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KEEPING THE "HOME" FLAG FLYING! S.H.S. CADETS ON PARADE.

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**THE DEBATING TEAM**  
Premiers in Hume Barbour Trophy Competition.

Left to Right: H. D. NICOLSON, N. McINNES, H. HARRIS.



**FIFTH GRADE, 1940 (PREMIERS)**

Back: R. TILDESLEY, L. SCOTT, K. KNOX, W. GELL, R. RICHARDSON.  
Centre: R. KHAN, K. KHAN, W. HOWELL, H. BYRNES, L. HOLDEN, B. CHAPPELL.  
Bottom: P. KINGSMILL, H. RIDHALGH, C. CLARKE, D. SCHULMAN (Captain),  
O. BEVAN, R. BURNETT, J. CORREY.  
Sitting: O. CONNOLLY.

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### SIXTH GRADE, 1940 (PREMIERS)

Standing: P. DENTON, W. CUMMINGS, E. CAWSEY, C. WATTS,  
W. DUMBRELL, G. WHITAKER.  
Sitting: E. CHONG, P. GAWNE, J. SANDERSON, B. HOPKINS (Captain), P. TAYLOR,  
R. WINTER, L. ROSE. Sitting: K. EMERSON.



### SENIOR ATHLETICS' TEAM, 1940 (PREMIERS)

Back (left to right): J. ELLIS, R. MELESKI, J. BACH, K. BINNS.  
Centre: D. FREEMAN, K. DAVENPORT, J. DREELIN, B. REIMER, L. CARR, B. CLAY.  
Front: B. SHERIDAN, P. JOHNSON, R. NAIRN (Captain), Mr. L. A. BASSER,  
K. BARET, L. MURPHY, H. KING.



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### JUNIOR ATHLETICS' TEAM, 1940 (PREMIERS)

Standing (left to right): S. RILEY, P. DREELIN, J. ELDER.

Seated: K. WILLIAMS, R. DETHICK, Mr. L. A. BASSER, A. CLARKE, N. McINNES.



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Centre: L. MURPHY, E. DAVIES, K. LONGMUIR, N. REA, E. WHITE.

Front: R. NAIRN, K. DAVENPORT (Vice-Captain), Mr. J. H. KILLIP (Headmaster), R. LOTON (Captain), Mr. R. H. PAYNTER (Prefects' Master), I. THOMAS, H. SLATER.

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## EDITORIAL

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

*"Let God be true and every man a liar.  
Let us know what is."*

—KINGSLEY.

Since time immemorial, when first man lay down his hunting weapons and lifted eager eyes towards heaven, the soul of mankind has been constantly challenged by those burning questions of his own existence—Why? Whence? Whither? His reason forever seeks an explanation of Life's purpose, its origin and its ultimate end.

Perhaps he would be better able to ponder these pregnant topics if he could determine his actual position in the complex universal scale. Exactly where does man fit in in this gigantic scheme? Religion, science, prejudice, sentiment and earnest everyday thought have all returned widely varying theories and hypotheses.

Man's tendency to vanity has led him to consider himself the supreme mortal being, superbly crowned at the topmost rung of the biological ladder. But scientific knowledge has thrown this into the deepest doubt. In recent years, theorists have begun to ask the most pointed questions, causing all our pre-formed ideas not a little acute embarrassment. Men have commenced to regard each other anxiously, wondering uneasily whether all that they have so fondly credited hitherto is perhaps not in accordance with indisputable fact.

Darwin, while showing humanity to be the most consummately skilled species, has also demonstrated that its origin is not all unique as religion maintains, and the species not all immutable as its beliefs demand. As that scientist himself declared: "We must, however, acknowledge that man, with all his noble qualities, with sympathy which feels for the most debased, with benevolence which extends not only to other men, but to the humblest living creature, with his God-like intellect which has penetrated into the movements and constitution of the solar system—with all these exalted powers—man still bears in his bodily frame the indelible stamp of his lowly origin."

In this very century Professor Sigmund Freud has cast a very definite *point d'interrogation* after our smug ideas concerning the loftiness of all finer human motives, seriously quizzing what Darwin called "all his noble qualities."

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Astronomy impresses us with the incomprehensible gigantic dimensions of the sidereal universe, and with the relative obscurity of our earth in this boundless cosmos. Whether we focus our telescope on the distant nebulæ or our microscope on the tiny bacteria, we see a process of incessant progenitation and decay, an unintelligible disintegration and reconstruction in a perpetual material struggle for existence.

From all this are we to conclude helplessly that mortal man is, like bacteria and nebulæ, just another varied natural form? In so monstrous a scheme why should mankind be of peerless consequence? Time—to the best of our calculation—is infinite; whole universes come and go; are we just another stage in this external sequence of cause and effect?

Every factor in human nature rebels against such conclusions. How could they be reconciled with the ambitious conceptions of human immortality and human nobility? Could a bacterium be immortal? Does Nature really discriminate between microbes, men and meteors?

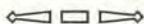
In view of such astounding observations, does it follow that you and I are compelled to abandon our cherished ideals of human sacredness, of the celestial pleas of God's justice, of the worth of worldly objects and moral abstractions we formerly valued so highly?

Most essays, in proposing a disturbing question, make some attempt at an answer. But to furnish a reply is, I assure you, beyond me. It is not for me to invest what has ever perplexed philosophers, with clarity, reason and logic. I have merely put the dot under the question mark that you might see it the more plainly. I can only bid you to pause a moment and to think; and then to experience the uncanny sensation of feeling values that you have taken for granted as firm and everlasting.

Cogitate without prejudice, without sentiment.

What do you think?

—MCI. (4A).



### SQUADRON-LEADER J. A. COHEN, D.F.C.

Squadron-Leader Julius A. Cohen, one of the members of the R.A.A.F. Sunderland Squadron attached to the Coastal Command of the R.A.F., is only 23 years of age, and it is almost certain that he is the youngest Squadron-Leader in the Empire.

The distinguished airman piloted the flying boat in which the British Minister of Information (Mr. Duff Cooper) and the then Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces (Lord Gort) travelled to Rabat, Morocco, on June 25, in an attempt to interview former leaders of the French Government.

The pilot met with considerable hostility from a police boat with an armed crew when he attempted to take a message ashore to Lord Gort but, by his initiative, overcame obstructions. Repeatedly baulked



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**SQUADRON-LEADER J. A. COHEN, D.F.C.**

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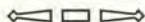
by the French, Cohen taxied his 'plane to the open sea and took off there.

A son of the late Mr. Errol Cohen and Mrs. Cohen, of Bellevue Hill, Flight-Lieutenant Cohen was born at Moree, and was educated at the Sydney High School. He gained a very good Intermediate pass in 1931 (6 A's and 2 B's), and in sport he excelled at tennis.

With other members of his squadron, he went to England 15 months ago to bring out Short-Sunderland flying boats for the R.A.A.F. On the outbreak of war they were attached to the Coastal Command, and have done magnificent convoy and other work.

On July 14, while escorting a large and scattered convoy, he drove off a Heinkel which was attacking the ships. Shortly after it was announced that he had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

—D. FREEMAN (4A).



## PERSONAL

Mr. C. P. Schrader, M.A., who was on the staff from 1928 to 1940, retired on September 27 after 48 years' teaching.

He will spend much of his leisure at Sussex Inlet Wandandian, where a warm welcome awaits any of his friends who call in.

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The Senate of the University of Sydney has conferred on Mr. J. G. Crawford, Economist at the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the degree of Master of Economics and the University Medal, Leaving Certificate, S.H.S., 1927.

Mr. Crawford's thesis was the culmination of researches in the measurement of the growth of the levels of the Australian tariff since 1902.

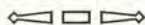


### THE LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY

#### Official Visit to Sydney High School

On Tuesday, July 16, the two schools assembled in the Girls' School grounds, when the Captains presented the proceeds of the "Youth Parade," amounting to £260, to Alderman S. S. Crick as a donation to the Lord Mayor's Patriotic Fund.

In the presence of Miss Campbell (Principal of the Girls' High), Mr. J. H. Killip (Headmaster) introduced the Lord Mayor, who expressed great pleasure at receiving the cheque, and also in the welcome he had received. Mr. Killip's reference to the organising work of Miss Ferguson and Captain Wilthew was received with applause. The School Fife Band terminated the proceedings with the National Anthem.



### MR. C. P. SCHRADER

With deep regret the School bade farewell to Mr. Schrader on Friday, September 28, when he retired from the Public Service.

The boys gave him an affectionate send-off, and were clamorously vocal when the Headmaster called for cheers.

Mr. Killip paid a splendid tribute to Mr. Schrader, and stressed his enormous influence with boys in their sports and in their camp at Sussex Inlet, where many of them had foregathered annually.

Rex Loton (School Captain), in presenting their departing friend with a travelling compact in leather from all the grade football teams and campers, wished him long life, happiness and health. His remarks were seconded by Captains Hopkins (6th Grade) and Clarke (5th Grade).

Mr. Schrader expressed regret that on account of the large school he had not had the opportunity to know all the boys. He also regretted his retirement after 48 years' service. At Sydney High he had spent 12 happy years. His association with boys and teachers had always been happy, and in thanking them all, he wished them the very best.

Previously, on Wednesday, 26th September, the staff had tendered Mr. Schrader a luncheon, and had presented him with a travel-



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ling case and rug. The Headmaster presided, and numerous friends of Mr. Schrader were present, including ex-Inspector Lennard and Mr. Mackinnon (H.M. of Technical High). High tributes were paid to Mr. Schrader, the most eloquent, perhaps, being that of the Deputy-Headmaster (Mr. P. W. Hallett).

In his reply, Mr. Schrader traced his career, the Headmaster concluding that after such a speech he believed all that had been said of Mr. Schrader.



## OBITER DICTA

With brushes in hand, the "mind the paint" men have hustled class after class not once, but twice, from their cosy corners. To our great sorrow some of us have discovered that paint can be, on occasion, wet. However, Lady Macbeth's kind words have brought comfort and relief: "A little benzine clears us of this deed. How easy is it then!"

Even a casual inspection of the fabric of the School will suffice to show what a splendid metamorphosis has been achieved, the whole job having been accomplished in a most thorough manner. The interior and the exterior of the building, and even the wire fencing contiguous to the park, have been painted. The embellishment of the Assembly Hall in pure white, was a fine piece of work, the trusses being picked out effectively in gold. We have all had to mind the "wet paint"; now we have to mind the "dry paint," and try to keep it from being marked or soiled.



Three new display cases adorn the wall facing the old ones. They displaced the nucleus of the system (an old case which was attached formerly to the wall in the Staff Room), which served its purpose so well in entertaining browsing crowds, with sandwich or apple in collective hand, that considerable money was spent in erecting the six cases on the opposite wall. The response of the School to these has been such that the three exceedingly handsome cases referred to have been erected. The centre case is unique both on account of its size and depth for large maps and framed pictures, and also because of the adjustable shelf for exhibits. The "Forum" is an attractive portion of the School's precincts, and doubtless ideas are absorbed and exchanged without the boredom of homework and detention—possibly a sugar-coated pill, after all, to be taken *ad lib*.



Class 1A have formed a Dramatic Club. Their objective is to develop drama seriously, and to pay attention also to specialties. They believe that their play, "This Shaving Business," in "Snapshots," was

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both amusing and successful, and hope to have in preparation in due course several plays and special items of entertainment. They have a committee of three, a secretary, and two talent scouts who look like harpies. Beware of their talons, ye First Years! The excellent work of the senior producers of the plays for the concert was also doubtless an inspiration to them.

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Rumours of happy and strenuous basket ball games circulate. Apparently this game is going to become popular.

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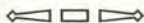
The scheme of the travelling Art Gallery, inspired by Mr. Crowley, continues to operate. Excellent displays beautify the walls of the Assembly Hall from time to time. Comparatively few people excel in the Fine Arts; but the dilettanti may learn to admire appreciatively, and to discuss intelligently the pros and cons of good pictures. In time, some might learn even to become minor critics and judges of taste in a very singular field of æsthetics.

The School's collection is being added to carefully, Fifth Year, in 1939, presenting two pictures. Foley, in 5B, has been busy collecting for 1940's picture. Each class-room in turn is treated to pictures as good and as truly artistic as the School can offer. Pictures on the move have the dual value in being pictures and in arresting attention. So many of us are mere passers-by!

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Evan Davies' harp, in the "Snapshots" programme on October 10, was a musical highlight. He played attractively "Theme and Variations" (Haydn) and "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms," thus suiting all tastes. A picturesque item.

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## THE MUSIC SOCIETY

During the latter half of the year, the Music Society was founded. The object of the Society is twofold; namely, to stimulate interest in music in the School, and to provide good entertainment. We were extremely fortunate, at the outset, in securing the services of such an active organiser in the person of E. Davies.

Meetings are held every Thursday, and the programme is varied, being either a recorded recital, a lecture, or a concert. The attendance at these weekly meetings has been very good, and it is encouraging to the organisers to find so many boys interested in music. The members of the Music Society also went to a Celebrity Concert in the Town Hall, and spent an enjoyable afternoon listening to many fine classical works.



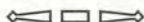
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One of the main features of the Society's programme, however, was the series of concerts held in the School Hall. The proceeds of one of the concerts were given to a patriotic fund. The Society gratefully acknowledges the services of the artists who performed at these concerts, and who helped to make them a success.

