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VISIT OF THE ROYAL FAMILY

The proposed Royal Tour of Australia early next year finds Australians eager to welcome the King and Queen and Princess Margaret, and also creates a deep consciousness of the loyalty which Their Majesties inspire. While our thoughts are turned towards the Crown, let us pause for a moment to consider what the King and all he symbolises means to us.

We possess by reason of our British heritage a singularly sane approach to the problem of government and, although we may not always create an executive body of model efficiency, we at least have the right to elect whom we will—and get, according to one cynic, what we deserve. From the very nature of our political life, which is much more informal than that of many other countries, we must realise that our leaders are not infallible, that we, the people, are not automata, and that any state that does not take human nature into account—which does not cater for a living soul but attempts to reduce everything to an impersonal formula—is out of touch with the very people it would govern. When we have come to this point, it might well be asked whether our entire system does not tend to follow too closely the lines of scientific progress and mistake prosperity for contentment, and mechanical for social improvement. In other words, have we not, to some extent, lost sight of the personal element in our politics and in our whole attitude to life? Personal loyalties such as are seen in concrete form in the ovations which Their Majesties receive whenever they ride in state in the streets of London are a reminder that Empire solidarity is based in the hearts of the people as much as in the laws which bind them. A country which enlists from its people that allegiance which springs from loyalty of a personal nature is one which should stand firm for a long time. Such a country is England, and the ties which bind the dominions to it are those threads of loyalty which are woven about our Royal Family.

The British Monarchy, as it now stands, is without doubt a great moral force in international relations; certainly it is an institution of the greatest influence in our Empire. The greatness of the Monarchy, however, must always depend on the personal qualities of the King. George VI has carried on worthily the tradition set by three great sovereigns—Queen Victoria, Edward VII and George V, and has endeared himself to his people by his personal graciousness and his sincere concern for their welfare.

We in Australia feel proud of having an opportunity to welcome Their Majesties to our land and, with an eye on the troubled

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maelstrom of world affairs, we feel that the subtle links of personal loyalty which bind us to them are stronger than formal loyalties peremptorily demanded.

J. ANDREWS (4A).

PERSONAL

The School was pleased to welcome back to the staff Mr. C. H. Hoffmann, who took over the work of Mr. O'Rourke during a recent illness. Since he left Sydney High School in 1945, Mr. Hoffmann has been on the staff of the Universities Commission. We are pleased to hear that Mr. O'Rourke is now well on the way to complete recovery.

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Congratulations to Laurence Moate (4c) on his ice-skating success. He now holds the inter-schools' 440 yards speed skating championship.

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Bruce Beveridge (5A) and William Glen-Doepel (5th Year, 1947), together with Anthony Gallagher, an old rival debater from Joey's, comprised the team which won the N.S.W. Junior Debating Championship at the City of Sydney Eisteddfod.

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John Bailey (2A) won the Under 14 Chess Championship of N.S.W. The win was all the more meritorious as John was only twelve at the time of his win.

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Congratulations to Mr. W. M. Robb on his recent appointment as Registrar of the New England University College at Armidale. For some time Mr. Robb has been Deputy-Principal of the Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School. Mr. Robb is an Old Boy of S.H.S.

S.H.S. CADET DETACHMENT

The Cadet Corps suffered a great loss when Capt. Pearce resigned from his position as O.C. of the unit. Capt. Pearce was formerly 2 I.C. of the unit, and when Major Acason was transferred to Manly in the early part of 1947, he took on the arduous job of O.C., and in this capacity did much to keep the unit together. We shall not easily forget the service of Capt. Pearce. Mr. Cracknell has now assumed the position of O.C. of the establishment. We wish him every success in his plan to build up the unit to its previous strength of 150 to 200. When these figures are reached we hope to be issued with an anti-tank gun and a Vickers machine-gun, which should add to the interest of the course of instruction.

The annual camp, held this year at Ingleburn, was not attended by as many as we should have liked, but it was a great

success. Field exercises were conducted, and these gave the cadets an opportunity to gain experience in the use and application of the rifle, Bren gun and other weapons of modern warfare. The Corps was transported to Anzac Rifle Range where, in addition to firing .303 rifles, all ranks had the opportunity of firing with the Bren light machine-gun and the Austen sub-machine-gun. At night films provided a break from the daily routine and were enjoyed by all. Since the camp the detachment enjoyed an instructive afternoon when a 25-pounder field gun was exhibited and demonstrated.

The signals section provided communications for the School Athletics Carnival, relaying times and place-getters to the announcer so that these could be broadcast with the least possible delay. Four members of our signallers' sections combined with signallers from North Sydney High School and North Sydney Technical High School to provide the same service for the C.H.S. Athletics Carnival.

Realising how much depends on the Headmaster's sympathies and assistance, we should like here to thank Mr. Killip for the interest he has always shown in the Cadet Detachment.

(CADET-SGT.) J. F. McDERMOTT.

S.H.S. DEBATING SOCIETY Officers, 1948

Patron: The Headmaster.

President: T. E. Hornibrook, Esq. (Debating Master).

Vice-Presidents: D. Howard, D. Annetts.

Secretary: R. Morrow. *Assistant Secretary:* L. Smith

Committee: B. Beveridge, J. Tingle.

In the inter-school debates this year the School did not enjoy such a successful season as we might have wished. The senior team (B. Beveridge, J. Tingle, D. Howard) was successful against Sydney Technical High School, but was beaten narrowly by the Canterbury High School team.

In the Junior Competition the School team (R. Morrow, B. Levy, J. Leeman) also defeated Sydney Technical High School, and also went down to Canterbury.

Our congratulations go to Cessnock High, who won the Hume-Barbour Trophy.

In the G.P.S. Competition the School enjoyed three interesting debates. Although the team was successful against The King's School, it was defeated by Shore and Grammar. Here again we extend our congratulations to Grammar, the eventual winners.

Bruce Beveridge, who represented the School in the Lawrence-Campbell Oratory Competition, was declared the winner after delivering a very creditable speech. Congratulations, Bruce! Bruce was also the winner of the British Empire Society's Oratory Competition, and was selected to speak in Martin Place on the occasion of the Lord Mayor's appeal for funds to relieve the distress of the children of Europe.

The annual debate against the Girls' School was held in the Assembly Hall. The decision was given to the girls after an interesting debate.

R. MORROW (4B), *Secretary*.

LIBRARY

During the past year two hundred and nineteen books and six pamphlets have been added to the Library, which now comprises 1,453 books and 114 pamphlets. £147/2/2 was expended on the Library for the purchase of books, re-binding, subscriptions to periodicals and various other items. The majority of the books were purchased from the generous donation of £100 made by the Parents and Citizens' Association. Among donors of books were Mr. A. C. McKibbin, Mr. S. A. Dalton, Mr. R. Henderson, the Directors of Shaw, Savill & Albion Co., the Hemingway and Robertson Institute, the Royal Australian Historical Society, the Lord Mayor's Patriotic and War Fund of N.S.W., and the Department of Education. The authoress, Mary O'Hara, also donated two of her own novels. The School received twenty-one periodicals, of which thirteen were obtained by subscription.

Library records kept up-to-date during the year include the card catalogue of books under author, title and subject, the shelf list, the Pictorial Education and pamphlet catalogues under subjects, the Accession Register and the Periodicals Register. Pupils keep individual cards on which is recorded their personal reading. A new system of recording borrowing, which enables books to be more readily traced, has been operating successfully this year.

The number of librarians and assistants was increased in 1948 to eight representatives from each year. Helped by their assistant librarians, the eight Fifth Year boys comprising the Library Committee have done excellent work in handling the large daily issue of books.

During their weekly library periods pupils have had specific work to give them practice in not only using the books in the Library efficiently, but in employing the catalogue, which is perhaps the most important key to a library and its contents. Project work has continued, and some books of good quality have been produced.

All work in the Library, however, is hindered by the inadequacy of the Library Room, which is too small for either sufficient shelving for the books or comfortable accommodation for the boys. Improvement in the position will be effected when a small room for repair and the storing of the necessary materials is made available. In addition, re-arrangement of the Library furniture during the year, which permitted the use of an extra door, thus making one door available for entry and one for exit, has eased the congestion at lunch-time issue periods, but a larger room is urgently needed.

In the more satisfactory high school libraries abroad, library accommodation is not restricted to one room, but there is a library block of rooms in which may be a room equipped with tables for

silent reading, the room in which the books are shelved and issued, store and work rooms and an activity room used for oral and practical work entailing the use of library books, and which can be readily darkened to allow an epidiascope being used for such work as involves the projection of pictures and other material from books, magazines and pamphlets.

Increase in the number of books and their issue among the pupils has been, on the whole, satisfactory during the year, but the efficiency and value of the Library has been impaired by inadequate accommodation which has tended to rob it of its place as an integral and vital part of the School.

K. J. LAURENCE, *Librarian.*

CHESS CLUB

As in former years, inter-school competitions were conducted in three grades: A, B and C.

The School's "A" Grade team, comprising W. Levick, P. Goldman, S. Wenger, P. Seidermann and S. Bodlander, won its competition after a keen struggle. A very close second was Canterbury High School, one point behind.

The "B" Grade team (J. Bailey, J. Hillman, K. Dickinson, T. Stewart and K. Walkerden), after a poor start, picked up well and failed by only one point to catch the winners, Fort Street High School.

An acute shortage of regular players hampered the play of the "C" Grade team, which was not placed in its competition.

Scores in "A" Grade Competition

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- v Cranbrook, won $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$.
- „ Canterbury High School, lost 2-3.
- „ North Sydney Technical High School, won 5-0.
- „ Barker College, won 3-2.
- „ Sydney Technical High School, drew $2\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$.
- „ North Sydney High School, won $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$.

The School now holds only the "A" Grade cup, after having won the whole three trophies in the previous year.

This emphasises our need for young players to fill the gaps in the teams, especially in the "C" Grade team for next year. However, the "A" and "B" Grade teams were made up mainly of Fifth Year boys who leave at the end of the year, so there will be many vacancies there also.

We would like to extend our congratulations to John Bailey (2A) who is now the Under 14 Chess Champion of New South Wales.

Those who are interested are asked to attend meetings of the Chess Club in Room 9 on Friday afternoons after school.

W. R. LEVICK (5B), *Secretary.*

MASONIC LODGE SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL, No. 631

Lodge Sydney High School, which is constituted under the United Grand Lodge of N.S.W., has a membership of 120 Old Boys, Masters and ex-Masters of Sydney High School.

Although Lodge Sydney High School was the first "School" Lodge constituted in New South Wales, there were already lodges of such nature in existence in England and in Victoria. Following the foundation of Lodge Sydney High School in 1929, Lodges Torch-Bearer (Shore) and The Old Sydneians (S.G.S.) were founded, and these three "School" lodges were joined in 1936 by "Lodge Fortian." Lodge Cranbrook was the next to follow suit in 1947, and in August, 1948, Lodge "The King's School" was inaugurated. A very happy relationship exists between the six lodges mentioned, and in addition to the inter-visitation between members, Lodges Sydney High School and Fortian join forces annually in a combined meeting, when the friendly rivalries of other days are relived at the festive board which follows the lodge meeting.

The Lodge is everlastingly grateful to Lodge University of Sydney which has taken such a keen interest in the "School" lodges, and which sponsored the Charters of Lodges Sydney High School, Torch-Bearer and Fortian. Lodge University of Sydney has for some years fostered the fraternal bond existing between the University and school lodges by holding an annual "Universities and Schools' " night, to which the members of the school lodges are always welcomed.

The Installation Meeting of Lodge Sydney High School is held in August each year, and at the recent Installation Wor. Bro. Les Ryan installed as his successor Wor. Bro. A. K. Grantham, whose first year at Sydney High School was 1917.

Wor. Bro. Grantham extends a hearty welcome to visiting brethren, particularly Old Boys, Masters or ex-Masters of Sydney High School, to visit the lodge which meets at the Masonic Hall, 279 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, on 2nd Friday in each month at 7.30 p.m.

The Secretary of the Lodge is Wor. Bro. H. B. Young, 4 Birrellea Avenue, Earlwood. Telephones: LF 1532 (residence) or LM 1484 (day).

INTER-SCHOOLS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Throughout the year the I.S.C.F. has been meeting every Tuesday and Friday lunch-time in Room 6 for Christian fellowship. Some very enjoyable discussions have been held, and talks from visiting speakers have added interest.

The Fellowship will be glad to welcome new faces for the rest of the year and the year that is before us.

D. ANNETTS (5B), *Leader*.

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MUSIC CLUB

Much to the regret of many of the members Music Club meetings had to be abandoned while Opera rehearsals were being conducted. It is hoped to recommence meetings as soon as possible. Some time this term a general meeting will be held for the purpose of electing a new Secretary.

I. DAVIDSON,
Secretary.

LECTURES ON PHOTOGRAPHY

The School is indebted to Mr. G. Robertson, of Kodak's Pty. Ltd., for his invaluable aid in the study of photography. During the year he has lectured to those interested in various branches of photography, and has accompanied many of his talks with slides and practical demonstrations.

At various times pamphlets dealing with such subjects as developing, printing faults, etc., have been made available by Kodak's to those who attended the lectures.

During the Second Term a party of boys from both Second and Third Years attended a special lecture at the Kodak experimental dark room. The visit proved intensely interesting, as the lecturer was able to demonstrate in a practical way the various points with which he dealt.

