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# THE RECORD

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No. 1.

Some time ago Lord Boyd-Orr, speaking in connection with the world food shortage, made a challenging statement: "The world is rumbling on to destruction." Here we have the ultimate expression of pessimism and lack of faith in modern life, the conception that we are faced with obliteration through chaos. Faced with such a statement, anyone who thinks at all must ask himself two questions: To what extent is Lord Boyd-Orr's prophecy supportable? If the evidence points to its being a reasonable inference, what are we doing about it?

To deal with the first question first, one cannot escape the fact that on every hand there is disorder. True it is, there is famine. True, the world is divided. And Mammon is the god of this age. We have lost, too, that wonderful balance between the material and the spiritual possessed by the Greeks. Man stretches his hands in greed of material gain, and even while selfishly fending off his fellows is faced with a material lack.

What are we doing about it? That is too big a question to answer here, but one might examine for a moment the educational field. Are we, in our attempt to equip ourselves for life in the twentieth century, giving ground to its weaknesses or trying to overcome them by ridding ourselves of them from the start? Do we think of education as a preparation for the race for material gain in which the other fellow must be outwitted, or as a training in co-operation to make a better world? The education of to-day moulds the citizen of to-morrow, and we cannot be too critical when determining what form it should assume. If we wish to have a better, more secure world, of which it cannot be said that it is "rumbling on to destruction", if we wish people to gain greater understanding of themselves and of each other, it is to the foundations that we must go, to the roots, to the beginning; here we must have the right system, if we wish to secure the right system in the future. Nowhere does the dictum, "As thou hast sown, thus shalt thou reap," apply more forcefully or more truly than here. Hitler knew that. He knew where to go to ensure the nature of his state. Without hesitation he pounced on the schools, drilled the youth, shaped their minds, their thoughts, their deeds, to serve his ruinous ends. He instilled into them the ideas upon which he wanted Germany to be based. He made To-morrow by working with To-day. And how well he made it! Who knows how many generations will have to pass before Germany will be purified?

In this idea lies one of the most valuable lessons the tragedy of Hitlerism has taught us: that the pattern of the future lies entirely with us, to use or to abuse. Let us be guided by this, and from it take heed. For if aught goes amiss we will have none but ourselves to blame.

J. GREENBERG (Student Editor).



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## LEAVING CERTIFICATE PASSES, 1949

Key to Subjects: In the following list the pupils' names are arranged alphabetically. The numbers following the names indicate the subjects in which the candidates have passed, in accordance with the following statement:—

1, English; 2, Latin; 3, French; 4, German; 5, Mathematics I; 6, Mathematics II; 7, General Mathematics; 9, Modern History; 12, Combined Physics and Chemistry; 13, Physics; 14, Chemistry; 18, Geography; 19, Economics; 20, Theory and Practice of Music; 30, Greek; 33, Hebrew; 35, Russian; 40, Theory of Music.

The letters H(1) signify first-class honours; H(2) second-class honours; A, first-class pass; B, second-class. The sign x denotes those who have gained honours in Mathematics; an asterisk those who have shown merit in two pass papers and one honours paper. The sign o denotes those who have passed in the oral tests in French, German and Russian.

Ahern, M. G., 1B 7A 9B 13B 14B.	Evans, R. D., 1B 5B 6B 13A 14B.
Andersen, D. C., 1B 2H(2) 3A(o) 7A 9A 14B.	Fergusson, D., 1B 3B 5B 6A 13B 14B.
Andrew, J. H., 1B 3B 5B 6B 14B.	Fletcher, W. S., 1B 3B 6B 9B 12B.
Andrews, A., 1B 5B 6B 13B 14B.	Galea, C., 1B 7B 9B 19B.
Andrews, J. F., 1A 3B 5B 6B 13B 14B.	Gammie, K. R., 1B 5B 6B 13A 14A.
Barnett, P., 1A 2B 5B 6B 12B.	Gell, B. D., 1B 3B 5B 6B 9B 13B.
Barnwell, B., 1B 3B 5B 6B 13A 19B.	Goldberg, C. A., 1B 6B 9B 14B.
Beales, J. E., 1B 7B 9B 19B.	Golomb, M., 1B 3B(o) 7B 33B.
Bee, B. W., 1B 3B 5A 6B 14B.	Hardacre, L. B., 1A 3A(o) 5A* 6A 13A 14H(2).
Bell, S. M., 1B 5B 6B 13A 14A.	Harris, J., 1A 7B 9B 18A.
Bermingham, D., 1B 2A 3A(o) 4B 7A 14A.	Heilpern, F., 1B 6B 9B 13B.
Black, L., 1B 3B 5B 6B.	Hillman, J., 1B 3A(o) 5A 6A 13B 14A.
Bloom, P., 1A 3A(o) 4B(o) 7A 13B 14B.	Howard, D. W., 1H(1) 2A 3A(o) 9H(2) 14B.
Bolton, L. F., 1B 3A(o) 4B(o) 7B 14B.	Joseph, N. H., 1B 2A 7A 9B 14B.
Braithwaite, B. J., 1B 6B 13B 14A.	Keers, R. B., 1B 5B 6B 12B 18B.
Brennan, M. H., 1A 3A(o) 5A 6A(x1) 13A 14B.	Kennedy, R. C., 1B 2B 5B 6A 13A, 14A.
Brien, W. R., 1B 3B 5B 6A 13A 14A.	Kerr, J. L., 1B 3B(o) 5A 6B 14A.
Brodie, P. H., 1B 4B 9B 19B.	King, P. G. L., 1B 3B 6B 9B 13A.
Broue, P., 1B 2B 3A(o) 5B 6B 14A.	Kinstler, F. L., 1A 2A 5A* 6A 13H(1) 14A.
Buckley, K. S., 1B 3B 5B 6B.	Klava, I. G., 1B 2A 3A(o) 4A(o) 7B.
Carey, C. C., 1B 5A 6A (x2) 13B 14B.	Klimt, P., 1B 4B 7B 9B 19B.
Chambers, T. R., 1B 2B 7B 9B 19B.	Koller, Karl M., 1B 7B 9A 14B 18A.
Christiansen, B. F., 1B 2B 5B 6B 13A 14A.	Krug, G., 1A 3B 4A 7B 9B 19B.
Church, W. J., 1B 3B(o) 5B 6B 9B.	Lacey, A. W., 1A 2B 7A 9B 14B 19B.
Clelland, A. J., 1B 3B 5B 6B 13B 14A.	Larter, B., 1B 3B 7B 9B 14B 18B.
Cole, P. G., 1B 5B 6B 13A 14A.	Lasse, S. D., 1B 2B 3B(o) 7B 9B.
Crane, D. E., 1B 5B 6B 13B 14B.	Lawson, D. K., 3B(o) 7B 13A 14B.
Cristofani, V. A., 1B 7B 9B 18B.	Leber, C. F., 1H(2) 2A 5A 6B 13A 14A.
Daly, B. J., 1B 2H(2) 3A(o) 7A 14B 35A.	Levy, B., 1B 7B 9A 14B 19A.
Dower, B., 1B 5B 6B 13B 14B.	Loughman, J., 1B 3B 5B 6B 13H(2) 14H(2).
Dunn, L. J., 1B 3B 5A 6A 13B 14B.	Lumley, J. M., 1B 5B 6B 9B.
Dunsmore, J., 1B 3B 5A 6A 13A 14A.	McDermott, J. F., 1B 5B 13A 14A.
Eiszele, P., 1B 7B 9B 18A.	MacGee, M. A., 1B 7B 9B 18H(2).
Epstein, P., 1B 3B(o) 5B 13A 14B.	McKeand, L. H., 1B 3B 6B 9B 14B.



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Mackey, B. M., 1B 2B 5B 6B 13B 14A.	Sligar, N. J., 1A 3B(o) 5B 6A 13A 14H(2).
Magill, W. J., 1B 5B 6B 13A 18B.	Smith, C., 1A 3A(o) 7B 9A 19B 33A.
Mocclair, R. N., 1B 5B 6B 14B 19B.	Smith, L. E., 1H(1) 2A 3A(o) 4A(o) 7B.
Morey, J. T., 1B 5B 6B 13B 14B.	Smith, R. R., 1B 5A 6B 13A 14B.
Morrow, W. A., 1A 3B 7A 9A 13B 14A.	Stark, R., 1A 3A(o) 5A* 6A 13A 14H(2).
Murray, B. E., 1B 3B 7A 9A.	Stevenson, H., 1B 5B 6A 9B 14B.
Napper, I. A., 1B 5B 6B 13B 14B.	Stuart, K., 2B 3A(o) 7B.
Nasser, A. J. G., 1B 3B 7B 9B 13B 14B.	Suptut, W. W., 1B 5A 6B 13B 19B.
Neeson, B. M., 1B 3B(o) 5B 6B 9B.	Taylor, G. J., 2B 3A(o) 7B 9B 14B.
O'Neill, B. J., 1B 5B 6B 13B 14B.	Templeton, R. B., 1B 2B 3A(o) 4B(o) 7B 14A.
Phillips, N. J., 1A 3B 7B 9H(1).	Thiering, I., 1B 6B 9A 12B.
Pilger, G. C., 1B 3B(o) 7B 9A.	Tingle, J. S., 1H(2) 3B(o) 7B 9B.
Powell, C. L. C., 1B 3B 5B 6B 13B 14B.	Todhunter, J. W., 1B 5B 6A 13A 14A.
Purdy, K., 1B 6B 13B 14B.	Tuck, J. M., 1B 3B 7A 9H(1) 13B 14B.
Rabin, Z., 1B 7B 9B 19B.	Vangelatos, D. F. J., 1B 3B 7B 9B 12B.
Rolfe, A. P., 1B 5B 6B 13A 18B.	Walsh, A. B., 1B 3B 5B 6B 13B 14A.
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Sherret, S., 1B 2B 3B 7B 9B 14B.	
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*Arts:* D. C. Andersen, D. W. Howard.

*Medicine:* L. B. Hardacre, J. Loughman.

*Engineering:* M. H. Brennan, F. L. Kinstler, R. Stark.

In addition to those awarded exhibitions, the following have embarked on courses at Sydney University in the faculties named:—

*Arts:* J. D. Wolfensohn.

*Law:* D. F. J. Vangelatos, A. E. Sherlock.

*Medicine:* S. M. Bell, W. R. Brien, B. B. Dower, K. M. Koller, C. F. Leber, J. P. Sachs.

*Engineering:* R. Sanderson, N. J. Sligar, A. J. Clelland (the last at Melbourne University).

*Dentistry:* M. G. Ahern, H. N. Joseph, W. A. Morrow.

*Architecture:* K. Reynolds, C. Smith, K. F. Woolley.

*Economics:* B. W. Bee, G. Krug, A. W. Lacey, S. J. Sherret, K. Singer.

*Agricultural Science:* P. Broue.

*Veterinary Science:* J. D. Dunsmore.

The following have enrolled in the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Technology: B. Barnwell, D. G. Ferguson.

P. G. Cole won a scholarship to Duntroon Military College.

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## INTER-SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The I.S.C.F. continues to flourish within the school, as shown by the fact that during the term attendances have increased considerably. The meetings are run by boys of the School for boys of the School. During the First Term interesting talks were given by Dr. Paul White, "The Jungle Doctor," Mr. L. Lyons, Mr. R. Stanfield, Mr. E. J. Edwards, Mr. Foord, and Mr. B. Thiering, an ex-captain of the School. The Fellowship is indebted to the Headmaster for his co-operation in enabling these visiting speakers to address us.

Those interested in the Fellowship and anxious to learn more of what it stands for are welcome to attend its meetings, which are held at 12.40 each Thursday in Room 6.

J. PROCTER, *Leader*.

R. HOSKING, *Secretary*.



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## INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE PASSES, 1949

Abbott, B. L.	Grimston, R. C.	Nehl, G. O. B.
Aston, P.	Gunn, A. K.	Norris, R. F.
Aubrey, B. K.	Hamilton, H. E.	Nunn, B. N.
Austen, M. A.	Handley, J. W.	Nunn, P. E.
Avis, K. A.	Harrison, J. S.	Nutt, A. D.
Bailey, J. M.	Hearne, C. J.	O'Connor, G. H.
Boatwright, D. J.	Herford, B. R.	Palmer, K. N.
Boyle, T. J.	Hudson, W. M. R.	Payne, N. H.
Bradley, R. G.	Hughes, R. F.	Pearce, A. C.
Burns, J. D.	Hunt, J. D.	Perakis, G. T.
Carter, G. A.	Hutchison, R. A. L.	Proudlock, B. W.
Chantler, W. K.	Jakes, R. L.	Richardson, A.
Chia, D.	Johnson, J. D.	Rivers, G. F.
Clark, A. J.	Jones, R. W.	Robertson, G. P.
Coleman, C. J.	Kellerman, G. E.	Rose, J. W.
Colton, J.	Kennelly, J. E.	Ruth, L. S.
Cureton, W. H.	King, W. F. V.	Saunders, M. A. P.
Dadd, G. H.	Kolivos, G.	Savage, J.
Daly, R. F.	Lake, J. T.	Sayer, L. K.
Dangerfield, J. A.	Lamerton, N. C.	Schiff, P.
Dooker, T. E.	Latter, D. A.	Shelley, R. M.
Duke, P. S.	Ledwidge, C. R.	Shepherd, W. J.
Duncan, B. H.	Little, D. G.	Sinderberry, K. W.
Engdahl, L. S.	MacAskill, D. A.	Smith, R. J.
Foote, B. H. F.	McCumstie, D. N.	Smith, R. A.
Francis, K. G.	McEwan, W. R.	Sparrow, A. W.
Fraser, R.	McGrath, C. J.	Sparrow, S. R.
Fry, R. A.	McNeil, D. A. N.	Star, Z. H.
Furey, P. M.	MacPherson, L. R.	Thornett, J. E.
Garson, R. W.	Madew, D. M.	Thoroughgood, L. P.
Gibson, F. J.	Magill, C. H.	Tidswell, A. G.
Gillett, G. A.	Mah, G.	Tobin, W.
Glover, C. E.	Mallyon, J. S.	Tonagh, L. P.
Glynn, C. S.	Marchant, K.	Wales, D. R.
Goldberg, H. J.	Matthews, K. F.	Warren, B. A.
Goldman, P.	Melville, W. B.	Whitaker, P. C.
Gorski, C.	Moran, T. J.	Wood, J. F.
Green, W. A. B.	Morrissey, D. J.	Wood, K. G.
Greenberg, J.	Mulqueeney, K. M.	Yell, M. J.
Greenwood, A. H.	Neate, A. J.	