We are specially indebted to Mr. Dabron and to P. Boyne, who made available their splendid libraries of records.

Following on such a successful beginning, it is hoped that those boys will be found who will carry on the good work.

C. R. BALE (Secretary).



## THE INTER-SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

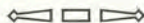
The leaders of the I.S.C.F. wish to express their thanks to Mr. Killip for permitting them to hold their meetings. They are also grateful to Mr. Paynter for his talk on "Pilgrim's Progress."

The new leaders are Charlie Campbell, Jack Crealy and George Watson. All are welcome to the meetings, and the hand of friendship is extended to those who are in need of friends.

Christ, to us, is more than a memory dimmed by long centuries, more than a hand beckoning us to an ideal that He set two thousand years ago. We know Him as the risen Lord, Who triumphed over the grave and Who said, "I have overcome the world."

He knocks on the door of all our hearts. It has been our task to show that He should be allowed to enter, for He gives that which no man can take away.

—B. REIMER, H. NICOLSON, E. DAVIES, K. LANCASTER, J. BACH.



## ORATORY AND DECLAMATION COMPETITIONS

### Winners for 1940

#### *Oratory:*

Senior—H. D. Nicolson.

Junior—W. B. Howell.

#### *Shakespearean Declamation:*

Senior—Peter Brunton Gibb.

Junior—K. Raymond.

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### THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY MED.

#### *4th Degree Exam.:*

J. W. H. Tyrer—C. S. Caird Scholarship No. 1 for General Proficiency; Thomas Carlyle Parkinson Memorial Prize for Pathology and Bacteriology; High Distinction.

J. M. Hercus, B.Sc. (*aeq.*)—Harold Alfred Waldron Memorial Prize for Bacteriology; Credit.

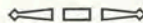
D. J. Pittar—Credit.

T. Allen—Credit.

R. B. Kendall—Distinction.

#### *3rd Degree:*

Pass—J. Couani, B. T. Dowd, J. A. Keen, K. J. Lazarus, R. J. Rutherford, A. C. G. Thomas, D. J. Wurth.



### THE DEBATING SOCIETY, 1940

The 1940 season was a successful one for the High team, for although we were displaced from the G.P.S. Premiership, we regained the coveted "Hume Barbour" trophy awarded the C.H.S. winners.

In G.P.S. we had our only defeat of the season in the first engagement (with Scots), and then only by the exceedingly narrow margin of one point! We drew with S.C.E.G.S., and defeated St. Ignatius, who later went on to win the Premiership.

We opened our C.H.S. season with a win over Technical, and followed this up by defeating Wollongong. This Wollongong fixture was perhaps the most interesting of the year, including as it did a most enjoyable trip to the South Coast, distinguished by the cordial hospitality of our opponents. We defeated the winners of the other zone (Fort Street) in the final, to emerge as undefeated Premiers for 1940.

It is interesting to note that all three members of the team—H. Nicolson, H. Harris and N. McInnes—each debated in each of the several positions with equal facility.

—McI. (Secretary).





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**CAPTAIN R. K. WILTREW (ON LEAVE)**

Officer-in-Charge of training for the Volunteer Defence Corps (Returned Soldiers),  
and Officer Commanding School Cadet Corps.

[Photo: R. Blake.

## THE NATIONAL FITNESS CAMP

S.H.S. boys should have a special interest in the National Fitness Camp at Patonga. Capt. Reg. Wilthew was a member of the original party which explored the lower Hawkesbury for a camp site, and it was his launch which first landed a party on the 800 acres of virgin country finally chosen. And what a fine choice it was! Locked by high mountains, a lagoon had drained into the sea, leaving a huge block of perfectly flat country, well watered, and fringed by a golden beach.

Mr. Young lost no time in developing his find. Voluntary work parties were organised, and for a year these parties, including 60 T.H.S. boys, have been constructing dams, quarries, huts, a running track (under the supervision of Jack Metcalfe, an Old Boy), and all the equipment so necessary to a Physical Fitness Camp. Great strides have been made, as Mr. Hallett, a visitor on a recent week-end can tell you, but much remains to be done, and it is Mr. Young's hope that S.H.S. boys will avail themselves of an opportunity to keep fit and help build this camp by forming regular holiday and work parties.

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### A LETTER FROM J. STILL (CAPT., 1929)

John Still, Captain of the School in 1929, has been doing research work in bio-chemistry at Gonville and Caius College Cambridge, and in a recent letter to Mr. Allan R. Beveridge, writes as follows:—

"By now you will have met Bill Munday again. We had a very agreeable lunch in London in April. He is the only Old Boy I have met in England, although I have no doubt there are others here now.

"Last July I showed Mr. and Mrs. Killip around Cambridge. It seemed to me then that his trip overseas would result in good for the School. It seems almost superfluous to say that in the last 12 months the whole range of education and all that it implies has come up for deeper consideration than ever before. It is very satisfactory to know that the Head of the School now is one who has seen pre-war Europe and, more particularly pre-war England. Many things are about to change now, and the time is opportune for progressive educationalists to lead some trumps. Of course, it may well be that Australia will pass through the aftermath unscathed, and perhaps come through much more powerful and self-supporting than before. One hopes not, however, for the self-satisfaction and intolerance which will accompany such an escape will be too horrible to contemplate. There seems to be no problem, national or international, that could not be solved, or at any rate substantially clarified, by changing the bias in education. This is becoming realised here, and probably in Australia, but to a lesser extent. However, one feels that S.H.S. will be able to keep pace with such changes as occur in Australia.

"In the ordinary course of events, I shall be back in Sydney early in 1941."



### ROLF BORN IN MIDDLE EAST

Sgt. Rolf Born (L.C. 1937), writing from the Middle East to the Headmaster, enclosed some snapshots of Arab children. Commenting on Arab conditions, the letter states: "The Arab we see is not an exceedingly impressive sort of chap, the fellaheen, or labourer, who lives in mud villages amid dirt and filth, and eats mainly rice and unleavened bread. The Bedouin Arab, a prince in comparison to the fellaheen, carries himself proudly erect, and in the towns and villages walks along the middle of the street to avoid contact with the fellaheen. The Bedouin, even if he is a beggar, carries on as if he were lord of the earth, and is really a fine upstanding figure. He lives a nomadic life in black goatskin tents, and tends his goats, sheep and camels."

In his comments on the School's effort for patriotic funds Rolf says: "I can tell you the comforts that we receive from Australia seem, in some way, to bring us nearer home, and to remind us that we are here on a job, and that we can do that job well with such support from home."



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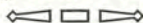
**STAFF CADET K. J. ORAM, ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE, DUNTROON.**  
Captain of S.H.S., 1937. Entered R.M.C. in 1940 with a view to graduating as Lieutenant to the Staff Corps in 1941.

### FAREWELL TO FIFTH YEAR

On Monday, October 28, Fourth Year entertained at a banquet in the Assembly Hall a large Fifth Year of six classes. It was a gay and substantial spread, and a very happy gathering listened to speeches by the Headmaster, Mr. Hallett (Deputy-Headmaster), Mr. Saxby (ex-Headmaster), Mr. Phillips and Dr. Hardwicke, and representatives of Fourth and Fifth Years, and to the concert items provided by Price and Beaver.

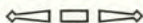
Fourth Year representatives had worked assiduously in preparing the function, and were supervised by Mr. W. Cummings.

Incidentally, Fifth Year presented a fine framed picture to the Headmaster to supplement the School's collection, thus upholding the tradition of former departing Fifth Years.



### PREFECTS, 1941

The editors would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the six new prefects who have been elected for next year. They are J. Beveridge, R. Dethick, B. Flashman, D. Freeman, N. McInnes and P. Smith.



### "SNAPSHOTS"

This "Medley of Melody, Mirth and Mystery" was presented by High in the Assembly Hall on Thursday, October 10. Subsequently, the Headmaster announced a net profit of £50, £25 of which was

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donated to the British Bomb Victims' Fund, the balance being credited to the P. & C. accounts. The crowded audience thus contributed to two worthy causes.

*The Record* takes the opportunity and liberty to thank parents and friends for their generous monetary support, and also for the tacit assistance of their talented boys in presenting a series of clever programme items. It was a varied presentation, and revealed considerable trained and latent abilities in entertainment and organisation.

Outstanding this year were the initiative, enterprise and unselfish support of the senior boys. John Sumner, George Smith, H. D. Nicolson and Maurice Travers each presented a play which called for organisation and numerous rehearsals. They and their casts frequently, without request, worked outside school hours, and, to their great credit, produced meritoriously some attractive plays—an excerpt from "The Tempest" (Nicolson), "The Nineteenth Hole" (Smith), "The Captain of the Gate" (Sumner), and "Fruity Melodrama" (Travers). All were realistically presented and acted convincingly. Space forbids individual mention of the actors, but all played like genuine troupers. Class 1A also presented "This Shaving Business!" the players romping extravagantly in this amusing piece of slapstick nonsense, and enjoying it as much as did the audience.

"Ja und Nein" (George Smith and Warren Murphy), Peter Brunton Gibb (humorous study of a naive parson), "Lord Haw Haw" (Leslie Oakes) hot from Berlin in a special short-wave broadcast, all evoked spontaneous laughter, and were quite effective. Mr. William Price and his son Allan (4th Year) entertained with a splendid and picturesque conjuring act, and the emergence from a top hat of a startled guinea pig brought Part One to a close.

Musically, there was much variety and good entertainment. Mr. J. Dabron (Music Master) conducted a splendid and numerous choir of young boys, who delighted the audience with a series of Unison and Part songs, Purcell, Mozart and Handel being the chosen composers. The latter's well-known "Largo," sung as "Evensong," was impressive.

Evan Davies sang "The British Lion" acceptably, and Kenneth Stone played some attractive numbers on his mouth organ. Evan Davies presented a beautiful act with a handsome concert harp, and was later joined by Ian Thomas in clarinet and harp duets. Ted Wybrew (who now appears in Radio) gave an entertaining series of popular numbers with his piano-accordion, and was well received. "The Five Melodious Musketeers" (fifers and drummers), led by Jack Sandilands, stirred the action of the show with "Tipperary" and "Advance Australia," and buglers, led by David Watson, appropriately opened the performance with the School Call. Ted Sullivan (with his own accompaniment on the ukulele) was successful in several tuneful numbers, especially "The Lights of London." Bailey and Knudsen



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MAURICE TRAVERS (Trinculo), JOHN SUMNER (Stephano) and H. D. NICOLSON (Caliban) in a farcical scene from "The Tempest."

[Photo: R. Blake.]

acted as accompanists, the latter obligingly filling a gap at short notice.

Others who should be mentioned are Fred Deacon, for his excellent technical work in connection with the gramophone arrangements; Mr. Scott, for lights and flowers; various members of the staff for supervision, etc.; and the Misses de Lorence and Fletcher, who came over from the S.G.H.S. to help us, by kind permission of Miss Campbell (H.M.).

The Choral Finale by the choir brought "Snapshots" to a close and, in song reminded us at this crucial time, of the magnificent "Land of Hope and Glory."



### "YOUTH PARADE"

On June 22, the natural amphitheatre formed by the beautiful grounds of the Sydney Girls' High School was thronged with a crowd of 2,000 people, who had gathered to witness the long-awaited "Youth Parade." This was presented by pupils of both the Sydney Girls' High School and the Sydney Boys' High School, in aid of the Lord Mayor's Fund.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Wakehurst had graciously consented to be present, and the programme opened punctually at 2.15 p.m., when Lord Wakehurst reviewed the Cadet Corps, who pleased all by their smartness, both in appearance and in drill.

Junior pupils from both schools first demonstrated their ability at gymnastics in a quickly moving "Daily Dozen."

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This item was followed by a picturesque display of "Folk Dances of Other Lands," Third Year girls presented Austrian and Scandinavian dances, while the Dutch dances which followed were executed by Second Year boys and girls.

The lawn was then occupied by the Fifth Year girls, who demonstrated their agility in various types of skipping.

After the high standard set in the first half of the afternoon, a critical audience awaited the first item of the second half, and indeed was not disappointed in a most remarkable exhibition of vaulting and tumbling.

The Fourth Year boys and girls then called forth the admiration of everyone by the grace with which they performed four British Folk Dances—"The Black Nag," "The Morris Dance" (Shepherd's Hey), "The Waltz Country Dance" and "The Dashing White Sergeant." Determined that Fourth Year should not be thought the only ones able to dance, boys and girls of Fifth Year then came forward to give a dainty and creditable performance of the characteristic dance of France—the Minuet.

"The Masked Wonder—Champion Boy Weight Lifter of the World"—whose name was printed in such bold letters on the programme, was awaited expectantly. When at last a brawny, muscular figure, clad in a leopard skin and black mask, strode forth, there were some murmurs of recognition and some of wonderment. This Colossus performed the most amazing feats of strength with tremendous weights amid cries of astonishment that were scarcely less when a small—very small—First Year boy carried off the loads afterwards.

First, Second, Third and Fourth Year girls were then seen in rhythmic dances such as "Elfin Revels," "A Spring Fantasy" and "The Dance of the Mineral Sprites."

As a striking climax to the afternoon was then presented "Youth Parade," in which an impressive march past of all participants in the entertainment and representatives of every sport of both schools finished in a glorious pageant which produced in everyone a suitable feeling of awe when the National Anthem was played.