B. GROUSE (3B).

"THE CHRONICLE"

The School is much indebted to Mr. H. H. Wiedersehn for his effort and interest in collecting copies of *The Chronicle*, the first school magazine of Sydney High School and the predecessor of *The Record*. Mr. Wiedersehn has presented to the School five issues of *The Chronicle* bound in one volume in black leather with inscription printed in gold.

The issues collected are Numbers 2, 3 and 4 for March, June and September, 1888, and Numbers 1 and 2 for September and October, 1889. All efforts to locate a copy of Vol. 1, No. 1, were unavailing, and the Headmaster will much appreciate any information which may lead to the supply of the missing number.

Mr. Wiedersehn's gift will have a special place in the Library.

CADET CORPS, 1888

The School was interested last term to receive a presentation from Mr. W. B. Clarke of a framed photograph of Sydney High School Cadet Corps, 1888. Mr. Clarke is a member of the Corps, and seventeen others are named on the mount. Any help from the older generation of Old Boys in identifying the other nine members of the Corps will be appreciated. Professor Woolnough, of Western Australia, is a member of the Corps.

Mr. Clarke has also presented to the Library a bound copy of a lecture Mr. J. A. Jervis delivered to the Royal Historical Society of Australia on the life of Rev. W. B. Clarke, Mr. Clarke's grandfather, who played such a notable part in the religious, intellectual and scientific life of the community.

OLD BOYS AT THE UNIVERSITY

Final Degree Medicine, 1948

The School congratulates the following Old Boys who passed the final degree examination in Medicine in August, and who are now serving as medical officers in public hospitals throughout N.S.W.:—B. N. Beirman, S. V. Cohen, J. Kalokerinos, W. P. Lennon, P. H. Lewin, J. H. Mason, D. G. Noble, D. B. Paterson, K. G. Poyzer, D. E. Smith, J. Zamel.

Fourth Year Medicine

Fourth Year results in the Faculty of Medicine, published in September, listed the following Old Boys having completed the examination:—J. L. Blunt, R. R. S. Colman, D. G. Failes, L. H. Fienberg, C. J. Friendship, S. Gershon, F. C. Harrell, F. Huber, J. C. Jennings, G. M. Kellerman, *M.Sc.*, B. J. Lake, R. G. Lewis, B. W. Norington, J. G. Smith, T. K. Telleson, W. G. Telleson, *B.Sc.*, B. B. Turner.

The outstanding achievement of the examination was the brilliance of Geoffrey Kellerman, who already has the degree of Master of Science. He was awarded the G. S. Caird Scholarship No. 1 for General Proficiency, T. C. Parkinson Memorial Prize for Pathology and Bacteriology, and the H. A. Waldron Memorial Prize for Bacteriology. L. H. Fienberg gained distinction in Pathology and Bacteriology, R. G. Lewis gained one distinction and two credits, B. J. Lake distinction in Bacteriology and credit in Pharmacology, F. C. Harrell two credits, D. G. Failes two credits, and one credit was gained by J. L. Blunt, R. R. S. Colman, C. J. Friendship, S. Gershon.

Third Year Medicine

Old Boys who completed Third Year in the Faculty of Medicine as announced in August were:—E. Auerbach, P. N. Bassier, J. I. Davis, G. G. Dinning, J. S. Duke, L. M. Goldman, B. W. Goodman, E. O. Longley, D. C. Morton, P. H. Pickering, D. A. Sugerman, J. G. Wells.

In the honours list, D. A. Sugerman was second in the high distinction list in Anatomy, and gained credits in two other subjects. L. M. Goldman was fourth in the distinction list in Biochemistry, and gained one credit. B. W. Goodman, D. C. Morton and P. A. Pickering also gained one credit.

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Meetings are held at the School on the third Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. A cordial invitation to attend is extended to anybody interested in the School and its pupils.

As a means of working in close harmony with the O.B.U., and to enable each to be fully informed of the other's activities, Mr. L. L. Tingle has been chosen as this Association's representative to all O.B.U. meetings. He is also an active member of the O.B.U., and will attend all our meetings on their behalf. We trust this innovation will prove most beneficial.

We are most appreciative of the Headmaster's appeal for funds on our behalf. His efforts have resulted in the receipt of over £363, which is a welcome contribution to our large commitments for this year.

A project receiving much of our attention at the moment is the extensive renovations to the McKay Sports Ground playing areas. We are told that this area was opened for play in 1934, and the pavilion erected that year by the O.B.U. Finance was arranged under guarantee by the members of that organisation, and the loan was repaid by our joint efforts. Since the ground was first used it has been maintained at a minimum cost and, as an indication of the necessity for urgent attention, it is pointed out that, after top-dressing over a period of fourteen years, the wicket is ten inches above the level of the playing area. The curator of Sydney Cricket Ground has kindly given his time and inspected the ground. His advice was to engage a competent contractor to relay the wicket and top-dress the oval. The McKay Sports Ground Committee's estimates to cover this work, together with ordinary maintenance, were:—

	£
Wages	300
Contingencies	100
Thirty-six Inch Dennis Motor Mower	340
Relaying Wicket	122
Top-Dressing Oval	526
Total	<u>£1,388</u>

Our budget did not provide for this heavy expenditure. Some will be provided by the School, part has been guaranteed by the O.B.U., and it is hoped that income in excess of budget estimates will assure meeting the cost in full. When the work is done, ordinary maintenance should keep this area in order for many years. The

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Dennis motor mower has been purchased and contract let for re-laying the wicket and top-dressing the oval. It is intended to use soil from the old wicket for provision of a wicket on No. 2 Oval.

Closely allied to plans for the oval are the additions and improvements to the pavilion. Plans have been prepared by an Old Boy of a two-storey building, and an application has been made for a building permit. We now await ministerial approval. Estimated cost of this work is £3,200. Ways and means of raising funds are under careful consideration.

The Dance Committee has re-kindled the interest of our patrons by again providing expert tuition prior to our regular dances. The steadily increasing numbers indicate the popularity of these functions.

The Grounds Committee are actively engaged in the provision of effective netting about the cricket practice wickets at the School grounds. Some difficulties with the installation and housing of the nets have yet to be overcome, but it is expected that the work will be finished at an early date.

The purchase of a boatshed site at Abbotsford still awaits completion. The last requirement of the vendors has now been met by provision of a dividing fence, and it is expected that final settlement will be effected forthwith.

We extend our best wishes to all candidates at the forthcoming examinations, and assure them that their progress will be watched with interest.

F. G. ARNOLD, *Hon. Sec.*

Ladies' Auxiliary

President: Mrs. R. E. Krahe.

Honorary Secretary: Mrs. H. J. McCann.

Honorary Treasurer: Mrs. G. R. Banwell.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has continued to function as actively as ever due to the enthusiasm and untiring work of its members, who average 50 at each meeting.

To date the sum of £390 has been raised. This includes proceeds from three card parties, which resulted in a total sum of £57/6/2.

An evening house party has been arranged at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Upton, and a similar party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rosenblum in November. A great deal of work is entailed in the arrangement of these functions, and the Auxiliary would feel adequately repaid if a larger number of parents from the School attended them.

The Executive wish to thank all of those mothers who undertook to serve refreshments during the recent football matches at the McKay Oval.

LYALL McCANN, *Hon. Secretary.*

"THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE"

On October, 6, 7, and 8 this year, the School once again presented an opera, the work chosen for presentation being Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance." For the purpose of the production, the Dramatic Society and the School Orchestra and Choir joined forces, developing a fine spirit of co-operation and teamwork which went a long way towards making the performance such an outstanding success. It is fairly safe to say that the production reached a standard comparable to that of a more experienced amateur company.

Work started on the show late in July, when some time was spent in selecting suitable backdrops from draft designs submitted by boys in the school, those chosen being designed by H. Isaacs and L. Smith and being painted by boys in the school under the supervision of the designers.

The cast of the opera differed considerably from last year's, the only leading characters who have been associated with both performances being Bruce Mackey, Ian Davidson and Philip Furey. The new leading characters, Max Small, James Wolfensohn, Gerald Taylor and Murray MacGee made up for lack of experience with the enthusiastic and polished performances which so delighted the audiences. The chorus was considerably larger than last year's and caused much favourable comment.

The orchestra consisted of last year's quartet (with Bernhard Levy at the piano in place of William Glen-Dœpel) augmented by fifteen members of the regular school orchestra, including Mr. Findlay, the School Counsellor, whose services as cornetist were much appreciated.

The Dramatic Society's make-up section consisted of fourth year boys, directed by Miss Smith and Miss Cochrane, and aided by our veteran friend Cliff Warne, who was stage manager while at school last year. The stage management was very ably handled this year by David Lumsdaine and Leon Smith.

The electricians were last year's crew again, who were able to profit by past experience, and who made a remarkably fine job of the lighting. It is particularly remarkable to note that, although a fire broke out in the switchboard on the first night, the electricians were able to suppress it to such an extent that there was no interruption to the show, and the audience was, for the most part, unaware of the presence of what could have developed into a major catastrophe. At this point we should like to express our thanks to Mr. Levy, father of our pianist, who went to a great deal of trouble to borrow a spotlight for us, and to Mr. Cracknell, who most kindly lent us a fog-lamp.

All members of the cast join in an expression of deepest appreciation to Miss Smith, the Dramatic Producer, and Mr. Day, the Musical Director, without whose unstinted efforts the production would have been, of course, impossible.

It is most pleasing to be able to announce that from the three performances (which played, incidentally to packed houses) the net

profit of £170 was made, a result which should make all concerned feel very proud of themselves, and convince everyone that the energies expended were certainly not in vain. J.T.

OLD BOY'S SUCCESS

Mervyn T. Wood

The O.B.U. is very proud of the distinction of having an old boy who is the world's premier sculler. It is, therefore, fitting that the following brief account of his association with Sydney High School, where he first learnt his rowing, and also of his subsequent rowing career be included in this section of the *Record*. Merv, who was first enrolled at High in 1930, made his first appearance in 1932 when he rowed Bow in the Third Four when only fourteen years of age. The following year he rowed Four in the School VIII which came fourth and the following year he occupied the Five seat in the VIII which was third. Leaving school at the end of 1934, he joined the N.S.W. Police Force and kept up active rowing with the Police Rowing Club where he went immediately into their senior crews.

In 1935 he rowed Five in the Police Rowing Club Senior VIII and won many senior races including the N.S.W. Championship VIII's, 1935, and the Henley Grand Challenge Senior VIII's at Melbourne in 1935. In 1936 he went to the Olympic Games in Berlin and rowed Five in the N.S.W. Police VIII which represented Australia and, returning from abroad, rowed in the Five seat in three N.S.W. VIII's which came second on each occasion in the King's Cup races, 1937, 1938, 1939.

In June, 1939, Mervyn decided to confine his activities to sculling and took to it so quickly and so well that he won the Senior Sculls at Sydney R.C. Regatta in December, 1939, and became State Champion on Nepean River in February, 1940.

His sculling was then suspended during the war years but he resumed late in 1945, and sculled so consistently that he became Australian and N.S.W. Champion for three years running, 1946, 1947, 1948.

He was selected to represent Australia in the Olympic sculls and went abroad in May this year and annexed the following coveted titles:

Winner of the Diamond Sculls. Distance: 1 mile 550 yards. Rowed on Henley (Thames course). Trophy: Diamond Sculls which he retains for one year and an individual trophy—a handsome silver gilt goblet.

Marlow Senior Sculls: Course Marlowe Reach, Thames River: Distance: Seven-eighths mile. Trophy: Marlowe Silver Medal.

Olympic Sculls: Course Henley: 2,000 metres. Trophy: Silver gilt medal and diploma.

In winning the Olympic Sculls Mervyn automatically has qualified to hold the Philadelphia Gold Cup which is awarded to the Amateur Sculling Champion of the World.

A unique and wonderful record!

Sydney High School is very proud of the fact that one of their former members is the first Great Public School rower, not only of this State, but of Australia, to have achieved these distinctions and they are fittingly timed in the School Boat Club's Silver Jubilee Year.

Mr. Wood has offered to make available in the near future some of the trophies which he has brought back from overseas, and which will be on display for a short time. The School adds its thanks for this gesture to its hearty congratulations on the success which they represent.

D.J.D.

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The Younger Set

Since these notes were last written a general meeting of the younger old boys (1940-1947) has been held at the School and the following office bearers and committee were elected:—Colin Parsonage, Chairman; Alan Mitchell, Secretary (Tel. FM 5743); Alan Hodge, Assistant Secretary; Bob Hall, Treasurer. *Committee*: B. Herron, A. Mathews, R. Dunn, J. Rinteln, P. Dawson, A. Kwong, R. Giles.

The meeting for which over 1,000 notices were sent out to the last addresses shown on the School rolls was very disappointingly attended, although those attending made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in numbers. The President of the O.B.U. occupied the Chair until the Chairman was elected and stated that the policy of this year's Council was to encourage the younger old boys to join the O.B.U. and to endeavour to hold their interest by the means of a strong younger set movement. He stressed the need for an active Committee from the younger old boys to organise and run the type of re-union and functions that the younger old boys wanted and at a price which was within their means. He further stated that the whole future of the O.B.U. was in the hands of the younger old boys and, therefore, hoped that they would show their loyalty and love to the old School by rallying around, joining up and thus making the younger set a success. On 9th July the Younger Set held their first function, a small reunion at Graham Memorial Hall, Charing Cross. Although this function was not widely publicised, about 60 old boys turned up and had a very pleasant evening. By the time that these notes go to press a dance will have been held at Federation Hall, Phillip St., Sydney, on 20th October, 1948.

