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THE MAIN ENTRANCE.

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MR. K. J. ANDREWS, B.A., Our Ninth Headmaster.

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There are certain city schools, S.H.S. being one, in which the appointment of a new Headmaster is of prime importance. Our Headmasters are not as a rule birds of passage, and therefore have a greater opportunity to control long-term policies, consolidate and initiate traditions and identify themselves with the continuum of the School's existence in a way which is denied to the Headmasters of most city schools and nearly all country ones. We are fortunate, then, to have in Mr. K. J. Andrews one whose energies, interests and capabilities, as evidenced in this first year of his Headmastership, augur so well for the School's future.

Mr. Andrews has had a wide experience of secondary school work. A Tasmanian by birth, he was educated at Devonport and Hobart High Schools, and was Captain and Senior Prefect of the latter in his final year. After graduating from the Tasmanian Teachers' College and the University of Tasmania, he served for some years in Tasmanian secondary schools before he resigned and joined the N.S.W. Department of Education. He is no newcomer to S.H.S. for, after a term at Armidale High School, he came to us as a member of the English Staff in 1932 and remained until 1943. During these twelve years he was especially interested in cricket. In association with Mr. O. S. Smith, he coached the First XI, 1932-34, during which period High first won a G.P.S. premiership. At the beginning of 1944 he went to Canberra High as English Master, and two years later became Deputy Headmaster at Murwillumbah. After a return to Canberra as Deputy Headmaster he was appointed Headmaster at Griffith in 1950. On the death of Mr. Barr he became the ninth Headmaster of S.H.S.

The esteem with which Mr. Andrews has come to be regarded stands high, not only in the School itself, but also in the associated bodies like the Parents and Citizens' Association, the Old Boys' Union, and the Ladies' Auxiliary, with which he comes in close contact. During the year he spoke of the enthusiasm of such groups and their "magnificent work for the School". Without detracting from their achievements, it might be pointed out that the support Mr. Andrews has received stems largely from his own very able and confident leadership.

There are two kinds of respect for authority—that which is paid to the dignity of the office and that which is inspired by the personality of the officer. The School assures Mr. Andrews that he has gained both.

J. H.

MR. GORDON BARR



"S.M.H. Herald" photo.

The School's first assembly this year was a solemn one, called as a mark of respect to its late Headmaster, Mr. Gordon Barr. In the absence of the newly appointed Headmaster, Mr. Brownie explained to a hushed school that Mr. Barr did not long survive the holidays. A lover of cricket, he saw the first day's play in the Test, but was too ill to attend on the Saturday. He seemed to be recovering and by the following Saturday was well enough to sit at Christmas dinner with his family, but after a collapse on the Monday died within a few hours of his removal to hospital.

Gordon Barr had had a most distinguished career in Education. The Department had honoured him early with the Headmasterships of Parkes, Lithgow, Cessnock and Parramatta High Schools; his fellow teachers had elected him, and re-elected him, as their representative on the Board of Secondary School Studies and on Departmental Promotions Committees. Yet he made no secret of the fact that his appointment to High was the crowning point of his professional career. It was in hopes of this that he had earlier declined an appointment to the administrative staff. His love for High was lifelong, and he saw in his appointment a chance to repay what the School under John Waterhouse had long ago given him. Nothing in his time here gave him greater pride than the keen competition for the John Waterhouse Prize. He saw in the close consideration required each year to separate the nominees the surest proof that the ideals for which his old Headmaster had striven were still part of the living tissue of the School—of his School as it now really was. To the countless tasks that it requires of its Headmaster he gave himself without stint. There can be little doubt that it cost him his life.

Perhaps it was kinder so. Towards the end of his short illness it became apparent that any recovery could have been at the best but partial, and he could never have resumed duty here. To one of his energetic and companionable nature no fate could have been crueller. Instead, he died within a few short days of Speech Day after proudly recounting another year's fine achievements.

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STAFF CHANGES

A considerable number of staff changes, many of them occurring during, rather than at the beginning of the year, have left us with a feeling of instability as far as the staffing position is concerned. While we realise that the situation is mainly due to the shortage of teachers and is therefore largely unavoidable, the effects are, nevertheless, disconcerting.

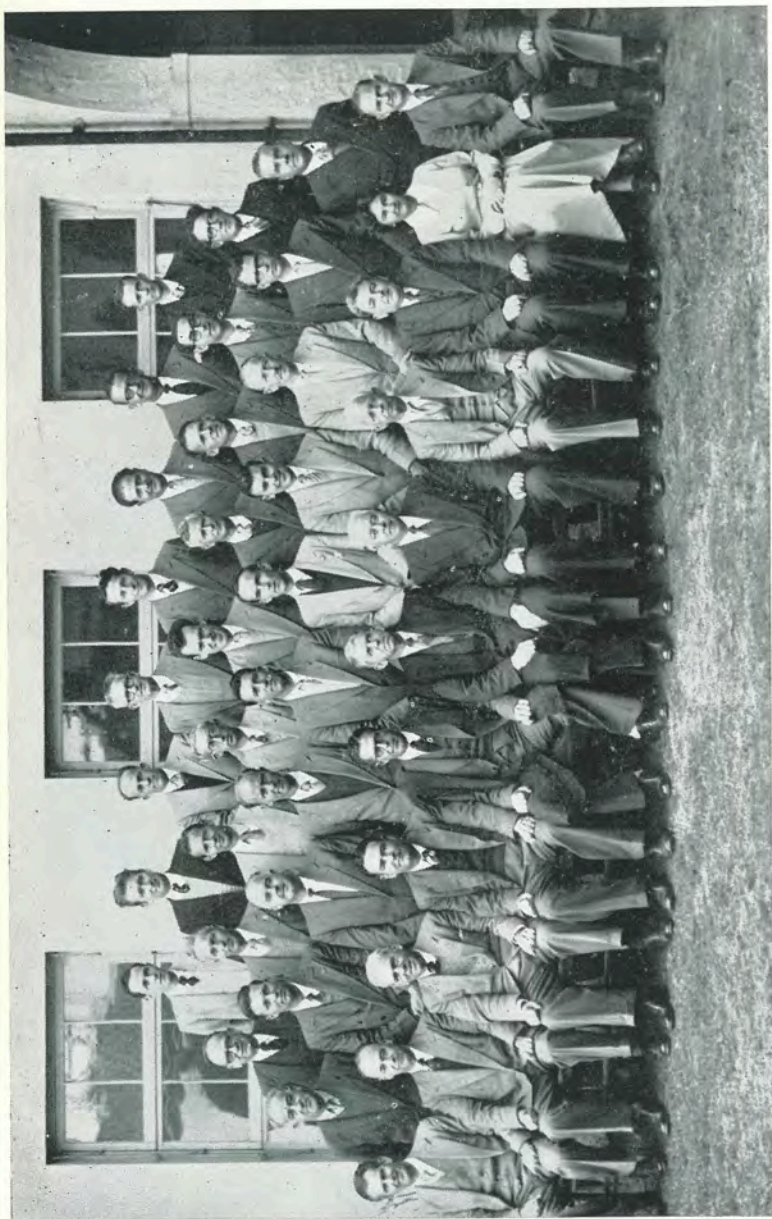
At the beginning of the year Mr. J. J. Hudson accepted the position of English Master at Taree High School, and during Second Term Mr. H. Edmonds accepted the Mastership in Modern Languages when it fell vacant at Sydney Technical High. Mr. F. Simpson took the position of Mathematics Master at Canterbury at the beginning of First Term, and a few weeks later Mr. J. McMahon was transferred to Cooma and Mr. R. W. Poder to East Hills. Mr. R. W. Davis, a newcomer to the Staff in First Term, was transferred to Picton in Third Term.

In place of those who have moved into other spheres we welcome to the School Messrs. A. R. Barnes (Dept. of English and History), K. W. Kable and K. G. McWatters (Dept. of Modern Languages), L. J. Murphy, W. E. Porter and J. Mitchell (Dept. of Mathematics).

MR. BROWNIE

As we go to press we hear that Mr. Brownie has accepted the Headmastership of Camden High School, where he will commence duties in 1956. The School cannot but regret the loss of Mr. Brownie, whose efficiency in organization and unflagging interest in the School's welfare, in all branches of its academic, sporting and cultural activities, it will be difficult to parallel. The pupils and staff alike wish Mr. Brownie a happy and prosperous future in the path that lies before him.

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 Absent: A. R. MITCHELL, I. MITCHELL.

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LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 1954

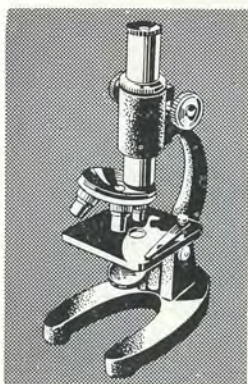
The following students from the School passed the examination:—

Key: 1, English; 2, Latin; 3, French; 4, German; 5, Mathematics I; 6, Mathematics II; 7, General Mathematics; 9, Modern History; 10, Ancient History; 12, Physics; 13, Chemistry; 17, Geography; 18, Economics; 20, Art; 29, Greek.

The letters "H(1)" signify first-class honours; "H(2)" second-class honours; "A" first-class pass; "B" second-class pass. The sign "(o)" denotes students who have passed in the oral tests in French or German.

Abbott, G. R., 1A 3A(o) 7B 9A 17B 18A.	Croucher, R. C., 1B 3B(o) 7B 9B 17A 18B.
Allsop, B. J., 1A 3B 7B 9B 17B 18B.	Curley, M. J., 1B 3B 5B 6B 9H(2) 12B.
Arnold, R. G., 1B 3B 5B 6A 12A 13A.	Cutler, A., 1B 3B 7B 9B 18A.
Aston, M. J., 1A 3B 5B 9B.	Davies, G. A., 1B 3B(o) 5B 6B 9B.
Barnsdall, D. G., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12A 18A.	Douglass, J. H., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12B 13A.
Beazley, R. J., 1A 3A 7B 9A 12B 13B.	Dures, R. G., 1B 3B 9B 13B.
Bennet, J. P., 1B 3A(o) 5B 6B 12B 18B.	Dutton, K. R., 1H(1) 2A 3H(1) (o) 4H(1) (o) 7A.
Bennet, J. H., 1B 3A(o) 5H(2) 6A 12A 13A.	Elfick, J. W., 1A 3A(o) 7B 9A 12B 13B.
Blackstock, W. G., 1A 3B 7B 9A 13B 18B.	Esdaile, R. J., 1B 3B 5B 6A 12A 13B.
Bloom, J. S., 1B 5B 6B 17A.	Findlay, I. H., 1A 3B 5H(1) 6H(2) 12A 18A.
Browne, J. H., 1A 3H(1) (o) 5B 6A 12A 13A.	Fisher, F. G., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12B 13B.
Bubb, D. R., 1B 3B 5B 6B 17A 18A.	Ford, M. W., 1B 3B(o) 5B 6B 12B 13B.
Burge, G. B., 1B 3B 7B 9B 18B.	Gates, W. R., 1A 3B 5B 6B 17B 18H(2).
Butters, M. S., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12A 18B.	Gluck, G., 1B 3A(o) 4H(1) (o) 7A 12A 13B.
Bowen, T. E., 1A 2B 5H(2) 6H(2) 9B 12A.	Gordon, A. B., 1A 3B 9B 17B 20B.
Callaghan, R. F., 1A 3B 9A 13B 18A.	Gosch, G., 1B 3B 7B 9B 13B 17A.
Cameron, A. J., 1B 3A 5B 6B 12H(2) 13A.	Graham, G. G., 1B 3A(o) 5A 6A 12H(2) 13H(2).
Cann, R., 1B 3A(o) 5B 6B 12A 13A.	Gregor, D. G., 1B 5B 6B 12B 13B.
Cartwright, D. F., 1B 3A(o) 6B 12A 13A.	Hampson, R., 1A 3B(o) 5A 6A 12A 13H(2).
Casey, R. L., 1B 2H(2) 3A(o) 7B 13B 29A.	Hanson, M. A., 1B 3B 7B 9B 17B 18A.
Chamberlain, C., 1B 2B 5B 6B 12B 13B.	Havilah, J. C., 1A 3A(o) 5A 6B 12A 13B.
Chung, S. K., 1B 7B 9B 13B 16B.	Hislop, D. J., 1H(2) 7A 9H(1) 13A 18H(1).
Coad, R. W., 1B 5B 17B 18B.	Humphrey, F. G., 1B 3B 5A 6A 12H(2) 13H(2).
Cohen, B. F., 1A 2A 3A(o) 5B 6B 13B.	Jenkin, M. J., 1A 3B 5B 6B 9B 12A.
Cooke, R. G., 1B 7A 9B 13B 18A.	Jebbins, M. D., 1B 3B 7B 9B 17A.
Coote, J. D., 1B 3B(o) 7A 10B.	Jobling, J. H., 1B 7B 9B 12B 13A.
Cope, J. A., 1B 2B 3A(o) 6B 13B.	Johnson, P. G., 1B 3B 5B 6B 9B.
Corry, G. G., 1B 3B 7B 9B 17B 18B.	Jones, P. E., 1B 3B 7B 9B 17B 18A.
Court, A. W., 1B 3A(o) 7B 13B 18A.	Kane, F. C., 1A 3B 9B 17B 18A.
Cowdroy, A. F., 1B 3B 7B 18B.	Kennedy, I. J., 1A 3B 7B 9B 18A.
Cox, A. L., 1A 3A(o) 5B 6A 12A 13A.	King, B. F., 1B 3A(o) 5B 6H(2) 12A 18B.
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 Lennon, J. P., 1A 3A(o) 5B 6B 12A 13H(2).
 Lilly, R. C., 1B 7B 9B 13B.
 Lillyman, W. J., 1H(1) 2A 3H(2)(o) 4H(1)(o) 7B.
 Lindsay, D. J., 1A 3B 5B 6B 13A 17B.
 Louis, W. A., 1B 3B 5B 6B 9B 12A.
 McDowall, G. R., 1B 3B 6B 13B.
 McFarlane, P. J., 1B 7B 9B 13B 18B.
 McFarlane, R. T., 1B 3B(o) 5A 6B 12A 18A.
 McGregor, J. D., 1A 5B 6B 12B 18B.
 Mahaffy, B. C., 1B 3B 7B 9B 12A 18A.
 Maiden, P. H., 1B 9A 17B 18B.
 Manion, P., 1A 3A 7B 9A 17A 18A.
 Mann, I. G., 1A 3B 5B 18B.
 Manning, J., 1B 5B 6B 12B 13B.
 Mayson, J. S., 1A 2H(1) 5A 6A 12A 13H(2).
 Merrick, R. W., 1B 3B(o) 5B 6B 12A 13B.
 Milne, N. D., 1A 6B 9B 13B.
 Milson, J. E., 1B 3A(o) 7B 9A 17B 18B.
 Miner, M. J., 1B 3A(o) 4A(o) 7A 13A 18H(2).
 Murphy, J. R., 1B 3B(o) 6B 13B 18B.
 Murray, P. R., 1B 2B 3B(o) 5B 6B 13A.
 Nicholls, A. G., 1A 2A 5A 6A 12H(1) 13H(1).
 O'Brien, D. J., 1B 3B 17B 18B.
 Osborne, A. W., 1B 2B 3A(o) 7B 9B 13H(2).
 Parsons, B. J., 1B 5B 6A 9B 13A.
 Pascoe, K. D., 1B 3B(o) 6B 12B 13B.
 Payne, J., 1A 3A(o) 7B 9A 13B 18H(2).
 Pilling, J. W., 1B 2B 3B 13B.
 Post, J. S., 1A 5H(1) 6A 12H(1) 13H(2).
 Powditch, M. R., 1B 3B(o) 7B 9B 17B 18B.
 Pretty, S. C., 1B 3A(o) 5B 6B 13B 18B.
 Protos, A., 1A 2B 5H(2) 6A 12A 13A.
 Pullin, J. A., 1A 2A 5B 6A 12H(2) 13H(1).
 Rawlings, P. A., 1A 3B 12B 13B.
 Rhodes, E. A., 1A 3H(1)(o) 4A(o) 7A 13A 18H(2).
 Richardson, K. M., 1B 3B(o) 5B 6B 12A 13B.
 Rickards, A. J., 1B 7B 9B 12B 18B.
 Rudd, J. W., 1A 3B(o) 5A 6B 12H(2) 13A.
 Safran, S., 1A 3B(o) 5B 12A 13B.
 Sampson, B. J., 1A 2B 5A 6A 12H(1) 13H(1).
 Schiller, P. F., 1B 2B 6B 12B 13A.
 Schollbach, I. F., 1B 9B 13B 18B.
 Seal, R. H., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12A 18B.
 Searle, J. E., 1B 3A(o) 5A 6B 13B 18B.
 Segal, R. H., 1B 7B 9B 12B 13B.
 Sharkey, R., 1B 7B 9B 17B 18B.
 Shaw, R. W., 1B 2B 3A(o) 5B 6B 13B.
 Sheedy, E. V., 1A 3A(o) 6B 12B 13A.
 Simons, R. G., 1B 2B 5B 6B 12A 13B.
 Smith, C. T., 1B 3B 5B 6A 12A 18B.
 Smith, I. A., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12B.
 Smith, W. L., 1A 3B 7B 9A 13B 18B.
 Sosothikul, K., 1B 5B 6B 8B 12B 13B.
 Spencer, R. B., 1A 2A 3A(o) 7B 9A 17B.
 Stelzer, P. L., 1B 3A(o) 5A 6A 12A 13B.
 Strasser, S., 1A 2B 4H(1)(o) 7B.
 Taylor, A. R., 1A 3B 7B 9H(2) 13B 17B.
 Taylor, R. W., 1A 3B 7B 9B 17B 18B.
 Taylor, R. C., 1A 2B 3A(o) 7A 9H(2) 13B.
 Thomson, W. K., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12A 13A.
 Tuckwell, B. F., 1B 7B 9A 13B 17B.
 Turkington, C. R., 1B 3A 7A 9B 12A 13B.
 Turnbull, B. D., 1B 3B 7B 12B 13B.
 Vass, L. D., 1A 3A(o) 5B 6A 12A 18B.
 Watt, M. J., 1A 3B(o) 7A 9A 12A 13A.
 Weston, H. N., 1B 3A(o) 7B 9A 13B 17B.
 Wickes, P. J., 1A 3B 7B 9B 17A.
 Wildon, D. C., 1A 5B 12A 13B.
 Williams, N. J., 1B 3A(o) 5B 6B 12A 13A.
 Woodcock, J. S., 1B 3B 7B 9B 18B.
 Woodley, R. S., 1B 3B 17B 18A.
 Worrall, R. R., 1A 3B 5H(2) 6B 12A 13A.
 Wrench, M. C., 1B 3B 5B 12A 13A.
 Young, D. A., 1A 3A 5B 6B 12A 13A.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

The following candidates from the School were awarded Commonwealth Scholarships:—

G. R. Abbott, R. G. Arnold, R. J. Beazley, J. H. Bennett, J. H. Browne, D. R. Bubb, T. E. Bowen, R. F. Callaghan, A. J. Cameron, R. Cann, D. F. Cartwright, R. L. Casey, A. L. Cox, M. J. Curley, C. P. Crittle, R. C. Croucher, J. H. Douglass, K. R. Dutton, J. W. Elfick, I. H. Findlay, W. R. Gates, G. Gluck, G. G. Graham, R. Hampson, M. A. Hanson, D. J. Hislop, F. G. Humphrey, J. C. Havilah, F. C. J. Kane, B. F. V. King, E. G. Kool, J. P. Lennon, W. J. Lillyman, R. T. McFarlane, B. C. T. Mahaffy, P. Manion, J. S. Mayson, J. E. Milson, M. J. Miner, A. G. Nicholls, A. W. Osborne, J. Payne, J. S. Post, M. R. Powditch, A. Protos, J. A. Pullin, E. A. Rhodes, K. M. Richardson, J. W. Rudd, B. J. Sampson, J. E. Searle, E. V. Sheedy, C. T. Smith, W. L. Smith, R. B. Spencer, P. L. Stelzer, S. Strasser, A. R. Taylor, R. C. Taylor, R. W. Taylor, W. K. Thomson, C. R. Turkington, L. D. Vass, M. J. Watt, H. N. Weston, N. J. Williams, R. R. Worrall.

In a list released by the Department of Education of the candidates who gained the first hundred places in the L.C. Examination, based on the aggregate marks obtained in their pass and honours papers, the following S.H.S. candidates appeared: K. R. Dutton, A. G. Nicholls, J. S. Post, D. J. Hislop, E. A. Rhodes.

K. R. Dutton was sixth on this list and also appeared first on the French Honours list, eighth on the German Honours list, and ninth on the English Honours list. He was awarded the Garton Scholarship No. 3 for French and a University Bursary.

A. G. Nicholls appeared eighth on the General Proficiency list, gained First Class Honours in Chemistry and in Physics, and was awarded the Ian Frederick McMaster Memorial University Scholarship.

D. J. Hislop won the C. J. Loewenthal prize for the best answers submitted in the Australian History Honours Paper and the Brendan Lane Mullins Memorial Medal. These two prizes are awarded by The Royal Australian Historical Society. He also won the scholarship awarded by the New South Wales Co-operative Society Ltd. for Economics. The winner is judged on the results of his Leaving Certificate Economics Paper and the marks awarded for a special essay set during the year.

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INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 1954

The following boys were awarded the Intermediate Certificate on the results of the 1954 examination:—

Acher, R. S.	Gray, R. D.	Mobbs, W. R.
Adams, R. A.	Green, D. F.	Moore, A. J.
Agnew, W. V.	Hall, R. G.	Morgan, C. F.
Anderson, E. J.	Hamilton, J. P.	Moses, N. J.
Arnold, L.	Hamilton, R. W.	Murray, A. R.
Ashworth, T. J.	Harding, D. E.	Nicholls, P. A.
Bailin, D. P. R.	Harper, P. J.	Nunn, L. E.
Balcone, G. C.	Hart, I. M.	O'Neill, D.
Bartlett, P. G.	Hawk, G. J.	Pailas, G. E.
Bearup, D. J.	Hayes, P. W.	Palmisano, R. G.
Beck, D. G.	Heldon, B. K.	Pender, F. R.
Beehag, J. H.	Henderson, A. R.	Philip, J.
Bell, K. W. G.	Henderson, P. J.	Philpott, G. E.
Bennett, J. D.	Hewson, A. R.	Pryor, P. H.
Black, J. S.	Hollingsworth, J. M.	Riding, G. J.
Blackwell, R. J.	Houseman, M. R.	Roberts, D. A.
Booth, R. K.	Howard, P. G. K.	Robertson, K. G.
Border, M. L.	Jakes, A.	Rogencamp, D. R.
Bourne, N. H.	James, F. T.	Rushall, B. S.
Bragg, W. D.	James, M. A.	Sample, G. R.
Branthwaite, G. T. L.	James, R. L.	Scarra, A.
Bridge, C. J.	Jarman, A. H.	Schapel, G. J.
Broadfoot, J. K.	Johnson, P. B.	Sharp, H.
Brown, G. D.	Joseph, L. S.	Silver, D. J. W.
Cahill, J. M.	Joyce, K. S.	Simons, A. G. K.
Campbell, K. H.	Kadwell, J. W.	Soothill, D. B.
Cantwell, J. C.	Kelly, P. Y.	Smith, N. I.
Chapman, A. T.	Kennedy, J. S.	Sproule, R. J.
Christer, W. L.	Kennedy, K. W.	Stein, P. L.
Clark, R. R.	Kingston, W. J.	Swan, K. L.
Clarkson, A. M.	Kolsky, A.	Symes, B. E. J.
Clulow, R. L.	Langford, H. W.	Thomas, B. M.
Coleman, F. R.	Latter, I. T.	Thompson, N. G.
Colman, R. L. A.	Lees, G. V. S.	Thorpe, B. A.
Cox, J. W. E.	Levings, W. F.	Treffry, T. E.
Craig, C. D.	Loundar, B. A.	Tremain, A. P. E.
Croucher, G. D.	Low, F.	Trounce, C. W.
Cruikshank, R. H.	Low, L.	Turner, J. A. E.
Curry, B. R.	Macaskill, I. D.	Turner, J.
Dash, H. J.	McCarthy, S. W.	Tyson, W. K.
Davenport, P. J.	MacColl, S. V.	Tzannes, S.
Doak, J. R.	McDonald, F. A.	Velkou, T.
Dougherty, I. G.	McDonald, S.	Wallis, D. C.
Duncan, I. R.	McGregor, G. C.	Walsh, N. H.
Edwards, G. A.	McIntyre, R. J.	Warnock, J. W.
Elder, I. C.	McLeod, W. F.	Watts, K. R.
Elliott, B. J.	Maddox, J. C.	Whigham, J. G.
English, J. M.	Margieson, G. R.	Wilson, E. R.
Eyland, R. W.	Marx, G. A.	Windsor, R. A.
Faulds, N. E.	Mashman, I. McI.	Winnick, M.
Firkin, W.	Masselos, J. C.	Witton, N. D.
Fox, J. T.	May, A. L.	Wolfe, C. A.
Gard, G. C.	May, R. J.	Wood, R. D.
Gibb, D. G.	Merrell, N. K.	Wren, P. J.
Goldberg, P. D.	Miles, W. E. E.	Younge, P. C.
Goldman, S.	Milham, D. C. L.	Yuen, A.
Gordon, D. R.	Minto, J. W.	Zelinka, T. R.

ALLIANCE FRANCAISE

Thirty boys this year competed in the annual Alliance Française examinations. Passes were as follows:—

Grade 5: R. Stuart.

Grade 4: P. Bailey, J. Fox, J. Hamilton, P. Pryor, N. Thompson, N. Witton.

Grade 3: M. Goodman, A. Greenwood, A. Hutchinson, J. Powell, T. Stanley, A. Trenerry.

Grade 1: D. Capewell, D. Meadow, E. Oliver, I. Scott, P. Selden, M. Velmans, J. Verne.

E. Oliver and J. Verne came first and second respectively in their grade.

SPEECH DAY, 1954

As usual, the Great Hall was filled to capacity for the School's Seventy-first Annual Speech Day.

The Chair was occupied by Mr. T. W. Rushall, President of the Parents & Citizens' Association, and the Hon. R. J. Heffron, M.L.A., Minister for Education, attended to distribute the prizes. Special prizes were presented to the winners by Mr. A. R. Callaway, President of the O.B.U., Professor John Clark, Wor. Master of Lodge Sydney High School, and by Mr. T. W. Rushall on behalf of their associations. Elizabeth Hobbin, Captain of Sydney Girls' High School, presented the customary cup for games and sportsmanship, which is awarded by our sister school.

No résumé of the Headmaster's Annual Report is needed here, for the pages of the "Record" show the steady progress and, in some departments of its activities, the outstanding achievements of the School.

The programme concluded with the singing of the School Song and the proposing of a vote of thanks to "Our Visitors" by the School Captain, Colin Chamberlain.

No account of this Speech Day would be complete without reference to an unrehearsed scene after the presentation of an Honour Cup to Brian Allsop for outstanding achievements in sport.

Such an award had not been made for 15 years. The cap itself was a beautiful piece of millinery, bearing the School badge in proper colours on a black velvet cloth, the whole crossed by braiding in appropriate colours and rendered more colourful by gold piping. And one remembers Mr. Charlie Fairland positively insisting that the right place for it was not in Brian Allsop's hand but on his head, and Brian's blushing remonstrances and evasive tactics all resorted to in vain; and eventually the colourful head-piece surmounting the bashful, colourful face right where Charlie Fairland insisted it should be. That was Charlie Fairland's last Speech Day. Long may he be remembered by the young who knew him when he was old, and by the old who recognised in him someone who was young in heart.