Intermediate Bursaries were awarded to the following:—G. H. Dadd, P. S. Duke, R. L. Jakes, and G. T. Perakis.

## CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club meets each Friday in Room 9 at 3.30 p.m. All players are cordially invited to attend. The aims of the Chess Club are to improve your play by constant practice and to foster the ancient game in the school.

As in former years, the School will be entering teams in the "A", "B" and "C" grades of the inter-schools competitions, and we should like to see as many players as possible competing for a place in one of the teams.

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### PERSONAL

We take this opportunity of welcoming back to our midst our Headmaster, Mr. Killip, who, after a protracted period on sick leave, assumed his duties again towards the end of First Term. We congratulate Mr. Killip on his recovery and express the hope that he may continue in good health and the full enjoyment of the years that lie before him.

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Several staff changes were made at the beginning of the year, Miss E. M. Cochrane being transferred to St. George Girls' High School and Miss M. Smith to North Sydney Girls' High School. Mr. R. B. Baker was transferred to Manly High School and Mr. P. M. Mullins to Head Office, from which he later sailed to America for further study in the field of physical education.

Mr. T. E. Hornibrook accepted the position of Deputy Headmaster at Orange High School and Mr. T. L. Pearce a similar position at Wagga High School, while Mr. D. Johnson went to Manly High School as Science Master.

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We welcome to the school in place of those who have been transferred: Messrs. W. Kelly (Dept. of English and History), G. Barbour (Classics), A. E. Byrne and R. S. Horan (Modern Languages), H. J. Hamnett and H. F. Turner (Mathematics), A. Reichel (Science), and A. C. Wepler (Physical Education).

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Congratulations to Mr. Bembrick on his appointment as Classics Master.

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Towards the end of First Term Mr. Horan was transferred to Fort Street, a considerable loss to the "Record", as he had undertaken the business management of it. We wish Mr. Horan every success at his new school and, at the same time, extend a cordial welcome to Mr. A. W. Cusbert, M.A., his successor.

### THE ORCHESTRA

During July the Orchestra has planned a symphony concert to be held in the Great Hall. The Orchestra will consist on that occasion of about seventy players the largest number ever to perform at the School, and members will be selected from every year.

It is intended that the programme will consist of three concertos, the Tchaikowsky Piano Concerto, Opus 23, the Grieg Piano Concerto in A Minor, Opus 16, and the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto, with soloists, respectively, Mr. G. Day, Graham Gould, and James Chivas.

It is expected that the concert will be both a cultural and financial achievement.

G. GOULD (5A),  
Secretary.





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## THE SCHOOL CAPTAIN

The honour of the School Captaincy for 1950 has fallen to John Agnew, whose record in the academic and sporting spheres makes him a worthy successor to a long line of school captains.

John represented the School in the Fifth XV in 1947 and the Fourth XV in 1948. Last year he was a member of the Second XV, who were unbeaten C.H.S. Premiers. In his first year of rowing in 1949 he was stroke of the winning Second IV, and this year has been stroke of the brilliant First IV. He is also Vice-Captain of Boats for 1950.

John is also no mean scholar, having always gained one of the first four places in his year, and was dux of first year in 1946.

Last year he was Assistant Secretary of the School Union, and at the end of the year he was awarded the Lodge Sydney High School Prize. He has been a class captain since second year, a fact which shows the high esteem in which he is held by his classmates. The traditions of the captains of Sydney High School should be safe in the hands of a boy whose character and personality make him popular with and respected by all.

G. K.

## MR. PETER MULLINS

We offer our congratulations to Mr. Peter Mullins, who left Sydney for America by the "Aorangi" on 30th March.

During his stay at Sydney High School as Physical Training Instructor, Mr. Mullins won the respect of both staff and pupils through his cheerfulness, modesty, and readiness to assist and advise in all sporting activities. We wish him every success in the future he has planned for himself.

Mr. Mullins is to enter Washington State University for a four-year course in physical education. In 1948 he represented Australia in the Olympic Games in London, where he scored 6,739 points in the Decathlon Championship, an excellent performance, as only one competitor, Bob Mathias (U.S.A.), exceeded 7,000 points. Mr. Mullins hopes to compete in the forthcoming U.S. athletics season and to represent Australia in the 1952 Olympic Games in Helsinki.



Peter Mullins going aboard the "Aorangi".  
("S.M. Herald" photo.)



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### SPEECH DAY

The School's Sixty-sixth Annual Speech Day was held as usual, in the Great Hall. Mr. A. R. Beveridge, President of the Old Boys' Union, occupied the chair while His Excellency, The Governor, Lieutenant-General J. Northcott, C.B., M.V.O., presented the prizes.

In the absence of Mr. Killip, the Deputy Headmaster read the Annual Report, which was enthusiastically received by the audience.

After His Excellency The Governor had presented the general prizes, special prizes were presented by Mr. B. R. White on behalf of The Parents and Citizens' Association, Mr. A. R. Beveridge on behalf of the Old Boys' Union, Mr. Frank L. Davis (The Oswald Chapman Memorial Prize), Mr. G. C. Saxby, B.A. (The J. and E. Saxby Bequest Prize), Dr. C. H. Hughes on behalf of Lodge Sydney School, and by Jeanette Herbrand, Captain of Sydney Girls' High School on behalf of our sister school.

The programme was rendered more enjoyable by the School Choir and Orchestra, who, amongst other items, rendered a cycle of English melodies, which were much appreciated by the audience.

Proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to our visitors by the School Captain, Robert Morrow.

### DEBATING SOCIETY

#### Office-bearers, 1950

*Patron:* The Headmaster.

*President:* Mr. R. C. Wilson.

*Vice-Presidents:* D. Page, G. Woodburne, H. Sperling.

*Secretary:* K. Walkerden.

The above-mentioned office-bearers were elected at the Annual Meeting early in First Term, and the Society is now functioning very actively. Eliminations for the senior and junior teams brought forth a high standard of debating and, what was equally pleasing, a large number of contestants for a place in the teams.

The Debating Society has a purpose besides providing teams each year for competitive debating; that purpose is the equipping of members with the ability to think and talk on their feet. Debating helps in the developing of self-confidence, clear and logical thinking and social conduct. It might not be too much to say that debating is an essential part of the training of any boy who is contemplating a professional career.

We have the services of an excellent coach in Mr. Wilson; his constructive criticism has been invaluable and his opinions are drawn from a wealth of experience and knowledge.

There is an extensive period of inter-school debates stretching before the Society, beginning with the annual debate against the girls' school, and all are invited to join the Society and enjoy the benefits that will undoubtedly accrue.

K. WALKERDEN (5A).

*Secretary.*



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## 1949 PRIZE LIST

### FIFTH YEAR

Dux (Frank Albert Cup and Headmaster's Prize), Henry F. Halloran Diamond Jubilee Prize for Chemistry, Prize for Mathematics I: **L. B. Hardacre.**  
 A. B. Piddington Prize for English, Latin, Modern History, French (aeq.), Oratory: **D. W. Howard.**  
 Alan C. Corner Prize for Physics: **F. L. Kinstler.**  
 G. C. Saxby Prize for Mathematics: **M. H. Brennan.**  
 Dr. F. W. Doak Prize for Latin: **D. C. Andersen.**  
 Earle Page Prize for Modern Languages, French (aeq.), German (aeq.): **L. E. Smith.**  
 German (aeq.): **D. E. Bermingham.**  
 Russian: **B. J. Daly.**  
 Economics: **K. Singer.**  
 Geography: **K. M. Koller.**  
 Best Poem in "Record": **J. Tingle.**  
 Shakespearean Declamation and Best Prose in "Record": **A. Williams.**

### FOURTH YEAR

Dux (Mrs. Ethel Killip Memorial Prize), Physics, Chemistry: **R. White.**  
 English (aeq.), Latin (aeq.), Greek, French: **G. Scrimgeour.**  
 K. Saxby Prize for Mathematics and Physics: **B. Schuster.**  
 Mathematics II and General Proficiency: **G. Richards.**  
 Mathematics I: **F. Grouse.**  
 English (aeq.): **L. Steinhof.**  
 Economics: **W. Mark.**  
 Latin (aeq.): **A. Hammon.**  
 History: **I. Jonas.**  
 German: **J. Chivas.**  
 Geography: **W. Wiggins.**  
 Oratory: **G. Woodburne.**  
 Shakespearean Declamation: **J. de Vries.**  
 General Proficiency: **G. Gould.**

### THIRD YEAR

Dux, Mathematics I: **D. Chia.**  
 H. A. Coss Prize for English, French (aeq.): **W. King.**  
 Latin, Greek, French (aeq.): **R. Garson.**  
 Science, German (aeq.): **J. Thorntt.**  
 History: **J. Greenberg.**  
 German (aeq.): **P. Schiff.**  
 Mathematics II: **J. Bailey.**  
 Geography: **J. D. Johnson.**  
 Business Principles: **R. Fraser.**  
 Oratory and Shakespearean Declamation: **L. Tonagh.**  
 General Proficiency: **G. Kellerman.**  
 General Proficiency: **R. L. Jakes.**

### SECOND YEAR

Dux, Latin, German: **S. Moutzouris.**  
 History: **A. Hill.**  
 English, French: **V. Dudman.**

Mathematics I: **G. Stewart.**  
 Mathematics II: **A. Denham.**  
 Science: **D. Paix.**  
 Geography: **R. Owers.**  
 Business Principles: **R. Barnwell.**  
 Shakespearean Declamation: **H. Sperling.**  
 Oratory and General Proficiency: **R. May.**

### FIRST YEAR

Dux, Mathematics I: **T. Biegler.**  
 English, Shakespearean Declamation: **H. G. Smith.**  
 History: **W. Hughes.**  
 Latin (aeq.): **L. Dudman.**  
 Latin (aeq.): **V. Colman.**  
 French: **R. Stock.**  
 Mathematics II: **K. Turnbull.**  
 Science: **D. Denny.**  
 Music: **R. Penny.**  
 Oratory: **I. Kennedy.**  
 Geography: **J. Bilton.**  
 General Proficiency: **J. Lions.**

### SPECIAL PRIZES

**Oswald Chapman Memorial Prize**, presented by Frank L. Davis, Esq.: **L. B. Hardacre.**  
**P. & C. Association Prizes for General Proficiency:**  
 Year. V: **R. Stark.**  
 Year. IV: **J. Agnew.**  
 Year. III: **J. Hunt.**  
 Year. II: **P. Freeman.**  
 Year. I: **M. Stuart.**  
**Old Boys' Union Prizes:**  
 The Old Boys' Prize: **B. Mackey.**  
 The John Waterhouse Prize: **R. Morrow.**  
 The John Skyring Cross Memorial Cup: **R. Morrow.**  
 The John Francis Bush Memorial Prize: **G. King.**  
 Sir Frederick Jordan Memorial Prize: **D. Chia.**  
**J. & E. Saxby Bequest Prize:** **A. J. Clark.**  
**Lodge Sydney High School Prize:** **J. Agnew.**

### SPORTS PRIZES

Sydney Girls' High School Cup for Games and Sportsmanship: **V. Cristofani.**  
 Frank Albert Cup for Senior Athletics Championship: **M. MacGee.**

### AWARD OF "BLUES", 1949

Athletics: **K. Buckley, V. Cristofani, B. Daly, P. Eiszele\*, M. MacGee, S. Sherrett.**  
 Cricket: **S. Banwell, J. Bosler\*, V. Cristofani, G. King, J. Sarks.**  
 Football: **J. Clelland, P. Cole\*, P. Epstein, B. Gell, H. Stevenson, R. Swinbourne.**  
 Rowing: **J. Clelland\*, J. Harris, K. Paul, K. Walderden.**

\* Re-award.

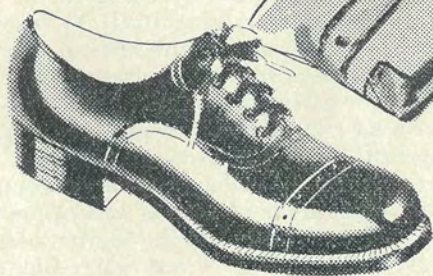


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## S.H.S. CADET CORPS

We are pleased to report that the last six months have brought about a steady increase in the strength of the unit. This now stands at about one hundred. However, this number does not include enough fourth year boys. We hope to see more joining in the near future.

The close of last year was fairly uneventful for the unit, the G.P.S. Shoot being the only major function in which it participated. Despite the keenness of our representatives, we did not live up to our reputation, due mainly to our lack of practice and facilities. However, organisation has already begun for this year's shoot, for which we plan an intensive effort to raise our standard. We have already been assured of the utmost co-operation from the Army and believe we have in the Corps the talent to achieve our aim.

At the end of the year we lost two of our Cadet-Lieutenants, J. McDermott and J. Prior. McDermott is now attending the Technical College and Prior has joined the Merchant Navy. Sergeant Peter Cole is now at Duntroon Military College.