Miss Ferguson and Captain R. K. Wilthew had worked long and earnestly for the success of the enterprise, and both must have felt gratified.

—I.D.T.



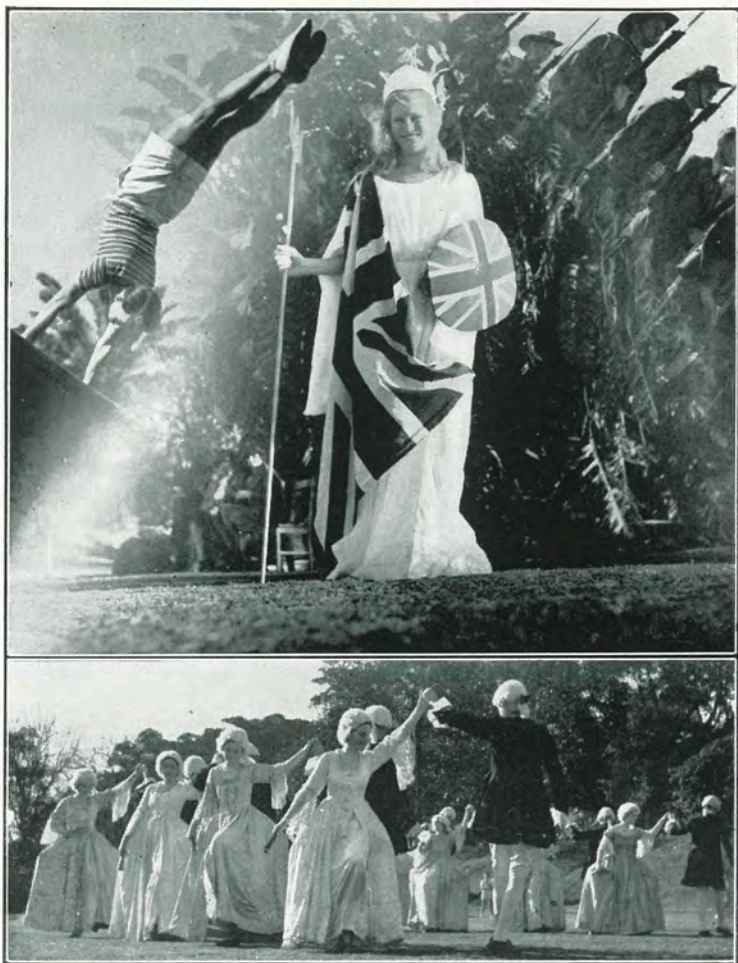
## EXCHANGES

We acknowledge with pleasure receipt of the following:—

*The Falcon, The Lens, The Acorn, The Torch-Bearer, The Armadialian, Fort Street Girls' High, The Scotsman, The King's School Magazine, The Sydneian, The Quondong, The Unicorn, Lux, The Knox Grammarian, The Caulfield Grammarian, The Log.*



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### YOUTH PARADE, S.H.S., 1940

Left to right: C. P. W. Kirke (vaulting), Miss A. McNeil (S.G.H.S.) as Britannia, S.H.S. Cadets (Guard of Honour to His Excellency the Governor), the stately Minuet (Boys and Girls' High).

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Since our report in the last issue of *The Record*, the officers and members have constantly maintained their efforts on behalf of the Association and School, despite the fact that the International situation has increased their difficulties. We are very pleased to say that, with the co-operation we have received from the Headmaster, Mr. J. H. Killip, B.A., the staff, the boys, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the P. & C. Association, and our many staunch friends, we are well up to our budget, and confident that the year will end with a record that will compare most favourably with the previous best.

At the first meeting of the Association in 1940, it was decided that the School Library should receive our special consideration, and that £150 should be raised for this purpose. It is very pleasing to be able to report that this amount has already been handed over to the School. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Association are to be congratulated on their part in connection with this matter, as they undertook to make a special effort to raise £50 of this amount. They did so with the same enthusiasm as they do in many other matters in connection with the Association. We would like to point out here to the hundreds of mothers connected with the School, that the Ladies' Auxiliary hold their meetings at 2 p.m. in the School on the second Wednesday in each month. The object of the Auxiliary is to give those mothers who find it not possible to attend the Association an opportunity to take an active interest, and to help to do something to assist this great School to benefit their sons, and so continue to obtain the wonderful results which have been recorded over so many years.

The following will suffice to illustrate the work of the Association:—Providing luncheon and afternoon tea on Saturday afternoons to our Cricket and Football teams (including visiting teams), or-



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ganising Tennis and Card Parties, arranging inspections of various large industrial undertakings, providing supper at our monthly dances and other functions. It is this spirit of co-operation which has been the keynote of the Association's past successful results.

In a previous issue of *The Record* we appealed for more workers to assist in the work of the Association, but the appeal did not have the desired result. This is an essential and valuable work, and should be considered a privilege by the parents to be able to do something for its advancement, and to help add to its glorious traditions. Many are no doubt assisting in patriotic movements (which is the duty of everybody), but that does not mean that essential services are to be neglected. The War calls for a sacrifice from all, and, if we are simply going to take away from one important services and divert to another, we are not doing our duty or making a sacrifice. We therefore appeal to parents to attend the monthly meetings of the Association, and take an interest in its working, and thereby give moral support to the executive officers.

At our August meeting, Mr. J. H. Killip, B.A., Headmaster, entertained members with a series of magnificent films of his recent trip to Europe, and Mr. J. McRorie, of the Education Department, showed a wonderful series depicting the recent "Parade of Youth" by the girls and boys of the Sydney High School in aid of the Lord Mayor's Patriotic Fund, surf club displays on our local beaches, and the physical fitness campaign at Patonga, Hawkesbury River, under the direction of Mr. Gordon Young.

We are also grateful to Mr. P. Klineberg, B.A., School Councillor, who addressed parents on "Vocational Guidance." The subject was presented in such a manner as to be most interesting and helpful to parents for the future welfare of their sons.

On the 10th October the Headmaster, Mr. J. H. Killip, and staff organised a school concert which realised £50, half the proceeds going to the fund in aid of London's bomb victims, and the remainder to the Association. These concerts always reveal a great deal of talent amongst the boys, and this occasion was well up to the usual very high standard, and the Association fully appreciates the time given and the efforts of those members of the staff who were responsible for its presentation. With the boys approaching their examinations, it also was a most praiseworthy effort on their part, which we greatly appreciate.

There has been a slight falling-off in the attendances at the monthly dances, but this is accounted for by the great numbers of young men who have enlisted and are in home defence camps. To counteract this, we therefore impress upon the boys and friends of the School to support and make known as widely as possible amongst their friends the dates of these dances. As in the past we have derived considerable revenue from this source, which has helped to provide

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S.H.S. PERSONALITIES, 1940



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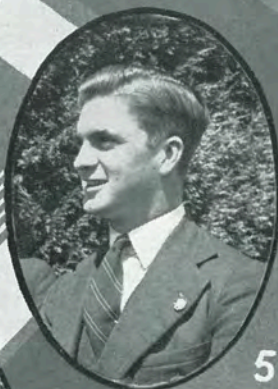
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(1) K. BARET, (2) R. NAIRN, (3) K. LONGMUIR, (4) K. DAVENPORT, (5) R. LOTON,  
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many facilities for the School. These dances have the reputation of being kept select; the company is excellent, being all that can be desired. There is a beautiful hall with a good floor and attractive surroundings, with the best of music, supper being provided, the admission charge being 2/6 per person, payable at door.

As we approach examination time, our thoughts go out to those boys who are sitting for their Intermediate and Leaving examinations. We wish you the very best results possible. We have been most interested in your course through the School, and it has always been our great desire, as we know it has been your Headmaster's and Masters', to do everything possible that would help you to come out on top, and so fit you to hold your own in this world to-day of keen competition, and, at the same time, bring credit to your old School. We feel sure you will never forget Sydney High, and, as the years roll on, you will recollect with pride the very happy days spent there; and, whenever the opportunity occurs, you will do whatever you can to further its advancement, and help to add glory and lustre to its very high traditions. We, the Parents and Citizens' Association, commend to you the Sydney High School Old Boys' Union. Make it your first duty in 1941 to become a member. Take an active interest in its doings, and make it one of the strongest Old Boys' Unions in this city, thereby giving it the power so essential to fulfil the good work they are so desirous of doing for the School.

In conclusion, this Association appeals to all parents of the School. In these times of stress we need your assistance more than ever to help the School, which is so adequately fitting your son to take his place in the world. While the executive of the Association looks forward with every confidence to the future, it realises that there is still much to be done, and stresses the need for every parent to give the Association a full measure of support.

If you are not already a member, why not join up? The Association meets on the third Thursday in each month at 8 p.m. in the School. We shall be pleased to welcome you.

Hereunder is an extract from a recent issue of the "New South Wales Education Gazette," published under the authority of the Minister for Education:—

"The following statement of receipts and expenditure submitted by the Sydney Boys' High School Parents and Citizens' Association is published herewith, as it is one of the most comprehensive of its kind that has been brought under the notice of the Department. It is published as an indication of what may be done through Parents and Citizens' Association." (See page 26.)

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## NETT RECEIPTS

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Year.	Interest.	Donations and Subscriptions.	Special Appeals.	Plays, Concerts, etc.	Fetes.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1925	1 5 9	33 13 9	—	166 3 10	—
1926	9 15 11	20 1 0	—	—	526 10 0
1927	4 3 2	11 4 9	—	9 3 6	—
1928	13 12 2	18 1 0	—	83 11 10	203 3 9
1929	9 17 3	35 11 6	—	27 5 0	—
1930	4 13 11	25 9 6	—	12 1 2	356 12 2
1931	11 19 10	17 2 6	—	1 19 0	85 17 9
1932	1 14 6	15 19 0	91 14 10	7 7 0	0 8 0
1933	1 10 5	22 0 6	—	4 19 3	222 18 0
1934	—	9 13 0	49 14 10	—	102 1 3
1935	0 8 4	20 7 0	—	8 13 6	104 6 9
1936	0 3 8	22 2 6	22 19 0	65 7 0	—
1937	0 3 8	12 13 6	92 12 6	68 7 2	—
1938	—	9 5 0	232 18 1	33 0 2	—
1939	—	8 7 6	59 0 6	68 18 1	—
TOTAL	58 18 7	281 12 0	548 19 9	554 16 6	1,601 17 8

Year.	Ladies' Auxiliary	Market Days.	Dances.	No. of Dances.	Total
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1925	—	—	26 5 9	1	227 9 1
1926	—	—	—	—	556 6 11
1927	—	—	81 2 0	7	105 13 5
1928	—	—	118 10 6	2	436 19 3
1929	—	—	206 4 0	4	278 7 9
1930	—	—	178 8 7	4	577 5 4
1931	—	—	162 18 2	4	279 17 3
1932	—	—	135 6 11	5	252 10 3
1933	—	—	198 14 4	6	450 2 6
1934	—	—	271 10 1	9	432 19 2
1935	—	—	235 13 8	10	369 9 3
1936	82 4 6	148 10 8	75 10 8	9	416 18 0
1937	82 14 8	173 7 4	104 4 2	8	532 3 0
1938	180 3 9	200 14 2	153 0 10	8	809 2 0
1939	52 15 4	217 14 11	256 6 0	10	663 2 4
TOTAL	397 18 3	740 7 1	2,203 15 8		6,388 5 6

# **SYDNEY BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION** **NETT EXPENDITURE**

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Year.	School Books and Library.	School Equipment.	School Prizes.	Rowing.	Cricket.	Football.	Gymnasium.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1925		24 17 0	20 0 0	30 5 4			
1926	26 12 0	14 0 0	20 0 0	172 15 9			
1927	57 17 9	60 6 6		62 11 0			66 3 8
1928	54 4 1	151 2 9	25 0 0	109 8 3	37 10 0		30 8 2
1929	53 14 9	198 10 2	26 19 6	109 16 0	15 0 0		
1930		55 13 0	27 11 0	44 19 0			
1931	14 2 9	2 17 9	56 1 10	125 1 10	11 9 11		2 16 7
1932	24 6 9	10 15 11	31 14 11	132 13 0	5 0 0		4 0 0
1933	21 1 5	72 12 0	37 13 3	154 8 0	5 11 5		4 0 0
1934	23 17 5	69 2 10	35 0 0	50 0 0	15 10 6		3 2 6
1935	31 4 10	28 13 11	35 0 0	50 0 0	29 3 8	4 17 10	
1936	51 14 5	66 1 10	35 0 0	50 0 0	49 12 2	6 5 8	
1937	70 2 6	79 5 2	39 16 2	100 0 0	34 12 3	6 12 6	8 15 6
1938	90 0 0	167 8 3	40 0 0	246 14 11	28 14 0	9 2 6	
1939	75 1 0	167 16 6	33 10 0	100 0 0	47 1 6	15 3 9	1 9 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>593 19 8</b>	<b>1,169 3 7</b>	<b>463 6 8</b>	<b>1,488 13 1</b>	<b>279 5 5</b>	<b>52 6 9</b>	<b>120 15 5</b>

Year.	Shooting.	Centennial Park.	Athletics and Tennis.	School Union, O.B. Union.	P. & C. Sundries.	Printing, Postage, Stationery.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1925					25 0 0	6 6 3	76 3 3
1926						61 5 9	152 3 1
1927						31 2 7	322 2 7
1928						8 0 3	426 11 2
1929					21 19 5	15 13 6	561 10 5
1930	20 0 0		24 10 0	121 5 6	87 6 1	23 8 1	410 4 7
1931			5 0 0		47 11 0	11 2 5	155 7 9
1932			5 5 0		11 17 6	5 13 7	444 3 9
1933			8 5 0		162 5 9	26 0 3	535 3 7
1934		65 0 0			133 14 9	58 3 2	481 4 2
1935		115 0 0			55 15 9	17 16 4	364 0 2
1936		103 2 0			23 9 10	433 9 3	544 9 10
1937	0 10 0	149 16 7			41 15 5	18 17 3	780 19 10
1938		140 1 9	1 5 0		40 5 9	17 12 8	677 8 5
1939		185 0 0	1 17 6		19 5 0	31 4 2	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20 10 0</b>	<b>868 0 4</b>	<b>46 2 6</b>	<b>219 18 0</b>	<b>743 10 7</b>	<b>302 14 11</b>	<b>6,368 6 11</b>

Receipts .. .. . £6,388 5 6  
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## FOOTBALL REPORT

This year the School again enjoyed a good season in the football competitions. The Fifth and Sixth Grades were Premiers; while the School retained the C.H.S. Football Championship Pennant.