J. H.

1954 PRIZE LIST

FIFTH YEAR

Dux (Frank Albert Cup and Headmaster's Prize), Alan C. Corner Prize for Physics, Henry F. Halloran Diamond Jubilee Prize for Chemistry: **A. Nicholls.**
 Dux (prox. acc.), G. C. Saxby Prize for Mathematics I: **J. Post.**
 A. B. Piddington Prize for English (aeq.), Special Prize for Latin, Earle Page Prize for French, Earle Page Prize for German (aeq.): **K. Dutton.**
 A. B. Piddington Prize for English (aeq.), Earle Page Prize for German (aeq.), Declamation (aeq.), Best Poem in "Record": **W. Lillyman.**
 History, Economics, Declamation (aeq.): **J. Hislop.**
 Dr. F. W. Doak Prize for Latin: **R. Casey.**
 G. C. Saxby Prize for Mathematics II: **I. Findlay.**
 Geography: **P. Crittle, P. Manion** (aeq.).
 Oratory: **I. Kennedy.**
 General Proficiency: **J. Bennett, J. Browne, G. Graham.**
 Special Prizes for Prose in "Record": **J. Elfick, J. Manning.**

FOURTH YEAR

Dux (Mrs. Ethel Killip Memorial Prize), Physics (aeq.): **L. Freeman.**
 English, Economics, History (aeq.): **P. Wilenski.**
 History: **P. McGuinness** (aeq.).
 French, Greek: **D. Clines.**
 German: **G. Biro.**
 K. Saxby Prize for Mathematics and Physics: **J. Raleigh.**
 Mathematics II: **P. Lambert.**
 Chemistry: **W. Williams.**
 Latin: **L. Brown.**
 Geography: **R. Hudson.**
 Oratory: **D. Flint.**
 Declamation: **P. Boone.**
 General Proficiency: **B. Beaumont, M. Einfeld, G. Caisley.**
 Best Prose in "Record": **L. Francis.**

THIRD YEAR

Dux (Sir Frederick Jordon Memorial Prize), H. A. Coss Prize for English, French, Latin, Science: **J. Hamilton.**
 History: **J. Masselos.**
 German: **N. Witton.**
 Greek: **N. Bourne.**
 Mathematics I: **A. May.**
 Mathematics II: **T. Ashworth.**
 Geography: **B. Rushall.**
 Business Principles: **R. Windsor.**
 Declamation: **M. Houseman.**
 Oratory: **R. May.**
 General Proficiency: **N. Moses, S. Tzannes.**

SECOND YEAR

Dux, Mathematics I: **G. Case.**
 English, Mathematics II, Science: **T. Landecker.**
 History: **C. Hughes.**
 Latin, German (3-year course): **G. Reid.**
 French: **B. Leslie.**
 German (2-year course): **T. Stanley.**
 Greek: **C. Powell.**
 Geography: **E. Harrison.**
 Business Principles: **R. Freyer, P. Stone** (aeq.).
 Declamation: **D. White.**
 Oratory: **P. Thompson.**
 General Proficiency: **N. Smythe, A. Brennan.**

FIRST YEAR

Dux, Mathematics I, Science (aeq.): **P. Papapetros.**
 Norman Save Memorial Prize for English: **E. Richards.**
 History, Science (aeq.), Manual Training: **A. Ireland.**
 French: **L. Watson.**
 German: **J. Fleury.**
 Latin: **B. Goldshaft.**
 Mathematics II: **E. Stone.**
 Geography: **R. Lloyd.**
 Declamation: **A. Hamilton.**
 Oratory: **P. Rose.**
 General Proficiency: **J. Stammell, D. Brennan, N. Moodie, P. Lucas.**

SPECIAL PRIZES

Oswald Chapman Memorial Prize: **B. King.**
 1950 Ladies' Auxiliary Prize: **R. F. Callaghan.**
 P. & C. Association Prizes for General Proficiency:
 Year V: **A. Pullin.**
 Year IV: **J. Rutkewitz.**
 Year III: **A. Yuen.**
 Year II: **J. Stubbings.**
 Year I: **R. Pinn.**
 The Old Boys' Union Prize: **B. Allsop.**
 John Skyring Cross Memorial Cup: **B. Allsop.**
 John Waterhouse Prize: **J. Browne.**
 J. W. Gibbes Memorial Prize: **J. Cope.**
 John Francis Bush Memorial Prize: **W. Summers.**
 J. & E. Saxby Bequest Prize: **P. Pryor.**
 Lodge S.H.S. Prize: **G. Stone.**

SPORTS PRIZES

Sydney Girls' High School Cup for Games and Sportsmanship: **B. Allsop.**
 A. C. McKibbin Cup for Best All-round Cricketer: **D. Lindsay.**
 Frank Albert Cup for Senior Athletics Championship, A. M. Eedy Cup for 100 Yards Championship: **B. Allsop.**
 MacArthur Memorial Cup for One Mile Championship: **I. Smith.**
 Under 16 Championship: **R. Fear.**
 Under 15 Championship: **R. May.**
 Under 14 Championship: **D. Hinks.**
 Under 13 Championship: **K. Morris.**
 Senior Swimming Championship: **B. Parsons.**
 Claude Tressider Shield (100 Yards Breaststroke): **P. Johnson.**
 Under 16 Championship: **R. Carruthers.**
 Under 15 Championship: **P. Hayes.**
 Under 14 Championship: **J. Pollock.**
 Under 13 Championship: **W. Jobling.**
 G. C. Saxby Shield for House Competition: **Parkes House.**

AWARD OF BLUES, 1954

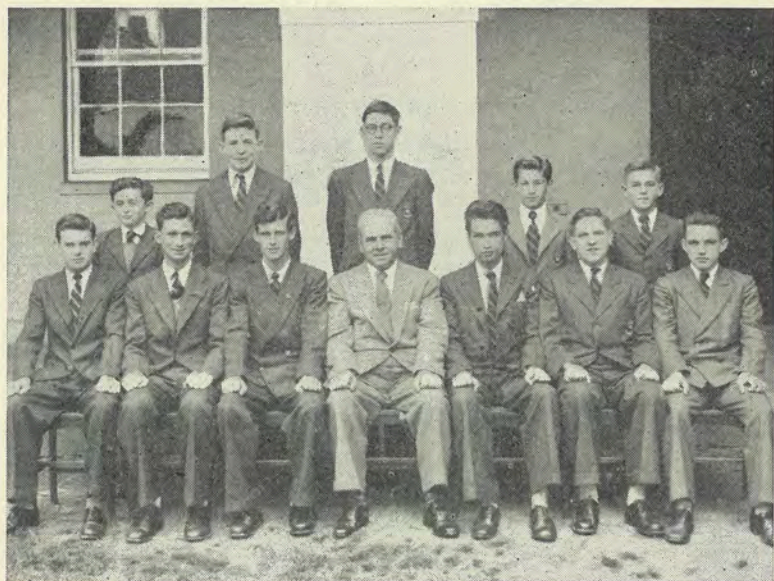
Athletics: **B. Allsop*, J. Browne, C. Chamberlain.**
 Cricket: **B. Allsop*, J. Cope,, D. Lindsay*.**
 Football: **B. Allsop, J. Browne, J. Havilah, M. Jobbins, P. Johnson.**
 Rifle Shooting: **M. Aston, W. Eagleson, J. Face, R. Stuart.**
 Rowing: **G. Corry, M. Curley, T. Woodcock*.**
 Swimming: **B. Parsons.**
 Tennis: **R. Bailey, A. Cowdroy, R. Hampson, B. Cohen.**
 Honour Cap: **B. Allsop.**
 * Re-award.

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THE SCHOOL CAPTAIN

Perhaps the main traits one seeks in a School Captain are powers of leadership and personality. When the captaincy this year fell on the shoulders of Bill Summers it unquestionably lit on one of strong character and integrity. Throughout his career at S.H.S. Bill has always taken a keen interest in the School's many-sided activities, but nowhere has he shone more than on the football field. He played with the Fifth XV the year he entered the School, a team which proved to be undefeated premiers. The following year he gained a place in the Fourth XV, who were runners-up, and in his third year he was promoted to the Third XV, who were co-premiers. Last year Bill gained one of the coveted places in the undefeated premiership-winning First XV, in which he proved to be one of the outstanding players. This year he captained the same side to a close victory in the C.H.S. Competition. Chosen to represent G.P.S. in the combined Third XV, he led that team to victory against Waverley College. We feel that Bill Summers has a long way to go in the world that lies before him, not only because of his football prowess, but also because of his moral worth and cheery personality.

G. S.



ROYAL EMPIRE SOCIETY ORATORS.

Back Row: M. VELMANS, J. RILEY, L. OFFNER, P. ROSE, G. DELANEY.

Front Row: D. WHITE, N. MOSES, R. MAY, MR. F. J. ALLSOPP, D. FLINT,
J. HAMILTON, R. DERHAM.

Absent: W. JACKSON, D. BAILIN, D. BRENNAN.

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INDUCTION OF PREFECTS

The ceremony of induction of prefects is always a solemn one, if at the same time a proud one for those who are invested with their badges of office. This year's ceremony in the Great Hall was held on March 21st. The twenty new office-bearers were led into the hall before a general assembly and, facing the stage and Headmaster, took the oath of allegiance to the School. The Headmaster thereupon announced the name of the Captain and Vice-Captain and pinned on them the coveted badges. In turn, the Captain pinned their badges on the new prefects. The Headmaster appealed to the remainder of the School to support the prefects, pointing out that those who were worthy of their vote were worthy of their support, whereupon the prefects were led to the Headmaster's office, where they signed the customary Prefects' Register.

Prefects for 1955: W. Summers (Capt.), G. Stone (Vice-Capt.), B. Beaumont, G. Beverley, L. Brown, G. Burge, G. Caisley, G. Coulson, P. Crittle, M. Einfeld, A. Farquhar, R. Fear, J. Hazell, I. Letts, A. Mládek, A. Ré, J. Reid, N. Smith, R. Webb, R. Woodlands.

PREFECTS' SOCIAL AFTERNOONS

Following a suggestion made by the Headmaster during First Term, the prefects decided to hold a series of afternoon teas, to which they would invite a distinguished guest to address them.

Dr. Chatterjee-Cardo, the leader of an Indian culture group then touring Australia, was the guest speaker at the first of these social functions. He gave a most informative talk on life in India.

Another prominent speaker was Senator J. A. McCallum, an Old Boy and former Master of the School. Senator McCallum spoke on the functions of the Senate in Australia.

The prefects are indebted to several members of the Ladies' Auxiliary for their assistance in preparing the tables.

It is hoped that these functions will be the forerunner of many similar functions in years to come.

P. C.

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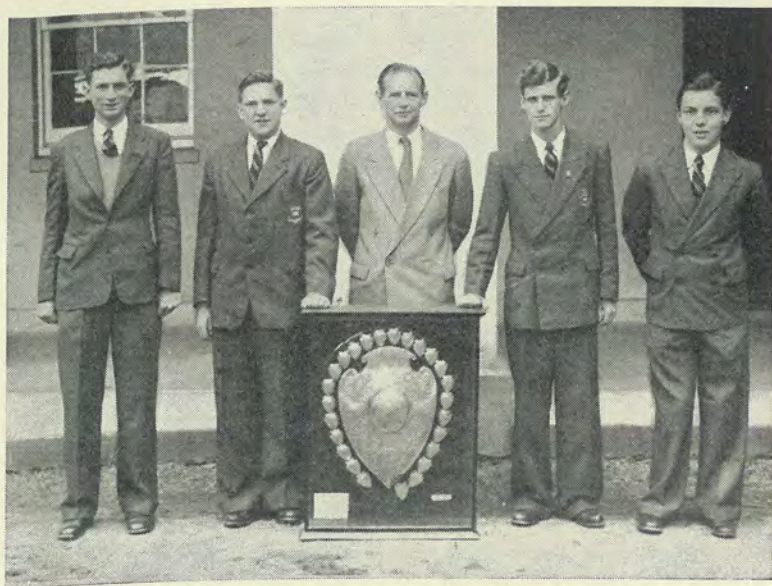
DEBATING SOCIETY

Office-bearers, 1955

Patron: The Headmaster. *President:* Mr. J. M. Howard.
Vice-Presidents: R. May, N. Moses.
Secretary: D. White. *Union Representative:* J. Hamilton.

This year the Senior Team started the season with the annual debate against the Girls' School, which we narrowly won.

In the Hume-Barbour (C.H.S.) Competition, after defeating Canterbury High and Sydney Technical High by considerable margins, we lost to Randwick High by one point. Randwick continued successfully to enter the final against North Sydney High, which was won by North Sydney. Thus the trophy left the School after six years.



SENIOR DEBATING TEAM — WINNERS OF G.P.S. COMPETITION.
N. MOSES, J. HAMILTON, MR. J. M. HOWARD, R. MAY, T. TREFFRY.

In the G.P.S. Competition the story was very different. After winning our zone by narrowly defeating Sydney Grammar School, St. Joseph's College, and the Scots College, our team entered the final against St. Ignatius College. In a very tense and close debate, in which we affirmed "That Freedom is Dying," we became G.P.S. debating premiers for 1955—the first "High" team to achieve this distinction for three years.

The team would like to thank very much their supporters, particularly the pleasingly large number who attended the final G.P.S. debate at Grammar.

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In three practice debates before and during the season we defeated an Old Boys' team, Knox Grammar School and Shore. This made the total debates for the year eleven, and the team was defeated only once, a very pleasing result.

The team consisted of J. Hamilton, R. May, N. Moses, with T. Treffry (who also spoke in four debates) as reserve. Other boys who acted as reserves during the season were D. White and P. Crittle.

The team's success was in great measure due to the helpful coaching and untiring interest of Mr. Howard, whom the members would like to thank sincerely.

The Junior Team was less successful. After an easy win over Sydney Technical High they were defeated by both Canterbury and Randwick. Boys who spoke with the team were R. Whitbread, T. Treffry, N. Moses, D. White, P. Thompson, T. Stanley and T. Parrott. The Junior Team would like to thank Mr. Maddox, their Master-in-Charge, for his help during the season.

The School entered two teams in the City of Sydney Eisteddfod. One, after defeating St. Ignatius College and a Grammar team, had unfortunately to retire in the quarter-finals, being unable to attend the debate. The boys in this were T. Stanley, G. Leonard and J. Riley. The other team, N. Moses, D. White and T. Parrott, came third in the competition, being defeated by North Sydney High in the semi-final.

Altogether, it was a very successful season, and we are looking forward with enthusiasm to next year.

J. P. H.

ROYAL EMPIRE SOCIETY'S PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION, 1955

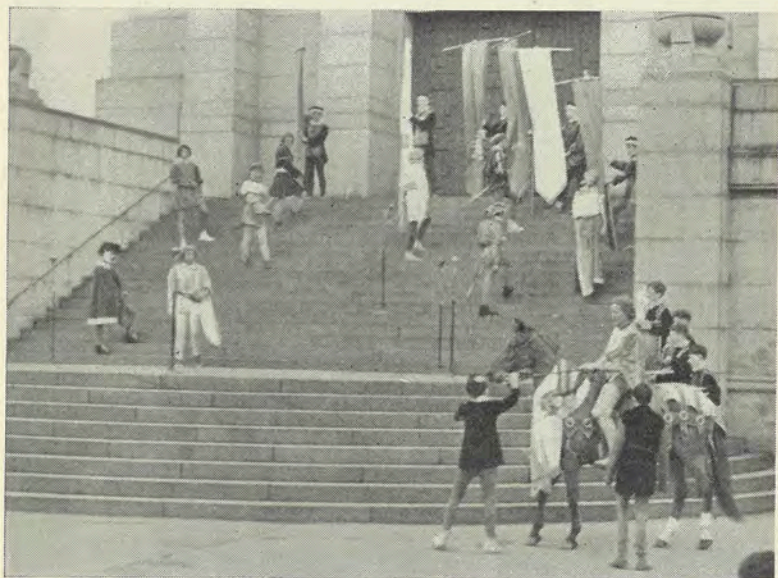
Teams from the School again competed in the Annual Public Speaking Competition conducted by the Royal Empire Society. D. Flint again won the Senior section, with N. Moses third. D. White was placed first in the Junior section, with R. May fourth. Although details of total points scored have not yet come to hand, it seems likely that S.H.S. will retain the Shield, which it has won for six years out of the last seven.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

This year has been an outstanding one for drama at Sydney High. The School was called to present "Scenes from Shakespeare's Henry V" to open Education Week. The play, produced by Mr. Dempsey of the Education Department, and acted by Second, Third

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and Fourth Year boys of the Dramatic Society, was performed on the steps of the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park, a grand and impressive setting. To carry the speeches to the large open air audiences, the play was produced with microphones at selected points, and it was a lesson in stagecraft to see how production had retained freedom of movement while at the same time every actor was talking directly into a microphone when it came his turn to speak. It was such a success that a repeat performance was given. The production was filmed in colour by the Education Department and witnessed by a crowd of over a thousand, including the Minister for Education. As a section of a newsreel, it was shown all over Australia. The role of Henry V was played by John Thompson of Second Year.



"HENRY V," Produced by Students of S.H.S. during Education Week at the War Memorial, Hyde Park.

As Thompson was unable to attend the School Concert, his place was ably taken by Paul Pryor from 4A when the play was presented on Music and Drama Night. The use of Second Year boys as soldiers in acting their scene below the stage, directly in front of the audience, proved a novel innovation. The play was adapted for the stage by Mr. Howard, Master-in-Charge, who also produced the second play for the concert, "The Poison Party". This latter play proved the success of the night.

All members of the Society, especially those taking part in plays, would like to express their sincere appreciation of the work

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done by Mr. Howard, without whose untiring efforts the performances would not have been possible. Thanks, too, to Mrs. Howard and Mr. Smith, whose assistance with make-up and properties was invaluable.

N. J. M.



"HENRY V"—Jack Thompson in the Title Role.

THE CHOIR

In June this year Fourth Year members of the Choir sang in the Combined Secondary Schools' Choral Concert in the Sydney Town Hall. For this occasion, and for the annual Music and Drama Night, when it was composed of First, Second and Fourth Year boys, the School Choir was under the direction of Mr. H. G. R. Billington, our Music Master. The boys of the Choir would like it known how grateful they have been throughout the year for the work which Mr. Billington has done with them.

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At the Annual Concert the Choir sang a bracket of three chorales, arranged by J. S. Bach, "Subdue Us by Thy Goodness," "Blessed Jesu at Thy Word," and "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring"; then in another bracket, the "Eriskay Love Lilt," arranged by Mansfield, and Josef Strauss's "Music from Heaven". The solo section for soprano in the "Eriskay Love Lilt" was beautifully sung by



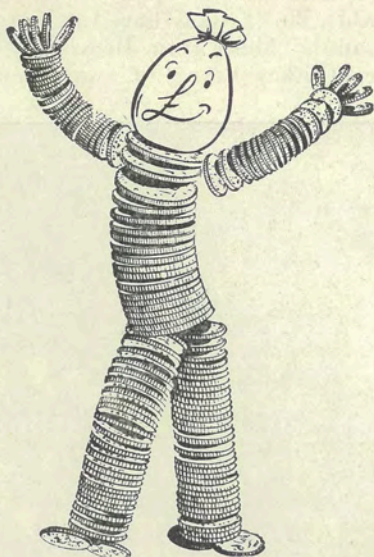
The Choir at the School Concert.

R. Smith. In addition, the Senior Choir sang a bracket of traditional songs, "Sing We and Chaunt it," "Drink to me only" and "Down among the Dead Men".

Throughout the year the Choir was accompanied by Michael Dudman, and we are very grateful for the time he spent with us.
P. B.

THE ORCHESTRA

Owing to an insufficient number of players of stringed instruments this year, the usual orchestra was replaced by a consort of seven descant recorders. They were played by P. Lucas, G. French, B. Russell, J. Campbell, B. MacNeill, C. Stone, and P. Mills, and were divided into three parts. They were conducted by P. Boone. At the Annual Music and Drama Night the consort played three English folk songs, "Strawberry Leaves," "The Toy," and "Tickle My Toe," which latter was played as a trio by Lucas, Russell and Stone.



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There were three soloists at this year's concert. They were R. May, flautist, who played "Schön Rösarin" and "Liebesfreud" by Fritz Kriesler, and Köhler's "Papillon". He was accompanied by A. Mladek. R. Colman played Chopin's "Fantasie Impromptu" on the pianoforte, and P. Boone played the Third Movement from Rode's Violin Concerto in A Minor. He was accompanied by M. Dudman.

It is to be hoped that players of orchestral instruments will willingly come forward next year to assist in the School's production of Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Mikado".

P. B.

S.H.S. CHESS CLUB

President: Mr. R. Davis.

Vice-President: F. Low.

Treasurer: R. Derham.

Secretary and Union Representative: J. Rosen.

The S.H.S. Chess Club had a very successful year and surpassed all expectations. In the "Chess in Schools Competition" five representative teams were entered.

"A" Grade (J. Rosen, J. Rileigh, L. Hovev, F. Low, G. Marx) finished behind a strong Homebush team. The team next year should be greatly aided by the experience gained by F. Low and G. Marx.

"B" Grade (R. Derham, A. Brookes, R. Brand, D. Brennan, A. Rosenberg) came third in their competition, and were unlucky to be beaten. CI Grade (P. Vincent, R. Dàrrock, L. Offner, K. Skinner, M. Garland) were very unlucky to be beaten, losing by only half a point. This team shows promise and should develop into a competition winner.

CII Grade (D. Mangan, C. Hall, R. Freyer, I. Barnes, F. Cooper) were very successful in their difficult competition. The Beginners Grade (P. Deli, R. Door, R. Horner, T. Burke, R. King) concluded the competition undefeated and were outright winners

All players realise the work which has to go into organising teams for a competition, and the S.H.S. Chess Club would like to thank Mr. Davis, our President, for all the time he has devoted to us, and our success can be attributed to his work. After a successful season we look forward to an even better one next year.

J. R.

CAMERA CLUB

After a lapse of some years the Camera Club was revived in 1954. Boys joining have only to possess a keenness for photography, and not necessarily a camera. The Club meets every Monday at lunch time. At these meetings talks are given by members on various

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phases of photography, from the simplicity of the pin-hole camera to the intricacies of the latest photographic equipment.

The topics for discussion are planned by the Camera Club Committee, comprising the Master-in-Charge, Mr. Dickson, the Union Representative, Ben Sliger, the Treasurer, Ken Joyce, and Club Secretary, Jules Black. Volunteers are called for and they then proceed to prepare and deliver the lectures. These talks are supplemented by a regular visit by a demonstrator from Kodak, who gives practical demonstrations in such skills as developing and printing.

During the May vacation the Club went on an excursion to National Park. Cameras were taken on the trip and a competition was held later to determine the best print. Stuart Pawsey won with an outstanding print showing a camp set between two trees; Alistair Murray was placed second with a beautifully composed study of a black swan, while John Phillips took third prize with an interesting study of the river dominated by a large rock. Considerable talent has been displayed by Club members. They will soon be decorating their homes—if not the photographic salons of Australia—with their efforts.

S.H.S. CADET CORPS

All-round improvement and development have been achieved during this year. A number of cadets will be entering the Specialist Platoons, Signals, Mortar and Vickers M.M.G. next year, and future prospects are bright.

A number of Cadet Rifle Shoots this year have provided a sound training with the rifle, while the Rifle Club has represented the School very well in numerous shoots besides the G.P.S. Shoot.

Specialist training has benefited members of the new band, which has developed rapidly from a prime example of warped co-ordination into a combination that will lead and inspire us in the years to come.

Singleton Camp showed the members of the Corps to be capable, active and efficient. We marched behind our own band for the first time in some years, and overcame difficulties of existence by sheer determination to stay alive. Training received was excellent. A superb field demonstration of weapons and vehicles was supplemented by vivid training films and a Bren Shoot which was enjoyed by all except the party loading ammunition. Smaller exercises and demonstrations were finalised with a full-scale mock-battle manœuvre with blank ammunition and smoke. Facilities at camp included a life-saving canteen and a picture theatre of sorts, which showed mainly educational and beneficial films, such as "Alice in

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Wonderland". The Vickers M.M.G. Platoon fired their own weapon with distinction and the School was well represented all-round.

Ceremonial Guards were supplied on Anzac Day, and at the School Fête, inspected by Rear-Admiral H. B. Farncomb, C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O. All fainting and collapsing has been reserved for the Passing-Out Parade at the end of the year.

Joining the Corps provides a unique experience that I would not have missed for the world, and one which I recommend to any members of the School who are eligible. Let us see that it reaches full strength in 1956.

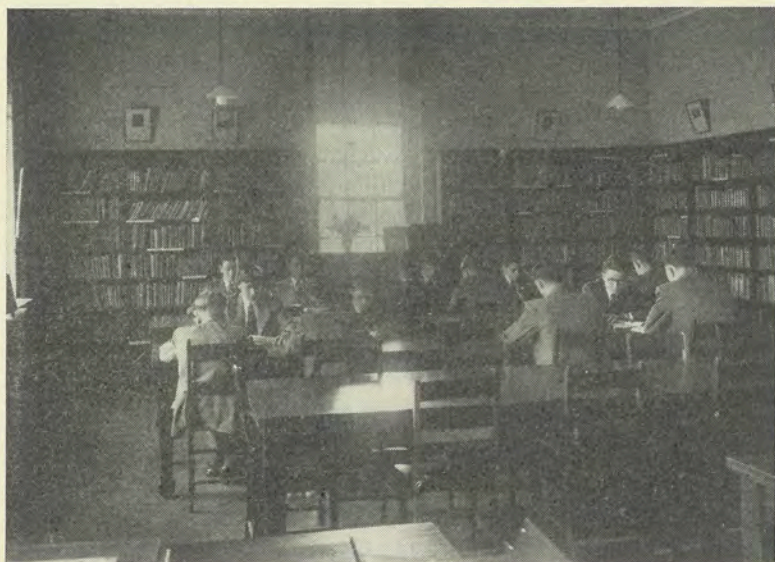
Good luck to Under-Officer Stuart, who hopes to go to Duntroon next year.

The Unit is indebted to Lieutenant Fleming and Captain Barnes for their capable leadership and unflinching enthusiasm. They have suffered unselfishly for us, and we thank them for it.

G. A. DAVIES (Q.M.S.).

LIBRARY

The most important addition to our Library this year was the Encyclopædia Britannica, kindly presented by the Parents and Citizens' Association. This extremely valuable encyclopædia is contained in twenty-four volumes, and along with it goes a set of Home Study Guides and a copy of the New Britannica Atlas. The



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Britannica Book of the Year, which is supplied annually for the next ten years, keeps the Encyclopædia right up to date, because the Book of the Year contains the information added annually to the Encyclopædia.

The Library is also indebted for donations to Mr. K. Cramp, the High Commissioner for India in Australia, Ampol Petroleum Co., Dr. Harris, Mr. R. White, the Hemingway Robertson Institute, the Consul-General for Korea, Sydney, the Shell Co. of Australia, the Consulat de France, and P. M. Boone.

In the past twelve months we have accessioned 440 books and 43 pamphlets, the total number of books now in our Library being 5,744. During the year we received 36 periodicals. Discontinuing "Radio and Hobbies," "Outdoors and Fishing," "John O'London's Weekly" (the last now out of print), we commenced contributing to "Music Maker" and "Le courier australien".

Among the new books purchased were the following works of reference: "Our Yesterdays," "Economic Analysis" by K. E. Boulding, "Knaurs Jugend Lexikon," "Oxford Junior Encyclopædia" Vol. 12 (The Arts), "Junior Book of Authors" (Kunitz and Haycraft), "Australia" by Frank Hurley, "Wild Life in Australia" by Charles Barrett, and Wisden Cricketers' Almanack. Non-reference included "Stranger in Spain" (H. V. Morton), "The World's Greatest Spy Stories" (K. Singer), "Treasury of Science" (ed. by H. Shapley), Collected Poems of W. B. Yeats, "Your Holiday in France" (G. Cooper), "Economics (P. A. Samuelson), "The Dambusters" (Paul Brickhill), "The Complete Short Stories of Somerset Maugham," "The Young Traveller in Space" (A. C. Clarke), "Our Everest Adventure" (J. Hunt), "Ancient Australia" (Laserson), and "Going to Museums" by J. Palmer.

Many pamphlets published by Penguin Books have been added. They cover such topics of interest as sailing, locomotives, riding, houses, furniture, electric models.

The efficiency of the Library is increasingly impeded by the inadequate space available, which is far below its present needs. To keep interest sustained in the Library as well as to keep it up-to-date there must be a constant influx of new books and room has to be found for them on the already crammed shelves. At stock-taking time, when no books are on issue, half the tables are also covered with books.

A modern library should comprise at least two rooms larger than our present one and two small ones. One of the two former should be a Quiet Room or Reading Room and the other an Activity Room. The latter two are necessary for the work relating to the upkeep and smooth functioning of the Library, the repair of books, for example.

A new Library is planned for the distant future, to be situated at the other end of the building, but until such a time as this will be possible the present accommodation will have to suffice.

The Library has already overflowed into the hallway, where the books which are rarely used have been placed in a cupboard. However, they still may be borrowed on application to Miss Laurence.

A great deal of work falls on the shoulders of the librarians and their assistants from Second, Third and Fourth Years, who have to be congratulated for the willing and prompt service they give. The assistants, indeed, at all times have shown themselves able and willing to take over from the Fifth Year librarians when they were unable to be present owing to participation in the many activities of the Senior School.

G. McCLELLAN.

I.S.C.F.
Inter-School Christian Fellowship

Leader: P. Lambert. *Assistant Leader:* R. Cornwell.
Secretary: P. Thornhill.

I.S.C.F. is an inter-denominational group which aims to help boys in their Christian life, and to try to bring others to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour. The group at Sydney High meets on Tuesdays at lunch time in Room 19, and everybody is welcome at this meeting. On Thursdays are held Prayer Meetings, and Bible Studies are held each Friday.

During the year we have had both guest speakers and boys from the School. At one meeting we were privileged to have Mr. C. Troutman, who is out from America with the Inter-^{Varsity} Fellowship. To him and to all our speakers we extend our thanks.

Another important part of I.S.C.F. is the camps that are held during the holidays. Here boys and girls from schools all over the State discuss Christianity, go hiking and thoroughly enjoy themselves.

The Bible Studies have been taken by David Clines, and have proved very interesting and helpful.

The average attendance on Tuesdays has been 40, with about 12 at the Prayer Meetings and 15 at the Bible Studies.

The I.S.C.F. is conducted by consent of the Headmaster, and to him we extend our thanks for his co-operation and help during the year.

P. LAMBERT (5A).

"THE STAR"

It was with great pride that we affixed the title "The Sydney High School Newspaper" to "The Star" at the beginning of this year. Edited completely by students, under the supervision of Mr. Maddox, the circulation of this newspaper, issued about every month and a half, has risen to over the 250 mark.

As well as containing many interesting stories and articles by boys of the School, and the very popular section of School and sport

news. "The Star," during 1955, contained several very interesting articles, written especially for it by such eminent personalities as Chips Rafferty, Michael Hervey, Harold Norman, Alexander Macdonald and Eric Baume. Interesting articles were also written by Old Boys Ian Callaway ("Life at Flinders Naval College") and Doug. Donoghue ("National Service Training"). To all of the above we offer our sincere thanks.

Duplicating the paper was always a very big problem until the Parents and Citizens' Association decided to purchase a new portable duplicator for the School and to allow "The Star" to use it. This machine has made it a great deal easier to prepare the newspaper, and once more we would like to convey our sincere thanks to the P. & C. for thus enabling us to establish "The Star" as a fixed institution in Sydney High School.

Many boys have been concerned in preparing copy and contributing articles for the newspaper. Boys from First Year to Fifth Year have co-operated in this respect, on top of their normal school work, and we feel sure that they have received valuable experience which will assist them in time to come, particularly in the literary field. We hope that these boys have enjoyed their parts in the production, and we can assure them that it is their keenness and interest that have kept "The Star" in existence.

And last, but certainly not least, we would like to express our deep thanks to those persons whose assistance has been invaluable to us: to Mr. Maddox, for his untiring efforts as our Master-in-Charge, to Mr. Witton, who printed our impressive cover pages and supplied us with duplicating paper at cost price, and to Messrs. Andrews, Brownie, Jessep, Billington, Blue, Allsopp and Donnan and to the Ladies' Auxiliary for their assistance and helpful criticisms.

We have all enjoyed producing "The Star" during the year, and hope that it has brought some degree of pleasure to those persons who have bought it regularly, and we thank them sincerely for their support.

A. MAY (4A), Editor.

N. Moses (4A), S. Tzannes (4A), N. Witton (4A), Sub-Editors.

ANZAC DAY

Our guest speaker at the Anzac Day commemoration this year was Major-General J. A. Chapman, C.B., D.S.O., formerly Quarter-master-General of the Australian Military Forces. In these days when the numbers of the original Anzacs are rapidly decreasing, it was an honour to have someone speak to the assembly who was on active service on that memorable day in 1915. Major-General Chapman explained that he was not a member of the landing party which stormed the heights at Anzac Cove. A cadet at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, when the First World War broke out, as a lieutenant he took away a young platoon in 1915 and arrived

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at the Suez Canal just when the Evacuation of Anzac was taking place. From what he had learned from so many lips, and from a visit he later paid to the battle area, he was able to describe with vividness the landing in the grey dawn and some of the many acts of heroism that put a new word in the English language. He described the landing as "that great endeavour which was the forerunner of many great feats of Australian arms in two World Wars." In Anzac, he said, he saw a challenge thrown out to the youth of Australia, a challenge which was repeated at later stages of our history, in Greece, Tobruk, New Guinea and Korea.

As is customary, the School Captain placed a wreath on the Roll of Honour.

EMPIRE DAY

The custom of celebrating Empire Day at two separate assemblies, one for the Junior School and one for the Senior School, has an advantage when it comes to speakers. Each group is addressed by speakers of much the same age and outlook as themselves and is not called upon to perform any great tasks of concentration on the more abstract theories of their elders. The point was well illustrated this year when the highlights of the Senior Assembly were undoubtedly the addresses given by D. Flint (5E) and R. May (4A). Flint spoke on "The Effect on the People of Australia of the Queen's Visit in 1954" and May on "The Significance of Empire Day". Both speakers were heard with considerable interest. At this assembly the School was presented with two framed copies of the Rotary Precepts by a representative of the Rotary Movement.