Sons of Old Boys at High

All Old Boys are reminded of a very great privilege of which they may avail themselves with mutual advantage to themselves and their School, viz., the sending of their sons or grandsons to Sydney High. This privilege was initiated in 1926 by the Hon. T. D. Mutch, Esq. (the then Minister for Education) on representations of the O.B.U. when the system of district High Schools was introduced and Sydney High was allotted Eastern Suburbs and South Sydney as the district from which its pupils would be drawn. Sons or grandsons of Old Boys are, therefore, not restricted by these district boundaries but, of course, must pass the qualifying entrance examination at the required standard. Old Boys who have sons or grandsons whom they wish to continue their schooling beyond the Primary Stage should make application to the Education Department by 1st of September in the year when their son or grandson is eligible to sit for the qualifying entrance examination. The application should give the name of the boy concerned, the school he is attending and the name and address of the person making the application, stating relationship, and give years that he was in attendance at Sydney High School (N.B. the nominator must have been a pupil for at least two years). All Old Boys are strongly

urged to avail themselves of this privilege as it not only gives their sons and grandsons the opportunity of following in their footsteps and receiving the best of educations but also ensures that the School will receive boys of the right type who will take a pride in their School and who will worthily uphold the School's standards and traditions. As a matter of general interest the following is a list of 33 Old Boys who have boys at High at present. Four of them have two sons each, so that 37 sons of Old Boys are actually on the School register at present. These Old Boys are resident in all parts of Sydney and in some instances in the country:

R. Anderson (2), Dr. H. A. Annetts, A. R. Beveridge (2), E. R. Harvey, L. J. Murray (2), A. G. Robertson, H. C. Snellgrove, A. R. Stafford, L. Tingle, A. Porter, S. C. King, F. B. King (2), A. W. Thurstan, Mr. Justice B. Sugerman, A. H. Richards, S. Isaacs, H. L. Howe, R. F. A. Dyson, C. B. Clark, J. B. Agnew, A. K. Dunsmore, C. S. C. Wales, R. G. Grimston, W. S. Chantler, J. Reddish, A. R. Stafford, Dr. G. F. Lumley, G. D. Watson, F. A. Sparre, G. J. Pauline, R. M. Loudon, W. H. Kenneth, K. E. Grainger.

McKay Sportsground

At the time of writing, extensive restoration work is being carried out at the School Sportsground in Centennial Park. The old wicket has been entirely removed and a new wicket has been set down. The whole of the outfield is being topdressed and no play will be possible until February, 1949. The O.B.U. has undertaken to donate £200 to cover the cost of the renewal of the wicket and to pay for some of the top dressing. In addition an amount of £130 from the Saxby Appeal is to be used in the additions to the Dressing Shed. The Union is pleased to report that the long association of Mr. C. A. Fairland with the Sportsground is to be commemorated in a tangible way by calling the new and enlarged Dressing Shed, when it is completed, "The Fairland Pavilion." Any Old Boys desirous of assisting should forward donations to the Honorary Treasurer (address above).

Social

The Annual Chocolate and Blue Ball which was held this year at Grace Auditorium on Thursday, 9th September, was as usual a brilliant social success, but like the Head of the River Ball, earlier in the year, the attendance was very disappointing because of the lack of support of Old Boys. This Ball was widely publicised and the fact that the proceeds were to be entirely devoted as the O.B.U. contribution to the restoration expenses of the McKay Sportsground was well known to all members of the O.B.U.

At the official table the President, Major D. J. Duffy and Mrs. Duffy, entertained a large party of official guests who included the Deputy Headmaster, Mr. P. W. Hallett, and Mrs. P. W. Hallett, who represented the Headmaster who was unavoidably absent in the country; the President of the S.H.S. Parents and Citizens' Association, Mr. B. R. White and Mrs. White; representatives from the

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Two parties from the Parents & Citizens' were organised by Mr. C. Upton and Mrs. Upton and Mr. Leigh Tingle and Mrs. Tingle. It was noticeable that the younger Old Boys and their friends were predominant at the Ball.

The following worked very hard to make a success of the Ball and deserved much more support than was forthcoming from Old Boys generally—P. Saywell, the Chairman of the Social Subcommittee who generously placed full office facilities at the disposal of the O.B.U. and whose staff got out all the circulars connected with the Ball; K. Shields, the Honorary Secretary who was responsible for much of the organisation, and K. Binns, the Social Secretary. These three gentlemen gave up a great deal of their time.

As usual we have to thank a number of generous donors who sent in donations to help defray the expenses and so swell the funds for the Sportsground. At the date that these notes were written the following had sent donations:—Dr. L. J. Parr, £1/1/-; D. Henry, 15/-; T. H. Henry, £5/5/-; R. Morrow, £2/2/-; F. Bradhurst, 15/-; R. C. Corish, £1/1/-; J. H. Killip, £5/5/-; R. T. McKay, £1/10/-; Dr. C. E. Winston, £2/2/-; E. Morcombe, £1/10/-; E. Pye, £1/1/-; G. McTierman, 10/-; H. Jessop, £1/1/-; P. G. Saywell, £2/2/-; P. W. Hallett, £2/2/-; Anon., £2/-/-; Maj. D. J. Duffy, £12/10/-; Maj. K. Coleman, £1/-/-; M. T. Lewis, £1/-/-; Total, £44/12/-.

Boat Shed Appeal

Owing to the immediate commitment of the McKay Sportsground, the appeal for funds for the Boat Shed has not yet been made. This project will be brought forward later this year and early in 1949.

Rowing

The School has placed orders for two new boats for use in the 1949 Head of the River season. A racing eight is to be called "Frank McMullen" after a former Headmaster. The money for this boat was donated by a member of the O.B.U. who wishes to remain anonymous. The second boat is to be a regulation racing four.

It is, perhaps, fitting to mention here a fact not known when the last issue of the *Record* was published, that, apart from the records credited to the School's VIII and 1st and 2nd fours at the Head of the River Regatta this year, the time established by the School's third four, viz., 4 mins. 21.5 seconds for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile is also a record. The School Boat Club, therefore, at present holds all the records except that of the Fourth IV's race. In response to numerous inquiries from Old Boys, set out hereunder is a table which briefly summarises the performances of all High crews in G.P.S. Regattas, 1924-48. A cross indicates that no crew was

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entered by High. This summary does not show results of heats (i.e., when the races were rowed on the Parramatta River in heats and finals, 1924-1935, inclusive). Where a dash occurs, it indicates that the High crew was eliminated in the heat and, therefore, did not qualify for a place in the final.

An analysis of all races (118) discloses that High crews have been placed first 43 times, second 29, third 11—a total of 83 major placings:

ALL SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL CREWS.

YEAR.	VIII.	1 IV.	2 IV.	3 IV.	4 IV.	5 IV.	J VIII.	
1924	...	x	1	4	x	x	x	x
1925	...	1	—	1	—	x	x	x
1926	...	1	—	3	—	x	x	x
1927	...	1	—	—	2	3	x	x
1928	...	3	—	—	x	x	x	x
1929	...	1	1	2	1	x	x	x
1930	...	1*	3	2	—	x	x	x
1931	...	2	1	2	1	x	x	x
1932	...	—	4	1	2	x	x	x
1933	...	4	1	2	1	x	x	x
1934	...	3	2	4	1	1	x	x
1935	...	—	2	2	1	1	x	x
1936	...	6	4	2	2	1	x	x
1937	...	5	6	3	2	x	x	x
1938	...	2	1	2	1	1	x	x
1939	...	2	1	1	1	1	1	x
1940	...	2	4	3	2	2	x	x
1941x	...	4	5	5	3	3	1	x
1942x	...	5	2	2	x	x	x	x
1943x	...	2	4	6	2	3	x	x
1944x	...	1	4	2	1	1	1	x
1945x	...	2	2	2	1	1	1	x
1946	...	4	4	4	5	4	1	x

*Declared NO RACE.

Transfer of Regatta to Nepean River.

Unofficial, non-competitive regattas held during war years 1941-45. Races were held over reduced distances and trophies and G.P.S. Blues were not awarded.

Official regattas resumed on Nepean River. Championship VIII. Race, 1¼ miles.

1947 2 2 1 3 5 1 x Championship VIII.s' race extended to 1½ miles.

1948 1 1 1 1 4 4 1 1½ miles.

Council of C.H.S. Ex-Students' Associations

Your Union is a foundation member of this Council which was formed this year and has as its chief objects the following:—

- (a) To advance the standards of High School education throughout New South Wales.
- (b) To advance the status of High Schools' ex-students' associations.
- (c) To engage in such other activities as may be advantageous to all High Schools generally as well as to the ex-students' associations.

This Union's delegates are the President, Major D. J. Duffy, who is also a member of the Standing Committee and Dr. C. E. Winston.

Life Membership Subscription

Council this year appointed a sub-committee to investigate the necessity for increasing the life membership subscriptions. This action was taken because of the fact that present day interest rates are much lower than when the life membership subscription was first determined and also because administrative and other costs

of the Union have risen considerably in keeping with the times, e.g., it now costs this union 3/6 to send two copies of *The Record* to each member of the O.B.U. The Sub-Committee reported that each life member is actually costing the O.B.U. considerably more per annum than the interest which the principle returns and therefore this deficit has to be made up from the General Fund. In this connection it may be remembered that the Annual Subscription was increased from 7/6 to 10/- early this year. The Sub-Committee has recommended that the Life Membership Subscription be increased to £10/10/- and Council concurs with this recommendation and proposes calling a general meeting as required under the terms of the constitution to ratify this proposal.

Help Wanted

Any Old Boy who can undertake to have a bulk quantity of envelopes addressed for the Union is invited to advise the Honorary Secretary, who will then call on him as required. It is anticipated that 1949 will be a record year for this Union as far as correspondence is concerned!

Visits to School and Sports Functions

All Old Boys of the School, whether members of the Union or not, are once again reminded that the Headmaster, Mr. J. H. Killip, and the School are always pleased to see them as visitors both to the School and to any of its sporting functions. The O.B.U. Council would like to see more Old Boys in evidence at the School ground during the cricket and football seasons and also at the grounds of other schools when the School is playing away from home. Barrackers are always a great encouragement to all of our teams. This Union will be pleased to advise dates of all sporting fixtures, social and other functions on request.

Badges

O.B.U. badges are now available to all financial members of the Union, and may be purchased at a cost of 2/6 each from the Honorary Treasurer (address above).

Newsletter

Council regrets that it has not been possible to inaugurate a regular newsletter as referred to in these notes in the last issue of *The Record*. This has been brought about by the following factors:

- (a) Difficulty of obtaining help from Old Boys in addressing envelopes and rendering office assistance which this proposal involves.
- (b) Failure of members to contribute personal items and matters of current O.B.U. interest.
- (c) The non-availability of a member to edit this newsletter. (Note: Alan O'Neil unfortunately had to withdraw his offer to act as editor owing to business commitments).

- (d) The additional expense which would be incurred. This last factor could be easily overcome if more Old Boys could be induced to join this—their Union.

The possibility of introducing this feature next year will be examined by the 1949 Council.

O.B.U. v. School — Football — Cricket

The O.B.U. v. School 1st XV game was played at the McKay Oval on 21st July, 1948. The match resulted in a narrow win by the School (18-16) after a very happy and pleasant match. Eric Morecombe organised the match from the O.B.U. aspect and was captain of the team.

The Annual Cricket Match, O.B.U. v. School 1st XI will be played on 17th November. Selby Burt and Ken Binns are organising this match for the O.B.U. Results will be given in the next issue of these notes.

As usual our good friends of the P. & C. Ladies' Auxiliary provided afternoon tea for all the players and officials at the O.B.U. v. School Football Match.

All Old Boys should note that only financial members of the O.B.U. are eligible for selection in teams playing in these matches.

Cadet Corps

The Council of the O.B.U. is anxious to encourage the Senior Cadet Corps of the School in any way open to it. The strength of the S.H.S. detachment is disappointing when compared to many other school detachments and is not worthy of a school such as ours. All Old Boys who have sons at school therefore are strongly urged to encourage their lads to join the School detachment and so build up the numbers. The Senior Cadet Corps is a very worthy movement which affords splendid facilities for building up character, self discipline and physique and in addition it fits every boy to play his part in the defence of his country should the need ever arise in the future. Full facilities are provided by the Department of Defence and no expense has to be incurred by the parents of members of the Corps. As supply conditions permit, uniforms will be changed in type and other improvements will be effected. The Sydney High Cadet Corps has a very worthy tradition dating right back to the School's inception and during its first fifteen years the School was the champion rifle shooting school in this State.

The reputation of the School, if not the patriotism or the seriousness of world conditions to-day, demands that all Old Boys and parents and their sons support this Corps and make it worthy of the School!

Personal Jottings

Congratulations to our President, Major Des Duffy and Mrs. Duffy on the birth of a son, Warwick Graham Desmond. We have it on good authority that Warwick already knows the feel of an oar (one of his dad's miniature ones—presented to him by the O.B.U. to commemorate wins in Head of the River races).

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Dr. Bob Higham is now Assistant Medical Superintendent at the Royal Hospital for Women, Paddington.

A. R. Broadhurst is in the Murwillumbah district where he has a banana plantation.

Lt.-Col. D. R. Jackson who recently returned from duty in England, is now Chief Instructor at the School of Infantry, Seymour, Victoria.