Our representatives at the January N.C.O.s' and P.O.s' courses acquitted themselves well, and this year we have pleasure in welcoming two new officers, Cadet-Lieutenants V. Hotchkiss and J. Moreton.

The annual camp was again held at Ingleburn, commencing on 29th April. Here the unit is able to take advantage of the facilities not available at school and receives intensive training in camouflage, fieldcraft, and tactical deployment. It applies this knowledge in intensive day and night manoeuvres. In addition to this, all cadets attend a field firing day, in which the most modern weapons are demonstrated; and a range day, when actual firing practice with the .303 rifle and Bren Light Machine Gun is carried out. The meals at these camps are of a high standard, being pre-planned by skilled dietitians, and the other facilities are excellent. There exists in these camps a comradeship which does not seem to exist elsewhere and everyone attending is sure to enjoy himself.

One might mention the opportunities available in the Corps, especially with compulsory military training likely to begin next year. It is not generally known that cadets with efficient service are almost certain to be exempted from this, or, if drafted, are sure to receive favourable priority for early promotion. Fourth year boys in the unit at present have an excellent chance of early promotion, as we are short of competent N.C.O.'s to carry on next year.

There are various fields for the cadet to enter on completing his basic infantry training. The signals platoon is well equipped and is suitable for the technically-minded, while the mortar platoon is a specialist infantry branch and presents a very interesting course. The newly reorganised band caters for the musically-minded cadet. As our numbers increase we hope to add a Vicker's M.M.G. Platoon and then a six-pounder anti-tank gun platoon. For those who do not wish to specialise, advanced fieldcraft, map-reading, tactical de-



ployment and the art of camouflage are all provided for in the infantry.

We should like to conclude this report by thanking our O.C., Captain Cracknell, for his unfailing enthusiasm and co-operation.

J. O'NEIL (Cdt.-Lieut.).

## VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

### Old Boys' Visit

During the First Term the School was honoured by a visit from three of its prominent Old Boys, Messrs. Mervyn Wood, Eric Longley and Ted Paine. We were also pleased to welcome Mr. K. C. Cameron, Secretary of the Old Boys' Union, who accompanied them. Mr. Longley and Mr. Paine, not long back from New Zealand, where they rowed in the Australian Eight which won the Empire Games title, both spoke at some length on their experiences in Auckland, where the race was rowed, and in their training quarters on one of New Zealand's beautiful lakes. It is interesting to note that the Australian Eight on this occasion included another Old Boy of the School in the person of Mr. Alan Brown, who was not able to be present on the occasion of their visit.

Mr. Wood spoke of some of his experiences in London and in Berlin at the Olympic Games. Merv. Wood has twice won the Olympic Single Sculls title, holds the Empire Single Sculls title and the Henley Single Sculls title, and is joint holder of the Empire Double Sculls title. We note with some pride in the achievements of this fine Old Boy sportsman that, since his visit to us, he has added the N.S.W. Sculling Championship to his list of victories.

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### Mr. Harry Liu

Another interesting visitor to our Monday morning assemblies during First Term was Mr. Harry Liu, representative of the Pocket Testament League. Mr. Liu, in national costume, gave a very interesting talk on Chinese customs, followed by an explanation of the ideographic basis of Chinese writing. He used various characters as illustrations, explaining their meaning and interpreting their pictorial origin and significance. In response to a request, Mr. Liu sang a hymn in Chinese, which was much appreciated.

## GIFT TO THE LIBRARY

The Library is indebted to Miss Pinhey for an Imperial Edition of the Works of Shakespeare, edited by Charles Knight. The edition is in two imposing volumes, beautifully bound and copiously illustrated with well-known works of art depicting scenes from Shakespeare's plays. The flyleaf of Volume I bears the inscription:—

“Presented to the Library of the Sydney Boys' High School in memory of Eustace Townley Pinhey, O.B.E., M.B., Ch.M., 4th March, 1950.”



# LODGE SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL, No. 631

The Lodge is enjoying a very happy and successful year under the guidance of Wor. Bro. Clarrie Hughes, as Worshipful Master. The membership, which is comprised wholly of Old Boys, Masters and ex-Masters of Sydney High School, is 122, and the regular monthly meetings are very well attended. The bond of the School and the Craft provides an excellent setting for the meeting of old school friends as Masons and the making of new friendships among the Brethren, who incidentally, are representative of every decade since the foundation of the School.

In December last the members, with their wives and children, again journeyed to National Park, where the Annual Lodge Christmas Picnic was held. Sports were held for young and old, and all children received a Christmas present. V. Wor. Bro. Geoff. Leroy and Bro. Tom Summons carried out the organisation for the picnic, which was acclaimed as a great success by all present. During the year another visit is to be paid to Blackheath, where members and their wives will spend the week-end at golf, bowls or sight-seeing.

As arranged last year, the Lodge Dance has again been incorporated within the O.B.U. Ball at the Trocadero on 15th May, and although at the time of writing this function and the Blackheath trip have not yet eventuated, both will have taken place prior to the publication of the "Record" in June.

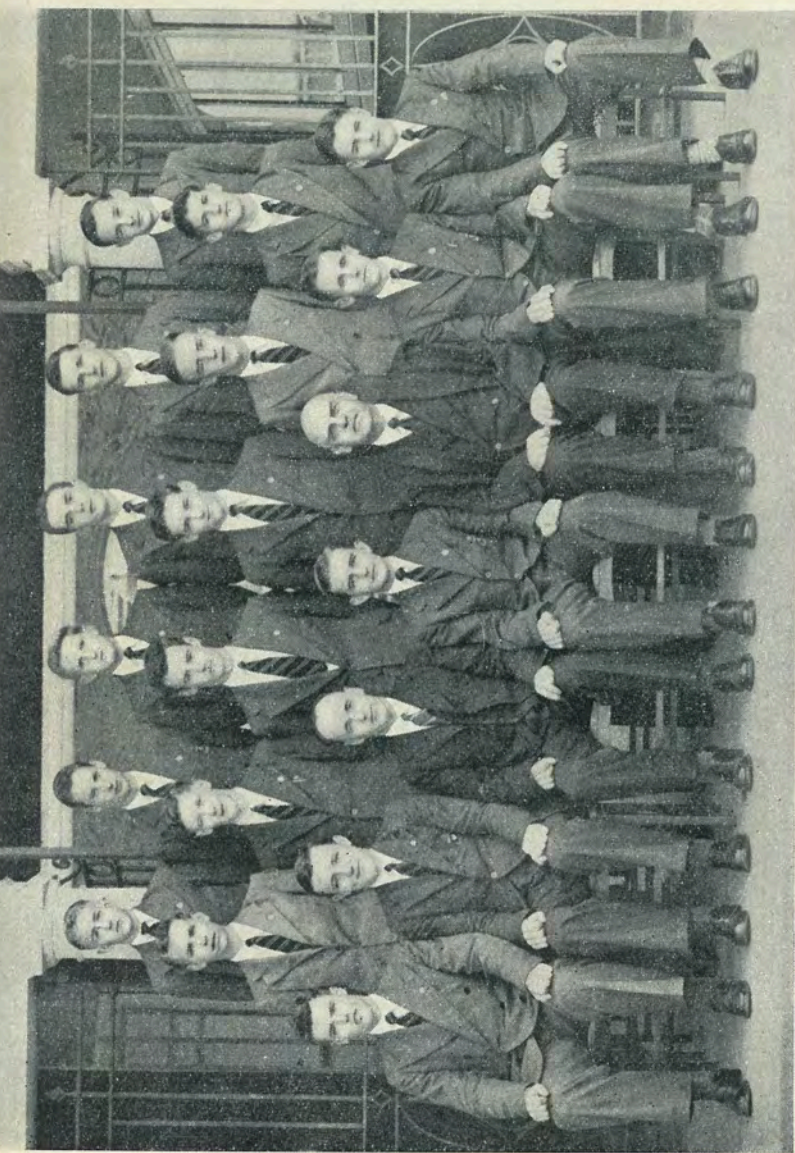
A particularly happy function took place in the Lodge in December last when the Foundation Master Wor. Bro. John Leaver, the Foundation Junior Warden, Wor. Bro. Francis Lions, were each presented with an inscribed Lodge Jewel, which is beautifully prepared and bears the emblems of the School and the Lodge. The presentation was made by the Director of Ceremonies, Wor. Bro. Sid Willsher, the first Initiate of the Lodge, to mark the completion of the 20th year of the Lodge, and as some small token of recognition of the outstanding services they contributed towards the foundation of the Lodge.

Two of the members who also are members of other Lodges are being installed as Wor. Master this year. They are Bro. J. B. Clarke, Lodge Picton, on 1st April, and Bro. Keith Cameron, Lodge Greycliffe, on 27th June. To each of these Brethren the Lodge extends its congratulations.

As this contribution was prepared prior to 22nd April, the Head of the River events had not been decided, but the members are confident that with the hard work carried out by the crews and their coaches the results will be worthy of "High".

The Lodge extends a very hearty welcome to all Old Boys, Masters and ex-Masters, and members of the P. & C. Association who are Masons to visit the Lodge on 2nd Friday at 7.30 p.m in the Masonic Hall, Castlereagh Street, Sydney. The Secretary is Wor. Bro. H. B. Young, 4 Birrellea Avenue, Earlwood. Telephone: LM 1484 (office). LF 1532 (home).





PREFECTS.

Back Row: J. MAGNER, M. FRY, W. MARK, R. WHITE, M. MacGEE, G. WOODBURN.

Second Row: G. SCRIMGEOUR, G. GOULD, L. SHAW, J. O'NEIL, J. PROCTER, R. MORROW.

Front Row: J. HARRIS, J. REDDISH, MR. E. BEMBRICK (Master-in-Charge), J. AGNEW (School Captain), Mr. P. W. HALLETT (Acting Headmaster), G. KING, J. BOSLER.



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## S.H.S. PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

### Office-bearers, 1950

*President:* B. R. White, Esq.

*Vice-Presidents:* A. G. Leroy, Esq., W. B. Nehl, Esq.

*Honorary Secretary:* F. G. Arnold, Esq.

*Honorary Treasurer:* T. E. G. Gould, Esq.

*Executive Committee:* Mesdames E. F. Fitzgerald, A. B. Napper, Messrs. W. R. Clarkson, E. McEwan, C. Shaw, H. R. Thornett, W. H. Wilson.

*Auditors:* H. V. Quinton, Esq., W. W. Vick, Esq.

*Meetings:* Third Thursday in each month at 8 p.m.

It was pleasing to see so many parents and friends at our annual reunion held on 9th March last. Our guest speaker was Mr. Mervyn Wood, an Old Boy of the School, who has brought honour to Australia and himself with his prowess as an oarsman. Interspersed with the speeches was a well-arranged musical programme, after which a dainty supper was served by members of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Our annual meeting, which was held the following week, was not so well attended. The financial statement gave details of a record income of £2,114, which enabled us to meet the usual expenses and increase our reserve for the Fairland Pavilion Fund to £1,916. In addition to the office-bearers, who are listed above, the following committees were elected at the annual meeting:—

*McKay Sports Ground Committee:* Messrs. J. J. Banwell, R. Boatwright and C. S. Upton.

*Rowing Committee:* Messrs. G. E. May, W. B. Nehl, and W. H. Wilson, with R. S. Betty and A. V. Pickering as alternative members.

*Grounds Committee:* Messrs. J. J. Banwell, S. A. Beckhouse, H. R. Thornett, A. Warren and W. H. Wilson.

*Dance Committee:* Messrs. A. Tilley, S. A. Beckhouse, R. Boatwright, W. R. Clarkson, W. F. Colley, A. T. Denny, H. Lilienthal, C. Mahaffey, K. W. Moon, A. W. Rawlings, W. Rushall and E. R. Ryan.

The income for 1950 is estimated to be £1,200 and, acting in accordance with the requirements of the School now known, it is proposed to disburse this amount as follows:—

	£
School Library .. .. .	100
Subsidy for "Record" .. .. .	25
School Equipment .. .. .	50
School Prizes .. .. .	50
Rowing .. .. .	350
Cricket .. .. .	50
Football .. .. .	25
Tennis .. .. .	25
Gymnasium and Cadets .. .. .	25
McKay Sports Ground .. .. .	400
Printing, Stationery, etc. .. .. .	100

£1,200

The matter of greatest importance this year is the realisation of the plans for the installation of necessary amenities and enlargement of the pavilion at the McKay Sports Ground. We are still working

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in close harmony with the Old Boys' Union to attain this object, which we hope will be attained in the very near future. Then our attention must be turned to the establishment of suitable accommodation for rowers. Land has been bought at Abbotsford. Funds will be needed for buildings, pontoons, etc.

With important decisions to be made this year, we look forward to full co-operation of parents and their regular attendance at our meetings.

F. G. ARNOLD,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

### Ladies' Auxiliary

#### Office-bearers

*President:* Mrs. A. B. Napper.  
*Hon. Secretary:* Mrs. E. F. Fitzgerald.  
*Hon. Treasurer:* Mrs. G. R. Banwell.

The Ladies' Auxiliary have commenced this year with high hopes of even bettering their grand total of last year, which was £588. We have an energetic and enthusiastic committee and a great number of marvellous workers to help us. We would appreciate the co-operation of and help from the mothers of first and second year boys.

Our appeal is off to a very good start. The first function of the year was a card party in the Great Hall of the School. A delightful function at the County Council Showrooms was arranged by the Secretary. On Regatta Night the rowers were entertained at supper and the Ladies' Auxiliary helped on that occasion. Last but not least, our buffet at the dances is again proving a great success.

