

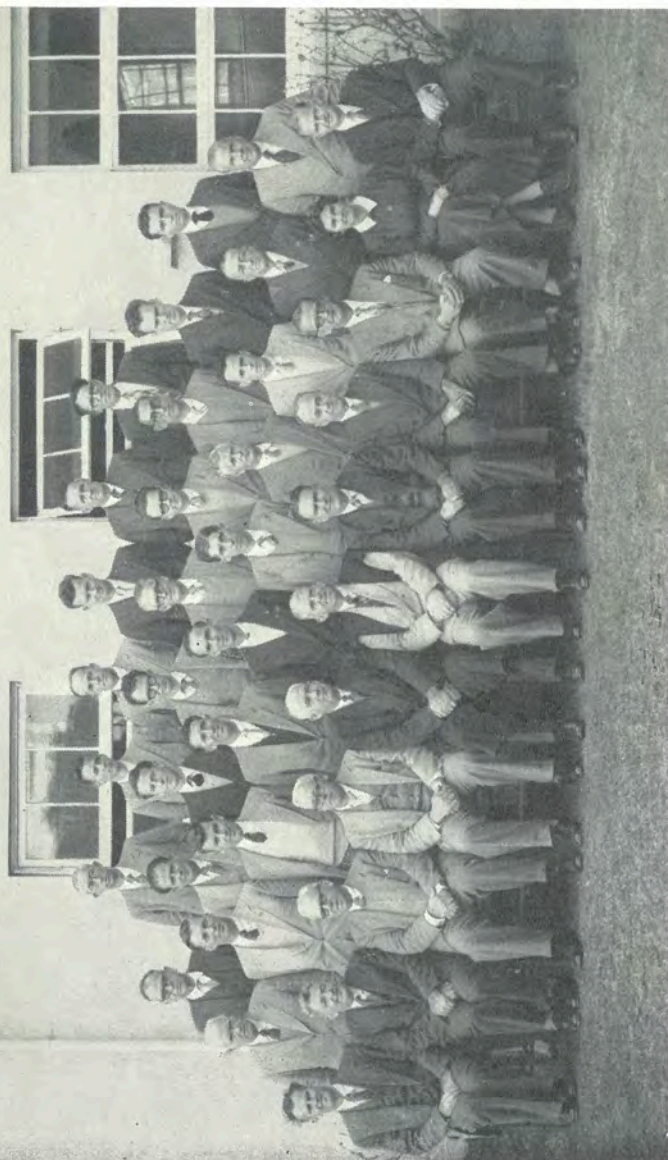


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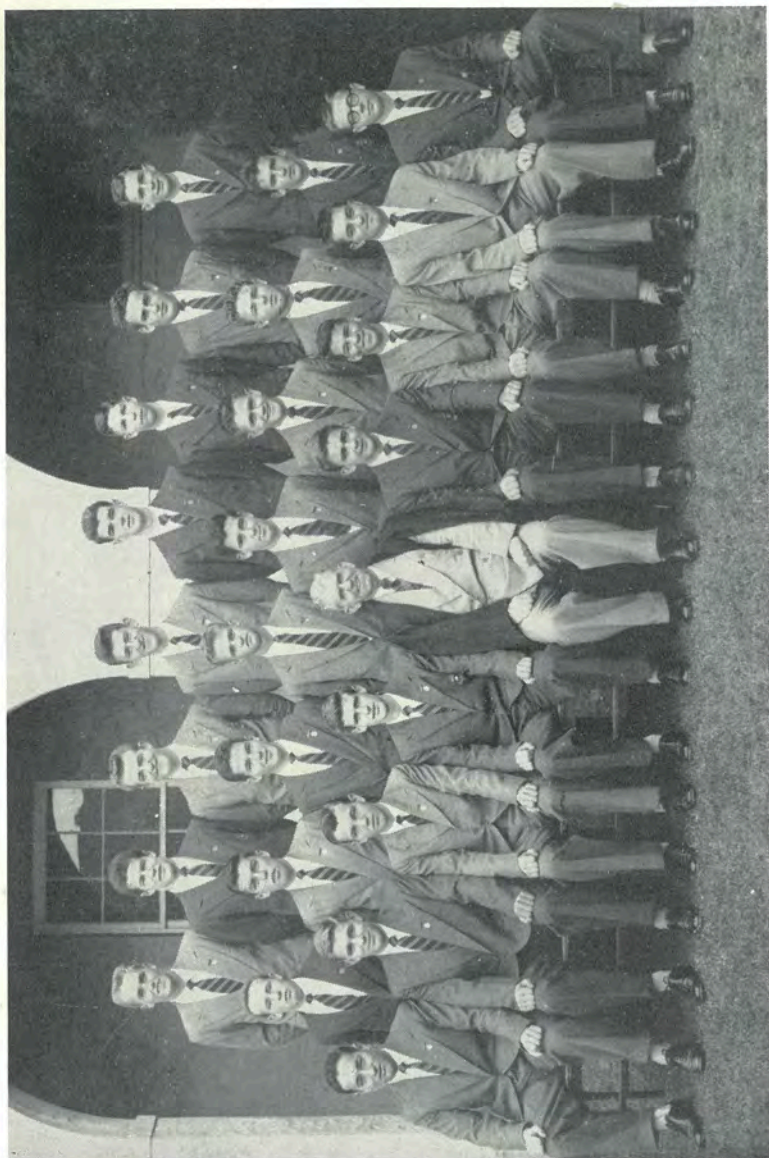
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**MR. E. R. JEFFREY**

On the appointment of Mr. J. Brownie as Headmaster of the new Camden High School, Mr. E. R. Jeffrey was transferred to S.H.S. to take his place as Deputy Headmaster. Mr. Jeffrey was, prior to his appointment to S.H.S., Deputy Headmaster at Gosford High and Manly High.



On obtaining his B.Sc. degree at Sydney University with High Distinction, Mr. Jeffrey continued his studies at night, and later graduated B.A. Commencing his teaching career at Woollahra Commercial School, he later served as Assistant Master at Drummoyne Junior High, Murwillumbah and Fort Street, and as Mathematics Master at Wollongong and Homebush before proceeding to Gosford and Manly as Deputy.

We consider ourselves fortunate to have Mr. Jeffrey as our new Deputy, as the position calls for a considerable degree of energy and organising ability, two qualities which he has already demonstrated he possesses in abundance. Though somewhat belatedly, we take this opportunity to wish Mr. Jeffrey a happy and prosperous stay at the School.

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**STAFF CHANGES**

The present instability in the educational sphere resulted in a rather bewildering number of staff changes being made over the long vacation and several others since. As reported in the last issue of "The Record," Mr. J. Brownie accepted the position of Head-

master of the newly created Camden High School. Mr. J. M. Howard went to Cootamundra as English Master, Mr. T. P. Sellors and Mr. S. Wick went to Enmore High School and Cleveland Street High School respectively as Modern Languages Masters; Mr. M. E. Adamthwaite went to Newcastle High School as Mathematics Master and Mr. R. S. Blue went to Griffith High as Commercial Master. Mr. W. S. Toft went to North Sydney High, and Mr. J. Mitchell to Randwick High at the beginning of Third Term.

We welcome in place of those who have been transferred Messrs. F. G. Atkinson, L. J. Bennett, H. R. Bygott, L. R. Chambers, E. R. Jeffrey, M. J. Levy, F. J. Lennon, and A. W. Stanley.

### LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 1955

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; 19, Theory and Practice of Music; 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 those who have passed the oral tests in French and German.

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Abernethy, R. J., 5B 6B 12B 13B.	Clay, E. J., 1B 5B 6B 12A 13A.
Alexander, J. A., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12A.	Clemens, K. J., 1B 3B 5B 6B 18B.
Bailey, I., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12A 13A.	Clines, D. J., 1A 2H(1) 3H(2) (o)
Bailey, R. T., 1B 3B 13B 17B.	7A 29H(1).
Barker, B. J., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12A 13A.	Cohen, H. A., 1B 5H(1) 6A 12H(1)
Beaumont, B. A., 1A 2H(1) 3A 7A	13A.
9H(1) 12A.	Cornwell, R. M., 1B 3B 7B 12B 18B.
Bennett, K. V., 1B 2B 4A(o) 7B 13B.	Crittles, P. C., 1A 3A 7B 9H(2) 17B
Beverley, G. E., 1B 3A(o) 5B 6B 12B	18B.
13B.	Cunningham, A. G., 1B 3B(o) 5B 6B.
Biro, G. A., 1H(2) 2A 3H(1) (o)	Curnow, J. A., 1B 4A(o) 5B 6A 12A
4H(1) (o) 7A.	13A.
Blackwood, R. L., 1B 3A(o) 5B 6B	Davies, G. A., 1A 3B(o) 5B 6B 9B
12B 13A.	13B.
Bless, J. J., 1B 3A(o) 5B 12B.	Davy, I. J., 1B 3A 6B 9B 13B.
Bloom, D. E., 1B 3B 5B 13B.	Denning, D. B., 1B 4B(o) 5A 6B 12A
Boone, P. M., 1B 3B(o) 7B 9B 18A	13A.
19H(2).	Derham, R. A., 1B 2B 5B 6B 9B 13B.
Bradshaw, R. D., 1B 3A(o) 5H(2) 6B	Dudman, M. P., 1A 3A(o) 9B 18A
9B 13A.	19H(1).
Brown, L. J., 1H(2) 2H(1) 7A 9H(2)	Eagleson, W. L., 1B 3B 5B 12B 13B.
13A.	Einfeld, M. R., 1A 2H(1) 3A(o)
Burge, G. B., 1B 3B 7A 9B 12B	4H(1) (o) 7A 13A.
18H(2).	Esdaile, R. J., 1B 3B 5A 6A 12H(2)
Burke, M., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12A 13A.	13A.
Caisley, G. E., 1A 3A(o) 5H(2) 6A	Face, J. R., 1B 4B(o) 5A 6B 12H(2)
12H(2) 13A.	13A.
Campbell, B., 1A 3B 5B 6A 12B 13A.	Fear, R. E., 1B 3B(o) 4A(o) 7A 12B
Carey, P. R., 1B 3B 7B 9B 12B 13B.	13A.
Carruthers, A. V., 1B 3B 5B 12B 18B.	Fisher, G. A., 1B 3B(o) 7A 9B
Chapman, T. M., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12B	12H(2) 13A.
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Fitzgerald, B. W., 1B 3A(o) 7B 9B 12B 13A.	Marr, G. W., 1B 2B 3A 5B 6B 13B.
Flint, D. E., 1B 3B 9B 17B 18A.	Masnack, A. J., 1B 3B 5B 6B 9B 13A.
Francis, L. N., 1B 7B 9B 17B 18B.	Melman, G. R., 1B 2B 5B 6B 12A 13B.
Freeman, L. H., 1A 5H(1) 6A 12H(1) 13H(1).	Merrick, R. W., 1B 3B(o) 5H(2) 6B 12H(1) 13A.
Fry, P. S., 1B 3A(o) 4A(o) 7B 12A 19H(2).	Mladek, A. R., 1B 3B(o) 5B 13B.
Gabriel, N., 1B 2B 3H(1) (o) 7B 17B 29B.	Ower, T. J., 1B 3B 5B 12A 13B.
Gaul, J. J., 1A 3B 9B 17B 18A.	Pawsey, S. F., 1B 4A(o) 5H(2) 6B 12A 13B.
Goldsmith, R. J., 1B 3A(o) 4A(o) 7B 17B 18B.	Rawlings, P. A., 1H(2) 3B 5B 12B 13B.
Grage, P., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12B 13A.	Re, A. N., 1B 2B 5B 6B 12B 13B.
Grantham, D. R., 1B 3B(o) 6B 9B 13B.	Reid, J. A., 1A 2B 3A(o) 7B 9B 17B.
Greig, D. G., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12B.	Rileigh, J. R., 1B 5H(1) 6A 12H(2) 13H(1).
Guest, G. W., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12B.	Robberds, L. P., 1B 2B 5B 6B 12A 13B.
Hackett, H. D., 1B 3B 7B 9B 13B 17B.	Ross, J. D., 1A 4H(1) (o) 7A 12H(2) 13H(2).
Hall, G. T., 1B 2B 3A(o) 7B 9B 13B.	Sankey, L. E., 1B 2B 7B 9B 17B 18A.
Hatfield, B., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12H(1) 13A.	Saunders, J. R., 1B 3B 7B 9B 13B 18B.
Hayman, J. H., 1B 5B 6B 12B 13B.	Schultze, R. R., 1B 7B 9B 13B.
Hazell, J. R., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12B 13A.	Seamonds, P., 1B 2B 5B 6B 12A 13A.
Hedley, P. D., 1A 3A(o) 7A 9B 17A.	Selinger, B. K., 1B 4A(o) 5B 6B 12A 13H(2).
Hickson, N. G., 1B 3A(o) 5B 6B 12A 13A.	Shapiro, R. M., 1B 2B 3A(o) 5B 6B 13B.
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Hoare, W. M., 1B 7B 10B 12B 13B.	Smith, N. C., 1B 3B 5A 6A 12A 13A.
Hovey, L. J., 1B 5H(1) 6A 12H(2) 13H(1).	Smith, P. N., 1B 3B 6B 12A 13B.
Hudson, R. S., 1B 3B 5B 6B 17A 18A.	Smith, R. W., 1B 2B 5A 6B 12H(2) 13A.
Hutchinson, K. R., 1B 3B 5B 6B.	Snow, B. K., 1B 3A(o) 5A 6B 12H(2) 13A.
Huxley, R. F., 1B 3A(o) 5B 6B 12A 13A.	Sommer, P. G., 1B 6B 12B 13B 18B.
Johnstone, D. H., 1B 3B 7B 9B 17B 18B.	Stamper, W. J., 1B 4A(o) 5A 6B 12A 13B.
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Jullian, D. J., 1B 4A(o) 5A 6B 12A 13A.	Stuart, R. F., 1B 3A(o) 4H(2) (o) 7B 18B.
Kaye, B. N., 1B 3B 5B 6A 9B 12B.	Summers, W. L., 1B 2B 7B 9B 13B.
King, J. R., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12B 13B.	Thornhill, P. C., 1B 3B(o) 5B 6B 12A 13A.
Lackey, E. H., 1B 3B 7B 9B 17B 18B.	Turner, H. P., 1B 3B 5B 12B 13B.
Lambert, P. E., 1B 5H(2) 6A 12H(2) 13H(2).	Warren, R. C., 1B 2B 7B 9B 12B 13B.
Le Quesne, D. M., 1B 3B(o) 5B 6B 12B 13A.	Webb, R. B., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12B.
Letts, L. I., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12B 18A.	White, R. W., 1B 2B 5B 6B 12A 18H(2).
McClellan, G. J., 1A 2A 3H(2) (o) 5H(2) 6A 12A.	Wilding, P. A., 1B 3B(o) 7B 9B 17B 18B.
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Maidment, R. B., 1B 5A 6B 12A 13B.	Wride, K. G., 1B 5B 6B 12B 13B.

Commonwealth Scholarships were awarded to the following:—

Beaumont, B. A., Biro, G. A., Blackwood, R. L., Boone, P. M., Bradshaw, R. D., Brown, L. J., Burge, G. B., Burke, M., Buttfield, R. E., Caisley, G. E.,

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It is regretted that in the 1955 issue of "The Record" the name of J. H. Browne was omitted from the list of those who gained a place in the first hundred in the State at the Leaving Certificate Examination.

### NEW MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS

As from the first day of July, 1959, matriculation requirements of the University of Sydney will be changed. In effect, the matriculation requirements from the Leaving Certificate, 1959, will be as follows:—

#### Approved Subjects for Matriculation

The subjects for matriculation are those set out in the following groups:—

- A. English.
- B. (i) Latin, Greek, French, German, Italian, Hebrew.  
(ii) Ancient History, Modern History, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, Dutch, or such other language as shall, in the case of any particular candidate, be approved by the Professorial Board.
- C. (i) Mathematics I, Mathematics II, General Mathematics.  
(ii) Geography, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Geology, Physics and Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Biology, Physiology, and Agriculture.
- D. Economics, Theory and Practice of Music.

It should be noted that a number of subjects taken for the Leaving Certificate are not approved subjects for matriculation purposes.

#### Matriculation Requirements

- A. In order to qualify for matriculation, candidates must pass in at least five subjects, of which one must be English, one must be chosen from each of the Groups B and C, and of these two subjects at least one must be chosen from Section (i) of either Group B or Group C. The remaining subjects may be chosen from one or more of the Groups B, C and D, provided that—
  - I. (a) neither Physics nor Chemistry be taken along with the combined subject Physics and Chemistry;
  - (b) neither Botany nor Zoology be taken with Biology;
  - (c) neither Zoology nor Biology be taken with Physiology;

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- (d) neither Mathematics I nor Mathematics II be taken with General Mathematics;
  - (e) for admission to matriculation in 1956 and thereafter a candidate who offers Mathematics and elects to take General Mathematics may not sit for Mathematics I or Mathematics II; a candidate who offers Mathematics and does not elect to take General Mathematics must take both Mathematics I and Mathematics II; a pass in either Mathematics I or Mathematics II shall count as a pass in one subject; a pass in both Mathematics I and Mathematics II shall count as a pass in two subjects;
  - (f) Theory and Practice of Music is accepted for matriculation only in cases where the pass was obtained at an examination held in 1943 or subsequent years, provided further that a pass in the subject of Music II at the Leaving Certificate Examination held in 1943 and 1944 is accepted as equivalent to a pass in the subject of Theory and Practice of Music;
  - (g) Ancient History is accepted for matriculation only in cases where the pass was obtained at an examination held in 1945 or subsequent years, but if taken with Modern History, is not accepted where the pass was obtained before the Leaving Certificate Examination, 1951;
  - (h) Agriculture is accepted for matriculation only in cases where the pass was obtained at an examination held in 1945 or subsequent years;
  - (i) Economics is accepted for matriculation only in cases where the pass was obtained at an examination held in 1947 or subsequent years.
- II. This By-law shall not affect the right which any person would have had because of a qualification obtained before 1st March, 1959, to matriculate or to matriculate into any particular Faculty.
- III. The whole qualification for matriculation must be obtained at one examination.
- B. A candidate for matriculation who has presented himself for the Leaving Certificate Examination held in 1947 or in a subsequent year in five or six subjects chosen in accordance with the requirements for matriculation as in force at the time when he so presented himself and who has passed in English and any three other of these subjects shall be granted matriculation status if—
- (a) where he so presented himself in the year 1947 or in a subsequent year up to and including the year 1958 he was

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### COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme provides for the award of 3,000 Scholarships each year in Australia for competition amongst able boys and girls who have completed secondary school courses and who wish to proceed to approved tertiary courses at Universities and other approved institutions of similar standing in Australia.

The 3,000 scholarships are divided amongst the States on a population basis. In 1955, 1,250 Open Entrance Scholarships were allocated for distribution in this State.

Open Entrance Commonwealth Scholarships are awarded to students who intend to commence approved tertiary courses and are under 25 years of age on the 1st January in the year of commencement of their course, and who have achieved a required standard at the Leaving Certificate or equivalent qualifying examination. To assess standard at the Leaving Certificate, the best six papers, including Honours papers, are aggregated. It should be noted that Honours papers are not essential.

A period of residence in Australia is not prescribed for Open Entrance Scholars, but applicants and at least one parent must be resident in Australia and must intend to remain permanently in this country. Applicants of any nationality may apply for a scholarship.

Scholarships obtained under the above scheme are tenable in all first degree courses and certain undergraduate Diploma Courses at Universities and Institutions of University status, certain Technical College Diploma courses at prescribed standards, and other professional courses (including such courses as Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Kindergarten Training, Pharmacy, Speech Therapy, and in Diploma Courses at Hawkesbury and Wagga Agricultural Colleges). The courses approved include part-time as well as full-time courses.

In general, selected students will be free to apply their scholarships in any one of the approved courses in any Australian State.

The award of scholarships is not subject to a means test. All students awarded scholarships will, in general, be entitled to the following allowances without any means test:—

- (1) Tuition fees.
- (2) Examination fees.

- (3) Matriculation fees (unless already paid by reason of a student having presented himself for matriculation).
- (4) Degree fees.
- (5) General Service fee.
- (6) Sundry other fees where compulsory.

In addition to the above benefits, children of parents whose adjusted incomes fall within certain limits are eligible for a living allowance. The maximum living allowance payable under the Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme is £3 5s. per week (£169 per annum) in the case of students living at home, and £4 12s. 6d. per week (£240 10s. per annum) for students living away from home. Full living allowance is payable on an adjusted family income of £600 per annum and is gradually decreased until no living allowance is payable at £1,151 where the student is living at home, and £1,389 where the student is living away from home.

The adjusted family income is ascertained by taking the total income of parents, together with any continuing income of the student for the financial year immediately preceding the year in which the scholarship is granted, and deducting £100 for the first dependent child (other than the applicant) under 16 years of age, and £50 for each other dependent child under 16 years of age.

The acceptance of a Commonwealth Scholarship does not place the student under obligation to serve any organisation for any period on completion of course.

As from 1955, bonded students (i.e., Teachers' College Scholarship holders, Public Service Trainees) may not hold a Commonwealth Scholarship concurrently with their scholarship or traineeship. Students receiving assistance under the Soldiers' Children's Education Scheme are ineligible for a scholarship, while the Services Canteens Trust Fund rules provide that benefits from the Fund will not be granted to a student awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship.

Subject to the foregoing, a student holding a University bursary or other award not involving bond liability, may also hold a Commonwealth Scholarship, which will meet compulsory fees not covered by the other award.

The closing date for applications for all Commonwealth Scholarships tenable in 1956 is the 30th November, 1955. Under no circumstances should children await the results of the Leaving Certificate Examination before making application for a Commonwealth Scholarship.

Application forms and further information with respect to all types of Commonwealth Scholarships may be obtained from the Officer-in-Charge, University Branch Office, Department of Education, University Grounds, Sydney, or by telephoning MW 2911. Application for Commonwealth Scholarships for 1956 must reach the above office by 30th November, 1955.

## INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE, 1955

The following boys were awarded the Intermediate Certificate on the results of the 1955 examination:—

Allison, J. H.	Henry, D. E.	Quick, J. T.
Anderson, D. H.	Heyhoe, R. J.	Ramsay, R. J. S.
Austin, L. F.	Heyman, J. N.	Redman, K. J.
Barnes, I. M.	Hinks, D. G.	Reid, G. W.
Bastock, G. F.	Hoggard, I. G.	Richmond, P. J.
Bennett, R. D.	Horne, W. J.	Riley, J. D.
Bindley, M. J.	Hughes, C. E.	Robinson, I. J.
Black, G. S.	Hull, C. D.	Rose, K. D.
Bland, J. C.	Humphries, D. H.	Rubie, K. M. E.
Brennan, A. R.	Hutchinson, A. G.	Ryan, B. R.
Brigden, D. N.	Ingle, R. A.	Scarratt, G. C.
Broadfoot, P. R.	Ireland, V.	Schlesinger, P.
Button, R. J.	Jamison, C. J.	Shaw, B. R.
Cannings, R. F.	Jennings, R. N. D.	Sherrard, W. O.
Carruthers, D. E.	Jervis, M. T.	Short, B. A.
Case, G. A.	Jones, V. C.	Short, D. A.
Christie, C. M.	Keenan, D. R.	Shuetrim, C. P. S.
Coker, T. C.	Kellick, R. J.	Skinner, J. H.
Coles, R. F.	King, J. E.	Sligar, D. N.
Colquhoun, B. A.	Laing, G. W.	Small, L. M.
Conlon, J. A.	Landecker, T. L.	Smith, K. G.
Connell, G.	Larkin, B. J.	Smith, R. W.
Cornelius, P. W.	Leonard, G. J.	Smith, S. J.
Cornwell, P.	Lions, R.	Smythe, N. F.
Daly, P. J.	Lovell, J. A.	Snell, J. L.
Dalziel, E. A.	Lynton, B. R.	Spooner, B.
Darroch, R. M.	McCormack, A. K.	Stanley, T. O.
Davies, R. A.	McGill, J. R.	Stanton, M. D.
Delaney, W. R.	Mackenzie, B. A.	Stone, P. R.
Dickson, T. W.	Madge, J. H.	Stuart, L. C.
Donnan, R. S.	Maloney, J. H.	Stubbings, J. A.
Droga, G.	Martin, K. C.	Sutton, C. J.
Edenborough, B. W.	Mason, F. A.	Swords, I. B.
Evans, G. K.	Masselos, S. G.	Symons, D. J.
Fincham, I. C.	Mercer, C. W.	Taylforth, G. H.
Ford, A. J.	Miller, R. E. V.	Thomas, B. G.
Formby, I. C.	Monaghan, S. T.	Thompson, P. H.
French, R.	Moore, I. R.	Tiley, I. Y.
Freyer, R.	Muir, R. A.	Topham, A. W.
Gibson, G. R.	Nary, D.	Towle, K. B.
Giles, R. F.	Nixon, J. R.	Trenerry, A. R.
Glover, B. A.	Norman, R.	Vanes, A. R.
Goodman, M. A.	Northwood, K. E.	Waks, J. N.
Gowland, R. L.	Norwood, B. A.	Wanstall, R. F.
Greenwood, A. B.	Pardey, D. P.	Webb, B. D.
Hanks, P. J.	Parrott, A. R.	White, D. A.
Hancock, K. B.	Paterson, G. M.	White, R. J. M.
Hannan, R. W.	Payne, R. C.	Williams, G. A.
Hare, G. L. N.	Perkins, P. J.	Williams, M. R.
Harrison, E. W.	Peters, H. J.	Wilson, E. W.
Harrison, J. P.	Pilger, J. R.	Wong, C. P.
Hatfield, F. A.	Pollard, J. D.	Woodland, D. R.
Haywood, G. W.	Post, G. H.	Wotherspoon, G. C.
Heldon, K. J.	Potter, R. J.	Wrench, P. C. C.
Hely, B. M.	Powell, J. C.	Wyllie, J. M.
Hennessy, J. E.	Power, R. C.	Wyndham, B. F.
		Young, R. E.

## ALLIANCE FRANCAISE

Thirty-one pupils sat for the above examinations this year, and all except one passed.

Worthy of special mention are Leon Bryl and Michael Rosenman of 1A, who came top of Grade I; also Michael Caredes, top of Grade 2, and Marcel Goodman, top of Grade 4.

Two Fifth Year boys were selected to sit for special Concours Général examinations. The boys were Niclas Witton, who gained second place; John Hamilton, who gained third place.

These last results were particularly meritorious when it is considered that the examination is open to any Fifth Year pupil in N.S.W.

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## SPEECH DAY

The Speech Day of 13th December, 1955, was the Seventy-second Annual Speech Day of the Sydney High School. Dr. Francis Lions of Sydney University was present to deliver the occasional address. It was worth while being present if only to hear him speak, for when he said, "The richness of life depends on the number of experiences you can get," one felt that Dr. Lions had himself partaken fully of the riches of life, many in intellectual planes, and that he was unlocking the doors of his experience to those who were ready to benefit. Mrs. Lions accompanied Dr. Lions to present the prizes. Special prizes were presented by Mr. T. W. Rushall on behalf of the Parents and Citizens' Association, Mr. A. R. Callaway on behalf of the Old Boys' Union, Mr. T. Summons on behalf of Lodge Sydney High School, and by Georgina Carr on behalf of Sydney Girls' High School.

The musical programme was supplied by the School Choir under the baton of Mr. Billington. The mellowness of their restraint in the traditional song, "God Be in My Head," and the perfectly co-ordinated technique of the more vigorous "What Cheer? Good Cheer!" (Warlock), supplemented later by "Love Came Down at Christmas" (Rossetti), called forth many a remark from those who were making their first appearance at a S.H.S. Speech Day and were not aware of the choral tradition of these functions.

J. H.

## 1955 PRIZE LIST

## FIFTH YEAR

Dux (Frank Albert Cup and Headmaster's Prize), G. C. Saxby Prize for Mathematics (aeq.), Henry F. Halloran Diamond Jubilee Prize for Chemistry: **L. Freeman.**  
 Dux (prox. acc.), Dr. F. W. Doak Prize for Latin and Greek: **D. Clines.**  
 A. B. Piddington Prize for English: **L. Brown.**  
 Earle Page Prize for French: **N. Gabriel.**  
 Earle Page Prize for German: **G. Biro.**  
 G. C. Saxby Prize for Mathematics (aeq.): **H. Cohen.**  
 Special Prize for Mathematics II (aeq.): **R. Merrick.**  
 Alan C. Corner Prize for Physics: **L. Hovey.**  
 History: **P. Crittle.**  
 Economics: **P. Wilenski.**  
 Oratory: **D. Flint.**  
 Declamation: **J. Reid.**  
 General Proficiency: **J. Rileigh, M. Einfeld, P. Lambert.**

## FOURTH YEAR

Dux (Mrs. Ethel Killip Memorial Prize) (aeq.), English, Latin, French (aeq.): **J. Hamilton.**  
 Dux (Mrs. Ethel Killip Memorial Prize) (aeq.), K. Saxby Prize for Mathematics and Physics, French (aeq.), Chemistry: **W. Williams.**  
 History, Best Poetry in "Record": **J. Masselos.**  
 German: **N. Witton.**  
 Mathematics II: **T. Ashworth.**  
 Geography: **M. Lewis.**  
 Economics, Oratory: **R. May.**  
 Declamation: **E. Tucker.**  
 General Proficiency: **S. Tzannes, P. Bailey, R. Acher, A. May.**  
 Best Prose in "Record": **N. Moses.**

## THIRD YEAR

Dux (Sir Frederick Jordan Memorial Prize), H. A. Coss Prize for English, Science: **T. Landecker.**  
 History: **R. Giles.**  
 French: **A. Greenwood.**  
 German: **N. Smythe.**  
 Latin: **G. Reid.**  
 Greek: **C. Powell.**  
 Mathematics I: **R. Brennan.**  
 Mathematics II: **J. Riley.**  
 Geography: **E. Harrison.**  
 Business Principles: **A. Ford.**  
 Declamation, Oratory: **D. White.**  
 General Proficiency: **T. Stanley, J. Stubblings.**

## SECOND YEAR

Dux, English, Latin, Greek, Science: **P. Papapetros.**  
 History: **W. Henderson.**  
 French: **L. Berger.**  
 German (3-year course) (aeq.): **R. Pinn, R. McLeland.**  
 German (2-year course): **A. Rosenberg.**  
 Mathematics I: **P. Phillips.**  
 Mathematics II: **W. Wilson.**  
 Geography, Business Principles: **I. Wolfe.**  
 Oratory: **W. Jobling.**  
 Declamation: **P. Cassell.**  
 General Proficiency: **J. Stammell, A. Andersons, A. Ireland.**

## FIRST YEAR

Dux (Gordon Barr Memorial Prize), Nor-

man Save Memorial Prize for English (aeq.), Latin, Science: **E. Sowey.**  
 Norman Save Memorial Prize for English (aeq.): **I. Scott.**  
 French, Mathematics II: **E. Oliver.**  
 History, Manual Training: **J. Vatiliotis.**  
 Mathematics I: **A. Zaneff.**  
 Geography: **E. Wilson.**  
 German: **A. Shaeftler.**  
 Music: **P. Selden.**  
 Oratory, Declamation, General Proficiency: **G. Delaney.**  
 General Proficiency: **D. Meadows, M. Velmans, R. Gertler.**

## SPECIAL PRIZES

P. & C. Association Prizes for General Proficiency:  
 Year V: **J. Ross.**  
 Year IV: **R. Eyeland.**  
 Year III: **G. Case.**  
 Year II: **D. Brennan.**  
 Year I: **A. Van der Poorten.**  
 1950 Ladies' Auxiliary Prize: **P. Lambert.**  
 Rotary Prizes for Service to the School:  
**P. Boone, M. Dudman, N. Faulds, G. McClellan, P. Rawlings, G. Sample.**  
 The Old Boys' Union Prize: **W. Summers.**  
 John Skyring Cross Memorial Cup: **G. Beverley.**  
 John Waterhouse Prize: **A. Mladok.**  
 Oswald Chapman Memorial Prize: **H. Cohen.**  
 J. W. Gibbes Memorial Prize: **B. Beaumont.**  
 John Francis Bush Memorial Prize: **R. May.**  
 J. & E. Saxby Bequest Prize: **G. Case.**  
 Lodge S.H.S. Prize: **G. Sample.**

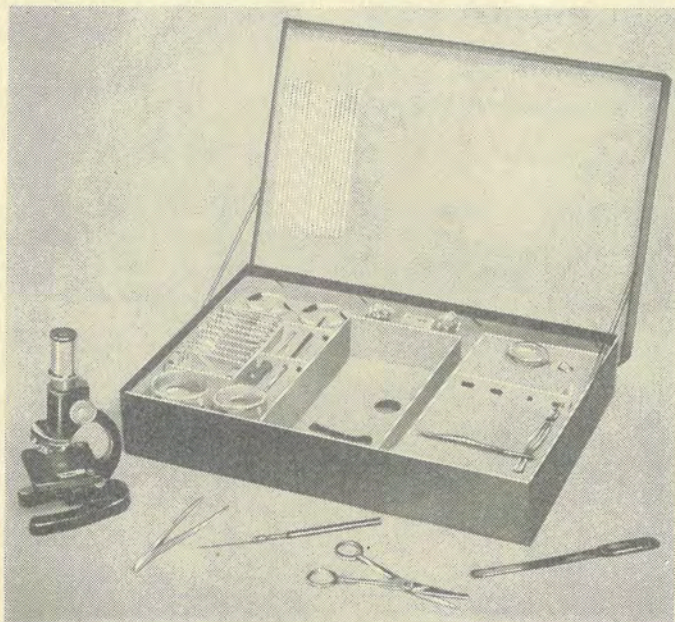
## SPORTS PRIZES

Sydney Girls' High School Cup for Games and Sportsmanship: **G. Sample.**  
 A. C. McKibbin Cup for Best All-round Cricketer: **G. Hinks.**  
 Frank Albert Cup for Senior Athletics Championship: **J. Reid.**  
 A. M. Eedy Cup for 100 Yards Championship: **D. Roberts.**  
 MacArthur Memorial Cup for One Mile Championship: **H. Cohen.**  
 Under 16 Championship: **G. R. Sample.**  
 Under 15 Championship: **D. Hinks.**  
 Under 14 Championship: **K. Morris.**  
 Under 13 Championship: **R. Dye.**  
 Senior Swimming Championship: **R. Carruthers.**  
 Claude Tressider Shield (100 Yards Breaststroke): **P. Crittle.**  
 Under 16 Championship: **P. Hayes.**  
 Under 15 Championship: **J. Pollock.**  
 Under 14 Championship: **W. Jobling.**  
 Under 13 Championship: **D. Murray.**  
 G. C. Saxby Shield for House Competition: **Wentworth House.**


## AWARD OF BLUES, 1955

Athletics: **J. Reid.**  
 Cricket: **G. Burge, G. Hinks.**  
 Football: **G. Burge, P. Crittle, W. Summers.**  
 Rifle Shooting: **W. Agnew, W. Eagleson\*, J. Face\*, R. Stuart\*, N. Witton.**  
 Rowing: **G. Coulson.**  
 Swimming: No award.  
 Tennis: **R. Bailey\*, D. O'Neill.**  
 Water Polo: No award.  
 \* Re-award.

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## THE SCHOOL CAPTAIN

The appointment at the Prefects' Induction Ceremony of Ronald May as Captain of the School for 1956 was met with spontaneous applause from all members of the School, signifying the popularity of the choice.

Throughout his career at S.H.S. Ron has proved himself an all-rounder, being both a star sportsman and a good scholar. He has been a member of the athletics team ever since he came to the School in 1952, and in that year and the next his team were Juvenile Premiers at the C.H.S. Athletics Carnival. The following year Ron had the honour of being Under Fifteen Champion of the School and then helped the junior team to victory in the C.H.S. Premiership. At the G.P.S. Athletics Carnival in the same year he won the 220 Yards Championship in the Under Fifteen Division, setting a new record of 23.8. This record has since been surpassed by the brilliant athlete, B. Hennessy, from St. Joseph's College. Last year saw Ron once again in the Junior Athletics Team, and this time he set a new C.H.S. record in the 440 Yards Under Sixteen Championship with the remarkable time of 52.8. He looked forward expectantly to another successful year in athletics this year, but he had the misfortune to suffer injury which put a temporary stop to his sporting activities.

Off the sporting field, Ron has shown excellent scholastic ability. In the Leaving Certificate this year he has set his goal at three honours, English, History, and Economics, and is also hopeful of obtaining good results in his other two subjects, French and General Mathematics. In addition, he has been an outstanding debater and orator. In 1954 he was a member of the Junior Debating Team, who were C.H.S. Premiers, and also in that year he won the Junior Division of the Royal Empire Society's Oratory Competition. In 1955 he held the position of third speaker in the Senior Team, who were the winners of the Louat Shield for Great Public Schools, and as a matter of course occupied the same position in this year's Senior Team. He reached the final in the Senior Division of the Royal Empire Society's Oratory Competition together with the Scots College candidate.

As athlete, debater and scholar, as well as by virtue of his popularity, Ron May well deserves to leave his name inscribed on the honour board of school captains in the Great Hall.

D. W.

## INDUCTION OF PREFECTS

Presented to the Headmaster by Mr. Hamnett, the prefects elect for 1956 took the usual pledge, and were invested with their badges of office. The Headmaster pointed out that the School motto, of which the prefects' pledge makes mention, was chosen by Mr. G. C. Saxby, who was first a pupil of this School, then a master and finally Headmaster, and was adopted on the occasion of the School's jubilee

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in 1932. For the occasion of the Jubilee Speech Day, Mr. J. H. Smairl, a Master of English Literature, wrote the words of the following song. They are, of course, based on the motto:—

### VERITATE ET VIRTUTE.

Here in these cloistered halls of High  
Our minds attuned to love the truth,  
In thought, in deed, that we may try  
As men to wear this flower of youth.

High! High! Hear ye the call  
In clarion notes from our dear old school,  
Claiming response from one and all  
To honour well her golden rule—  
“Live by truth and manly duty!  
Veritate et Virtute.”

Here in these cloistered halls of High  
Our hearts are trained to manly deeds;  
Strong to endure, swift to apply  
Our strength to help another's needs.  
Refrain: High! High! . . . .

A twofold cord—these virtues twain—  
To bind our lives to worthy ends.  
The manly heart, the quickened brain,  
Turning to good what fortune sends.  
Refrain: High! High! . . . .

Concluding his investiture address, Mr. Andrews said to the new prefects: “The prefect system was founded nearly forty-five years ago. You therefore have behind you a long line of prefects, many of them well known, who have left behind them a tradition of service and example.”

*Prefects for 1956:* R. J. May (Capt.), G. R. Sample (Vice-Capt.), E. J. Anderson, J. C. Cantwell, R. J. Carruthers, B. G. Day, N. E. Faulds, J. L. Harris, W. J. Harris, A. E. V. Holt, P. Y. Kelly, W. F. Levings, W. J. Lewis, A. L. May, N. J. Moses, D. O'Neill, D. S. Roberts, B. S. Rushall, B. M. Thomas, N. G. Thompson.

*Appointed 1955:* G. E. Beverley, A. J. Farquhar, L. I. Letts, R. B. Webb.

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## THE DEBATING SOCIETY

*Patron:* The Headmaster. *President:* Mr. H. R. Bygott.

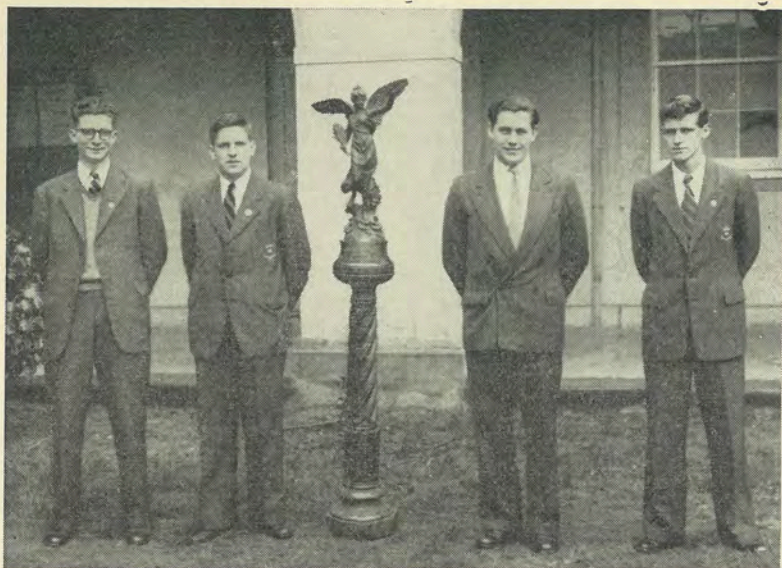
*Vice-Presidents:* D. White, J. Hamilton.

*Secretary:* J. Riley.

*Union Rep.:* I. Hamilton.

The high hopes raised by the Senior Team's victory in the G.P.S. Competition last year were unfortunately not realised this year. After a narrow defeat in the annual Girls' School Debate,

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### SENIOR DEBATING TEAM — G.P.S. ZONE RUNNERS-UP.

Left to Right: N. MOSES, J. HAMILTON (Winner of Lawrence Campbell Trophy for Oratory), R. MAY.



### BRITISH EMPIRE ORATORY TEAM — RUNNERS-UP.

Back Row: J. MEREL, P. McNAIR, G. DELANEY, M. VELMANS.  
Front Row: D. WHITE, N. MOSES, R. MAY, W. JOBLING, P. ROSE.

the team (J. Hamilton, N. Moses, R. May) went on to win practice debates against Barker College and Cranbrook. But in the G.P.S. debates, after defeating St. Joseph's, they were defeated by one point by Scots. They defeated Newington, and a defeat of Scots by St. Joseph's would have put them back in the competition. This debate was a draw, the first in many years!

In the C.H.S. Competition they fared no better. After defeating Tech. High and Cleveland Street (which put up a most creditable performance in their first year in the competition) they went down to their old enemies, Randwick, again by one point.

The Juniors (D. White, J. Riley, T. Stanley, G. Delaney (reserve)) met with like ill-fortune. After a most encouraging start to the season, defeating Tech. High, Cleveland Street and Randwick in their zone and Wollongong in a Quarter-Final, they were narrowly defeated in the Semi-Final by Enmore High.

This year, as usual, we entered two teams in the City of Sydney Eisteddfod. The "B" Team (G. Delaney, R. Wills, M. Velmans) lost in their first debate to a more experienced Shore team. However, the "A" Team, the School's Junior Team, were runners-up in the competition, after defeating teams from St. Joseph's College, Fort Street Boys' and Girls' High Schools and Sydney Girls' High School. They were defeated only by the Scots team, which had won the G.P.S. Competition. Their performance was most creditable and augurs well for the future.

All members of the Debating Society would like to thank Mr. Bygott for his advice and assistance. Throughout the season the teams were encouraged by his enthusiasm.

J. P. H.

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### THE LAWRENCE CAMPBELL TROPHY

Over the years this school has forged a considerable tradition in oratory, participating in the Royal Empire Society and various other competitions with some success. However, the most coveted trophy for oratory is the Lawrence Campbell, the G.P.S. trophy. This is for a ten-minute impromptu speech (15 minutes' preparation). Since the competition started High has won it in 1944, 1947, 1948, 1950, and now 1956. The successful speaker for High was J. Hamilton, who won by a unanimous decision of the adjudicators from C. Flynn (St. Ignatius). John Hamilton has been intimately connected with debating at this school for many years. It is to be hoped that the trophy will stay at High next year.

T. S.

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### THE ROYAL EMPIRE SOCIETY'S ORATORY COMPETITION

This year, as for many past, our speakers achieved considerable success in this competition. In the Senior Boys' Division, in which we had two speakers (R. May and N. Moses), Ron May was placed

second in a close final. Throughout his five years at the School Ron has been very successful in this competition. In the Junior Division, where we had a full team of ten, we gained first, second and sixth places (D. White (last year's winner), J. Merel and M. Velmans respectively). Despite this formidable list of places, we lost the shield to Hornsby Girls' High, this being the second defeat in the last seven years.

J. P. H.

### S.H.S. CHESS CLUB

*President:* Mr. R. Davis.

*Union Representative:* F. Low.

*Treasurer:* G. Marx.

*Secretary:* R. Brand.

Amidst a flurry of pawns and pieces, the Sydney High Chess Club closes its portals on a year exceptionally rewarding.

Four teams entered the Inter-School Competitions, and the deeds of these valiant bands are recorded as follows:—

"A" Grade (F. Low, Capt., G. Marx, R. Freyer, D. Gibb, A. Brooks) secured for itself its place in the sun by gaining third place behind the premiers, North Sydney, and last year's premiers, Grammar.