The Junior Assembly drew its speakers from Class 3A. D. White spoke on "The Reign of Queen Victoria," showing how Victoria, through the force of her own personality, brought the sovereign close to the people. J. Riley spoke on "What Britain has Done for the Empire". He described how, in spite of its stormy history, Britain had found ways of improving the lot of her own people, had improved the moral and social fibre of her colonies, while at the same time the world was reaping a harvest from her culture and advanced political ideas.

SIR JOHN SHEPPARD

The senior students who were privileged to hear his address will long remember the white-haired, vivacious little figure of Sir John Sheppard, M.B.E., Litt.D., LL.D., Senior Fellow and formerly Provost of King's College, Cambridge.

Sir John, we understood, was to speak on certain aspects of English tertiary education. On the way from the Headmaster's office to the Hall he told the Headmaster that he would talk about



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the Odyssey. Somehow, the starting point became King's College, and that remained the all-absorbing subject of an hour's address.

Henry VI, the founder of King's College, he described with such intimate detail and such a wealth of sympathetic understanding for the young, bewildered, peace-loving King, born in an age of war and intrigue, that this shadowy figure of the fifteenth century became almost like a person one knew personally. "He cared about religion," said Sir John, "he cared about peace, he cared about learning; he loved his books." When he was eighteen he was planning to build a school near his castle at Windsor. This was the school that became Eton College. Later he founded King's College, Cambridge. Developing the story of the slow development of King's Chapel, Sir John traced the influence of Henry VII and Henry VIII, who gave it its beautiful stained-glass windows. In a delightful reconstruction of past history, he carried the mind's eye back to the time when Henry VIII directed the Italian craftsmen, originally engaged by Wolsey to build his palace at Hampton Court, to build the choir stalls and carve the beautiful wood engravings of the Chapel, in which even to-day one may read some of the more tragic episodes in Henry's love story, for, as Sir John interprets some of the symbolism, his changes of heart demanded alterations to the design.

Sir John's talk left many with a less cynical attitude to words like "culture" and "tradition," which in a modern material age have fallen into some disrepute.

Visitors from the senior years of other city high schools filled our Great Hall to capacity with a very appreciative audience. Sir John was accompanied by Prof. Dunstan, of the Classics Department of Sydney University.

THE PETER SCRIVEN PUPPETS

The Peter Scriven Puppets were conceived when Peter Scriven was given a glove puppet monkey in England at the age of six, and decided to put on a show for the family behind the sofa. This performance, he recalls, was rather limited, but as a boy who was naturally shy he discovered that through the puppet he was able to express himself. This first puppet (who, incidentally, fell out of a tram window some years later) was his introduction to an art to which he later decided to devote his life.

At the age of fourteen he built his first show—a programme of glove puppets—the *pièce de résistance* of which was two puppets who used to light and smoke a cigarette together, an act which was well received, but only a sensation once—the day they set fire to each other!

After entertaining with the glove puppets for some years, Peter Scriven decided to specialise in Marionettes, believing that string puppets gave more scope for imagination and skill. He then built

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a set of six three-foot Marionettes into a short Variety Act and toured sixty-four towns in New South Wales and Queensland with a travelling show.

He was pleasantly surprised at the reception the Marionettes received on this tour, and on its completion decided to go overseas again and study Puppetry with the object of building a large-scale Marionette Theatre that could take Puppetry of a high standard to the country. In a six months' tour he met and watched Puppeteers in France, Austria, Italy and Switzerland, and toured in England with the famous British Puppet Master, Waldo Lanchester.

Peter Scriven also appeared on television in London for the B.B.C.

On his return to Australia the present company was formed, the first performance being in Melbourne on Coronation Day in 1953. Since that day his puppets have been seen by an estimated two hundred and thirty thousand children and one hundred and twenty-five thousand adults in some seventy cities and towns in Victoria and New South Wales. The puppets have performed on behalf of the National Safety Council at the International Motor Show in Melbourne, have broken the attendance record of thirty years' standing at the Royal Princess Theatre, Bendigo, and have travelled twenty thousand miles to perform over five hundred times.

The Peter Scriven Puppets came to Sydney High School towards the end of First Term, and not only provided an afternoon of convulsing entertainment, but left with many a new appreciation of puppetry as a medium for great art and skill. "Sam Symbol and his Stringy Swingsters" provided Harlem jazz that was most riotous, while Heinz Hercules and Karl Sinew lifted weights which were the envy of the toughest First XV men. All this was fine fun, but then came the revelation of puppetry as an art, with a production of the old story of Hansel and Gretel, in which the beauty of the stage sets, the graceful movements of the creatures of the forest, the very real characterisation of the dramatis personæ and the perfect timing of entrances and exits rivalled the legitimate stage. Peter Scriven's visit, like all the best entertainment, was a contribution to the education of the audience.

INDIAN NATIONAL CULTURAL SOCIETY

Rivalling in entertainment value the puppet display which ended First Term, the concert presented in the Great Hall on 1st July by Dr. P. K. Chatterjee-Cardo under the auspices of the Indian National Cultural Society was witnessed with enthusiasm.

The displays of Indian dancing in colourful national costumes, rendered the more intelligible by Dr. Chatterjee-Cardo's explanations of the symbolism of the movements, were much appreciated.

The highlight of the entertainment, however, was surely the display of sleight of hand and Indian magic by the skilful doctor

himself. One of his tricks was to take a ring from Mr. Billington, and after having had it inspected by the Headmaster, place it in a revolver, which he fired from the body of the Hall in the direction of the stage. With the doctor still in the audience, Mr. Brownie was asked to go on the stage and undo a parcel. This proved to consist of countless silk scarves tied round a bundle of some twenty layers of rope wound ball-of-wool fashion round several boxes, each one fitting snugly inside another; and in the very inside box was Mr. Billington's ring, duly identified by the Headmaster.

After such a display one would have expected more faith in the doctor's powers than was evidenced by a Third Year boy who was requested to write something on a slip of paper for a thought-reading trick. Imagine that boy's chagrin when from the midst of the audience a teacher pulled his inscription from a bundle and the blindfolded doctor announced loudly from the stage: "This boy has written 'Latin stinks'. Will the boy who wrote that please come and claim his paper?" Oh, ye of little faith! An aftermath of the story came with the results of the half-yearly examination, when a representative of the "Record" discovered that the boy concerned came first in the year in Latin.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT

The Annual Music and Drama Night was presented on Monday and Tuesday, the 22nd and 23rd of August. On both nights the performers played to a full house, and the audience heartily acclaimed what was, perhaps, the most successful concert in recent years both from a financial and an artistic point of view.

The programme, in which the Choir was well to the fore, opened with a choral rendering of three of Bach's hymns, "Subdue us by Thy Goodness," "Blessed Jesus," and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring". Before the interval the Choir again gave a pleasant account of themselves with "Sing We and Chaunt It," "Drink to Me Only" and "Down Among the Dead Men". Perhaps the best-received item from the Choir, however, was the Junior Choir's rendering of the haunting "Eriskay Love Lilt" and Strauss's delightful, if rather difficult waltz, "Music From Heaven". The very high standard attained by the Choir is a tribute to the expert training and conducting of the music master, Mr. Billington.

The School is fortunate to have such artistic talent as was evidenced by P. Boone's masterly rendering of Rode's Concerto in A Minor on the violin, Russel Colman's pianoforte presentation of Chopin's "Fantasie Impromptu" and Ron May's finely controlled flute solos.

Special mention must be made of the accompanists, M. Dudman and A. Mladek, who skilfully supported both the Choir and the soloists.

A verse-speaking choir of forty boys, most ably conducted by Mr. Harrison, acquitted themselves well with Kingsley's "Sands of

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Dee" and Poe's much more difficult "Bells". In the latter particularly, the true lyrical quality of the verse was brought out and the potentialities of a choir of this nature were well illustrated.

A novel touch was added when a recorder and 'cello ensemble, conducted by P. Boone, played a selection of English folk tunes.

The dramatic side of the programme also reached an unusually high standard, and Mr. Howard must be congratulated on the fine plays he produced.

The first play consisted of scenes from Shakespeare's "Henry V" and was an adaptation of the performance staged at the Sydney War Memorial during Education Week. Paul Pryor as King Henry acquitted himself excellently. Princess Catherine (Donald Harding) was an intriguing and seductive figure, whilst the supporting cast, headed by L. Nunn (Montjoy), R. James (Duke of Burgundy), and N. Moses (French King) proved more than competent.

The comic scene between Pistol (R. Acher) and French Soldier (J. Fox) acquired some laughs from the younger set.

The burlesque, by F. Sladen-Smith, "The Poison Party," kept an appreciative audience in fits of laughter.

Don Harding, as the scheming Queen Mother, and Ernest Tucker, as the glamorous husband-chasing Denise de Beaujolis, gave excellent performances. John Fox (The King), L. Nunn (The Cardinal) and R. Acher (Father of Denise) also gave performances steeped in unflagging humour. The play was also a tribute to the make-up staff headed by Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Mr. Smith and Peter Rawlings.

Finally, a special vote of thanks must go to Mr. Toft (who was in charge of lighting) and his assistant, J. Silver, and also to Mr. Smith, who was in charge of the stage properties.

S. TZANNES, (4A).

FOOTBALL LUNCHEON

The Annual Football Luncheon given by members of the Ladies' Auxiliary was held in the School Hall on Wednesday, 24th August. The official party consisted of Mr. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Brownie, Mr. Rushall, Mr. Callaway, Mr. Rawlings and Mr. Brian Allsop. Members of the staff and representatives of all school football teams and activities attended.

Everyone did justice to a most enjoyable luncheon, of which the *pièce de résistance* was chocolate and blue footballs made in ice-cream. After the meal was finished, Mr. Andrews, acting as chairman, delivered a short address in which he gave a brief review of early teams and famous players. The captains of the various teams were then called upon to speak, the last being Bill Summers, Captain of the First Fifteen, who praised the work of the coaches and the Ladies' Auxiliary. Mr. Allsop replied on behalf of the



AT THE FOOTBALL LUNCHEON — The Headmaster's Address.

coaches, thanking the captains for their kind words. Mr. Alan Callaway, President of the Old Boys' Union, told the assembly of the life of John Skyring Cross before presenting the John Skyring Cross Cup to Brian Allsop, the 1954 winner. Peter Crittle then proposed a vote of thanks to the Ladies' Auxiliary, the master minds and hands behind the luncheon. This was seconded by Grant Stone, who led three rousing cheers for the ladies. Mrs. Delaney replied on behalf of the ladies of the Auxiliary.

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Membership of O.B.U. Increasing

Sixty-three years ago on the 6th June, 1892, Mr. T. R. Trevick, a master of the School, convened the inaugural meeting of the O.B.U. This meeting was held at the Sydney Girls' High School, then situated on the site of David Jones' Elizabeth Street, Store. Mr. Joseph Coates, M.A. (Oxon.), the Headmaster of the School, was selected President and Arthur Eedy and A. H. MacTaggart were chosen as the other two executive officers.

From these small beginnings the O.B.U. has continued to flourish through seasons lean and lush and has become an integral part of the life of the School.

The basis of an association is its membership, and it is pleasing to know that numerically our strength in financial members is a record. In 1953 we had 627 financial members, in 1954 680, and for the current year 750. Arch Harvey, Chairman of the Membership Committee, and his hard-working team, who meet each Monday night, are largely responsible for this fine achievement and have the well-earned gratitude and appreciation of all for their valuable efforts. Arch believes that 1956 will see the Union with 1,000 financial members, and this goal merits any and every support that we can give him.

An annual subscription of 7/6 for students under twenty-one and £1 for those of mature age will keep you in touch with all activities. Life membership costs £10/10/-, and all subscriptions should be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary, S.H.S.O.B.U., c/o Jamieson Patterson & Co., Tenth Floor, Challis House, 10 Martin Place, Sydney.

Welcome to New Headmaster

The sudden passing of Mr. Gordon Barr during the last Christmas vacation was regretted deeply by the members of the O.B.U. The late Mr. Barr, as a pupil, master and principal at the School, won a place in our hearts as one who loved dearly the old School.

Mr. Kenneth Andrews, B.A., has succeeded him and becomes the ninth headmaster in the seventy-two years of the School's history. He is already well known to many Old Boys, having been a master

at the School during the nineteen-thirties and coach of many fine cricket teams during that period.

To Mr. Andrews go our congratulations and good wishes. Already he has shown the attributes of personality, scholarship and fine character which have belonged to the School's most famous headmasters. The new "head" can be well-assured of the support of all members of the O.B.U. in the tasks which lie before him.

It is not out of place to mention here the fine work of Mr. John Brownie, our Deputy Headmaster, in the service of the School. Those Old Boys who have come to know him cannot but be impressed with the respect and warm feelings he has earned from to-day's generation of "High" lads, and his association with the O.B.U. has been a most happy one.

Social Functions.

The "High" Ball held at the Trocadero again this year in conjunction with the Old Girls' Union was again an outstanding social success, and the funds of both schools benefited considerably from the efforts of a hard-working committee.

"Take it Neat," the second annual O.B.U. Revue, was staged in the School's Great Hall in June. Many of last year's cast were in national service training camps and were unavailable. The success of this year's show is therefore a tribute to the organisers, Bob Bolton and Ian Kennedy, and the enthusiastic group they gathered around them.

Many of the School's past victories in regattas, football matches and athletic carnivals were screened at a Parade of Sports held in October. Merv Wood also told us of some of his overseas experiences at this happy function.

The annual reunion was held at Sargents' Market Street Ball-room in October last and proved a most enjoyable function. Over one hundred Old Boys gathered together to swap reminiscences of their schooldays and to renew old friendships.

Luncheon Club

The Wednesday luncheon at the "Toby Tavern," King Street, is still a popular weekly rendezvous for those who toil in the city area. "Arch" Ferguson has taken over the leadership from John Dexter and extends a cordial invitation to all who can attend.

New Racing Eight Required

Three years ago the O.B.U. purchased a new "Four" for the School Boat Club, and it was worthily named the "Alan R. Callaway" in honour of our President for his services as coach of the School crews.

This year our efforts are directed towards the purchase of a new racing "Eight," which is needed urgently to enable the crew to represent the School at the next Head of the River. The Eight will be named the "Frank M. Nichols," who next year completes his

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twenty-fifth year in School rowing, and an appeal is made to all Old Boys to support the Boat Fund by forwarding their donations to the Secretary of the Union.

Once again our appreciation goes to Frank Nichols, Alan Callaway, Graham Pilger, Dick White and Doug Donoghue for their sterling services as coaches of the School's crews and our best wishes for a successful season in the coming year.

Ladies' Auxiliary

Our Ladies' Auxiliary has completed another most successful year in the service of the School, and our appreciation of the work of Mesdames Nehl, Smee and Neller—the executive officers—and all other members is recorded with much pleasure.

Mothers, sisters and friends of Old Boys are invited to join the Auxiliary, which meets at 2 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the C.E.N.E.F Centre. They will find a ready welcome from a most happy band of ladies who are keeping alive friendships made at school, and also providing valuable assistance to the Old Boys' Union.

The Bulletin

Congratulations to Doug Donoghue for his editorship of the O.B.U.'s official journal, which has provided us with news of current happenings and personal jottings of Old Boys of many generations. Doug's task is not an enviable one, but is one of utmost importance in the efficient functioning of our organisation.

Parents and Citizens' Association

It is pleasing to record again the work of the Parents and Citizens' Association and their Ladies' Auxiliary during the past twelve months. To Mr. T. Rushall and Mrs. R. J. Delaney and their many and willing helpers we offer our sincere appreciation of the very fine contribution being made to the School, and of the practical assistance given to this Union's functions during the past year.

Younger Set

To all those who are about to leave the School we commend the Sydney High School Younger Set, which has been organised especially for the "younger" generation of Old Boys so that school friendships and interests can be maintained. "Doug" Donoghue is the guiding light of the Younger Set and will be very pleased to hear from new members.

Newcastle Branch

The Newcastle Branch of the O.B.U. continues to flourish under the leadership of Dr. C. E. Brake and Secretary Frank Bolton.

Tangible evidence of their support of the School was shown in the contributions to the equipment of the School's Boat Shed.

The untimely demise of Peter Bohrsman was mourned by all who knew him, and his support of the Newcastle Branch will be sadly missed.

Old Boy Footballers Win Honours

A complete XV could have been mustered from Old Boys turning out with Eastern Suburbs this year, whilst many familiar names were listed with Randwick, University, St. George and Eastwood Rugby Union teams.

Congratulations to John Thornett (School Captain, 1951), who added his name to the now rather lengthy list of Old Boys to represent Australia. As a member of the side that toured New Zealand this season, John received special mention as the most improved player.

It was pleasing to read that Keith Cross, our other representative with the 1955 Wallabies, had regained his best form and played a full part in Australia's win in the third Test.

H. E. (Barney) Walsh as coach of the University XV recorded his third win in succession. Tom Pauling again took a hand in selecting both N.S.W. and Australian sides, whilst ex-international referee A. C. Emanuel made a welcome re-appearance, this time as a member of the Protest and Appeals Committee.

Congratulations also to Brian Allsop, who in his first year since leaving school represented the State in the recent Rugby League tour of Queensland. Brian will also be busy during the forthcoming cricket season.

O.B.U. Team Enters Burke Cup Competition

The entry of an Old Boys' team in the Sub-District Burke Cup Competition proved to be an unqualified success. All games were keenly contested, the standard of football was high, and the side finished this season with the creditable record of 11 games won, 2 lost, and 1 drawn. Perhaps the most enjoyable game of the season was the non-competition game played on Queen's Birthday against Hawkesbury College 1st XV at Richmond.

Provided sufficient players are available, it is hoped to enter two teams next season, and an invitation is extended to all boys leaving school this year to join this club. For further information contact Phil Howard, who must be congratulated on his leadership of the S.H.S. O.B. Football Club for the past five seasons. The repeated success of our team should give him, as it does all of us, the highest satisfaction.

Pat on the back, Tich; you've earned it.

McKay Oval

The School playing fields are fast earning the reputation of having the finest cricket and football surfaces among the grounds of the Great Public Schools. Credit for this must go to the efforts of Bill Wilson (P. and C.), Sid Willsher (O.B.U.), and the other members of the Grounds Committee, and the curator for their hard work.

The planting of ornamental shrubs and trees and the levelling

of the surrounding areas is also making the oval something of which the School can be very proud.

Old Boys at the University

Our best wishes for success in the coming First Year Examinations to the following 1954 school-leavers:—

Arts: J. Douglass, F. Kane, W. Lillyman, J. Milson, J. Payne, R. Casey, K. Dutton, T. Bowen, J. Cope, J. Hislop, F. Kennedy, E. Rhodes, E. Sheedy, K. Sosothikil, R. Taylor.

Medicine: R. Callaghan, R. Hampson, R. Layton, S. Safran, R. Spencer, S. Strasser, R. Weston, G. Gluck, A. Nicholls, J. Post, P. Schiller, R. Grieves.

Engineering: K. Kool, R. McFarlane, J. H. Bennett, I. Findlay, B. Sampson, J. Browne.

Science: A. Cameron, J. Lennon, A. Protos, P. Stelzer.

Agricultural Science: M. Aston, J. Elfick, R. Turkington, M. Watt, W. Potts.

Architecture: J. Searl.

Among the younger students, John Hislop represented Sydney University in Basketball at Hobart and had the honour of winning the Inter-Varsity Championship. John Bennett was runner-up in the University Special Singles Championship, and John Browne and Bob McFarlane were in the premier Interfaculty Football Team.

Something new in University sport were the two football games arranged between First Year students from "High" and Sydney Tech. High. "High" won the first 8-6 and Tech. won the return match 6-3, but more important, a good time was had by all.

In another field, Tom Bowen is the new film reporter for the weekly "rag," "Honi Soit".

Chancellor of New England University Appointed

One of our most distinguished Old Boys, the Hon. Sir Earle Page, Minister for Health in the Commonwealth Government, was this year inducted as the first Chancellor of the New England University.

Old Boys Interstate

So many Old Boys are settling interstate or overseas these days that it has been possible to organise regular meetings in some centres to keep them in touch with events at home.

Fifty G.P.S. Old Boys in Wollongong attended a Regatta Dinner at the Grand Hotel in April this year. All schools except Riverview and Armidale were represented, and Grammar were the guests of honour. Dr. A. E. (Bertie) Khan (cox of winning High Eight in 1929), his brother, Dr. K. B. Khan, and John Skillen represented Sydney High School. Bertie Khan proposed the toast of the Great Public Schools and two representatives of the Schools Club came from Sydney to attend the gathering.

A similar function was held in Manilla, at which no less than fifty-nine Old Boys from every school in the G.P.S. Association were present, "High" being represented by T. Davis. There were also gatherings in Adelaide, at which we were represented, and in Hobart. That staunch ex-High stalwart in Perth, Derrick Gilder, tells of eighteen ex-G.P.S. chaps who got together on the afternoon of the race. Unfortunately, the broadcasting arrangements were hardly an unqualified success, but a good time was had by all, and it is proposed to make the function an annual one in the city of the west and perhaps run a dinner as well on Regatta Night.

Mention of Adelaide brings to mind that, following the Regatta Night function, a N.S.W. G.P.S. Old Boys' Association of South Australia was formed with the object of providing a means of contact for Old Boys of the various schools who may be residing in that State. Dr. R. W. (Dick) Burratt, who has been resident in South Australia for some years, is keenly interested in the formation of this group, and the Sydney High School representative on the Committee at present is D. R. E. Bennett, c/o. Bankers and Traders Insurance Co. Ltd., 65-73 King William Street, Adelaide. He will be pleased to hear from, or of, any Old Boys who may be in South Australia from time to time, so that they may join in the various functions organised during the year.

Quite a strong N.S.W. G.P.S. Old Boys' Union exists in Tasmania, with headquarters in Hobart. The President is T. S. (Tal) Duckmanton, Old Boy of Newington and now associated with the Australian Broadcasting Commission. Our representative is Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Norrie, c/o. Military Camp, Brighton, Tasmania.

The apple isle seems to have some special attraction for ex-High students. Among those on the Union's list are R. R. Boulston at the University, W. E. Joyce in dental practice in Hobart, H. T. (Horace) Kinch with the firm of Harvey Trinder, and R. Mostyn. Alan J. Bead has forsaken the A.M.P. to join the R.A.A.F. (as he put it, "for better or for worse") and has recently been posted to the Newcastle area.

There is no official advice of similar groups in Queensland and Victoria, but we have quite good representation in both States, and it is hoped that in the not too distant future Old Boys in various centres may follow the example of those in the Newcastle-Maitland-Singleton areas and from their own local groups.

John Longworth of Burren Junction is at present forming such a group, and the Membership Committee has forwarded to John the names of some half-dozen Old Boys in that area.

Perhaps you can organise a group in your own area.

Personal Notes

Jack Austin, M.C., former Science Master at the School, is planning a trip abroad next year to pursue studies in educational research.

The Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science was conferred on Frank Bradhurst by the N.S.W. University of Technology.

Congratulations to Dick Crebbin—a son.

Ted Pain, Olympic oarsman (Helsinki, 1952) and a member of the Oxford University Eights of 1954 and 1955, has returned home after post-graduate study at Oxford.

Congratulations to young Alan May of Fourth Year for the production of "The Star," the School's own newspaper—a very fine piece of work.

"Snow" Webb has gone west to manage a station property at Moree.

The Rt. Rev. W. G. Hilliard, Coadjutor-Bishop of Sydney, has been granted six months' leave of absence by the Council of the King's School, of which he is a member. Bishop Hilliard is recuperating after a serious illness.

N.S.W. G.P.S. Old Boys' Association of New England

The Headmaster has received the following communication from the above-named Association. It is regretted that no earlier publicity could be given to it than that afforded by "The Record":—
Dear Sir,

The above-named Association was formed in Glen Innes on 25th February, 1953, to encourage the re-uniting of former students of the Great Public Schools in New South Wales, for mutual interest and enjoyment, and to maintain the spirit of comradeship fostered by the schools.

We have held functions in the form of a Reunion Dinner on Boat Race Nights of 11th April, 1953, and 10th April, 1954, which have been very successful and which have been attended by approximately 60 G.P.S. Old Boys from the Glen Innes district on each occasion.

Membership of our Association has been confined to the Glen Innes district up to the present time, but in view of the success of the two functions held the Association has decided to extend invitations to all N.S.W. G.P.S. Old Boys to attend the next function on Boat Race Night, 1955, to be held at Glen Innes.

It is realised that travelling distance will limit the numbers able to attend, but we should be pleased if you would notify all Sydney High School Old Boys in your School Magazine of the existence of our Association and of our Annual Function on Boat Race Night, or contact your Old Boys' Union to circularise members to that effect.

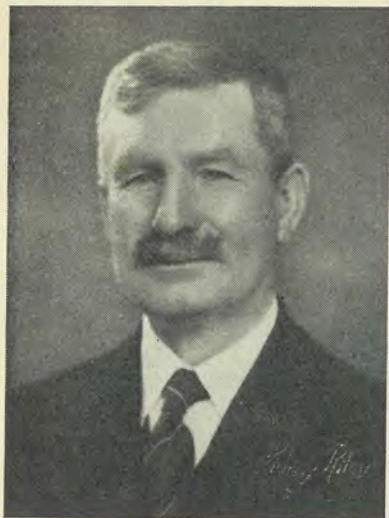
Yours sincerely,

W. McCUTCHEON,

Honorary Secretary,

C/o. Bank of N.S.W., Glen Innes, N.S.W.

THE LATE
CHARLES FAIRLAND



Mr C. A. Fairland.

Of the many thousands who have passed through the portals of the Sydney High School in its 72 years there is none with a greater record of service to High than Charles Adnam Fairland, who died on 12th May, 1955, at the age of 77 years.

Seemingly enjoying the secret of perpetual youth, particularly in the energy devoted to the welfare of schoolboys, youths, cricketers, footballers and rate-payers—and in his outlook on life—Charles Fairland became a legend in his lifetime.

Taken by his parents from Fort Street and sent to Sydney High School in 1889 because "Uncle had been a Master at St. James' Grammar School (founded 1835)

and the Sydney High School succeeded to the School Buildings and traditions of St. James'," Charlie continued in the service of "High" right up to the day of his death. Nothing was a trouble; he approached every task fearlessly and conscientiously so that it became a labour of love.

With Arthur Eedy as the guiding star, he was one of the founders of the reconstituted Old Boys' Union in 1902 and graced every major office: President, 1909-10; Vice-President, 1911, 1924-25, 1937-55; Joint Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, 1904-09; Hon. Secretary, 1912-20, 1927-37; Hon. Treasurer, 1920-23.

For more than 30 years his office at 59 Pitt Street was the "Registered Office" of the Old Boys' Union.

He was regarded as the connecting link between the older and younger generations, and it is said by some that he knew everybody who passed through the School from 1883 to 1955 and could remember some incident about each.

In 1925 he, with Mr. George Saxby, then Headmaster, founded our Parents and Citizens' Association, and his flame of inspiration assisted in building that body to its present eminence.

In 1929 he was one of the founders of the first School Masonic Lodge in N.S.W.—Lodge Sydney High School—was its Foundation Chaplain and was Chaplain when he died.

But Charlie Fairland was revered in other circles than our own.

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Ask anyone who lives at Hunter's Hill and you will be told of his 56 years as Superintendent of All Saints' Sunday School, of more than 30 years' service as an Alderman, and of his being the driving force behind the local Cricket and Football Clubs for 60 years. The "Fairland" Pavilion at Boronia Park is a worthy tribute to his unflagging enthusiasm.

He was President of the Metropolitan Junior Rugby Union from its inception, and for more than 50 years he guided the destinies of the City and Suburban Cricket Association, with its 44 teams and 700 players. He was an authority on turf wickets, having learnt much when his brother, Sid, was Manager of the Sydney Cricket Ground.

To return to the Sydney High School, its Old Boys, and Parents and Citizens, we are grateful for the life of one whose name will be known to future generations at the School through the "C. A. Fairland" Pavilion at McKay Oval. His code of ethics, his earnestness and devotion to the cause of "High" have inspired all those who worked with him. His inspiration will be sadly missed, and as an example of selfless service of one who laboured unceasingly in the cause of his fellows, his equal will not be seen again.

In assessing his influence, we say that had we to award The Old Boys' Prize to an Old Boy it would have been to Charles Fairland, because he was "certainly first in the hearts of his fellows".

We close this small tribute with the quotation delivered at his funeral: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

A. R. B.

S.H.S. PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Office-bearers, 1955

President: Mr. T. W. Rushall.

Vice-Presidents: Mr. C. W. Watt, Mr. G. E. May.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. J. Collins. *Hon. Treasurer:* Mr. G. Chapman.

Executive Committee: Mrs. C. Delaney, Mrs. N. Shaw, Mr. W. H. Wilson, Mr. S. Donnan, Mr. W. Jobling, Mr. R. R. King, Mr. K. Ellis.

Public Relations Officer: Mr. R. J. Delaney.

Hon. Auditors: Mr. W. W. Vick, Mr. H. V. Quinton.

School Councillors: Mr. T. W. Rushall, Mr. C. W. Watt, Mr. L. J. Collins, Mrs. C. Delaney.

Meetings third Thursday in each month at 8 p.m.

The annual meeting of the Association was held in the Great Hall on 17th March. The retiring President, Mr. T. W. Rushall, and the retiring Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. J. Collins, were both re-elected unopposed. The retiring Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Carroll Taylor, was not available for re-election, and it would be as well to take this opportunity of recording here the outstanding work performed by Mr. Taylor during his years with the Parents & Citizens' Association.

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The sad passing of the late Headmaster, Mr. Gordon Barr, B.A., was felt very deeply by his many friends within the P. & C. On many occasions previously we have paid tribute to this fine man, but we would like once again to express the sorrow that we feel and also again offer our condolences to Mrs. Barr and family.

Finance

The income for 1955 should reach over £3,000, and by the end of the year there should be very little left, for that is the way the Parents & Citizens' Association should function, by raising as much money as it can and then spending it wisely and well for the benefit of the boys of the School.

Boys:

The general conduct of the boys on and off the playing fields leaves little to be desired, and it makes it all the more gratifying to know that the efforts of the P. & C. Association are being used for their advantage.

The Parents & Citizens' Association, in conjunction with the Girls' Parents & Citizens' Association, are giving a combined Social and Dance for Fifth Year boys and girls in the Great Hall on Friday, 2nd December, and if it proves a success it is quite likely that it will be made an annual function.

McKay Sports Ground Committee

Mr. A. W. Rawlings, Mr. S. Donnan and Mr. J. Ryan have been very active during the year in providing playing fields for the footballers and pitches for the cricketers. Two of the biggest improvements were the laying of a concrete apron outside the Fairland Pavilion and the topdressing of the McKay Oval.