S. Carr, of Chatswood, one of our oldest life members, who has had two sons go through High, paid a visit to this year's Chocolate and Blue Ball.

Col. Paddy Moore recently retired from the permanent Military Forces. Prior to his retirement Col. Moore was Commander of Eastern Command Fixed Defences.

Keith Gallie, who was recently in town from Lismore where he is local representative for Neptune Oil, looked cheerful in spite of the disastrous floods earlier this year.

Bob Grey has returned to an old love, rowing, and is lending a hand with the School Boat Club—breaking in the newcomers.

Congratulations to Stan Wick (Rowing Master) and Mrs. Wick on the birth of another rower—Denis James.

Gus Mann, himself an old oarsman, who writes for *The Bulletin*, had two good opportunities to refer to his favourite sport in its columns this year—the first time when he presented quite a number of facts about this year's regatta missed by the dailies and the second time to do a brief sketch of Merv. Wood after his triumphs abroad.

Congratulations to Ken Binns, the Social Secretary of the O.B.U. on his marriage recently to Miss Margaret Langley.

Major George Windsor was recently in Sydney on an official visit from Army Headquarters where he is stationed with the M.G.O. Branch.

Ken Hardy is now resident in Orange where he is editor of the *Central Western Daily*.

Arnold (Tup) McKibbin, who is now on the Staff at North Sydney High School, still follows the various sporting events in which High competes, with such enthusiasm that it is a matter for much good-natured banter from some of the sporting fraternity at North Sydney High. He was very pleased when North Sydney tied with High at this year's C.H.S. Athletics Carnival in the Senior Premiership as his loyalty was not divided!

Keith Paterson, for a great many years Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Union, continues to make his office available to the Council for its monthly meetings. Also two members of his staff, Ken Shields and Eric Morcombe, are at present Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively. Keith's generosity in this direction is much appreciated.

Nev. Phipps of Kingsgrove, who recently became a member, is taking to that sport of pot-hunters—rifle shooting.

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J. A. Phillips of Manly is also another new member. He has two sons coming along and hopes to see them at High in a few years time.

The O.B.U. heartily congratulates the School and all concerned on the very fine production and performances of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance." Perhaps it is not too much to hope that the production and performance of G. & S. operas may become a regular annual function of the school, although there is, no doubt, a very great amount of organisation and time involved.

Congratulations to Fred Kaad on the occasion of his marriage to Miss June Grosvenor on 18th September, 1948. Fred and Mrs. Kaad have now returned to Madang, New Guinea, where Fred is stationed.

Fifth year med. students, Phil Marnie, Chas Lindsell, Brian Cotton and Eric Broadfoot, have just completed a month's obstetrics at the Royal Hospital for Women, Paddington.

Vic Hyde, a former Rowing Master who now lives at Queenscliff, is still lecturing at the Teachers' College and paid an official visit to his old school this year when he was supervising the activities of student teachers there.

UNITED NATIONS' APPEAL

During the Second Term, £82 was raised by voluntary subscription and donated to the United Nations' Appeal for Children Fund.



SPORT

FOOTBALL

FIRST XV—C.H.S.

The Combined High Schools' Competition for the 1948 season ended with the School team in third place. Our congratulations are extended to Canterbury High, who were undefeated premiers.

The team was very light in both forwards and backs. The forwards, ably led by Dadour (capt.), were always the spearhead of the attack. Gell, hooker, gave the backs more than their share of the ball. Hopkins, Gonzalez and Maidment were outstanding in lineouts and rucks. Dixon, Morrow and Cole were always a trouble to the opposition.

The backs, although small and light, were extremely fast. Burke and Pearce on the flanks were always dangerous when in possession. Long and Robertson, the inside backs, were on many occasions brilliant and on all occasions hard tacklers. Lee and Steel combined well to send the backs on many scoring movements. Cray, as full-back, was a handy man to have in the last line of defence.

Midway through the season Gell and Robertson were chosen to represent C.H.S. to play Hawkesbury Agricultural College. Cole was selected to play with the C.H.S. Fifteen against University while Long, Maidment and Gonzalez represented C.H.S. Seconds against St. Andrew's College.

Results of Games

S.H.S.—

- v North Sydney Tech.—Won 12-0.
- „ Sydney Tech. High—Won 16-3.
- „ Homebush High—Won 22-0.
- „ North Sydney High—Won 14-3.
- „ Parramatta High—Won 27-3.
- „ Fort Street High—Lost 3-18.
- „ Canterbury High—Lost 3-4.
- „ Hurlstone Agricultural College—Won 14-11.

FIRST XV—G.P.S.

The honours of the G.P.S. Competition were shared by St. Joseph's College and the Scots College. The School team was third in the competition. We congratulate the successful teams.

The team began the competition well with an excellent win in a practice match with Armidale School. After defeating the strong King's School team comfortably, the team played a draw with Shore. The game against Scots was unfortunate; both teams suffered a bout of injuries, Pearce, Robertson and Burke leaving the field. The team played well in spite of these losses and went down to a

stronger team. Our win over Grammar was satisfactory if not sensational. St. Joseph's, always a hard team to beat, defeated the School team. Failing by fifteen points to three at half-time, the team rallied in the second half and St. Joseph's scored only three more points against us. The team played bright, open football against Riverview and ran out good winners. The final game against Newington showed that the team had lost none of its fire, and provided another win.

The team suffered only two defeats throughout the G.P.S. Competition, a commendable record when it is recalled that, as a result of injuries, twenty-one players donned the jerseys of the School's First XV.

At the conclusion of the season P. Cole was chosen to represent the G.P.S. First XV as breakaway. Dadour (Captain), Lee, Gonzalez, Gell and Burke represented G.P.S. Thirds against Christian Brothers' College, Waverley, while Long was reserve. Dadour, Gell, Gonzalez, Long and Burke were also selected for the C.H.S. First XV to play the G.P.S. First XV, while Cole retained his position as breakaway in the G.P.S. team. Hopkins was chosen to represent the C.H.S. Second XV against G.P.S. Seconds. Dixon and Lee were reserves for the C.H.S. teams.

The team wishes to extend to Mr. O'Rourke its thanks for the tireless coaching he gave to the team.

Mr. Killip's attendance at every game shows the interest and enthusiasm the Headmaster has for the teams.

To the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary who provided afternoon tea after each G.P.S. match, the team extends its thanks and appreciation.

Results of Games

S.H.S.—

- v The Armidale School—Won 24 0.
- „ The King's School—Won 14-3.
- „ Sydney Church of England Grammar School—Drew 6-6.
- „ The Scots College—Lost 3-12.
- „ Sydney Grammar School—Won 13-9.
- „ St. Joseph's College—Lost 3-18.
- „ St. Ignatius' College—Won 20-3.
- „ Newington College—Won 9 3.

SECOND XV

This year the Second XV did very well to finish fifth in the Great Public Schools' Competition and runners-up in the Combined High Schools' Competition. Our congratulations to Shore and Fort Street, premiers of the respective competitions.

The team at the commencement of the season gave promise of repeating the performance of last year's Second XV, but in the first G.P.S. game we were unfortunate to lose the services of our captain, R. Snellgrove. Further injuries, both in Firsts and Seconds, greatly handicapped the team's prospects.

Generally, the team played a clean, fast, open game. This was made possible by a pack of hard-working forwards, who, although



FIRST XV (G.P.S. RUNNERS-UP).

Back Row: A. STEEL, P. COLE, G. ROBERTSON, R. MORROW, P. DIXON, J. SHAND.

Second Row: R. BURKE, B. CRAY, E. LONG, B. HOPKINS, J. GONZALEZ, C. MAIDMENT, P. JAMES.

Front Row: N. PEARCE, R. LEE (Vice-Capt.), Mr. J. H. KILLIP (Headmaster), W. DADOUR (Capt.), Mr. A. F. O'ROURKE (Co-K. ROSE.

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not brilliant, gave their backs a reasonable supply of the ball. Of these, James, Annetts and Stevenson were outstanding, while Downie, Rosenberg and Clelland gave able support.

Our halves, Bosler and Armstrong, paved the way for many of the tries scored, while the inside backs, Serafim and Thiering, were capable of providing many openings for our wingers, Hall and Harvey. Cooper, at full back, was safe, playing some exceptionally good games.

Our captain, Snellgrove, was a vigorous player and leader, and brought out the best in the team. The many players called on from the Third XV ably filled the positions made vacant by players being injured.

We welcome this opportunity to thank our coach, Mr. Allsopp, for the welcome advice he gave us and the unfailing interest he showed in the team.

Results of Games

C.H.S. COMPETITION.

S.H.S.—

- v North Sydney Tech.—Won 21-0.
- „ Sydney Tech. High—Won 17-0.
- „ Homebush High—Won 35-3.
- „ North Sydney High—Won 14-3.
- „ Fort Street High—Lost 6-11.
- „ Canterbury High—Won 6-0.
- „ Hurlstone Agricultural College—Won 18-3.

G.P.S. COMPETITION.

S.H.S.—

- v The King's School—Won 9-0.
- „ Sydney Church of England Grammar School—Drew 3-3.
- „ The Scots College—Lost 0-14.
- „ Sydney Grammar School—Lost 0-13.
- „ St. Joseph's College—Lost 6-11.
- „ St. Ignatius' College—Won 19-15.
- „ Newington College—Won 11-9.

THIRD XV

This year's Third XV completed a successful season, being runners-up to the premiers, Fort Street, who beat us in the last match of the season. In all, 98 points were scored by the team, while 31 were scored against it.

During the season twelve players were promoted to the Second XV, while Adair and Clelland each had a game with the First XV.

To the coach, Mr. Cracknell, we wish to convey our thanks for his keen interest. We would also like to congratulate Fort Street on their fine premiership win.

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SECOND XV (C.H.S. RUNNERS-UP).

Back Row: I THIERING, G. SERAFIM, L. MOATE, B. HARVEY, C. GALEA, J. HALL, H. JOSEPH.
Second Row: M. ROSENBERG, J. PROCTER, L. KEMENY, B. DOWNIE, J. CLELLAND, H. STEVENSON, J. MURRAY, J. SACHS.
Front Row: B. NICHOLSON, P. JAMES, R. SNELLGROVE (Capt.), Mr. F. J. ALLSOPP (Coach), P. ARMSTRONG, J. BOSLER, D. COOPER. **Sitting:** D. ANNETTS.



THIRD XV (RUNNERS-UP).

Back Row: J. FAGAN, R. MEDCALFE, G. KING, M. HANLEIGH, P. EISZELE,
Second Row: L. BAILEY, K. BLOODWORTH, L. SHAW, J. ADAIR, M. AHEARN, P. EPSTEIN.
Front Row: W. FLETCHER, H. WISE, G. BLOOMFIELD (Capt.), Mr. I. R. CRACKNELL (Coach), L. MOATE, R. UPTON, R. SWINBOURNE.

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Results of Games

S.H.S.—

- v North Sydney Tech.—Won 6-0.
- „ Sydney Tech. High—Won 19-9.
- „ Homebush High—Won 8-0.
- „ North Sydney High—Won 20-6.
- „ Parramatta High—Won 12-0.
- „ Fort Street High—Lost 6-8.
- „ Canterbury High—Won 24-0.
- „ Hurlstone Agricultural College—Won 24-8.

FOURTH XV

Though beaten in the early trial games, the Fourth Graders improved considerably and finished third in the competition. In the match against the premiers, Homebush, each scored a try, but Homebush obtained two penalty goals, giving them a 9-5 victory.

Important factors contributing to the success of the Fourths were the well-balanced nature of the side and the good understanding that developed between backs and forwards.

The two outstanding backs were Evans at five-eighth and Ellison at full back. Good support was given by Wells, half-back, the centres, Purdy (capt.) and Bayfield, and the wingers, Cleary and Prior.

The forwards were as good as any in the competition.

Our congratulations go to Homebush, the winners of the competition, and our thanks to Mr. Coffey for his assistance during the season.

Results of Games

S.H.S.—

- v North Sydney Tech.—Won 31-3.
- „ Sydney Tech. High—Won 18-3.
- „ Homebush High—Lost 5-9.
- „ North Sydney High—Lost 3-11.
- „ Parramatta High—Won 28-0.
- „ Fort Street High—Won 6-5.
- „ Canterbury High—Won 11-0.
- „ Hurlstone Agricultural College—Won 6-5.

FIFTH XV

The Fifth Graders began the season by defeating North Sydney Tech., but for the next three games lost to hard-fighting teams. During the remainder of the season they won two and lost two games.

The whole team was eager to win at every match, but the loss of Fergusson, the captain, after only three matches, was a handicap. However, Middlemiss proved a capable leader during his absence.

The team offers its congratulations to the premiers, Homebush, and conveys its thanks to Mr. Rowlands for his assistance during the season.

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Results of Games

S.H.S.—

- v North Sydney Tech.—Won 11-3.
- „ Sydney Tech. High—Lost 0-3.
- „ Homebush High—Lost 0-9.
- „ North Sydney High—Lost 6-15.
- „ Parramatta High—Won 17-3.
- „ Fort Street High—Lost 0-11.
- „ Canterbury High—Lost 3-26.
- „ Hurlstone Agricultural College—Won 11-3.

SIXTH XV

Although Sixth Grade did not experience a very good season the matches were close, keenly contested, and enjoyed by all.

With this season's experience the team should mould into a good Fifth Grade next year, and the smaller players should form the nucleus of a sound Sixth Grade.