"B" Grade (R. Brennan, Capt., R. Brand, R. Rosenberg, A. Shaeftler, R. King) was a powerful combination, but fortune will frown, and this team deserves the heartiest of congratulations for its gallant second to Cranbrook.

"C" Grade (M. Garland, Capt., G. Cohen, C. Derham, R. Homer, G. Hodges), a dangerous division winner, shared a triple tie for first place with Manly and Drummoyne. G. Hodges earned a prize for the best individual score in "C" Grade.

Beginners' Grade (P. Griffiths, Capt., S. Winter, P. Mendham, R. Evers, C. Amour) came second in their particular division to prove that they can give pawn and move odds to the best of us and still make it a difficult struggle.

During the August-September vacation a number of our boys entered the State Championships, F. Low tying for second place in the Junior Championship and G. Cohen tying for third place in the Under 14 Section.

One realises that only through the tireless enthusiasm and efficient organisation of Mr. Davis was so much accomplished, and to him the Club extends its thanks.

F. L.

### "THE MIKADO"

"A wonderful show!" "What glorious singing!" "A really smooth production!" "And the colour and life of it all!" "Don't the girls make a difference?" "What delightful fun!"

Such comments marked the presentation of "The Mikado" by the S.B.H.S. and S.G.H.S.



ELIZABETH ELLIOT and BRIAN LOUNDER as Yum-Yum and Nanki-Poo.

This production was experimental in that the cast was selected from both the Boys' and the Girls' Schools. There is no doubt that its great success was in large measure due to the happy combination of talent. The dramatic point of W. S. Gilbert's farcical situations was given reality; the melodic and harmonic delight of Sir Arthur Sullivan's music was fully exploited, and an infectious enthusiasm was generated on the stage and was soon caught by the audience.

In a production as big as this, the co-operation was not limited to the players. Mr. Billington, Music Master of the Boys' School, who trained the male singers and whose inspiration and drive set

the production going, was assisted by Miss Evans, Music Mistress of the Girls' School, who trained the girl singers and the orchestra and who was affectionately dubbed "Our Chaperone Elect" by the boys for her supervision when the girls were in our school.

Other members of the S.G.H.S. staff who took part were Mrs. Thiering, who led the second violins; Miss Monk and Mr. Winder, who gave valuable assistance on costumes, and Miss Jackson, who helped turn the demure High School girls into vivacious Japanese maidens. From our own school staff there was also generous co-operation. Mr. Chambers led the woodwind section of the orchestra; the tedious and time-consuming task of Business Manager was efficiently performed by Mr. Bembrick; the colourful and spectacular lighting effects were handled by Mr. Hughes, while Mr. Maddox happily and effectively managed the scene changes and the players behind stage and also enjoyed himself supporting the male chorus from behind the double doors. House management, so apparently easy but so practically difficult, was capably handled by Mr. Byrne. The fans, indispensable props for the production, were made by Mr. Rawlins and Mr. Johnson of the Bourke Street School.

Further help came from outside the schools. Mrs. Sample, representing the Ladies' Auxiliary, did a tremendous amount of work in organizing the hire and making of costumes and properties, and was assisted by Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Schwab, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Wyllie, Mrs. Lounder and Mrs. Gabbott. Two ladies of the Girls' School Ladies' Auxiliary performed similar heavy tasks, Mrs. Gaffney buying all costume material and Mrs. Glenn making the very effective costume of Katisha. We are much indebted also to Mr. and Mrs. Towsey, who gave up so much time and worked with such skill upon the faces of the players, and to Mr. Dempsey, whose assistance in dramatic production was of great value. We are also grateful for the assistance of Mr. Terence Hunt and Mr. Lindsey Ake for making a recording of the best music of our production. This is now available as a 12in. L.P. disc and will remain an enduring record of a very fine performance. Altogether the production was an ambitious experiment in co-operation, an experiment happily and enthusiastically performed, and one of which both schools can be proud.

And now that it is over, what is remembered? Those who saw the performance—and there were over 3,000 who did—will certainly remember the colour and spectacle, the fun and fantasy, and the delightful melodies. Those who provided the performances—and there were over sixty people who shared in this—will certainly remember that and much more, too. They will remember the tedium of early rehearsals, when their songs and lines were only isolated snippets of the whole; and remember, too, the greater tedium of later rehearsals, when they were badgered for perfection when perfection was thought to be possessed or else to be too elusive a quality to be worth seeking further. They will remember the thrill of achievement after their first uninterrupted run through the first Act; and

# THE RECORD



Nanki-Poo and Chorus: "A Wandering Minstrel I."



Left to Right: JANE MILNE (Pitti-Sing), STEPHEN GABBOTT (Pooh-Bah), KEVIN MARTIN (The Mikado), DAVID LANDA (Ko-Ko), EVA WEISS (Katisha).

will remember periods of fatigue when the sound of a melody or the intonation of a line of dialogue stimulated acute nausea, and other periods when they giggled hysterically over a line, an action or a face, though seen and heard for the hundredth time, just because it *was* funny and they were tired. They will remember the sickening realisation that "This is it. To-night we face the audience"; and then that stomach-churning, coward-creating aeon of time, the first ten seconds "On". Yet longer than this they will remember the turbulent, threshing, boiling sea of elation which threatened to drown them after each joyous finale; and then, below the elation, that exquisitely painful pleasure deep down in the consciousness, "I *know* it was good!" These memories and a thousand more peculiar to each player will always revive to stir them happily on the stimulus of those words of magic, "The Mikado".

Though considerations of space prevent our listing of the whole cast, no account of the performance would be complete without mention of Kevin Martin (The Mikado), Brian Louder (Nankipoo), David Landa (Ko-Ko, the Lord High Executioner), Stephen Gabbott (Pooh-bah, Lord High Everything Else), and Mac Wyllie (Pish-Tush), who played the male leads, and Elizabeth Elliot; Jane Milne, Kerry Swadling (Wards of Ko-Ko), and Eva Weiss (Katisha), who played the female leads.

D. D.

### S.H.S. CADET UNIT

This year was both a successful and an enjoyable one for the Cadet Unit. A number of new members were forthcoming and the strength remained at about one hundred throughout the year.

On Anzac Day the Unit provided a guard, commanded by C.U.O. Wallis, which was reviewed by Wing-Commander Davenport and Colonel Duffy.

In May a group of cadets attended a specialist course and very satisfactory results were recorded. Cpl. K. Rubie gained second place in the M.M.G. course.

The most important event of the year, as usual, was the camp, held at Singleton. Approximately one hundred cadets went, and every one enjoyed himself immensely, especially as an opportunity was given the specialists and infantrymen to put into practice under realistic conditions all they had been taught. The military authorities put on an Army-Air Co-operation Demonstration, and later a Field Firing Demonstration. The Unit would like to thank Sergeant-Major Ostara for his great help and enthusiasm in arranging manoeuvres and offering general guidance throughout the period of the camp, and indeed the whole year. Also, thanks must be extended to the whole body of men at 7 Cadet Battalion Headquarters, who are directly responsible for the Unit's well-being.

Only recently the Unit provided another guard for the School Fête. Once again the standard of drill and dress was excellent. Finally, the year closed with a Passing-out Parade on the 18th

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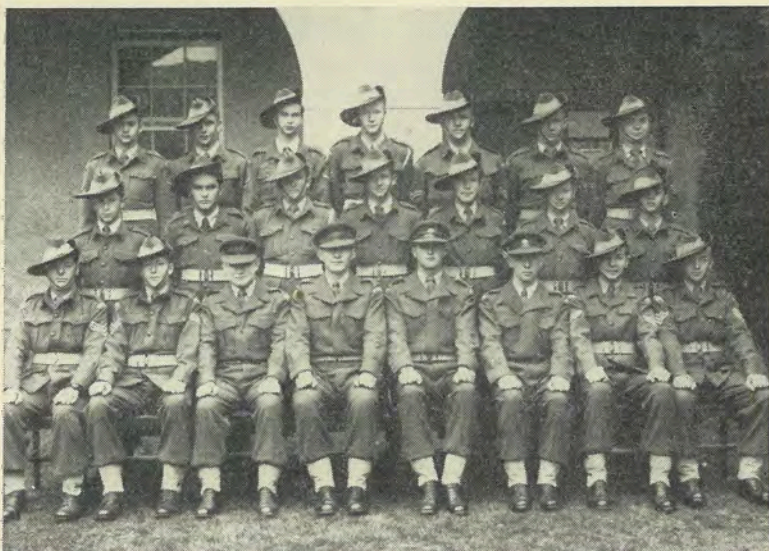


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## THE RECORD

October, which marked the end of a grand year. Much credit must go to Captain Barnes and Lieutenant Fleming for all that they have done for the Cadets, for without them little could be done.



CADET UNIT OFFICERS AND N.C.O.'s.  
Absent: N. WITTON.

We must remember, however, Lieutenant-General Woodward's remarks last year that the Unit had quality, but that quantity was sadly lacking for a school the size of Sydney High. Next year we hope to see that situation remedied.

D. WHITE (C.U.O.).

### THE LIBRARY

This year, as in all preceding years, many valuable books have been added to the School Library. The most outstanding of these is a set of eight volumes, entitled "The Book of Knowledge." It is a general reference encyclopædia, on the lines of "Encyclopædia Britannica," but giving information in a more readily accessible and less detailed form.

The School is deeply indebted to Mr. M. Aurrousseau, an Old Boy of the School, who has donated "The Journals of Captain Cook," an extremely valuable work, consisting of two volumes, one being Cook's diary of his journeys, and the other the maps and charts made and used by him. Mr. Aurrousseau has also donated the two volumes of "The Roanoke Voyages," published by the Hakluyt Society. Other donations were made by P. Boone, F. Sanderson, and Mr. J. Harrison of S.H.S.

Since the end of August last year the Library has accessioned two hundred books and thirty pamphlets, and the number of books in the Library has now risen to 5,909. The number of periodicals received regularly has also increased, and now stands at thirty-seven.

Two additions have also been made to the Library furniture. A small bookcase has been added to take up some of the overflow of books from the shelves, and a periodical shelf has been donated by the Education Department.

Outstanding among the new books purchased were, for the reference section, "Oxford Junior Encyclopædia," vols. XI and XIII, "Oxford Classical Dictionary," "Dictionnaire de L'Academie Française," "Atlas of Western Civilization," by Doctor F. Van der Meer, "John Macarthur," "The World of Music," "Groves Dictionary of Music and Musicians," "Fifty Centuries of Art," "Butterflies of Australia and New Guinea," "The Vanishing Prairie," and "The Guinness Book of Records," and, for the general section, "Great White South," by H. Ponting, "The Cult of the Budgerigar," by W. Watmough, "Old Books, Old Friends, Old Sydney," by James Tyrell, "The Frontiers of Astronomy," by F. Hoyle, and "Gallipoli," by Alan Whitehead.

It is very unfortunate that the Library, in its endeavour to keep up a constant influx of newly published books and pamphlets, has outgrown the room in which it is now contained. All shelves are filled to overflowing, and when all books are returned at the end of the year the tables will again be piled with books. A modern library should comprise at least two rooms, but until improvements can be made we must put up with the present conditions, and it can truthfully be said that, despite overcrowding, the Library does a very good job of keeping up-to-date with new books, pamphlets, and periodicals.

The smooth functioning of the Library would not be possible were it not for the capable work of the librarians and their assistants from Second, Third, and Fourth Years, and it is to be hoped that the present keen interest of both the School and the librarians will be sustained so that in the future the School Library can continue its job of helping the education of the boys of the School, as well as providing the many hours of enjoyable leisure that can come from no other source.

T. L.

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### THE INTER-SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The I.S.C.F. in Sydney High School was one of the first three founded in N.S.W. when the movement was introduced from Canada in 1935. The aim of the I.S.C.F., an interdenominational organization, is "to know Christ and to make Him known."

Although the attendances have been numerically small, we feel that our faith is great. A "General Meeting" has been held in

Room 19 each Tuesday, while a "Bible Study" in Room 19 and a Prayer Meeting in Room 14A, on Friday and Thursday respectively, have helped our group individually and as a whole.

We have had interesting talks by boys of the School and several visiting speakers, who included Rev. Geoff. Bingham, Rev. John Turner, Mr. Brian Wood, Mr. Don Campbell (Travelling I.S.C.F. Secretary), and others.

At the beginning of Second Term we decided to follow the Scripture Union series of talks. Talks entitled "Seeing Red" and "The Little Green God" were followed by a talk on the Scripture Union, by our S.U. Secretary, Bill Jobling, and a series on John's Gospel.

During July three Old Boys (Dick Blackett, I.S.C.F. Leader, 1953; Ken Newton, Committee Member, 1953; and Ross Taylor, Leader, 1954) were appointed to advise and help us in the running of the group.

An important part of the I.S.C.F. Programme is the running of the Inter-School Camps during vacations, and the Leaders' Conference. At these camps boys and girls meet together for Christian fellowship, study of the Word of God, hiking, games, swimming, etc.

An open invitation is extended to everyone to come along to our meetings and camps.

We would very much like to thank the Headmaster for his co-operation and help this year in the conduct of our meetings.

W. TYSON (5F).

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### "THE STAR"

This year "The Star" has continued to flourish in its role of the Sydney High School Newspaper. The original founders of "The Star" passed on this year to Fifth Year, leaving the paper in the hands of two Fourth Year boys, J. Madge and G. Case. In the second Union Meeting of the year "The Star" was affiliated and given representation on the Union. Shortly after this, D. Brigden replaced J. Madge as an editor.

Just after the August Vacation, the special Olympic Issue was brought out. This comprised a number of articles about the Olympic Games and some contributed by participants in past Olympics.

Many prominent people have written articles for "The Star" this year, including such persons as Arthur Neville, Bert Oldfield and Athol Fleming. Other contributions have come from within the School. We would like expressly to thank Messrs. Andrews, Jeffrey, Maddox, Billington, Jessep, Bygott, Bennett and O'Rourke for their support and assistance.

*Editors:* D. Brigden (4A), G. Case (4D).

*Sub-Editors:* J. Riley (4A), J. Nixon (4C).

## THE RECORD

### ANZAC DAY

The highlight of the Anzac Day ceremony was the address given by our guest-speaker, Old Boy Wing-Commander Jack Davenport, D.S.O., D.F.C. and Bar, George Medal. Wing-Commander Davenport was already known to the senior boys, who remembered the thrilling account, which he gave at our 1954 Anzac Day assembly, of an aerial attack on an enemy vessel in Sonje Fiord, Norway. If they expected further stirring narrations they were not disappointed.

Wing-Commander Davenport maintained that what we mean by "Anzac" is a spirit, the presence of which is evident to all who have been in the thick of the fight. He proceeded to illustrate with the story of the air formation which set out to attack a convoy off the coast of Holland. One plane was hit and its starboard engine caught alight. With thoughts only on the objective, the crew pressed home the attack and loosed a very destructive rocket. When the personnel of the companion planes expected it to seek refuge in flight, they saw it return to the attack a second time. Still a third time it came in towards the target, and this time crashed in the attempt to reach it.

Then there was the story of the plane the windshield of which was blasted by a seagull. Rather than break formation, the pilot pressed on with the attack. Back at base the crew had to be lifted out of the plane, literally frozen stiff.

A brief reference to the Sonje Fiord attack concluded the address. One pilot, who, despite his seventy wounds, pressed home an attack in Norwegian waters, and who piloted his plane back to make a crash-landing in the Shetland Islands, is now in the Australian bush "doing a man's job of another order".

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### COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS DAY

To mark Empire Day, or more correctly, as it is now called, Commonwealth of Nations Day, an assembly was held during the morning in the School Hall. The first address was given by the School Captain, Ron May, who began his speech by saying that, in the fifty-five years since the foundation of Empire Day, there has probably been more change in the world about us than there has ever been in a similar period before. We may now look around us, he said, and realise that, although the British Empire has decreased enormously, her many now independent dominions still look to her for spiritual and moral guidance.

The Headmaster, in his address, also drew attention to the rapidly changing world of to-day compared with that of fifty years ago. He said that fifty years ago Australia was still an isolated colony, but now she had a progressive immigration policy and a fine heritage. There was great opportunity for the rising generation to show the world that we could live in friendship with people of every nationality, he added.

Mr. Jeffrey read the Empire Day address that had been sent by the Vice-President of the Empire Day Movement, and the ceremony ended.

P. T.

### FOOTBALL DINNER

Perhaps the highlight of this year's Football Dinner was the address of our visiting speaker, Old Boy John Thornett. Deputising for the Headmaster, Mr. Jeffrey introduced Mr. Thornett to the audience, and explained that he had not long returned from Japan, where he had been on tour with the Australian Universities Rugby Union Team. Commenting on his experiences, Mr. Thornett explained that, as there were about eighty universities in Japan, they had been able to play games against teams from only six selected universities as well as the three games against national teams. Though the touring team had managed to win all but one of these games, the Japanese, he said, were very formidable opponents despite the fact that they might average as much as two stone lighter per man than the Australian players; they were fast on their feet, exceptionally fit as a result of the intensive training they underwent; though they seldom gained the ball in the line-outs by reason of their short stature, they were so quick to form scrums after infringements that they were generally to be seen pushing the opposing half-formed scrum all over the ground. Mr. Thornett paid unqualified tribute to the cleanness of the Japanese play.

Other visitors included Mr. Rawlings, to whose work as Secretary of the McKay Grounds Committee the Deputy-Headmaster paid fitting tribute; Mr. Rushall, who had so generously given of his time on Saturday to act as timekeeper; Mr. Wills, who had supervised the Saturday junior teams; Mr. Callaway, representing the O.B.U.; Mrs. Smee, to whose original inspiration the annual football dinners are due; and Mr. Bill Summers, the Captain of the 1955 First XV.

Ian Letts, the present Football Captain, proposed the toast to the coaches, and George Beverley, the Vice-Captain, proposed the toast to the ladies of the Auxiliary, whose efforts, it was said, exceeded even their previous triumphs in the considerable task of satisfying the appetites of a hall full of healthy footballers.

In paying tribute to the spirit of co-operation in the School, the Deputy Headmaster mentioned the Old Boys, parents and friends and named in particular Bob Sample, Dick Webb, Ted Faulds, Ian Letts, George Beverley, Wal Farquhar and Dick Carruthers, senior boys who had given up much of their time to coaching junior teams, to Alan May, through whose initiative a Football News Sheet had been published weekly throughout the season, and to Colin Morgan and Dick Wills, who had aroused public comment at the efficiency with which they performed their voluntary tasks as linesman and ball-boy.

J. H.



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## OUR VISITORS

### Colonel Coleman and Colonel Duffy

On the last day of term lessons usually drag wearily. The last day of First Term, however, was enlivened by the presence of Colonel S. Coleman and Colonel Duffy. At a special assembly Colonel Coleman gave a talk on the future of boys who volunteered for the armed forces. The Colonel pointed out that he knew just how it felt to be sitting in the body of the hall listening to the address of a visitor, for he was himself an Old Boy of the School and had been subjected to more than one ordeal of the present kind. His experiences were perhaps fruitful in the humour and liveliness of his address, which all present enjoyed.

In thanking the visitors, the Headmaster pointed out that Colonel Coleman had represented S.H.S. in the G.P.S. Regatta of 1933, as had Colonel Duffy in 1929. The latter had for many subsequent years been associated with rowing in the School in a voluntary capacity.

### Dr. Francis Lions

An innovation of our present Headmaster is the commencement address by a visiting speaker at the beginning of each term. Dr. Lions, who was Captain of S.H.S. in 1918, and is at present a lecturer in the Faculty of Science at the Sydney University, delivered the address at the beginning of First Term.

All people, as they grow older, said Dr. Lions, develop a philosophy of life, either consciously or unconsciously. Having devoted himself to science most of his life, he naturally had a somewhat materialistic view of life, he said, though truth has many facets and the whole truth on any question is very difficult to arrive at. Dr. Lions then proceeded to make some observations on life which his experience had prompted him to incorporate into his way of thought, things which he thought were fundamental and vital.

Anyone who wishes to achieve much in life has to have certain qualities. One of them is discipline. It is only the person who has discipline who can go very far. Discipline is really the forming of habits of equanimity in adverse circumstances. In simple terms, self-discipline is largely a matter of forming the right habits early.

Team-work, the readiness and ability to co-operate with one's fellows, is essential if civilisation is to survive. Co-operation may be learned from football and cricket and is inherent in the great Biblical injunction that you love one another.

Integrity is perhaps the quality called for most in the world of to-day. Integrity means the giving up of one's whole being to the performance of a task and involves often the notion of sacrifice. The diminution in this type of integrity in the modern world is largely responsible for many of its evils.

### Mr. A. H. Pelham

The Second Term commencement address was given by Mr.

A. H. Pelham. Now in charge of the Department of Education's Branch Office at Sydney University, Mr. Pelham has had a long association with S.H.S. He was Dux of the School in 1922, was later Classics Master and, after his appointment as an inspector, was a frequent visitor.

Mr. Pelham's address was a defence of the study of the classics. The chemists, physicists and engineers of the near future, said Mr. Pelham, would probably evolve bigger and better hydrogen bombs than we have at present. It would be the cultured citizens of the future, however, with their broader outlook and ability to see the other person's point of view, who would save the world from their use.

Latin is a useful study because it improves one's English, though there are those who say that English would profit more if the six periods per week usually given to Latin were given to English studies. The study of Latin teaches the culture of Ancient Rome and Ancient Greece from which all Western culture ultimately stems. This end might be served more rapidly, however, through translations. The real reason for Latin studies is its tremendous value in the analysis of thought. The habit of sifting masses of abstract words and translating them into the simple concrete phrases which were the Roman ideals has a parallel in thought.

#### Prof. J. Clarke

The guest speaker for Third Term commencement assembly was Professor J. Clarke. Professor Clarke is an Old Boy of S.H.S., to which he later returned as a master; after five years with the Air Force he became a lecturer at Sydney University, and at present occupies the Chair of Applied Psychology at the University of Technology. To an appreciative assembly he spoke on The Development of Personality or "more simply, The Job of Growing Up."

"While you are learning a little about Latin, a little about Science and—according to the examiners—a very little about Mathematics," said Professor Clarke, "you are also learning to be a person." This development of personality was a type of learning of which we were inclined to take little stock, he said, whereas we tended to keep a careful check on our progress—or lack of same—in subjects like Mathematics. Yet the development of personality was an all-important thing. "In the world of to-day what we need are people, and first-class people, to control the modern scientific inventions."

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#### LODGE SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL, No. 631, U.G.L. OF N.S.W.