Rowing Committee

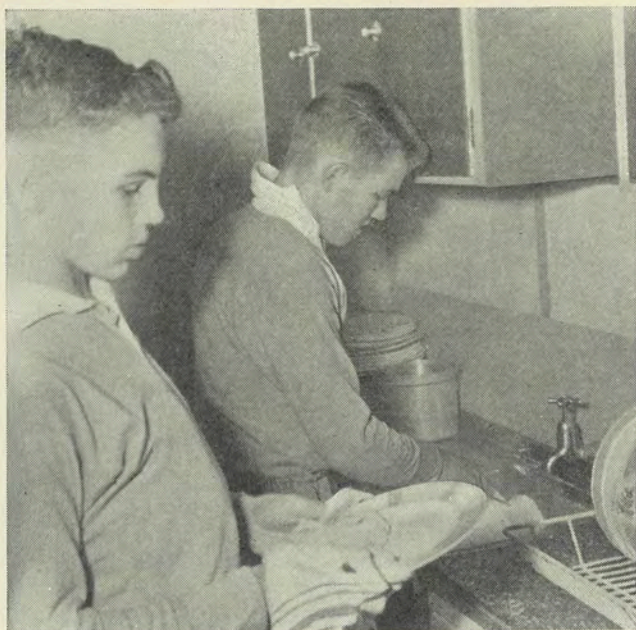
Mr. G. E. May, Mr. J. R. Woodcock and Mr. E. Thomas, the members of this Committee, are very hard-working, and they always seem to be wherever there is the most work to be done, whether it is at the boatshed or somewhere else.

The outstanding improvements at the boatshed were the laying of concrete foundations for the new crane that Mr. G. Sample is so kindly donating, and the replacement of the staging, which was in such a dangerous condition. The wood for the foundation of this was donated by Mr. A. W. Rawlings, and Mr. J. Simonds provided the nails.

In helping to carry out these improvements the Rowing Committee have provided a level and solid staging which should last for a good many years.

We would like to thank the many people who have donated articles and materials for the boatshed during the year.

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In the Kitchen of the New Rowing Shed.



THE NEW ROWING SHED—Boys in Camp Use the Dining Room as a Prep. Room.

Ways and Means Committee

This Committee comprises Mr. S. Donnan, Mr. R. W. Beath, Mr. L. J. Collins, Mr. N. Gard, Mrs. C. Delaney, Mrs. E. Sheedy, Mrs. N. Shaw, Mrs. E. Schwab, Mr. R. J. Delaney, Mr. J. Levi, and Mr. R. E. Paillas. Most of the suggestions put forward by this Committee were being carried out, including a Golf Day conducted by Mr. R. W. Beath and a Bowls Day conducted by Mr. N. Gard.

Carnival Fête

The Ways and Means Committee, with the addition of many extra members, constituted the Fête Committee, and with the assistance of further willing helpers, once again a very successful Carnival Fête was held, both socially and financially.

The official opening by Rear-Admiral H. B. Farncomb, C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., the Guard of Honour by the School Cadets, and the playing of the new School Band, together with the Coogee-Randwick Scottish Pipe Band, all helped to provide a very fine spectacle.

The Hon. Organiser, Mr. S. Donnan, is to be congratulated on making such a fine job of organising the Fête, and the Ladies' Auxiliary were once again very enthusiastically behind him. Their report is published elsewhere.

The Parents & Citizens' Association desires to express appreciation and grateful acknowledgment for the many donations to the Fête.

School Grounds Committee

Mr. M. R. Wills, Mr. J. R. Woodcock, Mr. G. E. May, Mr. E. Thomas, Mr. R. E. Paillas and Mr. J. Ryan did a very fine job in helping to prepare for the Fête and also in clearing away afterwards. Mr. M. R. Wills, the Chairman of the Committee, is also doing good service with the Maintenance Committee.

Dance Committee

Mr. E. Mahaffy, Mr. R. Skinner, Mr. J. Cameron, Mr. S. Tzannes, Mr. B. T. Laing, Mr. J. Levi, Mr. E. Schwab, Mr. L. Tiley, Mr. H. Bailin, Mr. E. Thomas, Mrs. I. Thomas, Mrs. C. Delaney have been responsible for organising our dances. These have been running smoothly, and the attendances are very satisfactory and they show a good financial return. With the installation of a new microphone system and two new fans the dancers are being made a little more comfortable.

Welcome to New Headmaster

We have welcomed the new Headmaster, Mr. K. J. Andrews, B.A., on so many occasions at previous functions that he must realize by now that we mean it. We now welcome him through the "Record" and state how happy we are that he was appointed to the position of Headmaster of Sydney Boys' High School. We have also helped in securing clerical assistance for him, and we hope that his asso-

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ciation with us will be a long and happy one. We wish to thank Mr. Andrews for the drive and co-operation that he has already demonstrated.

We also thank the Deputy Headmaster, Mr. J. Brownie, B.A., and the Staff for their support.

In conclusion, we would like to mention the splendid job that all members of the Parents & Citizens' Association are doing and appeal to you for your continued support, both in numbers and financially, for what you do, you do for the boys of the School.

MR. T. W. RUSHALL,
President.

MR. L. J. COLLINS,
Hon. Secretary.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

Office-bearers, 1955

President: Mrs. R. J. Delaney.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. R. Shaw.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. G. Ré.

Membership of the Ladies' Auxiliary for 1955 is particularly high, including, as well as a great majority of mothers of boys at the School, mothers of boys who have left "High". The enthusiasm and active support of members is splendid and an inspiration to the Auxiliary Executive.

Attendance of all meetings is particularly good: at most meetings there are more than one hundred members present.

Social functions have been frequent and, while a source of pleasure to the members and friends, have been responsible for the raising of funds with which the Auxiliary has met its financial obligations to the Parents & Citizens' Association.

All committees have been most active and are to be commended for their support on all occasions when it has been required by the School. Assistance given by the Ladies' Auxiliary to such major functions as the Reunion, Regatta Supper, Football and Cricket fixtures, Football Luncheon and Carnival Fête, has been, to a great degree, responsible for their success. Plans are at present under way for the Auxiliary Ball, Farewell by Fourth Year to Fifth Year, and the inaugural Farewell Dance to Fifth Year pupils at both Sydney Girls' and Sydney Boys' High Schools.

Whenever needed, the Auxiliary has received the valuable advice and assistance of the Headmaster, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Brownie, and members of the staff. The ladies are most appreciative of their helpful co-operation.

The President, Mrs. R. J. Delaney, and her executive are grateful, too, for the continual support and generosity of members and friends given so graciously throughout the year.

(Mrs.) N. SHAW,
Hon. Secretary

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

Through the pages of the "Record" the School would like to express its very great appreciation of the generosity of the P. & C. Association during the year. They purchased for us a duplicating machine, mainly for the purpose of printing "The Star," a tape recorder, a portable wireless from which recordings can be made on tape without the operation of the speaker (and silent recording has great virtues), an ampligram, which is the most faithful reproducer of recorded music and speech that is commercially available, and an amplifying system for use at public functions. In addition to these gifts in kind, the P. & C. Association also donated the sum of £60 for the purchase of records in connection with music and speech work and £100 towards the purchase of the Encyclopædia Britannica for the Library.

The Cadet Corps also is indebted to the P. & C. Association for the gift of four bugles. The value of these in contributing to the atmosphere of ceremonial occasions was shown when the Corps provided a Guard of Honour for Rear-Admiral Farncomb on the occasion of his opening the School Fête, and again at the Passing Out Parade when the Unit was reviewed by G.O.C. Eastern Command, Lieut.-General Woodward.

FLOOD APPEAL

The appeal for support for the victims of the disastrous Hunter River Valley floods called forth an immediate response from the School. The sum of £150/15/5 was raised by voluntary contribution among the pupils and staff and forwarded to the Flood Relief Fund.

SPORT

FOOTBALL

FIRST XV

The 1955 First XV was one of the lightest teams in G.P.S. Football this year. On paper, the team seemed an extremely capable one, but owing to the continued switching of players rendered necessary because of lack of experience, it found it difficult to settle down.

The C.H.S. Competition was begun in great style against Canterbury. The latter held us to 3-0 in the first half, but our condition paved the way for a point-a-minute scoring burst in the second half. Our only setback in this competition was experienced in the next round, when our old rivals, Fort Street, playing well above themselves, overwhelmed us.

Came the start of the G.P.S. Competition, with much conjecture as to the result of the first round. However, the issue was never in doubt, and St. Joseph's completely outclassed us to win 20-0, our worst defeat of the season. This match proved of great benefit to the forwards, who learnt much from the hard-rucking St. Joseph's pack.

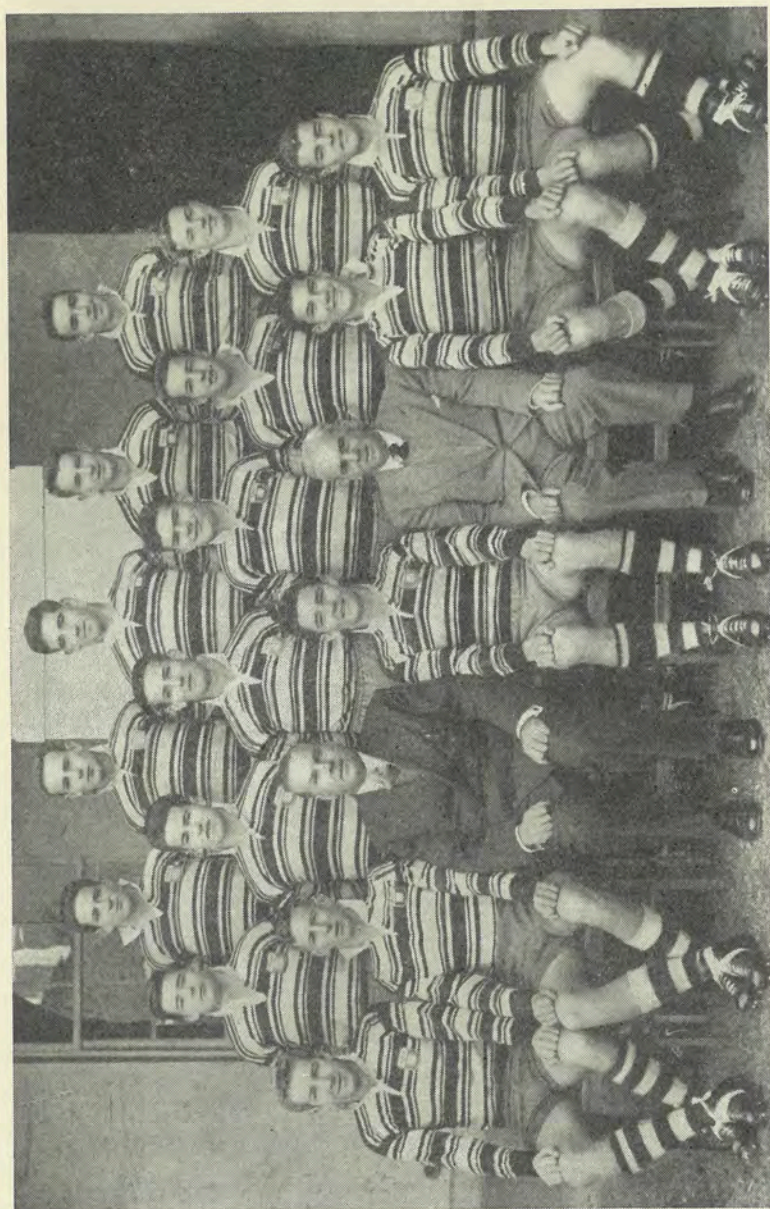
The next game, at Weigall Oval, saw us narrowly beaten by Grammar, 6-11. Quigley, at outside-centre, tackled soundly, and repeatedly broke up dangerous moves by the Grammar backs. Fear also played well, and was very unlucky not to score beneath the posts. Burge, in his First Grade debut, was equally impressive.

St. Ignatius were our next opponents, at McKay Oval. In this match the forwards, with Woodlands and Holt outstanding, gained a noticeable advantage, but the backs were unable to use it to full advantage. The score of 13-8 against us was not, perhaps, a true indication of the trend of play.

At Parramatta we met the King's School, a formidable side who fielded the heaviest pack in the competition. Nevertheless, our boys played plucky football, the forwards, particularly Gaul and King, showing great spirit. We lost 6-25.

The match against Newington at McKay Oval was a fast, hard-fought tussle, in which Summers, the captain, was outstanding. His magnificent defence against the big, powerful Newington backs was a feature of the match, and was typical of his play throughout the season. We were defeated, 3-6.

In the sixth round, against Shore at Northbridge, we registered our first victory, by 6-0. The forwards again impressed, while Hinks made some very fine runs down the wing.



FIRST XV — C.H.S. PREMIERS.

Back Row: H. MACLEAY, G. QUIGLEY, A. HOLT, R. FEAR, S. MCCOLL,
Second Row: J. GAUL, J. HARRIS, G. HINKS, R. REDMAN, G. KING, J. REID,
Front Row: G. COULSON, G. BURGE, MR. A. F. O'ROURKE, W. SUMMERS (Capt.), MR. F. J. ALLSOPP, P. CRITTLE, R. WOODLANDS.



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We concluded the G.P.S. Competition by registering another win, over Scots at McKay Oval, by 9-8. In this game McColl played superlative football, which culminated in his scoring a brilliant try after beating the blind-side winger, short-kicking past the full-back, and gathering to score in the corner.

Meanwhile, the team had progressed well in the C.H.S. Competition. After our unexpected defeat at the hands of Fort Street we had not lost a match, and a win over Sydney Tech. would virtually mean the Co-Premiership to us. Tech. were possessed of a back-line which was the equal of any G.P.S. side, their five-eight, Gasnier, being hailed as the greatest schoolboy find for years.

The match produced the finest football of the season, and all credit must go to Tech. for the fine sportsmanship their boys displayed. Our own breakaways, Crittle and Harris, who had performed very well throughout the season, played inspired football. Their crash-tackling completely subdued the Tech. backline, and their five-eight was eventually moved to the outside-centre position. Reid, at inside-centre, was equally impressive, and a brilliant solo try of his proved to be the turning point of the match. After cutting through at the half-way mark, he ran upfield to be challenged by the full-back. He dummied, and after a magnificent burst of speed touched down beneath the posts. The subsequent conversion meant that we had won 11-9. Any discussion of the match would not be complete without reference to the courage displayed by outside-centre Coulson, who was repeatedly carried from the field, only to return again. Mention must also be made of Macleay's hooking, which gained for us the lion's share of the ball, and made possible our many fine backline movements.

An easy win over North Sydney High, and the unexpected defeat of Tech. at the hands of Parramatta, meant that for the second year in succession Sydney High were outright Premiers in the First Grade Competition.

Throughout the season several forwards, Crittle, Woodlands and Gaul, played consistently well, and were always on the ball. At the beginning of the season the backs were not impressive, but with the start of the G.P.S. Competition they steadily improved. They were extremely well led by Summers at five-eight, while Hinks, Burge and Fear (who scored over 150 points in competition matches) were also outstanding.

At the conclusion of the G.P.S. rounds Burge was selected in the Combined Second XV, while Summers (capt.), Fear and Macleay were chosen in the Thirds.

The team would like to thank Mr. Andrews, Mr. Brownie and those members of the staff whose unflinching attendance inspired us greatly. Our deepest thanks must also go out to the "Old Firm"—Messrs. O'Rourke and Allsopp—for their coaching and advice, which proved the foundation of our success. We wish finally to extend our gratitude to the ladies of the Ladies' Auxiliary for the wonderful

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and untiring service which they displayed throughout the 1955 season.

G.P.S. Scores.

S.H.S. *v.*—

- St. Joseph's College—Lost, 0-20.
- Sydney Grammar School—Lost, 6-11.
- St. Ignatius College—Lost, 8-18.
- The King's School—Lost, 6-25.
- Newington College—Lost, 3-6.
- Sydney Church of England Grammar School—Won, 6-0.
- The Scots College—Won, 9-8.

C.H.S. Scores.

S.H.S. *v.*—

- Canterbury High—Won, 33-0.
- Fort Street High—Lost, 3-14.
- Penrith High—Won, 67-0.
- Parramatta High—Won, 23-9.
- Randwick High—Won, 24-3.
- Homebush High—Won, 13-0.
- North Sydney Tech.—Won, 13-6.
- Manly High—Won, 24-3.
- Hurlstone Agricultural—Won, 15-3.
- Sydney Tech.—Won, 11-9.
- North Sydney High—Won, 29-3.

SECOND XV

The Second XV shone in this year's C.H.S. Competition, being undefeated premiers. The team did not meet with the same success in the G.P.S. Competition, managing only to win one and draw two matches. Our congratulations go to St. Joseph's College, who were undefeated in the G.P.S. Competition.

In all, the Second XV played twenty games throughout the season, winning twelve, drawing three and losing five, including one loss against a combined team from the new high schools.

The team started the season in impressive style, but, owing to numerous changes through injuries, form throughout the season was inconsistent. No fewer than twenty-seven players represented in the side at different times.

The team played its best football against Sydney Tech., who were, at the time of the match, joint leaders with our own team. After being behind 8-3 at half-time, the team scored 14 points in the second half to win the match 17-8. This virtually decided the premiership.

The highest point scorer was Marr, the Vice-Captain, who played at full back and later on the wing. Together with Humphries, the other winger, he gave the other side (and us) some anxious moments. A feature of Hackett's play was his excellent line-kicking. Anderson, a tower of strength behind the scrum, and Carruthers, who was playing out of position at five-eighth, combined well. Centre Beverley was the find of the season. He came from House and was unlucky not to make the First XV. Of the forwards, Carruthers hooked well at times, and Sample gained a fair share of the ball

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in the line-outs. Faulds was one of the best forwards and he was consistently backed up by Sutherland, Farquhar and Stone. The team was for the latter half of the season ably led by Ian Letts, who played in the lock position. His play was an inspiration to the team, and their success is largely a credit to his ability.

The most unfortunate accident for the team occurred when Ray Hudson broke his collarbone playing against Manly.

Our special congratulations go to Geoff Burge, our former captain and centre, who became full-back for the First XV and then for the G.P.S. Second XV.

This report would be incomplete without reference to our coach, Mr. Toft. The team really appreciated his untiring efforts throughout the season. Also we wish to thank the ladies of the Auxiliary for the afternoon teas they provided on the Saturdays.



SECOND XV — UNDEFEATED C.H.S. PREMIERS.

Back Row: R. HUDSON, A. FARQUHAR, R. CARRUTHERS, E. ANDERSON.
Second Row: G. STONE, N. FAULDS, R. SAMPLE, D. BLOOM, B. McMAHON,
A. CARRUTHERS.
Front Row: G. HUMPHRIES, H. HACKETT, I. LETTS (Capt.), MR. W. TOFT, G. MARR,
D. SUTHERLAND, G. BEVERLEY.

G.P.S. Scores.

S.H.S. v.—

- St. Joseph's College—Lost, 0-17.
- Sydney Grammar School—Won, 15-9.
- St. Ignatius College—Lost, 3-14.
- The King's School—Drew, 0-0.
- Newington College—Lost, 3-11.
- Sydney Church of England Grammar School—Lost, 0-17.
- The Scots College—Drew, 6-6.

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C.H.S. Scores.

S.H.S. v.—

Canterbury High—Won, 14-5.
Fort Street High—Won, 28-0.
Penrith High—No match.
Parramatta High—Won, 30-0.
Randwick High—Won, 18-0.
Homebush High—Won, 23-3.
North Sydney Tech.—Won, 19-0.
Manly High—Won, 19-0.
Hurlstone Agricultural—Drew, 6-6.
Sydney Tech.—Won, 17-8.
North Sydney High—Won, 3-0.

THIRD XV

The Third Grade side was again successful in its competition, ending the season without defeat. On most occasions they found themselves lighter and smaller than their opponents, but made up the deficiency by soundness of condition and rapidity of movement. On occasions the team was near to defeat, notably against Sydney Tech. High, North Sydney Tech., and Homebush High. It was a tribute to the determination and condition of the players that in each of these games they snatched a victory after being on the wrong side of the score board at the end of the first half. The remainder of the games were one-sided, except an unofficial game



THIRD XV — UNDEFEATED PREMIERS.

Back Row: H. DASH, B. THOMAS, P. JOHNSON, I. McCLATCHEY, A. RÉ, R. DAWSON.
Second Row: P. GRAGE, P. SOMMER, T. WOLFE, G. DAVIES, D. WALLIS,
N. WALSH, N. MAYES.
Front Row: G. REDDISH, J. CANTWELL, J. HIRST, R. WEBB (Capt.), H. SHARP,
M. BINDLEY, N. THOMPSON.
Sitting: D. GOLDBERG, I. DAVY.

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against Cleveland Street First Grade, in which our team was defeated 11-9.

From the beginning of the season players were continually lost to the higher grades, but this was no real inconvenience, as many reserves always turned out at practices.

A most satisfying feature of the season's play was the sound defence of both forwards and backs. The forwards were ably led by Hirst and always kept on the ball, the front row, Thomas, McClatchey and Walsh, winning more than a fair share of it from the scrums. Dash and Johnson developed into a sound half combination, and although the centres were constantly changing, they were always dangerous in attack, especially Webb, the captain, who was later promoted to Seconds. Our wingers, Dawson and Ré, completed many movements smoothly, and Wallis developed into a steady and dependable full-back.

The team would not have excelled as it did had it not been for the enthusiastic coaching of Mr. Mitchell, to whom all the members offer their thanks for services rendered.

Scores.

S.H.S. *v.*—

Canterbury High—Won, 11-0.

Fort Street High—Won, 47-0.

Penrith High—Won, 48-0.

Parramatta High—Won, 28-0.

Randwick High—Won, 25-0.

Homebush High—Won, 9-3.

North Sydney Tech.—Won, 16-5.

Manly High—Won, 14-0.

Hurlstone Agricultural—Won, 14-0.

Sydney Tech. High—Won, 17-3.

North Sydney High—Won, 16-0.

FOURTH XV

Although the Fourth XV did not commence this season remarkably well, the general standard of play steadily improved as the season progressed. This was mainly due to the additional experience gained through competing against G.P.S. teams and was clearly shown in a decisive win against Newington, a draw with Shore and a narrow defeat by Scots.

With F. Smith consistently backing up to take the final pass, Nary excelling in loose rucks and line-outs, McGill's occasional inspiring runs and the solid tackling of K. Rubie, the captain, the forwards were moulded into a strong pack, while the three-quarter line, led by Kellick, ran well with the ball. Jarman and Parrott showed great determination, and Rogencamp was brilliant at times.

We would like to offer our congratulations to Randwick High on being undefeated Premiers, and we take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Mr. Rowlands for his untiring efforts and keen enthusiasm in coaching the team throughout the past three years. We also thank Mr. Jessep for arranging the G.P.S. matches from which the team greatly benefited.

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S.H.S. inside-centre, Greg. Coulson, looks for a team mate after he is tackled by a North Sydney Technical opponent. Bill Summers immediately behind Coulson.

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G.P.S. Scores.

S.H.S. *v.*—

- St. Joseph's College—Lost, 3-18.
- Sydney Grammar School—Lost, 6-11.
- St. Ignatius College—Lost, 11-16.
- Newington College—Won, 16-3.
- Sydney Church of England Grammar School—Drew, 11-11.
- The Scots College—Lost, 3-6.

C.H.S. Scores.

S.H.S. *v.*—

- Canterbury High—Lost, 3-9.
- Fort Street High—Lost, 3-6.
- Penrith High—Won, 18-3.
- Parramatta High—Won, 42-0.
- Randwick High—Lost, 3-13.
- North Sydney Tech.—Won, 3-0.
- Homebush High—Lost, 6-14.
- Manly High—Drew, 6-6.
- Hurlstone Agricultural—Won, 6-3.
- Sydney Tech.—Lost, 8-13.
- North Sydney High—Lost, 3-11.

FIFTH XV

The team was reasonably successful in the recent competition, finishing third to co-premiers, Manly and North Sydney, who defeated us narrowly. We congratulate those teams on their success.

The team practised well throughout the season and picked up many useful hints from the coach, Mr. Leblang, whose interest was a great encouragement. The players would like to convey their thanks to him for this patient instruction.

The backs co-ordinated well and the forwards became tight and quite mobile towards the end of the season. Special mention is due to A. Heatley, the leading try-scorer, several of the forwards whose consistent backing up and hard tackling inspired the remainder of the pack, and our two wingers, who ran hard and straight and tackled solidly.

Fox, Collins, Sweaney and Fisher show outstanding promise for next year, while Schwarzer did a remarkably good job as captain, holding the team together in difficult moments and always being in command of the situation.

Scores.

S.H.S. *v.*—

- Canterbury High—Drew, 6-6.
- Fort Street High—Won, 12-6.
- Penrith High—Won, 9-0.
- Parramatta High—Won, 11-3.
- Randwick High—Won, 21-3.
- North Sydney Tech.—Won, 9-3.
- Homebush High—Won, 8-6.
- Manly High—Lost, 3-14.
- Hurlstone Agricultural—Won, 9-3.
- Sydney Tech.—Won, 15-3.
- North Sydney High—Lost, 0-3.



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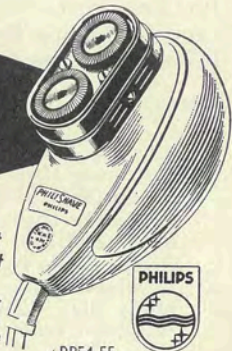
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SIXTH XV

The season opened for the Sixth Grade players with a series of very meritorious wins, and unfortunately a crop of injuries which kept some of our most promising players out of the game in the mid-season matches. By the time the season closed the available talent had welded itself into a very formidable combination, and the way it combined and outplayed the opposition in the last two matches indicates the probability of a pleasing and enthusiastic 1956 season as Fifth Grade.

The outstanding players were Sundquist, Wills and B. May. These lads were consistent and played intelligent football throughout the season. The most improved players were Burke and Fuller. We were without a reliable full-back early, but Fuller, by constant practice and hard training, solved the problem. At the same time by controlling his kicking he has developed into a first-rate goal-kicker.

We congratulate North Sydney Tech. on winning the competition.

Finally, a word of thanks to Mr. Smith, who was quick to note budding talent among the House footballers. One of his finds, G. Taylor, could develop into a first-class outside centre or winger, while Sweeting and Levi will be strong contenders for positions in the Fifth Grade side next year. To Mr. Black also, who coached and supported the team so ably, the players wish to offer their thanks.

Scores.

S.H.S. v.—

Canterbury High—Won, 6-3.

Fort Street High—Won, 9-3.

Penrith High—Won, 29-0.

Parramatta High—Won, 9-3.

Randwick High—Drew, 3-3.

Homebush High—Lost, 6-8.

North Sydney Tech.—Lost, 0-6.

Manly High—Lost, 0-15.

Hurlstone Agricultural—Lost, 0-6.

Sydney Tech.—Won, 15-0.

North Sydney High—Won, 29-3.

C.H.S. FOOTBALL COMPETITION POINT SCORE

The following table shows the points gained by each team in the various schools participating in the C.H.S. Competition. Points in each grade are calculated on the basis of two for a win and one for a draw. To calculate total points for the Grand Championship, multiply First Grade points by 6, Second Grade by 4, and other grades by 3.

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SCHOOL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Total Points
Canterbury High	6	12	19	9	8	7	213
Fort Street High	17	6	8	10	12	15	261
Homebush High	14	10	8	17	10	17	230
Hurlstone Agricultural	12	9	16	13	16	13	282
Manly High	10	8	6	15	20	20	275
North Sydney High	4	16	11	15	20	8	250
North Sydney Tech.	16	11	16	7	6	21	290
Parramatta High	12	7	1	0	13	7	163
Penrith High	0	—	2	2	4	0	24
Randwick High	3	13	9	21	0	6	208
Sydney High	20	21	22	9	17	13	387
Sydney Tech.	18	19	14	14	6	5	301

Champion School: 1, S.H.S.; 2, Sydney Tech.

Winners and runners-up in each grade were as follow:—

GRADE.	WINNERS.	RUNNERS-UP.
1	S.H.S.	Sydney Tech.
2	S.H.S.	Sydney Tech.
3	S.H.S.	Canterbury High
4	Randwick High	Homebush High
5	{ Manly High { North Sydney High	S.H.S.
6	North Sydney Tech.	Manly High

HOUSE FOOTBALL

This year non-grade football followed the pattern of previous years with the organisation of an inter-house competition. Each house fielded five teams and the games generally were played in a spirit of keen competition.

The results of the three rounds of the competition were as follows: 1st, Gordon (271 points); 2nd, Wentworth (269); 3rd, Reid (202); 4th, Parkes (158). Gordon thus became champion football house, deservedly so as it won the Second, Fifth and Sixth Grade competitions. The First and Fourth Grade competitions were won by Wentworth. Second Grade teams were non-existent, as there were insufficient players of the appropriate weight.

Service points were awarded for the provision of referees and linesmen from each house. Great credit must be given to these boys, for without them the competition could hardly be carried on at all. I would like to urge more senior boys to become referees in the future, for a great opportunity for service is thus offered. The house footballers of 1955 owe a great debt of gratitude to Mr. R. W. Smith, who enthusiastically organised and coached a series of representative house teams who played games against G.P.S. minor

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teams. The boys thoroughly enjoyed this, and undoubtedly some worth-while talent was discovered.

The now traditional games against Sydney Technical High School were played on Wednesday, 27th July. The honours were fairly even at the conclusion of play, Sydney High teams winning eight games and losing seven, while one game was drawn.

To conclude this report, let me thank those members of staff, Messrs. Smith, Frappell, Stewart, Porter, Byrne, Sellors, Murphy, Davis, Howard, who have helped to supervise games, Mr. Jessep for his unflagging interest and assistance at all times, and those team captains and football representatives who worked hard to organise their teams each week. Let us make the 1956 house football season even better than this one has been.

A. R. B.

CRICKET

FIRST XI

In the second half of the 1954 season High did not fulfil their ambitions. The team performed very creditably, however, being only 2 points behind the winner, North Sydney High, in the C.H.S. Competition. The School's winning of the School Championship was some compensation for its narrow defeat in the First Grade Competition. In the G.P.S. Competition we lost a very exciting game with King's by less than 20 runs, and so were runners-up by 2 points to that school.

Brian Allsop ended his C.H.S. and G.P.S. career with magnificent centuries against Hurlstone and Shore, while Dave Lindsay performed exceptionally well with the ball and was amply rewarded with a great crop of wickets.

Brian Allsop, Dave Lindsay and John Cope were selected in the Combined C.H.S. team, while Allsop and Lindsay were selected in the G.P.S. First XI.

With only four of last year's side back, the team this year was very young and lacked experience. As a consequence, it performed disappointingly in the early matches. However, it had settled down by the end of First Term and is expected to improve in the second half of the season.