The First Fifteen played many hard games in both competitions, always performing creditably. Mr. Cerutti's help during the season was greatly appreciated, but, unfortunately owing to injuries and sickness among its members, the team lacked combination. Hard, close matches were played with King's School and "Shore," while the G.P.S. round was finished by a narrow victory over Scots College after a very exciting game.

The following summary gives the results of both C.H.S. rounds—S.H.S.—

- v. Fort Street Annex—Won 30-0, won 13-0.
- v. Hurlstone—Lost 3-22, lost 3-5.
- v. North Sydney—Drawn 8-8, won 8-6.
- v. Fort Street—Won 9-5, lost 3-12.
- v. Canterbury—Won 22-0, won 22-0.
- v. Technical—Won 6-3, won 17-11.
- v. Parramatta—Won 17-0, won 16-3.

Although there was no competition in G.P.S. football this year, the games were played as usual, the results being as follows:—

S.H.S.—

- v. St. Joseph's—"Joeys," with a very heavy pack and excellent combination, defeated our boys, who played pluckily, by 37-0.
- v. T.K.S.—Behind 3 points at half time, King's finished strongly to win 19-10.
- v. Grammar—On a wet day with three forwards drawn from second grade, High narrowly lost, 6-9.
- v. Newington—High won well, 15-6.
- v. S.C.E.G.S.—After a prolonged struggle, Shore won a closely contested game by 22-6.
- v. St. Ignatius—Riverview won 12-9.
- v. T.S.C.—High won, 13-12.

Four players won places in the Combined G.P.S. teams. Wieland and Baret gained selection in the Firsts and Seconds respectively, and Dawson and Nott were included in the Third Fifteen. The season was concluded by an enthusiastic game with the Old Boys, who proved a little too strong for the School team. Mr. Fairland refereed admirably.





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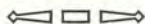
### FIRST FIFTEEN, 1940

Back row: R. BROOKS, R. MELESKI, G. TOAKLEY, D. COGGAN,  
R. CHAMBERS, N. VAN DUGTEREN.  
Middle row: M. T. LYNCH, Esq., E. WHITE, K. DAVENPORT, N. REA, K. BARET,  
J. MELOU, B. CLAY, A. W. STEPHENS, Esq.  
Front row: B. GORDON, W. DAWSON, L. WIELAND (Vice-Captain), R. LOTON  
(Captain), W. McBRIDE, J. NORRIE, J. ELLIS.

Owing to war efforts this year, the Football Luncheon was cancelled, but the Football Dance was again held. Despite the fact that many old footballers have joined the forces, the function was well attended, several guests being in uniform.

Finally, we must thank the Ladies Entertainment Committee, whose splendid work again made the social side of the football such a success.

—R. LOTON (Capt.).



### 2nd Grade Football

Although this year Second Grade was very unfortunate in losing several players early in the season through injuries, nevertheless, we finished third behind North Sydney and Hurlstone in the C.H.S. Competition. We take this opportunity of congratulating these two teams on their fine performances.

In the G.P.S. series we were outpointed but not outclassed, there being many close games.

At no time was the team static, but it was always skillfully led by F. Khan; and the performances of R. Chambers and R. Peet in the back line, and P. Smith and C. Stanley in the forwards, were always outstanding.



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Under great difficulties, Mr. Hagan gave truly fine support to the team, both in coaching and advising.

A summary of the results is as follows:—

### C.H.S.

#### S.H.S.—

- v.* Hurlstone—Lost 6-14, won 19-3.
- v.* North Sydney—Lost 0-6, lost 5-16.
- v.* Fort Street—Won 30-3, won 40-0.
- v.* Canterbury—Won 14-3, won 15-3.
- v.* Technical—Won 33-3, won 24-3.

### G.P.S.

#### S.H.S.—

- v.* St. Joseph's—Lost 6-20.
- v.* Grammar—Lost 6-16.
- v.* Riverview—Lost 14-18.
- v.* King's—Lost 8-9.
- v.* Newington—Won 15-14.
- v.* Shore—Lost 32-0.
- v.* Scots—Lost 3-11.

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## 3rd Grade Football

Third Grade had its least successful season for many years in 1940. The fact that the team finished only third to Hurlstone and North Sydney was in no small measure due to a lack of regular players, who could have been coached into an efficient unit. The team was dogged by ill-fortune, casualties being frequent, and we were often obliged to yield our outstanding players to Second Grade. Nevertheless, the team was admirably captained by L. Cawsey, supported by such stalwarts as A. Clark, E. Armstrong and P. Johnson.

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## 4th Grade Football

We wish firstly to join with the other junior grades in expressing our respects and effection for Mr. Schrader, on the occasion of his retirement. He taught most of us what football we know, and other things besides, so that he is for us truly a man to remember.

Next, let us examine the reasons why our team again occupied such a minor place in the competition. The cause lay in the fact that so many boys were from Fourth and Fifth Years. Their growth had reached a "plateau," so that there was not that natural increase in weight and strength we saw in the opposing teams. Also, the undeniably prior claims of homework and study made them miss so many practices, that combination was never developed.



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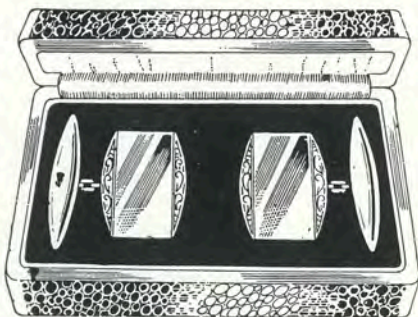
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—K.H.H.

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Sixth Grade this year put up a few records. They were the only undefeated team in any grade; they scored 375 points to 3; they won one match by 58-0, and all points were scored by the backs; the Captain, Bruce Hopkins, scored 108 points for the season.

Sixth Grade played splendidly, and generally pleased the many School followers at the McKay Oval. Several old hands and keen barrackers for our Firsts declared that the handling, passing and backing-up were much superior to that of any other grade. We whole-heartedly agree with them. Our back division was the best we have had since the time of Bobby King, Nap Hall and Pat O'Connor. Our backs were unchanged except for one game, and one man in that game. That day we had the lone try scored. You can see, then, why the combination was so good. Time on time the ball would travel the whole back line, including the full back, and then some more. The half scored most, but each winger scored 15 or more tries, and the five-eight and centres not so many. That speaks well for the combination. The back line was fast as well as tricky, and so were always on top. The forwards were just good, and were very evenly matched with their opponents. They lacked the fire of the Fifth Graders and the experience. All the same, there are many promising players among them.

We had a large number of boys offering for the forwards, and the difficulty was not whom to pick but whom to leave out. Our forwards improved as scorers, and in later games were becoming a good working machine. The School this year had a large number of very good nippy little players. The pity was that we could not play more of them. Often we could not give them adequate games in practices.

Players like the Emerson twins, W. Brown, May, Lonsdale, Merrett, Hain, Cooper, Sayer, Castanos, Meers, McDonald, Brooks and others should uphold the Sixth Grade tradition next year. We don't expect them to beat the record. Sixth Grade had many fine tacklers in the team—Low, hard, and with a grip. The team had very little tackling to do. Dumbrell played excellently at full back, and showed enterprise in running the backs into play or by joining with them. Denton and Watts were a fast and clever pair of wingers. Their taking was splendid. Watts ran straight, Denton swerved and side-stepped, and was very hard to stop. Denton is one of few who tackles really well. Gawne and Rose were the centres. Both handled well, ran straight and fast, passed with judgment. Both are good tacklers.





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## THE RECORD

Rose scored many fine as well as spectacular tries. Gawne was singled out by the onlookers as a great outside centre. The onlookers are often right. Taylor as five-eight could not have done the job better. He is an uncanny handler, shows good judgment, cuts in well, and combined well with the half. The scissors and reverse were well executed by this pair. Hopkins is an ideal half—short, strong, quick in action and thought. He passes well, tackles well, and is an adept at scoring from the scrum base. He captained the team like a veteran. Chong, in the lock position, played well, scored well. Cummins, Burton, Winter, Emersons (K. and J.) all did well as breakaways. Cawsey in the second rank is developing well, and may yet play as well as brothers Allan, Roy and Lyell. He has a long way to go. Banner played very well; he was untiring, fast, quick on the ball or the man, did many nice runs. Summers was an ideal forward—solid, good rucker, good handler, always following the ball. Sanderson hooked well, rucked fairly, very useful. Whitaker—splendid taker, good line out work, plenty of energy.

We congratulate the Sixth Grade on the excellence of their play, on the fine spirit in which they played. We honestly believe that not one thought of any thing but the game and the joy of playing. We congratulate our opponents, too. Sixth Graders played in a very much better spirit than Fifth or Fourth Graders. All games were played as games.

### Results

S.H.S.—

- v. Hurlstone—Won 58-0, 41-0.
- v. North Sydney—Won 26-0, 24-0.
- v. Fort Street—Won 33-0, 36-0.
- v. Canterbury—Won 42-0, 9-3.
- v. Technical—Won 16-0, 20-0.
- v. Parramatta—Won 28-0, 42-0.

### Record

Played 12, won 12, lost 0. 28 points out of 28 scored. 375 against 3.

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Fifth Grade again. No surprise. Yes, again won the competition. It is so many years that they have won that we forget when they did not.

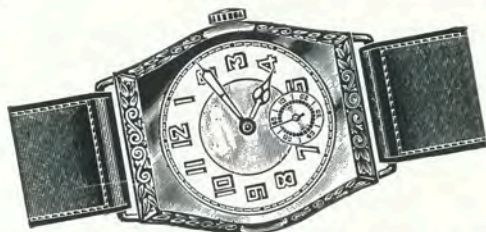
This year's team compares very favourably with any of its predecessors. We thought very highly of last year's team for their forward work was so bright, but this year's forwards were equally brilliant, and, if anything, were more energetic ruckers. In several games when the going was very hard, our forwards put in some of the finest passing and rucking we have ever seen from teams other than internationals. That is high praise, but it is well merited. We place great store on good forward play. We like our forwards to



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handle, run, pass, join with the backs, just like backs. Of course, the pack must get the ball for the backs when attacking and keep it when defending. It is a great mistake to think that forwards must only feed the backs. The eight forwards should be a better machine than the seven backs. The back who calls for the ball from the forwards when defending does not know his game.

The backs deserve high praise, too, for their play was often high class. Unfortunately, the backs were disorganised owing to injuries, and that upset the machine at times. At one stage the backs were beginning to work beautifully as against the strong Canterbury and Parramatta teams, and then Kingsmill the half, and Gell the incentre got injured, and though Cameron and Ridhalgh played well at half and Schulman came into the team as five-eighth, the backs did not combine as well.

The one very important thing the lower teams have learned is to run straight—they all do that now. The weakest feature of our football is the tackling. Several lads can tackle the right way—low, hard, with a hitch that lifts the opponent's feet off the ground; he comes down underneath. Of course, a winning team does more running than tackling, and that was our case.

Our opponents' tackling was no better than our own, but was often over vicious. Now that is to be deplored. When schoolboys cannot play a game in a spirit of play, when they introduce illegal tactics into the games with the hope of winning, then the game is not worth playing. Tripping, rabbit-killing and shepherding are illegal and out of place.

R. Burnett made a safe and efficient full back. His drop kicks were very accurate. W. Howell, D. Cameron and F. Richardson were the wingers. Howell was very fast and determined and, when given any opportunities, always scored. Some of his runs were very fine, while his inpass at times was clever. He scored over 20 tries. Cameron played well also at half, and is at home anywhere in the backs. A. Gell, K. Knox and C. Clarke filled the centres with credit. Each ran well, cut in, dummied and passed as centres. Clarke played five-eight for the first round, and did the job very well. He captained the team till D. Schulman came in for the second half as five-eight. Schulman played as usual—bright, quick, smart intercepts and hard runs. P. Kingsmill was developing into a very nippy half when injury put him out for the season. Ridhalgh took his place and did well. Byrnes made a very efficient lock; his pace enabled him to score several good tries. O. Bevan, though very light, played a stone above his weight; his wide sidestep was very effective, and his running and taking excellent. A. Patrick, another very light lad, took many hard falls, but was always running with the ball, his picking up was remarkably good. He was a prolific try-getter. R. Tydsley and A. Chappell played second row, and were very solid, active, and played as well as any. G. Christiansen hooked well and tackled like a tradesman. His



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general play was good. R. Connolly, one of the front row men, played some nice games, and is a great rucker. R. Khan, another front row man, played excellent football. His running, following, tackling were very good. He was a heavy scorer. We missed him when injured. K. Khan, also a front row man, played remarkably well. His pace, energy and determination were about equal. He is the ideal forward and a terrible opponent. Holden, R. Scott and G. Correy when called on fitted in well, and were well up to standard.