E. M. FITZGERALD,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

## SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' UNION

### Office-bearers, 1950

*Patrons:* Rear-Admiral Sir Leighton Bracegirdle, K.C.V.O., C.B., O.B.E., V.D.;  
G. C. Saxby, Esq., B.A.; J. H. Killip, Esq., B.A.

*President:* Alan R. Beveridge, Esq.

*Vice-Presidents:* Major D. J. Duffy, M.C., E.D., Dr. C. E. Winston, Brigadier J. Reddish, Mr. Justice B. Sugerman, Messrs. H. F. Halloran, G. A. Fairland and A. G. Henderson.

*Hon. Secretary:* K. C. Cameron. *Hon. Treasurer:* E. A. Morcombe.

*Hon. Asst. Secretaries:* K. W. Shields (Membership), E. Berge Phillips (Luncheon Club and General), A. J. Gill (Social Activities).

*Hon. Auditor:* A. G. Leroy, A.I.C.A., A.C.I.S.

*Councillors:* P. Howard, L. Hardacre, B. Mackey, R. Sanderson, P. G. Saywell, G. Walker, G. Saywell, A. Lewis, S. A. Willsher, A. R. Callaway, R. Grey, J. Kerr, W. Church, A. Emanuel, R. Hall, J. Adair, C. Parsonage, K. Binns, B. Herron, and A. K. Paterson.

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*Union Office:* Jamieson, Paterson & Co., 10th Floor, 10 Martin Place, Sydney.  
Phone: BL 2721-2.

The Fifty-eighth Annual General Meeting of the Union was held on Monday, 20th February, 1950, at the Vacuum Oil Company's Theatre, and we extend our thanks to Alan O'Neill for making the Theatre available; also for the use of the projector and some of the company's interesting films.

The meeting was comparatively well attended, some seventy members being present, the chair being taken by the President, Mr. Alan Beveridge. Mention was made of the regrettable death of our Patron, the late Chief Justice Sir Frederick Jordan. A new patron was then elected to replace Sir Frederick, and it was decided to request the patronage of another distinguished Old Boy, Rear-Admiral Sir Leighton Bracegirdle.

The election of office-bearers was then proceeded with, the first resulting in the unanimous re-election of our President, Alan R. Beveridge. The results of all other elections can be seen from the list printed above. Last year's Council had a good reputation for achievement, and it is felt that this year will at least equal, if not better, that record.

The membership of the Union continues to progress, there being some 750 at the time of this report going to press. This rate of increase is still too slow, and we regret that the members have apparently taken little or no notice of the Council's appeal in the Annual Report for each member to make himself responsible for the enrolment of at least one new member. If this had been done we should have had 1,300 instead of 750. We therefore again appeal to all members to undertake this small task. Let us at least have 1,000 by the end of 1950. It is up to YOU.

The monthly issue of the Bulletin has continued and we now have a new Bulletin Committee with George Saywell as Editor, assisted by R. Sanderson and W. Church, both from last year's Fifth Year. The cost of posting this Bulletin is heavy, but the Council is of the opinion that such expenditure is justified and that all members appreciate the news contained in the publication. It is the Council's policy to continue the Bulletin at all costs.

The Monthly Luncheons have continued and have settled down to a regular attendance. Get your diary out and mark down in every month the second Thursday at Nock and Kirby's Dining Rooms at 1 p.m.

The December Luncheon was a special show, and Father Xmas was present to auction a few toys. As a result, the Fairland Pavilion Fund benefited to the extent of some £3/3/-. One member recently remarked that there was probably no other organisation which could obtain from its own members such a wealth of talent and on such diverse subjects.



## Interesting Books

### **A CENTURY OF CRICKETERS**, by A. G. Moyes.

Sketches of famous international cricketers from W. Caffyn of the mid-nineteenth century down to the players of the present season. The author writes of many of them from personal knowledge and draws living, accurate pictures of each player and his style. W. G. Grace, Hobbs, Hammond, Larwood and Bradman are some of the players discussed. 15/- (post 6d.).

### **SURF**, by C. Bede Maxwell.

Here is the testimony of one of the greatest of all surfers on reading this MS.: "Some day I'll have no hair, and I'll be bent right over . . . and then I'll be able to take down this book and live all my young days over again, because that was just the way it was." 15/- (post 6d.).

### **WILD FLOWERS OF AUSTRALIA**, by Thistle Y. Harris.

The coloured plates in this volume, from paintings by Adam Foster, portray more than 250 Australian wild flowers. In the descriptive letterpress the author has described and documented with admirable clarity the multiplicity and variety of these plants. 21/- (post 9d.).

### **WONDERS OF THE GREAT BARRIER REEF**, by T. C. Roughley.

There are 52 natural-colour photographs in this fascinating book which show the colour and fantasy of natural forms in a region which may well be described as one of the wonders of the world. The author describes with vividness and scientific exactitude the Great Barrier Reef itself and its unique flora and fauna. 21/- (post 9d.).

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The January Luncheon was very poorly attended, mainly because of holidays, etc., but a most interesting address was given by Theo. Roughley, Director of State Fisheries. He told us some peculiar facts concerning the fishing waters surrounding Australia. Much to the delight of Alan Beveridge, he predicted bigger and better prawns for home consumption.

In February the address was given by the original winner of the John Waterhouse Prize, Aubrey Forbes, now an executive in the Neon Lighting world, his subject, "The Effect of Fluorescent Lighting in Industry". His demonstration of the various types of gases used in different types of lighting was much appreciated.

The March Luncheon brought forth another interesting talk. This time the subject was "Artificial Insemination and its Consequences". The speaker was the noted obstetrician and gynaecologist, Dr. Bruce Williams. This lecture was thought provoking and well attended.

In April the type of address changed again and this time we had a diplomatic talk from Alan Watt, the Australian Ambassador to Russia. His description of Moscow and other Russian features was well worth hearing.

We extend our very grateful thanks to all the above Old Boys for their most interesting and instructive talks.

A team of speakers similar to these has been lined up for the next six months, so it will pay you to make that note in your diary and remember you can bring your friends. It is not confined to Old Boys.

Old Boys continue to take an active part in the world of sport. The culmination of all sporting activities this year was the Empire Games held in New Zealand. The School was well represented by the following:—Mervyn Wood, who won the Single and Double Sculls titles (Merv. now holds all the amateur sculls titles in the world—congratulations!!), Alan Brown (stroke), Eric Longley and Ted Paine, members of the victorious Australian Eight. Congrats. on a fine piece of team work. Peter Denton was one of the pole vault reps. and, although he did not win a title, he put up a most creditable performance.

The academic field was not neglected by Old Boys last year, and in another part of this publication you will find a list of the University results. Our members have also done well in the various Accountancy Institutes and at courses with the Technical College. We extend our congratulations to all those who have achieved success in their different spheres of life.

As last year, the Union arranged for special 'buses to take Old Boys and other School supporters up to the Nepean River for the G.P.S. Regatta on 22nd April. Five double-decker 'buses were hired and some three hundred persons travelled on them.

Our congratulations to the Second Four on their winning effort in record time. Also to the other crews who, whilst they did not win, amply upheld the traditions of rowing at Sydney High.



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A Regatta Night Dance was held at Miss Bishops' in Elizabeth Street, and it is with profound regret that we have to record the fact that it was a complete failure. Never in the history of the O.B.U. has a function received such a poor attendance. The reason for it is a mystery as last year a similar function was crowded out. However, we hope that next year will see it crowded out again.

The 1950 Chocolate and Blue Ball will have been held by the time this issue is out. At the time of going to press arrangements were well in hand under the direction of a combined committee of the O.B.U., the P. & C. Association, and the Auxiliaries of the two bodies. Fifteen debutantes are to be presented to Rear-Admiral Sir Leighton and Lady Bracegirdle. Mrs. A. Napper, President of the P. & C. Auxiliary, is the Matron of Honour and has the girls well trained.

The President of the O.B.U., Alan R. Beveridge, will receive the guests, who will include the Headmaster and Deputy Head and the representatives of the Old Boys' Unions of the Great Public Schools. We all look forward to this Ball being the "best ever", as all proceeds will go to the Fairland Pavilion.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Union has continued to be a very active little group of enthusiastic ladies. They held their Annual Meeting on 1st March and Miss J. Cameron was re-elected President. Other office-bearers elected were: Vice-Presidents, Mesdames A. R. Beveridge, A. V. Pickering and L. E. March; Hon. Sec., Mrs. R. Snellgrove; Hon. Treas., Mrs. C. F. Brooks.

Last year's effort was truly remarkable for such a small body, approximately £100 in six months. This was raised mainly by private card parties and competitions held by the ladies in their own homes, as well as selected places in the city. The ladies want more support from the wives, mothers, sisters, etc., of Old Boys. Make this a personal invitation to you to attend that next meeting. These meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the C.E.N.E.F. Boardroom, 201 Castlereagh Street, at 2 p.m. After the meeting all adjourn to the lounge for afternoon tea, which completes a very enjoyable afternoon. New members (the annual sub. for the ladies is only 2/-) as well as ideas for functions are always welcome. Contact the President at FU 9648, or the Secretary at FF 1826.

It is hoped during July or August to hold at the School a performance of "Merrie England" by the Royal Philharmonic Society. This will be organised by the Society and the O.B.U. in conjunction, and proceeds will be divided equally. The high standard of all performances of the Society is well known and we are looking forward to a very successful season.

Another idea we have in mind is the organisation of an Orchid Show at the School. Some of our Old Boys are noted orchid growers, and with the support of the Orchid Society a particularly successful show could be run.

Plans are being discussed for the holding of a Dance by the O.B.U. on G.P.S. Athletics Night, usually the first Saturday in



October. Keep this in mind and let us have no repetition of the Regatta Night debacle.

A final reminder about those membership fees. Life Membership. £10/10/-; Annual Sub., 10/-; Students and under 21 years, 5/-. What about that one extra member?

K. C. CAMERON,

*Hon. Secretary.*

### OLD BOYS AT THE UNIVERSITY

Congratulations to the following, all of whom gained second-class honours in their final exams in the Faculty of Medicine: A. L. Baccarini, C. H. Campbell, B. Cotton, C. K. Lindsell, P. M. Marnie, B. L. Maybloom, O. B. Toffler.

The following have also passed their final exams in Medicine: E. M. Broadfoot, R. W. Burnett, P. R. Casson, H. W. Fogl, T. J. Hansen, L. M. Jacks, J. Lisyak, D. Wolfers.

In the final exams in Law, B. H. Berry, B.A., gained second-class honours.

Final Engineering passes included J. A. Rayne, B.Sc., who gained first-class honours and the University Medal, A. W. Bacon, P. Becker, A. W. Brown, T. C. Chalmer, N. D. Chidgey, G. S. Crocker, M. H. Cross, R. G. Fagg, F. B. McFee, F. W. Jackson, F. Lewin, B. B. Mellor, D. G. Padgett, D. G. Price, H. S. Richards, D. E. Skillington, J. R. Sweeney, A. G. S. Vidal.

In the Faculty of Science, H. C. Freeman graduated with first-class honours in Chemistry and won the University Medal; T. M. Dunn also graduated with first-class honours in Chemistry and W. J. Herzberg with second-class honours in Organic Chemistry. D. Sugerman graduated B.Sc. (Med.) with first-class honours.

In the Faculty of Arts K. J. Cable graduated with first-class honours in History IV, winning the University Medal and the J. H. M. Nolan Memorial Prize. A. L. McLeod graduated with second-class honours in English.

In the Faculty of Dentistry F. J. Peter, B.A., graduated with first-class honours.

We offer our congratulations also to the following prize-winners:—

G. M. Kellerman, M.Sc. (Med. V)—R. Todd Memorial Prize for Medical Jurisprudence; three high distinctions and one credit.

B. D. Latter (Ag. Science III)—W. L. Waterhouse Prize for Proficiency.

L. R. Zines (Law II)—M. E. Peden Prize for Proficiency.

W. A. Glen-Doepel (Arts II)—Garton Scholarship V for German, Lithgow Scholarship III for Philosophy I.

R. C. Stanfield (Arts II)—Garton Scholarship for French II.

R. L. Cope (Arts I)—Garton Scholarship IV for German (aeq.).

J. A. Wunderlich (Science II)—Slade Prize for Geology II (aeq.).

J. K. Staveley (Economics II)—Prize for Scientific Method.

W. R. Levick (Med. I)—Renwick Prize for General Proficiency; three high distinctions and one credit.

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## THE RECORD

### DRAMATIC SOCIETY

*President:* Mr. R. C. Wilson.

*Secretary:* P. Furey.

*Assistant Secretary:* S. Green.

The Dramatic Society held its annual meeting on Tuesday, 7th March, when the above office-bearers were elected.

Several readings have been held, including extracts from "The Winslow Boy" (Terence Rattigan) and "Thread o' Scarlet" (J. J. Bell). Throughout the year it is intended to hold further play readings, while the Society also hopes to produce several one-act plays. The Society meets every Tuesday afternoon at 3.20 p.m.

P. FUREY (4D),

*Secretary.*

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### THE CHOIR

Throughout this year, in conjunction with the School Orchestra, the Choir is planning to present a series of concerts. An excellent programme has been arranged for the first concert, comprising French songs by Debussy and Renaldo Hahn, and German Lieder composed by Schubert, the latter including Der Lindenbaum and Frühlingsträume. Under the baton of Mr. Day, a massed choir of specially selected voices is rehearsing each Friday at lunch time in the Great Hall. A particularly good concert is expected early in July.

P. FUREY (4D.)

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### OBITUARY

We regret to record the death of Jim Peryman, Captain of the North Cronulla Surf Club and an Old Boy of the School (L.C. 1942), who lost his life in trying to effect the rescue of a girl in heavy surf at North Cronulla on 19th February. Reports from the girl who was rescued and other lifesavers who were on the scene of the fatality indicate that Peryman's line became fouled with seaweed, but even when summoned by other lifesavers to release himself from the belt he continued to hold the girl until he went under, when he released her. The School honours a very gallant sportsman.