Lodge Sydney High School, whose members consist of ex-students and past and present teachers of the School, has once again completed a successful year. The Wor. Master for 1955-56, Wor. Bro. Tom Summons, throughout his year extended the activities of the Lodge in the social sphere. Dances, theatre parties, a

week-end away at Blackheath and the Lodge Christmas Picnic at National Park were highlights of the social functions. Several visitations were made to other Lodges, including Lodge Artificer at Newcastle, of which the Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Henry Wines, is an Old Boy of "High".

Last January the various School Lodges held their Annual Combined Meeting, a highly successful function. The meeting was made up of the eight school lodges, viz., Lodges Sydney High School, Fortian, Torchbearer (Shore), Old Sydneians (Grammar), Wyvern (Newington), The King's School, Scots and Cranbrook.

In August this year Bro. John Campbell was installed in the chair as Worshipful Master of Lodge Sydney High School. John attended the School in 1937-38, during which time he took an active interest in school affairs. He played in the First and Second XV, also took an active interest in athletics and the Cadet Corps.

Lodge S.H.S. meets on the second Friday of the month at the Masonic Temple, Castlereagh Street, and is always keen to see Old Boy members of the craft and ex-teachers and their friends. The Secretary is Mr. M. Speedy.

The Lodge records its thanks and appreciation to Mr. K. Andrews, Headmaster, for his assistance and co-operation in the various joint activities of the Lodge and the School, particularly with reference to the Lodge Dance held in the Great Hall of the School earlier in the year.

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

### Office-bearers, 1956

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*School Councillors:* Mr. T. W. Rushall, Mr. W. H. Wilson, Mr. M. R. Wills, Mr. L. J. Collins, Mrs. J. Bailey.

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

The Annual Meeting of the Association was held in the Great Hall on 15th March. The retiring President, Mr. T. W. Rushall, and the retiring Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. G. Chapman, were both re-elected unopposed. The retiring Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. J. Collins, who very capably handled the position during the previous two years, did not seek re-election, and Mr. M. R. Wills was elected Hon. Secretary unopposed, Mr. L. J. Collins being elected Vice-President together with Mr. S. Donnan.

We would like to record the valuable services of the past President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. R. J. Delaney, the past

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A. R. STAFFORD,  
Secretary

Hon. Secretary, Mrs. R. Shaw, and the past Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. A. Re, and at the same time welcome the new office-bearers of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. V. A. Bailey, President, Mrs. J. T. Gray, Hon. Secretary, and Mrs. J. Perkins, Hon. Treasurer.

It was with deep regret that we said farewell to Mr. S. Wick at the beginning of the year, for as Rowing Master we parents always had the feeling that our boys were in very capable hands.

## Finance

The income for 1956 should more than equal our record 1955 total of £3,179, but despite this figure we will have very little left over at the end of the year, for all the money is being very wisely spent where it is most needed for the boys.

## Boys

We are proud of the boys' general conduct both on and off the field of play, and although they may have had a lean year in sport they certainly have not had a lean year in sportsmanship, and they can be assured of the wholehearted support of the P. & C. Association as long as they keep up this very high standard.

## McKay Sports Ground Committee

Mr. A. W. Rawlings, Mr. S. Donnan and Mr. J. Ryan have continued to assist in providing pitches for the cricketers and playing fields for the footballers. The provision of semi-permanent seating was most appreciated at the football matches. The proposed moving of the football field closer to the boundary fences is an excellent idea; the seating will be made permanent and then it can be utilised for both the football and cricket matches.

## Rowing Committee

Mr. G. E. May, Mr. E. Thomas, Mr. W. G. Shenstone. This Committee, in conjunction with the Coaches, the O.B.U. Committee and parents of the rowers are continuing the good work of improving the boatshed and surroundings. Mr. W. G. Shenstone is to be congratulated for organizing and doing most of this work for, as well as the painting of the boatshed, more concrete paths and steps have been laid and a concrete dividing wall has been erected ready for a wrought iron fence. A new VIII was added to our fleet, thanks to the generous donations of all those who helped provide the finance for it. The christening ceremony was an outstanding success despite the inclement weather, when not only the VIII got christened, but everybody else as well.

Mrs. M. Nichols christened the VIII the "Frank M. Nichols" in honour of her husband, who has been coach of Sydney High crews for the past 25 years, and it was with regret that we learnt that he will not be coaching the School crews any more. We take this opportunity of once again wishing Mr. and Mrs. Nichols the very best, and may they have many more years of good health and prosperity.

## Carnival Fête

The Fête Committee and the Ladies' Auxiliary are to be congratulated on staging such a wonderful function, both socially and financially.

Major-General Denzil Macarthur Onslow, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D., performed the official opening ceremony on very short notice and, amongst other things, he was very impressed by the standard of our Cadet Corps, and quite rightly so, for the Cadets are to be congratulated for putting on "a jolly good show".

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

## Tennis and School Grounds Committee

Mr. C. R. Willcox, Mr. F. E. Harvey, Mr. J. Ryan, Mr. E. Thomas, Mr. R. E. Paillas, Mr. S. Tzannes, Mr. T. Duckworth, Mr. B. W. Soothill. This Committee, led by the Chairman, Mr. L. A. Griffiths, is doing a very fine job on the tennis courts and in the School grounds. They have procured a proper case to house the School trophies and the extending of the stage for the "Mikado" was very successful. Their outstanding project, however, was having the floor of the main entrance to the School covered. The previous Chairman, Mr. M. R. Wills, was responsible for arranging this.

## Dance Committee

Mr. C. Mahaffy, Mr. R. Skinner, Mr. R. Schwab, Mr. L. A. Griffiths, Mr. B. W. Soothill, Mr. J. P. Perkins, Mr. T. Duckworth, Mr. H. Bailin, Mr. J. Ryan, Mr. B. T. Laing, Mr. J. Levi, Mr. N. Gard, Mr. F. E. Harvey, Mrs. N. Shaw, Mrs. G. E. Anscombe have been responsible for the smooth functioning of the dances. The Chairman of this Committee, Mr. C. Mahaffy, is to be complimented on his handling of the various situations that have arisen. Financially, as well as socially, these dances are a great success and we have no hesitation in recommending them to teenagers, for they are well organized and conducted by the Dance Committee.

We thank the Headmaster, Mr. K. J. Andrews, B.A., for his ever-ready co-operation and keen interest at all times, and also his Staff for their continued support.

We wish to welcome through the "Record" the new Deputy-Headmaster, Mr. E. R. Jeffrey, B.A., who has already proved himself a staunch supporter of the P. & C. Association.

Finally, we would like to mention the splendid work that all members of the Parents & Citizens' Association are doing, though their task could be made easier if more parents were to lend their active support by attending our meetings and helping our various appeals whenever possible.

T. W. RUSHALL,  
*President.*

M. R. WILLS,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

## THE RECORD

### LADIES' AUXILIARY

#### Office-bearers, 1956

*President:* Mrs. V. A. Bailey, XY 2176.

*Secretary:* Mrs. J. T. Gray, FY 7407. *Treasurer:* Mrs. J. Perkins, ML 1133.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is spending another happy year fulfilling its function as prescribed by the P. & C.—Money-raisers and Caterers-in-Chief! The originality and capability of the mothers are always equal to the demands of any occasion, whether it be rowing camp emergency cooking or festive football lunch.

This year we have met and entertained members of other High School Auxiliaries, and have been especially happy to get to know mothers from the Girls' School next door. (The "Mikado" was not the only reason for this.) We have found that, though we have a bigger kitchen than some other schools, we haven't comparable china, and our library facilities are most inadequate.

In Second Term, when the new flooring was laid in the Entrance Hall, we prevailed on the P. & C. to buy an elegant walnut showcase to house the silver trophies competed for in the School. We now keep bringing up the topic of a new library at P. & C. meetings and hope that this project will one day meet with success. For blue china we are appealing to the 1956 Fifth Year mothers and boys.

Our chief working effort has been the Fête, the success of which was due to the planning of months past. We older mothers have much enjoyed getting to know the First and Second Year mothers, who have already proved their capability and charm at school functions. Our social outings have ranged from luncheon parties in private homes to visits to Nuffield Motor Works, the Teachers' College and various theatres. We never show a loss on any of these occasions!

Convenors of the various committees have been responsible for the smooth functioning of Social Fixtures, Dance Buffet, Football Teas, Cricket Lunches and gathering in the 12/- from mothers unable to attend our meetings. This facile organizing is greatly appreciated by the Executive Committee. We now look forward to the success of the Auxiliary Ball, Opening of the Gymnasium, Fourth Year Farewell Lunch to Fifth Year, Fifth Year (Boys and Girls) Dance.

We wish to thank the Headmaster and all members of his staff for their wonderful help and forbearance in so many ways—such co-operation guarantees the success of the Auxiliary.

We appreciate, too, the help given us at all times by the P. & C. and are happy to serve them.

JOYCE BAILEY, *President.*

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### CHANGE OF NAMES FOR HOUSES

On Speech Day last the Headmaster announced that names of the four houses, Gordon, Parkes, Reid and Wentworth, had been changed to Eedy, Fairland, McKay, and Saxby respectively,

thus perpetuating the memory of four men with a fine record of service to High.

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Outside the Headmaster's office there is a framed certificate. It is the first certificate of admission issued to a boy to attend Sydney High School and bears the name Arthur M. Eedy. Arthur Eedy was S.H.S.'s No. 1 enrolment. When a commemorative note was published in "The Record" after his death in 1951 this was said of him: "Just as he topped the Scholarship List in 1883 and just as he was first boy to be enrolled at Sydney High School, so also did 'the merry, laughing Arthur Eedy' rank first in the hearts of his contemporaries and of those of us who knew him in later years." At the first examination, held in June, 1884 (the School opened in Oct., 1883), Arthur Eedy came first; he was Secretary of the First Annual Athletics Meeting, at which he came first in the race of the day, the 100 Yards Championship. He was a Corporal in the first School Cadet Corps, Secretary of the first Ex-Students' Association (1892), and first President of the O.B.U. as now constituted. It is very fitting, therefore, that his should be the name to appear first when the houses of S.H.S. are mentioned.

Throughout a long and highly successful career (he was Managing Director of the Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Co., a member of the University Senate, a foundation member of the Rotary Club of Sydney, and a Companion of the Order of the British Empire) Arthur Eedy never forgot his School or the friends he made there.

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Mr. C. A. Fairland was enrolled at S.H.S. in 1889, and between 1902, when he took a leading part in the reconstitution of the O.B.U., and 1955, the year of his death, he occupied one or other of the major offices in that very widespread body.

Last year "The Record," in a commemorative article, described how "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."

Nor do his contributions to the corporate life of the School end there. In 1929 he was one of the founders of the first School Masonic Lodge in N.S.W., Lodge Sydney High School, became its foundation Chaplain, and was Chaplain when he died.

On 2nd June this year photographs of Mr. C. A. Fairland and Mr. R. T. McKay were unveiled in the Fairland Pavilion at McKay Oval, in which names we remember two very great benefactors.

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To Mr. R. T. McKay we owe the possession of the beautiful grounds we know to-day as McKay Oval. When Robert Thomas McKay came to Sydney from Tumut and enrolled at Sydney High School in 1884 the Centennial Park area, where our oval now stands, was a useless swamp. In course of time Mr. McKay became a very

well-known and a very busy engineer; he was employed at different times by the New South Wales Public Works Department, by the Sydney University to lecture on Water Conservation and Irrigation; by the Queensland Government as Chief Assistant Hydraulic Engineer, by the Commonwealth Government as Consulting Engineer in connection with the bulk handling of wheat, and by various Government boards and commissions too numerous to mention.

In the midst of this busy life he found time to evolve and supervise a method of reclaiming the swamp that is now McKay Oval. In 1927, as President of the O.B.U., he brought the matter to the notice of the Government and obtained a lease of eighteen acres of ground. He then took the matter to the Unemployment Relief Council and obtained a series of grants which totalled £10,000. The job of reclamation described in "The Outline History of Sydney High School" as "an almost insuperable task" began. The History records that "The work and efforts of Mr. McKay in acquiring the Sports Ground have been tremendous. . . . For over four years Mr. McKay paid visits to the ground practically every morning to render assistance with his engineering knowledge."

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Mr. G. C. Saxby was one whose whole life was literally devoted to the service of the School. Enrolled in 1884, he became Dux of the School in 1886, became a master in 1908, and after holding appointments at other schools from 1913 to 1924 returned in 1925 as Headmaster, which position he held until 1933, when he retired.

To retire from its precincts, however, was not for George Saxby to sever his connection. The older members of the staff remember how he would enquire anxiously about the chances the Eight had of being Head of the River, how, Speech Day after Speech Day, we saw his body become more frail and his speech more thin, until after twenty years of retirement death severed the connection with the School to which he clung even in his failing years.

## OBITUARY

It is with deep sorrow that we record the death of William Charles Mercer (3A, 1955), who was tragically killed on the 12th December last year. To his many friends it was a sad loss, but he lives on in their memories as a courageous, sturdy boy, whose strength of character and cheerfulness of disposition were always in evidence.

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We regret to announce the death of Mr. W. H. Paradise, our "No. 4 Scholar". A letter from Mr. Paradise to the Headmaster with some reminiscences of conditions at S.H.S. in the first few years of its existence was published in the 1954 "Record".

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We regret also to announce the death of Dr. Adrian Lawson of Auburn, an Old Boy well known for his philanthropic activities, and of his brother, the Hon. J. N. Lawson, formerly Minister for Customs.

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Since it was inaugurated in 1892, the Sydney High School Old Boys' Union has been an integral part of the life of the School and has made many contributions, both material and spiritual, to its alma mater. To have attended High is a privilege not to be taken lightly, but to be accepted and valued as a badge of honour and carrying with it the obligation to uphold the traditions of a school that has won respect in the world of scholarship and on the playing fields. To-day many of the nation's leaders are numbered among the members of the Union, and notices of activities are mailed throughout Australia, to Britain and to the Continent.

To those of you about to leave school or who, whilst eligible, are not members, we extend a cordial welcome to attend our social, sporting and cultural activities and thereby assist your old School to create new traditions. Our hardworking membership committee

hopes to announce the name of our thousandth active member in the near future. Perhaps it may be you.

Membership of the Old Boys' Union costs £1 per annum, or £10/10/- as a life member, to cover expenses of printing and mailing regular issues of "The Bulletin" and "The Record". Fees may be forwarded to Ken Shields, Honorary Secretary, c/o. Jamieson, Patterson and Company, Tenth Floor, Challis House, 10 Martin Place (BL 2721). Ken also has available at cost lapel badges and car stickers.

### **The High Ball**

The presentation of six debutantes to the Consul-General for France, M. Jean de Montoussé, and Mme. de Montoussé was a sparkling opening to the 1956 High Ball, which continued to the wee sma' hours, when six hundred tired but enthusiastic dancers wended their way homewards.

This combined function of the Old Girls' and Old Boys' Unions of the Schools is the most important of the year, so start organizing a party for 1957 now.

### **Successful Old Boys' Revue**

"High Powered," the third O.B.U. Revue, was presented to enthusiastic audiences in the Great Hall during June by Ric Burbidge and a cast of ex-students of both schools. Each year new members reveal their talents in these entertaining productions and assist the Union to raise funds for school amenities.

In view of the popularity of the revues, your Union is also considering the establishment of a dramatic group to cater for those interested in this section of stagecraft. Any interested members are invited to contact Arch Ferguson for further particulars.

### **Footballers' Dance Scores a Win**

At the conclusion of the 1956 football season the O.B.U. Teams organized a very successful dance for their many supporters. Highlights of the evening were a floor show produced by Dave Johnston, the Old Boys' Orchestra conducted by Jack Alexander, and the chefs who provided the supper. Thanks, boys.

### **Unique Reunion Dinner**

The Reunion Dinner to be held in November promises to be another enjoyable function where Old Boys can reminisce and meet in a common bond of friendship. Five headmasters and deputy headmasters will be our guests for the evening, so there should be some interesting stories to be related.

### **The Luncheon Club**

You will always find a warm welcome and good food at the Toby Tavern, 126 King Street, the weekly venue of the Old Boys' Luncheon Club. From these get-togethers we hope to form a permanent High Club where Old Boys and their friends can have an established meeting place in the city.

## Of Interest to Younger Members

Plans are also in hand to revive the Younger Set, a group which should have particular interest to the retiring Fifth Year and to others young in heart. Theatre parties, outings, dances and, of course, this year's revue, have already been arranged, and Ric Burbidge is available during business hours at WB 1165 to discuss future activities.

## Two Teams Kick Off in Football Competitions

This year two O.B.U. teams took the field for the first time in the Burke Cup and Kentwell Cup Competitions, registering convincing wins in several matches. It was particularly pleasing to see a number of last year's school fifteens turning out in these teams, and we are confident that S.H.S.O.B.U. will soon be appearing on the cups. Phil Howard (Ryde 1169) or Arthur Pulford (FU 8101) can acquaint any intending players of training times, so what about it, you footballers?

The annual Old Boys versus the School football match was also played in August. A galaxy of stars captained by Col. Smee gave spectators plenty of thrills during the afternoon and, in the second half, assisted the School to even the score to the traditional sixteen all draw by the full-time bell. Mothers of our Ladies' Auxiliary showed that they still know what boys, both young and old, like to eat after the match.

## Bowling Competition Commences

The Union is also represented in the G.P.S. Old Boys Bowling Competition this year by two teams. Matches are being played on one Sunday afternoon each month between June and the following May and there are still vacancies for refugees from the week-end gardens. R. Bain (WL 1945) or Ken Grantham (UJ 1840) have all the necessary details.

Devotees of both golf and bowls are catered for at the annual one-day tournament organized by the Combined G.P.S.O.B.U. Council, which for many years was arranged by our previous representative, Alan Beveridge.

## Old Boys Honoured

Before the commencement of the School's match against Duntroon on 2nd June, 1956, the Hon. T. D. Mutch unveiled portraits of the late R. T. McKay and C. A. Fairland at an impressive ceremony in the pavilion and grounds which bear their names. Due to the foresight and perseverance of these two distinguished Old Boys, the School now possesses a valuable asset which, under the guidance of the Sports Ground Joint Committee, is increasing in importance each year.

## Ladies' Auxiliary Active

Our Ladies' Auxiliary welcomes mothers, wives and friends of Old Boys to their regular meetings on the third floor of the

C.E.N.E.F. Building, 201 Castlereagh Street, at 1.30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

During the past year the ladies have arranged many pleasant social afternoons, provided assistance at Old Boys' functions, organized a stall at the School Fête, established The Gordon Barr Memorial Prize and, by their various activities, have made a valuable contribution to School funds. To Mrs. W. B. Nehl and her helpers go the sincere thanks of all members of the Union.

### **An Appreciation**

Once again we record satisfaction at the close co-operation existing between this Union and kindred organizations, in particular the S.H.S. Old Girls' Union and our Parents and Citizens' Association. With common objectives, these groups form an important section of the community and exercise an influence for the benefit of the School.

To Mr. K. Andrews go our special thanks who, at all times, is conscious of the traditional role played by Old Boys in school life. The recent re-naming of School Houses to Eedy, Fairland, Saxby, and McKay is typical of the esteem and interest that Mr. Andrews holds for the example and devotion to duty set by these fine gentlemen, and he may be assured of our continued support in the coming years.

### **Worth Noting**

Warwick Mahoney had a busy day on 29th September, 1956. After fowing in the Olympic trials at Penrith he returned to Sydney to marry Joan, daughter of the President of the Old Girls' Union, Mrs. Donnan, and Mr. S. Donnan, well-known committeeman of our P. and C. Association. Congratulations to you both.

Our best wishes to all other Old Boy candidates for Olympic honours, including Merv. Wood, Dave Anderson, Lionel Robberds and Ray Smee.

Viv. Littlewood sends his regards to all members from Scotland, where he is completing a long course to qualify him as a future Admiral.

A highlight of this year's High Ball was John Thornett leading the School War Cry. It was more impressive than a haka.

First year parents, this year, include Old Boys Charles Cunningham, Merv. Wood, Gerry Pynt, Jack McKay, Alan Callaway. The late Charles Hirst's son is also following in dad's footsteps.

To all students and Old Boys sitting for examinations go our best wishes for success.

And, in conclusion, the Union extends the Season's Greetings to all readers.

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## SPORT

## FOOTBALL

## FIRST XV

The First XV extends its congratulations to Manly, winners of this year's C.H.S. Competition, and to St. Joseph's College, who won the G.P.S. Competition again this year. Our team finished fifth in both competitions, having mixed success generally, but on its day playing very fine football. Even to a greater extent than in other years, the team has been affected by injuries to key players, and during the season no less than twenty-eight players took the field for the School. Particularly during the early part of the season, casualties claimed many important players, Carruthers and MacColl, our two halves, being lost for virtually the remainder of the season. This necessitated a re-shuffle of the back line, which was already the weaker section of the team. Other injuries, almost every match, did not allow the team to settle down at any stage.

Jan Harris, last year's breakaway, deserves special mention for the way in which he moved to the centre position and proved an extremely capable addition to the back line. Vice-Captain, George Beverley, supported Harris well at times, playing very good football at both the five-eight and centre positions. Humphries, on the wing, was probably the fastest of a slow team and played consistently throughout the season. Both O'Neill and Anderson came up from 2nd Grade when the season was well advanced and very capably filled the full-back and the half positions respectively. Webb, Thompson, McGill, Dash and Wallis also filled positions in the back line as occasion demanded.

The strength of the team, however, was in the forwards, who were seldom shaded. Kerry Rubie was the most consistent forward, and as this was his first year in open grades, he should be a great asset to the School team next year. Holt, King and Redman, playing their second year in the First XV, added experience to the forwards and generally turned in solid performances. Walsh was seldom beaten for the ball! Sample gained his share of the line-outs, and Faulds, besides developing into a fine goal-kicker, proved a capable breakaway. On the necessary occasions adequate replacements were found from 2nd Grade to fill positions vacant through injury.

In the C.H.S. Competition we lost three matches, two of which occurred in a black period in the middle of the season when morale was low after a crop of injuries and some bad defeats. Apart from this period, good wins were recorded, probably the best being the 12-0 win over the strong Randwick team.