Our lads practised regularly, and, we hope, got much benefit and fun from the games.

### Results

S.H.S.—

- v. Hurlstone—Won.
- v. North Sydney—Lost 3-12, won 17-0.
- v. Fort Street—Won 34-0, won 41-0.
- v. Canterbury—Won 23-0, won 21-9.
- v. Technical—Won 38-0, won 42-0.
- v. Parramatta—Won 15-11, won 11-8.

### Record

Won 11, lost 1. Points: 26 out of 28 points.

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### Class Football

The tutelary deities that haunt the lakes and glades of Centennial Park once more retired in panic to their sylvan fastnesses as the class footballers assembled excitedly to commence their competitions. Now that they have timidly emerged again to resume their sacred duties, their ears must still ring with the declamations and protestations of Bird, Howden, Castanos and Watson, etc., against the iniquitous decisions of the referees and the dastardly tactics of the opposition. Even the stout hearts of the A.I.F., who march and deploy near—and sometimes on—our fields quailed to see the reckless courage of 1C, 2C and 3C as they flung themselves dauntlessly against the confronting barriers.

All years displayed great enthusiasm with the exception of fourth and fifth years, some of whom found the policy of *dolce far niente* preferable to a good honest match. 1C, captained by Brooks, won their competition. Captains May (1A), Anderson (1B), Molesworth (1D), Bird, Elliott, Powell and Stewart deserve mention. The formidable 2C team, captained by Webb, deserved its victory. Dive (2B), Swinbourne (2D) and Tolfer (2A) were able captains. Zierns, Fienberg, Davidson and Hain played well, while Doyle, whom circumstances beyond his control precluded from helping his side, performed ably as a line umpire. After a stirring battle with 3D, 3C won the third year premiership. Cowle (3C), Miller (3D), Glover (3A) and Fraser (3B) did good work as captains, while Watson, Woolridge, Neagle, Taylor and Riley played good football. But for his illness, Miller



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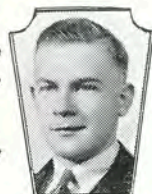


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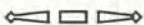
## THE RECORD

would surely have found a place in one of the grade teams. Mr. Hagan should keep his eye on some of these boys next year, Bratt (4A) displayed some latent ability in his game with the Second Grade team.

Combined First Year and Second Year played the Sixth and Fifth Grade teams respectively, but wilted before Mr. Schrader's peerless combinations. Combined 3rd Year defeated the Fourth Grade, which was not at full strength, but had the assistance of the redoubtable Pike.

A special paragraph for Paviour, who functioned as referee, and displayed the same ability and *élan* as in all his other activities.

—F. HANLY.



## ATHLETICS

Once again "High" has had a very successful athletic year, as usual, commencing with our own School Carnival, wherein indications showed that the School would probably possess a strong all-round team.

At this time last year a survey was made of our probable future team, and although it appeared rather lean then, a different story is to be told now. Similarly, next year also looks a bit on the lean side, but with several fine athletes still at School, we look forward to seeing those who did not quite make the grade do so next year, and thus help to build up a team worthy to carry on the School's fine athletic traditions. However, nothing can be obtained without hard and intelligent work.

### The Triangular Match

It was generally regarded as most unfortunate that the G.P.S. Sports should have been apparently needlessly suspended and, as a result, athletic competitions suffered from a severe lack of interest. We are, however, grateful to those responsible for the triangular contest at the Scots College. A small admission fee was charged, and the proceeds were forwarded to a worthy cause.

The School won the contest with quite a comfortable margin from Scots, but the meeting proved quite a tussle for all three schools —Scots, Grammar and High.

Many events were narrowly decided, and of these the Senior Mile Championship was the most spectacular. The last lap of this race developed into a battle of stamina, when R. McGregor, the Scots lad, burst past L. Alexander (G.), and a certain victory was seemingly his, but with a supreme effort the Grammar champion launched himself past the tape only a hair's breadth in front of McGregor. A similar situation developed when B. Sheridan (S.H.S.) narrowly defeated J. Ellis (S.H.S.) in the Senior 880 yards. Further excitement was added to the afternoon when the Senior Relay (Reimer, Clay,





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King, Meleski) made up for its C.H.S. loss with a close victory from Scots.

A great deal of interest centred around the Senior Shot Putt, wherein Baret proved his worth with a putt of 44ft. 8ins., while Robilliard, of Scots, filled second place.

### Junior Team

The Junior team had a magnificent victory from Grammar, thanks to the fine efforts of both R. Dethick and R. Wittman. The "Under 16 Years" of the juniors only lost one event, the High Jump, won by D. Smith, of Grammar, who also won the Senior High Jump.

The following are the detailed results:—

### SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

#### 100 Yards

B. Reimer (H.), 10.7s., 1; R. Meleski (H.), 2; D. Walters (S.), 3.

#### 220 Yards

W. Fox (G.), 24.8s., 1; J. Hunter (S.), 2; B. Reimer (H.), 3.

#### 440 Yards (Division I)

J. Dreelin (H.), 55.2s., 1; N. Phippard (G.), 2; L. D. Bond (G.), 3.

#### 440 Yards Championship Division

A. Salmon (S.), 53.4s., 1, D. Blackwell (S.), 2; W. Fox (G.), 3.

#### 880 Yards

B. Sheridan (H.), 2m. 16.4s., 1; J. Ellis (H.), 2; S. Sams (G.), 3.

#### Mile (Division I)

P. Johnson (H.), 5m. 6s., A. Rogers (H.), 2; T. Warren (S.), 3.

#### Mile Championship

L. Alexander (G.), 4m. 57.5s., 1; R. McGregor (S.), 2; G. Bernays (S.), 3.

#### 120 Yards Hurdles (Division I)

H. Davenport (H.), 17.4s., 1; E. Ferguson (G.), 2; P. Snow (S.), 3.

#### 120 Yards Hurdles Championship

J. Robilliard (S.), 17.4s., 1; R. Nairn (H.), 2; R. Neilson (G.), 3.

#### High Jump

N. Smith (G.), 5ft. 5ins., 1; J. Bach (H.), 2; M. Parsons (S.), 3.

#### Broad Jump

R. Nairn (H.), 20ft. 9½ins., 1; N. D. Smith (G.), 2; J. Robilliard (S.), 3.

#### Shot Putt

K. Baret (H.), 44ft. 8ins., 1; J. Robilliard (S.), 2; R. Nairn (H.), 3.





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### 440 Yards Relay

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## UNDER 16 YEARS

### 100 Yards

R. Dethick (H.), 11s., 1; L. Seaton (S.), 2; R. Wittman (H.), 3.

### 220 Yards

R. Dethick and R. Wittman (H.), 25s. (tied), 1; L. Seaton (S.), 3.

### 880 Yards

K. Williams (H.), 2m. 22.2s., 1; P. R. Harvey (G.) and G. Holland (S.) (tied), 2.

### 90 Yards Hurdles (Division I)

P. Dreelin (H.), 15.4s., 1; B. Austin (S.), 2; I. D. Hales (G.), 3.

### 90 Yards Hurdles Championship

R. Wittman (H.), 12.8s., 1; G. McDonald (S.), 2; J. P. Berry (G.), 3.

### High Jump

N. D. Smith (G.), 5ft. 4½ins., 1; R. Dethick (H.) and R. Tably (H.) (tied), 2.

### Broad Jump

R. Wittman (H.), 20ft. 5½ins., 1; N. D. Smith (G.), 2; K. Williams (H.), 3.

### 440 Yards Relay

High (Wittman, May, Elder, Dethick), 48.8s., 1; Scots, 2; Grammar 3.

## UNDER 15

### 100 Yards

M. Cutler (G.), 11.6s., 1; G. Stewart (H.), 2; J. Fisher (S.), 3.

### 440 Yards Relay

Grammar, 50.2s., 1; Scots, 2; High, 3.

## UNDER 14

### 100 Yards

P. Land (S.), 11.6s., 1; K. Gordon (H.), 2; J. Coppleson (G.), 3.

### 220 Yards

P. Land (S.), 27s., 1; K. Gordon (H.), 2; J. Coppleson (G.), 3.

### High Jump

K. Gordon (H.) and K. Orr (S.), 4ft. 8½ins. (tied), 1; C. Close (G.) and R. Watt (H.) (tied), 3.

## Point Scores

Senior—High, 98½ pts., 1; Scots, 66½ pts., 2; Grammar, 56 pts., 3.

Junior—High, 101 pts., 1; Grammar, 57½ pts., 2; Scots, 55½ pts., 3.

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### C.H.S.

The same old story was again repeated as team work was the deciding factor. Two senior championship events only were won, but the lower divisions with "seconds" and "thirds" decided the issue.

Many junior athletes, such as Dethick, Wittman, Williams, McInnes, Elder and Clark should look forward to possible selection in the senior team next year, for fine work was displayed by each.

Results:—

#### C.H.S. RESULTS — SENIOR

EVENTS.	DIVISION I.	DIVISION II.	DIVISION III.
100 Yards ....	R. Meleski (2)	B. Reimer (3)	B. Clay (1), 10.8 secs.
220 Yards ....	—	B. Reimer (1) 24.2 secs.	B. Clay (1), 24.2 secs.
440 Yards ....	H. King (2)	J. Dreelin (1) 54.9 secs.	B. Sheridan (1), 55 secs.
880 Yards ....	—	—	B. Sheridan (1), 2 m. 10 secs.
Mile .....	J. Ellis (1) 4 m. 58 secs.	— Sheridan (4)	P. Johnson (1), 5 m.
High Jump ..	J. Bach (3)	L. Carr, 5ft. 1in.	D. Freeman (1), 5ft. 1in.
Broad Jump ..	R. Nairn (2)	K. Binns (1), 19ft.	D. Freeman (1)
Shot Putt ....	K. Baret (1) 46ft. 4in.	R. Nairn (1) 39ft. 4in.	J. Dreelin (2)
Hurdles .....	R. Nairn (2)	J. Bach (1) 17 3/10 secs. J. Bach (1) mhrd	K. Davenport (1), 17 1/10 secs.

Circular Relay: Canberra, 1; Sydney, 2.

Time: 45.9 secs.

Senior Cup: Sydney (1), 209 pts.; Cessnock (2), 114 pts.; North Sydney (3), 89 pts.

#### C.H.S. RESULTS — JUNIOR

EVENTS.	DIVISION I.	DIVISION II.	DIVISION III.
100 Yards ....	—	R. Dethick (1), 10.9 secs.	N. McInnes (1), 11 secs.
220 Yards ....	R. Dethick (1), 24 secs.	R. Wittman (1), 24.5 secs.	J. Elder (1), 24.6 secs.
440 Yards ....	K. Williams, 56.4 secs.	J. Elder (1), 57.4 secs.	N. McInnes, 59 secs.
Hurdles .....	R. Wittman (2)	A. Clarke (1), 13 secs.	P. Dreelin (1), 14.8 secs.
High Jump ...	A. Clark (2)	R. Dethick (1), 5ft. 4in.	R. Tabley (1), 5ft. 3in.
Broad Jump ..	R. Wittman (2)	N. McInnes (2)	K. Williams (1), 20ft. 1½in.
Under 15, 100 Yards .....	R. Dethick (1), 10.8 secs. (rec.)	J. Williams (1)	S. Riley (2)
Shot Putt ....	—	R. Wittman (1), 40ft.	—

Circular Relay: High (Wittman, Harris, McInnes, Dethick), 1; Newcastle, 2.  
Point Score: Sydney, 213; Technical, 139; Parramatta, 101.



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### C.H.S. RESULTS — JUVENILE

EVENTS.	DIVISION I.	DIVISION II.	DIVISION III.
100 Yards ....	K. Gordon (1), 12 secs.	—	C. Perry (3)
220 Yards ....	K. Gordon (2)	—	—
60 Yards	—	H. Gilmore (1), 10.4 secs.	—
Hurdles ....	—	—	—
High Jump ...	K. Gordon (3)	—	G. Watson (3)
Broad Jump ..	—	K. Gordon (1), 17ft. 1½in.	—

Circular Relay Point Scores: Newcastle, 1, 116.5 pts.; Canterbury, 2, 112.7 pts.; Parramatta, 3, 101.3 pts.; Sydney, 4, 76.4 pts.

### S.H.S. Sports

The School Carnival was quite an exciting affair, but is now a past event and almost forgotten.

R. Nairn had little difficulty in securing the Senior Trophy, while a grim struggle was necessary for R. Wittman to win the Junior Cup. K. Gordon completely dominated his opponents, and easily won the Juvenile Cup.

The Class Pennant was surprisingly won by 4B, when a final tug-o-war and relay victory brought them the coveted prize.