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We regret also to record the death of Kenneth Card, of Fifth Year, who died as a result of an accident on 23rd February.

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Another regrettable death was that of David Wales (Class 2D, 1949), who died in hospital on 18th February after a short illness.

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The School extends its deepest sympathy to the parents of these past and present pupils.

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To Mr. F. J. Allsopp, whose mother died suddenly but peacefully last March, the School also extends its sincere sympathy.

# SPORT

## CRICKET

### FIRST XI

There has been very little play in the G.P.S. Competition because of rain. At the end of the first half of the season the team, with three draws and a first innings win, is unbeaten, but is placed only fourth in the competition.

After the first day's play had been washed out in the first game against Grammar, High played a draw after an exciting chase, failing by only 9 runs to catch its opponents with four wickets in hand.

Against Scots, who scored 160, High lost three fairly cheap wickets, being caught on a wet wicket after a thunderstorm which broke during the afternoon. The remainder of the batsmen were confident they could bridge the gap, but rain washed out the second day's play.

There was no play on the first day against Newington, but the school secured a first innings win after a fine stand of 91 by Bosler and Hudson.

High seemed set for an outright win against Riverview, but rain, which washed out two hours of the first day and all of the second day, ruined their chances.

In the C.H.S. Competition the School runs second to North Sydney High, rain again having interfered with three of the four matches. The results were a draw with Manly High (rain washed out play), a fine win over North Sydney Tech. after another stand by Bosler and Hudson, an easy win against Randwick High, and a loss to North Sydney High.

Of the batsmen, Bosler, Hudson and Ellison have done well, and King, Bosler, Anderson and Shepherdson have been the most successful bowlers.

At the conclusion of the last season Cristofani (Vice-Captain) and Sachs were selected in the combined G.P.S. team, while Cristofani, who was captain, and Bosler played in the combined C.H.S. team. In March of this year Bosler (Captain) and King went to Newcastle in the C.H.S. team.

The team would like to express its thanks to Mr. Taylor and Mr. Adamthwaite for their valuable time and advice, and to the ladies who so kindly provided the lunches for the visitors and the School team on Saturdays.





**FIRST ELEVEN**

**Back Row:** MR. M. ADAMTHWAITE (Master-in-Charge G.P.S.), R. GRIFFES, K. GOWER, R. KING, MR. O. A. TAYLOR (Master-in-Charge, C.H.S.).  
**Seated:** E. KING (Scorer).  
**Front Row:** D. BOATWRIGHT, J. BOSLER (Capt.), MR. P. W. HALLETT (Acting Headmaster), G. KING (Vice-Capt.), N. ELLISON, H. HUNTER, M. HUDSON, K. ANDERSON.



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### G.P.S. Scores.

S.H.S., 6 for 184 (Hudson 57, Ellison 38), drew with Sydney Grammar School, 193 (Bosler 3 for 33, King 3 for 47).

S.H.S., 3 for 35, drew with Scots College, 160 (Anderson 4 for 38, Ellison 2 for 7).

S.H.S., 9 for 190 (Bosler 56, Hudson 41), defeated Newington College, 120 (King 4 for 43, Bosler 3 for 8), on the first innings.

S.H.S., 2 for 32, drew with St. Ignatius College, 114 (Ellison 5 for 31, King 4 for 32).

### C.H.S. Scores.

S.H.S. drew with Manly High (no play owing to rain).

S.H.S., 6 for 184 (Bosler 77, Hudson 34), defeated North Sydney Tech., 147 (Bosler 4 for 23, Grieves 2 for 30, King 2 for 30), on the first innings.

S.H.S., 9 for 120 (Bosler 36), defeated Randwick High, 47 (Anderson 3 for 23, King 2 for 2, Grieves 2 for 5), on the first innings.

S.H.S., 59 (Ellison 18, Hudson 14) and 57 (Bowen 15), lost to North Sydney High, 77 (Shepherdson 3 for 20, Anderson 2 for 18, King 2 for 24) and 3 for 24 (Shepherdson 2 for 11) on the first innings.

## SECOND XI

The Second XI has performed creditably during the first half of the season, despite a first innings defeat at the hands of North Sydney Tech. It now occupies third place in the competition, three points behind the leaders. The weather has been an important factor at all times, and often with victory in sight the team has had to be content with a draw.

One point that has made itself obvious is that a start of anything up to thirty runs is conceded to the opposition by our own team's bad fielding. This must be rectified if the competition is to be won.

The batting has been quite good and the team could nearly always depend on a creditable score being compiled. Moate, the captain, has been responsible for many of the runs and has been ably supported by two of the team's younger members, Littlewood and Cusack. Fry and Hunt have borne the brunt of the fast bowling attack, while Galea's slow spinners have gained a number of wickets.

The team would like to extend its thanks to Mr. Webster for his coaching during the season.

### Scores.

S.H.S. (3 for 97) defeated Manly High (56 and 36) outright.

S.H.S. (168) lost to North Sydney Tech. (182) on the first innings.

S.H.S. (5 for 81) drew with Randwick High (93) (rain prevented second day's play).

S.H.S. (223) defeated North Sydney High (113) on the first innings.

## THIRD XI

The Third XI had a lean season, losing three and winning one of the four matches played. The team's weakness was due to the promotion of several of its younger players to the higher grades, and to the poor standard of ground fielding. Of the batsmen, Ambrose scored 76 runs with three dismissals, often coming to the rescue



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when runs were badly needed. Balzer, Ambrose, Connolly and Upcroft all bowled well, but without very much luck. The team was led during most of the season by Noller, then by Richards.

The players wish to record here their appreciation of the interest shown during the season by Mr. Horan.

### Scores.

S.H.S. (7 for 60) lost to Manly High (2 for 70) on the first innings.

S.H.S. (97 and 28) beat North Sydney Tech. (50) on the first innings.

S.H.S. (45 and 7 for 22) lost to Randwick High (99) on the first innings.

S.H.S. (36 and 53) lost to North Sydney High (93) outright.

## FOURTH XI

This season has been a most successful one for the Fourth Grade Team. Despite constantly threatening weather, only one day's play was lost, and the results of the four matches played are very encouraging. With an outright win, two first innings wins and a first innings loss the team is sharing the lead in its zone. Best individual batting scores have been made by King (44), French (38), and Stuart (32 n.o., 30 n.o.). The brunt of the bowling has been borne by Callaghan, whose best performance was 6 for 6, Stuart (11 for 10), and Wilson (2 for 2).

The team owes much of its success to the able coaching of Mr. Wilson.

### Scores.

S.H.S. (2 for 36) defeated Manly High (12 and 8 for 19).

S.H.S. (121 and 1 for 38) defeated North Sydney Tech. (78 and 1 for 13).

S.H.S. (26) lost to Randwick High (4 for 124).

S.H.S. (93) defeated North Sydney High (23 and 24) outright.

## CLASS CRICKET

The class cricket competitions, like the inter-schools games, suffered somewhat through the unduly wet season, only three complete rounds being played. Though the position is hardly indicative, the leaders at present are as follows:—

First Year Competition: 1A.

Second Year Competition: 2D.

Third Year Competition: 3A and 3C (aeq.).

So many senior boys were absorbed in various grade teams that it was not possible in fourth and fifth years to arrange play on a competitive basis.

The competitions will be completed in Third Term.

## SWIMMING

### Results of the S.H.S. Carnival

#### Senior Championships.

880 Yards: 1, J. Procter; 2, J. Mealey (11 mins. 48.8 secs.).

440 Yards: 1, J. Procter; 2, J. Mealey (5 mins. 34.3 secs.).

220 Yards: 1, J. Procter; 2, J. Mealey (2 mins. 45.6 secs.).

100 Yards: 1, J. Procter; 2, F. Williams (62.8 secs.).

50 Yards: 1, J. Procter; 2, J. Mealey (27.7 secs.).

100 Yards Breaststroke: 1, J. Procter; 2, J. Mealey (79.0 secs.) (This race carries the Claude Tressider Shield.)



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50 Yards Backstroke: 1, J. Mealey; 2, J. Procter (34.9 secs.).

Dive: 1, R. Upton; 2, R. Craig.

Senior Cup: 1, J. Procter; 2, J. Mealey; 3, M. Fitch.

### Under Sixteen Championships.

440 Yards: 1, K. Avis; 2, B. Foote (5 mins. 39.1 secs.).

220 Yards: 1, K. Avis; 2, B. Foote (2 mins. 33.4 secs.).

100 Yards: 1, K. Avis; 2, B. Foote (61.4 secs.).

50 Yards: 1, B. Foote; 2, G. Rivers (28.4 secs.).

50 Yards Breaststroke: 1, B. Foote; 2, M. Saunders (34.3 secs.).

50 Yards Backstroke: 1, K. Avis; 2, B. Foote (34.0 secs.).

Dive: 1, T. Cohen; 2, A. Taylor.

Under 16 Cup: 1, B. Foote; 2, K. Avis; 3, A. Strykowski and G. Rivers (aeq.).

### Under Fifteen Championships.

440 Yards: 1, C. Smee; 2, J. Thornett (6 mins 1.0 secs.).

220 Yards: 1, C. Smee; 2, J. Thornett (2 mins 50.2 secs.).

100 Yards: 1, J. Thornett; 2, C. Smee (59.3 secs.—Record).

50 Yards: 1, J. Thornett; 2, C. Smee (26.4 secs.—Record).

50 Yards Breaststroke: 1, J. Thornett; 2, C. Smee (32.1 secs.—Record).

50 Yards Backstroke: 1, C. Smee; 2, J. Thornett (35.3 secs.).

Under 15 Cup: 1, C. Smee and J. Thornett (aeq.); 3, T. O'Neill.

### Under Fourteen Championships.

220 Yards: 1, D. Mills; 2, D. Healey (3 mins. 7.9 secs.).

100 Yards: 1, D. Mills; 2, J. Beckhouse (75.4 secs.).

50 Yards: 1, D. Mills; 2, T. Coleman (31.2 secs.).

50 Yards Breaststroke: 1, J. Woodcock; 2, P. Vig (44.2 secs.).

50 Yards Backstroke: 1, D. Mills; 2, B. Cambourne (43.8 secs.).

Junior Dive: 1, J. Allen; 2, R. Donaldson.

Under 14 Cup: 1, D. Mills; 2, J. Allen and J. Woodcock (aeq.).

### Under Thirteen Championships.

100 Yards: 1, B. Parsons; 2, D. Healey (73.2 secs.).

50 Yards: 1, B. Parsons; 2, R. Hardy (31.6 secs.).

50 Yards Breaststroke: 1, S. Safran; 2, R. Hardy (50.3 secs.).

50 Yards Backstroke: 1, B. Parsons; 2, A. Rickards (39.9 secs.).

Under 13 Cup: 1, B. Parsons; 2, R. Hardy; 3, D. Healey.

## Results of C.H.S. Carnival

### Senior Championships.

880 Yards: Div. 1: J. Procter, 2; Div. 2: J. Mealey, 2.

440 Yards: Div. 1: J. Procter, 1; Div. 2: M. Fitch, 2.

220 Yards: Div. 1: J. Procter, 2; Div. 2: J. Mealey, 4.

110 Yards: Div. 1: J. Procter, 1; Div. 2: M. Fitch, 5.

110 Yards Breaststroke: Div. 1: J. Mealey, 4; Div. 2: P. Wolfe, 3.

55 Yards: Div. 1: J. Procter, 5.

55 Yards Backstroke: Div. 2: L. Moate, 4.

### Under Sixteen Championships.

Relay—S.H.S. (J. Thornett, C. Smee, B. Foote, K. Avis), 1 (1 min. 59.1 secs.—Record).

440 Yards: Div. 1: K. Avis, 2; Div. 2: B. Foote, 2.

220 Yards: Div. 1: K. Avis, 1 (2 min. 30.3 secs.—Record); Div. 2: B. Foote, 2.

110 Yards: Div. 1: K. Avis, 2; Div. 2: B. Foote, 1.

55 Yards: Div. 2: M. Saunders, 4.

55 Yards Breaststroke: Div. 1: M. Saunders, 1; Div. 2: B. Foote, 1.

55 Yards Backstroke: Div. 1: K. Avis, 3; Div. 2: B. Tollis, 5.

Dive: Div. 2: A. Thompson, 4.



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### Under Fifteen Championships.

440 Yards: Div. 1: C. Smee, 3.

220 Yards: Div. 1: C. Smee, 3.

110 Yards: Div. 1: J. Thornett, 1 (68.0 secs—Equals Record); Div. 2: C. Smee, 1.

55 Yards: Div. 1: J. Thornett, 1 (29.8 secs.—Equals Record); Div. 2: C. Smee, 1 (29.4 secs—Creates new Record).

55 Yards Breaststroke: Div. 1: J. Thornett, 2; Div. 2: C. Smee, 2.

55 Yards Backstroke: Div. 1: C. Smee, 1; Div. 2: J. Thornett, 2.

### Under Fourteen Championships.

220 Yards: Div. 2: D. Healey, 5.

55 Yards: Div. 1: D. Mills, 4.

55 Yards Breaststroke: Div. 2: P. Vig, 2.

### Under Thirteen Championships.

110 Yards: Div. 1: B. Parsons, 1 (76.0 secs—Record); Div. 2: D. Healey, 5.

55 Yards: Div. 1: B. Parsons, 2.

55 Yards Backstroke: Div. 1: B. Parsons, 1; Div. 2: A. Rickards, 2.

### Point Scores.

Aggregate: North Sydney H.S., 1; S.H.S., 2.