The captain, Neate, and vice-captain, Fraser, tried their utmost to assist Mr. Wade, the coach, to whom the whole team offers its thanks for his assistance and interest throughout the season.

Results of Games

S.H.S.—

- v North Sydney Tech.—Lost 3-9.
- „ Sydney Tech. High—Drew 0-0.
- „ Homebush High—Lost 0-6.
- „ North Sydney High—Drew 0-0.
- „ Parramatta High—Lost 3-9.
- „ Fort Street High—Won 6-5.
- „ Canterbury High—Lost 0-9.
- „ Hurlstone Agricultural College—Lost 6-8.

CLASS FOOTBALL

Twenty-one teams took part in this year's class competition, and all the players enjoyed a series of vigorously contested games. Perhaps the highlight of the season was a series of matches against Technical High School. The teams appeared to be evenly matched, and the scores were invariably close.

The success of this competition was due to the ability and keenness of the referees and other helpers, and to the interest of Mr. Hornibrook, on whom the smoothness of the organisation depended.

SWIMMING

Results of C.H.S. Swimming Carnival

Senior Championships.

880 Yards—Div. 2: G. Bloomfield, 5.

440 Yards—Div. 2: G. Bloomfield, 3.

55 Yards—Div. 2: B. Neeson, 1 (31.3 sec.).

110 Yards *Breastroke*—Div. 1: B. Neeson, 1 (1 min. 25.6 sec.); Div. 2: J. Bowering, 1.

Dive—Div. 1: B. Neeson, 2; Div. 2: D. Armstrong, 2.

Relays S.H.S., 5 (D. Taylor, B. Neeson, B. Turrell, J. Gonzalez).

Senior Point Score: Homebush High, 61; Tamworth High, 59½; Wollongong High 49; S.H.S., 40.

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C.H.S. SWIMMING CARNIVAL REPRESENTATIVES.

Back Row: G. ROBERTSON, J. MEALEY, R. UPTON, B. FOOTE, J. MOONEY, J. THORNETT.

Third Row: J. PRIOR, R. MOCLAIR, E. PROUDFOOT, J. HILLMAN, D. ANDERSON, J. MURRAY, B. CHRISTIANSEN, P. ARMSTRONG.

Second Row: C. GALEA, J. PROCTER, G. BLOOMFIELD, B. NEESON, J. GONZALEZ, J. BOS, B. TURRELL.

Front Row: B. SEENEY, C. SMEE, B. KIELLY.

Under 16 Championships.

440 Yards—Div. 2: J. Murray, 2.

220 Yards—Div. 2: J. Murray, 4.

55 Yards—Div. 2 B. Christiansen, 3.

55 Yards Breaststroke—Div. 1: R. Moclair, 2; Div. 2: D. Anderson, 5.

55 Yards Backstroke—Div. 1: J. Prior, 4; Div. 2: J. Hillman, 1.

Relay: S.H.S., 3 (B. Christiansen, E. Proudfoot, J. Procter, J. Murray).

Under 15 Championships.

440 Yards—Div. 1: J. Procter, 5; Div. 2: J. Mealey, 3.

220 Yards—Div. 1: J. Procter, 5; Div. 2: J. Mealey, 5.

110 Yards—Div. 2: J. Mealey, 5.

55 Yards—Div. 1: J. Procter, 4.

55 Yards Breaststroke—Div. 2: J. Procter, 4.

55 Yards Backstroke—Div. 2: J. Mealey, 3.

Junior Point Score: Tamworth High, 76½; S.H.S., 55½.

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Under 14 Championships.

- 220 Yards—Div. 1: K. Avis, 2; Div. 2: J. Mooney, 1.
110 Yards—Div. 1: K. Avis, 1 (73.0 sec.); Div. 2: J. Mooney, 1.
55 Yards—Div. 2: B. Foote, 1.
55 Yards Breaststroke—Div. 1: G. Robertson, 2.
55 Yards Backstroke—Div. 1: K. Avis, 3; Div. 2: J. Mooney, 2.
Relay: S.H.S., 1 (C. Smee, J. Mooney, B. Foote, K. Avis—2 min. 14.6 sec. Record).

Under 13 Championships.

- 110 Yards—Div. 1: C. Smee, 1 (77.8 sec.); Div. 2: J. Thornett, 1.
55 Yards—Div. 1: C. Smee, 1 (33.6 sec. Record); Div. 2: J. Thornett, 1.
55 Yards Breaststroke—Div. 1: J. Thornett, 1 (40.5 sec. Record); Div. 2: C. Smee, 1.
55 Yards Backstroke—Div. 1: C. Smee, 1 (45.8 sec.); Div. 2: J. Thornett, 1.

Juvenile Point Score: S.H.S., (1) 121.

Aggregate Point Score: S.H.S. (1) 216½; Tamworth High (2) 159.

TENNIS

As usual, four school teams took part in the tennis competition this year, and they had an interesting season against other schools in which many enjoyable matches were played.

Most of the matches were close, and although the teams were not very successful, they always tried hard and gained useful experience, which should help them next year.

We should like to record our thanks to Miss Cochrane and Miss Smith for their help and co-operation during the season.

Results of Matches

FIRST GRADE

Team: L. Priestley (capt.), P. Stafford, G. Warren, D. Wolfe.

S.H.S.—

- v North Sydney Tech.—Lost 2-6.
- „ Sydney Tech. High 4-4 (Won on games).
- „ Homebush High—Lost 3-5.
- „ Fort Street High—Lost 2-6.
- „ Canterbury High—Lost 3-5.
- „ Hurlstone Agricultural College—Won 5-3.

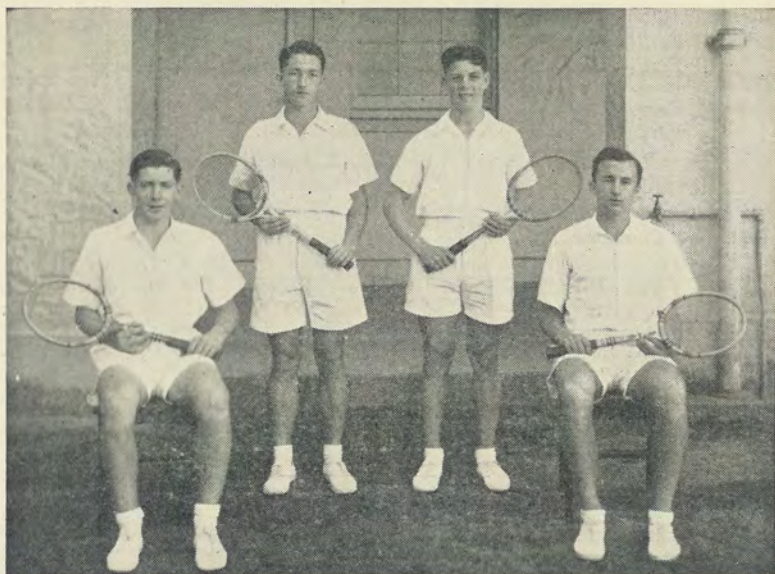
SECOND GRADE

Team: B. Daly (capt.), L. Hyne, J. Judge, J. Schubert.

S.H.S.—

- v North Sydney Tech.—Lost 8-0.
- „ Sydney Tech. High—Lost 6-2.
- „ Homebush High—Lost 5-3.
- „ Fort Street High—Drew 4-4 (39 games all).
- „ Canterbury High—Lost 6-2.
- „ Hurlstone Agricultural College—Won 8-0.

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FIRST GRADE TENNIS TEAM.

L. PRIESTLEY, P. STAFFORD, G. WARREN, D. WOLFE.

THIRD GRADE

Team: G. Pickford (capt.), J. Andrews, P. Barnett, D. Birmingham, N. Dwyer.

S.H.S.—

- v North Sydney Tech—Lost 2-6.
- „ Sydney Tech. High—Lost 3-5.
- „ Homebush High—Lost 1-7.
- „ Fort Street High—Lost 0-8.
- „ Canterbury High—Lost 3-5.
- „ Hurlstone Agricultural College—Lost 3-5.

FOURTH GRADE

Team: Z. Star (capt.), W. McEwan, R. Norris, J. Mallyon, J. Shepherd.

S.H.S.—

- v North Sydney Tech.—Won 7-1.
- „ Sydney Tech. High—Lost 3-5.
- „ Homebush High—Lost 1-7.
- „ Fort Street High—Won 7-1.
- „ Canterbury High—Lost 0-8.
- „ Hurlstone Agricultural College—Won 6-2.

All matches with North Sydney High and Parramatta High had to be abandoned because of rain.

ATHLETICS

This year the task of providing the powerful well-balanced athletics team that the School's tradition demands was unusually difficult, particularly in the senior division. Unless every potential athlete in the School is trained and available we cannot hope to wrest top honours in the strong competition we encounter.

Our own meeting in August revealed both our strength and our weakness. A few first-class athletes showed in the sprints, but there was a low standard in the 440 yards, 880 yards, mile, high jump and shot putt events. Great improvement by N. Pearce and M. MacGee later strengthened the 440 yards team, and J. Adair made the grade in the high jump. The Senior Cup was well won by P. Eiszele from R. Burke.

The C.H.S. Carnival was a keen struggle, a win in the final relay giving us a tie with North Sydney for the Senior Cup. The juniors were much more convincing and won by a large margin from Fort Street and Homebush. Bosler, Bernard, Daly, Harris and Stuart and the relay team all won championships. The juveniles were relegated to third place by Homebush and Newcastle, but their points helped to save the title of Champion School, which we narrowly won from Homebush.

The G.P.S. Carnival promised to be a brilliant meeting, and it was, despite rain and wind. The School did creditably, being third in the senior division to Scots and Grammar, and second in the junior division to an outstanding team from Shore. Our tragedy in the senior championship was that we had five first-class athletes in Pearce, Burke, Eiszele, MacGee, and Adair, who battled on practically without support. Bob Burke was almost a team in himself, being placed in four events and the relay. He crowned a brilliant career as a hurdler by taking the senior title; he has won every C.H.S. and G.P.S. hurdle race since his under-14 days, leaving a trail of records behind him. Only F. P. Kaad, of ever-green memory, has a similar record. Also worthy of comment is Daly's 5ft. 6in., which equals existing S.H.S. figures; and Stuart's under-15 shot putt of 44ft. 10½in. sets a new standard.

The team's thanks, as ever, are due to Messrs. L. A. Bassier (Senior and Junior Teams) and H. Edmonds (Juvenile Teams) for many long hours of careful coaching.

B. DALY.

S.H.S. ATHLETICS MEETING

Senior.

- 100 Yards: 1, P. Eiszele; 2, N. Pearce; 3, R. Burke. Time, 10.3 secs.
 220 Yards: 1, P. Eiszele; 2, R. Burke; 3, N. Pearce. Time, 23.3 secs.
 440 Yards: 1, P. Eiszele; 2, N. Pearce, M. MacGee (tie). Time, 54.3 secs.
 880 Yards: 1, J. Gonzalez; 2, B. Harvey; 3, K. Cleary. Time, 2 mins. 12.2 secs.

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Mile: 1, J. Gonzalez; 2, V. Cristofani; 3, B. Harvey. Time, 5 mins. 1.1 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles: 1, R. Burke; 2, J. Adair; 3, D. Anderson. Time, 16 secs.

High Jump: 1, R. Morrow; 2, D. Cooper; 3, R. Burke. Height, 5ft. 3 in.

Broad Jump: 1, R. Burke; 2, P. Eiszele; 3, M. MacGee. Distance, 20ft. 4½ in.

Shot Putt: 1, P. Stanley; 2, D. Anderson; 3, L. Hyne. Distance, 35ft.

Senior Cup: 1, P. Eiszele, 30; 2, R. Burke, 27; 3, N. Pearce, 13.

Under 16.

100 Yards: 1, J. Bosler, 2, D. Bernard; 3, R. Evans. Time, 10.9 secs.

220 Yards: 1, J. Bosler; 2, K. Buckley; 3, D. Bernard. Time, 25.3 secs.

440 Yards: 1, L. Shaw; 2, R. Sanderson; 3, J. Harris. Time, 58 secs.

880 Yards: 1, L. Shaw; 2, R. Sanderson; 3, R. Evans. Time, 2 mins. 12.6 secs.

90 Yards Hurdles: 1, P. Epstein; 2, K. Buckley; 3, D. Bernard. Time, 14.1 secs.

High Jump: 1, B. Daly; 2, J. Reddish; 3, D. Bernard. Height, 5ft. 2in.

Broad Jump: 1, D. Bernard; 2, B. Daly; 3, R. Evans. Distance, 18ft. 6½ in.

Shot Putt: 1, J. Harris; 2, D. Bernard; 3, R. Evans. Distance, 41ft. 7in.

Points Score: 1, D. Bernard, 27; 2, R. Evans, 19; 3, J. Bosler, 16, L. Shaw, tie.

Under 15.

100 Yards: 1, W. Mark; 2, O. Fry; 3, J. Argue. Time, 11.5 secs.

220 Yards: 1, W. Mark; 2, J. Argue; 3, O. Fry. Time, 25.5 secs.

90 Yards Hurdles: 1, D. Colley; 2, J. Nicholson; 3, W. Wiederberg. Time, 15.3 secs.

High Jump: 1, J. O'Neill; 2, B. Steele; 3, O. Fry. Height, 4ft. 10in.

Broad Jump: 1, W. Mark; 2, J. Nicholson; 3, D. Colley. Distance, 18ft. 1in.