### S.H.S. Results

#### SENIOR

#### 100 Yards

R. Meleski, 1; B. Reimer, 2; B. Clay, 3. Time: 11s.

#### 220 Yards

R. Meleski, 1; B. Reimer, 2; B. Clay, 3. Time: 23s.

#### 440 Yards

B. Sheridan, 1; J. Dreelin, 2; H. King, 3. Time: 55.8s.

#### 880 Yards

J. Ellis, 1; L. Murphy, 2; P. Johnson, 3. Time: 2m. 7s.

#### Mile

J. Ellis, 1; L. Murphy, 2; P. Johnson, 3. Time: 4m. 54s.

#### Broad Jump

R. Nairn, 1; K. Binns, 2; D. Freeman, 3. Distance: 20ft. 6ins.

#### High Jump

L. Carr, 1; D. Freeman, 2; J. Bach, 3. Height: 5ft. 2ins.

#### 3ft. 3ins. Hurdles

R. Nairn, 1; J. Bach, 2; K. Davenport, 3. Time: 17s.

#### 3ft. 6ins. Hurdles

R. Nairn, 1; K. Davenport, 2; J. Bach, 3. Time: 17½s.



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### *Shot Putt*

K. Baret, 1; R. Nairn, 2; J. Dreelin, 3. Distance: 44ft. 8ins.

### *School Cup*

R. Nairn, 1; B. Reimer, 2.

## JUNIOR

### 100 Yards

R. Dethick, 1; R. Wittman, 2; McInnes, 3. Time: 11s.

### 220 Yards

R. Dethick, 1; R. Wittman, 2; J. Elder, 3. Time: 24s.

### 440 Yards

K. Williams, 1; J. Elder, 2; N. McInnes, 3.

### *High Jump*

R. Wittman, 1; R. Dethick, 2; R. Tabley, 3. Height: 5ft. 1in.

### *Broad Jump*

R. Wittman, 1; N. McInnes, 2; K. Williams, 3. Distance: 19ft. 11ins.

### 90 Yards Hurdles

R. Wittman, 1; P. Dreelin, 2; R. Dethick, 3. Time: 13.4s.

### *Shot Putt*

K. Williams, 1; B. Elliott, 2; R. Wittman, 3. Distance: 41ft.

### *Junior Cup*

R. Wittman, 1, 37 pts.; K. Williams, 2, 32 pts.; R. Dethick, 3, 27 pts.

## JUVENILE

### 100 Yards

R. Koos, 1; K. Gordon, 2; C. Campbell, 3. Time: 11.8s.

### 220 Yards

K. Gordon, 1; R. Koos, 2; C. Campbell, 3. Time: 26.4s.

### 60 Yards Hurdles

K. Gordon, 1; C. Campbell, 2; H. Gilmore, 3. Time: 10.1s.

### *High Jump*

K. Gordon, 1; T. Wild, 2; C. Campbell, 3. Height: 4ft. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

### *Broad Jump*

K. Gordon, 1; T. Wild, 2; C. Campbell, 3. Distance: 15ft. 10ins.

### *Shot Putt (5lb.)*

T. Wild, 1; K. Gordon, 2; R. Richardson, 3. Distance: 41ft. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins.

## Point Scores

K. Gordon, 42 pts., 1; C. Campbell, 19 pts., 2; T. Wild and R. Koos, 15 pts. (tied), 3.



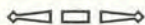
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### Records

Records this year were practically non-existent apart from R. Dethick's 10.8s. for the Under 15 Years Hundred Yards and K. Baret's 46ft. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. for the Under 20 Shot Putt at the N.S.W. School-boys' Championships, the previous record being 44ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. K. Baret has indeed a very fine athletic record, for his ability as a shot putter has only once been surpassed.

The Athletic Club is deeply indebted to Mr. L. A. Bassar (Athletics Master) for his superb coaching, and also for his keen interest in the welfare of the team. Many thanks are also due to the assisting masters, Messrs. J. Barwick, H. Edmonds and T. Pearson, for their splendid work with the younger lads, who will be our future first grade athletes.

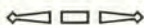
—H. C. L. KING.



### BASKET BALL

The team has been very active and energetic during the year, and has been putting in a fair amount of time in training. This time has not been wasted, for during the whole competition only three games were lost.

One would have to go a long way to find a team which worked with better combination, team-spirit and good sportsmanship than our own team. Individually, the boys have performed well; personal comments about the boys from Mr. Turner and other members of the Basketball Association were excellent and pleasant to hear.



### TENNIS REPORT

The C.H.S. Competition and Annual School Tournaments have been the main features of the School tennis activities since our last publication.

#### C.H.S. Tennis

Although our teams were not successful in winning premiership honours in any of the four grades, their performances were creditable, and results can be regarded as satisfactory.

The First Grade team, comprising J. Crealy, A. Thompson, D. Failes and D. Fullagar, finished third; and, although unsuccessful, played well, losing matches only by small margins.

The Second Grade team (D. Sweet, B. Clayton, J. Humphrey and B. Fisk) and the Third Grade team (R. Howell, R. Smith, K. Binns, J. Cunliffe and J. McLaughlan), however, met with better success, being runners-up in both grades. In each case they were defeated by the Premiers only after a hard struggle, and the players are to be complimented on their effort.

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The Fourth Grade team, although unplaced, performed satisfactorily, and as one of the main points considered when choosing players for this grade is to give promising boys an opportunity to gain experience, we feel confident that these boys have benefited from the match play, and will uphold the high standing of Sydney High School tennis in future years.

### **The Annual School Championships, 1940**

The Annual School Tournaments, which provided some very interesting and hard-fought tennis, have been concluded, and the following are the results:—

*Senior Singles Championship*—J. Crealy.

*Senior Doubles Championship*—J. Crealy and D. Fullagar.

*Junior Singles Championship*—J. Crealy.

*Junior Doubles Championship*—J. Crealy and A. Thompson.

*Senior Special Singles*—D. Failes.

*Junior Special Singles*—R. Clayton.

*Senior Special Doubles*—J. Ellis and K. Binns.

The success of J. Crealy in winning the four major events was very creditable, and he is to be congratulated on a very fine performance.

Throughout the year a keen interest has been maintained, and a fine sporting spirit displayed by all players and, apart from the actual success of our teams, the committee feels that the tennis has again proved a valuable asset to the sporting and social activities of the School.

The players again wish to extend to their masters, Messrs. Edmunds and Blakemore, their hearty thanks for the splendid support and assistance rendered during the past year.

—D. FULLAGAR, Hon. Sec.



## CRICKET

The details of the matches played in the First Half were published in the last issue. Fixtures for the Second Half in the C.H.S. competition are:—

October 2 and 9—North Sydney High School *v.* S.H.S.

October 16—Fort Street *v.* S.H.S. (all-day match).

October 23 and 30—S.H.S. *v.* Canterbury.

The High School Competition is conducted in four grades.

### **G.P.S. Fixtures: Non competitive**

October 19 and 26—S.H.S. *v.* Scots College.

October 2 and 9—S.H.S. *v.* Newington College.

October 16 and 23—St. Ignatius *v.* S.H.S.

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### S.H.S. CADET CORPS

The battalion was very unfortunate during the year to lose the active services of our O.C., Capt. R. K. Wilthew, as he was temporarily transferred to Officer-in-Charge of training of the Volunteer Defence Corps. As Capt. Wilthew's duties occupy so much of his time, he has very few opportunities to attend our parades.

Next year it is expected that Messrs. Stephens, Lynch, Mobbs, Day and Dabron, who are at present assisting with the Corps' training, will receive their commissions.

There are many opportunities for boys to fill the vacancies caused by such a large number of officers and N.C.O.'s leaving at the close of the year.

Again this year we are fortunate enough to be one of the few schools that have their annual camp, and as these camps are the best part of cadet training, a special offer should appeal to many. Capt. Wilthew allows those boys, who are not yet members, to attend the camp under no obligation and, after it is over, they need not join up if they don't wish to. Incidentally, we know of no one who declined to enlist after attending such a camp.

We returned our rifles and bayonets for the more serious training of the A.I.F., and, in return, were issued with some older rifles which are, nevertheless, quite useful for squad drill.

It is intended to give instruction in map reading to the majority of the corps, and this should prove to be of great interest.

—D. FREEMAN (4A).





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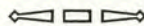
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## MEMBERSHIP

The excellent membership figures of 1939 led the Council to face this year with confidence and enthusiasm; but, as all realise, there is no comparison between the two years. 1940 has found the nation in the

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turmoil of war, and every citizen is uncertain of his future, especially Old Boys of Sydney High School. That section of the Old Boys who were proving the lifeblood of the Union has been greatly reduced by the call to arms, but such a sacrifice is to the advantage of the country. All individual hopes and ambitions must be forgotten in the great struggle, and the Old Boys' Union is happy to feel that its sacrifice is for a great cause. Nevertheless, the Union must carry on, and every member is reminded that he is expected to add at least one new member to our records. The continued growth of the Old Boys' Union will convey to the outside world the confidence held in the cause of the British Empire. The youth of to-day is the man of to-morrow, and the Union is anxious to carry on assisting the present students of Sydney High School, for they are the future leaders of Australia.

The annual subscription has been kept at 7/6, but it has been previously explained this fee merely covers administrative expenses, and an ever-growing number of Old Boys 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

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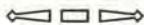


## FINANCES

In view of present economic conditions, it would not be expected to find the Union in a very strong financial position. A severe reduction in expenditure has been necessary, and the Union has not been able to support the various activities of the School to the extent that was expected. But the obligations of the Union still exist, and it is the duty of every Old Boy to assist the Union to meet them. Times are difficult, but the Council is confident that it has the support of every Old Boy, and with such support, no task is impossible.

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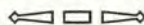
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## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The social sub-committee for 1940 was faced with a very difficult problem. It was felt that social functions were necessary so that the members of the Union may meet and talk of old times, and also, in fairness to the finances of the Union, such functions would have to pay for themselves.

The committee feared that the military obligations of a large majority of Old Boys would prevent a satisfactory attendance at any function. In addition, with so many patriotic works and drives in progress, all to assist the Australian in his fight for his country, the Council was not prepared to ask its members to attend its socials, or to interrupt his natural work. In view of this, it was decided to forego social functions for the present year.



## OLD BOYS' UNION v. "HIGH" FOOTBALL MATCH

On 7th August, 1940, the annual struggle between the "High" fifteen and the O.B.U. fifteen took place at the McKay Sportsground, Centennial Park. A happy day was spent by all, especially the Old

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Boys, for they won 12 points to 10. The Old Boys are grateful to K. Walsh for the amount of work that he put into the organising of the O.B.U. team, and much of the success was due to his efforts.

The O.B.U. team included K. Walsh, P. Willcox, R. Fagg, A. Fielder, A. Shelland, E. Stevens, J. Cremin, R. Dodds, J. Berry, P. Denton, W. Denton, W. McMurray, J. McCouat, A. Bray, J. Campbell. Mr. C. A. Fairland refereed in his usual efficient manner.



## OBITUARY

Dr. Archibald Hamilton MacTaggart, 72, Deputy Coroner of Tamworth, died suddenly in his dental surgery early this year. Dr. MacTaggart had practised at Tamworth for 35 years.

Born at Sydney, Dr. MacTaggart was educated at Newington College and Sydney High School. He secured the degree of Doctor of Dentistry in the United States, and on his return to Australia was appointed Lecturer in Dentistry at the University of Sydney.



## O.B. GRADUATES OF THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY, 1939

The conferring of University degrees was delayed this year by postponed examinations on account of the war, but this opportunity is taken to congratulate all the Old Boys who were successful in 1939. The Old Boys' Union is proud of their achievements, and express the wish that this success is the first of many.

The following graduates are all products of "High":—

M.A.—

J. A. Passmore (First-class Honours and University Medal in Philosophy).

B.A.—

K. S. Hibberd (Second-class Honours in Anthropology, and Third-class Honours in English).

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T. V. Brogan.



## OLD BOYS AT THE WAR

The very best wishes of the Old Boys' Union accompanies every Old Boy who has volunteered to serve his country overseas. The spirit of Sydney High School is revealed in the ready response of Old Boys to serve their country in its time of need. The Old Boys' Union is anxious to have a complete record of all Old Boys of "High" enlisting, and to insure this, every member is requested to advise the secretary of any such enlistments.

Following, there is a list of Old Boys whom the Union knows have enlisted, and, where possible, his last year at "High" is given:—

William Maurice Ada (1925).

Rosslyn F. Aldis (1934).

Thomas Allen.

Victor Barnes (1930).

C. Bartlett-Taylor.

J. Berry (1938).

David Berry (1938).

Edward Biddulph (1932).

Wesley Bacon (1932).

Philip W. Bodley (1937).

Rolf Born (1938).