Senior: North Sydney H.S., 1; S.H.S., 2.

Junior: North Sydney H.S., 1; S.H.S., 2.

Juvenile: S.H.S., 5.

### G.P.S. Swimming Events.

550 Yards Relay: S.H.S., 1 (J. Procter, B. Foote, K. Avis, C. Smee, J. Thornett. Time: 5 mins. 41.0 secs.—Record).

220 Yards Relay: S.H.S., 1 (J. Procter, K. Avis, J. Thornett, C. Smee. Time: 1 min. 58.3 secs.).

### All Schools' Championships.

S.H.S., 1; Sydney Church of England Grammar School, 2; North Sydney H.S., 3.

### S.H.S. Records.

As it is some time since our School records were published, we append a table showing record times in each division.

	Senior.	Under 16.	Under 15.	Under 14.	Under 13.
880 Yards . . . . .	11 m. 47.8 s.	—	—	—	—
440 Yards . . . . .	5 m. 30.6 s.	5 m. 34.6 s.	5 m. 41.0 s.	—	—
220 Yards . . . . .	2 m. 26.9 s.	2 m. 30.3 s.	2 m. 33.2 s.	2 m. 45.0 s.	—
100 Yards . . . . .	57.4 s.	58.6 s.	59.3 s.	63.0 s.	70.5 s.
50 Yards . . . . .	25.3 s.	26.0 s.	26.4 s.	26.6 s.	30.2 s.
100 Yards Breaststroke . .	76.0 s.	—	—	—	—
50 Yards Breaststroke . .	—	32.8 s.	32.1 s.	33.2 s.	37.5 s.
50 Yards Backstroke . .	30.6 s.	31.8 s.	33.6 s.	34.2 s.	38.0 s.

## LIFE SAVING

Although seriously interrupted by bad weather during the second half of the season, the work of training in life-saving in the School was maintained at the high standard of previous years. It is pleasing to see more of the Senior School taking the higher awards, particularly the Instructor's Certificate.

The best performance this year was that of B. Braithwaite, who scored well in the Instructor's Certificate and Award of Merit examinations. B. Tollis also did well in the tests for Scholar Instructor and Bronze Cross.

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The School is much indebted to Mr. Black, whose enthusiasm makes possible this valuable work.

The following higher awards were secured throughout the season:—

*Award of Merit:* B. Braithwaite, K. Hastings, K. Marchant.

*Instructor's Certificate:* B. Braithwaite, J. Wood.

*Scholar Instructor's Certificate:* P. Duke, B. Tollis.

*Bronze Cross:* R. Fraser, B. Green, H. Herman, B. Nunn, T. O'Neill, G. Sharpe, R. Shelley, A. Taylor, B. Tollis, W. Widerberg.

In addition to these, 17 pupils secured the Bronze Medallion, and lower awards were shared by 26 other pupils, making a total of sixty awards for the season.

The increased size of the Junior School has caused a departure from the usual procedure. These boys will in future take their training at the end of the year. We hope to see many of them start the work of life-saving next October.

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### NON-SWIMMERS

Mr. Edmonds had a particularly busy season. His non-swimmers' class grew to over thirty in February. The fact that he taught thirty-one boys to swim during the first term is a great tribute to his efficiency and prowess as a learners' coach. The School is most fortunate to have his services and again takes this opportunity of thanking him.

Mr. Edmonds was ably supported by J. Procter, C. Smee and J. Thornett. To these boys and the instructors who helped with the life-saving work the School also extends its thanks.

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### ROWING

The 1949 Rowing Season had been a very successful one for the School and we looked forward with great hopes to a good season in 1950. We had a high percentage of boys back from 1949, and it was thought that 1950 was to be one of our best years.

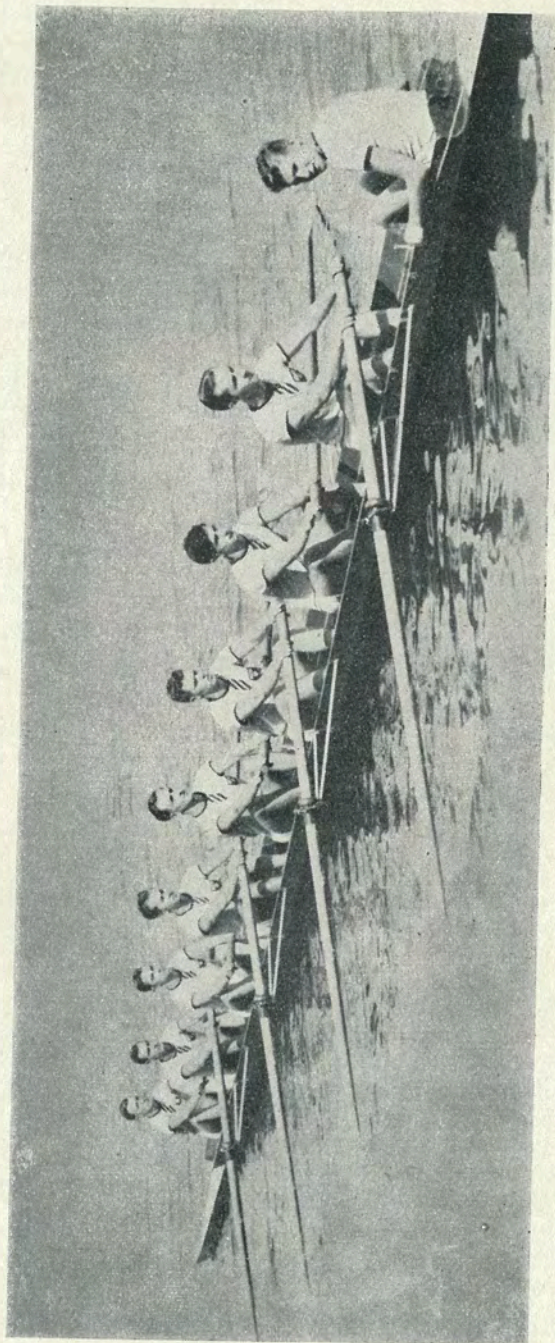
The Captain of Boats was Dick White and the Vice-Captain John Agnew, and these boys were two of the best boys the rowing camp has had. They fulfilled their duties with zeal and efficiency and were of great assistance in the general organisation.

Our coaches formed the same powerful team as for many years past, and the School's success is largely due to their efforts and skill. They are all Old Boys, viz., Mr. Nichols (Eight), Major Duffy (First and Second Fours), and Mr. Callaway (Third and Fourth Fours). In the off season last year Mr. Grey did a good job on Saturday rowing.

After much experimentation, the crews were finally selected, but during the season itself the crews were re-shuffled quite a lot. The Eight, however, rowed unchanged throughout.



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A valuable contribution was made by the Old Boy Supervisors, who stayed in camp for a period of a week at a time and gave their assistance in coaching. These were Chris Andrews, Geoff Walker, Russ. Law, Warwick Mahony, Bob Holmes, Bruce Soane, Cedric Oliver, Barry Hopkins and Harry House. We are grateful for these gentlemen's assistance and hope that many more Old Boys will offer for next year.

The boys' health was very good this year, and we seldom had to call upon our medical advisors, Dr. Winston, Dr. Bulteau, and Dr. Higham. We are grateful to these Old Boys for their willingness to look after the boys at all times.

The boys again camped in the Drummoyne Shed and had their meals at Mrs. Teale's. Mrs. Teale and Norman deserve our best thanks for the splendid meals they served throughout the season.

One day at the School we had some very distinguished visitors, viz., three Old Boy rowers who represented Australia at the Empire Games. These were Merv. Wood, the Olympic Sculling Champion, and Eric Longley and Ted Paine, who rowed in the victorious Eight at the Empire Games in New Zealand. These gentlemen gave interesting talks about their experiences abroad and helped to create considerable interest in rowing generally.



FIRST FOUR—RUNNERS-UP.



SECOND FOUR—WINNERS.



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During the 1950 season all our crews appeared in regattas prior to the G.P.S. Regatta in order to gain racing experience. First the Eight had a race at the Twilight Regatta against the English Eight from the Empire Games and gained a meritorious third to England and Leichhardt.

At the Drummoyne Regatta the First Four won the Novice Fours from Grammar and Haberfield.

At the J. B. Sharp Regatta the First Four won the Maiden Fours (dead-heat with Shore), and the Second Four won the Novice Fours, both crews breaking the record. Also in this regatta our Eight rowed a very fine second to Sydney Rowing Club in the Champion Junior Eights of N.S.W.

At the Riverview Regatta all our Fours entered to gain further experience. Our Junior Fours did not do very well, but the Second Four won the Maiden Fours and the First Four came second in the Junior Fours to North Shore Rowing Club.

Then came the G.P.S. Regatta on the Nepean, after a week's postponement due to heavy rains swelling the river. The day was fine and warm and there was plenty of run in the centre of the stream, but no breeze whatever. The fast current ensured that all existing records would be broken, as they were in every race by considerable margins. The biggest margin was in the Second Fours Race, in which our crew broke the old record by  $13\frac{1}{2}$  seconds.

In the First Fours our Four rowed a very courageous race to gain second to Shore by one length.

In the Second Fours our Four won from Grammar and St. Joseph's by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths.

In the Third Fours our Four came fourth, and in the Fourth Fours our Four came fourth, only one length behind the winners.

In the Eights Race our Eight got away to a good start, but was unable to move into the strong centre current, and did very well to come a close fourth to Shore, Scots and Kings. We congratulate Shore on retaining the Major Rennie Trophy and, in particular, we congratulate their coach, Mr. J. B. Burrell, on his well-deserved success.

So another regatta is over and we look forward to next year with the usual optimism. Before concluding, we wish to thank the numerous friends who helped us at various times—the Parents' and Citizens' Association and, in particular, their President, Mr. Ben White, who was helpful in so many ways; the Ladies' Auxiliary, who provided sandwiches, cakes, fruit and Coca-Cola at Penrith, and a fine supper on Regatta Night; Mrs. Mahony, who was generosity personified in providing butter, eggs, fruit, jam, tomatoes, ice cream, first-aid kit and polishing cloths; the O.B.U., who maintained a

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working bee at the shed during the whole year; Mr. Hallett and Mr. Cameron for gifts of fruit; Mr. Agnew for gifts of ice-cream and fresh water cans at Penrith; Mr. Archie Scorer for gifts of his polish; Mr. Bob Grey for placing his car at the coaches' disposal on so many occasions; and, finally, the four boys, Hamilton, Foster, Howitt and May, who volunteered to help clean up the shed at Penrith after the races. Most of all we thank the coaches for their devotion and tireless enthusiasm, often at great sacrifice to themselves and their families. Without them there would be no crews.

We look forward now to 1950. There will be more vacancies in the crews than for many years past, and we want the new rowers to do their part and build up Sydney High School to pre-eminence once again.

S. WICK.  
*Rowing Master.*

### G.P.S. Results

(All times are records.)

*Eights*—1, Shore; 2, Scots; 3, King's. Time: 7.40.

*First Fours*—1, Shore; 2, High; 3, Riverview. Time: 5.37½.

*Second Fours*—1, High; 2, Grammar; 3, St. Joseph's. Time: 5.40½.

*Third Fours*—1, St. Joseph's and Shore; 3, Scots. Time: 4.18.

*Fourth Fours*—1, Shore; 2, Scots; 3, St. Joseph's. Time: 4.22½.

### The Crews

*Eight*—J. Reddish, 11.4 (bow); D. Stuart, 12.0 (2); R. White, 11.10 (3); E. Foster, 12.1 (4); G. Pilger, 12.0 (5); J. Harris, 12.11 (6); K. Walkerdén, 12.1 (7); G. Mahony, 10.1 (stroke); G. Ferris, 8.8 (cox).

*First Four*—D. McCann, 11.0 (bow); J. Arnold, 11.2 (2); J. Mealey, 12.5 (3); J. Agnew, 10.2 (stroke); P. Jones, 6.8 (cox).

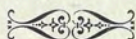
*Second Four*—E. Thurstan, 10.3 (bow); F. Williams, 11.0 (2); J. Nicholson, 11.0 (3); J. Magner, 10.0 (stroke); I. Little, 5.10 (cox).

*Third Four*—P. Parsonage, 10.0 (bow); A. Ryan, 11.4 (2); R. Holmes, 11.9 (3); J. Johnson, 10.4 (stroke); J. Donoghue, 6.0 (cox).

*Fourth Four*—A. Tidswell, 10.5 (bow); G. Nehl, 11.0 (2); N. Woodburne, 10.8 (3); A. Geaghegan, 9.2 (stroke); A. Nichols, 6.2 (cox).

*Fifth Four*—G. Treble, 9.7 (bow); L. Foster, 11.0 (2); R. Holmes, 11.9 (3); A. Strykowski, 9.8 (stroke); B. May, 6.10 (cox).

*Sixth Four*—I. Howitt, 8.9 (bow); H. Hamilton, 10.10 (2); J. Caddy, 10.10 (3); P. Aston, 9.6 (stroke); B. May, 6.10 (cox).





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### SENIOR ATHLETES—C.H.S. PREMIERS, 1949.

Back Row: R. MORROW, J. HARRIS, B. DALY, S. SHERRETT, J. TUCK, A. WILLIAMS.  
 Front Row: K. BUCKLEY, L. SHAW, M. MacGEE, Mr. L. A. BASSER (Coach),  
 P. EISZELE, V. CRISTOFANI, J. BOSLER.



### JUNIOR ATHLETES—C.H.S. PREMIERS, 1949.

Back Row: J. KENNELLY, K. SINDERBERRY, B. FOOTE, M. CARSE, O. FRY, J. SOULOS.  
 Second Row: A. CLARKE, R. ROSENBLUM, J. PROCTER, W. McEWAN, G. RIVERS,  
 M. HUDSON, J. THORNETT.  
 Front Row: C. FRY, A. PEARCE, Mr. L. A. BASSER (Coach), D. COLLEY,  
 Mr. P. MULLINS (Coach), D. STUART, M. SAUNDERS.