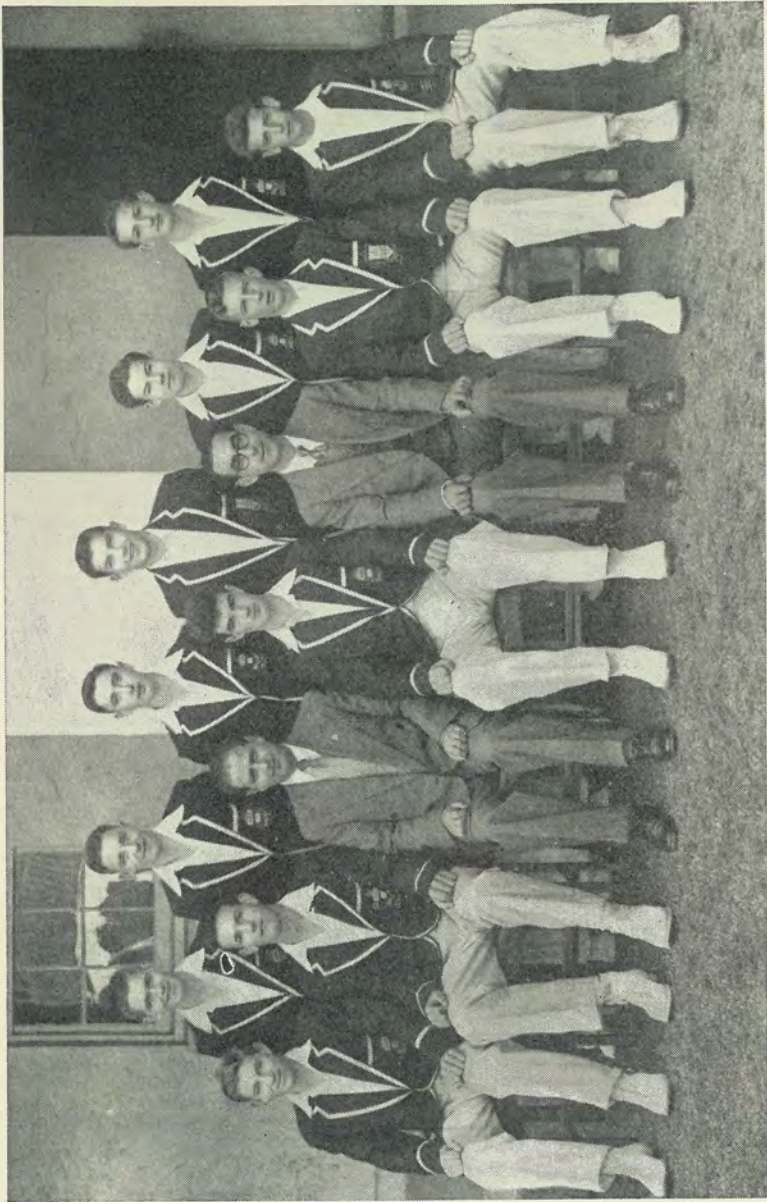
The season was a very rainy one and the team batted poorly on the rain-damaged wickets. The bowlers, however, were at times given some assistance.

In the opening G.P.S. match against Shore, High lost outright. After being dismissed cheaply, High replied by dismissing the strong Shore batting side for 153. This was due to brilliant bowling by Geoff Burge (5 for 9), the team's slow leg break bowler. The team batted better in the second innings, especially Graham Post, the youngest player in the team, who scored a fine 48.

The first day's play against Riverview was washed out. On the second day the team was beaten on the first innings. Dick Webb, the captain, was the only player to show any form, scoring 39.

Against King's, the team was beaten outright. In this game Greg Hinks, the vice-captain, bowled throughout Kings' innings of 198 and was unlucky to take only 3 wickets. The batting again proved weak, Webb (33) being the only player to offer any resistance. The match was later declared a draw because the grounds were changed on the second day, due to the marshy condition of the King's School Oval.

Against Grammar, High was beaten outright. The batting again failed badly, but it must be said that the bowlers, Burge, who put up another amazing performance in taking 5 for 8, and Webb (3 for 11), and wicketkeeper Ted Faulds with 4 stumpings, performed well.



FIRST XI.

Back Row: N. FAULDS, G. WHITELAW, G. POST, P. CRITTLE, I. McCLATCHY, D. HINKS.
Front Row: G. BEVERLEY, G. HINKS, MR. J. RIGBY, R. WEBB (Capt.), MR. M. KAHN, G. BURGE, R. BAILEY.

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The team improved in the C.H.S. Competition and now shares first place in the Eastern Zone.

High was beaten on the first innings by Manly in the first game. The second game against North Sydney Tech. was washed out without a ball being bowled on either day.

The first win of the season was registered against Randwick. Hinks was mainly responsible for this win by scoring a fine 57, and proved his all-round ability by taking 5 for 17. Post (40) also batted very well. There followed what was perhaps the best achievement of the season in our defeat of the previously unbeaten North Sydney team. Hinks again bowled extremely well in taking 6 for 21 and 4 for 51.

During the season Greg Hinks was selected in the Combined C.H.S. team to play against Newcastle. He top-scored with 27 not out and had the phenomenal bowling figures of 3 for 11 and 7 for 9, for which he was presented with a suitably inscribed ball.

The team would like to thank their two excellent coaches, Mr. Kahn and Mr. Rigby, for their untiring help and valuable advice throughout the season, and also Mr. Andrews for his presence at the games and his words of encouragement.

The ladies who help the School in so many ways, large and small, again provided delightful lunches and teas at all the G.P.S. home matches. The team would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to them.

(This report was written by the captain, Dick Webb, but any appraisal of the First XI of 1955 would be incomplete without special mention being made of the captain himself. Dick took over with a team of mainly untried and young players after a year of outstanding cricket success in 1954. His position was not one to be envied, but by his tolerance, shrewd captaincy and inspiration he managed to weld these recruits into a solid unit which would do justice to any school.—M.K.)

G.P.S. Scores.

- S.H.S., 54 and 110 (Post 48), lost outright to Sydney Church of England Grammar School, 153 (Burge 5 for 9, Fear 3 for 63).
- S.H.S., 98 and 8 for 77 (Webb 39, Bailey 25 and 22, Beverley 20), lost on first innings to St. Ignatius College, 6 for 197 (Hinks 3 for 43).
- S.H.S., 68 and 70 (Webb 33), lost outright to The King's School, 9 for 192 (Hinks 3 for 88, Burge 3 for 51). The result was later changed to a draw.
- S.H.S., 50 and 87 (Bailey 20), lost outright to Sydney Grammar, 113 and 0 for 25 (Burge 5 for 8, Webb 3 for 11, Faulds 4 stumings).

C.H.S. Scores.

- S.H.S., 109 (Beverley 26), lost on first innings to Manly High, 122 and 0 for 50 (Burge 3 for 29).
- S.H.S., 150 and 6 for 37 (Hinks 57, Post 40, Webb 24), won on first innings from Randwick High, 76 (Hinks 5 for 17, Burge 3 for 27).
- S.H.S., 8 for 104 (Post 25), won on first innings from North Sydney High, 61 and 8 for 107 (Hinks 6 for 21 and 4 for 51, Webb 2 for 15, Burge 3 for 33).

SECOND XI

The Second Grade team this year failed to win a game in the C.H.S. Competition, despite some sound efforts by the bowlers. In all matches played the bowlers dismissed the opposition for reasonable scores, but the recognised batsmen of the team failed to take advantage of the bowlers' efforts.

It is apparent that practice periods must be used to eliminate weaknesses in technique to ensure success in future games.

In G.P.S. matches the Second XI won only one match, which could have been an outright win but for rain. Again the bowlers performed creditably, but the batsmen failed to drive home their advantage.

If the team maintains its keenness, however, it is certain that it will do better in the second half of the season. Mr. Blue's coaching has already done much to improve tactics and performances, and the team members would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his interest.

G.P.S. Scores.

S.H.S., 44 and 59, lost outright to Sydney Church of England Grammar School, 61 (Butler 3 for 21, Clarkson 3 for 22) and 7 for 189.

S.H.S., 8 for 96 (Hudson 25), lost on first innings to St. Ignatius College, 152 (Turner 7 for 40).

S.H.S., 47 (Day 24) and 54, lost outright to The King's School, 56 (Heatley 5 for 15) and 58 (Wolfe 3 for 25, Heatley 3 for 19).

S.H.S., 152 (Kellick 88), defeated Sydney Grammar School, 34 (Wolfe 4 for 12; Turner 3 for 9) and 6 for 27 (Beaumont 4 for 13), on the first innings.

C.H.S. Scores.

S.H.S., 59, lost on the first innings to Manly High, 62 (Butler 3 for 12).

S.H.S., 26, lost on the first innings to Randwick High, 45 (Wolfe 5 for 12).

S.H.S., 107 (Fear 30 not out), lost on the first innings to North Sydney High, 139.

THIRD XI

This year's Third XI, led by Bill Levings, after a good start, faded and suffered an outright defeat in the last match of the season.

Bad weather restricted the match against Randwick to a one-day fixture, and the game against the comparatively weak North Sydney Technical side was completely washed out. Thirds scored a first innings win over Manly, in which Reid and Thompson took the bowling honours by taking 4 for 20 and 3 for 4 respectively, while Thompson top-scored with 28. Against Randwick the clock beat Sydney High when they were in a winning position. In this match Clemens featured with a whirlwind 37 not out, Wanstall scored a sound 22, and Sharp took 3 for 2. Sydney High were defeated outright by North Sydney High, Reid, who was by far the best bowler of the season, taking 6 for 16.

The Third XI would like to express their thanks to Mr. Dickson for his assistance throughout the year.



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Scores.

- S.H.S., 82, defeated Manly High, 49.
- S.H.S., 9 for 89, drew with Randwick High, 7 for 40.
- S.H.S., 34 and 41, lost outright to North Sydney High, 61 and 4 for 61.

FOURTH XI

This year's Fourth XI did reasonably well, losing two matches, winning one and drawing one. The team started the season well by a good win over Manly, in which Towle's 43 and Stubbings' 30 not out, proved to be the best scores of the season; but then, after the match against North Sydney Tech. had been washed out, they went down to Randwick and North Sydney respectively. The team then drew with Grammar in the only G.P.S. match played.

The most successful batsman in the team was K. Towle, who batted very consistently, supported by P. Perkins and J. Stubbings. The bowling was headed by R. Donnan and G. Taylforth.

Scores.

- S.H.S., 5 for 88, defeated Manly High, 9 for 74.
- S.H.S., 81 and 3 for 51, lost to Randwick High, 9 for 163 (declared).
- S.H.S., 44 and 7 for 67, lost to North Sydney High, 138.
- S.H.S., 9 for 59, drew with Sydney Grammar School, 88.

FIFTH XI

Although this year's Fifth Grade side did not meet with much success during the first half of the season, by the end of the First Term they were beginning to mould into a good team.

Rain prevented any play in the first game against North Sydney Tech. High, then the team went down on the first innings to a superior Manly team in spite of Heatley's 8 for 43. This was followed by a good first innings win against Randwick, in which the bowling was again strong, Wolfe taking 4 for 6. In the final game the Fifths were soundly beaten by a very strong North Sydney High team, despite two more bowling feats in Moodie's 7 for 11 and Wolfe's 3 for 7.

During the season Moodie proved a reliable all-rounder. Ireland, Schwarzer and Norwood were the best of the batsmen, while Wolfe and Townsend were the pick of the bowlers. The fielding of Bye and Bunting should be commended. We were unlucky to lose our fast bowler, Heatley, after two matches.

The team would like to thank Mr. Nichol for the interest he showed throughout the season.

Scores.

- S.H.S., 33, lost to Manly High, 89.
- S.H.S., 88, defeated Randwick High, 34.
- S.H.S., 32 and 17, lost to North Sydney High, 28, and 1 for 106 (declared).

SIXTH XI

This year's Sixth XI is at present in third place in the competition. As a result of a convincing win over North Sydney High,

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in which A. Skinner scored 25 runs, the team has shortened the number of points between them and the leaders of the competition. The most exciting game of the season was against Manly, in which Sydney High scored 60 runs and Manly 58. Unfortunately, when we were scheduled to play North Sydney Tech. it rained. In the game against Randwick, I. Taylor took 6 for 45. During the same match D. Moran took two for none.

For the team's success our thanks go to Mr. Maddox, who has devoted so much time and enthusiasm to coaching.

Scores.

- S.H.S., 60, defeated Manly High, 58.
- S.H.S., 42 and 56, lost to Randwick High, 98 and 4 for 4.
- S.H.S., 72 and 25, defeated North Sydney High, 36 and 56.

C.H.S. CRICKET COMPETITION, 1954

We record below results of the 1954 C.H.S. Cricket Competition. It is regretted that, as the "Record" goes to press before the conclusion of the grade matches, there is always this lag of nearly a year in publishing results. It is thought desirable, however, for the sake of preserving records, to publish them even at this late stage.

Competition points are calculated as follows: Outright win, 8 points; first innings win, 6; first innings loss, 2; tie, 4; draw, 3.

Total points for the Grand Championship are calculated by multiplying First Grade points by 6, Second Grade points by 4, Third and Fourth Grade points by 3.

SCHOOL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Total Points
Penrith High	11	2	0	25	54	27	466
Parramatta High	19	19	36	24	—	—	560
Hurlstone Agricultural	16	14	26	38	33	66	793
Homebush High	26	29	54	44	48	42	1,108
Canterbury High	26	29	53	54	43	47	1,135
Fort Street High	32	36	53	55	34	45	1,233
Manly High	13	24	29	31	41	47	792
North Sydney High	33	31	61	50	44	58	1,283
North Sydney Tech.	26	11	39	39	48	31	871
Sydney High	31	35	59	44	54	54	1,285
Sydney Tech.	17	19	46	45	45	55	929
Randwick High	12	25	46	49	60	44	941

Champion School: 1, S.H.S.; 2, North Sydney High.

The following table lists the winners and runners-up in each grade:—

GRADE.	WINNERS.	RUNNERS-UP.
1	North Sydney High	Fort Street High
2	Fort Street High	S.H.S.
3	North Sydney High	S.H.S.
4	Fort Street High	Canterbury High
5	Randwick High	{ Penrith High
6	Hurlstone Agricultural	{ S.H.S.
		North Sydney High

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HOUSE CRICKET

House Cricket was strongly supported this year. The four houses each supplied two First Year teams, so that for the first time Grade 1 and Grade 2 competitions were arranged for First Year players. Second and Third Year players provided the basis for a third competition, and Fourth and Fifth Years for still a fourth.

Full provision, in wickets and material, is made for those who do not gain places in the house teams. There are thus adequate facilities for all who wish to play cricket.

Wentworth, with 112 points, was the winner of the competition, Reid being in second place with 100 points. Gordon and Parkes scored 94 and 78 respectively.

ROWING

The writing of the Rowing Report for 1955 is a very pleasant task, as the boys from this year's crews were a very fine lot and in general reflected great credit on themselves and on their School. The Captain of Boats, Greg. Coulson, and the Vice-Captain, Neil Smith, performed their duties in a very satisfactory manner.

The men upon whom the main burden fell were the coaches, and it is hard to find words to express the selfless enthusiasm and sense of dedication of these men; perhaps the right word is "monastic". During the season, rowing is their life and their religion. These coaches, all Old Boys, were Frank Nichols, Alan Callaway, Graham Pilger, Dick White, Doug. Donoghue, and John Magner.

Crews were taking shape towards the end of 1954, and by the time the Christmas vacation began the crews were practically fixed, and so the 1955 season was able to begin promptly and smoothly.

Two factors contributed to the smooth running of the camp: Old Boy Supervisors, who were in charge of discipline, and Parent Supervisors, who supervised the study period. Camp Supervisors, all old rowers, came in for a week each; they kept an eye on things, took our crews, and acted as emergency coaches. We thank the following: Jeff Kerr, Jim Woodcock, Bob Clark, Mick Curley, Garry Nehl, Eric Coleman, Bob Bolton, Barry Lloyd, Doug. Donoghue and Don Denny.

The scheme of Parent Supervisors was launched for the first time this year, and I think it did serve the purpose of encouraging the boys to do some study between the hours of 4 and 6. A meeting was held of parents of rowers, to let them know all about the rowing camp and meet the Rowing Master and coaches and ask questions. We hope to make this an annual function.

A very important aspect of camp is the question of meals, and we were very fortunate to secure the services of Mrs. Teale and

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Norman to cook for the boys. In current jargon, the meals were "fabulous," and we hope to have Mrs. Teale and Norman with us for many years yet.

The camp was the healthiest I have ever known. Dr. Higham and Dr. Longley thoroughly examined the boys at the end of 1954, and during the 1955 season Dr. Winston very kindly gave advice and treatment to the few rowers who needed it.

We thank these Old Boy doctors for their invaluable services.

During the Regatta period there were many visitors to the camp, including representatives from the School, Old Boys and parents. The rowers are always glad to see visitors, and they especially appreciated the keen interest shown by the Headmaster.

A vital factor this year was the erection of the new dining-room and kitchen. This made a tremendous difference to the boys, as it was the first time we had had meals cooked on our own premises. The dining-room was also used as a study room between 4 and 6. Off the water and at meals the rowers wore a sky blue football jersey, and the general effect was quite pleasing.

This year, too, Sydney High had a new racing singlet, sky blue with three narrow chocolate bands across the chest and back, and this prevented any confusion with King's. The new singlet was universally approved.

The School now owns a speedboat for coaching purposes, and a tremendous amount of work was done on it by Messrs. Callaway, Pilger and White; but after all, they are primarily coaches, and we badly need someone who would be willing to take over the driving and maintenance of the boat during the Regatta period and make it a full-time job. The Rowing Master would be delighted to hear from some enthusiast.

A pleasing item of news this year was a visit by Grafton High School's Four. They camped at Sydney Rowing Shed, had their meals with us over the Easter week-end, and competed in the University Regatta.

Our own crews followed a long, hard course of training, and at the end of the season special awards were made: a trophy for the best club member, won by Mick Bindley; and trophies for the most improved rowers, won by Len Small and John Hazell (equal). These trophies were donated by Mr. Cracknell and presented by him personally the night before the G.P.S. Regatta.

Over the season our crews competed in various club regattas. The Eight competed only in the North Shore Regatta, in which they were unplaced in the Junior Eights. The exploits of the four Fours are described on later pages.

The Fifth Four competed in the Riverview Regatta, coming fourth in the race for Fourth Fours; and in the University Regatta, coming fourth in a heat of the Maiden Fours.

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All crews, with their boats and blades, moved up to Penrith on the Thursday before the Regatta, the boats being housed at Nepean Rowing Shed. The coaches and crews stayed at Log Cabin Hotel and thoroughly enjoyed their few days on the banks of the Nepean. The usual function took place on the Friday night, and many weird and wonderful awards were made for various exploits throughout the season. A very high standard was reached in many of the speeches, and 29 tired and happy boys went to bed to spin dreams of victory.

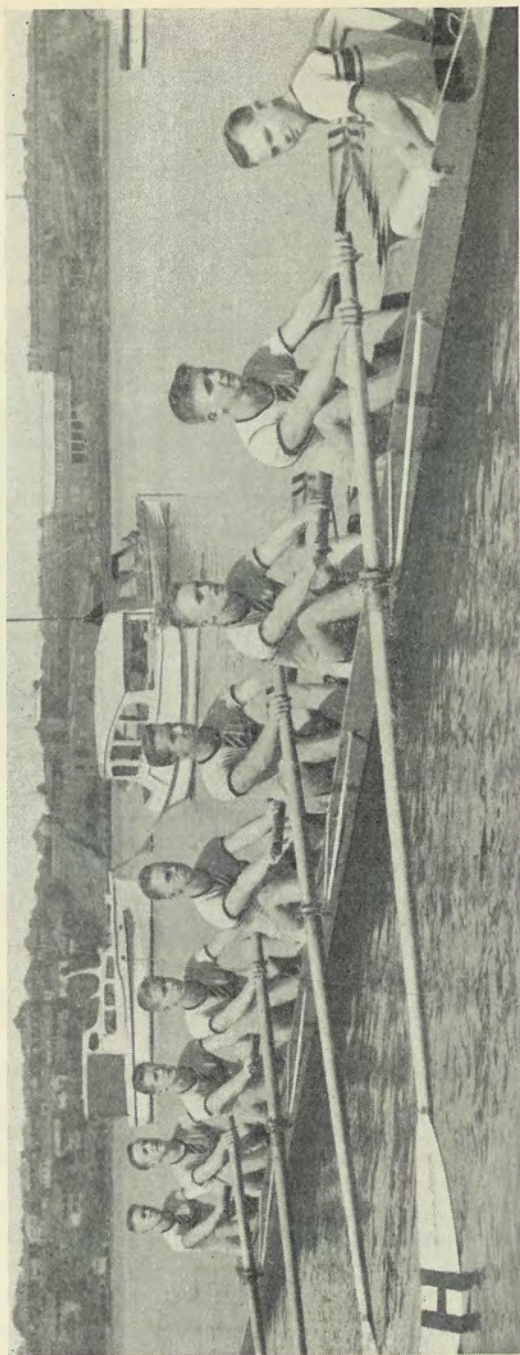


ROWING COACHES.

G. PILGER, R. WHITE, A. CALLAWAY, F. NICHOLS.

G.P.S. Head of the River: The conditions were overcast, with very little run in the river. After one false start all crews got away well, and soon St. Joseph's had set up a length lead from the other crews. At the half-way mark St. Joseph's began to drop back and Grammar began to move up and take a canvas lead from St. Joseph's, with Shore and Scots close behind. Grammar, rowing with great judgment, were able to hold off St. Joseph's, Shore and Scots. Then followed Newington, High and Riverview. Our congratulations to Grammar on winning the Head of the River.

The High Eight was handicapped by youth and inexperience. They were capable of some very fine work, but were not consistent.



THE EIGHT.

Row, K. PORTER, 11.0; 2, J. PILGER, 11.10; 3, I. HARRIS, 11.10; 4, R. BERGSTROM, 12.6; 5, E. HARRISON, 12.11;
6, G. COULSON, 11.8; 7, B. RUSHALL, 10.11; Stroke, G. SAMPLE, 10.10; Cox, D. ANDERSON, 8.0; Coach, F. M. NICHOLS, Esq.

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and on the day they did not row their best race. But perhaps the darkest hour is before the dawn!

First Four: This crew was boated in its final form at the end of January. It covered 600 miles in training and at Penrith had an average weight of 10.8½ and an average age of 17. Its racing record was as follows:—

North Shore Regatta: Second in Maiden Fours (dead-heat).

Balmain Regatta: Third in Maiden Fours.

Metropolitan Regatta: First in Maiden Fours.

J. B. Sharpe Regatta: Fourth in Maiden Fours.

Riverview Regatta: First in Junior Fours.

University Regatta: Won heat of Junior Fours.

G.P.S. Regatta: 1, St. Joseph's; 2, High; 3, Scots and Shore.



FIRST FOUR (RUNNERS-UP).

Bow, D. SUTHERLAND, 10.10; 2, G. QUIGLEY, 10.11; 3, N. SMITH, 10.13;
Stroke, A. RÉ, 10.0; Cox, E. TUCKER, 7.0; Coach, A. R. CALLAWAY, Esq.

G.P.S. First Fours: After a good start Grammar moved into the lead, but were quickly passed by Scots. This crew set a very fast pace, with High and Shore trailing up to the first half mile. Here Shore dropped back and St. Joseph's moved into third place. Scots held on to their lead until 600 yards from the finish, where they tired badly and were quickly passed by High and St. Joseph's. These two crews took the lead, and a terrific battle ensued right up to the line, where St. Joseph's forged ahead to win by the narrow margin of two feet. Then followed Shore and the tiring Scots crew, 2½ lengths behind in third place, and after them Grammar, King's, Riverview and Newington. No time was taken. The High crew rowed well and were unlucky not to get a dead-heat. Indeed, the result was in doubt until the flags went up at the judges' boat and our crew can take consolation in the fact that they were beaten by a much heavier crew.

Second Four: This crew consisted of two rowers from last year's fours and two boys new to rowing. They blended into a strong combination, very little inferior to the First Four, and at times

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beating them. They were handicapped mainly by lack of weight. The crew was finally formed by the end of January and rowed about 550 miles in training. Their average weight at Penrith was 10.3, and their average age 16. Their racing record was as follows:—

North Shore Regatta: Second in Maiden Fours (dead-heat).

Balmain Regatta: Second in Novice Fours.

Metropolitan Regatta: First in Novice Fours.

J. B. Sharpe Regatta: First in Novice Fours.

Riverview Regatta: Second in First Fours Race.

University Regatta: Second in Junior Fours.

G.P.S. Regatta: 1, St. Joseph's; 2, High; 3, Shore.



SECOND FOUR (RUNNERS-UP).

Bow, W. FIRKIN, 10.10; 2, I. LETTS, 10.11; 3, M. BINDLEY, 10.6;
Stroke, B. THOMAS, 9.10; Cox, A. LAWRENCE, 6.8; Coach, A. R. CALLAWAY, Esq.

G.P.S. Second Fours: Following a somewhat erratic start, the crews were almost in a straight line approaching the first quarter. At the half-way mark High, Shore and St. Joseph's began to show out in that order. Between the half and quarter mile pegs Shore fell back and St. Joseph's began to overhaul High. With 300 yards to go, St. Joseph's forged into the lead, with High fighting hard, but making no impression. The crews maintained their positions over the last hundred yards, and St. Joseph's were the winners by $\frac{3}{4}$ length from the game High crew, with Shore third, $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths further back. Then followed Scots, King's, Riverview, Grammar and Newington. Time, 5.52. The crew rowed its best and fought hard, but were beaten by a much bigger and stronger crew.

Third Four: This crew consisted of one boy who had rowed the previous year and three new rowers. They were formed by the end of 1954 and were able to cover about 725 miles in training. Though their average weight at Penrith was 10.7, as compared with the Second Four at 10.3, they were greatly handicapped by having an average age of only 15. Their racing record was as follows:—

North Shore Regatta: First in Novice Fours.

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Balmain Regatta: First in School Reg. Fours.

J. B. Sharpe Regatta: Fourth in heat of Maiden Fours.

Riverview Regatta: Second in Third Fours Race.

University Regatta: Second in heat of Maiden Fours (withdrew).

G.P.S. Regatta: 1, Shore; 2, King's; 3, High.

G.P.S. Third Fours: Heavy rain was falling at the start and conditions were very dead. After an even start King's were the first to show out, followed by High and Shore. The latter crew, an exceptionally strong Third Four, then commenced a long run that overhauled High and drew level with King's. St. Joseph's then created a sensation by hitting a marker boat about 300 yards from



THIRD FOUR.

Bow, A. MAY, 10.3; 2, K. RUBIE, 10.12; 3, L. SMALL, 10.12; Stroke, J. MCGILL, 10.3; Cox, T. FUSSELL, 6.3; Coach, G. C. PILGER, Esq.

the finish. Shore and King's continued their battle right up to the line, where Shore jumped ahead to win narrowly by 6 feet. High was one length back in third place. Then followed Scots, Grammar, Newington, Riverview and St. Joseph's. Time, 4.37. The young High crew rowed very well to come so close to two very strong crews from Shore and King's.

Fourth Four: This crew consisted of three newcomers and one boy who rowed the previous year. They were the last of the crews to be finally formed, but were very keen and managed to cover over 900 miles in training. Their average age was satisfactory, 15.7, but they were handicapped by lack of weight, having an average weight at Penrith of only 10.0. They were very little inferior to the Third Four, and at times beat them. Their racing record was as follows:—

North Shore Regatta: Third in Novice Fours.

Balmain Regatta: Third in School Reg. Fours.

Metropolitan Regatta: Third in School Reg. Fours.

J. B. Sharpe Regatta: Third in Novice Fours.

Riverview Regatta: Second in Second Fours Race.

University Regatta: Third in Maiden Fours.

G.P.S. Regatta: 1, St. Joseph's; 2, High; 3, Scots.

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G.P.S. Fourth Fours: After one false start all crews moved off well, with High slightly in the lead. St. Joseph's, however, quickly settled into a rhythm and steadily overhauled High after 300 yards. This lead was gradually increased in spite of repeated challenges from High and Scots. However, these two crews could make no impression on the strong St. Joseph's crew, who won clearly by $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths from High, with Scots $\frac{3}{4}$ length further back. Then followed Riverview, Shore, King's, Grammar and Newington. Time, 4.28.

This was a very good Fourth Four, who performed very creditably during the season, though greatly handicapped by lack of weight.



FOURTH FOURS (RUNNERS-UP).

Bow, J. WARNOCK, 10.0; 2, J. CANTWELL, 10.10; 3, J. HAZELL, 9.10; Stroke, A. SIMONS, 9.7; Cox, E. WILLSON, 6.2; Coach, R. W. WHITE, Esq.

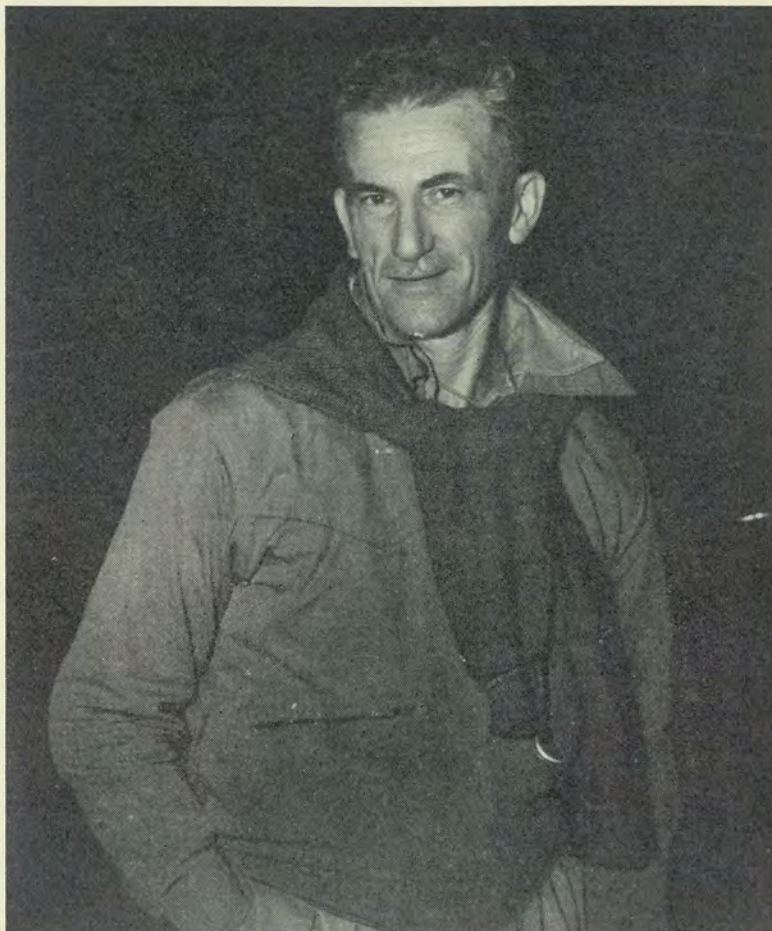
With the fury and the fighting over there was Regatta Night to enjoy. The rowers and coaches attended a dance at the School, and a splendid supper in the Staff Room, then went on to a most enjoyable barbecue arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Sample.

