He knew nothing about Sydney. Before vacation we could obtain passes from the teacher enabling us to travel quarterfare to whichever country town we were going to spend our holidays.

One of the boys—Solomon by name—went out for his pass, and when Mr. Sharpe asked him where he wanted his pass to, replied, "Eveleigh," and he received his pass, of course knowing that Mr. Sharpe did not know where Eveleigh was. The full fare at that time to Eveleigh was one penny.



S.H.S. SENIOR FORM, 1884.



One of the boys who went to the School in my time was H. Carter, the Australian Eleven wicket-keeper. I received valuable advice from him later in life, as I played cricket with him in the same club—Waverley C.C.—and I also kept wickets for Waverley.

One of my chums at school was Ossy Nickless, who, I think,

is still in the Mines Department, and has acted as Magistrate in the country. I often see him now, and I am happy to say I still retain his friendship.

F. W. S. Zlotkowski, whose name was on the Honour Board, was there in my time. The Honour Board used to hang on the wall in the big School Hall. I wonder if it is still hanging up in your School? My cousin, A. H. MacTaggart, had left before I arrived at the School. His name was also on the Honour Board. He is now a doctor and coroner at Tamworth. Another boy, Charlie Watt, who had the habit of winning all the running championships at our annual sports. What a splendid pedestrian he was! He was until lately in control of the Grammar School at Newcastle, and I trust he is in the best of health and still carrying on the good work up North. Bob Beardsmore was also a pupil at the School whilst I was there; he now holds a high military rank, and is also in a Government position in Sydney. He was known to the boys as "Chook." Why that nickname I don't know. The late Dr. Bohrsman was also a pupil.

We never spoke to any of the girls, although we knew a great many of them by sight. The few I remember were: Ethel Windeyer, Laura Holderness, Alice Pottie and her sister, whose father had a veterinary establishment in Castlereagh Street, between Market and Park Streets; Lily Crompton, whose father I have already referred to as one of our teachers; and Miss Mustaka, whose Christian name I have forgotten.

We had passes enabling us to travel to and from school on the trains free; I think also on the trams, which were double-deckers. I lived at Newtown, where there were some beautiful homes; there were also many paddocks and vacant allotments in what is now the main part of Newtown.

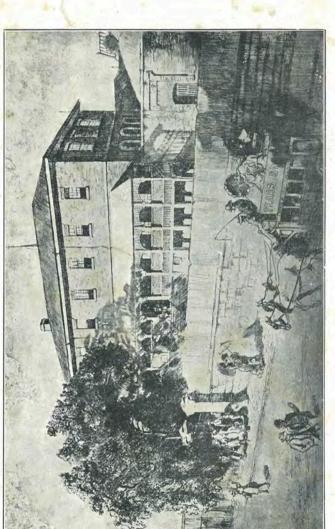
Two more great chums of mine were Walter and Jim Traill, who also lived at Newtown, and whose father was M.P. for South Sydney and Editor of *The Bulletin*.

We boys were never allowed to go to the theatre by ourselves, but I remember my parents taking me to Her Majesty's Theatre when it first opened. Mr. Geo. Rignold was the lessee and chief actor, with his wife and Mr. William Rignold. I distinctly remember seeing them play *Henry VIII*, *Julius Cæsar*, and my favourite Shakespearean play, *The Merchant of Venice*. I recollect also being taken to the Theatre Royal and seeing the famous French actress, Sarah Bernhardt, play in *Camille*.

If you could communicate with any of the boys I have mentioned in this story, what a wonderful account they would give you of the old High School and old Sydney, and I am sure it would be delivered with a far more able pen than I can control.

I trust this will be of interest to the wearers of the old "Chocolate and Blue."

-J. M. Flatau.



SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL, 1883.

when the School was transferred to Ultimo. The Sydney Girls High School occupied the building from 1891-1921, transferring to Moore Park. The Sydney Boys High transferred from Ultimo to Moore Park in 1928. This old building was notable historically as being the birthplace of the New South Wales State System of Secondary Education. There was another frontage in Elizabeth Street. St. James' old site. It was a Boys' High from 1883-1891, when The original building in Castlereagh Street. There we Theatre, to-day, practically occupies the old site.

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