W. Boulton (1934).

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| Frank Boyle (1937).                     | Keiran H. Loftus (1929).                 |
| Richard H. Boyle (1936).                | Eric Longley (1938).                     |
| A. J. Bridges (1929).                   | R. Longley.                              |
| Dr. Volvey G. Bulteam (1930).           | Ronald Lum (1932).                       |
| R. W. Campbell.                         | Roy Mackie (1936).                       |
| Gordon F. Cheers (1937).                | Leonard G. Maley (1934).                 |
| Alan G. Cheetham (1931).                | Ian M. Marshall (1937).                  |
| Squadron Leader Julius A. Cohen (1931). | Lt.-Col. Don. McCredie.                  |
| Sydney T. G. Coleman (1932).            | Ronald E. McLaughlin (1935).             |
| Ken. Coleman (1938).                    | R. McMillan (1940).                      |
| Leslie J. Cook (1933).                  | Raymond J. Murphy (1930).                |
| John F. Certis (1933).                  | Frank Morris (1933).                     |
| A. J. Cunningham.                       | Ralph W. Nicholas (1929).                |
| Anthony R. Cutler (1934).               | Cedric E. Oliver (1935).                 |
| Maj. Des. J. Duffy (1930).              | Kenneth Bruce Oliver (1937).             |
| A. Dandie.                              | Sydney F. Pollard (1936).                |
| Hal. I. C. Dent (1939).                 | W. G. Pritchard (1935).                  |
| Rex Dickison (1934).                    | Harold Puusepp (1938).                   |
| Geoffrey Diethelm (1937).               | Walter R. Redapple (1928).               |
| John Duffy (1940).                      | H. A. Richards (1937).                   |
| David B. Duncan (1933).                 | C. A. Rodgers (1927).                    |
| Ivo J. W. Edwards (1936).               | L. W. Ryan.                              |
| Bruce Elder (1938).                     | Alwyn Samuels (1933).                    |
| Major Jock Elliott (1919).              | Allan Shilland (1939).                   |
| Alan Fielder (1936).                    | Thomas Speight (1930).                   |
| E. P. Fielder.                          | William L. Speight (1929).               |
| Rupert Fieldhouse (1936).               | Col. Joseph Steigrad (1919).             |
| T. R. Gilderthorp (1938).               | George C. L. Stening, M.B., B.S. (1921). |
| Ronald Gordon (1931).                   | Harold R. Sullivan, M.D.S. (1932).       |
| Major Roy Graham.                       | H. Taprell (1932).                       |
| Robert B. Grey (1938).                  | Dr. H. B. Taylor (Senior, 1908).         |
| Ronald Grover (1933).                   | Lt.-Col. Alfred C. Thomas.               |
| Ronald Hill (1933).                     | John S. Tenkler (1933).                  |
| W. Hill (1936).                         | J. Turnbull (1931).                      |
| Neville M. Hughes (1938).               | Edward E. S. Vidal (1937).               |
| Kenneth H. Jarvie (1934).               | Capt. L. M. Wall (1936).                 |
| Lance F. W. Johnson (1937).             | George Walker (1932).                    |
| Fred. P. Kaad (1939).                   | Lt.-Col. A. S. Walker (1906).            |
| James A. Kelaher (1931).                | S. Wiek (Staff, 1937-39).                |
| Colin McL. Kendall (1933).              | Henry Wise.                              |
| Dr. Albert E. Khan (1929).              | Reg. J. Wise (1932).                     |
| Brian L. Lee (1940).                    | I. Wyatt (1931).                         |
| William J. Liggins (1931).              |  |



## JOTTINGS

Mr. Allan S. Watt, of the Department of External Affairs, has been appointed First Secretary of the Australian Legation, Washington. Mr. Watt, who is 38 years of age, was born in Sydney, and was educated at Sydney High School and Sydney University, where he won the Lithgow Scholarship for Philosophy. As Rhodes Scholar in 1921, he went to Oriel College, Oxford, obtained his B.A., and then took a post-graduate course at Heidelberg University. The O.B.U. wishes him every success in his new position.



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Hearty congratulations are conveyed to another Old Boy, R. S. Bonney, K.C., on his recent appointment as Judge of the Supreme Court. Mr. Justice Bonney has been a member of the Council of the Bar for many years, and he is now President of the Law Council of Australia.

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Every Old Boy was happy to read of the awarding of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Flight-Lieutenant J. A. Cohen, an Old Boy, a member of the No. 10 Squadron of the R.A.A.F. attached to the British Coastal Command. More of his exploits will be found elsewhere in this issue of *The Record*.

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J. G. Crawford has returned from the United States of America, where he has spent over two years in studying agricultural economics under a Commonwealth Fund Scholarship. He is the Economist to the Rural Bank, and, whilst away, another Old Boy, I. A. Butler, was Acting-Economist.

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J. B. Robinson has been admitted to practice as a barrister by the Supreme Court of New South Wales, and R. E. Ash, V. R. M. Page have been admitted as solicitors.

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Professor F. R. Beasley, who has been Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University of Western Australia since 1st August, 1939, has resigned from that position, and resumed his duties as Professor of Law.

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Mr. Frank McMullen, who retired recently as Headmaster of "High," has been appointed Chief Warden for the City of Sydney, in place of Mr. John Back, an Old Boy of the School, who has been recalled as an inspector of the Education Department.

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Dr. Francis Riens, Ph.D., B.Sc., Lecturer in Organic Chemistry at the Sydney University, is the proud father of another son. The happy event was on the 10th October, 1940. Congratulations!

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The deepest sympathies of the Old Boys' Union are offered to Don. McKinnon on the sad loss of his father this year.

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Doctor Frank Gray, now senior resident doctor at the Sydney Hospital, has retired from the football field.

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First year from school saw J. Cremin a member of Randwick's First Grade Premier Rugby Union team.

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Other High boys doing well in the Rugby Union world are Roy Angus, Keith Conroy with Eastern Suburbs; R. Walsh with University First Grade.

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F. Popplewell, a member of the Police Athletic Club, became the hurdle champion of N.S.W. for 1940.

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D. R. Morris has recently returned from America, and is now announcer for 2LF, Young. Mr. Morris is anxious to hear from any of his "High" friends, especially from those residing near Young. One of his first moves, on returning to Sydney, was to become a financial member of the Union. Thank you.

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Another Old Boy has returned to Australia for a well-earned rest—Ross G. Gurrum, maybe better known as "Tich." This is his first visit since 1913. He served in the Royal Navy during the Great War (1914-18) as a midshipman, and now is a Lieut.-Commander. He advises that he meets many Old Boys in the Navy, all living up to the traditions of the School, and "doing their job."

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## LITERARY SPRING

*The Spring is here, and all the joyous throng  
Of woodland life—on earth, in air and stream—  
Is bursting forth in an enraptured song,  
With love and praise as Nature's mighty theme.  
The rushing rill gives forth its sparkling sound,  
The birds sing loud their bright and joyous note;  
The beasts, so happy, free, all frisk around,  
And insect life, and frogs on green logs float.  
And 'though some notes are harsh when sung alone,  
When harmonised with pulsing woodland song  
And raised in truth to God upon His throne,  
Grand sounds result, which to the woods belong.  
I know that man can write his music fine,  
But is it true and faithful in each line?*

EVAN E. DAVIES (5A).

## THE FOUNTAIN

*The fountain stands amidst the heavy beat,  
Iridescent and icy spray is cast  
Upon the bronzed limbs and naked feet  
Of deities and beasts of times long past.*



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*And as I gazed upon this charming scene,  
Methought I heard Apollo strike his lyre;  
He played a sweet and soothing Lydian theme,  
Which could the dullest mortal man inspire.  
And yet mankind still hastens by this sight,  
He never pauses for one single glance;  
Too busy in his feeble quest for might,  
He cultivates those "lasting things" by chance.  
Although this life is rushing like a star,  
A love of beauty is worth while by far.*

EVAN E. DAVIES (5A).



## THE ENGLISH MAID

*Upon the battlement a damsel stands,  
The sunlight plays upon her flaxen hair;  
She looks upon great knights joined up in bands,  
And sees her lover mounted on a mare.  
How nobly do these knights their lances bear!  
They do not meet for mortal combat here,  
And yet the maiden's brow is lined with care,  
As for her lover's safety she has fear.  
Oh why, fair damsel, do you shed this lonely tear?*

*Kind sir, my lover joined a mighty band  
To fight for freedom, tolerance and right;  
He leaves to-day to sail to a strange land,  
And meet the cruel Turks with all their might.  
My father says my heart should be quite light,  
For this will be a "war to end all war,"  
And mankind's future will be ever bright  
If in this bloody battle we can score.  
Oh, would that of this fact I could be really sure!*

*And so your father made this statement plain,  
"A war to end all war" perhaps it's true;  
If such it be from grief you should refrain,  
For such a cause would make the world like new.  
And as the knights moved off, her small hand drew  
A handkerchief to flutter in the breeze.  
Across the plain on trusty steeds they flew,  
And soon were lost to view amidst the trees,  
In hope that their brave quest both man and God would please.*

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*The day is bright, the sun shines in the sky,  
An English maid once more stands by the shore;  
Another damsel with a tear-filled eye,  
Just like that damsel centuries before.  
Here one can almost hear the mighty roar  
In far off Flanders of the guns and shells.  
Was not this war a "war to end all war"?  
But surely Justice in her temple dwells,  
And yet the count of slaughtered men forever swells.*

*To-day the drums of war roll more and more,  
And marching armies mass on Death's own field;  
Is this also "a war to end all war,"  
Or just a vehicle for man's greed to shield?  
What fools men are to think they have concealed  
Their vices from their God and fellow man!  
England to tyranny will never yield,  
Provided she brings God into her plan.  
We see this in the past as History's page we scan.*

EVAN E. DAVIES (5A).

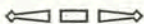


## SONNET TO SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL

### Thoughts Upon the Realisation of Having to Leave School

*My School! My School! My gratitude to thee!  
In thy great rooms, those lofty halls of fame,  
I first beheld each now immortal name;  
Was there allowed the Muse's face to see,  
And learned to know and cherish liberty.  
I know that life shall never be the same  
Should my poor earth the world in bondage claim.  
Live on, my School, thou cradle of the free!  
When I behold thy proud and aged pile,  
The joy of service surges in my breast;  
No callous tongue thy name shall e'er defile,  
Thou home of freedom, knowledge, peace and rest.  
And though my time with thee was but a while,  
Thou art my School forever after blessed.*

CALVIN BALE (5A).



## SPRING MORNING

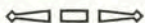
*Behold! the morning scene is fresh and new!  
The flow'rs and grass bedecked with dew  
Are like the diamond-clustered brow of Spring,  
And now the birds begin to sing.*



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*The sun is peeping o'er a nearby hill,  
And sunbeams dance along the rill,  
And zephyrs softly rustle leafy trees  
As sounds of spring-time fill the breeze.*

CALVIN BALE (5A).



## THE NIGHTINGALE'S SONG

*Hast ever heard the nightingale  
From deep within the trees,  
When day begins to fade and pale  
And softly comes the breeze?*

*When evening comes and shadows fall,  
From dim and silent glades  
The voice comes forth from tree-tops tall,  
And o'er the hills it fades.*

*It trembles on the silent air,  
And trills and softly calls;  
It tells of life without a care,  
And rises, floats and falls.*

CALVIN BALE (5A).



## TO MORNING

*O beautiful sunrise,  
O morning so fair!  
My greetings to you  
Who cometh so rare!*

*The skylarks are singing  
In wood and in glade,  
But I wish that this morn  
Were not destined to fade!*

*O radiant morning  
That heralds the day,  
Will you stay here with me  
And not hasten away?*

CALVIN BALE (5A).



## TO MORNING (In Reply)

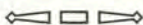
*How can I love the sunrise  
Which brings me so much pain?  
For it doth only rise,  
Like hope, to sink again!*

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*A glorious delusion  
Admittedly thou art;  
But life itself's an illusion  
From which I'd fain depart.*

*Where is that far-off land  
With roseate shore all lit,  
Upon whose lovely strand  
The Son of Man shall sit?*

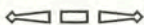
H. D. NICOLSON (5B).



## SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL A Sonnet

*I regret not past years, nor would I stay  
The swift merging of the present with the past—  
I cannot rest where life is only cast  
For entrance to the world and my essay  
Upon those vaster projects, that I pray  
Shall be my lot. Yet now five years can last  
Five further weeks. With wondering, I ask:  
"What place can serve me better or repay  
My diligence with progress and content  
Than this, my school?" I behold a free life  
From a cloistered clam; yet diffident  
Remain. Life's freedom plunges me in strife  
That builds not, but condemns the peace I've learnt  
And the liberty of mind that is my life.*

H. D. NICOLSON (5B).



## FOR FREEDOM

*In the days of Boadicea when she led her countrymen,  
From the time when mighty Beowulf slew Grendel in her den,  
The warriors of old England came forth to guard their land,  
And now, in time of peril, will take the same staunch stand.*

*The Nazi beast is prowling—she's mauled her weaker foe—  
And in her bloody passage left a tale of ruin and woe.  
But the eagle's flight is faltering, she's not yet won the war,  
For crashing forth from Albion has come the lion's roar.*

*Mars' fist is clamped on Europe and London is in flames,  
But Britain now stands ready, her courage still remains;  
While with her is the Empire beneath Red, White and Blue—  
An Empire proud and steady, dependable and true.*

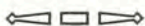


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*From North and South, from East and West, come dauntless  
British men,  
Our heritage is threatened and we'll fight for right again;  
For "freedom" is our watchword, "tyranny" is our hate,  
And democracy has rallied to see oppression meet its fate.*

*Thus, resolute in spirit, our purpose will be wrought,  
Greed, desire, ambition shall all have come to nought.  
German might and power, her jealousy and her lust,  
Before our flag of Freedom shall crumple to the dust.*

R. LOTON (5A).



### TO "C"

#### A Sonnet

*Let not the mighty thunder roaring roll,  
Nor organs vast with many pipes intone;  
Especially let no awful sound or groan  
Of thy voluptuary joys take toll.  
But where o'er sylvan glades cool shade bath stole  
And flowers' perfume on the breeze is blown,  
May thy beloved music of sweet tone  
Lull thy mind and beauty's joys extol,  
Till steeped in slumber, thou commence to dream  
Of meeting Beauty clothed in loveliness  
Surpassing all; yet she, to thee doth seem  
Most common place, when she makes this address:  
"Although Life's common things thou hat'st extreme,  
There is no beauty save with ugliness!"*

H. D. NICOLSON (5B).



## EXAMINITIS

The other day I decided to pack away carefully some of that useless junk which seems to clutter up every home. No doubt I should have given the lot to the Salvage Commissioner, but a sentimental attachment to three yards of worn-out electric cord and a mouldy stag's head decided me to keep the lot. Wishing to preserve my out-worn treasures, I wrapped each one carefully in a thick layer of ancient newspaper.