We must at this stage make mention of our many friends and benefactors, who have done so much for us, especially the Parents and Citizens' Association, the Ladies' Auxiliary, and the Old Boys' Union. In particular we are grateful to the following: The P. and C. for the new building and most substantial financial support; the Ladies' Auxiliary for the lunches at Penrith and the Regatta Night supper; the O.B.U. for donations and personal assistance; to Lodge Sydney High for fruit; to Mr. Sample for fluorescent lighting; to Mr. Harris for kitchen cupboards; to the Newcastle O.B.U. for a hot water system; to Mr. Hallett for fruit; to Dr. Freeman for a refrigerating machine; to Dr. Lions, Mrs. Ré and Mrs. Gray for stoves; to Mr. Palmisano for fruit; to Mr. Ben White for soft drinks; to Mr. Pilger, senior, for assistance with the new building; to Messrs. Rushall, May, Thomas and Woodcock for working-bees. Finally, I should like to pay a tribute to Mr. Cracknell. He handed over to me a flourishing concern and had done a tremendous amount

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of hard work to make Sydney High Rowing a success. My only complaint is that he set too high a standard.

In conclusion, what are the prospects for 1956? A fund has been started for a new Racing Eight, to be rightly called the "Frank M. Nichols," and the first donation was £200 from Mr. Sample. A



FRANK M. NICHOLS.

new Eight costs £500; and already Mr. Crebbin has donated a set of racing blades for the new boat. As for the 1956 crews, the coaches are already peering closely at prospective oarsmen, and next year is going to be a great rowing year for the School. So good luck, crews and coaches, in 1956!

S. WICK,
Rowing Master.

The Sydney High School 1956 Eight will have the honour of being the first crew to row in the "Frank M. Nichols," and, of course, we are hoping that its maiden voyage will be a glorious one.

Frank Nichols is an Old Boy of the School, and began coaching High crews in 1931, when he took over the Second Four under the regime of Vic. Hyde, who had succeeded Jock Towns as Rowing Master that year. In 1931 the Second Four came second to St. Joseph's by half a length, but in 1932 convincingly won by $2\frac{1}{4}$ lengths from Riverview.

In 1936 Frank moved up to coach the First Four, when Bill Livingstone took over the Eight from George Hancock, and in 1938 he coached the Eight for the first time, losing to Shore by 3 feet after a thrilling race. The years 1938-39-40 were all marked by close seconds to the winning crew, and when the official competition resumed after the war Frank had not long to wait for his first "Head of the River" in 1948, then again in 1953.

This is Frank's Silver Jubilee of coaching for Sydney High, and we do him honour for the devotion and enthusiasm he has always displayed for the School. Big puddles, well-covered blades, and plenty of clearance in 1956!

SWIMMING

Results of the S.H.S. Carnival

Senior Championships:

- 880 Yards: 1, R. Carruthers; 2, P. Hayes (12 mins. 23.5 secs.).
 440 Yards: 1, R. Carruthers; 2, J. Harris (6 mins. 4.5 secs.).
 220 Yards: 1, R. Carruthers; 2, G. Burge (2 mins. 38.4 secs.).
 100 Yards: 1, R. Carruthers; 2, G. Jones (61 secs.).
 50 Yards: 1, J. Harris; 2, R. Carruthers (26.5 secs.).
 100 Yards Breaststroke: 1, P. Crittle; 2, G. Burge (85 secs.).
 100 Yards Butterfly: 1, A. Mladek; 2, G. King (92 secs.).
 50 Yards Backstroke: 1, R. Carruthers; 2, J. Reid (33 secs.).
 Dive: 1, B. Day; 2, D. Johnstone.
 Senior Cup: R. Carruthers.
 Claude Tressider Shield: P. Crittle.

Under 16 Championships:

- 440 Yards: 1, P. Hayes; 2, K. Watts (6 mins. 5.6 secs.).
 220 Yards: 1, P. Hayes; 2, K. Watts (2 mins. 42.4 secs.).
 100 Yards: 1, P. Hayes; 2, M. Bindley (67.5 secs.).
 50 Yards: 1, P. Hayes; 2, G. Sample (28.4 secs.).
 50 Yards Breaststroke: 1, C. Wolfe; 2, H. Langford (42.4 secs.).
 50 Yards Butterfly: 1, H. Langford; 2, P. Hayes (38.8 secs.).
 50 Yards Backstroke: 1, P. Hayes; 2, K. Watts (40 secs.).
 Dive: 1, P. Hayes; 2, B. Hannan.
 Under 16 Cup: P. Hayes.

Under 15 Championships:

- 440 Yards: 1, J. Pollock; 2, K. Rubie (6 mins. 31.2 secs.).
 220 Yards: 1, J. Pollock; 2, K. Rubie. (No time taken.)

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100 Yards: 1, J. Pollock; 2, J. McGill (67.4 secs.).
 50 Yards: 1, J. McGill; 2, J. Pollock (29 secs.).
 50 Yards Breaststroke: 1, J. McGill; 2, J. Pollock (40.3 secs.).
 50 Yards Butterfly: 1, J. Pollock; 2, J. McGill (40.2 secs.).
 50 Yards Backstroke: 1, J. McGill; 2, J. Pollock (37.5 secs.).
 Under 15 Cup: J. Pollock.
 New record—50 Yards Butterfly (Heat): J. McGill (36.1 secs.).

Under 14 Championships:

220 Yards: 1, B. Harris; 2, W. Jobling (3 mins. 25 secs.).
 100 Yards: 1, B. Harris; 2, W. Jobling (74.8 secs.).
 50 Yards: 1, W. Jobling; 2, P. Fox (30.9 secs.).
 50 Yards Breaststroke: 1, B. Harris; 2, W. Jobling (45.4 secs.).
 50 Yards Butterfly: 1, W. Jobling; 2, B. Harris (43.6 secs.).
 50 Yards Backstroke: 1, W. Jobling; 2, M. Jervis (41.4 secs.).
 Dive: 1, R. Cope; 2, R. Wintle.
 Under 14 Cup: W. Jobling.



C.H.S. SWIMMING TEAM.

Back Row: H. LANGFORD, A. MLADEK, G. JONES, J. MCGILL, K. RUBIE, K. WATTS,
 C. WOLFE.
Third Row: N. WALSH, M. BINDLEY, G. SAMPLE, P. CRITTLE, J. HARRIS, G. BURGE,
 J. REID, B. DAY.
Second Row: B. CANDY, M. JERVIS, D. MURRAY, W. JOBLING, R. CARRUTHERS,
 P. HAYES, J. POLLOCK, B. KING.
Front Row: A. SLADE, W. HARRIS, P. FOX, R. DAVIES, H. STONE.

Under 13 Championships:

100 Yards: 1, R. Caddy; 2, D. Murray (74.4 secs.).
 50 Yards: 1, A. Slade; 2, D. Murray (32.8 secs.).
 50 Yards Breaststroke: 1, B. Candy; 2, T. Deli (49.7 secs.).
 50 Yards Butterfly: 1, D. Murray; 2, S. McGill (53.2 secs.).
 50 Yards Backstroke: 1, R. Caddy; 2, H. Stone (42.0 secs.).
 Under 13 Cup: D. Murray.

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House Relays:

Senior: Gordon; *Under 16:* Parkes; *Under 15:* Reid; *Under 14:* Parkes;
Under 13: Gordon.

House Points: 1, Parkes; 2, Gordon; 3, Reid; 4, Wentworth.

Results of the C.H.S. Carnival

Senior Championships:

440 Yards: R. Carruthers, 4.

220 Yards: R. Carruthers, 5.

Under 16 Championships:

220 Yards: P. Hayes, 5.

Under 14 Championships:

220 Yards Relay: S.H.S. (W. Jobling, B. King, J. Fox, B. Harris), 3.

Under 13 Championships:

220 Yards Relay: S.H.S. (R. Caddy, A. Slade, D. Murray, H. Stone), 4.



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Second Row: R. WOODLANDS, G. KING, R. JOHNSTONE, R. SCHULZE, R. STUART.

Front Row: A. FARQUHAR, A. MLADEK, A. MURRAY, MR. S. G. HUGHES,
R. SHAPIRO, R. BLACKWOOD, R. CARRUTHERS.

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mediate Stars, six Proficiency Certificates, and one hundred Water Safety Certificates.

The number of awards gained indicates the popularity of Life-Saving within the School, not only for the spirit of achievement, but also because boys obtaining these awards realise they are better equipped for service to themselves and their fellow men after they leave the School.

The most recent series of examinations produced two points worthy of mention. First, the inclemency of the weather made the examination more gruelling than usual, but those who failed must realise that to wear the coveted awards means ability to render aid under all conditions. Secondly, the examiner was impressed with the keenness and general smartness of all candidates, especially those for the Award of Merit. He went so far as to say that certain boys could well become examiners, a rare honour indeed.

In the future it is hoped that all boys taking swimming as their summer sport will take the Water Safety Certificate, the knowledge gained from which is invaluable for all general activities in surf or fresh water.

Non-Swimmers

Of about 30 non-swimmers who were enrolled at the beginning of the year, 20 were taught by Mr. Edmonds to swim the twenty yards which the School demands of non-swimmers before they are permitted to take up other summer sports. Mr. Edmonds' transfer to Sydney Tech. has been a severe loss to the School, and particularly is this true in regard to swimming activities. In the art of teaching boys to swim, Mr. Edmonds had few equals, if indeed any. Not only had he this exceptional skill, but he was able to exercise it with the minimum of fuss and a great deal of patient good humour. The School, through the hundreds of boys he has taught to swim over many years of unstinted service, says thank you to Mr. Edmonds for a voluntary job well done.

Mr. Davis, who has taken Mr. Edmonds' place, hopes that by the end of the year the remaining non-swimmers in our ranks will have made sufficient progress to pass the test.

ATHLETICS

S.H.S. Carnival, 15th, 16th August

Senior:

100 Yards: D. Roberts, 1; R. Fear, 2; G. Hinks, 3. Time: 10.8 secs.

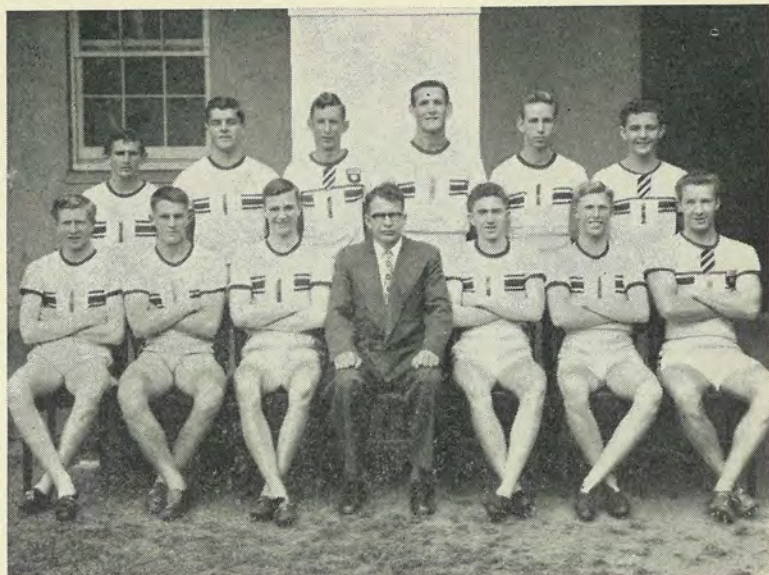
200 Yards: D. Roberts, 1; G. Humphries, 2; J. Reid, 3. Time: 24 secs.

440 Yards: G. Humphries, 1; H. Cohen, 2; D. Roberts, 3. Time: 54.4 secs.

880 Yards: H. Cohen, 1; G. Humphries, 2; G. Quigley, 3. Time: 2 mins. 7.9 secs.

Mile: H. Cohen, 1; W. Harris, 2; R. Carruthers, 3. Time: 4 mins. 52.2 secs.

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SENIOR ATHLETICS TEAM.

Back Row: D. ROBERTS, R. WOODLANDS, G. BURGE, G. HINKS, K. MARTIN,
W. SUMMERS.
Front Row: G. HUMPHRIES, R. FEAR, J. REID, M^r. B. NICHOL, H. COHEN,
R. MERRICK, G. COULSON.



JUVENILE ATHLETICS TEAM — C.H.S. CHAMPIONS.

Back Row: R. SCOULLER, D. SWEETING, B. MILLER, R. EVERS, R. DYE.
Front Row: R. MAY, I. TOLL, I. CARTWRIGHT, K. MORRIS, A. SKINNER, P. PHILLIPS,
S. MCGILL.

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120 Yards Hurdles: J. Reid, 1; G. Hinks, 2; N. Martin, 3. Time: 18.5 secs.

High Jump: G. Hinks, 1; J. Reid, 2; G. Burge, 3. Height: 5 ft. 4 ins.

Broad Jump: W. Summers, 1; P. Crittle, 2; J. Reid, 3. Distance: 20 ft. 2 ins.

Hop, Step and Jump: J. Reid, 1; R. Bailey, 2; D. Roberts, 3. Distance: 41 ft. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins.

Shot Put: G. Coulson, 1; R. Woodland, 2; J. Harris, 3. Distance: 38 ft. 11 ins.

Junior (Under 16):

100 Yards: M. Lewis, 1; R. May, 2; P. Kelly, 3. Time: 10.3 secs. Record.

220 Yards: M. Lewis, 1; R. May, 2; P. Kelly, 3. Time: 23.2 secs. Record.

440 Yards: R. May, 1; R. Hall, 2; G. Sample, 3. Time: 54.9 secs.

880 Yards: G. Sample, 1; W. Harris, 2; R. Hall, 3. Time: 2 mins. 11.8 secs.

90 Yards Hurdles: G. Sample, 1; R. May, 2; B. Webb, 3. Time: 13 secs.

High Jump: G. Sample, 1; B. Webb, 2; D. Wallis, 3. Height, 5 ft. 6 ins.

Broad Jump: G. Sample, 1; D. Wallis, 2; P. Kelly, 3. Distance: 19 ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Hop, Step and Jump: G. Sample, 1; E. Harrison, 2; P. Kelly, 3. Distance: 41 ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Shot Put: D. Wallis, 1; E. Harrison, 2; D. Soothill, 3. Distance: 38 ft. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

Sub-Junior (Under 15):

100 Yards: D. Hinks, 1; A. Heatley, 2; D. Sligar, 3. Time: 11.4 secs.

220 Yards: D. Hinks, 1; A. Heatley, 2; G. Post, 3. Time: 26.0 secs.

880 Yards: R. Jennings, 1; E. Wilson, 2; G. Reid, 3. Time: 2 mins. 24.4 secs.

90 Yards Hurdles: D. Hinks, 1; G. Reid, 2; R. Jennings, 3. Time: 15 secs.

High Jump: A. Skinner, 1; O. Sherrard, 2; J. Pollard, 3. Height: 4 ft. 6 ins.

Broad Jump: J. Pollard, 1; D. Hinks, 2; R. Jennings, 3. Distance: 17 ft. 10 ins.

Shot Put: G. Taylpath, 1; S. Anland, 2; R. Potter, 3. Distance: 32 ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Juvenile (Under 14):

100 Yards: K. Morris, 1; I. Cartwright, 2; P. Phillips, 3. Time: 11.6 secs.

220 Yards: K. Morris, 1; I. Cartwright, 2; I. Toll, 3. Time: 26.1 secs.

60 Yards Hurdles: S. McGill, 1; K. Morris, 2; P. Phillips, 3. Time: 10.2 secs.

High Jump: A. Skinner, 1; J. McGill, 2; P. Phillips, 3. Height: 4 ft. 7 ins.

Broad Jump: K. Morris, 1; P. Phillips, 2; R. May, 3. Distance: 18 ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Shot Put: P. Phillips, 1; K. Morris, 2; S. McGill, 3. Distance: 45 ft. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

Sub-Juvenile (Under 13):

100 Yards: R. Scouller, 1; R. Evers, 2; D. Sweeting, 3. Time: 12.9 secs.

220 Yards: R. Dye, 1; D. Sweeting, 2; A. Wonders, 3. Time: 30.4 secs.

60 Yards Hurdles: R. Scouller, 1; R. Dye, 2; R. Caddy, 3. Time: 9.8 secs. Record.

High Jump: G. Dye, 1; R. Miller, 2; R. Scouller, 3. Height: 4 ft. 6 ins.

Broad Jump: G. Evers, 1; G. Dye, 2; R. Scouller, 3. Distance: 14 ft. 11.5 ins.

House Competition:

1st, Reid, 483 $\frac{1}{2}$; 2nd, Wentworth, 340 $\frac{1}{2}$; 3rd, Parkes, 337 $\frac{1}{2}$; 4th, Gordon, 262 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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Championship Cups:

Senior Cup: J. Reid.

Junior Cup: G. Sample.

Sub-Junior Cup: D. Hinks.

Juvenile Cup: K. Morris.

Sub-Juvenile Cup: R. Dye.

A. M. Eedy Cup, Senior 100 Yards: R. Roberts.

Macarthur Memorial Cup, Senior Mile: H. Cohen.

C.H.S. Carnival

Senior Championships:

100 Yards—Div. 2: R. Fear, 1. Time: 10.8 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles—Div. 1: J. Reid, 2. Time: 16.3 secs.

Broad Jump—Div. 1: J. Reid, 3. Distance: 20 ft. 11 ins.

Hop, Step and Jump—Div. 1: J. Reid, 2. Distance: 43 ft. 3½ ins.

Shot Put—Div. 2: R. Woodlands, 3. Distance: 38 ft. 2 ins.

4 x 110 Yards Relay: S.H.S., 3. Time: 45.3 secs.

Under 16 Championships:

100 Yards—Div. 1: M. Lewis, 1. Time: 10.2 secs. Div. 2: P. Kelly, 1. Time: 10.7 secs.

220 Yards—Div. 1: M. Lewis, 1. Time: 23.1 secs. Div. 2: R. May, 1. Time: 23.9 secs.

440 Yards—Div. 1: R. May, 1. Time: 53.0 secs. (Record.) Div. 2: R. Hall, 1. Time: 55.0 secs.

880 Yards—Div. 1: W. Harris, 3. Time: 2 mins. 6.4 secs. Div. 2: S. Gabbott, 3. Time: 2 mins. 9.9 secs.

Hop, Step and Jump—Div. 1: G. Sample, 1. Distance: 41 ft. 6½ ins.

High Jump—Div. 1: G. Sample, 1. Height: 5 ft. 8 ins. Div. 2: B. Webb, 1. Height: 5 ft. 3½ ins.

4 x 110 Yards Relay: S.H.S., 1. Time: 46.1 secs. (Record.)

Under 15 Championships:

No places gained.

Under 14 Championships:

100 Yards—Div. 1: K. Morris, 2. Time: 11.3 secs. Div. 2: I. Cartwright, 2. Time: 11.7 secs.

220 Yards—Div. 1: K. Morris, 3. Time: 25.4 secs. Div. 2: I. Cartwright, 1. Time: 26.4 secs.

Shot Put—Div. 1: P. Phillips, 2. Distance: 44 ft. 9 ins.

Broad Jump—Div. 2: P. Phillips, 2. Distance: 17 ft. 5¼ ins.

4 x 110 Yards Relay: S.H.S., 2. Time: 50 secs.

Under 13 Championships:

60 Yards Hurdles—Div. 1: R. Scouller, 3. Time: 9.2 secs. Div. 2: R. Dye, 3. Time: 9.8 secs.

Broad Jump—Div. 1: R. Evers, 2. Distance: 16 ft. 8 ins.

High Jump—Div. 1: B. Miller, 1. Height: 4 ft. 8 ins. Div. 2: R. Dye, 1. Height: 4 ft. 9½ ins.

JUVENILE POINT SCORE: 1, S.H.S. (88 points); 2, Fort Street (76½ points); 3, Lismore (48 points).

JUNIOR POINT SCORE: 1, Enmore (139 points); 2, S.H.S. (94 points); 3, Manly (64 points).

SENIOR POINT SCORE: 1, Canterbury (69 points); 2, Newcastle (55 points); 3, S.H.S. (50 points).

AGGREGATE POINT SCORE: 1, S.H.S. (232 points); 2, Enmore (177 points); 3, Canterbury (153 points).

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G.P.S. Carnival

Open Championships:

Broad Jump: J. Reid, 2.

Under 16 Championships:

100 Yards: M. Lewis, 1. Time: 10.1 secs. (Equals Record.)

100 Yards (Div. 2): P. Kelly, 1. Time: 10.6 secs.

220 Yards: M. Lewis, 1. Time: 23.1 secs. (Record.)

880 Yards: W. J. Harris, 3.

High Jump: G. Sample, 1. Height, 5 ft. 6 ins.

440 Yards Relay: S.H.S., 1. Time: 45.5 secs. (Equals Record.)

Under 14 Championships:

100 Yards: K. Morris, 1. Time: 11.2 secs.

220 Yards: K. Morris, 1. Time: 25.2 secs.

440 Yards Relay: S.H.S., 1. Time: 50.7 secs.

JUNIOR POINT SCORE: 1, St. Joseph's (175 points); 2, Scots (155 points); 3, S.H.S. (136 points).

TENNIS

Tennis this year has become very popular. To aid the players to develop along orthodox lines a well-known Blackwell Cup player from Illawarra Suburbs, Grahame Regan, was sent out to the School by Slazengers.

First Grade: The First Grade Team consisted of Ross Bailey (Capt.), Dennis O'Neill, Lionel Robberds and Ron Warren. Although this team was not successful in the competition, it contested its matches with vigour, losing only two of them. An unfinished match against North Sydney Tech. was lost by five sets to three by the Sydney High team. The other match was lost to the winners, Canterbury, by a margin of six games.

Two players were selected to represent C.H.S. against Newcastle High Schools at Newcastle on the 26th July. These were Ross Bailey, who was captain, and Dennis O'Neill. C.H.S. emerged victorious, winning the doubles by 21 sets to 12 and the singles by 11 sets to 5.

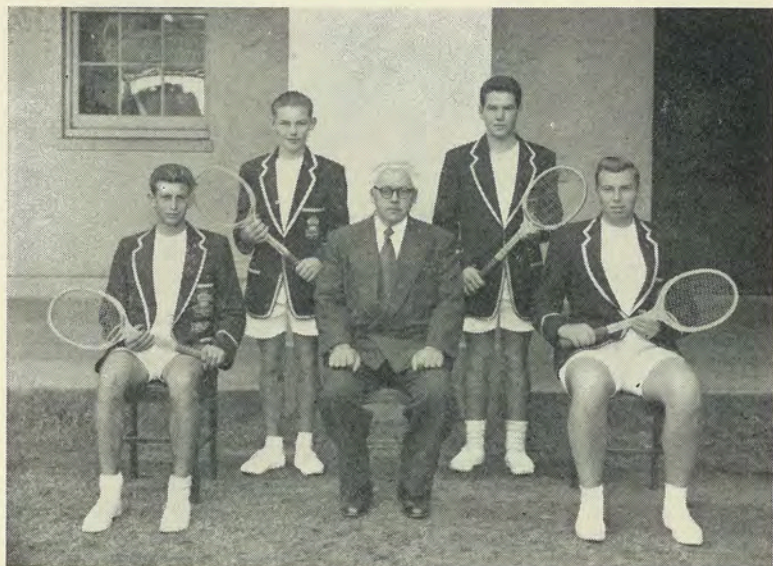
On the following day Ross Bailey was selected to play in a combined team of six players from Newcastle and City High Schools to play Newcastle district. Newcastle district proved to be too strong for their High School opponents.

Second Grade: Although the Second Grade Team was not a competition-winning side, the members exhibited an excellent spirit throughout the season and bore their losses in a sportsmanlike manner. All the matches were thoroughly enjoyed by everybody concerned, and that is the fundamental aim of any sport. Nor was any match a "walk-over" for the other side. In the trial against Randwick, for example, High was defeated by one game, the sets being equal. As a further proof of the equality of these two teams,

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when we played Randwick again, this time in the competition proper, the sets were equal, but Randwick again had the lucky "break," and won by one game. The one school that we defeated was Hurlstone Agricultural.

Mr. Hamnett, the tennis master, had extreme difficulty in selecting the four players each week. There were six boys available: P. Seamonds, T. Brown, W. Firkin, G. Caisley, W. Stamper, and J. King. The fact that all these boys were of the same standard



FIRST GRADE TENNIS TEAM.

Left to Right: R. BAILEY (Capt.), L. ROBERDS, MR. H. J. HAMNETT, D. O'NEILL, R. WARREN.

made the task of selection difficult. At the end of the season all the lads had played in approximately the same number of matches.

Third Grade: The Third Grade Team consisted of J. Hennessy, G. Evans, B. Spooner and K. Towle, with B. Glover as a reserve. On the whole, the team provided good opposition for the opposing teams, and, although there were a couple of bad losses against very good teams, acquitted itself very well in other matches. The combination on the whole was good, but more experience is needed to improve the standard of individual play.

Fourth Grade: Fourth Grade, consisting of P. Rose (Capt.), I. Wolfe, T. Wilson and R. Creely, with D. Moran and R. Smith as reserves, started upon its quest for competition honours very successfully. The pairs, Rose and Wilson, and Wolfe and Creely, performed well in the early stages of the competition, but were defeated by Canterbury just when they had high hopes of gaining

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the coveted premiership title. The pairs were then changed. Rose played with Wolfe and Wilson with Moran with good results. Our most notable win was against Hurlstone, whom we allowed only 4 games out of a possible 48. Sydney High finished the competition well up the scale, though it had to concede higher positions in the ultimate placings to Canterbury, Randwick, North Sydney High and North Sydney Tech.

SCORES.

First Grade:

- S.H.S. *v.* Sydney Tech.—Won, 5 sets 39 games to 3 sets 31 games.
Canterbury High—Lost, 4 sets 36 games to 4 sets 42 games.
Homebush High—Won, 5 sets 42 games to 3 sets 30 games.
Hurlstone Agricultural—Won, 8 sets 48 games to 0 sets 12 games.

Second Grade:

- S.H.S. *v.* Sydney Tech.—Lost, 2 sets 32 games to 6 sets 43 games.
Canterbury High—Lost, 2 sets 29 games to 6 sets 41 games.
Homebush High—Lost, 1 set 36 games to 7 sets 47 games.
Randwick High—Lost, 4 sets 38 games to 4 sets 39 games.
Hurlstone Agricultural—Won, 7 sets 47 games to 1 set 17 games.

Third Grade:

- S.H.S. *v.* North Sydney Tech.—Won, 5 sets 37 games to 1 set 21 games.
Sydney Tech.—Won, 7 sets 47 games to 1 set 23 games.
Canterbury High—Lost, 4 sets 36 games to 4 sets 39 games.
Homebush High—Lost, 4 sets 31 games to 4 sets 40 games.
Hurlstone Agricultural—Won, 5 sets 38 games to 3 sets 38 games.

Fourth Grade:

- S.H.S. *v.* Sydney Tech.—Won, 8 sets 48 games to 0 sets 15 games.
Canterbury High—Lost, 3 sets 33 games to 5 sets 39 games.
Homebush High—Lost, 2 sets 36 games to 6 sets 45 games.
Randwick High—Won 5 sets 37 games to 3 sets 36 games.
Hurlstone Agricultural—Won, 8 sets 48 games to 0 sets 8 games.

Matches against North Sydney High, Manly High and Fort Street were washed out, as were the First and Third Grade matches against Randwick and the First, Second and Fourth Grade matches against North Sydney Tech.

C.H.S. Tennis Competition Point Score

As a result of so many new high schools being created at the beginning of this year, the Amateur Athletic Association of the C.H.S. found it necessary to run two tennis competitions instead of one, known respectively as the Older High Schools' Competition and the Newer High Schools' Competition. The following table sets out the points gained by the schools participating in the former of these competitions. Total points for the Grand Championship are gained by multiplying First Grade points by 6, Second Grade by 4, Third and Fourth Grades by 3.

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SCHOOL.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total Points.
Sydney High	11	5	9	9	140
Homebush High	11	16	14	7	193
Canterbury High	14	15	12	17	231
Fort Street High	3	5	11	8	115
Randwick High	9	11	15	11	176
North Sydney High	11	12	6	14	174
Manly High	7	6	9	4	105
North Sydney Tech.	13	8	3	12	155
Sydney Tech.	6	11	6	6	116
Hurlstone Agricultural	5	1	5	1	52

CHAMPION SCHOOL: 1, Canterbury High; 2, Homebush High.

Grade winners and runners-up were as follows:—

Grade.	Winners.	Runners-up.
1	Canterbury High	North Sydney Tech.
2	Homebush High	Canterbury High
3	Randwick High	Homebush High
4	Canterbury High	North Sydney High

S.H.S. RIFLE CLUB

This year the Rifle Club started off on a much sounder foundation than in recent years and has experienced a very successful season. This success has been chiefly due to the enthusiasm displayed by Mr. George Face, the club coach, whose work is of a purely voluntary nature.

The Club has regularly competed in the monthly competitions held by the Military Rifle Club Union and has invariably filled high positions in the teams and individual scores.

In the M.R.C.U. Annual Prize Shoot members won a large share of the individual trophies and prize money. In the teams matches S.H.S. teams literally scooped the pool in open competition with all branches of the Army, Navy and Air Force. The "A" and "B" teams won between them the G. E. McDonald Cadet Teams Aggregate, the H.M.A.S. "Perth" Snapshooting Match, the McVicker Service Match, the Savage Collective Teams Running Man Match, the Showers Aggregate, the Eagleson Cadet Teams Aggregate, and the H.M.A.S. "Sydney" Knock-out Teams Match.

On the 13th and 14th September the "A" Team, consisting of John Face, Warren Eagleson, Warwick Hoare, Geoff Reddish, Jim Saunders, Nick Witton, Warwick Agnew and Ray Stuart, shot in the G.P.S. Shoot, the main match of the year. Once again it put up a good performance, finishing third in the Rawson Cup over 300 and

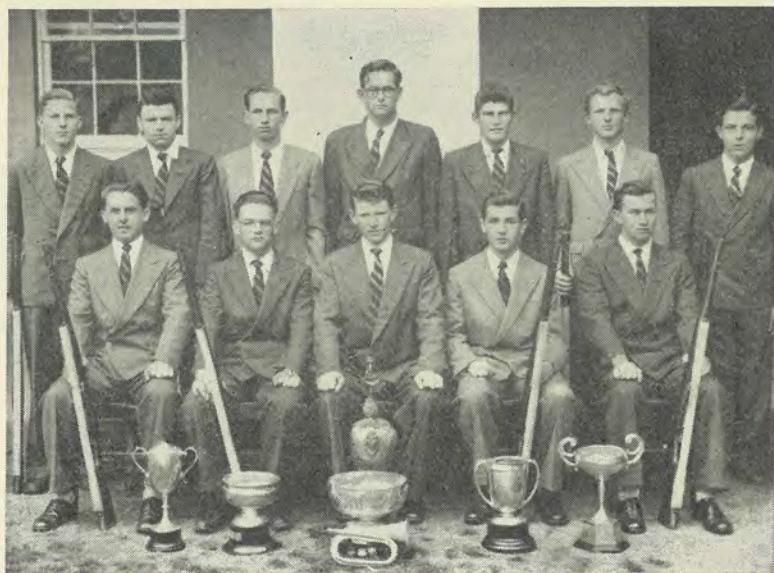
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500 yards, fourth in the N.R.A. Shield, and a very narrow second to King's in the Buchanan Shield, a snap and rapid firing shoot over 200 and 300 yards. In the final points score King's totalled 24 points, Shore 11 and High 10.