While being successful in only two games in the G.P.S. Com-



**FIRST XV.**

**Back Row:** G. KING, I. HARRIS, G. SAMPLE, R. WEBB, N. THOMPSON, K. REDMAN, D. WALLIS.  
**Centre Row:** E. ANDERSON, D. O'NEILL, K. RUIE, A. HOLT, G. HUMPHRIES, J. MCGILL, H. DASH.  
**Front Row:** N. FAULDS, G. BEVERLEY (Vice-Captain), MR. F. ALLSOPP, I. LETTS (Capt), MR. A. F. O'ROURKE, S. MACCOLL, R. CARRUTHERS.

petition, in only one match did we fail to reach the general high standard of High teams. This was the second match of the G.P.S. season, when we sustained a heavy 32-0 defeat by an average Scots College side. In the opening match, against King's, the best football up to that time was played. After a very hard struggle, in which our forwards more than held their own, King's ran away in the last few minutes to win 27-5. Against Newington the High team, now improving with every game, held the strong College side to 17-6, after injuries during the match had considerably weakened our side. The growing improvement bore fruit in an 8-3 win over Sydney Grammar in the fourth round, when one of the best games of the season was seen. In the next match High played a man short throughout the second half and went down to St. Ignatius by 9-28, the match providing some very entertaining football. Then came the match against St. Joseph's. The competition Premiers ran out the winners 29-3. Yet this was probably the best of all High's performances, as both forwards and backs played as they had never played before and College movements were repeatedly broken up. The second half, however, saw outstanding play by the St. Joseph's backs, for which High could find no counter, although the team went down fighting hard. In the final round the High team combined well to down Shore 8-3.

Three boys gained representation in the Combined G.P.S. sides selected after the end of the competition. These were Harris (2nd XV) and MacColl and Letts (reserves), the latter becoming a replacement in the G.P.S. 2nd XV.

The team would like to express their thanks to the "Old Firm," Messrs. O'Rourke and Allsopp, for the valuable time they gave in coaching, and also to the Headmaster and various members of the staff, whose attendance at matches was appreciated by the players. Our thanks go also to the Ladies' Auxiliary, whose work was deeply appreciated.

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#### G.P.S. SCORES

S.H.S. v.—

The King's School—Lost, 5-27.  
 Scots College—Lost, 0-32.  
 Newington College—Lost, 6-17.  
 Sydney Grammar School—Won, 8-3.  
 St. Ignatius' College—Lost, 9-28.  
 St. Joseph's College—Lost, 3-29.  
 Sydney Church of England Grammar School—Won, 8-3.

#### C.H.S. SCORES

S.H.S. v.—

Sydney Tech. High—Lost, 8-11.  
 Randwick High—Won, 12-0.  
 Enmore High—Won, 14-3.  
 Manly High—Lost, 0-25.  
 North Sydney High—Lost, 8-17.  
 North Sydney Tech.—Drew, 3-3.  
 Cleveland Street High—Won, 24-0.

## SECOND XV

The Second XV finished the C.H.S. Competition as zone winners and runners-up. However, the result was not so good in the G.P.S. Competition, as we were defeated five times, winning only the matches against Shore and Riverview.

The team was rather unlucky not to win the C.H.S. final, and we extend our congratulations to Homebush on doing so.

The poor results on paper in the G.P.S. Competition do not mean that the team was disgraced. It acquitted itself particularly well against Newington, the premiers, and it shone against Scots, King's and Grammar. We offer our congratulations to Newington on winning the G.P.S. Second Grade Competition.

In the back line the team was hampered by frequent injuries and the constant promotion of players to the First XV. Our only really safe player in the back line turned out to be the winger, Dave Roberts, whose pace left the opposition standing. Dawson, on the other wing, was sound and Dash, Johnson and Tremain brought off spectacular moves sometimes, but seemed to achieve little from their moves owing to elementary mistakes. Our back line's failure to penetrate and its inability to keep on the attack proved to be the major weaknesses.

It was undoubtedly the forwards who carried the team and proved to be the foundation of its success. They gained a reputation in both competitions as a fast, tough, hard-rucking pack. McGill, Reddish and Post in the breakaway position pounded the opposing moves and they always provided backing up and cover defence. Cantwell, an experienced player, and Palmisano, a "find" in the latter part of the season, moulded themselves into a durable second row. The front row, Auland, Thomas and Maddox, deserves praise, and the later inclusion of Farquhar completed the pack. Special mention must be made of Auland, Quick, McGill and Post, whose fine performance in the Seconds has secured them a place in the First XV next year.

The team wishes to thank Mr. Smith, an able and industrious coach, who gave up so much time to assist and guide. His efforts were greatly appreciated by all the boys.

### G.P.S. SCORES

#### S.H.S. v.—

- The King's School—Lost, 13-5.
- Scots College—Lost, 14-9.
- Newington College—Lost, 15-9.
- Sydney Grammar School—Lost, 9-5.
- St. Ignatius' College—Won, 5-3.
- St. Joseph's College—Lost, 35-6.
- Sydney Church of England Grammar School—Won, 12-6.

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### SECOND XV — ZONE WINNERS.

Back Row: A. TREMAINE, G. REDDISH, I. CANTWELL, D. ROBERTS.  
 Second Row: R. PALMISANO, G. POST, J. MADDOX, G. GARD, J. QUICK.  
 Front Row: R. DAWSON, S. AULAND, A. FARQUHAR, MR. R. W. SMITH,  
 P. JOHNSON, D. HINKS, B. THOMAS.



### THIRD XV.

Back Row: P. PAPAPETROS, G. TAYLFORTH, A. CUNNINGHAM, A. MAY, G. REID,  
 R. SMITH, A. JARMAN.  
 Front Row: R. DONNAN, F. JAMES, M. BINDLEY, MR. P. LENNON, R. WANSTALL,  
 H. LANGFORD, J. COURTNEY, G. GOLDBERG.

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### C.H.S. SCORES

S.H.S. v.—

Sydney Tech.—Won, 9-3.  
Randwick High—Won, 11-3.  
Enmore High—Won, 21-3.  
Manly High—Won, 9-3.  
North Sydney High—Won, 8-5.  
North Sydney Tech.—Won, 24-0.  
Homebush High—Lost, 5-3.

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### THIRD XV

The Third XV this year was not as successful as teams have been in the previous years. The team finished on top of the zone with Crow's Nest, who proved too strong in the competition match and the play-off which resulted from this loss. These were the only defeats suffered during the season, and the team would like to congratulate Crow's Nest on their success. Close wins over Randwick and North Sydney Tech. and a draw with North Sydney High were the hardest matches played during the earlier part of the competition.

The team would like to thank Mr. Lennon for the time he gave to coaching.

### SCORES

S.H.S. v.—

Sydney Tech.—Won, 20-6.  
Randwick High—Won, 6-3.  
East Hills High—Won, 46-5.  
Enmore High—Won, 36-0.  
Manly High—Won, 23-0.  
North Sydney High—Drew, 3-3.  
North Sydney Tech.—Won, 6-5.  
Cleveland Street High—Won, 11-0.  
Crow's Nest High—Lost, 6-13.  
Crow's Nest High (Play-off)—Lost, 3-6.

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### FOURTH XV

Although the Fourth XV was not good enough to win the 1956 Competition, it did reasonably well throughout the season. We extend our congratulations to the winning side, North Sydney High.

We played in the C.H.S. Competition and an unofficial G.P.S. one, being beaten three times in the C.H.S. and four in the G.P.S. Minor injuries necessitated the re-shuffling of the team on many occasions, which did not enhance its hopes of winning either competition. The experience gained in the G.P.S. matches was invaluable, and most of the team is looking forward to making the Second XV next season. At the latter part of the season the pack was beginning to combine well and the backs had attained a high standard. May, King, Fox and Sweaney were the outstanding players in the forwards, although most of the others were not far behind them. The best of the backs were Heatley and Phillips, who filled the two

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centre positions, and who were the leading try-scorers. Moodie played reliably at full-back and Harris ran well from the wing.

The team expresses its thanks to Mr. Leblang for his helpful training during the season, and also to Mr. Jessep, who arranged the G.P.S. matches.

### G.P.S. SCORES

S.H.S. v.—

The King's School—Won, 22-3.

Scots College—Drew, 5-5.

Newington College—Won, 8-6.

Sydney Grammar School—Lost, 3-9.

St. Ignatius College—Lost, 3-14.

St. Joseph's College—Lost, 0-16.

Sydney Church of England Grammar School—Lost, 8-14.

### C.H.S. SCORES

S.H.S. v.—

Sydney Tech.—Drew, 6-6.

Randwick High—Won, 20-3.

East Hills High—Won, 14-0.

Enmore High—Lost, 6-9.

Manly High—Drew, 12-12.

North Sydney High—Lost, 3-14.

North Sydney Tech.—Won, 27-0.

Cleveland Street High—Lost, 6-12.

Crow's Nest High—Won, 39-0.



### FIFTH XV — ZONE RUNNERS-UP.

Back Row: R. WILLS, D. RYAN, A. ZANEFF, B. BYRNE, T. BURKE.

Second Row: J. FULLER, S. MCGILL, W. YOUNG, A. SKINNER, D. HALL, I. TOLE.

Front Row: A. BROOKES, B. DUGGAN, B. MAY (Captain), MR. C. BLACK,  
D. CHADWICK (Vice-Captain), W. SUNDQUIST, D. SWEETING.

Seated: B. CANDY.



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## FIFTH XV

The Fifth Grade side consider themselves unlucky to have been narrowly beaten by 5-3 on two occasions. These losses, suffered at the hands of North Sydney Tech. and Crow's Nest High, deprived them of the premiership, but the team still finished the season as runners-up.

The best find of the season was Ian Toll, a fast try-scoring outside centre, while R. Wills, D. Chadwick, S. McGill and D. Hall were among the best and most consistent players. The captaincy of B. May was to be commended throughout the season. B. Duggan was a good utility player.

The team wishes to congratulate North Sydney Tech. on winning the premiership and to thank Mr. C. Black for his untiring coaching throughout the season, and his great enthusiasm.

## SCORES

S.H.S. v.—

Sydney Tech.—Won, 20-0.  
 Randwick High—Won, 21-3.  
 East Hills High—Won, 23-0.  
 Enmore High—Won, 6-0.  
 Manly High—Won, 12-3.  
 North Sydney High—Won, 14-0.  
 North Sydney Tech.—Lost, 3-5.  
 Cleveland Street High—Won, 23-3.  
 Crow's Nest High—Lost, 3-5.

## SIXTH XV

The Sixth Grade team had a very enjoyable season, even though not many matches were won. At the same time the new First Year boys, who largely comprised the team, made good progress in the fundamentals of Rugby Union, which was a new game to many of them. Gary Turner and Don McMurray should be an example to the others in the way they constantly practised in their own time and thereby achieved a high degree of skill in handling the ball. Two "finds" among House Football were Victor Nolan and Philip Wood.

Roger Watt, the captain, joins with the other members of the team in thanking Mr. Rowlands for his help during the season.

## SCORES

S.H.S. v.—

Sydney Tech.—Lost, 3-12.  
 Randwick High—Lost, 0-9.  
 East Hills High—Lost, 3-5.  
 Enmore High—Won, 15-6.  
 Manly High—Won, 17-6.  
 North Sydney High—Lost, 3-6.  
 North Sydney Tech.—Lost, 3-11.  
 Cleveland Street High—Won, 15-0.  
 Crow's Nest High—Drew, 6-6.

## C.H.S. FOOTBALL COMPETITION POINT SCORE

The following table shows the points gained by each team 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 Schools' Championship, multiply First Grade points by 6, Second Grade by 4 and other grades by 3. Since the advent of so many new high schools in the last year or two it has been necessary to hold two separate competitions. Accordingly, the high schools have now been zoned, and in each zone a separate competition is held. The P.S.A.A. decided not to declare a Grand Champion School, but only Champion Schools in each division.

Zone winners in each grade are marked with an asterisk. To determine a premiership in each grade a series of play-offs between the zone-winners was arranged, as a result of which premiers and runners-up were declared as indicated in the supplementary table.

SCHOOL	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade	Total Points	Champion Posi- tions
DIVISION A—								
Cleveland Street ..	8	—	9	17	15	8	195	8
Crow's Nest .....	—	—	*19	8	17	12	168	9
East Hills .....	—	—	7	4	8	18	111	10
Enmore .....	10	12	4	16	13	6	225	7
Manly .....	*20	14	10	13	16	5	308	5
North Sydney .....	17	20	16	*22	8	*20	380	1
North Sydney Tech.	18	10	10	6	*21	19	316	4
Pandwick .....	14	16	18	11	6	18	307	6
S.H.S. ....	15	*22	19	14	18	11	364	2
Sydney Tech. ....	18	18	18	19	8	13	354	3

DIVISION B—								
Canterbury .....	19	16	20	12	10	16	352	4
Drummoyne .....	8	—	8	5	11	17	171	7
Fairfield .....	—	—	8	10	11	10	117	10
Fort Street .....	17	16	15	*20	*20	12	367	3
Homebush .....	14	*22	19	17	14	18	376	2
Hurlstone .....	18	20	*21	18	17	*21	419	1
Liverpool .....	—	—	12	2	20	10	132	9
Macquarie .....	12	14	2	10	13	9	230	6
Parramatta .....	*22	14	15	14	6	9	320	5
Penrith .....	10	—	8	19	4	5	168	8
Punchbowl .....	—	—	4	5	6	5	60	11

GRADE.	WINNERS.	RUNNERS-UP.
1	Manly High	Parramatta High
2	Homebush High	S.H.S.
3	Hurlstone Agricultural	Crow's Nest High
4	North Sydney High	Fort Street
5	Fort Street	North Sydney Tech.
6	Hurlstone Agricultural	North Sydney High

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### HOUSE COMPETITION

As in previous years, non-grade football was organized into an inter-house competition, each house fielding four teams. The season began with three practice matches, which were followed by two rounds of competition matches; as usual, third round was washed out, mainly due to bad weather. Fairland (101) were first in the competition, with Saxby (86) second, Eedy (75) third, and McKay (74) fourth.

In the games against Sydney Technical High School, Sydney High teams won nine matches and lost seven. This year, for the first time, First, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade games were played against all the Great Public Schools. A combined First Grade house team also played the S.H.S. Third XV in a match, whose close scores reflect much credit on the house teams in general.

As usual, the refereeing was of a high standard, and all referees deserve much praise for the job that they have done. The referees this year were: Connell, Hamilton, Hughes, Moses, Swords, Tucker. Others who helped to make the competition function smoothly were the first-aid attendants, Madge and Timmins.

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## CRICKET

### FIRST XI

In the second half of the 1955 season High was unsuccessful in both G.P.S. and C.H.S. Competitions. The team lost to Scots, Newington and St. Joseph's in the G.P.S. Competition, while they met with a little more success in the C.H.S. Competition. However, one member of the team succeeded in making the Combined High Schools First XI. He was Geoff. Burge. Graham Post was selected in the G.P.S. Second XI.

This year we started the season with five regular members of last year's team. However, the team performed disappointingly in the G.P.S. Competition.

The season was very wet and the team in the G.P.S. matches was generally unlucky to receive the worst of the pitches in most matches.

The first match against Grammar was completely washed out on both days.

The next match was against Shore, the team losing outright. High in the first innings was dismissed cheaply for 45. Hinks, who was the only batsman to offer any resistance, batted well for 23. Shore replied with 261, and on the second day High was dismissed on a wet pitch for 43.

The first day's play against St. Joseph's was restricted by rain. High, who batted first, was dismissed for 77. Levings batted well on



FIRST XI.

Back Row: B. DAY, A. HEATLEY, N. THOMPSON, G. POST, D. HINKS, R. MILLER,  
Front Row: M. FAULDS, G. BEVERLEY, MR. M. M. KAHN, R. WEBB (Capt.), MR. J. RIGBY, W. LEVINGS, G. BASTOCK.  
Sected: G. DELANEY (Scorer).

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the wet pitch for 32. St. Joseph's closed their innings at 8-168 and our team was dismissed for 55 in the second innings, the batting failing badly against the strong St. Joseph's attack.

Against King's, High, who batted first, again failed, scoring only 55, Webb, the captain, batting creditably for 25. High replied by dismissing the strong King's batting side for 95. Heatley, a slow left-arm spinner, bowled excellently, taking 5-29. In the second innings High made 108, Webb again being the most successful batsman with 38. King's scored 5-70 in their second innings, making them winners by five wickets.

The team met with more success in the C.H.S. Competition.

High started the season well, defeating Enmore High. Thompson (65) and Webb (54) were the main scorers, while Heatley performed well with the ball, taking 6-40.

The second match, against Sydney Tech., started well, with Tech. all out for 83 (Hinks 5-11) and High 1-48 (Webb, 38 n.o.). However, the second day was washed out and the game was drawn.

The next match against Randwick High was also drawn. At the end of the first day High closed with 4-198 (Post 82 n.o., Webb 45, Hinks 39). However, Randwick, with two wickets to fall, were able to hold out till the end of the second day, the score being 8-134 (Beverley 3-11).

With the conclusion of this match High won their zone and had to play the very strong Manly team in the first semi-final. As the first day was washed out, there was only one day for the match. However, Manly managed to dismiss High for 42 on a pitch which was still very damp. At stumps Manly were 4-88 (Heatley 3-27). Manly won the match on the first innings.

During the season two of our members, Webb and Post, gained selection in the C.H.S. First XI to play Northern High Schools at Newcastle. They were on the winning side.

We are looking forward to a much brighter season in the Third Term, when we meet North Sydney High in the second semi-final.

The team would like to thank their two coaches, Mr. Kahn (C.H.S.) and Mr. Rigby (G.P.S.), for their advice and their valuable assistance and untiring help at all times in trying to improve the standard of play.

The team would also like to thank the ladies for the enjoyable lunches and afternoon teas they provided at the G.P.S. home matches.

### G.P.S. Scores.

S.H.S. v. Grammar. Play washed out.

S.H.S., 45 and 43 (Hinks 23), lost outright to Shore, 261 (Hinks 3-48, Beverley 3-54).

S.H.S., 77 and 55 (Levings 32, Post 25), lost outright to St. Joseph's, 8 for 168 (Hinks 2-6).

S.H.S., 55 and 108 (Webb 25 and 38), lost outright to King's, 95 and 5-70 (Heatley 5-29).

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### C.H.S. Scores.

S.H.S., 205 (Webb 54, Hinks 20, Thompson 65), defeated Enmore, 111 (Heatley 6-40) on first innings.

S.H.S., 1-48 (Webb 38 n.o.), drew with Sydney Tech., 83 (Hinks 5-11).

S.H.S., 4-198 (Post 82 n.o., Webb 45, Hinks 39), drew with Randwick, 8-134 (Beverly 3-11).

S.H.S., 42, lost to Manly, 4-88 (Heatley 3-27) on first innings.

## SECOND XI

In the C.H.S. Competition the team has been defeated only once, at the hands of Manly. The batting might have been described as sound were it not for disastrous starts in every match. A pair of opening batsmen were sadly needed. Numerous experiments were tried, but the problem is still to be solved.

K. Towle and J. Keppie were the best of the batsmen. One innings of Keppie's, 50 against Randwick on a "mud heap" at McKay Oval, was very meritorious.

The bowling, which was good throughout, was capped by R. Wanstall's 5 for 10 (including the hat-trick) against Randwick.

In the G.P.S. Competition the team has not been so successful, having had three defeats. The bowling was good, but was not supported by the batting. The opening position again proved the stumbling block and the tail-enders frequently found themselves facing the new ball.

The team would like to express its sincere thanks to Mr. Kable and Mr. Billington for the time and effort that they have put into coaching.

### G.P.S. Scores.

S.H.S., 49 and 41, lost outright to Shore, 102 and 7 for 76 (Keppie, 4 for 19).

S.H.S., 40 and 53 (Dash, 20), lost outright to St. Joseph's, 82 and 92 (Jakes, 3 for 1).

S.H.S., 59 (Moses, 19) and 51 (Jakes, 21), lost outright to The King's School, 149 (P. Turner, 4 for 29).

### C.H.S. Scores.

S.H.S., 159 (Towle, 27; Sharp, 27), defeated Enmore, 151 (Keppie, 6 for 52), on the 1st innings.

S.H.S., 96 (Towle, 37), drew with Sydney Tech. High, 8 for 70 (rain washed out play).

S.H.S., 8 for 103 (Keppie, 50), defeated Randwick High, 83 (Wanstall, 5 for 10), on the 1st innings.

S.H.S., 60 (Keppie, 28), lost to Manly High, 8 for 81, on the 1st innings.

## THIRD XI

In the first half of the season the Third Grade, led by Ted Cox, had bad luck in their games due to bad weather.

After an easy first innings win against Sydney Tech. in a

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one-day match, they were unfortunate against Randwick to have the second day washed out when in a favourable position. Against Enmore and East Hills rain again washed out one day, but a first innings lead was gained against East Hills.

The outstanding performances were Neville Moses' 75 against Sydney Tech. and the inspired bowling of Harris and Taylforth. In the East Hills game the former took 5 for 5 and the latter 4 for 11. Whigham's 4 for 2 in this game helped keep our opponents' score down to 20.

### Scores.

S.H.S., 8 for 155, defeated Sydney Tech. High, 60.

S.H.S., 111, drew with Randwick High, 7 for 34.

S.H.S., 4 for 88 (decl.), drew with Enmore High, 8 for 17.

S.H.S., 6 for 72 (decl.), defeated East Hills High, 20 and 2 for 44.

## FOURTH XI

The Fourth XI did reasonably well, winning two matches, losing one and drawing one.

The team started the season badly by losing to Sydney Tech. This was followed by a good first innings win over Randwick, in which Cremen took 7 for 4. The most exciting match of the season was against Enmore, who were all out for 104. Sydney were 5 for 41 early, but recovered and scored 117. The last match of the season was against East Hills, with whom Sydney were lucky to draw.

The season's batting honours go to Bunting and McLeland, while the bowling of Cremen and Wolfe should be commended.

The team would like to thank Mr. Maddox for his untiring and invaluable coaching throughout the season.

### Scores.

S.H.S., 7 for 53, lost to Sydney Tech., 5 for 115.

S.H.S., 45, defeated Randwick High, 11 (Cremen 7 for 4).

S.H.S., 8 for 117 (McLeland 31), defeated Enmore High, 104.

S.H.S., 9 for 27, drew with East Hills, 63.

## FIFTH XI

The Fifth Grade side had an enjoyable and successful round. The team played a total of four games, one of which was lost and one abandoned because of rain.

In the first match, against Sydney Technical High, we scored enough runs to give us a handsome victory. In the match against Randwick rain washed out play after Randwick were all out for 75, and we were 2 for 71. In the match against Enmore the scores were again close. The match played against East Hills proved very exciting, but on that occasion East Hills were the better team.