Shot Putt: 1, D. Stewart; 2, J. Fagan; 3, J. Mealey. Distance, 44ft. 1½ in.

Point Score: 1, W. Mark, 24; 2, D. Colley, 12; O. Fry, 11.

Under 14.

100 Yards: 1, A. Pearce; 2, J. Kennelly, M. Saunders, tie. Time, 11.8 secs.

220 Yards: 1, A. Pearce; 2, J. Kennelly; 3, M. Saunders. Time, 26.8 secs.

60 Yards Hurdles: 1, B. Foote; 2, M. Saunders; 3, M. Hudson. Time, 10.2 secs.

High Jump: 1, A. Clark; 2, K. Sinderberry; 3, R. Jakes. Height, 4ft. 11in.

Broad Jump: 1, G. Rivers; 2, J. Kennelly; 3, M. Saunders. Distance, 16ft. 3½ in.

Shot Putt: 1, B. Foote; 2, J. Thornett; 3, M. Hudson. Distance, 40ft. 1in.

Point Score: 1, B. Foote, A. Pearce, M. Saunders, tie, 16.

Under 13.

100 Yards: 1, B. Allsopp; 2, J. Thomas; 3, C. Smee. Time, 12.7 secs.

220 Yards: 1, B. Allsopp; 2, C. Smee; 3, R. Carroll. Time, 28.3 secs.

High Jump: 1, J. Eckert; 2, D. Patterson; 3, R. Hughes. Height, 4ft. 4in.

Broad Jump: 1, R. Hughes; 2, R. Carroll; 3, B. Allsopp. Distance, 14ft.

Point Score: 1, B. Allsopp, 19; 2, R. Hughes, 11; 3, R. Carroll, 10.

The class pennant was won by 2A.

Point Score: 1, 2A, 157; 2, 3D, 140; 3, 4A, 132.

C.H.S. ATHLETICS MEETING

Senior Results.

100 Yards—Div. 1: P. Eiszele, 4. Time, 10.1 secs.
 100 Yards—Div. 2: N. Pearce, 2. Time, 10.5 secs.
 220 Yards—Div. 1: P. Eiszele, 3. Time, 22.8 secs.
 220 Yards—Div. 2: R. Burke, 2. Time, 23 secs.
 440 Yards—Div. 2: N. Pearce, 1. Time, 53.9 secs.
 880 Yards—Div. 2: B. Harvey, 3. Time, 2 mins. 9.4 secs.
 120 Yards Hurdles—Div. 1: R. Burke, 1. Time, 15.5 secs.
 120 Yards Hurdles—Div. 2: J. Adair, 4. Time, 16.6 secs.
 High Jump—Div. 2: D. Cooper, 4. Height, 5ft. 7in.
 Broad Jump—Div. 1: R. Burke, 2. Distance, 22ft. 2in.
 Broad Jump—Div. 2: M. MacGee, 3. Distance, 20ft. 4½in.
 Shot Putt—Div. 1: P. Stanley, 3. Distance, 48ft. 11½in.
 Shot Putt—Div. 2: D. Anderson, 5. Distance, 42ft. 4in.
 Relay: 1st. Time, 44.5 secs.

Senior Championship Point Score: 1, Sydney and North Sydney, 72,
 tie; 3, Sydney Tech., 60.

JUNIOR RESULTS

Under 16.

110 Yards—Div. 1: J. Bosler, 2. Time, 10.9 secs.
 100 Yards—Div. 2: D. Bernard, 3. Time, 11 secs.
 220 Yards—Div. 1: J. Bosler, 1. Time, 23.9 secs.
 440 Yards—Div. 1: L. Shaw, 2. Time, 54 secs.
 440 Yards—Div. 2: R. Sanderson, 2. Time, 57.7 secs.
 90 Yards Hurdles—Div. 1: P. Epstein, 2. Time, 13 secs.
 High Jump—Div. 1: B. Daly, 1. Height, 5ft. 3in.
 High Jump—Div. 2: J. Reddish, 2. Height, 5ft. 1in.
 Broad Jump—Div. 1: D. Bernard, 1. Distance, 19ft. 2¼in.
 Broad Jump—Div. 2: B. Daly, 3. Distance, 18ft. 4in.
 Shot Putt—Div. 1: J. Harris, 1. Distance, 45ft. 3½in.
 Relay: 1. Time, 47.9 secs.

Under 15.

220 Yards—Div. 2: J. Argue, 5. Time, 24.5 secs.
 90 Yards Hurdles—Div. 2: J. Nicholson, 5. Time, 13.8 secs.
 High Jump—Div. 2: B. Steele, 1. Height, 4ft. 11in.
 Broad Jump—Div. 1: W. Mark, 4. Distance, 19ft. 10¼in.
 Shot Putt—Div. 1: D. Stuart, 1. Distance, 44ft. 10½in.
 Shot Putt—Div. 2: B. Fagen, 1. Distance, 39ft. 10½in.
 Relay: 2. Time, 48.3 secs.

Junior Championship Point Score: 1, Sydney, 130; 2, Fort Street,
 85; 3, Homebush, 83.

JUVENILE RESULTS

Under 14.

100 Yards—Div. 2: J. Kennelly, 3. Time, 11.6 secs.
 220 Yards—Div. 2: J. Kennelly, 3. Time, 26.4 secs.
 60 Yards Hurdles—Div. 1: B. Foote, 2. Time, 9.6 secs.
 60 Yards Hurdles—Div. 2: M. Saunders, 2. Time, 10 secs.
 High Jump—Div. 1: A. Clark, 2. Height, 4ft. 11in.
 High Jump—Div. 2: K. Sinderberry, 1. Height, 4ft. 10in.
 Broad Jump—Div. 2: J. Kennelly, 1. Distance, 16ft. 9in.
 Relay: 2. Time, 51 secs.

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Under 13.

100 Yards—Div. 2: J. Thomas, 5. Time, 12 secs.

Juvenile Championship Point Score: 1, Homebush, 92; 2, Newcastle, 67; 3, Sydney, 48.

Aggregate Championship: 1, Sydney, 250; 2, Homebush, 233; 3, North Sydney, 167.

G.P.S. ATHLETICS MEETING

Senior.

100 Yards—Div. 1: P. Eiszele, 3. Time, 10.1 secs.

440 Yards—Div. 1: M. MacGee, 4. Time, 50.1 secs.

440 Yards—Div. 2: N. Pearce, 2. Time, 52.2 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles: R. Burke, 1. Time, 15.3 secs.

High Jump: J. Adair, 3. Height, 5ft. 11½in.

Broad Jump: R. Burke, 2. Distance, 21ft. 10in.

Relay: 2 (R. Burke, N. Pearce, P. Eiszele, M. MacGee). Time, 44.1 secs.

Under 17.

100 Yards—Div. 1: N. Pearce, 4. Time, 10.3 secs.

100 Yards—Div. 2: R. Burke, 2. Time, 10.4 secs.

220 Yards: R. Burke, 4. Time, 22.7 secs.

Senior Point Score: 1, Scots, 115; 2, Grammar, 73; 3, High, 63.

JUNIOR

Under 16.

100 Yards—Div. 1: J. Bosler, 3. Time, 10.4 secs.

220 Yards: J. Bosler, 4. Time, 23.4 secs.

880 Yards—Div. 1: L. Shaw, 3. Time, 2 mins. 10.4 secs.

880 Yards—Div. 2: R. Sanderson, 2. Time, 2 mins. 13.8 secs.

90 Yards Hurdles: P. Epstein, 3. Time, 12.4 secs.

High Jump: B. Daly, 1. Height, 5ft. 6in.

Broad Jump: D. Bernard, 5. Distance, 19ft. 5½in.

Relay: 4. Time, 46.3 secs.

Under 15.

100 Yards—Div. 2: R. Roseblum, 3. Time, 11.2 secs.

Relay: 2. Time, 48.8 secs.

Under 14.

100 Yards—Div. 1: J. Kennelly, 4. Time, 11.5 secs.

100 Yards—Div. 2: M. Saunders, 2. Time, 11.8 secs.

220 Yards: J. Kennelly, 4. Time, 25.5 secs.

High Jump: A. Clark, 1. Height, 4ft. 10½in.

Relay: 2. Time, 51.8 secs.

Under 13.

100 Yards—Div. 1: J. Thomas, 4. Time, 12.1 secs.

100 Yards—Div. 2: C. Smee, 2. Time, 12 secs.

220 Yards: J. Thomas, 4. Time, 26.4 secs.

Junior Point Score: 1, Shore, 155; 2, High, 105; 3, Grammar, 99.

LITERARY

ALVIN AND THE TURKEYS

Alvin didn't see the turkey until it was too late. "It was probably their best prize-winner, too," he thought. Reluctantly he got out of the truck and walked towards the nearby farm-house. He opened the gate and waded through more turkeys spread about the ground in confusion. Some of these birds, sensing a fictitious enmity between Alvin and them, began to look disapprovingly at him, and finally two or three of the biggest ones advanced towards him with obviously war-like intent.

Now there may be various books dealing with the proper treatment of turkeys, and no doubt psychology would enter into it a good deal, but Alvin had never, unfortunately, read any of them. Consequently, it was with great concern that he watched the gobblers advance. Finally he made his decision and sprinted for the front gate. But something like a small tub—probably a kind of feeding dish—got in his way, and he sprawled on the grass with several outraged birds pecking him sharply at various points. An outraged turkey can give some nip.

It was therefore with some relief that Alvin observed the door of the cottage open and a small plump woman issue forth. In fact, so pleased was he to see assistance of any kind that he failed to notice at the moment the shot-gun which she carried in her hand. This fact did register a little later, however, when she waved the weapon at him and shouted something which at first he could not catch, but which sounded undeniably like "Gerchup!" and later proved to be the lady's way of ordering him off the premises, as she was under the impression that he was trying to steal her turkeys.

Her appearance had one good effect, anyway, as the turkeys had left him as quickly as possible and scuttled to the other corner of the yard, possibly being more familiar with the shot-gun than he was. As he did not seem to be moving quickly enough, the lady pointed the gun very decidedly and fired. The range was too great for the pellets to have their full effect, but they were effective enough for Alvin, and he found himself back at his truck in no time.

His relief changed to dismay, however, when he perceived that, in his absence, a large friendly-looking draught horse had been helping himself to the lettuces which had been stacked so carefully in the back. In fact, when Alvin came back he had just finished the last of the lettuces and was starting on the carrots. Alvin shooed him away and wished fervently that he too had a shot-gun. He savagely slammed in the gears and jerked the car into motion, hoping that there were some more animals to run over—but no such luck.

A mile further on, the engine suddenly coughed and finally stopped. Alvin stared. The petrol gauge read empty whereas the tank should have been almost full. A search revealed that a shot-

gun slug had bored a neat hole in it. The nearest town was five miles away. Alvin sighed; evidently this was his unlucky day.

J. ANDREWS (4A).

THE OWLS

By Charles Baudelaire

(Translation and versification by R. Mathew and R. Cope.)

*Heavy hangs the yew. Its shadow, late
And heavy, presses down. The owls in row
Are waiting like stranger gods than men dare know;
Their eyes glance redly as they meditate.
Only their eyes they move with piercing gleam.
They wait! They wait that morbid hour when
The sluggard-moving sun will fall; and then
Darkness will drop upon them like a dream.
But O their attitudes, their waitings tell
The wise man everything he knows too well:
This busy nothingness called life is hate.
O, men who chase this spectral world of pain,
How after your own torment you'll attain
The winning of your will—and all too late.*

(From "Les Fleurs du Mal.")

CHAMP

The walls inside the entrance of Carter's gym. were of a grimy yellow plaster and, as Fred climbed the rickety staircase, he noticed they were spotted with browned and dusty photos of old fighters. He stopped at the head of the stairs and peered at one, deliberately wiping the thick dust from the name-plate, and gazing with screw-eyed concentration. But it was no good; the letters were just like the newspaper in his pocket—a hazy blurring mass.

The gym. was full of the smell of sweating bodies and the tang of liniment. In the ring a couple of prelim. boys were working out; on the far side a small knot of assorted spectators watched the latest American importation. Fred heard the lightning tap-tap of the bag and, as he went past, looked at the massive bunchy shoulders and whirring fists of the negro and wondered vaguely whether he would beat the Champ.

He was pushing his way through the mob into the dressing-room when Carter spoke to him: "How about three with the Yank, Fred?" And then: "Ten bob a round, yer know."

"All right, Mr. Carter," Fred nodded. He hadn't really meant to say that, but gee, Carter was a big name in the fight game and he couldn't go getting in his bad books. Not if he wanted to be in the big money, anyway. He should have told him about his head-

aches and his eyes not being able to focus. Then he laughed. Hell, a lot old Carter cared about him; if he found out that his eyes were crook he'd never get a fight. Anyway, meeting this Yank would be good experience. Thirty bob too. You couldn't sneeze at that. Mum would be pleased about—

Pain like a red-hot knife slashed through his head and, coat half off, he fell against the lockers. He clutched desperately at them. What had happened? The world was spinning around in a sickening, swaying swirl. His head a maddened torment of pain, he tried to scream, to push out the pain, the pain that got behind his eyes and swung with a hammer against his brain. Then, as fast as it had come it was gone. He sank, sweating and trembling, on to the bench, shutting his eyes hard and panting as he listened to the thump of his heart. Somebody was shaking him. It was Joe, Carter's off-sider. "Come on, kid, they're waiting. What's kept ya? Sick or sumptin'?"