There is a peculiar fascination in browsing through news that excited special editions ten years ago, and it struck me that the same old subjects are dished up regularly year after year. You know, something like the recurrence of monsoonal rains in India, or Mrs. Brown's chilblains. The examination question is an instance. Every year, just at the time of the Leaving Certificate, someone writes to the

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newspaper and points out that once more examinations have proven themselves a definitely futile method of estimating the brain power of the modern infant's cranium. With dictionary in hand we are able to fathom the writings of these self-styled educationists, whose main idea seems to be that exams. are definitely out of date because their son or daughter failed to pass.

The 'tuppenny press has given the modern parent undreamt of opportunities for making a noise. Everyone likes to see his or her name in print—the larger the better—and what better time is there to write a story on exams. than when you learn that little Tommy has failed miserably in everything?

For the first time in your life you realise that Tommy is a lazy little oaf whose one ambition is to spend his life on the dole—a fact which Tommy's teachers have known for years. Looking around—as we all do—for something on which to blame this tragedy, you seize avidly on exams. Your reasoning is clear and logical. Tommy did not pass—therefore they are bad. This is a good fundamental point, and an excellent one on which to build your case, if any.

In due course your article is published by an astute editor with his tongue in his cheek. You inform the world that the article was not written from sheer malice, but to clear the fair name of Tommy from the smirch of exams. This is interesting news to the world who has not previously heard of Tommy, and the newspaper is snowed under by an avalanche of irrelevant but eminently saleable matter. Someone drags up the old quotation, "Spare the rod and spoil the child." A headmaster sends in a cleverly disguised prospectus, pointing out how well the exam. question is solved at B——'s College at only £5/5/- a week. At last the argument reaches a crescendo when the old retired colonels send in their reminiscences, "When I was—brrp—in Simla my—brrp—boy, chumha! chumha!"—but you know the type well, and their reminiscences are bad enough to damp the ardour of the education experts (whose name is legion), and the argument dies down. All this is much to the regret of the editor, who now finds it necessary to invent a crisis in the Near North or a six-fingered freak to fill up his vast uninked spaces.

Unfortunately I have left no space for the elucidation of the valuable moral contained in this tale. But I dare say it is plain enough without any explanation.

—P. M. McRORIE (5A).



### "ON DIGGING FOR GOLD"

Last week a reader of my rigmaroles asked me to write an essay "On Having a Cold." Although having colds is not my strong point, I determined to oblige, and rang up my librarian to order a treatise on "A Cold. And How it Should be Had."



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He replied—the telephone was a little faulty—but I understood him to reply that he had just the thing for me. In due course a nice brown paper package arrived, and I laid it aside. When I opened it yesterday I received a terrible shock. My librarian—you remember the telephone was not quite up to par—had sent me a book entitled "Gold. And How it Should be Dug." To say the least, I was amazed, but as it was too late to remedy the error, my reader must rest assured that I would have written on colds, but for this terrible mishap.

The author evidently meant his book to be one of those six-penny complete guides, such as "How to Conduct Yourself at Buckingham Palace," and "How to Swill Beer from the Bottle." After reading these you are able to swill bottled beer in the best Buckingham Palace style, and after reading "Gold. And How it Should be Dug," anyone, be he sane or crazy, can dig gold anywhere in the most up-to-date and polished style. Of course, the author does not guarantee that you will actually find the gold, but he points out, in these days of many shareholders, that it doesn't really matter. Everyone is swindled, anyway.

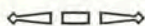
Machinery—electroscopes, dredges, shovels and picks—are essential, according to my book—especially the pick! It seems that in these days the pick has a big sentimental value, a relic of the old prospecting days when men were men—large, hairy and tough. These old prospectors were the staff of our land. Sturdy, upright, partly honest, they surged forth over the countryside looking for gold. Ned Kelly, Frank Kelly, Starlight—these are just a few of the famous gold-seekers that we all know—men whose deeds were recorded by the poets, even to their speech and actions—

*"They stopped at Mt. Eliza,  
They camped beneath a tree;  
They said to one another,  
'This is good enough for me'."*

These men like Kelly opened up the vast riches of the nation, and history reports that some of them even found gold, not with dredges and electroscopes, but with pans and picks.

These men built up Australia's fine tradition, for what country in the world has a finer set of bushrangers? Not an one, and we owe this fine reputation for breeding bushrangers to our honest ancestors the prospectors—God bless 'em!

—P. McRORIE (5A).



## THE SPIRIT IS WILLIN'

The buildings gleamed resplendent beneath a coat of bright new paint, the pride of the headmaster, the delight of the librarian, and the bogy of the schoolboy.

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Young Smith, tripping merrily down the corridor, halted suddenly, arrested by the fascinating sign—"WET PAINT." Intently he gazed at those words, then, experimentally, he reached forth a hand and touched the glistening wall.

Without warning the lurking master struck.

"Son!" he cried, the roar reverberating along the passage. "Have you no respect for school property?"

The quaking midget stood rigid before the irate teacher, as dumb as an Eskimo.

"Evil lad," the master continued, "these painters aren't coolies to be worked to no purpose. Report to me this afternoon."

The culprit hastened away, and his oppressor speculatively scanned the fateful notice. Furtively he glanced about and quickly reached for the wall.

"Dash it all!" he muttered, surveying a grey forefinger "It IS wet."

—E.R.L. (5A).



## KOSCIUSKO. 1940

On Friday, August 23, twenty-four lads waved farewell to Sydney as the train steamed out of Central Station bearing them away to Australia's winter playground—Mt. Kosciusko.

The party comprised the "High" skiing enthusiasts on their annual tour to "Kosci.," conducted by Mr. W. Cummings. For many, this was to be our first introduction to the snow, and before the end of the following day we had come into *very* close contact with it.

We arrived at the Hotel about 12.30 on Saturday, where shown to our rooms, gulped down a hasty meal, and joined in a wild scramble for skiing equipment.

It wasn't long before we were *on* the snow. . . . That evening we were all very weary, but after a shower and hearty meal we were prepared for the dancing, which was held every night with the party from the Girls' High, and it wasn't long before all barriers of shyness were broken, and many firm friendships formed.

The all-day hike to the Chalet, totalling thirteen miles, put us in fine condition for the sports held on the Friday before our return journey. The cross-country championship, with a cup for the winner, created great interest, and was keenly contested. Although hard-pressed by Greg. Jones (2nd) and Phil. McReady (3rd), Ken. Binns managed to come in ahead, thus winning the cup for the third successive year. Other events for novices completed an exciting and eventful week, and it was with much regret that we bade farewell to the snow until next winter.

—C. P. W. KIRKE.



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### MEMORIES

The elder sat gazing into the blazing fire immersed in his thoughts. What visions, what happy memories the glowing coals brought to mind! Thoughtfully he gazed. Nearer, nearer came the fire. From a sudden bright tongue of flame emerged a solemn, serious-faced lad, clad in a stiff, white collar, tight-fitting jacket and long trousers. His former self, the happy youngster with such ambitions, with such wonderful hopes for the future! Hand-in-hand the strange couple—the elder and the boy he was—traversed the dark lanes of memory.

Steadily they jogged along, that solemn face uplifted (reproachfully, the dreamer thought) to the elder's, his short legs hurrying to keep pace with the other's long strides. There was the old stile and—yes, there she was, dangling her be-ribboned bonnet, as they had always visualised her, her light dress whipped around her small body by the rising breeze. They formed a happy trio, and silently the elder blessed her. But—where was she now? Gone with the passing years, lost amidst the abysses of time. Strange, how he only remembered those happy times, how he failed to recollect his schoolboy sorrows, his vain petulancy, his deep humiliations, how those joyous times (too few, it seemed) flashed like precious stones from memory's dark cape.

Now that former bright-eyed boy had almost reached the elder's height. His deep blue eyes gazed earnestly into those of his age-bent counterpart, and in them the latter read of an honourable scholastic career, distinguished sporting achievements and great popularity. Many figures came to haunt them as they passed upon their star-streaked way—mincing females, once so adorable, now so comic, broad-shouldered friends whose firm hands the elder shook once more, and loving parents, their arms outstretched in welcome to their son. These, too, faded from view, and the lusty youth became a well-built, athletic man, his strong fist firmly gripping the elder's gnarled hand. From the surrounding shadows emerged their wife, her slim young figure clasped between the two. A flash of lightning, a peal of thunder, and they had gone. He shivered there alone, then heard their elfin voices calling from above. There they were, across that river, beckoning him to follow, surrounded by a starry host of friends he knew had crossed the Great Divide. The waters rolled back as he approached; he felt as though a great and heavy load had passed from his weary shoulders, and heard a deep voice say, "Well done!"

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"The old chap's dead at last," stated Lionel decisively, with ill-concealed satisfaction, dazzled as he was with thoughts of a generous inheritance. "And his fire's gone out!" Symbolic, what?

—W. B. HOWELL (3A).

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### THE SEVENTH PERIOD

"Hey, Fi——y, clean the board!" yells a raucous voice, whose owner backs up his suggestion by hurling the duster at Fi——y.

At that moment Mr. X (who told us about poison gases last year) walks in. He leisurely puts his books on the table, rests his head on his hands, stares hard at the one of the raucous voice, and says:

"Do you see any reason why I shouldn't give you an hour?" The owner mumbles a few indistinguishable words and, after some desultory and vaguely humorous remarks by Mr. X, the subject is dropped.

"Let me see," says Mr. X, "where did we leave off yesterday? Oh yes, we are just up to alcohol. . . ."

The lesson then goes on and, in the course of time, the subject of oil is brought up.

"I saw last night in a magazine," declares P.M., who reads such things in great quantities, "that an isotope of uranium is favoured as the successor of oil for our future fuel."

Mr. X readily seizes the "red-herring" and goes on to say, "Yes, you mean  $U_{235}$ . It is present in Uranium in very small amounts. Up to date, it's only been possible to obtain tiny fractions of a gramme; but there is a Swedish chemist who claims to have found a way of preparing about a pound in something like 1,000 years. That is not too bad, because with 1,000 such plants you get a pound a year, and with about 100,000 plants the output would be a pound in just about three days. German chemists have, so I believe, been almost exclusively switched on to finding a suitable method for preparing useable quantities of  $U_{235}$ ."

"But how would they use it?" says a boy with short, fair, curly hair. "You could not very well pour it into the petrol tank and expect the car to go."

No, S——, you couldn't; but  $U_{235}$  contains about 8,000,000 times as much useable energy as does an equivalent amount of coal, and that energy may be released by merely putting it in water. Thus you can see what a great advantage one warring country would have over another if it could obtain enough  $U_{235}$ ."

"Surely, sir," says one of the honours students, "there is a catch in it somewhere?"

"Quite a big catch for, besides the fact that the multiplying of plants does not always seem to work out in practice as it does on paper, when  $U_{235}$  is releasing all this energy it also releases very active and very penetrating rays, just as all radio-active substances do. And these rays are extremely harmful. You see, glare affects the eyes; ultra-violet light, which you cannot see, is mainly responsible for sunburn, and also causes diseases of the eye, and this ultra-violet light is of a shorter wavelength than ordinary visible light, so it would seem—and, as a matter of fact, is—that the shorter the wavelength of the





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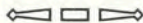
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disturbance (which is similar to light) the more active it is. So you can see how dangerous X-rays are since they have a wavelength of about  $1/5,000$  that of green light. Radio-active emissions are just as, if not more, active as X-rays. Before it was found that a lead preparation stopped these rays, several experimenters lost their lives, or were maimed through experimenting with radium and other radio-active elements. However, to return to our subject—how much longer is there?"

"About one minute, sir."

"One minute! And we've only taken about half a page of notes. Now you see what happens through side-tracking me," concludes Mr. X.

—R. BLAKE (5B).



**OBITUARY**

*The Record* regrets to announce the death of Mr. W. A. Moore, B.A., Dip.Ec., who died in Prince Alfred Hospital after a short illness, and was buried on Armistice Day. Mr. Moore retired from the Education Department in September, 1934, after 33 years' service at Sydney High School, twenty years of which were spent as Deputy Headmaster. At a farewell function held in his honour and reported in the December, 1934, issue of *The Record*, the late Mr. Moore was referred to as "the most human of pedagogues," and to the last he retained a host of happy memories connected with the school he had served so faithfully.

On behalf of the School, *The Record* tenders its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Moore and family.