# LITERARY

## THE BIRTH OF LITERATURE

One day there were four prophets gathered around a stone. They disagreed over its colour and soon began to fight over it.

Suddenly a Voice disturbed their bickering, and the Voice said: "Why are you four wise men quarrelling?"

"Lord," they said, "each of us sees this stone in a different colour, and yet each of us is sure that the colour he sees is the right one."

"Then let peace be upon you," for you are all correct in your assumptions. Everyone who looks upon this stone sees a different shade or hue in its colouring, for this is the Stone of Life, and those who look upon life all see it in a different view."

So the prophets ceased their quarrels and knelt and thanked the Voice and immediately set to work with pen and paper to depict the view which each one saw before him upon the stone.

W. VINCENT (5A).

## OPALS

Flashing gems of countless moods, spectrum hues—dancing fires of glowing light; changing streaks of tantalising, subtle colour—warm reds, majestic blue and purple, bold golden yellow or restful green, arranged in a fanciful array of geometric patterns—dots, swirls or rolls. These are the sights which greet the eyes on looking at an opal, one of Nature's countless gifts for man's humble enjoyment, breathed into the earth through the ages by the will of the Divine Spirit. Such objects of beauty serve to raise men's humble minds to think of the pleasant things in our lives and our eternal indebtedness to God.

Opals—the stones of colour. Australia is blessed with thousands of natural attributes, the opal being one of them, and in no part of the world are there such bountiful fields of lustrous, high-quality opal as in Australia. Lightning Ridge is the opal town of Australia, and the surrounding district has yielded gems of very high commercial and artistic value. The history of the opal industry in Australia goes back to 1878, when the first opal mine was opened in Queensland, after the chance discovery of the gems, and since then other wonderful fields have been opened in New South Wales and South Australia. Such localities as White Cliffs, N.S.W., and Coober Pedy, in South Australia, have extensively contributed to the opal wealth of Australia.

Pure opal is composed of ninety per cent. silica and from seven to ten per cent. water. In the formation of the gems the silica was suspended in a hot solution, which flowed into holes and cracks in



rock. Here, on cooling, the liquid hardened into a solid and, in doing so, contracted and often broke into pieces. In this form it remained for many centuries until the miner's pick turned it out. Some of the liquid found its way into narrow, extensive cracks in ironstone—cracks probably made by the heat of the solution—where it hardened, forming the popular Boulder Opal, thin sheets of opal, often containing magnificent colour and pattern formations. Just as there are various types and qualities of coal and other naturally occurring substances, so there are various degrees of hardness and other characteristics in opals. Some are so brittle that they are unable to withstand the cutting and polishing processes, while others are hard enough to withstand the most vigorous processes necessary to bring up to full advantage their individual pattern and colour.

The most generally accepted theory as to the colour and pattern structure found in opals is that these phenomena are prismatic, due to very minute fractures which occurred during the forming processes of the opal. These fractures within the gem break up light into its spectrum colours, and various combinations of these are reflected to the surface. Black opals are so called because they have an overall dark shade, which picks out the flashing coloured patches to great advantage. Other opals, apparently without prismatic structure, are as clear as glass.

Opal which is of no commercial value is called *potch*, and although much of it has beautiful colours, it is brittle, or cracked, or has some other unfavourable characteristic which renders it of poor quality. Many curiosities are found in the form of opalised substances. Opal solution has found its way to bones, shells, dried coral and wood, and often a specimen has been wholly coated with opal. Most of these examples are perfect both as opal and as fossils, and are much sought after by the opal dealer and the fossil collector. Other specimens, such as partly opalised wood, which is unchanged at one end and heavily coated at the other, although unwanted by the opal market, form particularly remarkable pieces for the collector.

The famous "Yowah Nuts", round pebbles of chocolate-coloured ironstone, up to the size of lemons, are found in the old Southern Cross mine and have a peculiar opalised centre. They occur in layers of siliceous ironstone, and have a central core which usually contains some opal structure, often *potch* but on rare occasions a kernel of pure opal of a most magnificent colour. It is obvious that the opal must have been formed first, perhaps by a large drop of silica in solution which hardened in that shape. Later this became coated with sediment, which hardened in time, and, in the course of centuries, acquired a further series of layers around it. The only disadvantage of the Yowah Nuts is that in revealing the opal centre the stone has to be split in two, and almost invariably the opal is also split, and as the chance of a good opal



being found is very slight, the nuts do not warrant any long grinding process which would reveal the opal unbroken.

Of course, all good things must come to an end, and the end of Australia's opal fields is already in sight. It is to be hoped that in future years modern scientific equipment will be used in retrieving opals, and that fewer will be wasted under the miner's unskilled pick. The opal is Australia's national gem, and if the people of this country wish to retain leadership in this field they must see that proper scientific methods are in operation to avoid needless waste.

G. P.

### CORAL GEMS

A tribute to Australia's scenic beauty is the Great Barrier Reef, which is a maze of coral islands affording recreation for all. Some of these islands have romantic names, such as Isles of the Sun and Oceania, because the climate is so agreeable for an ideal holiday. There are scattered over the isles lofty eminences from the summits of which one may see in all directions magnificent views. On Lindeman Island seventy smaller islands may be seen from Mount Olden.

To the tourist a new and fascinating world is revealed in the coral lagoons, acting as a mirror to the sky. When one cruises at high tide in one of these lagoons, one sees at the bottom a marine playground inhabited by fish of all varieties, striking because of their markings, enhanced by the sunshine illuminating the entire basin. Some of the fish are spectacular for their colours, which, contrasted against the yellow sand and multi-coloured corals, form a remarkable spectacle. The stone fish and the angler fish are outstanding for their ugliness. Every variety of fish has its own particular habits. The sucker fish is so lazy that it cleaves to other fish to make its way. For anglers the numerous types of marine life provide excellent game.

To hear the waves beating with monotonous regularity on the reefs, to see the white spray rebounding, adds enjoyment to the panoramas one encounters on the Great Barrier Reef. Comparable to the fjords of Norway is a long channel, by the name of Hinchinbrook Passage, which is a paradise for anglers. During the summer there are large numbers of turtles which are of immense size. Also abundant are crabs of various species, the most common of which are hermit crabs, of a shiny red colour.

Shells, too, form part of the attraction, and many natives earn their living diving down in quest of these. There are on the Barrier Reef animals called dugongs, growing to about nine feet in length and weighing more than half a ton. Hundreds of coral islands comprise the Great Barrier Reef, but relatively few of these are sufficiently large to afford accommodation. The scope for recreation is endless on the "Isles of the Sun," as there is all manner of sporting interest and the landscape is truly something picturesque.

R. GARSON (4c).



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### THREE SCENES

*There is no life here.  
The light is half light,  
Dull, grey, brown, blue.  
The skeleton trees stand,  
Stark, black, cold, bare  
Against the skyline.  
They have no leaves  
Here, among the heights.  
The soil is sand,  
Misty, vague, sterile,  
Sometimes covering the rocks  
That have deep roots.  
The cold winds blow.  
All is desolation.*

*It is night and raining.  
The streets are all in flood.  
In the nearest tenement buildings  
The basements are filling.  
Men stand on the pavement  
And curse the rain; and the wind  
Knocks their faces into red lumps.  
They drag their goods  
To their upper storeys.  
In the morning the drowned  
Cellar rats will float about;  
And those still living  
Will follow the men and their rubbish  
And go upstairs.*

*The floors are strewn with fragrant hay;  
Through open windows flows a fresh, cool air.  
The birds chirrup outside in the warm, dry sun.  
Here is a coffin.  
Flowers are all around it.  
Amongst the flowers is a girl in a white robe,  
Arms crossed and pressed against her breast  
As though carved from marble;  
But her loose, fair hair is wet  
And a wreath of roses rests upon her head.  
Her smile is full of childish misery  
And immense sorrowful appeal.  
You know how she died. On a dark night  
In the cold and wet, while the wind howled.*

O. SPERLING (5A).



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## THE CROSS OF MERCY

History has known many great humanitarians, but none have achieved such fame and honour as Henri Dunant who, with his never-failing courage and dogged determination, did more for humanity than any other man.

It all started on that fateful morning in July, 1859, when after a long and tiring journey Dunant alighted from his carriage to find himself in the midst of the historic Battle of Solferino. What he went through during those hours of horrible carnage changed his whole outlook on life. From a prospering young Swiss business man he became what is now termed an evangelist of mercy—the founder of the International Red Cross, which is one of the world's greatest humanitarian organisations.

That day the plains of Lombardy were to run red in one of the most horrifying and appalling military catastrophes in history. Victor Emmanuel II was at the head of 50,000 Piedmontese patriots, sworn to drive the power of Austria from Italy. He had been joined by Louis Napoleon with a French expeditionary force of 100,000 troops. On the other hand, the Austrian Emperor, twenty-nine-year-old Franz Joseph, commanded an army of 160,000.

Dunant, travelling on business, was seeking an audience with Napoleon III, and had followed the latter across northern Italy, to catch up with him, finally, at Solferino. Hearing that a battle was imminent, he wisely decided to remain at Castiglione, a village just behind the French lines. About midday gunfire could be heard in the distance and the wounded began to return in rumbling wooden carts that bumped painfully over the rough cobblestones.

During the fifteen hours of the battle 45,000 men fell. The medical services of both armies, wholly unprepared for such a vast number of casualties, had collapsed and half the wounded lay unattended where they had fallen. Every house in Castiglione was crowded out with wounded. Gangrene and tetanus began to spread.

Dunant stood by and watched for a while, then, overcome by pity for these hapless men and forgetting the business which had brought him to Solferino, he assumed command and organised three hundred soldiers and villagers into a relief nursing corps. Friend and foe alike were treated that day, and the phrase "sono fratelli" (they are brothers) swept the town. Dunant laboured among the wounded for a month. Then, after all France had become aroused and relief supplies were pouring in, he slipped quietly away.

At an early age Dunant had been apprenticed to a leading Swiss banking firm. However, hardly was his apprenticeship over than he formed a million-franc stock company to establish flour mills in French Algeria. But Dunant had neglected to obtain water-power rights for these mills, and it was to acquire these that he had vainly sought an audience with Napoleon III.

In 1862, after he had returned to Geneva, he published a 30,000 word pamphlet, "Souvenir de Solférino", describing the horrors and

privations of soldiers serving in the war with Austria. This pamphlet electrified all Europe.

Gustave Moynier, of Geneva, President of the Society for Public Usefulness, offered to set up a committee to carry out Dunant's proposal, that during war a society should be formed in order to render aid to disabled soldiers, regardless of nationality. Dunant accepted Moynier's offer and, soon after, invited three prominent citizens of Switzerland to join the group. In a short time they became known as the International Committee of Five, the forerunners of the International Red Cross Committee of to-day.

Bismarck was then preparing the series of wars which were to sweep Europe in the next seven years. Dunant, sensing the impending crisis, set forth on a whirlwind tour of the capitals and courts of the Continent. In three months he persuaded sixteen nations to send representatives to Geneva. They met in October, 1863, and there adopted the principles on which the world-wide Red Cross now stands.

Dunant demanded that "once a soldier had fallen in battle he should be immune from further violence, provided he offered no resistance, that either friend or foe might succour him, and that all army medical staffs and volunteer helpers should be free from attack." In return he proposed that no medical officer or nurse should bear arms, and that all engaged in helping the wounded should wear an identifying armband. In honour of Dunant's native country, Switzerland, the Swiss flag with colours reversed was chosen as the international symbol. This was the birth of the red cross on a white background, which has now been adopted by the whole world.

A year later the Swiss Government called a more formal meeting and the famous Geneva Convention was signed by twelve powers. It is interesting to note that America, always wary of "entangling alliances", did not sign the Convention, although Lincoln sent two United States Observers to the conference. To-day the great compact bears the signature of every civilised country on the globe. By it they are bound to extend humane treatment to the wounded and to prisoners of war.

Meanwhile, Dunant's Algerian mills crashed in ruin and he became bankrupt. Humbled and penniless, he took refuge in the slums of Paris and his associates lost track of him.

Then came the shocking horrors of the Paris Commune. Frenchmen were slaughtering one another mercilessly, and everywhere wild confusion reigned. Again as in Castiglione, Dunant, the evangelist, having arisen from his apathy of poverty, took command, and again volunteers followed him. He moved fearlessly between the two forces, tending the wounded and demanding humanity in the name of the Red Cross.

When France was once more quiet, Dunant, inspired by his old ardour, determined to bring prisoners as well as wounded under international protection. In 1871 he visited England, where he was



warmly greeted by Florence Nightingale, who later became the founder of the British Red Cross. England was sympathetic, and Dunant brought about another great international conference, which met in Brussels in 1874. But the gathering broke up without action. The nations were not yet ready to agree on the question of prisoners. In fact, they were not to settle the problem until 1929, when the present provisions of the Geneva Convention were eventually adopted.

After another disappointment, when the Geneva Committee refused to help persons suffering from peace-time disasters, such as flood, fire and famine, Henri Dunant returned to oblivion.

What he did or how he lived during this period no one knows, for shortly after his disappearance the Geneva newspapers published a statement that Henri Dunant was dead. It is thought that he lived under an assumed name.

Then in 1890 a schoolmaster discovered him in the little Alpine village of Heiden. Again the name of Henri Dunant swept the world. Offers of aid poured into Heiden. Dunant coins were struck. The Empress of Russia bestowed upon him a life pension. Portugal gave him the Order of Christ; Prussia, the Order of the Crown; France, the Cross of the Commander of the Legion of Honour; and finally, in 1901, the seventy-three-year-old Dunant received the first Nobel Peace Prize. Dunant was now well-to-do, but money had long ago ceased to have a meaning for him, and after paying all his old debts he gave the rest to charity.