"No." He got up and reached for his boxing trunks. Funny, he could see better than ever now; everything was sharp and brittle-clear, like in a shop window.

The bandages were tight and firm. There was something reassuring about the way they closed clamp-like over his fingers. The gloves were on now. He wondered when he would get his first real fight at the Stadium. It should be soon; he'd been doing enough sparring in the gym. The pasty eagle-beaked face of Carter showed over the ropes, and a cigar came out of the bloodless lips. "Keep close in to him, Fred. Make him work."

"Uh, huh." Fred nodded. Keep close, keep close with the man who was going to fight the champion. They were making him earn his thirty bob. He came out fast at the bell. The negro's face, nose flattened, coffee-brown, smeared in streaks of vaseline and half hidden by a head guard, looked like some evil monster. Fred moved in and led, followed rapidly with his right, but the negro wasn't there. A steel piston sank deep into his stomach, his head went back as a glove of rock hit him flush on the mouth. He fought back desperately, standing toe-to-toe, yet somehow he couldn't seem to hit that grinning brown mask or get past those guarding arms. Half-way through the third round he realised his eye was a puffed-up mass and his mouth was full of warm, thick blood that made him feel sick. He knew it was the last round, yet he couldn't remember taking any minute rests. The negro came in again. Fred blocked a vicious hook and then saw the right coming. The world went black before his eyes; he fell down and down through space clutching the air.

The cold water was dribbling over his eyes and he blinked to brush it away. He saw he was in the dressing-room. Joe was bending over him. "Steady there, kid, you took a couple of hard ones. Can yer stand?"

He staggered a little, swayed to his feet and reached for the heap of clothes. Joe helped him dress and then tried to help him

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off the bench. Fred snarled at him: "I'm all right, I can take a few punches."

The gym. was practically deserted now; only one pale-skinned featherweight skipping soulfully in a corner. Carter came across to him. "Here's your money, Fred. Bad luck about the third; shouldn't have dropped yer guard."

Fred grinned at him. "I can take it, Mr. Carter. How about gettin' me a fight at the Stadium? I——"

"Sure, sure, kid; see me when yer face fixes up."

He led the boy to the door and went back to the grey-suited reporter standing at his office.

"You aren't going to give him a fight, Carter?" the man asked.

The eagle eyes cracked into a laugh. "Him? Not likely. Only a fifth rater; comes in here like dozens more pestering for a fight. Never be any good. Fighters like the nigger have to have somebody to knock around, sort of mobile punching bag." He smiled toothily. "Come on, I want to show you a new boy of mine."

Outside in the street Fred stood blinking in the sun and fumbled for his pockets, three red notes in his sweaty hand.

A. WILLIAMS (5A).

THE LITTLE STONE GOD

*Little stone god, I see thee there,
Sitting and staring into air.
With silent lips and wistful eyes,
Do you dream of Paradise?
Of marble statutes in the sun
And wine-red fountains, one by one?
Of gentle maidens singing low
And weaving patterns to and fro?
Star-filled heavens, yellow moon,
Mystic palace, strange weird tune?
Whispering seas of satin blue,
White-sailed galley? What see you?
Pyramids silent in the sky,
Watching Caesar's troops go by?
Little stone god, you silence keep;
What would you say if you could speak?*

A. WILLIAMS (5A).

CONTEMPLATION

*At dawn to-morrow, in the rosy glow of morn,
I shall go forth; I know that thou dost wait for me.
I shall go through the forest, by our mountain path;
No longer can I stay away from thee.*

*There I shall walk, seeing nought and hearing not a sound;
Alone, unknown; my shoulders stooped, head bare;
My hands I'll clasp for thee in silent prayer;
And day and night for me will be the same.*

*I shall not see the gold of eventide,
Nor sails that glide away towards Harfleur;
And when I'm there I'll place upon thy tomb
A bunch of roses, fragrant and in bloom.*

[Translated by B. Smillie (5A) from Victor Hugo's "Les Contemplations." The original poem was written after the tragic death of Hugo's daughter by drowning.]

MUSIC HATH ALARMS

*Hep! Get hep! Ha-ha!
Yeah, man; sure we're on the beam to-night!
Yah-wow! Yah-hoo!*

The juke-box virtually trembled with a wonderful note that sounded like somebody scraping his finger-nails with emery paper. Then a trumpet blurted and somebody and his so-and-so Tomcats (was it "Tomcats"? I believe it was) rose from their seats to reach that splendidly feline note.

Perhaps there was more to it than this, and maybe the dialogue I have recorded might have been more effectively rendered in phonetics; but this was all I could gather from the first part of my casual little survey to see what music does to people. The last few words were uttered by a loud-voiced youth who found great exhilaration in the strange sounds that leapt from the juke-box in the milk bar corner. The "flicks" were just over, but apparently the night was still in its infancy. I decided to wait up, so leaving the teeming, finger-drumming, foot-tapping mob in the milk bar, I turned into a quiet little coffee inn with dim, cosy lighting. Rippling notes from a skilful violinist's bow met me as I entered, and the twang of coffee and toast assailed my nostrils. I submitted to its winning smell; I sat down at a corner table and ordered coffee. While I waited I listened intently to every smooth note from that violin. I wasn't sure yet where it was, the long dining hall was so dim, but I recognised it as a sweet melody.

It was a sudden burst of conversation which first informed me of the situation at the next table, which was even more dimly lit than mine:

"Darling, you smell good."

"Do I, Cedric?"

"... just like that coffee——"

She looked a little downcast.

"Oh, didn't you say when we came here that frankly you prefer cocoa any day? There's nobody else, I hope?"

* The young man made a sound which I can only liken to that of an egg rolling in the bottom of a saucepan. Cedric didn't answer. She asked him again—this time a little more concernedly—who it was that smelt like cocoa to him.

I pictured the colours through which the poor fellow passed, like a draper selling reels of cotton. Sore and a little sick at heart, I decided that I could no longer be witness to the young man's anguish; so, leaving the little table, I paid my bill and hurried away from the warm snugness of the coffee lounge.

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Only the other day, quite by accident, I was rather shaken by an incident which, had I realised what was to happen, would have at once confined me to bus and tram travelling. I was riding in one of those comparatively few taxis which possess a radio set, and something rather like the aforementioned tomcat music was pouring forth from the radio. No doubt the driver was an advocate of more rhythm in our daily routine, for with every beat of the tomcats' drums he stamped his foot to time on the clutch pedal. The outcome of this was rather like a trip on a Sydney tram, only ten times worse. At the same time, my genial driver sang tunelessly with the music, and it was at this stage that I felt like opening the cab door and hurling myself from the cab on to the road.

I managed to jolt out, "Hey! Woo-ah-h-h!" from my shaking frame, but to no avail. The driver continued his wailings till the record ended, and I wrote a letter when I arrived home thanking the manager of that radio station for playing the smooth tones of a classical record immediately after the Tomcats.

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The last of my adventures I had when I accidentally passed by a meeting of this school's musical institution. I dared not enter, but in any case what I saw was sufficient entertainment for one day:

A dozen or more ardent lovers of the sweet and good in music were seated in the room, each of them wearing an expression of supreme ecstatic blankness. As to the music itself, I was uncertain whether the recording was one of an orchestra tuning up or whether it had already begun to play. On almost every desk drummed ten busy fingers. The remaining occupants of the room afforded rather an amusing spectacle too: some sat back and (all of them with that dreamy stare in their eyes) swept in the air with an imaginary baton before the imaginary but responsive orchestra in the gramophone. Others merely breathed "lahlahs" and "deedums," but each and every one of them was no doubt temporarily in heaven.

I crept away, wondering what they could see in that music that I couldn't.

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Strange, indeed, the way people give way to the powers of music! Just now my friend has turned on the radio (having tired of watching the pages slowly drift by beneath my pen). I'll join him

in a moment. But wait! Let's wait: my friend is an ardent follower of the classics, and I shall spy on him the moment a classic comes on! Then I shall report back to pen and ink with a description of his reaction to his beloved classics!

What's this? Spike Jones and his City Slickers—"Waterloo"! Whacko!

Hang this writing now; be back soon . . .

"Hey! don't change the station there! I've just gotta hear Spike!"

B. H. SMILLIE (5A).

THE BROOK

*By ferny glens and distant mossy nooks,
In shimmering pools and sparkling crystal shoals,
Through sunlight tossed in clouds of gleaming spray,
The little brooklet gurgles leaps and falls.
Through aged musty forests damp and cool,
Through bush and meadow, lawn and dewy grass,
Without a care, abandoned to delight,
The singing waters rapturously pass.*

*Sing on, thou sweetly murmuring brook, sing on;
Life's cares to thee are nought but passing streams.
We fret, we plan, we build our hopes on dust;
Your laughter mocks our futile empty dreams.
Our fleeting fancies all too soon are gone;
To you doth Time its boundless joys entrust.*

L. KEMENY (5A).

"CONCERTO"

Waves of clapping took the place of the whispering as the first violinist walked to his place. The strings, followed by the woodwind, followed by the brass, followed by the effects, took their places as the whispering once more broke out in a quieter yet more excited tone.

The first violinist tightened a string and strained his eyes to see the back of the hall and the gallery. Every seat was occupied. He stood, bowed, and handed the conductor his baton as the clapping broke out again, almost died, and then lifted to the heights of the grand organ as a young man walked shyly past the horns, through the violins and seated himself at the grand piano. His eyes eagerly swept the front row and found what they sought. Jenny was sitting there smiling at him. Knowing every eye was on him, he kept his eyes glued to her face till the clapping subsided to a deafening silence.

The conductor nodded.

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Simultaneously the first beautiful chords of Rachmaninoff's "Concerto" floated through the orchestra, past the conductor, past the Governor's box, past the critics, and settled in the heart of every one of the four thousand people assembled in the great hall.

The hall, the orchestra, the conductor, the audience, everything disappeared into a book of manuscript and a seventeen-year-old boy gave a sigh of despair. How many times had those visions come to him? How many times had they disappeared as then? How many people were there dreaming the same as he?

He gazed dreamily through the wide, old-fashioned windows, trying to transform the neighbouring forest into a music hall, a white-gloved conductor, shining instruments held nervously by poker-backed players—and every seat occupied.

His heart gave a leap of joy as he saw a sixteen-year-old girl, his bosom friend, steadily cycling up the wide red drive that led to his home. He smiled at her as she entered and then made her usual remark:

"Well, how's the concerto coming along?"

Sergei Rachmaninoff looked at the keyboard and stopped smiling.

"I finished it, Jenny—and they won't even look at it. I knew it anyway—I knew it was no good."

He looked quickly beyond the wide windows again so that Jenny could not see the tears in his eyes. She stood with one hand on the piano. What could she say? She was as bitterly disappointed as he was. Hadn't she told him over and over that his concerto was going to be a success? And yet they wouldn't even look at it.

Jenny spoke:

"Play it for me, Sergei."

He looked at her angrily.

"I tell you . . ."

Then his eyes softened, for he understood—and he played, the notes glowing deeply in the two souls, yet restrained in the pensive sadness it resembled. As the music came to its close he ended softly and tenderly—a brooding tenderness that conjures some deep-felt memory as if reluctant to break off. It was then that Jenny knew she was looking at a brilliant composer. When he looked back at her she smiled at his puzzled expression . . .

The first violinist bowed and handed the conductor his baton as the clapping broke out, almost died, and then lifted to the heights of the grand organ as a young man walked shyly past the horns, through the violins and seated himself at the grand piano. As the first beautiful chords of Rachmaninoff's "Concerto" floated through the orchestra, past the conductor, past the Governor's box, past the critics and settled in the heart of every one of the four thousand people assembled in the great hall, Sergei Rachmaninoff looked eagerly along the front row. Yes, Jenny was sitting there smiling at him—and he remembered.

J. LEEMAN (4E).

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ON THE SEA

*Oh, what can be more beautiful
On a sunny summer day
Than taking out a dinghy
And rowing round the bay?*

*To watch the landscape flitting by
And see the seagulls flying
On wings all of the purest white
Above the ocean, crying.*

*The deep blue sky dips to the sea,
And on the far horizon
I see a sight more beautiful
Than e'er man set his eyes on.*

*Behold! on yonder distant shore
I see a mermaid playing;
I long to hear her silver speech—
Oh, what can she be saying?*

P. EPSTEIN (4c).

THE DEATH OF ÆSOP

A One-Act Radio Play Adapted from the Novel, "Æsop."

By A. Lacey and R. Kennedy (4C)

CHARACTERS:

ÆSOP.

BARDI, a friend of Æsop.

ZARAX, Chief Priest of the Temple of Apollo at Delphi.

CHIEF MAGISTRATE of the City of Delphi.

Other Priests, Magistrates, Guards and Citizens of Delphi.

SCENE I

ANNOUNCER: The renowned and widely travelled Æsop, the sage whose sayings are even now remembered, had made many friends and, as is often the case with those who rise in the world, many enemies. Among these was one, Zarax, a priest at the Temple of Apollo in the city of Delphi.

Æsop had travelled far on his journey through life, and everywhere he went he was received with great honour and acclaimed as the sage of Greece, for the fame of his deeds and of his sayings had spread up to the limits of the civilised world; his fables were quoted everywhere, and allusions to them had passed into every-

day language. And it came to pass that he visited the city of Delphi.