The "B" Team, consisting of David Wallis, David Soothill, Dob Aberneathy, Richard Dennison, Tim Teffry, Bill Hatfield, John Hirst and Graham Hawk finished fifth in the "B" Grade Match.

Club members offer their sincerest thanks to Mr. Face for a most successful shooting season.

R. STUART (5D), Club Captain.



"A" AND "B" TEAMS, MILITARY RIFLE CLUB COMPETITION.

Back Row: G. HAWK, R. ABERNEATHY, W. HOARE, D. SOOTHILL, D. WALLIS, B. HATFIELD, T. TREFFRY.

Front Row: W. EAGLESON, N. WITTON, R. STUART, W. AGNEW, J. FACE.

Absent: J. SAUNDERS.

WATER POLO

This year, after a lapse of several years, Sydney High has once again entered the C.H.S. Competition, with Mr. Fleming as Master-in-charge.

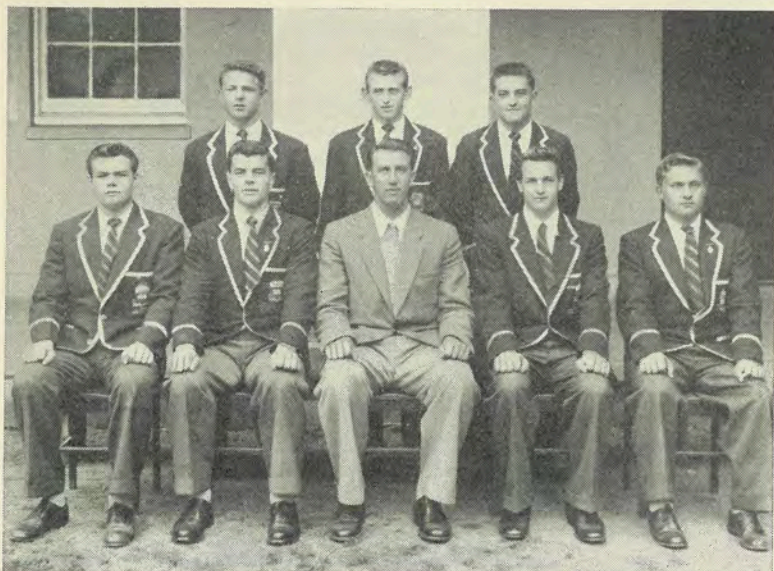
Although most of the players are inexperienced in the game, they have given it their full support, practising twice a week at Rushcutters' Bay Baths. The baths in use for the competition games are Domain, Balmain, Rushcutters' Bay and Manly. The first half of the season's play may well be summed up by this extract from the progress report on water-polo: "The games to date have been keenly

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contested and there is a high standard of play, which extends to the lower grades. Fourth Grade, an unofficial grade, has proved very successful, and this could well be a competition grade in the future."

The boys in all four teams would like to thank Mr. Fleming for his untiring and invaluable coaching throughout the season.

The results of the games played during First Term are appended. As the Water Polo Competition is not completed until the Third Term is well advanced, it is not possible to publish final results.



"A" GRADE WATER POLO TEAM.

Back Row: A. FARQUHAR, A. CARRUTHERS, R. CARRUTHERS.
Front Row: J. HIRST, R. WOODLANDS (Capt.), MR. W. FLEMING, G. KING,
A. MLADEK.

SCORES.

S.H.S. v.—	1st Grade.	2nd Grade.	3rd Grade.
Fort Street	Lost 3-6	Lost 0-4	Lost 1-3
Sydney Tech.	Lost 3-8	Lost 1-8	Lost 0-6
Randwick High	Lost 1-8	Lost 2-6	Lost 0-3
Manly High	Lost 1-6	Lost 0-5	Lost 1-5
Nth. Sydney High	Lost 2-3	Lost 1-4	Lost 1-5
Homebush High	Drew 3-3	Lost 1-2	Lost 1-3
Hurlstone High	No match	Won 3-1	Won 4-0

HOUSE BASKETBALL

This year again, the House Basketball Competition was conducted during the lunch-time recesses. The competition was resulted in two grades, and resulted in a win for Wentworth House in both grades. The First Grade competition was extremely close, and a play-off was necessary to decide the ultimate winner. In this play-off an extremely exciting match was provided for the spectators, for Wentworth defeated Gordon by only one point. Gordon had a number of opportunities to win in the last two minutes, but failed to score from easy shots. Wentworth Seconds won their division of the competition rather easily, having five wins and a draw in six matches.

The standard of team play increased rapidly as the competition progressed, but had the shooting been more accurate the standard of basketball played would have been considerably better. The competition, however, supplied an interesting lunch-time diversion for players and spectators alike, and as such was a worthwhile addition to the School's sporting programme.

Competition Points:

<i>First Grade.</i>		<i>Second Grade.</i>	
Wentworth	10	Wentworth	11
Gordon	10	Reid	6
Parkes	4	Gordon	5
Reid	0	Parkes	2

House Championship

The various House competitions this year were conducted in every sport. The Champion House in the respective sports was determined as follows:—

Football and Cricket: (a) Competitions were conducted in grades similar to C.H.S. matches; (b) compensatory points were awarded for boys who represented in a grade team, viz., 1st Grade, 6 points; 2nd Grade, 4 points; 3rd Grade, 2 points; 4th, 5th and 6th Grades, 3 each.

The Champion House was determined by combining the points gained in (a) and (b).

Swimming and Athletics: Result of Annual Carnival.

Tennis, Rifle-shooting and Basketball: Result of House Competitions.

Rowing: Points were awarded for representation in crews, viz., VIII, 8 points; 1st IV, 6 points; 2nd IV, 4 points; 3rd IV, 3 points; 4th IV, 2 points; 5th and 6th IV's, 1 point.

Life-saving: Points were given according to award received, viz., Elementary Certificate, 1 point; Intermediate Certificate, 3; Intermediate Star, 4; Bronze Medallion, 6; Bronze Medallion Bar,

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5; Trainee Instructor, 10; Award of Merit, 15; Award of Merit Bar, 12.

The winner of the House Championship Shield for Sport was determined by allotting to each house relative points for each sport according to the following scale:—

Football	..	..	..	..	..	25
Cricket	..	..	..	..	..	20
Swimming	..	..	..	..	..	15
Athletics	15
Rowing	5
Tennis	5
Rifle-shooting	5
Life-saving	5
Basketball	5

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The following is the table of points scored in accordance with this scale:—

Sport.	Points.	Gordon.	Parkes.	Reid.	W'worth.	Winner.
Football ..	25	7.16	5.22	5.82	6.80	Gordon
Cricket ..	20	5.04	4.38	5.04	5.54	Wentworth
Swimming ..	15	3.93	5.58	3.31	2.18	Parkes
Athletics ..	15	2.77	3.55	5.09	3.59	Reid
Rowing ..	5	0.99	1.12	1.54	1.35	Reid
Tennis ..	5	0.63	1.25	1.04	2.08	Wentworth
Rifle-shooting	5	1.32	1.11	1.26	1.31	Gordon
Life-saving ..	5	1.11	1.05	1.36	1.48	Wentworth
Basketball ..	5	1.56	0.62	0.62	2.18	Wentworth
		24.51	23.88	25.08	26.51	

Winner of G. C. Saxby "School House" Sports Shield: Wentworth.



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THE BEST LESSON TO BE LEARNT AT SCHOOL

(From a speech by General Smuts, first published in the "Jeppe High School Magazine," South Africa.)

One thing that you can learn best at school is the lesson to be learnt from Jerusalem and the Bible. As you grow older you will find in the world a strong tendency towards national greatness and another tendency towards intellectual development. But there is a third tendency—the greatest of all—the tendency toward gentleness, mercy and kindness. That is the great light, the light that springs not from reason nor from power, but from the deepest sources in the human mind. If we could learn this lesson, to be gracious and kind and forgiving, this would be an entirely different world. These are elements that are essential to building up not only human character but nation policies and world policies. Why does not the League of Nations achieve the success to which we look forward? Just because we have not learned the lesson of the fundamental element in human character on which Christianity has laid stress. It is essential to South Africa if we want to be happy and prosperous. I am not talking religion but common sense, which I have learnt through my own life and experience.

THE QUEEN'S ENGLISH

By Sydney Journalist ALEXANDER MACDONALD.

Your enterprising editor, possibly whilst in the grip of the opium (a craving which hit another man of letters rather hard, namely, Mr. Thomas De Quincey—and if you don't know this simple item of literary gossip, you deserve to be flogged with a whippy birch) anyway, coming back to the point, your enterprising editor has asked me to write something for *The Star* which (to quote his own words) would be "interesting to schoolboys". So, just to be contrary, I have elected to write a small essay on something that is not in the least interesting to schoolboys, namely, English prose.

English prose; ah! yes, English prose: In the first place, gentlemen, you should never kick off, as I have done in the above paragraph, with an opening sentence, followed, slam-bang, by a long passage in parenthesis, followed, in turn, by a second parenthesis. This practice shows signs of a confused mind and a sloppy pen.

It is also a good idea to eschew such vulgarisms as "Kick off," "Slam-bang," and "Sloppy" (see above paragraph) where such words as "Start," "Immediately" and "Careless" would serve equally well. This affected style is known as Buttering up the Philistines. It is, in short, a trick whereby the writer tries to sugar-coat the pill

of an abstruse subject by portraying it in lurid colours, so that it may be more comfortably grasped by the average reader.

Then again, you are advised to refrain from such pedantisms as the word "Eschew". (See above paragraph.) The word "Avoid" is not only preferable, but also easier to understand.

Another sound hint: never, never, *never* infest your sentences with commas. (Paragraph two is a particularly foul example of this fault.) A passage littered with commas is not only evidence of careless thinking; it also gives readers eye-strain; furthermore, it indicates incurable verbosity on the part of the writer. (The same applies to semi-colons.)

As for grammar, you may depend on it that a close study of the Good Book (the rules of syntax, etc.) during the formative years will last you for the rest of your life. However, remember one Golden Rule: Don't be hoaxed by the convenience of the cliché. When you use the term "In short," for example, be sure that you mean a *shorter*, and not a longer, definition of the item you are summing up. (In paragraph three of this article you will find a deplorable usage of the "In short" device.)

Finally, leave the metaphor severely alone, unless you can produce one without a mixmaster. (Paragraph three, from the words "Sugar-coat the pill, etc.," provides an appalling example of this facile error.)

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—From "The Star".

A FOUNTAIN

*Slowly,
As if pulling itself down past the earth,
The sun sets.
Jets of light,
Streaming upon this disfigured world,
Seek for beauty.*

*And in
A park, surrounded by great
Masses of stone—stone buildings—
The jets of light, the searching
Needles of beauty, find their desire.*

*Slowly the sun goes down
Over the green park,
Spotted with moving germs
Of tranquil unsuspecting people,
Ignoring the beauty around.
Setting, the sun lights
A fountain, before dark and awesome,
Shading it,
Lighting it
To the sun's own inimitable colour
Of golden silver,
Of silver bronze.*

*Slowly the limelight of the fountain,
Of the statue-figures, glistening
Wet from plumes of flowing spray,
Is drawn away.*

*And then, when beauty seems gone,
A last sun-ray, straining convulsively and fleetingly
Through the falling lid of darkness,
Fastens to a sanctuary—the fountain—
And illuminates it again for a second of pure delight.*

*Colourless itself,
On the black marble,
The sunray,
Striving for loveliness,
Creates beautiful rich tans on lifelike figures.*

THE RECORD

*From around, the statue
Is admired by gaping idiots
Making the usual, the correct comments
On size and shape and curve,
Not comprehending nor appreciating
The beauty of this figure—
Surrounded by others pointing downwards
To the pool of muddy water—
With its face clean and pure
From continual feathers
Of fountaining water.*

*And as the solitary ray,
Failing to arouse in people
A desire for loveliness,
Withdraws to try again elsewhere
The fountain is stilled and deserted.*

*Outside
Cars toot
And trams rattle,
Buses screech,
People laugh.
Life continues.*

J. MASSELOS (4A).

CHRISTMAS CARDS

With a look of hateful contempt Mr. Thallburg glared at the cards lying on the desk before him. He was on the verge of an explosion and he slammed his pencil to the table-top and violently tore into shreds one of the cards lying on it. "Christmas cards!" he screamed. "Christmas cards! Pah!" Here Mr. Thallburg subsided into the smouldering heap that was usual after one of his not infrequent explosions.

A few moments and a more derisive mood fell upon him. In the most scathing tone he could summon he recited:

*"May happy days
Attend your ways,
And joy abide
This Christmas-tide."*

There followed an interval of glaring at, rather than out of, the window while he subsided a second time. After a time he somewhat meekly retrieved his pencil and again resigned himself to his cards, but after two or three minutes had passed on the wall clock he put his pencil down again, this time rather less violently, and leaned back in the office chair in which he sat.

His eye, roving round the hated room, finally came to rest on a large portrait on the opposite wall, which bore the caption "J. W. Wilkinson, Our Founder." Having lighted upon something to glare at, he began to mutter to himself.

"Thallburg," he said, "you're a fool, an utter idiot, a real thick-head. Why! putting up with a job like this for two years! Two years! I'd rather join the army than go on with this! Good Lord! Good Lord!"

After Mr. Thallburg had cackled at his own grim humour, an unbroken silence reigned supreme for about five minutes. Then the little greying man stood up and went through the doorway with the firm resolution of telling Mr. Canterton, the department head, just what he thought of Wilkinson and Co. in general and his job in particular.

The next morning he awoke from a peaceful sleep, and looking at his watch, he gave a start before he realised that he was no longer an employee of Wilkinson and Co. and thus no longer expected to be present at his stupid little office at the ridiculous hour of half-past eight, and then he lay down again.

Contemplating the mental deficiencies of the department head at his last place of work he absently thumbed through the morning paper and, having finished his breakfast, he dressed in his most casual clothes and went out. He ambled slowly along the road to a newspaper stand and bought a magazine. After this purchase Mr. Thallburg strolled across the road, nearly getting run down in his carefree casualness. Walking a little further, he came across a park. He seemed rather surprised to find it here, but reflected that he must be getting absent-minded.

Sitting in this park reading his magazine, Mr. Thallburg presented a picture of snug contentment. Basking in the warm sunshine, he felt supremely happy, and after about five minutes he put down his magazine and sat staring vaguely but happily into the distance. He had not yet considered what his next job would be, and it did not worry him a great deal. He just sat and peacefully dreamed the time away.

Suddenly his meditations were rudely interrupted. Someone had sat down beside him and Mr. Thallburg recognised him as a neighbour, Mr. Jameison, with whom he was very friendly. They began to talk on such uninteresting and disconnected subjects as the weather, the state of the trees in the park and politics in general.

Suddenly Mr. Jameison exclaimed, "Why aren't you in your office, incidentally?"

"Oh! yes. I almost forgot that I walked out of that dump yesterday," came the reply, with much emphasis on the "dump".

"Really," said Mr. Jameison, somewhat awed by his friend's apparent hatred of the place. "I was under the impression that you were quite happy there."

"Happy!" ejaculated Mr. Thallburg, expressing such disgust as to cow Mr. Jameison completely.

Mr. Jameison's mental picture of his friend's happiness having been so rudely shattered, he decided to discard his illusions and to continue the conversation on a slightly different line. "Are you going to get another job or not?"

"Yes, I am," he said bluntly, and then, hardly heeding or even remembering Mr. Jameison's valiant attempts to change the subject, "but happy with my Christmas cards! That," he remarked impressively, "that is what I call the absolute limit. I'm fed up with Christmas cards."

"May life grow sweeter year by year,
And every day bring added cheer,
Dreams be fulfilled in every way
And joy be yours on Christmas Day."

This was not intended as an expression of goodwill towards Mr. Jameison. But then neither Jameison nor the passers-by thought it was. Mr. Thallburg's vehement tone dispelled any of those ideas. "And then," he continued, using his hands to emphasise his meaning, "you have a stupid candle and some pointless holly, or some angels of one kind or another, and then . . ." Finding no more appropriate words to express his disgust, he faded into silence.

After a pause he went on, Mr. Jameison not daring to interrupt because of the danger of invoking another minor explosion. "Who wants to receive thousands of the crazy things, anyhow? Weak poems, futile angels, holly, snow, thatched cottages . . . Huh! Any job but Christmas cards for me. Christmas cards I cannot bear." Once more the poetic muse moved him:

"If Christmas serves no other ends,
It makes one think of absent friends,
Revives the friendship of the past
And seals the link that makes it last."

Mr. Jameison seemed suitably impressed, for he did not pursue the subject and he led off on a different track again. He advised an employment office where he had got his present job, and began to outline its superior qualities and its other assets.

The conversation ended. Mr. Thallburg went to Mr. Jameison's highly recommended employment agency and Mr. Jameison went home with a warm feeling of self-satisfaction at having recommended it.

At the employment agency Mr. Thallburg was coldly received by a cold peroxide blonde sitting in a coldly furnished outer office. With a growing feeling of cold discomfort he sat down in a cold waiting room preparing himself for a cold reception. The reception, in the inner sanctum of the office, was not as frigid as Mr. Thallburg had expected, and he was left with a mixed feeling of hope and disappointment.

The woman, who bore the name of Miss Toper, was, however, cold by Mr. Thallburg's standards, and to accentuate her sharpness

she had a squeaky, perpetually-annoyed-and-harassed voice. After a few introductory formalities she said: "I have something here which might interest you. Wilkinson and Company want a man with references to design Christmas cards. . . ."

The next employment agency, found in a telephone book, was a great improvement on the first, despite the fact that over its door it bore the sign "Johnson's for Jobs". Here he got a rather warmer reception, and after about three-quarters of an hour he emerged from the building wreathed in smiles and accompanied by a large, lean man who somewhat resembled the picture of Jack Spratt in his child's nursery rhyme book.

They entered another office which they reached after a walk of about ten minutes. Mr. Thallburg came out of this office after another three-quarters of an hour, this time unaccompanied but still beaming.

When he reached home Mr. Thallburg dashed in full of excitement and rang Mr. Jameison.

"Hello! Mr. Jameison?" he said. "Would you like to come over here at once?" And, without waiting for an answer he continued: "I've got a job! A job!" It was hopeless for the rather flabbergasted Mr. Jameison to succeed in ascertaining the nature of his friend's future profession, and he went to visit Mr. Thallburg as he had been requested.

As soon as he rang the doorbell he was greeted by an effusively jubilant Mr. Thallburg clad in an ancient dressing-gown which he fondly imagined to resemble a housegown.

"Hello!" he said. "I've got a job! A job! A wonderful job!"

During the next five minutes Mr. Thallburg described his day's adventures in a gush of words so fast as not to allow the poor Mr. Jameison to get a word in edgeways. After this time, however, he managed to steer Mr. Thallburg around to the subject of what his job was.

"But what is this job? What is it?" he asked, as though his friend was slightly deaf.

"What is it?" came the answer. "Oh, yes. Well, actually I'm to be a salesman!"

"A salesman! Very good! Very good! And what do you sell?"

"I sell," said Mr. Thallburg with as much dignity as he could possibly muster, "I sell Christmas cards in a chain store."

T. LANDECKER (3A).

MYTHS AND LEGENDS

Every nation has its folk-lore; that is only natural. But perhaps the folk tales of Ancient Greece are the most interesting, because they are for the most part founded on fact. Also, they often carry a message that applies even to-day, and they contain more drama and tragedy than the myths of any other country.

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In contrast, those from Australia are simpler; certainly they are entirely unsophisticated. Very few of them have anything to do with religion, except those few dealing with Biamee, the Great God. On the whole, they are merely attempts to explain natural phenomena, but they have a primitive beauty, which almost rivals that of the Greek tales. They are the myths of our own land and its original Australians, and we should cherish them.

Below there is one myth from each of the two countries and the contrast may there be clearly seen.

FROM GREECE — OEDIPUS.

In Greek mythology, one of the most, if not the most, tragic figure, is Oedipus. The story is told to us by Sophocles in his play, "Oedipus Rex".

We are told how King Laius of Thebes and his wife, Queen Jocasta, were told by an oracle that their son would some day kill his father and marry his mother. The pair were horrified, but, as yet, they had had no children.

Nevertheless, Jocasta afterwards had a son and Laius ordered that it be killed. He drove an iron spike through the boy's ankles and gave him to a shepherd, issuing strict instructions for him to be exposed on a mountain and left to die. However, the shepherd had a kind heart and, disobeying his king, gave the child to King Polybus of Corinth and his wife, Queen Peribœa. This couple reared Oedipus, as they called him, for "Oedipus" means "Swollen Foot," and Oedipus's feet remained swollen all through his life because of the spike.

He grew up believing Polybus and Peribœa to be his true parents, and when he came of age he did as most young men did in those days, by consulting the oracle of Apollo at Delphi as to what happiness, or otherwise, awaited him in life. The Pythoness, or priestess of Delphic Apollo, said to him, "Away, wretch! You will kill your father and marry your mother!"

Oedipus, aghast at this, did not return to Corinth, but decided to proceed to Thebes. Anything was better, he thought, than treating his own parents thus. So, without realising it, he set off alone for his real native city.

Meanwhile, Thebes was being beset by a monster called the Sphinx, who had a woman's head, a lion's body, and a dragon's wings. This monster asked all passers-by a riddle which, if they could not solve it, was her excuse for mutilating and devouring them. She made Laius' nephew, Hæmon, live up to his name, for in Greek "hæmon" means "bloody".

The Thebans demanded that their king do something. Accordingly, Laius set out for the oracle at Delphi, having for companions a herald and one armed guard. In a narrow defile he encountered a youth with swollen feet and a manner which spoke of a swollen head. The herald demanded that Oedipus, for it was he, should stand aside and let the King's chariot pass. Oedipus replied proudly, "I

am a prince, and I make way for nobody." At that the herald struck Oedipus, who impetuously drew his sword and cut the herald to ribbons. Then he sliced through the horses' harness and hit them on the rump with the flat of his weapon. The horses bolted, and Laius, who was entangled in the reins, was dragged to his death along the stony ground. Thus the first part of the oracle's prophecy was fulfilled.

Unaware of his victim's identity, Oedipus proceeded to Thebes. The intrepid bodyguard arrived before him, telling great tales of how Laius and his herald had been attacked by a vast horde of robbers, for he was unwilling to tell them that one man had done the deed of double murder while he himself had deserted his king and fled for his life.

Just as Oedipus reached Thebes, the Sphinx stopped him and asked him the riddle: "What creature in the morning walks on four legs, at midday on two, and in the evening on three, and is weakest when he has the most?" Oedipus had no hesitation in replying, "That creature is man; for in the morning of his life, as a baby, he crawls on all fours. In the midday, or prime of his life, he stands erect, and in his old age, the evening of his existence, he hobbles with the aid of a stick. Also it is obvious that he is weakest when he is a baby." At this, the mortified Sphinx committed suicide by jumping off a cliff and refusing to use her wings.

The Thebans were delighted, and as their King had lately been murdered by persons (as they thought) unknown, they invited Oedipus to fill the vacancy. This he did and decided to marry the widow of the King, namely, his mother, Jocasta! In this way the entire prophecy came true.

For many years Oedipus lived in peace. Little did he suspect that the children Jocasta presented him with were not only his sons and daughters, but also his step-brothers and step-sisters! Then a plague struck Thebes, and since sickness of any kind was held to be the result of Apollo's anger, Oedipus returned to Delphi. This time the Pythoness said, "The murderer of Laius is one man, not a band of robbers as you suppose. He is even dwelling in the city itself. Hunt him out and Apollo's anger will be appeased."

Oedipus then proclaimed a curse on the murderer of Laius, little dreaming that it was himself. Since they had no means of determining the culprit, they summoned Teiresias, the most famous prophet and seer in the ancient world. He was so famous and accurate that he was called once to Mt. Olympus, the abode of the gods, to settle a dispute between Zeus, the king of the gods, and Hera, his consort. Zeus was renowned for his philandering and accused Hera of being a hypocrite when she complained. Teiresias settled the matter in Zeus's favour.

Teiresias came to Thebes and promptly turned his sightless eyes to Oedipus and told him that he, Oedipus, King of the Thebans, had killed Laius, who was really his father. Also, Jocasta, Oedipus' wife, was also his mother. Oedipus refused to believe him, saying

that he was the son of Polybus and Peribœa of Corinth, not Laius and Jocasta of Thebes. Just then a letter arrived from Corinth from Peribœa saying that because her husband Polybus had just died she could safely tell Oedipus his true origin. This she did in damning detail, ending up by saying that the shepherd who gave him to her said he was the son of Laius and Jocasta.

The effect that this statement produced on all present was terrifying. Jocasta fled to her bedroom, where she hanged herself from the rafters. Oedipus ran in after her and, snatching her brooch from her garments, he stabbed out his pupils, and the blood flowed from his unseeing eyes.

After this Oedipus was banished from Thebes in fulfilment of the oracle. He journeyed for many years, guided by his daughter and half-sister, Antigone, until he finally reached Colonus, near Athens, where he was befriended by Theseus. Finally the Eumenides, or Furies, hounded him to death for having caused the deaths of both parents. After his death Theseus buried him at Athens and mourned by Antigone's side.

FROM AUSTRALIA — "WEEDAH".

Weedah was an aboriginal with a penchant for human flesh. So as to obtain this all too rare delicacy he built for himself an entire camp, numbering more than twenty grass nunnoos, or humpies. Then, being a marvellous mimic, he would cry like a baby, sing like a maiden, chant like a warrior and call out in the high, thin, shaky voice of an old man. He kept this up until the aborigines from the surrounding camps thought that there was another camp nearby. Then, as a warrior returned individually from the hunt he sometimes became curious and entered this strange camp to investigate. But no warriors, babes, old men or women did he find, except Weedah, squatting near a great fire. The warrior would then go up to Weedah and say, "Where is everybody? I heard voices, voices of men, women and children, but I see none but you."

Weedah replied, "I alone am here. The wind whistles in the belah trees; you think it is the crying of babes. You hear the laugh of Goo-goor-gaga (Kookaburra) and you say, 'That is the laughter of women.' The only man here is myself. When you are alone in the bush your imagination deceives you. No people sing or cry or chant here; only Weedah speaks." And as he was talking he kept edging the warrior towards the fire, and when the warrior was close enough Weedah flung him into the flames and afterwards he enjoyed the succulent flesh, the tender liver and heart and the juicy brain.

This went on until the male population of the nearby camp was on an alarming decrease. Finally a warrior named Mullian, after the mysterious disappearance of his cousin, made up his mind to solve the mystery. Accordingly he made his way to the camp

of Weedah. He, too, heard the sounds which are normally associated with a camp, but on investigation he found only Weedah.

"Where are they all?" he demanded. "Where are the men, women and children that I heard here? But more important, where is Biaga my cousin, and all my friends? Many tracks do I see that enter this place, but none do I notice leaving it. You live here alone, so you alone can tell me."

"What do I know of you or your friends? Absolutely nothing. Ask the winds that blow. Ask Bahloo, who lights up the earth by night. Ask Yhi, who shines by day. They may be able to tell you, but not I, Weedah, who dwell alone and who know nothing of what you mention." And as he spoke, the crafty man was carefully edging Mullian nearer the fire. But Mullian, too, was crafty, and in a flash he saw all that was going on, and when Weedah was just about to seize him Mullian grabbed hold of Weedah instead and treated him to the same fate that had met Biaga and the others.

Then he set off for home to tell the blackfellows from the camp that he had solved the mystery.

Suddenly there came a sound like thunder, but it was not thunder. It was the sound of Weedah's skull breaking, and out of the ruins of his corpse came a bird. To-day, as a result of this metamorphosis we have the mocking-bird, still called Weedah by the natives. And to this day the mocking-bird plays his game of imitating the noises he hears in a camp, from the cry of a babe to the growl of a dog.

C. POWELL (3A).

WIDE BROWN LAND

"Bein' an Aussie ain't bad, I suppose, but it ain't all it's cracked up to be either." The swaggie lay back on his bluey and grinned a smile as toothless as a circus lion.

"Now, I'm a fair dinkum Aussie, mate. Lived most of me life here in the outback. Sixty-odd years I've been humpin' me bluey. Been everywhere and seen all there is to see. I know all wot's to be knowed about Aussie, I reckon. Now you listen to me, young fellah, you just forgit all that they learned you down in the big smoke. This is a hard country, mate, as hard as a publican's heart; you've got to be strong to survive. It's a hot, dry, dusty land and there ain't enough people to farm wot land is worth farming."

He paused to drown a struggling fly which tenaciously kept on fighting its way to the surface of his billy of tea.

"Improves the flavour," he said, chuckling dryly. "We're surrounded by foreigners, all with their greedy little eyes on us. Well, they're welcome to it for my part. Dry, windy, dusty, scrub, most of it, except for them cities, and who'd want them? Still, it's not too bad, I reckon. I'd rather be a flamin' Aussie than one of them foreigners." He winked slyly across the fire at me. I grinned back. I loved being an Australian, too.

D. JOHNSTONE (5D).

FOOTSTEPS IN THE NIGHT

It was a quiet night. The town hall clock chimed 3 a.m. and everyone was asleep—that is, everyone except the man who was, little more than a shadow in the darkness as he glided noiselessly along the poplar-lined Boulevard of Chester. Cautiously the shadow slid from door to door, pausing in the recesses for a moment, then passing on. At last he reached the end of the Boulevard and silently entered the last doorway. He stood in the shadow for several minutes, fumbling at the locks, then soundlessly opened the door and stepped inside. Ever so quietly he mounted the old staircase until at last he reached the door marked 216. This was the room he wanted.

Madame Le Pompouré lived here quite alone amongst her wealth and jewels. Her trade was selling and buying diamonds and precious stones of astronomical value. The shadow was quite some time in the building, but eventually reappeared clutching the somewhat bulky bag which never left his hand.

The whole incident was quite simple. It happened in London almost in a regular pattern, the soft pad of rubber-shod shoes, the squeak of a door and a night's very profitable work was finished.