Perhaps the most consistent batsman was Fuller, while the prize

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for bowling must certainly go to Heads, who in the first three successive matches took 4 for 15, 2 for 8 and 3 for 16.

### Scores.

S.H.S., 99, defeated Sydney Tech., 51.  
S.H.S., 2 for 71, drew with Randwick High, 75.  
S.H.S., 78, defeated Enmore High, 62.  
S.H.S., 103, lost to East Hills High, 115.

## SIXTH XI

Although the team began the season with a rather heavy defeat by Sydney Tech., in which Ward (13) and McMurray (9) were the only players to show form with the bat, the XI convincingly defeated Randwick by 48 runs, although the second day was washed out by rain. With the ball both McMurray (2 for 5) and Byres (2 for 6) acquitted themselves well, while Saunders took 1 for 6.

At Steele Park the team recorded their second victory, defeating Enmore High by 31 runs on the first innings. In this innings Leon Bryl compiled 25 well-deserved runs, while Ward again proved his consistency by scoring 10.

Of the bowlers, a newcomer to the team, A. Witlam, was the most impressive, taking 2 for 8.

In the last match of the season rain again intervened and play was limited to one day. McMurray again showed good form by taking his two wickets for only four runs. Sydney High's innings began disastrously, and when the fourth wicket fell with only 10 runs scored Byres and McMurray played sound cricket till the close of play.

### Scores.

S.H.S., 41, lost to Sydney Tech., 112.  
S.H.S., 6 for 89, defeated Randwick High, 41.  
S.H.S., 65 and 57, defeated Enmore High, 34.  
S.H.S., 4 for 20, drew with East Hills, 53.

## HOUSE CRICKET

The biggest, if not the only, obstacle to a successful house competition has been the weather, which caused so many games to be abandoned. Nevertheless, a competition was conducted with a record number of teams, twenty in all. At the end of First Term Fairland (26 points) held a narrow lead from Saxby (24 points).

## C.H.S. CRICKET, 1955

### Competition Point Score

In the table below are shown the points gained by each team in each school participating in the C.H.S. Competition, 1955. Competition points are awarded as follows:—

Outright win, 8; first innings win, 6; first innings loss, 2; tie, 4; draw (abandoned game), 3; outright defeat, 0.

Total points for the Schools' Championship points are calculated by multiplying First Grade points by 6, Second Grade points by 4, and points won in other grades by 3.

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### EASTERN ZONE—

	First Grade.	Second Grade.	Third Grade.	Fourth Grade.	Fifth Grade.	Sixth Grade.	Total Points.
Manly High .....	25	25	17	17	27	25	508
North Sydney High ..	25	33	35	29	39	33	690
North Sydney Tech ...	23	15	21	7	19	29	426
Randwick High .....	21	25	22	33	17	21	505
S.H.S. ....	23	25	26	23	15	25	505
Sydney Tech. ....	29	21	17	37	29	21	570

### WESTERN ZONE—

Canterbury High .....	27	39	31	31	21	33	666
Fort Street High .....	37	27	25	23	33	29	660
Homebush High .....	26	39	29	27	31	19	630
Hurlstone High .....	26	13	31	17	21	31	503
Parramatta High .....	7	11	15	19	—	—	188
Penrith High .....	5	3	—	17	19	5	165

*Champion School:* North Sydney High, 1; Canterbury High, 2.

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

GRADE.	WINNERS.	RUNNERS-UP.
1	Fot Street	Manly High
2	Canterbury High	North Sydney High
3	North Sydney High	Homebush High
4	Sydney Tech.	Canterbury High
5	North Sydney High	Homebush High
6	North Sydney High	Hurlstone Agricultural

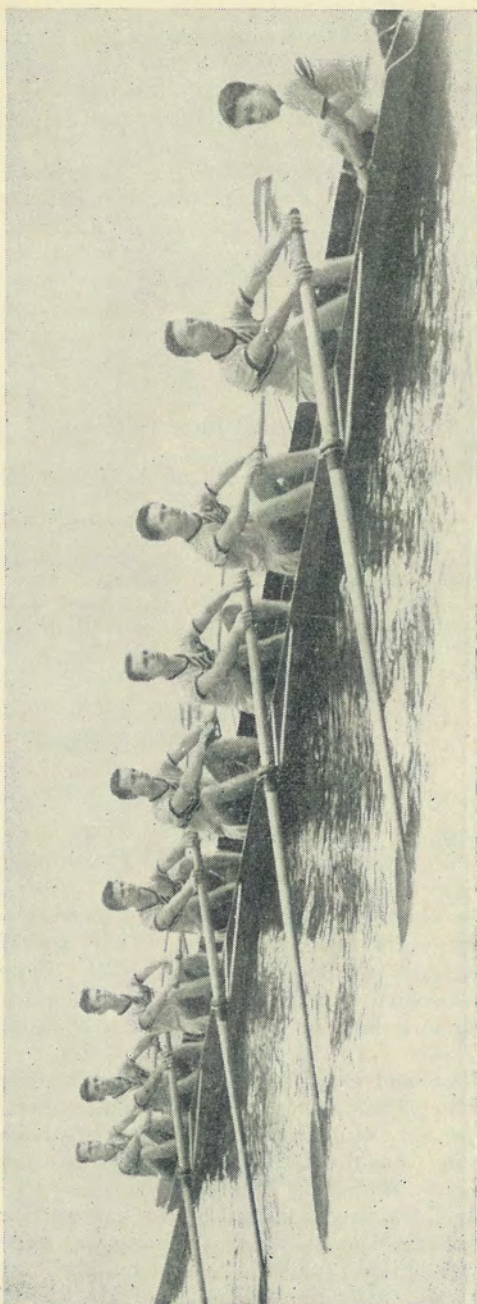
## ROWING

The 1956 rowing season got under way several weeks after the 1955 Regatta with a great deal of enthusiasm shown by both coaches and rowers. The coaches soon announced squads from which the crews would be chosen. The same panel of coaches as have acted in the last few years acted this year. They are Messrs. Frank Nichols, Alan Callaway, Graham Pilger, Dick White and Doug. Donoghue. The school is in great debt to these men for the enthusiasm, knowledge and devotion that they give to this onerous task of coaching.

Late in 1955 and early this year the Rowing Committee, and Mr. Shenstone in particular, did a lot of maintenance and building work around the shed in preparation for the christening of the new racing eight, the "Frank M. Nichols," named after a man whose devotion to S.H.S. rowing is unsurpassed.

In January, training commenced in earnest for the G.P.S. Regatta. Before this time no serious training was undergone. During the winter the Eight-squad did several months' "toughening-up" work in a city gym. under the instruction of Mr. Bill Gibb.

Working-bees, made up of crew members, were organized for



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January, and under the supervision and guidance of Mr. Shenstone the shed was painted and the grounds cleared up in preparation for rowing camp.

By the end of January the last of the crews were finalised and the Eight and four Fours moved into camp several days before the commencement of First Term.

Mr. Wick, who had served as Rowing Master for several years, transferred to Cleveland Street, and his job was taken up by Mr. Fleming. Our thanks go to Mr. Wick for all the time and enthusiasm he has given to the School over a number of years as Rowing Master.

Saturday, February the 18th, was set down as the date of christening for the "Nichols". The boat was purchased jointly by the P. & C. and the O.B.U., and the cost was further diminished by many generous donations by parents. Mr. Crebbin, an Old Boy, donated a set of blades. At 3 o'clock before a big crowd Mrs. Nichols christened the Eight and the "Nichols" took the water for the first time. The boat was built to Frank's specifications and incorporated several new ideas. It turned out to be an excellent racing boat and our fleet is now second to none on the river.

While the form and condition of the crews was steadily improving the First and Fourth Fours both lost their three-men for the remainder of the season. Len Small and Geoff. Brenton were finally replaced by Mick English and Peter Shenstone. The School, at this stage, was boating a Fifth Four and a Junior Eight. Great use was now being made of the recently purchased ergometer as a supplement to normal training.

The first club regatta that the School's crews were entered in was the North Shore Regatta at Longueville. The First and Second Fours rowed well in the final of the Maiden Fours to be beaten into third and fourth place by two club crews. The Eight was placed third in the Junior Eights race, beating all school crews entered.

In the Balmain Regatta the Fourth Four had a convincing win in the Novice Fours, and the Second and Third Fours came third in the Maiden and School Regulation races respectively. The Eight led all the way to win the Maiden Eights from Shore and Scots. Sick-ness now obliged the Eight to row with a new stroke, two-man and coxswain.

The Leichhardt Regatta was a most successful one from our point of view. The Fourth Four had a good win, the Second Four scored a narrow second, and the Third Four was third. The Eight had a two-length victory from King's and Ignatius. The Junior Eight, having won the King's-Newington Invitation Junior Eights race the week before, were unlucky when the bow-man knifed and was thrown overboard. The crew failed to finish the race.

The Riverview Regatta is usually a good indication of likely form at Penrith, and this year was no exception. All crews except the Eight raced and the results were most satisfactory. The First Four came fourth; the Second Four won its heat and final; the Third Four came third; the Fourth and Fifth Fours each scored a second

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in their respective races. The Junior Eight came third in the official G.P.S. Junior Eights Championship.

The last regatta before Penrith was the University Regatta held over our "home" course. In this regatta the Eight was most unfortunate, being swamped by the announcer's launch soon after the start, but made up ground to finish in third position two lengths behind St. Joseph's and King's. The steadily improving First Four, now showing splendid form, came second in the Maiden Fours Race, beating the Second Four into third position. The Fourth Four came second in the School Regulation Fours race.



FIRST FOUR — RUNNERS-UP.



SECOND FOUR — WINNERS.

The crews moved to Penrith on the Thursday before the Regatta and were kindly allowed to stay at the First Penrith Scout Hall. The crews dined at the Log Cabin Hotel and also had the use of changing rooms there. A group of parents stayed near the river and made their cars available for the transport of the crews to and fro between the Scout Hall and the Nepean. The rowers soon accustomed themselves to the slightly different conditions on the Nepean. Spirits were high despite the condition of the river, which was much faster in the middle than on the banks.

On Friday night the usual celebration was held and Mr. Crack-

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nell officiated as chairman. Stan McCarthy received the "Most Improved Rower" award donated by Mr. Cracknell; Ernie Tucker received "The Best Club Member" cup; Terry Wolfe and Bob Sample figured prominently in other awards given. Presentations were made to all the coaches by their crews in appreciation of the coaches' work over the last few years.

The big day finally arrived, and on Saturday morning all crews had a final loosening-up row. The first race of the afternoon was the First Four race for the Yaralla Cup. The Firsts raced to a plan and went to the front from the gun. They led to the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile mark



THIRD FOUR.



FOURTH FOUR — RUNNERS-UP.

where the fast-finishing Shore crew caught them and went on to win from High and St. Joseph's.

The Second Four rowed a fast race to beat St. Joseph's in an exciting finish. The crew did not gain the lead until the last few hundred yards, and their win was even more meritorious when it is realised that Alan McDonald, the bow man, spent Thursday and Friday in bed with boils.

The Third Four led for the first half of their  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile race, but St. Joseph's and Shore went across the line in a dead heat just in front of them.

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The Fourth Four, after a slow first quarter, finished with a strong burst, being narrowly beaten by the King's crew. Each Four averaged 800 miles in training and the Eight rowed 1,000 miles.

The Head of the River race started late, owing to difficulty in getting the crews in line. Eventually they got away to an even start, and when the crews settled down the race was divided into two groups. On the Emu Plains side of the river St. Joseph's, King's and Shore showed the way from the group on the Penrith side containing Scots, Grammar and High. That was the overall picture of the race with minor changes in each group. St. Joseph's finished three feet in front of King's, who were a further three feet in front of Shore; then came Scots, Grammar and High; St. Ignatius' and Newington brought up the rear.

At the conclusion of the season Frank Nichols, the coach of the Eight, announced his retirement from coaching S.H.S. crews, 1956 being Frank's twenty-fifth year of coaching High, during the last eighteen years of which he has coached the Eight, but weight of business affairs has finally compelled him to terminate his long term of office. His devotion to and enthusiasm for the School have always been manifest, and it was with great pride and pleasure that the School was able to recognise his services by naming the new Eight the "Frank M. Nichols". His great store of rowing knowledge and his experienced methods of coaching have kept High very near to the top over a great many years, and we are all very sorry to see him relinquishing the position.

The School's thanks also go to all those many people who combine to make rowing such a success every year. A special vote of thanks goes to the P. & C. and the O.B.U. for their practical and financial support; to the Ladies' Auxiliary for the meals they cooked at Abbotsford when we had no cook; to the doctors who looked after our health; to the parents who supplied transport at Penrith; to Mr. Shenstone for the enormous amount of work he has done around the shed; to Mrs. Tebay for her cooking, and to all those other people—too many to mention—who assist in many practical ways.

The thanks of the Shed go to Mr. Fleming, who took over the job of Rowing Master at a very difficult time, but who soon got to know the coaches and crews and performed his duties most efficiently.

I. LETTS (Captain of Boats).

### The Crews

*Eight:* Bow, B. Rushall; 2, W. Firkin; 3, A. May; 4, R. Palmisano; 5, J.

Pilger; 6, R. Sample; 7, J. Cantwell; Stroke, I. Letts; Cox, E. Tucker.

*First Four:* Bow, M. Bindley; 2, J. Warnock; 3, M. English; Stroke, B. Thomas; Cox, R. Smith.

*Second Four:* Bow, A. McDonald; 2, K. Rubie; 3, S. McCarthy; 4, A. Simons; Cox, R. Caddy.

*Third Four:* Bow, A. Moore; 2, B. Thorpe; 3, T. Wolfe; Stroke, C. Hull; Cox, W. Ling.

*Fourth Four:* Bow, E. Dalziel; 2, P. Phillips; 3, P. Shenstone; Stroke, J. Quick; Cox, I. Settree.

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### SWIMMING

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

##### Senior Championships:

880 Yards Freestyle: 1, P. Hayes; 2, R. Carruthers, K. Watts (aeq.) (12 min. 32 sec.).

440 Yards Freestyle: 1, P. Hayes; 2, R. Carruthers. (No time taken.)

220 Yards Freestyle: 1, P. Hayes; 2, R. Carruthers (2 min. 40 sec.).

110 Yards Freestyle: 1, R. Carruthers; 2, P. Hayes (69 sec.).

55 Yards Freestyle: 1, R. Carruthers; 2, J. Harris (30.3 sec.).

110 Yards Breaststroke: 1, H. Langford; 2, P. Hayes.

110 Yards Butterfly: 1, H. Langford; 2, J. Harris (92 sec.).

55 Yards Backstroke: 1, R. Carruthers; 2, P. Hayes (37 sec.).

Dive: 1, P. Hayes; 2, D. Wallace.

Senior Cup: P. Hayes.

Claude Tressider Shield: H. Langford.



##### C.H.S. SWIMMING TEAM.

Back Row: B. KING, R. DAVIES, D. ADAMS, B. McNEILL, W. JOBLING, G. BYARD, B. BALL.

Second Row: M. SWEENEY, A. SLADE, P. FOX, M. JERVIS, W. HARRIS, R. CARRUTHERS, J. POLLOCK, R. COPE.

Front Row: K. WATTS, J. MCGILL, P. HAYES, K. RUBIE, MR. K. MENZIES, G. KING, H. LANGFORD, J. HARRIS, G. SHAW.

Seated: R. FOSTER, D. MURRAY, K. PORTER.

##### Under 16 Championships:

440 Yards Freestyle: 1, J. Pollock; 2, K. Rubie (6 min. 20.3 sec.).

220 Yards Freestyle: 1, J. Pollock; 2, K. Rubie (2 min. 53.4 sec.).

110 Yards Freestyle: 1, J. Pollock; 2, K. Rubie (73 sec.).

55 Yards Freestyle: 1, J. Pollock; 2, K. Rubie (31.8 sec.).

55 Yards Breaststroke: 1, J. Pollock; 2, J. McGill (44 sec.).

55 Yards Butterfly: 1, J. Pollock; 2, J. McGill (41.1 sec.).

55 Yards Backstroke: 1, J. Pollock; 2, J. McGill (38.9 sec.).

Dive: 1, D. Landa; 2, R. Davies.

Under 16 Cup: J. Pollock.

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### Under 15 Championships:

- 440 Yards Freestyle: 1, W. Harris; 2, M. Jervis (6 min. 20.1 sec.).  
220 Yards Freestyle: 1, W. Harris; 2, P. Fox (2 min. 45 sec.).  
110 Yards Freestyle: 1, W. Harris; 2, P. Fox (74 sec.).  
55 Yards Freestyle: 1, W. Harris; 2, P. Fox (31.6 sec.).  
55 Yards Breaststroke: 1, W. Harris; 2, M. Jervis (44.2 sec.).  
55 Yards Butterfly: 1, W. Jobling; 2, W. Harris (44 sec.).  
55 Yards Backstroke: 1, P. Fox; 2, M. Jervis (40.9 sec.).  
Under 15 Cup: W. Harris.

### Under 14 Championships:

- 220 Yards Freestyle: 1, D. Murray; 2, M. Sweeney (2 min. 58.8 sec.).  
110 Yards Freestyle: 1, D. Murray; 2, M. Sweeney (1 min. 49.6 sec.).  
55 Yards Freestyle: 1, A. Slade; 2, D. Murray (35 sec.).  
55 Yards Breaststroke: 1, D. Adams; 2, R. Cope (48 sec.).  
55 Yards Butterfly: 1, D. Adams; 2, D. Murray (46.5 sec.).  
55 Yards Backstroke: 1, D. Murray; 2, S. Wood (46.5 sec.).  
Dive: 1, R. Cope; 2, D. Wilkinson, J. Northam (aeq.).  
Under 14 Cup: D. Murray.

### Under 13 Championships:

- 110 Yards Freestyle: 1, R. Foster; 2, K. Porter (89.2 sec.).  
55 Yards Freestyle: 1, R. Foster; 2, B. McNeill (38.7 sec.).  
55 Yards Breaststroke: 1, R. Foster; 2, D. Lehany (53.7 sec.).  
55 Yards Butterfly: 1, R. Foster; 2, S. Winter (51.9 sec.).  
55 Yards Backstroke: 1, G. Byard; 2, B. Livingstone (52 sec.).  
Under 13 Cup: R. Foster.  
House Points: 1, Fairland; 2, McKay; 3, Eedy; 4, Saxby.

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

### Senior Championships:

- 110 Yards Freestyle: R. Carruthers, 5.  
110 Yards Butterfly: H. Langford, 4.  
Dive: P. Hayes, 5.  
440 Yards Relay: S.H.S. (R. Carruthers, J. Harris, P. Hayes, G. King), 3.

### Under 16 Championships:

- 55 Yards Backstroke: J. Pollock, 4.

### Under 14 Championships:

- 220 Yards Freestyle: D. Murray, 3.  
55 Yards Backstroke: D. Murray, 5.  
220 Yards Relay: S.H.S. (D. Murray, A. Slade, M. Sweeney, G. Shaw), 4.

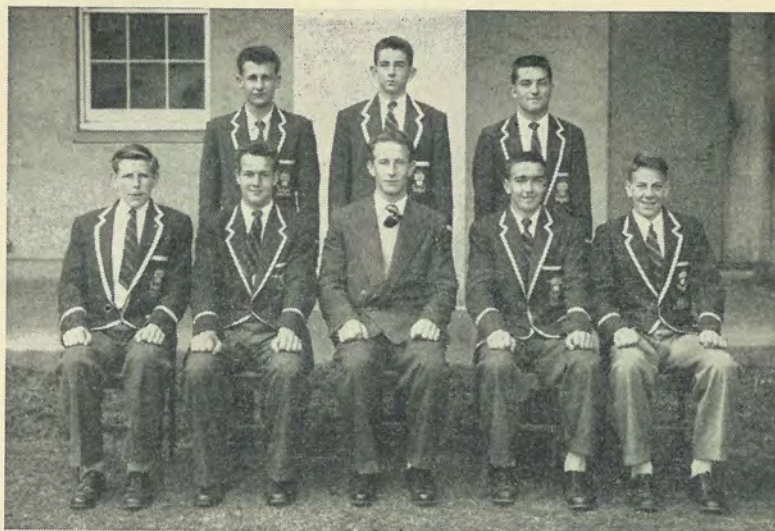
## G.P.S. Events

- 220 Yards Relay: S.H.S. (R. Carruthers, J. Harris, P. Hayes, H. Langford), 3.

## WATER POLO

This year being Sydney High School's second in the C.H.S. Water Polo Competition since resuming the game last year, the teams would hope for little beyond improving their standard of play.

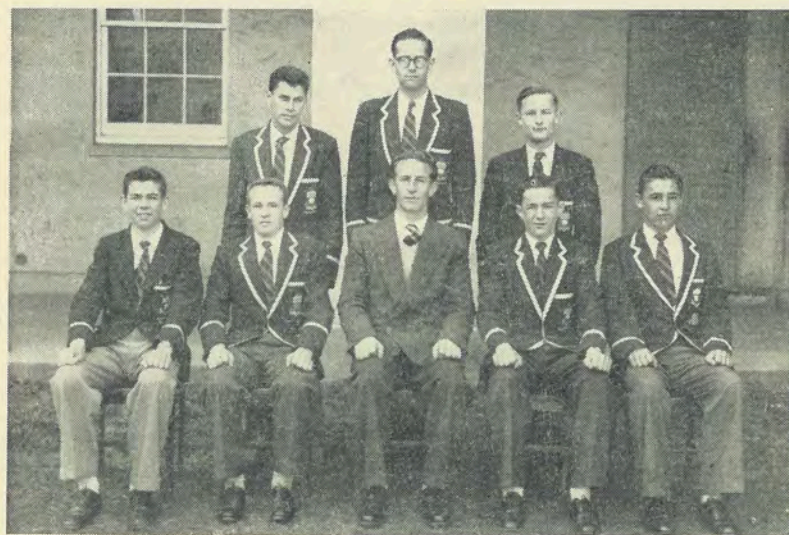
The Fourth Grade Competition, an unofficial one, was curtailed to allow other C.H.S. schools to enter, since there are only a limited



**FIRST GRADE WATER POLO.**

**Standing:** K. WATTS, P. HAYES, R. CARRUTHERS.

**Sitting:** H. LANGFORD, G. KING, MR. D. DICKSON, S. McCOLL, J. POLLOCK.



**THIRD GRADE WATER POLO.**

**Standing:** D. BECK, D. SOOTHILL, W. JOBLING.

**Sitting:** M. JERVIS, E. ANDERSON, MR. D. DICKSON, R. HANNAN, I. FORMBY.

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number of pools available for play. Pools in which matches are played are: Balmain, Manly, Rushcutter's Bay and Domain.