As the play opens we find Æsop seated under a shady tree philosophising on the wonders of Nature. Suddenly someone bursts in on his thoughts.

ÆSOP: What's the matter, Bardi? Why are you running?

BARDI: I have seen him!

ÆSOP: Who?

BARDI: Zarax.

ÆSOP: Zarax? I seem to remember that name.

BARDI: Of course you remember him! The shepherd who first . . .

ÆSOP: Why, yes, of course, I remember now. Zarax, that was his name. It is so long ago that I have almost forgotten. What is he doing here in Delphi?

BARDI: He is a priest of the Oracle of Apollo.

ÆSOP: But that is impossible. We left him in Laconia. Are you sure it was he?

BARDI: I am certain it was Zarax. I would recognise him anywhere.

ÆSOP: Did you speak to him?

BARDI: No, but he saw me, I am sure, and he recognised me. What is more, I believe he was spying on me.

ÆSOP: Well, what if he was?

BARDI: I am sure he is up to some mischief. Yes, Æsop, it would have been better if you had left Zarax where he deserved to be, and had not bought him from that slave dealer at Laconia.

ÆSOP: But I set him free at once. Not only that, but I even gave him a bag of gold to help him on his way.

BARDI: Yes, you gave him his freedom, and for that he hates you. I know him well. And he has that mean nature in which the memory of a benefit rankles more deeply than the recollection of an injury. He will never forgive you, for his evil mind has bred a burning flame of hatred that has been smouldering for years. He is like a snake—even worse than a snake—and he will do us a mischief if he can, for he hates me also through you.

ÆSOP: If he means to harm us he will have to hurry, for we are leaving this accursed place to-morrow and shall, I hope, never come here again, for I do not like this place and its hostile people.

SCENE II

ANNOUNCER: Æsop and his attendants have left the city of Delphi and are well on their way to the city of Phocidia. A cloud of dust is seen in the distance, which merges into a band of horsemen.

BARDI: Look! there is Zarax leading the crowd.

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- ÆSOP: I wonder what he wants of us?
 BARDI: Quick! stir up the camels; we must escape this dog, the very son of Dis!
 ÆSOP: No, wait, we have nothing to fear from him. Here he is now.
 ZARAX: One of our sacred vessels has been stolen from the Temple.
 ÆSOP: Do you want my help in finding it?
 ZARAX: Yes, that is just what we do want.
 ÆSOP: When was it missed?
 ZARAX: You ought to know.
 BARDI: Are you insinuating . . .
 ZARAX: That is precisely what we do suggest.
 ÆSOP: But why, Zarax? Why are you accusing me? If you must satisfy yourself, search our baggage.
 ZARAX: That is what we came to do.
 A PRIEST: Here it is, in the very first bundle. I have found it.
 ZARAX: You stole it.
 CROWD: Robbery! Blasphemy! Sacrilege! Kill him! Kill the blasphemer who has defiled our temple.
 ÆSOP: But—but—this is impossible. Why should I steal your sacred vessel?
 CROWD: You stole it, you thief, you villain. Kill him! Kill him! Death to this vile dog who defiles our temple.
 ZARAX: Silence, my good people. We must obey the laws. It is a matter for the Priests and Magistrates of the city to condemn this vile, this treacherous Æsop. Let him be taken back to the city in chains and there be tried from what we have witnessed to-day.
- ONE OF
 THE CROWD: Yes, yes, he will be condemned to death, for we have seen with our own eyes that the vessel was carefully concealed amongst his belongings.
- BARDI: That's a lie; he is quite innocent. The vessel was concealed in his baggage by some enemy.
- ZARAX: A likely story! It can only be expected of him to defile our temple, for we all know him to be a man who has continually preached against sacred oracles. Drag him back to the city where he may be tried by the Magistrates.
- ÆSOP: You see, it is useless to protest, Bardi. They brought chains with them, knowing full well what they intended doing.

SCENE III

ANNOUNCER: As our eyes become accustomed to the darkness of an evil-smelling dungeon, we discern Æsop slumped in the corner nearest the grating which lets in feeble rays of sunlight. Motionless he sits, meditating on the evils of men.

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- ÆSOP: It is useless, hopeless to appeal to his better nature. He knows as well as I do that I am innocent of this sacrilege, but he will not listen to me. I am certain it was Zarax himself, or one of his underlings, who concealed the vessel amongst my things. [*Enter Bardi.*] Ah, Bardi, have you found out anything?
- BARDI: Nothing, and you gave him his freedom and a bag of gold. Ah, little ugliness, it would have been better if you had let him rot in slavery.
- ÆSOP: It is useless to grieve over what was done those many years ago. No, Bardi, I am doomed. Unless—unless you could go at once to Athens and tell them what has happened, so that they may release me from here. Surely the Athenians would not leave me here to die. Start off as soon as possible.
- BARDI: And leave you here alone?
- ÆSOP: It is my only hope. You can do nothing here, alone against so many. Go at once and tell them of this vile plot against me and bring help. How long will it take to get there?
- BARDI: Four days, I think—perhaps less. How I wish we had never come to this accursed place.
- ÆSOP: Tell them the matter is urgent. I do not trust these schemers, and they will hurry the trial through as quickly as they can. Even now Zarax is plotting with them against me. Hurry, Bardi, hurry!
- BARDI: I shall set out at once. [*Exit.*]

SCENE IV

ANNOUNCER: In the Temple of the Oracle of Apollo, the Chiefs and Magistrates of the city are seated behind a long table. In the background rises a huge statue of Apollo, built of solid gold and studded with precious stones glittering in the rays of the morning sun admitted through a vast opening in the roof. Many people are gathered in the rear end of the temple. A great silence falls over the multitude as Æsop is dragged in by two guards through an aperture in the side of the temple. He is made to kneel before the priests.

ZARAX: This man has committed sacrilege by stealing a sacred vessel from the Temple of Apollo and attempting to carry it off in his baggage.

CHIEF

MAGISTRATE: How was this discovered?

ZARAX: The vessel was missed late at night when the priests were lighting the candles at the altar. A search was organised immediately but no trace of its whereabouts could be found. Then in searching the temple grounds, one of the priests found this brooch.

CROWD: Look! look! that is the brooch of Æsop. We have seen him wear it often.

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- ÆSOP: But that brooch was stolen from me when . . .
- ZARAX: Hold your tongue, cur. After the brooch was found we immediately went to his dwelling only to find that he had secretly departed before dawn with all his belongings. So he was pursued along the road to Phocidia and captured. The vessel was found in one of his bundles wrapped in a cloth.
- CHIEF
- MAGISTRATE: Who found it?
- A PRIEST: I did.
- CHIEF
- MAGISTRATE: Did anybody see you find it?
- CROWD: Yes, yes, we saw it; we all saw him find it.
- CHIEF
- MAGISTRATE: What have you to say?
- ÆSOP: This is ridiculous. I did not take it.
- CHIEF
- MAGISTRATE: A likely story. How, then, was it found amongst your baggage if you did not take it, eh?
- ÆSOP: I do not know. It was not put there by me, that I swear. But whoever put it there knew where to look for it.
- CHIEF
- MAGISTRATE (*angrily*): What do you mean?
- ÆSOP (*to first Priest*): Was it the first bundle you examined?
- CHIEF
- MAGISTRATE: What does that matter? If he had not found it in the first bundle he would have found it in one of the others. Is that not so?
- FIRST PRIEST: Most surely I would have done so.
- ÆSOP: But he knew where to look for it. I swear it was put there by one of those pursuing us.
- CROWD: No! no! He must be put to death!
- ZARAX: You have heard where the vessel was found. It is sacrilege, and death alone can avenge the gods.
- PRIESTS AND
- MAGISTRATES: Yes, he must be put to death.
- CHIEF
- MAGISTRATE: Æsop, on the agreement of the Priests and Magistrates, I condemn you to death by the axe in the market-place. Have you anything to say?
- ÆSOP: The frog invited the rat to visit him. In order to help him cross the pond the frog tied his foot to that of the rat in order, as he pretended, to pull him across. But as soon as the rat was in the water the frog tried to drag him down to drown him so as to eat him at his leisure. The unfortunate rat resisted for a time, and while he was struggling on the surface of the water a bird of prey perceived him and,

swooping down, seized him in his talons and carried him off to his nest. And with him he carried off the frog who was unable to undo the knot which bound them together. In this way the bird of prey carried them both off and killed them, and thus it was that the frog was caught in his own snare and was punished for his crime against hospitality. And it is thus, abominable Delphinians, that one stronger than you will avenge me. I shall perish as you have decreed, but you will also perish.

SCENE V

ANNOUNCER: As he was being led to his execution, Æsop managed to elude his guards and sought refuge in a small wayside temple dedicated to Apollo.

Here at last he was safe for it afforded sanctuary, and nobody dared to violate a sanctuary, for to do so, indeed, was an even greater crime of sacrilege than that of which he had been accused. Æsop felt that here he might wait until the return of Bardi from Athens. But the priests consulted together and, led by Zarax, who relied on his priesthood to safeguard himself from punishment for violating the sanctuary, dragged him forth.

Æsop stands now between two guards and surrounded by a number of priests on a platform in the centre of the market-place. Zarax stands in the foreground, and in the rear is perceived the huge menacing form of the executioner dressed in black, and holding in his right hand an immense axe.

ÆSOP: May I speak before I am executed?

ZARAX: You have that right according to our laws, but let it be short.

ÆSOP: You have violated the sanctuary of the Temple of Apollo because the temple is a small one. But the day will come when your wickedness will not find sanctuary anywhere—no, not even in the temples. And the same will happen to you as happened to the eagle who was pursuing a rabbit. For the rabbit sought refuge in a hole which had been dug by a beetle and was quite inadequate to hide him. And the beetle pleaded with the eagle that he should not violate the sanctuary of his home. But the eagle disregarded the entreaties of the beetle and, brushing him aside, he took the rabbit and killed it. And, as you know, that generation of eagles was punished.

CROWD: Death to the dog! . . . kill! . . . kill!

EXECUTIONER: Tie him to the block. (*Two guards come forward and bind him.*)

ZARAX (*spitting on Æsop*): Yes, death to the dog.

The execution is carried out. Cries from the crowd. As the cries die down Bardi is perceived making his way to the platform with a group of soldiers.



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- BARDI: Where is Æsop? I have here a message. The Areopagus forbids that he should be tried, and even now the Athenian army is marching behind me. Where is Æsop? What have you done with him?
- ZARAX: Use your eyes. He is behind me, dead. (*Moves aside.*) There is your Æsop. You have arrived too late, and justice has been done.
- BARDI (*roars*): Justice has not been done, but it shall be! (*Draws his sword and runs Zarax through.*)

ANNOUNCER: Soon after the death of Æsop a terrible pestilence broke out in the city of Delphi and ravaged the town and its people. And the gods were not alone in showing how this crime horrified them. Men also avenged the death of their sage.

And what of Æsop? Æsop was dead, foully and treacherously done to death by the Delphinians. But he would have died sooner or later in any case, for he was but mortal, and no matter what the manner of his death the result would have been the same. To-day, after more than 2,500 years—twenty-five centuries—the name of Æsop is almost a household word. Though the man Æsop died, his work lives and is immortal, and his name will survive the countless centuries so long as names have a meaning on the lips of men.

PRICKLY PEAR

*I do not wish to leave the terrestrial plane
For the celestial space.
He who may go up may not go on;
Man to man must make the final reckoning—
Ours is the world,
And all that's in it.
Roses, roses!
Tilled by moist red worms,
Fed by mouldering snails
And good stinking manure;
Will you have roses, my love?
The music pleading like a god in pain—
A seething tide of desperate discontent—
Tells only of the unfulfilled hope,
The pain-filled eye,
And all the black cross laid upon him
Who dares for a moment think,
Who dares for a moment leave his self,
And see content no more.
Awakening
Of the soul or body
Is bitter.
To feel again the world;
To know that once more
We face our endless task, is to know
That to awake is to despair.*

*Who will stand with me
Against the bitterness of hate, the pain
Of love, the mockery of truth,
The malice of evil, and all the fears
That this world knows of, and still
Declare that here on earth, here
Where insidious fear dulls the mind and heart,
Where true and false are one, and that
One—despair,
Man's final reckoning must be to man;
The path leads onwards and not upward?*

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Boys, don't ever lose touch with your old school! As the years go round you will come to value your associations with the School and your present school mates more and more, so now is the time to do something about keeping them. It is so easy to drift away and then it becomes too much trouble until at last you do loose contact.

The attention of younger Old Boys is invited to the fact that an active Younger Set within the O.B.U. has now been formed which caters specially for their need, and which organises re-unions and social functions at prices which the younger members are able to afford. The Honorary Secretary of this Younger Set is Alan Mitchell (Telephone FM 5743). Get in touch with him and register your name and address.

Remember what you are and what you hope to be will in no small measure be due to what your school has given you in full measure over the past years.

Your School needs your help always—at first you will only be able to help in a small way perhaps, but nevertheless you can help. How, you ask. Firstly by joining *your* O.B.U., secondly by attending the School sporting and social functions whenever you are able. Subscription rates are normally 10/- per annum, but a special rate of 5/- is allowed for all Old Boys under 21 or all Old Boys who are attending any University, College or any other educational course (incl. commercial and technical colleges and institutes). This special rate is a concession allowed to cater for Old Boys either still dependant on their parents or who are only drawing a low rate of pay. Should any Old Boy in this classification be in a position to pay the ordinary rate instead of the special rate it will be most welcome.

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