Henri Dunant, the great humanitarian, died in peace in 1910 at the age of eighty-two. He is buried in Zurich, where annually his Swiss countrymen gather to honour the memory of their great comrade. Although Dunant is dead, his work, his memory and the magnificent "cross of mercy" which he created will live in the minds of men for evermore.

G. STEWART (3A).

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#### STANZA FROM A POEM ON AUTUMN

*Autumn, filling the landscape  
With the russet  
Of the turning grasses,  
And in the craggy oaks the climax  
Of changing colour.  
Would I could sing the songs  
That glow in the Autumn-light,  
The salvo of colours  
Besieging the Autumn beauty.*

P. FUREY (4D).



## AND THEN SHE SMILED

And the water swept in along the sea-wall, smashing, and Gillian was standing behind the wall and the waves swept over her so that he couldn't see her any longer. The spray lashed up towards him along the road and up the hill that kept tilting, and he saw Gillian in the midst of the foam. Her hair was down over her forehead and from beneath the streaming mane peered two empty eye sockets until the water leaped from her mouth and she started to put lipstick on her scarlet lips. He ran up the hill to get away from her, but the wind rushed down like a solid wall of shrieking draperies and the hands seized him by the throat and swept him down towards the water. But the hill tilted and he was rolling away from the wind, which leaped through the dead eyes of the empty houses like a fire, and the waves, which followed with the thousand hissing tongues of a hundred hissing snakes.

He woke up with the sun warm on his throat, not like the hands that had grasped him, the cold hands of the fiery wind and the frozen hands of the dead Gillian. But Gillian was not dead. She was sitting at the dressing-table, putting lip-stick on her lips, but he couldn't see her eyes because they were only shadowy sockets and the curtains were pulled so that the light spread dim and adulterated throughout the room like the dead sea—except for the bar across his throat which stretched like an iron band and pointed a dead finger on to the white pillow which was stained with blood. But the blood turned to bat's wings that fluttered in the light to get away from the paper they were pinned to. The horrible tightness pressed closer at his throat as the light grew brighter through the chink in the curtains until he felt as if it was a knife slashing the skin with a razor-sharp blade. He struggled against it as the water and the light and the knife pressed down harder on his neck. It was like a printing press as it closed on the type, or an avalanche of foam rolling down slowly and inexorably. He waved his arms, but the movement was stifled in the water and he was floating down and round and round and down to the very depths of the hollow, terraced spiral of water. He felt deep and very empty and he heard no sound, saw no colour.

Far below him was Gillian's face, hard and unnatural. Her hair was swimming round her head like the sliming snakes of the Gorgon's locks and her face was dead. She reached up to grab him through the water and the silvery foam with long, white hands and long, scarlet finger-nails. He pushed up petrified against the water that was crushing down on him, but still it pressed harder, blinding and frustrating him and the horrible hands were snaking up towards him. Suddenly Gillian's head was above him with a halo of expanding white light around it like the ceiling of some room.

"Darling, what's the matter? Shall I call the doctor?"

It was Gillian speaking, with the thousand and one sullen and silky undertones twisting themselves about his mind. It reminded



him of a sneaking flood of sickly treacle that crept forward and crawled round the mounds which were scattered across the moon. Or were they craters? He was rambling. He must get her face away.

The face seemed to press closer and closer, contorting itself before his eyes, as an object on the bottom of the ocean appears from a sea-wall through the lucid, sun-filled water. Only the water was stormy and clouded and it frightened him. He lifted his hands and thought that he saw them straining away from him, pushing right through the shadows of Gillian's face, but he realised slyly and semi-ashamedly that he hadn't moved.

Through his lips, which tasted of salt water, he mumbled: "No."

All he wanted was to get her face away from him so that he could have his bed and his thoughts private to himself. And as if the wish had been heard—had he said it aloud?—the face disappeared and he heard the rustle of her skirts and smelt her perfume, insidious and strong—with all the crushing might of Gillian's mind. It was like a witch's broth, he thought.

"Witch's broth!"

"What did you say, dear?"

"It doesn't matter."

Down crushed the water again, but he was protected in a fragile bubble, floating airily, lightly, gracefully through the water.

Above him the water was silvered and shimmery and the bubble wandered on like a young child in heaven. Through the water he saw another bubble as filmy as soap, but strong. And in the bubble floated a girl with her hair falling soft about her shoulders in rich auburn cascades, and her lips full and scarlet. The two bubbles rippled closer and he could see her brown, warm eyes, limpid like the water. She moved nearer, an embryo, and the two bubbles blended. Her arms slipped round his neck; her husky lips were so close.

Then her brittle laughter snapped through the bubble, harsh and hollow and cruel. He drew back startled and the girl's red nails slashed the texture of the bubble and the water smashed in, grey and turgid and greedy, like the girl's voice. He gasped and felt himself crushed, then lifted and hurled through the grey wraiths of the whirling smoke-filled water.

He woke up sweating and felt his heart beating like the canary in the cage. The canary he had killed. Or had he killed it? He couldn't remember. He must remember, he thought. The water was black, he thought.

He lifted his head from the pillow with little effort and felt the strength flow through his limbs. Gillian was standing by the dressing-table, the tall, black dressing-table. It was a long time since he had worn a collar. What was she doing? He caught her reflection in the mirror and saw the hard look on her soft features; the brown eyes cold like a fish's; the lips, full, scarlet and contorted;

and the rich auburn hair framing her face. His eyes followed the slim lines of her body down to the long red nails gleaming like a drunken man's eyes. He gazed stupidly at them and the bottle in her hands and the glass of orange-juice, the powder fizzing in it.

She came to him and said: "Drink this, darling."

He lifted his hand to take the glass. As he took it he deliberately made his hand shake, slopping the juice on to the blankets, so that Gillian's cool hand came down and held his own, steadying it round the glass. Her skin was cool and soft on his brittle skin and felt like satin running over his knuckles. He sipped at the glass of orange, then lay back on the pillows, letting himself slump back into that pleasant state of semi-consciousness. Sound and colour welled up around him in a glorious panoply, lulling and soothing his jaded nerves, but still in the background was that sense of the sea reaching out with hungry arms to clutch him to its swelling bosom.

A mist was sweeping over his open eyes and his vision of Gillian sitting in the chair at the other end of the room was momentarily clouded so that she seemed to be covered with water again. He thought of the wave that had smashed against the sea-wall and wondered why Gillian had not dried her hair. The watery mist cleared and he saw that she had, and that it glistened like burnished copper and shimmered down her shoulders.

He felt a blind, shattering passion rising in him against Gillian and her beautiful hair and her long, red nails. The anger and the

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fear rose up in his throat and began to choke him, but he didn't want to spit it out. Thwarted, it turned and flooded through the channels of his body, filling his limbs with a terrible strength. I'll teach you, Gillian. I'll teach you. For the first time in many weeks he lifted the sheet and felt the hard floor beneath his feet as he swung his legs down, cold and opposing his anger. Cold as it was, the floor burnt his tender feet like searing iron. His muscles quivered beneath him and his head was crushed in on him as he stood up and leaned against the bed.

At the other side of the room Gillian and her red hair looked up. He was breathing heavily and, as if in answer, her breath hissing escaped between her white teeth. She dropped her yellow knitting on the floor in a pool and stood, staring at him, recognising the terror of him. He took two faltering steps and shook all over, swaying dangerously until he grabbed the firm roundnesses of the bed-post.

"Frank!" There was panic in her voice, too.

She rushed across the floor with quick woman's steps towards him, stretching out her arms to catch him. He gathered new strength and screamed at her, losing his self-control and his voice cracking:

"Get away, you hell-cat! I won't let you stop me! Stay away!"

"Frank, what's the matter with you? What are you saying?"

"Get out of my way." He was losing his strength, but the voice came low and full of hidden power like the sea.

She took three steps forward to meet him as he reeled across the room and stretched out her hands to grasp him.

Those nails—long and scarlet and they were reaching out to get him. *Hands! Go away! Hands!* His strength and anger surged up in him in a horrible and undeniable mixture, smashing the last of his human reserve and turning him into a madman. He raised his hands and stood in the middle of the floor. Gillian stopped, scared. He screamed. Once, twice, he screamed, high-pitched and frantic. He stepped forward, fists clenched with inhuman strength.

He screamed and struck at her with the side of his fist. He hit her and knocked her sideways and hit her again. She lost her feet on the bare floor and skidded backwards, stumbling over the edge of the carpet. With his waning strength he pushed her towards the open balcony windows, but she slumped out of his grasp and fell to the floor. Her head struck the edge of the leg of the sofa with a hollow crunch and she lay, without moving, as a trickle of blood lost itself amongst the thick pile of the Persian rug.

"Damn you, Gillian!" he said softly.

For a while he stood and watched the blood seeping on to the carpet. Through the open windows beside him the gentle breeze was blowing the filmy curtains, carrying in the gentle sound of the deceptive sea. He could hear a girl's voice somewhere chattering and laughing, and the buzzing sound of an aeroplane climbing the air. He could hear the open sea swelling on to the rocks a hundred and



fifty feet below the balcony, caressing and soothing. It was the first time he had considered the sea in that light.

And yet on the floor at his feet lay Gillian, and he didn't care whether she was dead or not; whether he had killed her or not. The only sound he heard now was the beating of his own heart keeping time to the restless pounding of the sea outside—restless and yet somehow restful, with the promise of the long-sought-after rest he had missed for too many months. His eyes were fascinated by the calm waverings of the curtains, lacy and indefinite, that framed the open window and the snatch of blue sky above the balcony; and below that balcony, at the base of the cliff, surging amongst the black rocks, was the sea, always waiting, ever patient.

He walked between the flapping curtains which patted him with tiny, tender touches and out on to the balcony. All that stood between him and the sea now was the low wrought-iron fence at the edge. He walked across the hot cement of the balcony—the floor of the room had been as cold as death, the floor of the balcony was as warm and vibrant as life. He stared down at the sea and the rocks beneath him. He felt the sea sweep up and engulf him in a tender wave with its sound and sibilant, gay laughter. He gripped harder at the rail—the only thing that separated him from all that joy. He felt the balcony rock and sway beneath him, but it wasn't moving. And he remembered the way the wave had swept up and swallowed Gillian, only to give her back as a sightless sea-monster.

His heart and mind yearned for the peace and rest that only the sea and death could give him. He stood on the narrow edge over the rail looking out and down from the balcony. On the beach he could see a girl and man walking along the sands arm in arm. They were so alive; he was already dead. He was vaguely sorry he had hurt Gillian. Below him he could see the sea frothing in slow majesty as it broke in mighty sweeps on the dead rocks.

He poised himself for the leap out into space that would begin and end everything for him. Like a bird at the beginning of its flight into the soft air, wings spread, head stretched, body strained forward, he leant outwards and began to fall.

When he hit the water he made very little splash.

Underneath the water everything was cool and detached and somehow normal. He sank down slowly and round him the water was very soft and cool, and a few bubbles slipped sulkily upwards and broke the reflected mirror of the surface. He was swimming without movement through the silky water with his hair feeling wide and free above his head and his pyjamas cool and loose about him for the first time.

The green sea was shot with yellow light in radiating pools of patterned loveliness and in front of him were some beautiful blue-green weeds that waved to him with soft tendrils, coaxing and inviting. Behind them he heard two voices talking and thought how nice it was to be dead. He reached the satin sands and sank down gently, without effort, his body weightless, scarcely touching the



sea-floor. The sand was a wide, cool pillow for his head and he wanted to rest there forever.

The weeds were wavering aside and they formed a soft green channel in front of him, lined with rustling, soundless draperies. At the end of the lane he could see two figures together, small and very neat, with the light flowing gratefully out from behind them. It was a girl and a man and they were talking about him, he knew.

The man said: "The crisis is over now, I think, Mrs. Harrod. All he needs now is a long rest."

She said: "Thank you, doctor, and good-bye."

She turned towards where he lay, so rested and detached from himself. She turned towards him and the light streamed out from behind her in a golden halo for her head: Gillian of the white arms; Gillian of the red hair.

"Gillian! Darling!"

And then she smiled.

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## TWO POEMS BY AN OLD BOY

### Autumn Idyll

*An old man nodded in the sun,  
Lulled by the magpies' morning song,  
Then, gently smiling, took his pen  
To write the thoughts he'd pondered long.*

*Ripe with the wisdom of the years,  
He would lay bear the human heart  
With subtlety, and loveliness  
Would be immortal in his art.*

*He drew some lines upon his pad  
While birds rejoiced and hours took wing,  
But still from treasures of his mind  
Could choose no theme of which to sing.*

*Then, sighing, he put his pen away  
Lest what he wrote should dull the joy  
In lovers' hearts and rive the walls  
Of castles reared by every boy.*

*Relaxing then half-guiltily  
To leave a lifetime's work undone,  
He mused, while magpies juggled notes,  
And gravely nodded in the sun.*

## THE RECORD

### Twenty Years After

*These ranges show no change in twenty years;  
The eye's refinement cannot hope to trace  
The chafing of the frittering wind that wears  
At the cold, proud outline of their granite face,  
Or pierce the green, inscrutable disguise  
Of trees that sift the summer sunlight's gold,  
Same at the heart though raiment long since lies  
Metamorphosed to soft composted mould.  
It is not they have changed but I instead  
If twenty years have found the magic fled  
That made a Lorelei of every height;  
Yet such I am I quiver at the sight  
Of rampant untamed spurs and clutch to me  
The sweet wild shreds of youthful ecstasy.*