During the first term Mr. Ray Smee took an active interest in the teams and coached them every Saturday morning at the Domain Baths, a gesture very much appreciated by all members.

In the middle of the First Term Mr. Fleming took up the position of Rowing Master, which deprived the water polo players of his services. All members of the teams are thankful to Mr. Fleming for his past efforts in coaching.

Mr. Dickson, although a stranger to the game, replaced Mr. Fleming and took a very active interest. The players are conscious of, and are very thankful for, Mr. Dickson's helpful advice and enthusiasm since his appointment.

While neither First nor Second Grade is shining very brightly, Third Grade has high hopes of a very successful season, with six matches to be played. They are equal in first place with thirteen points to date, while First Grade is seventh with five points and Second Grade is ninth with five points.

### SCORES

S.H.S. <i>versus</i> —	1st Grade.	2nd Grade.	3rd Grade.
Canterbury High .. .. .	Drew, 4-4	Won, 5-1	Won, 2-1
Randwick High .. .. .	Lost, 0-8	Drew, 3-3	Won, 2-1
North Sydney Tech High ..	Won, 3-1	Lost, 1-3	Drew, 2-2
Manly High .. .. .	Lost, 1-7	Lost, 1-3	Won, 2-1
Homebush High .. .. .	Won, 2-1.	Lost, 0-2	Won, 7-1
Enmore High .. .. .	No Match	Lost, 0-2	Won, 7-0.

### LIFE SAVING

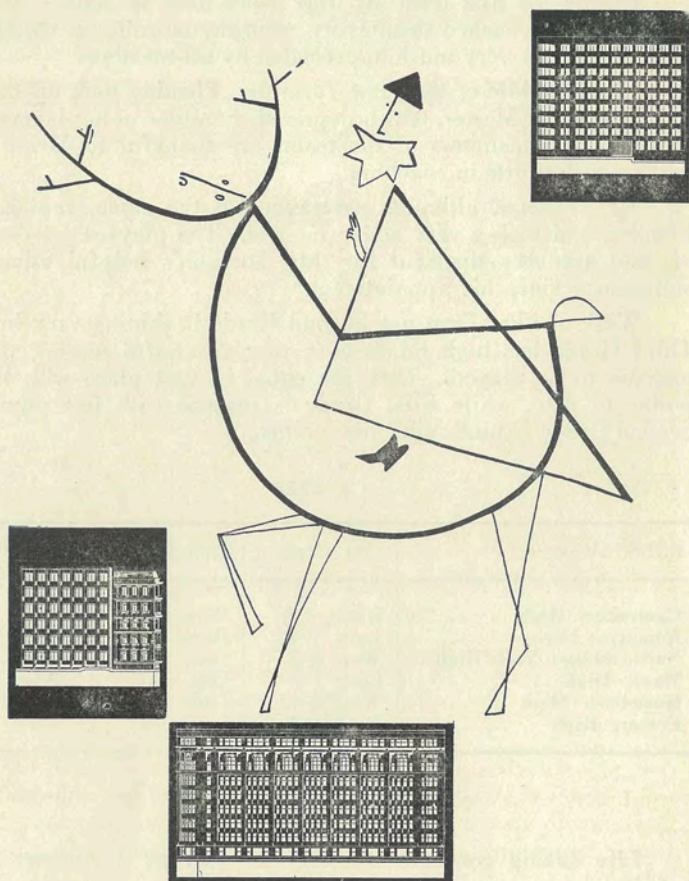
Life saving continues to play its part as a summer season activity.

During the First Term 50 boys attempted various awards, and 46 obtained a satisfactory standard.

Alistair Murray obtained his second Bar to the Award of Merit and Terence Wolfe and Michael McCoy obtained Awards of Merit, for which a very high standard is required.

Instructor's Certificates were obtained by Lawrence, Hughes, Ryan, Van Es, K. Smith and Delaney, whose efforts and co-operation made much of our success possible. Eleven boys obtained Bronze Medallions and nine boys a Bar to their Bronze Medallions. Twelve boys obtained lower awards which will be the basis for higher attainments in the future.

Although these awards show great credit on the part of the boys who obtained them, we nevertheless feel that all boys attending this



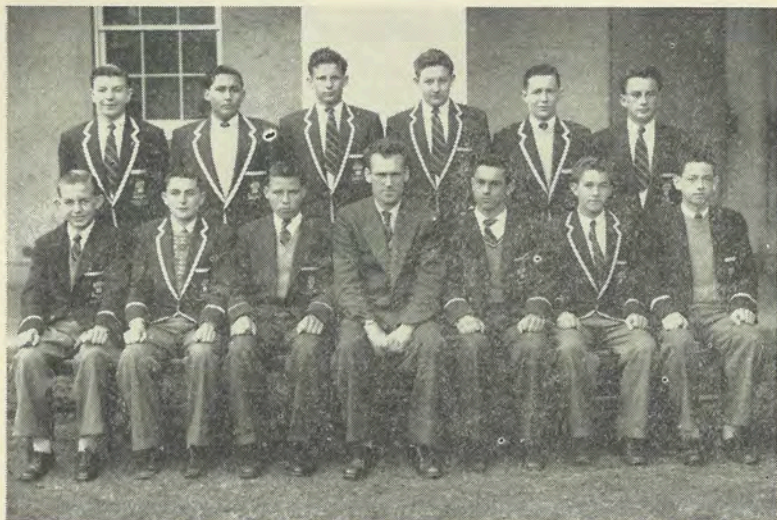
**DAVID JONES'**

**FOR SERVICE**

**Store of the Christmas Spirit**

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school should undertake a course of Water Safety and Life Saving, whether an award is obtained or not, at some time in their period here. Too many tragic cases come to mind where such knowledge may have made all the difference.



### LIFE SAVING.

**Back Row:** K. SMITH, T. VEKLOU, B. RYAN, W. WILLIAMS, R. HANNAN, M. McCOY.  
**Front Row:** C. HUGHES, A. LAWRENCE, I. VAN ES, MR. G. HUGHES, C. WOLFE,  
W. DELANEY, A. MURRAY.

Since the recent news that the A.L.S.S. and the R.L.S.S. have combined we await information with regard to changes in the approach to and content of our course. Whatever happens, however, I am confident that the boys from this school will rise to any occasion.

G. H.

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### NON-SWIMMERS

Of about 25 non-swimmers who were enrolled at the beginning of the year, 15 were able to swim the 20 yards which the School demands of non-swimmers before they are permitted to transfer to other summer sports.

The classes were held at Clovelly, where the nature of the beach and the fact that there is no overcrowding allowed, the boys to gain confidence and to overcome any fear of the water that they may have had.

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## ATHLETICS

### S.H.S. Carnival, 13th August

#### Senior:

- 100 Yards: M. Lewis, 1; D. Roberts, 2; G. Humphries, 3. Time: 10.2 secs.  
 220 Yards: M. Lewis, 1; D. Roberts, 2; G. Humphries, 3. Time: 23.2 secs.  
 440 Yards: G. Humphries, 1; R. Hall, 2; W. Harris, 3. Time: 53.6 secs.  
 880 Yards: G. Sample, 1; W. Harris, 2; S. Gabbott, 3. Time: 2 mins. 8.9 secs.  
 1 Mile: W. Harris, 1; S. Gabbott, 2; R. Jennings, 3. Time: 4 mins. 46.2 secs.  
 120 Yards Hurdles: C. Yee, 1; G. Sample, 2; K. Martin, 3. Time: 16.7 secs.  
 High Jump: G. Sample, 1; C. Yee, 2; R. Payne, 3. Height: 5 ft. 6½ ins.  
 Broad Jump: C. Yee, 1; G. Sample, 2; B. Rushall, 3. Distance: 21 ft. 7 ins.  
 Hop, Step and Jump: G. Sample, 1; C. Yee, 2; D. Roberts, 3. Distance: 43 ft. 10¾ ins.  
 Shot Put: E. Harrison, 1; B. Rushall, 2; R. Webb, 3. Distance: 33 ft. 10½ ins.

#### Junior (Under 16):

- 100 Yards: A. Heatley, 1; D. Hinks, 2; D. Sligar, 3. Time: 11.1 secs.  
 220 Yards: A. Heatley, 1; D. Hinks, 2; D. Sligar, 3. Time: 24.6 secs.  
 440 Yards: A. Heatley, 1; R. Jennings, 2; D. Hinks, 3. Time: 55.5 secs.  
 880 Yards: R. Jennings, 1; E. Wilson, 2; I. Towner, 3. Time: 2 mins. 14.6 secs.  
 90 Yards Hurdles: G. Reid, 1; R. Jennings, 2; O. Sherrard, 3. Time: 15.1 secs.  
 High Jump: J. Skinner, 1; I. Tower, 2; O. Sherrard and M. Williams (aeq.), 3. Height: 5 ft.  
 Broad Jump: A. Heatley, 1; R. Jennings, 2; S. Auland, 3. Distance: 18 ft. 1¼ ins.  
 Hop, Step and Jump: A. Heatley, 1; J. Pollard, 2; G. Post, 3. Distance: 40 ft. 7½ ins.  
 Shot Put: G. Tayleforth, 1; S. Auland, 2; G. Post, 3. Distance: 35 ft. 9¾ ins.

#### Sub-Junior (Under 15):

- 100 Yards: I. Cartwright, 1; P. Phillips, 2; W. Harris, 3. Time: 11.4 secs.  
 220 Yards: I. Cartwright, 1; P. Phillips, 2; I. Toll, 3. Time: 25.7 secs.  
 880 Yards: G. Ryan, 1; R. Dennison, 2; P. Phillips, 3. Time: 2 mins. 19.8 secs.  
 90 Yards Hurdles: S. McGill, 1; D. Hall, 2; M. Velmans, 3. Time: 14.6 secs.  
 High Jump: S. McGill, 1; P. Phillips, 2; D. Hall, 3. Height: 4 ft. 10¾ ins.  
 Broad Jump: P. Phillips, 1; R. Dennison, 2; K. Morris, 3. Distance: 18ft. 9 ins.  
 Shot Put: P. Phillips, 1; G. Cohen, 2; R. Dennison, 3. Distance: 39 ft. 6¼ ins.

#### Juvenile (Under 14):

- 100 Yards: D. Sweeting, 1; R. Evers, 2; R. Dye, 3. Time: 11.9 secs.  
 220 Yards: D. Sweeting, 1; R. Dye, 2; R. Evers, 3. Time: 27.1 secs.  
 60 Yards Hurdles: R. Scouller, 1; R. Dye, 2; B. Proops, 3. Time: 9.4 secs.  
 High Jump: R. Dye, 1; R. Scouller, 2; B. Miller, 3. Height: 5 ft. 2 ins.  
 Broad Jump: R. Dye, 1; R. Evers, 2; G. Buggie, 3. Distance: 17 ft. 0¾ ins.  
 Shot Put: S. Wood, 1; B. Miller, 2; D. Sweeting, 3. Distance: 42 ft. 0½ ins.

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### Sub-Juvenile (Under 13):

100 Yards: P. McNair, 1; T. Brogan, 2; R. Johnson, 3. Time: 12.7 secs.

220 Yards: T. Brogan, 1; P. McNair, 2; P. Wood, 3. Time: 29.7 secs.

60 Yards Hurdles: R. Johnson, 1; R. Montgomery, 2; R. Derry, 3. Time: 10.1 secs.

High Jump: P. Wood, 1; K. Lancaster, 2; G. Campbell and T. Brogan (aeq.), 3. Height: 4 ft. 3 ins.

Broad Jump: R. Charlesworth and T. Brogan (aeq.), 1; A. Kearns, 3. Distance: 14 ft. 8 ins.

### House Competition.

1st, McKay, 393½; 2nd, Saxby, 325½; 3rd, Eedy, 285½; 4th, Fairland, 254½.

### Championship Cups.

Senior Cup: G. Sample.

Junior Cup: A. Heatley.

Sub-Junior Cup: P. Phillips.

Juvenile Cup: R. Dye.

Sub-Juvenile Cup: T. Brogan.

## C.H.S. Carnival

### Senior Championships:

100 Yards—Div. 1: M. Lewis won heat, withdrew from final because of injury.

120 Yards Hurdles—Div. 2: B. Webb, 2.

High Jump—Div. 2: B. Webb, 1. Height: 5 ft. 6¼ ins.

Broad Jump—Div. 2: G. Sample, 3.

440 Yards—Div. 2: R. Hall, 1. Time: 54.5 secs.

Relay: S.H.S., 1. Time: 45.9 secs.

### Under 16 Championships:

440 Yards—Div. 2: R. Jennings, 1. Time: 55.4 secs.

Hop, Step and Jump—Div. 2: J. Pollard, 1. Distance: 40 ft. 2¼ ins.

### Under 15 Championships:

Shot Put—Div. 1: P. Phillips, 2.

### Under 14 Championships:

220 Yards—Div. 2: R. Dye, 3.

60 Yards Hurdles—Div. 1: R. Scouller, 3. Div. 2: R. Dye, 1. Time: 8.9 secs.

High Jump—Div. 1: R. Dye, 1. Height: 5 ft. 0¼ ins. Div. 2: B. Miller, 2.

Relay: S.H.S., 3.

## Championship Scores

Aggregate Point Score: Enmore, 1 (211); Newcastle, 2 (144); Manly, 3 (121).

Senior Point Score: Newcastle, 1 (53); Enmore, 2 (45); S.H.S., 3 (42).

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## TENNIS

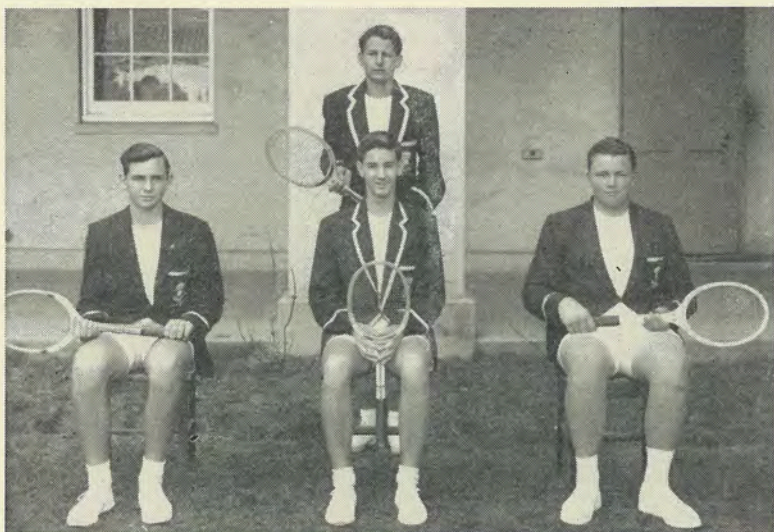
Under the new zoning system, which introduced to the competition nine new high schools, all teams performed creditably. All matches were played with fine team spirit and were thoroughly enjoyed by the players.

Our sincere thanks go to Mr. Hamnett for his very valuable advice given most willingly throughout the season. His great enthusiasm lent encouragement to all the players.

First Grade: The First Grade Team this year consisted of J. Hennessy (Capt.), W. Firkin, A. Brown, B. Shaw, and C. Shuetrim.

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After the first three matches W. Firkin took A. Brown's place, as the latter joined the rowers. The team did not start particularly well, being beaten very narrowly by Cleveland Street, a comparatively new high school. However, in the next match the team defeated East Hills 48 games to 2. Throughout the season S.H.S. put up very strong opposition to such forceful teams as Manly, North Sydney and Randwick, the last-named going on to win the competition in Zone A. Each boy gained valuable experience, and next year we hope to do well in the competition, as four of our players were drawn from Fourth Year.



### FIRST GRADE TENNIS.

Standing: B. SHAW.

Seated: A. BROWN, J. HENNESSY (Capt.), C. SHUETRIM.

Our congratulations go to Randwick on winning the competition, which was of a high standard.

*Second Grade:* The Second Grade Team performed quite well, winning six out of the nine matches in their zone. The team, consisting of W. Levings (Capt.), G. Edwards, G. Evans and B. Spooner, with R. Miller as reserve, fully extended the strong teams North Sydney, Manly and Randwick, the result of the match against the latter depending upon the last set. Quite a few matches were won without the loss of a set, and against East Hills the team put up the creditable performance of winning by 48 games to 5.

The first pair, Levings and Edwards, won the majority of their sets and played consistently throughout the season, holding the team together against Manly. They were ably supported by Evans and Spooner, who played their best tennis in the last few matches, and this pair won some hard sets against North Sydney and Randwick.

## THE RECORD

Congratulations are extended to the particularly good North Sydney team, which ultimately won the competition after winning our zone.

*Third Grade:* The Third Grade Team, consisting of P. Rose (Capt.), I. Wolfe, W. Mellor and B. Larkin, started upon its quest for competitive honours with wins over Cleveland Street and East Hills. However, this promising start was soon cut short when the team went down narrowly to Manly and Randwick. Although the team lost a few matches, it had some good wins. Notable among these was the defeat of a strong Enmore team.

*Fourth Grade:* Fourth Grade consisted of D. Moran (Capt.), E. Wilson, R. Foster, B. McNeill, with S. Kalowsky and S. Pollard as reserves. The team started the competition very well, although beaten in the first match, which was played against Cleveland Street. Then it won all matches played, except to the ultimate winners, Enmore.

After the first two matches the reserves, Kalowsky and Pollard, were brought into the team with good results. Sydney High finished well up the scale, conceding higher positions in the competition only to Cleveland Street and Enmore.

### C.H.S. Tennis Competition Point Score

The following table shows the points scored in each grade of the C.H.S. Competition. Winners in each zone are shown by an asterisk. In a play-off between the zone-winners a premier team was decided in each grade. The P.S.A.A.A. decided, however, not to declare a Grand Champion School in each division. Championship points are calculated by multiplying First Grade points by 6, Second Grade points by 4, and other grades by 3.

SCHOOL.	1st Grade.	2nd Grade.	3rd Grade.	4th Grade.	Grand Champion Total.	Positions.
<b>ZONE A—</b>						
Sydney High .....	7	12	9	13	156	5
Randwick .....	*17	14	13	6	215	2
Sydney Tech. ....	4	12	10	4	114	8
Cleveland Street .....	11	4	0	14	124	6
Crow's Nest .....	2	2	2	10	56	9
East Hills .....	0	0	4	12	48	10
North Sydney High .....	16	*17	*16	3	221	1
North Sydney Tech. ....	10	8	10	0	122	7
Enmore .....	10	7	15	*17	184	4
Manly .....	13	14	11	12	203	3
<b>ZONE B—</b>						
Drummoyne .....	14	8	7	13	176	4
Homebush .....	*17	*18	15	9	246	2
Canterbury .....	16	16	*18	*18	268	1
Macquarie .....	9	12	9	8	153	5
Fort Street .....	11	12	12	11	183	3
Fairfield .....	—	—	7	13	60	9
Punchbowl .....	4	5	12	12	116	7
Liverpool .....	7	4	3	4	79	8
H.A.H.S. ....	10	11	7	2	131	6

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### GRADE WINNERS.

GRADE.	WINNERS.	RUNNERS-UP.
1	Randwick High	Homebush High
2	North Sydney High	Homebush High
3	Canterbury High	North Sydney High
4	Enmore High	Canterbury High

### HOUSE BASKETBALL

In order to satisfy the demand for basketball as a sport as an alternative to house football during the winter months it was decided to conduct a house competition in 1956 as an experiment. It can be reported that the experiment was quite successful.

At first the matches were played in the School grounds, but when the posts holding the baskets finally succumbed to old age and hard usage the games were transferred to the Sydney City Council Playground in Moore Park. Here, under ideal conditions, the remainder of the house competition was played. Our thanks are due to the Sydney City Council for making the grounds available.

During the competition the players had the assistance of Messrs. E. Colman and P. Bolton of Sydney Teachers' College as coaches and referees. They gave valuable help and the School is very grateful to them.

McKay House convincingly won the competition, although the games in many cases were close.

A. R. B.

#### Final Points:

McKay House: 48 points, 1.  
Eedy House: 38 points, 2.  
Saxby House: 34 points, 3.  
Fairland House: 24 points, 4.

### RIFLE SHOOTING

This year has seen a great change in the Rifle Club of this school. Instead of having just enough members to fill two G.P.S. teams, we now have more than twice that number, with the result that rifle-shooting is now a full sport and can be enjoyed by many more boys. Although this is for the good of the School in a general sense, it has resulted in a lowering of standard. The reason for this is that Mr. Atkinson, our Master-in-charge, or anyone else, would find it almost impossible to carry out, by himself, a strict training programme for the First Team as well as the basic training of the other members. The loss of our miniature range, because of its alleged unsafety, has been a great blow to the training, for it is there that training should commence.

## THE RECORD

We have been extremely fortunate in having Mr. Atkinson for our Master-in-charge this year. Although the amount of work and organizing necessary has been enormous, he has kept things running smoothly and at all times has been extremely keen. The success of shooting as a school sport is entirely due to him, and all members are indebted to him for the enjoyment they have had and the skill they have acquired. Our thanks are also due to Lieut. Wallis, the father of a First Team boy. Although the Club was not quite as successful this year in the G.P.S. Competition as in the last two



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

**Back Row:** P. CASSELL, A. GREENWOOD, J. CONLON, B. MILLER, C. WOLFE.  
**Front Row:** J. WHITEHEAD, G. REDDISH, D. WALLIS, D. SOOTHILL, G. HAWK,  
T. PREFFRY.

years, the First Team coming sixth and the Second Team coming fifth, it has been quite successful in the military competitions. A team of four cadets in the Club, Reddish, Soothill, Wallis and Witton, gained first place in the Eastern Command division of the Earl Roberts Competition. Also in the monthly M.R.C.U. competitions two or three members usually won trophy spoons each time, and in the Annual Prize Shoot Sydney High won four trophies, one for sharpshooting, one for a service match, and two for teams aggregates.

We hope that next year we will be able to provide basic training for new members and also a training programme for the First Team which will enable them to be in better form for the G.P.S. shoot than they were this year.



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# THE RECORD

## HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

House competitions were conducted in every sport except water polo. 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 in Cricket and in Football was determined by combining the points gained in (a) and (b).

*Swimming and Athletics:* Result of Annual Carnivals.

*Tennis and Basketball:* Result of House Competitions.

*Rifle Shooting:* Points were awarded for grade representation, viz.: "A" Grade, 6 points; "B" Grade, 4 points.