Madame Le Pompouré always had her paper delivered to the door by the newsagent's son punctually at 7.30 a.m., and always paid the boy and gave him a small drink of either cordial or flavoured milkshake. On this morning the bell rang promptly at 7.30 and she rose sedately, put her dressing-gown on, pushed her long, golden locks into place and opened the door.

"Well now, Tommy, what are the headlines to-day? Have they caught that impudent burglar yet?" she exclaimed.

"No, ma'am," replied Tommy briskly, "so you'd better keep an eye on your jewels, 'cause he broke into Blantrye's at the end of King George Avenue and got away with about £5,000 worth of jewels. The police think he's combing the district."

"It's a pity the police don't stop thinking and catch the devil. Why! A person's not safe with the likes of him around. What'll it be, Tom—strawberry or cordial?"

"Cordial, thanks, ma'am."

She turned and walked to the cupboard, got down the drink and poured some into a glass. It was when she was putting the bottle back that she noticed it. The small, sturdy black box, which was built into the wall was open! She stifled a little scream, dropped the bottle and, ignoring Tommy's questions, snatched the telephone furiously off the hook and almost screamed into the instrument.

"Bridgeway 577, please, operator." She waited, gasping, almost in a state of hysteria now. She had turned a bright crimson, and her formerly neat hair was ruffled about her face as she trembled with anger and fear. "Hello! Bridgeway 577? Could I speak to the inspector, please? Yes, yes, it's important. . . . Hello!

Is that the inspector? Understand this, inspector, if you don't insist that that milkman of yours delivers the correct number of bottles I'll see that he's fired," and with a last gesture of exasperation she slammed down the receiver and reached into the open bottle box and withdrew only one bottle of milk instead of the usual two.

B. KAYE (5B).

"THAT DRIP AGAIN"

Sleep never seems to worry me when I'm in my own bed at home, but, whenever I sleep at a friend's place for the night, the chances of my staying in bed the entire night are very remote. All the irritants of restful sleep seem to gang up on me and seek out me personally to take out all their misfortunes on me and my host by getting me up.

While everyone is peacefully sleeping I am awakened by some irritating sound, usually that nauseating fellow, my friend the drip. In the calmness of night he delights in his unique game of gurgle, drop and splash; his favourite occupation, I am told. On first becoming aware of him I remain restless as I try to convince myself that he's really nothing to worry about, and that I'll soon forget all about him and go to sleep again. But soon I'm more awake than ever and I realise that it's no use arguing; so, steeling myself for the effort, I slide out of bed as stealthily as possible so as not to disturb my host, sleeping with enviable calm in the opposite bed.

Resigned to my fate, I bravely plant one foot on the cold floor and, with the other, I grope around, hopelessly trying to find my slippers. Soon, after impaling my foot on some spikey object, and having nearly broken my ankle on the cupboard door which leers at me from the gloom, I finally give in and, down on all fours, I at last find my slippers. Usually, by this time my host is half awake and mumbling:

"Whatsumadder?" or "Whassat, whosere?"

"Nung," I reply, and finally, with my slippers on, I start down the hall towards the bathroom and that ——— tap.

Now here, I argue, I could switch on the light. It's around here somewhere. I fumble for the switch, then suddenly the terrible repercussions of a stranger turning on a light in a strange house at one o'clock in the morning dawn on me. I can just picture my host's father (a burly chap of sixteen stone) flying at me with a chair, firmly convinced, by his wife no doubt, that his house is being burgled.

The very thought is too much for me and I continue on my treacherous way down the hall. Soon, however, I realise how wrong I was in not turning on that light as I knock an obviously antique vase on to the floor and I suddenly remember that burglars don't switch on lights anyway. . . . But then again, if I was to turn on that light. . . .

Once again I am on all fours. I touch the vase. It rolls away. Cunningly I judge its position, dive and then curse viciously at the hardness of furniture and the thickness of my skull. That's the finish. It can stay where it is. They can think what they like about it.

At last I bump against something familiar—the bathroom door. Eagerly I rush for the offending tap, slip on the non-skid mat, and crash on to the floor, taking a nearby basin with me. That racket is sure to wake the whole house, but I am undeterred, and, in a last valiant effort, reach the tap and wrench it . . . ON. To my horror the inhuman thing screeches and whines enough to raise the dead. I howl as the freezing water overflows the basin and fills my slippers. My feet are no more. And then a beautiful silence fills the house. The tap is silenced. I am victorious. Once more man's mind shows its superiority over the machine.

The cold water having fully revived my senses, I triumphantly stumble back into the wrong bedroom, hastily correct myself, and gratefully flop into the now cold bed, tired, but happy.

My host stirs.

"Whasumadder? Ugh? Youall ri?"

"Yes." I sigh, "I'm all right."

E. TUCKER (4B).

ION L. IDRIESS

Perhaps the person who knows Australia best to-day is Ion Idriess. There is very little of Australia or its neighbouring islands and territories which he has not seen.

He was born in Sydney in 1890 and educated in many N.S.W. schools, principally Broken Hill Public School and Broken Hill School of Mines. He first started to write when he was an opal miner at Lightning Ridge, sending articles by post to the "Bulletin," or "Red Rag" as he called it.

Idriess wandered through Northern Queensland, North Australian Gulf territory, Torres Straits islands and Papua. He also sailed the length of the Great Barrier Reef by pearling lugger. In World War I he was one of the Anzacs at Gallipoli. He also served in Sinai and Palestine. After the war he traversed the whole Australian continent by land and sea.

He has written many books, almost all of which are about Australia.

For several of these books he draws from his own vivid experiences, though he has written no complete autobiography. Some of these are: "The Opium Smugglers" (1948), "Lightning Ridge" (1940), and "Men of the Jungle" (1932). The order in which I have arranged these titles is the chronological order of those real life experiences on which he based these particular stories.

He has written many books of definite historical value, such



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as "The Wild White Man of Badu" and "Isles of Despair" (1947). His biographies of famous Australians are unparalleled, the best of these being "Flynn of the Inland" (1932), "Lasseter's Last Ride" (1931), and "The Cattle King" (1936).

His knowledge of the Australian aboriginal, however, is responsible for what I consider his most interesting work. He shows the aboriginal not as the unintelligent, uncivilised creature he is generally believed to be, but as a very intelligent person, who considers the white man to have a degraded intelligence, and treats him as he would treat a child. Idriess shows that the aboriginal is a man who already has a command of three languages before he starts to learn English. These are the tribal language, a special sign language by which the aboriginals may converse with each other without the white man perceiving any communication, and a sacred language usually spoken only by the elders and then only on special occasions. Also, of course, is that miracle, the smoke language. He shows also that the aboriginal could just as easily have been taught to speak good English as the Pidgin-English it is customary to teach him. The best of his books about natives are: "Drums of Mer" (1933), "Nemarluk" (1941), "Headhunters of the Coral Sea" (1940), "Outlaws of the Leopolds" (1952), and "The Red Chief" (1953).

Idriess has written two most interesting war stories, "Horrie the Wog Dog" and "The Silent Service". He has written a very interesting book on diamonds, "Stone of Destiny," and many other books I am unable to mention here.

I believe that any person who does not read any of Idriess's books is losing a wealth of knowledge about his own country, unobtainable elsewhere, and written in a most interesting manner.

T. GREENWOOD (3A).

TROUBLE AT REBECCA POINT

It had been built despite the furious controversy which had accompanied its building. Officially they called the tall, bleak building surrounded by that huge, ugly wall the Sir Thomas Fairway Institution for the Afflicted. Locally it was the Asylum. It occupied the tip of Rebecca Point and was separated from the prospering holiday resort of Green Meadows by the five miles of wooded country known as Rebecca Hunt.

This forest and the surrounding countryside was known and loved by an indeterminable number of sportsmen who had protested most fervently about the outrage, which they termed an act of vandalism, of disfiguring the natural panorama of Rebecca Point by the erection of an insane asylum there. The protest of the many sportsmen had been venomous. The fury of the local inhabitants was more virulent still, but the passing of time had healed their wounds and the unsuccessful attempts to have the site moved to another location were discreetly abandoned.

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Among the many unfortunates who had been incarcerated in this huge, foreboding prison was a bedevilled youth, dishevelled in appearance and possessing an insidious character. . . .

Twenty long years passed. He grew old and, to the doctors and warders who tended him, resigned to his fate. Then one night he found within him an enormous compelling desire for the lonely loveliness of Rebecca's Hunt, which he had viewed so many times from his barred window.

The small dormitory, which housed ten inmates who were at all times guarded by a number of warders who watched them from a small control room that adjoined the dormitory by a specially built glass panel and door, was now bathed in the strange half-light which was produced by the small reading lamp in the office and which created weird and frightening distorted figures that danced and frolicked all night upon the wall.

Robby (as he had been called by the warders, for he knew no other name) slid from his bed and stealthily drew towards the five warders on the other side of the glass who were immersed in deep conversation. A sudden blinding hatred for them arose inside him, but, quelling his fury, he sank down to the floor and concealed himself under the bed nearest the door.

The movement of the clock's hands was painfully imperceptible. At that moment, as the hands of the clock crept towards the hour of eleven, a sleeping patient awoke from a terrifyingly vivid dream which made him become very violent. Four of the guards, unlocking the door, rushed into the dormitory from their office to calm him, but his frenzy was further aroused, and one of the warders, picking himself up from the floor where he had been violently thrown by the enraged man, hailed the fifth warder to join them in their attempt to restore order.

Seizing the opportunity, Rob slipped unseen through the open door. Closing and locking it behind him, he took the keys and opened the door leading to the passage-way beyond.

He crept to the service lift which he had once seen operated, and taking a quick glance around him he slipped into it. On closing the grill he thrust his hand through it and, connecting in some way the position of the buttons with the required destination of the lift, he pressed the lowest button. To his delight the lift began its descent, the lighted corridors of the different floors flashed by, and the pitiful cries receded into an unknown void which seemed to blend itself with the dull ache in the crown of his head.

His journey wasn't a long one, and when the lift had stopped he found himself in the large dark, deserted kitchen, which he hurriedly examined as best he could from the lift before he alighted, satisfied that he could continue on his way undetected. He crossed to the door, then, after silently unbolting it, he opened it and slid into the inky blackness which engulfed him like a ravenous monster.

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Doctor Strong eased himself behind the steering-wheel of his lovely new sedan. He was almost exhausted. He had just completed a long and difficult operation and all his thoughts as he drove through the gates of the institution were focused on sleep.

Suddenly a short, sinister chuckle from the back seat penetrated his dreary mind. Had he really heard it? Was it his imagination?

Now a sort of shuffle! It was distinct this time. He turned and looked over his shoulder. The back seat was shrouded in darkness, but he could still make out the grinning face of Rob. His eyes gleaming wildly, Rob reached out and caught the doctor by his collar with his strong, cold hands. The doctor clutched at his throat for air. Suddenly the car began careering crazily and the doctor's efforts to regain the control of his vehicle were in vain. The car's sudden career ended abruptly as it raced headlong into a great oak tree and crushed its beautiful body-work against the oak's unbending trunk.

All was silent and still, and from the crumpled mass came a bewildered figure. After peering into the wreckage of the car in an unsuccessful attempt to locate the doctor, he went stumbling blindly off into the bracken. The cruel briar cut his face. The forest wasn't beautiful any more. It was savage! Mockingly the twisted, vicious branches swooped down to maul him when he wasn't looking; now they were above him like mercilessly horrid creatures ready to spring. He turned and ran. There was another at his throat. He wrenched himself free and struck out at the talon which had clung to him, but it rose gently on the wind out of his reach. Panic-stricken, he turned—the doctor!

Disregarding the terrifying undergrowth, he rushed through it to a clearing and ran. The open space! It was—it was a swamp! He stopped suddenly at its brink. He could still remember his youth.

He looked down at the putrid mass. The black, stagnant water was silent and foreboding. Its surface was unbroken but for the ugly bubbles which floated over it. Out of the mud the surrounding trees' roots reached upward to the sky as if in search of a more pure abode.

Rob turned. The doctor was coming up to him like an animal to its prey. His face was twisted into a sadistic grin, while behind him in the distance came shouts from the asylum's guards—they had caught up with him.

"Come on, Rob, come back with me." His attention was drawn back to the doctor. "Let's go home, Rob."

"No!" This refusal was quite definite.

Suddenly the doctor grasped him firmly by the shoulder and tried to drag him away from the edge of the swamp. Rob lunged forward, catching him by the throat. Violently they struggled perilously close to the evil mire.

The rescuers were close now; if only the doctor could find the

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strength to save himself. The doctor summoned his remaining strength and began to break Rob's grip.

Suddenly the ground began to give way under its heavy burden. Several pairs of hands reached forward to carry the doctor to safety, but they were too late. He had fallen like a stone into the swamp and now his outstretched hand slipped silently into the mud. The onlookers were dumbfounded.

Rob stood motionless for a second. They were reaching for him now to take him back, but their hands would not have the warmth, friendship and respect that they would have had for the doctor. It was the moment for him to decide his fate. He could see only one way out, so, drawing one last breath, he flung himself into the swamp.

J. KING (3E).

THE DANCE

They had persuaded him. He would go to the dance. You know, the one that's held every second Saturday night. He'd take Judy. He had to give her something for her fifteenth birthday; a dance was cheap. She said "yes". This almost surprised him. Maybe she liked him, or maybe she just liked dancing. He didn't, or rather his feet didn't.

Fifteen minutes late (her fault, of course), but he didn't mind; the less dancing the more feet he'd have left next day. She met all his friends, and then the dancing-floor.

The dance was a quick-step. He hated the quick-step: he wasn't quick enough. Besides, he didn't know the steps. She was a good dancer; it was his only consolation. Bravely he escorted her on to the floor. For a moment he thought his legs had lost the power of motion. They danced; rather, she danced; he merely hung on. Even the most optimistic would not deny he had messed up that dance; in fact, even the most optimistic wouldn't call his clumsy movements dancing. There was a gleam in her eyes as he led her off the floor.

"You're going to learn how to do this properly!" she told him sternly. He listened meekly to the lecture she gave him in quiet tones and with as few illustrations as possible. He even thought he understood.

Next came the Pride of Erin. He could dance the Pride of Erin. In fact, he danced so well she even smiled at him—once. However, the Gipsy Tap was harder. Concentrating on following the steps of the boy in front, he didn't notice the wall. She felt it. He'd rammed her into it. She didn't like this much. That is, if a kick in the shin means anything. He still had the bruise next morning. Of course his apology was accepted, but the next fifteen minutes were rather strained.

Somehow he had always had a natural talent for the jazz waltz—providing he held his partner a fair distance from him. The lights

had been dimmed. As Mr. Peter Cheyney put it, they wrestled to music. Strangely, he felt almost . . . almost . . . romantic! He drew her closer . . . closer. She sighed and trod on his toe (unintentionally). She found herself dancing a foot away from him. His toes were very sensitive. On second thoughts, what did it matter? Toes were things of the past anyway! He drew her close again. He seemed to be dancing on air, but actually he was dancing on her toes. He found she was dancing a yard away from him.

Human beings can be studied in many ways at many places, but the best place, without a doubt was, he found, the progressive barn-dance. The first girl he got was fat. She was probably very nice, but he found swinging an elephant was a pretty big job. It was made more difficult by the fellow swinging the wrong way, or was it just that he himself was swinging the wrong way?

Some of the girls were like dead fish, like cold mullet in his arms. They had flat heads, too, but they were having a whale of a time. Others swung with such zest that his next partner must have invariably wondered if she were dancing with a boy or a spinning-top. One even checked up if the lemonade on sale was intoxicating. (It wasn't.) One of his partners was a real lady, more suited to the fastidious elegance of the ballrooms of centuries past; the next was more his type.

"Crowded, ain't it, sugar?" she murmured confidentially.

At last it was over and Judy was back with him. She'd won a chocolate by being in the right place when the music stopped. Under protest he accepted half and stuffed it in his pocket. From then on the evening passed quickly, almost too quickly, and soon he was taking her home. She seemed to have enjoyed herself, and that was all that mattered. When he got home at midnight he put his hand in his pocket for the key and found he had a pocket full of liquid chocolate. It had melted. Poor boy—the night had disastrous effects. And did he go to the next dance? For some inexplicable reason he did.

N. J. MOSES (4A).

THE DISAPPEARING LAKE

Lake George, near Canberra, is known as the "disappearing lake". Originally it was an expanse of water twenty miles long and eight miles wide.

When the first white men came to this district in 1812 there was water all around. Giant waves, which were caused by the winds, were as large as those on an ocean, and yet by 1861 no water remained there at all.

After the lake disappeared very many pioneers settled on the slopes of the lake bed. For many years the farmers prospered there, and then the lake started to appear again. In a short time water was around the houses and they had to be abandoned. Soon

the houses were completely submerged, and again there was just an expanse of water.

About 1900 the lake began to disappear again, and by 1902 no water remained. Large crops were grown, but settlers took no chances and only used the grasslands for grazing. By 1925 Lake George was once more entirely water.

To-day sheep once more graze there, but the mysterious happenings of the past are sure to recur in the future.

G. POST (3A).

A MODERN GIANT

Monstrous, towering above all its surroundings, a grotesque silhouette against the darkening sky it stood. A king of its domain, breathing forth black, heavy smoke, spitting out fire, brazen yellow, that scorched the night air; its metal-clad sides were lit up by the searing flames.

From time to time with a machine-like rumble its mouth opened, pouring out a brilliant orange stream like liquid gold from the cavernous inside, while a shower of crackling sparks and a cloud of hissing steam made a strange, startling accompaniment. Reaching above everything, it stood under a cloud of dense smog, uttering an occasional screeching whistle or a mighty roar as its mouth opened to eject the swift, swirling, saffron stream. Like a monarch among his subjects, a master among his slaves towered this armour-plated monster.

Thus, in all its ugly, heavy begrimed majesty stood the blast furnace, huge, dirty, but powerful and dominating.

W. DELANEY (3A).

THE LOSS OF THE R.M.S. "TITANIC"

The "Titanic," at that time the biggest ship afloat, was built in the Belfast dockyards of Harland and Wolfe. She took three years to build and had a displacement of 60,000 tons. (The "Queen Elizabeth" has a displacement of approximately 90,000 tons.) The "Titanic" had a length of 883 feet and a width of 92½ feet. She was believed unsinkable. She had double bottoms; 16 watertight compartments, two of which could be smashed without endangering the ship; watertight doors which could be closed in half-a-minute from the bridge, and automatic fire-alarms; she carried 14 ordinary lifeboats, 4 collapsibles and 2 emergency sea-boats. In spite of the fact that this was more than half as much again as was required by the Board of Trade regulations, the capacity was not enough to accommodate the passengers and crew, due to the fact that the Board of Trade regulations were made long before ships of the "Titanic's" size were even dreamt of.

The "Titanic" carried 322 first class passengers, 277 second class and 709 third class. Her crew numbered nearly 900.

Thus it was that on April 10, 1912, the White Star liner "Titanic" moved away from the dock at Southampton in all her gay array on her maiden voyage to New York, America.

As the "Titanic" was slowly turning around the wash of her massive screws lifted the "St. Paul," a vessel of much smaller dimensions, bodily and threw the small ship against the wharf, giving the "St. Paul" and the wharf quite a jar. This small incident served to show the mighty power behind the "Titanic".

She called in at Cherbourg and Queenstown before beginning the long run across the Atlantic at noon on Thursday.

All went well for the first two days; the passengers had no cares and the crew had little to worry about. Then on Sunday, the third day out, at 9 a.m., a wireless message was received from the steamer "Carona":—

"Captain—'Titanic'—Westbound steamers report icebergs, growlers and field ice, 42° N., from 49° to 51° W., 12th April.

Compliments,
Barr."

Reports were also received from the "Californian," but little attention was paid to either report, because no major ship had ever been lost by ice yet, and the "Titanic" was no ordinary ship; she was, in the opinion of one of the passengers, as "unsinkable as a railway station". The lookouts were cautioned, however, and the "Titanic" was expected to pass into the ice-zone at 9 p.m.

Phillips, the older wireless operator, received a message from the "Mesaba" at about 6 p.m. on the fateful night. The text of this message was almost the same as that received from the "Carona"; but the bearings given were much closer than those given by the "Carona". Phillips took this message up to the bridge and, as the officer on duty was busy, it was put under a paperweight, where it was forgotten; and therefore at 6 p.m. the "Titanic" passed into the ice-zone without the captain's knowledge. This was the main contributory cause to the loss of this magnificent ship and hundreds of lives.

At 11.30 p.m. Seamen Fleet and Leigh, the watch, were in the crow's nest and the "Titanic" was doing a steady 22 knots. It was at 11.40 that Fleet noticed a small haze ahead, but, thinking that his eyes must have been deceived, he refrained from giving the alarm. Then suddenly a vast, white, monstrous shape loomed up ahead and he realised what it was. Frantically he called the bridge: "Iceberg! Right ahead!"

First Officer Murdoch, who was on duty, did not pause to reply, but shouted to the quartermaster: "Hard a-starboard!" and closed the watertight doors.

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The quartermaster strained at the wheel and the bow slowly swung around. The iceberg was almost upon them now. Murdoch leapt to the engine room telegraph. Bells clanged. The first warning rang out. Danger! Then the indicator swung round to "Stop," then "Full speed astern". Quickly the engineers turned great valve wheels.

Capt. Smith and Second Officer Lightoller, the officer on duty before Murdoch, were just getting into bed when there was a slight shock, a brief scraping and a small list to port. Shell ice—slabs and chunks of it—fell on the fore-deck. Slowly the "Titanic" stopped.

A smaller ship striking the iceberg would have bounced off; but the "Titanic," being such a massive ship, would not change course easily.

Lightoller rushed on deck and, looking over both sides and seeing nothing, went back to bed. Likewise the passengers. Some paused in their games of cards and, seeing no noticeable list or any other indications that the ship had struck anything, went on with their games. There was, however, a 300 foot gash along her side and water was pouring in fast.

Capt. Smith rushed to the bridge and asked: "What has the ship struck?"

First Officer Murdoch replied: "An iceberg, sir!"

Third Officer Pitman and Fourth Officer Boxall came to the bridge and Capt. Smith sent them below to ascertain the extent of the damage. They came back and reported that six watertight bulk-heads had been opened and water was pouring in rapidly. Orders were then given to uncover the lifeboats, but the passengers did not think she was sinking and were unwilling to leave the apparent security of the ship.

Bride, the younger wireless operator now on duty, sent out a message: "CQ (all stations), CQ, we have struck a 'berg and are sinking." This message was received on the "Carpathia," an east-bound Cunard liner, and it sent her speeding to the rescue, but she was 58 miles away. The message was also received on the "Californian," but her captain did not think it warranted action and, although she was only 12 miles away, she did not bother to change course.

Then at 12.30 the word was passed: "Women and children in boats," and the "Carpathia" signalled: "Coming hard!" The "Titanic" was going down slowly by the head as the boats were lowered and rockets fired. The "Californian" saw these rockets, but still did not think they called for action.

Most of the boats did not contain their full complement of passengers. Number One boat carried 12 people, but she had a capacity of 40. Number Six boat took 28 passengers, but she was designed to take 65. This was partly due to the officers, who thought that the boats might capsize, if they held their full quota of passengers, as they were lowered. It was also partly due to the passen-

gers, who were reluctant to leave the ship, until they realised that the "Titanic" was really sinking; by this time it was too late, and the last few boats carried the full number of passengers. These boats did not capsize as they were lowered, thus proving the officers wrong.

The time was now 1 a.m., and the fore-decks of the "Titanic" were dropping into the sea. The stern was slowly rising, and the mighty screws were showing plainly above the gentle swell. The engineers stayed below knee-deep in water to keep the furnaces going, which boiled the water to drive the dynamos, which, in turn, kept the lights and wireless operating. The band played jazz and dance music; some passengers danced while others played cards. The crew still went about their tasks calmly and quietly, knowing that most of them would not escape certain destruction. The mail-sacks were brought on deck and the crew went through all the cabins looking for abandoned babies.

The last boat left at 1.45 a.m., and by now the fore-deck was well submerged. Although 600 had gone in the boats, 1,500 were still aboard the sinking "Titanic".

At last Capt. Smith said to the remaining passengers and crew on board: "Men, you have done your full duty. You can do no more. Now it's every man for himself." The band stopped playing jazz and began to play "Nearer My God to Thee". The "Titanic" was slowly rising. She stood at a crazy angle, but she still rose. The engineers were forced to leave their furnaces, letting out the steam before they left to prevent an explosion. Some people leapt into the icy water. Bride, the wireless operator, was forced to leave his instrument, because the blue flame had flickered out. It was now 2.15 a.m. People fell and plunged into the freezing water as the "Titanic" neared the perpendicular. The forward funnel-stays snapped under the tremendous strain like cotton, and the forward funnel, weighing many tons, fell among the struggling mass of humanity in the water, killing many.

Then, in the words of Second Officer Lightoller, the only officer to survive the disaster, "the 'Titanic' stood perfectly upright, paused briefly, then slid forward and the sea claimed her." (Lightoller and a few others of the crew clung to the broken boat which had been over the officers' quarters until the "Carpathia" picked them up later. Almost four hours in the water!) It was now 2.30 a.m. and the greatest ship in the world had sunk! The boats had pulled away from the vortex caused by the "Titanic's" plunge.

Many of the swimmers were struggling to reach the boats, but most of them, if they did gain a boat, were driven off by the half-crazed women, who thought the swimmers might upset it.

At last, at 2.40 a.m., the "Carpathia" sighted the lights of the Number Two boat and at 4.10 a.m. the first survivor was picked up and all the survivors were on board by 8.30 a.m. Only one person did not survive that long exposure in the boats; it was a man who died from cold. Many had been picked up in the water after being in it for about four hours.

When day dawned, the fatal iceberg was seen, floating in all her majesty. She had caused the greatest peace-time marine disaster.

It was not until Thursday, when the "Carpathia" steamed into North River, that the full truth of the disaster was known. Here there waited in the streets some 30,000 people, many of them relatives and friends of the survivors and lost, all hoping against hope. Ambulances and stretchers stood by on Pier 54. The gangway was put up. The crowd waited tensely. The first survivor appeared. It was a woman. She was supported by two officers as she slowly made her way down the gangplank. A murmur rose from the crowd. It gradually grew to a moan, died down, then rose again. . .

Of the passengers, 815 were lost and 688 of the crew. The survivors numbered 705.

Thus ended the maiden voyage of, at that time, the greatest ship in the world, the "Titanic".

A. HATFIELD (3A).

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

English Texts, 1956

A. Prescribed Books:—

1. Shakespeare: Henry IV, Part I (any edition may be used, but the text quoted in the examination paper will be that edited by Newman, Clarendon Press).
2. The English Essay, edited Merson (Harrap).
The following essays should be studied:—

Bacon:	Of Friendship. Of Revenge.
Steele:	Recollections of Childhood. Sir Roger's Portrait Gallery.
Addison:	Sir Roger in Town. The Exercise of the Fan.
Goldsmith:	A Party at Vauxhall Gardens. National Prejudices.
Lamb:	Old China. The Convalescent. Dream Children.
Hazlitt:	On a Sun-Dial.
Hunt:	A "Now"—Descriptive of a Hot Day. A "Now"—Descriptive of a Cold Day.
Stevenson:	An Apology for Idlers.

B. List of Approved Books for General Reading:—

1. George Eliot: Silas Marner (any edition).

OR

- W. Thackeray: Henry Esmond (any edition).

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2. English Short Stories of To-day (Oxford University Press).

OR

Australian Short Stories (World's Classics Selection, Oxford University Press).

If the latter book is chosen, the following stories are to be read:—

Beereun the Mirage Maker	Parker.
John Price's Bar of Steel	Warung.
Scrammy 'And	Baynton.
The Funerals of Malachi Mooney ..	Dyson.
Fourteen Fathoms by Quetta Rock ..	Bedford.
Kate's Wedding	"Steele Rudd."
The Champion Bullock-Driver	Skuthorpe.
"And Women Must Weep"	Richardson.
Adventure: A Fantasy of the Ranges	McCrae.
The Lobster and the Lioness	"Kodak."
The Stump	Palmer.
The Pisé House	James.
The Pelican	Mann.
Going Home	Morris.
Dry Spell	Barnard.
The Nightshift	Morrison.
He Walks Home with his Wife	Edwards.
No One Spoke	Oakes.
The Man Who Bowled Victor Trumper	Stivens.
The Three Jolly Foxes	Stewart.
The Kid	Levis.
3. The Poets' Quest, selected by Southwell (Longmans, Green).	

Any fifteen of the following poems should be studied:—

The Ballad of William Sycamore ..	Benet.
Bonny Dundee	Scott.
The Rowers	Farren.
The Rock Pool	Shanks.
Herve Riel	Browning.
The Night of Trafalgar	Hardy.
Mahoney's Mountain	Stewart.
The Cloud	Shelley.
Enoch's Island	Tennyson.
The Killer	Wright.
The Crocodile	Beddoes.
Old House	Wright.
Sonnet	Keats.
A Dream	Shakespeare.
Incident in Hyde Park	Blunden.

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A Jacobite's Epitaph	Macaulay.
Gigue	Beaglehole.
Song	Milton.
Song	Shakespeare.
Choric Song	..	..	..	..	Tennyson.
Wild Iron	..	..	..	..	Curnow.
Grape Harvest	..	..	..	..	Vrepont.
London Snow	..	..	..	..	Bridges.

ENGLISH TEXTS, 1956, INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION

A. Prescribed Book:—

Shakespeare: Twelfth Night (any edition).

B. List of Approved Books for General Reading:—

1. *Prose*:

- (a) R. L. Stevenson: Kidnapped (any edition).
- (b) The Breath of Life, Book II, edited Monmouth (Allen and Unwin).

2. *Poetry*:

- (a) Coleridge: The Rime of the Ancient Mariner (the full text is included in "The Bond of Poetry").
- (b) The Bond of Poetry, Part I, edited Stable (Oxford University Press).

Any fifteen of the following poems should be studied:—

The Man from Snowy River	..	..	..	..	Paterson.
From the Wreck	..	..	..	..	Gordon.
Morte d'Arthur	..	..	..	..	Tennyson.
La Belle Dame Sans Merci	..	..	..	..	Keats.
The Inchcape Rock	..	..	..	..	Southey.
Lochinvar	..	..	..	..	Scott.
A Spring Sonnet	..	..	..	..	Adams.
From the Gulf	..	..	..	..	Ogilvie.
Out Back	..	..	..	..	Lawson.
Spring	..	..	..	..	Tennyson.
Ode to a Nightingale	..	..	..	..	Keats.
To a Skylark	..	..	..	..	Shelley.
The Ocean	..	..	..	..	Byron.
My Country	..	..	..	..	Mackellar.
England	..	..	..	..	Tennyson.
She is Far from the Land	..	..	..	..	Moore.
Patriotism	..	..	..	..	Scott.
The British Heritage	..	..	..	..	Wordsworth.
My Heart's in the Highlands	..	..	..	..	Burns.
England	..	..	..	..	Cowper.