*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, 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 in accordance with the first column in the following table, which also shows the Champion House in each sport:—

	Possible Points.	Eedy.	Fairland.	McKay.	Saxby.	Winner.
Football .. ..	25	5.85	6.53	6.44	6.18	Fairland
Cricket .. ..	20	4.61	5.15	4.29	5.94	Saxby
Swimming .. ..	15	2.76	5.13	4.56	2.55	Fairland
Athletics .. ..	15	3.39	3.03	4.69	3.88	McKay
Basketball .. ..	5	1.32	0.83	1.66	1.18	McKay
Live Saving .. ..	5	0.76	1.44	1.57	1.24	McKay
Rifle Shooting .. ..	5	1.71	1.59	0.30	1.40	Eedy
Rowing .. ..	5	0.69	0.53	2.17	1.61	McKay
Tennis .. ..	5	0.63	1.35	1.66	1.35	McKay
	100	21.72	25.58	27.34	25.33	

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

## LITERARY

## NEVER LOSE TOUCH

A belated assessment of an Old Boy's debt to the School.  
1904-1908 Vintage, Mary Ann, St., Ultimo.

One day last July I was waiting outside the Showground for one of those infrequent trams to the city, and, looking across Anzac Parade, my guilty mind went back through the years to my old school now just across the Parade. The dignity of the present location seemed very appropriate to the senior high school of the State and a fitting tribute to its many Old Boys.

These thoughts went through my mind and still no tram, and my conscience said to me, "Edmonds, Old Boy, you have not set foot inside S.H.S. grounds since 1908." I strolled across the Parade and passed through the gate and stopped to look at the old bear pits. It was the first time I had set foot on this ground since it was a zoo. I stealthily crept into the Assembly Hall and noted many familiar names of the long ago on the Honour Rolls. A teacher spoke to me and offered to introduce me to the Headmaster. Mr. Andrews greeted me like a long-lost friend, though he had never set eyes on me before, and showed me round. He knew the technique of handling forgetful Old Boys, as he presented me with a copy of the latest "Record" and lent me his last copy of the Jubilee Book to take home and browse over.

They say that when one recalls the past it is the sign of approaching old age, but I prefer to believe with Cicero in "de Senectute" that we gain inspiration from our more vigorous youth. That browse brought a flood of recollections, some of which, I thought, might be of interest to the school journal.

John Waterhouse, Headmaster of my day, was a man with a personality, who brought the School along under difficult and cramped conditions in Ultimo. His interesting talks on geology have remained with me all my life and have added a great deal of interest to my wanderings in different countries, including my own.

George Saxby was a teacher in my time and Headmaster afterwards. He had a prodigious memory and astonished me years afterwards in calling me by name. Then there was Billy Williams, Latin Master, who prepared us for the Sweet Bye and Bye by dinning "de Senectute" into us. And Wally Moore, who tried hard to knock some French into me. How I hated languages! He told me I was a lazy cow or words to that effect. His best report was "Moderate, works well," and I think that was generous. In those days I am afraid my interests lay more in the sciences and the gymnasium at the bottom of the yard.

I wonder if the average person accurately assesses the impact on his after-life of what he learns from his teachers. Invariably, I

think it is to his advantage. I thought that on leaving school in 1908 I could forget Wally Moore and his French, but history changed all that. On arrival in France in World War I the limited vocabulary and grammar that Wally's persistence had driven into me were decidedly useful. I salvaged a French-German grammar from a bombed-out school, and besides improving my French I got interested in German.

One night a German prisoner was brought in on the Bullecourt Front. The official interpreter could not be found, but someone had seen me poring over the above grammar book, so I was yanked out of my blankets on a cold winter night and put on the job of extracting valuable military information from our prisoner. I felt much more at home with French, so something in me suggested "Parlez-vous francais?" He did. He came from Alsace. Whether Wally Moore's persistence altered the course of history I know not.

On my return to civil life I joined the Modern Languages Association of N.S.W. and became Vice-President when Mr. Justice A. B. Piddington was President. Not being one of my contemporaries at the school I never knew that he was an Old Boy. It pays to "keep touch". I have listened to addresses by A. B. in French, German and Spanish. He contributed a good deal to cultural life.

Then there was the imperturbable Charles Wetherburn, Physics Master. The only time I ever saw him put out was once when conducting a delicate balance test. There was a big chap in the class named Bull and a wag named Jimmy Resleure. A cow moo-ed out in Mary Ann Street (primitive Sydney) and Jimmy roared out, "Hey, Bull, your sister is calling you." Jimmy Resleure, by the way, was a strapping fellow minus a leg and rode to school on a bike and used to win bike races at the school sports. He was also a phenomenal swimmer and swam at San Francisco and Berlin to my knowledge and was known as the one-legged wonder. He used his foot as a propeller and he had less body friction than the average person.

Among the prominent Old Boys pictured in the Jubilee Book is Henry Halloran. Here again I missed out through not knowing he was an Old Boy. Henry and I served for very many years on the Council of the Town Planning Association of N.S.W. Sydney residents owe a big debt to Henry Halloran, whose persistence helped to force the extension of Martin Place through to Macquarie Street, one of Sydney's major improvements. Henry's hand was also in the present work of the northerly extension of Elizabeth Street. He was a very civic-minded man. What chin-wags we missed by not knowing our common origin in S.H.S.!

What names among the scholars: E. Southee, first Rhodes Scholar, distinguished also as an athlete, as a soldier and for so many years as Principal of Hawkesbury Agricultural College; J. R. Nield, now Mr. Justice Nield; and Doctors Buchanan, Clement, Chapman and the late Norman Royle, all distinguished medical men with war service. When these brilliant scholars sat for the Junior

and Senior Exams, the examiners used mainly A's. There seemed to be no other letter in the alphabet.

A picture of a School Fifteen includes Oscar Rainbow. Oscar gave his life to save others somewhere overseas. A bomb had landed in a crowded trench and it was a matter of seconds only before it exploded. Oscar picked it up and had to raise his shoulders above the parapet to toss it away and got a sniper's bullet.

I was particularly interested in the rowing trophies and pictures Mr. Andrews showed me. Coming from a seafaring family, I was only interested in water sports, but S.H.S. had not entered this field in my day. I might have been able to help if the School had been on the river in those days, as just prior to entering the Army I won the Sir John See Memorial Cup for single sculls on the Clarence River. I consider my toughening process started in the School gymnasium.

I was very pleased to read the fine appreciation of the late Charles Fairland in the "Record". My contacts with him went back to my Sunday School days, when he tried to make young people as good Christians as himself. He set a very high standard not only in the School, but of selfless service to all around him.

There are numerous other names I could mention, but space forbids. I left the Old School in Ultimo in 1908 at the Junior Standard, but, thanks to good teachers, I was able to matriculate by private study some time later.

I have found that a man whose inclinations tend towards the technical subjects at school shies away from the humanities. He risks losing a lot of cultural pleasure and an understanding of human nature. Some wise person has said that with every fresh language acquired man gains a new soul. An ability to think in another man's language helps us to understand his problems.

I have headed my reminiscences "Never Lose Touch". That was the motto of the Signal Company in which I served overseas. What better motto is there for Old Boys? I am still secretary for that Signal Association and it is my duty to see that we never lose touch.

I wish to thank Mr. Andrews for arousing my interest in my Old School and to congratulate Mr. H. H. Wiedersehn, an old friend of mine, on his really monumental work in producing the Jubilee Book, which has given me so much pleasure.

After all my advice I am taking steps to become a financial member of the O.B.U.

A. H. EDMONDS.

35 Bonnefin Road,  
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## NEW LIVES FOR OLD

He looked at his hands and smiled bitterly. What a fate for a concert pianist to have three fingers amputated! He could earn

his living by other means, of course, but he would never play again.

Then he looked at the bottle by his side. Sleeping tablets—the one way to relief. He thought, as he regarded them, of the years of his life yet to come. But what years! Drifting from one job to another and not even being able to play the piano for enjoyment's sake, let alone for a living. No, he would much rather go to sleep; a long, deep sleep. His mind was made up; there was no changing it. He lapsed into a reverie and murmured words automatically. He started as he caught himself reciting Hamlet's soliloquy, then smiled because it seemed so ironic.

Then he heard the notes of a piano and sickened as he realised his frustrated imagination was deluding him. But he was soon convinced it was real. The metaphysical became reality when he perceived that it was the amateur pianist downstairs. A fine player, but he had no ambition.

The concert pianist decided to listen a little longer before taking the pills, and so he settled back into his armchair the better to enjoy the performance.

A smile spread over his face as he heard the peaceful strains of Traumeri; Schumann, he recalled, had tried to suicide and failed. He had spent the last years of his life in an insane asylum. What a loathsome way to die!

A Schubert "Moment Musical" reached him and again he thought of the composer. Schubert had died, blind and insane, at thirty-one; he shuddered.

Perhaps his own suffering was mediocre in comparison?

Before he could answer his own question he heard the delicate chords of the "Graceful Dance" from Handel's "Water Music". Handel, he recollected, had met the same fate as Schubert, only in Handel's case it was drawn out until his death at seventy-two. The pianist's heart ached with pity and for a moment he forgot his own misery.

The solid tones of a Bach invention bounced up the stairs. Automatically he recalled that Bach had died blind, and Mozart, he thought, on hearing the "Alla Turca," had died a physical and mental wreck at thirty-five.

Then he heard the Minuet in G, by Beethoven, followed by "Für Elise". That composer spent the best years of his life deaf. He could not even hear music. That was much worse than merely not being able to play it. This man, thought the concert pianist, had intended to kill himself but had not; and the world was a richer place for his decision.

Chopin died of T.B. before he reached thirty-five; Hugo Wolfe died deaf, dumb, blind and insane in an asylum. What was the loss of three fingers compared to the loss of all one's faculties?

The pianist's mind was made up. He would live; he would face life fearlessly. He could still hear music even if he could no

longer play it. Sleeping tablets were the coward's way out! Savagely he hurled the bottle of pills through the window.

Downstairs the amateur pianist ceased playing and stared moodily at the keyboard. Even now his sight was dim. In another week he would be blind; the doctor had told him so.

There was nothing else he could do. Going to the cupboard, he took out a bottle of sleeping pills and poured some into his hand.

C. POWELL (4D).

### IMPRESSIONS OF A REPORTER

*(Over the past two years reporters from our school newspaper, "The Star," have interviewed a number of famous actors and actresses. Here is one such reporter's impressions of them.)*

"How do you do?" I muttered nervously to the two rather formidable people standing in front of me. They smiled back amicably, but still said nothing. "We're reporters from "The Star," I continued, indicating the others standing beside me. "You said we might interview you to-night."

A smile of comprehension appeared on their faces. They welcomed us and ushered us into their dressing-room.

The opening moments of this, our first interview with Dame Sybil Thorndike and Sir Lewis Casson, were typical of the opening portion of our interviews with other celebrities. But once we had actually sat down and begun talking, personality asserted itself. They were two of the most vivacious people I have ever met or ever expect to meet. In spite of the fact that Dame Sybil's hair was turning white, she was still very forceful. Her blue eyes twinkled in amusement at our awkwardness as she gestured vigorously with her hands to emphasise some point or other. Her voice, full of character yet also of charm, filled the room as she discussed, for example, the rival merits of such playwrights as Terence Rattigan and T. S. Eliot.

"Because Rattigan writes essentially for the stage and knows the theatre as well as he does, he is the best playwright England has at present. There is nobody else at all except, perhaps, Eliot."

Sir Lewis Casson, on the other hand, seemed to be a very good counterpoise to his wife. His tweed suit and ruddy cheeks seemed to typify the country English gentleman; he was slower to answer questions and he preferred to ponder over them and then to give a very clear and concise summary of his opinions.

But that night we did not hear only opinions. They told us a number of incidents that had happened to them in their stage lives over the years. There is one that particularly sticks in my mind and to which I always refer as the "Dog Story".

Sir Lewis Casson was acting in one of those rather melodramatic plays. It was being produced in as spectacular a way as possible, even going so far as to have live bloodhounds wandering about the stage. In one part of the play the villain gained control of these dogs and, being a very evil villain, ordered one of them to be taken

off-stage and tortured. A most piteous howling resounded through the theatre and even brought tears to one old lady's eyes. Soon somebody complained to the R.S.P.C.A. The following night officials from this Association were present in the very front row of the theatre. As the play proceeded they became more and more interested in it and were following the action open-mouthed. But then came the incident where the hound was tortured. The officials sprinted backstage and saw the horrible sight—Sir Lewis seated on a chair imitating a dog's howling. Embarrassed, the officials slunk back to their seats and tried to regain interest in the play, not very successfully though.

My first impressions of John McCallum and Googie Withers were that they were a younger version of Dame Sybil and Sir Lewis. Miss Withers, however, did not have that forcefulness and vibrant personality that Dame Sybil possessed. Her charm was of a quieter kind, more introspective. On the other hand, Mr. McCallum, with his frank, open features, seemed more flamboyant and in a way rather like the character of his favourite role of "Othello".

After other interviews, however, I decided that the contrast between an actor's favourite role and his own character is immense. I found this to be especially so with Judith Anderson, who portrayed, at the Elizabethan Theatre, Medea, a half-crazed creature with only one aim in mind, revenge on Jason, her former husband. Miss Anderson was quiet and charming; she had a very wide range of interests and spoke with authority on many different topics, especially T.V.

"T.V. will have little effect on good drama; people much prefer a well-acted play to some soap-box opera. But you should remember that T.V. is advantageous since it is possible to reach a very large audience quickly, as happened when Sir Laurence Olivier had his film 'Richard III' televised in the U.S. recently."

Miss Eve King of the Borovansky Ballet Company was the next person to be interviewed. Like the previous actors and actresses I had met, Miss King was pleasant, easy to talk with and not at all affected by the glamour and excitement of her work. In fact, she said that there was not much glamour really in dancing in such productions as "Nutcracker" and "Les Sylphides," if only because of the very strenuous and exceedingly tedious rehearsals, where hours would be spent in getting a single dance correct, both in relation to the dancer's position on the stage and the beat of the music from the orchestra. Moreover, rehearsals could be rendered even more wearisome by an ill-tempered or excitable choreographer who could become most temperamental over a dancer's inability to dance a step in exact correspondence with the music; while, on the other hand, when the choreographer is equable and not easily aroused into a passion, the whole rehearsal goes off with a swing which makes it much more enjoyable for everybody, even the members of the orchestra, who otherwise have to play the same few bars again and again.

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Finally, with Mr. Roger Livesey I met another person who reminded me of a country gentleman. When the group of us interviewed him back-stage at the Theatre Royal he still had some make-up on from his role as the father in "The Reluctant Debutante". He was a big, hearty man who had a habit of dramatising the incidents he described to us. He walked up and down in front of the couch on which we were seated, now adopting one person's hand gestures, facial mannerisms and voice, then another person's and another's, till finally he gave a most vivid idea of the incident and the people concerned with it. Of these incidents there is one I particularly remember. As Mr. Livesey told it, it was something like this:

"Towards the end of the first act of a play in which I was portraying the villain I was supposed to say to the hero 'You will suffer!', after which the curtain should have come down, but unfortunately it stuck. So I ad-libbed.

"Your father will suffer!" (Still no curtain.)

"Your mother and your family will suffer!" (I was playing desperately for time.)

"Even your friends and your relations will suffer!" (Still no curtain.)

"By now I gave up all hope of the curtain's even coming down," continued Mr. Livesey. "So I walked to the footlights and informed the audience that the act was over and that the curtain had stuck. But, as I was talking, the fire curtain slowly descended and left me stranded on the footlights. I turned round and looked at the audience. They were rocking with laughter. The only thing for me to do was to jump from the stage and clamber through the nearest balcony to the stage-door. I was humiliated, to say the least."

J. MASSELOS (5A).

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## THE MOON

*O, silver ball of seeming sweet content,  
That glides for ever in the boundless skies,  
Thou surely hast by some great power been sent;  
How great that power we only can surmise.  
Thou hast a greater brother, fiery, fine,  
Apollo's strength reflected in his might,  
But thou, his sister, humbler, sweeter, shine  
And thus art soft and gentle as thy light.  
The smaller stars, thy handmaidens, are sparse  
And scattered in that dark, vast blanket, night;  
They sometimes follow, sometimes seem to pass  
Thee as they make their pilgrimage of light.  
And when the dawn appears once more, the sun  
Rules over man and thy long watch is done.*

G. CASE (4D).

## IN THE THICK OF THE FRAY

The air in the playing room is oppressed by the heavy harness of nicotian activity. The friendly silence of faithful coffee cup tintinnabulation is never long disloyal while the feeble indignation of venerable furniture is diluted with the inexorable speech of horological invention.

Worldly worries clamouring for immediate attention are delayed to another day. The faces of the spectators recede into happy non-existence. The minutes grow fat, wax strong and will before long be the ancestors into many descendants.

Queens and rooks locked in mortal combat, scintillating sacrifices of bishops and knights hurled into the fray with calculated abandon—who can ever tire of such a spectacle!

Look at the knight, that clever chap, as with a triumphant shout he hurdles o'er the heads of his officers. Hark! The lone lorn creature on the long diagonal with the meek mien and the bishopric garb stirs. And see those striking studies of sovereign solidity, those stalwart sons of sterling splendour, the rooks. But surely there is none to rival in grace and in power the theme of honour's tongue, the good queen herself. And those gallant pawns, straight of limb and true of eye, the soul of the game, on whom the outcome of many a bloody battle rests. Cæsar in all his regalia was not arrayed like one of these.

The shouting and the tumult dies, the captains and the kings depart. The struggle has come to an end, a decision has been reached and the peace treaty ensues.

"What a grand fight!"

"Why, what a disgusting game!"

"What brilliance, I'm sure!"

"Nonsense! But for my foolish twenty-first move I would have . . . ."

To-day the victor's song; some other day the smell of sackcloth and ashes. But Justice also plays. Who knows what the setting sun of another glorious day may herald? Who next shall be fickle fortune's sweet minion? Verily, we can but concede the truth of the ancient adage: "No fool can play chess, and only fools do."

F. LOW (5B).

## THE EYES HAVE IT

Smokey's boots were dusty, his clothes were shabby, and his black hair and beard merged to form a jungle of knotted curls. His walk was bandy as he threw his arms from side to side, keeping time with a gold watch chain bouncing across his rounded belly. The brim of his hat was almost perpendicular to the ground, due to the fact that his aged eyes were staring, while his toothless mouth was grinning at the tall sights of beautiful Sydney.

At ten minutes to four the old fellow returned his hat to the

horizontal and his head to the erect position and advanced towards Macquarie Street for his appointment.

At four o'clock he was sitting in the waiting-room of the leading eye specialist of Sydney, Dr. Dodo. An attractive peroxidized nurse (name of Tilly—FG 7024) swayed into the room at precisely four and led him to the doctor, who then inquired about his patient's complaints. A tale of bitter woe ensued.

"I can't read and I dunno what's wrong. I try to read the paper, but I just can't make out the print. I were like this since I were born, an' since I struck 'er rich in Bendigo I seen all the docs in eastern Aussie except you, and none of 'em could 'elp me, so yo're me last 'ope. If you can't 'elp me to read, nobody can."

The doctor proceeded to make his examination. He tested for everything—range, colour-blindness, long- and short-sightedness, and numerous other optical imperfections, and concluded that the old man's sight was perfect in every respect.

"Yer lotter robbers!" he cried in disgust. "I've spent money on dozens of yours blokes without results."

Having said this, the old man flew out of the office in a rage.

The trip back to the bush was a long one and Smoky had plenty of time to think. On arriving at his destination he had made up his mind.

"There's only one thing to do, and that's what Myrtle says; I'll just have to go to school."

R. DAWSON (4c).

## ALONE

*Alone—*

*I saw alone on the sand,  
Alone with the rain on the desert sand,  
A small tree growing, growing alone,  
In the rain and the wind on the sand.*

*Alone—*

*I saw alone in the sand,  
Alone with the rain and the sun on the sand,  
A small tree, thriving, living alone,  
In the rain and the sun on the sand.*

*Alone—*

*I saw alone on the sand,  
Alone with the sun on the desert sand,  
A small tree, withering, dying alone,  
In the heat and the sun on the sand.*

W. O. SHERRARD (4A).

## EVACUATION

It was June, 1940.

The water was cold, the soldier extremely tired and the night dark. The place was Dunkirk beach and the darkness served a dual purpose. It saved the living occupants from many a spectacle of horror as hundreds of men lay dying upon the sands, and it also prevented the beach being bombed by enemy aircraft.

The soldier stood on the end of a long line of men stretching out into the water. This was the smallest of three queues, the head of which was already standing in water up to the waist. Half an hour passed. Then a small boat appeared. Several figures from the head of the queue clambered in and were rowed away into the darkness. The rest shuffled forward. Along the whole queue not a word was spoken. The men just stood there, silently staring into the darkness, praying that a boat would come and fearing that it would not. Heads and shoulders only showed above water, fixed immovable, like a grotesque line of rocks. The dead weight of waterlogged boats and sodden clothes pinned them down. It was lucky that the water was calm, for if there had been a swell many would have drowned, being too exhausted to make a struggle against the sea.

Another boat appeared, but it stopped at the head of the queue on the left. After a while the boat drew away and the men resumed their vigil. Three times the soldier nearly fell asleep upon his feet. With a start he woke up and tried to remain awake. After a long while a dread that there would be no more boats attacked him. His heart became as heavy as his waterlogged body.

During all this time ill-directed German shells continued to rain in on the beach. Stray hot splinters flew around the men's heads, hissing as they fell into the water.

Ages passed. The soldier began to give up hope of a boat. His tired eyes hurt from straining to pierce the darkness. Suddenly out of the blackness materialised the white shape of a ship's boat. It stopped twenty yards in front of the queue. The men hailed it, dreading that they had not been seen. The boat edged closer and a voice informed the queue that to come any closer in to the shore was too risky.

There was a slight hesitation at the head of the queue, and then the men began to move out to the boat. Higher rose the water with every step they took. Their feet just maintained contact with the bottom by the time they had reached the side of the boat. Four men in tin-hats began hoisting the soldiers out of the water.

Reaching up, the soldier could just grasp the gunwhale of the boat. When he tried to haul himself up he couldn't move an inch. He might have been a sack of lead. A great dread of being left behind seized him. Two powerful hands reached out and fastened under his arm-pits. Another pair of hands stretched down and hooked themselves onto the belt at the back of his great-coat. Before

he had time to realise it, he was pulled up and dumped in the bottom of the boat.

The boat was quickly filled and soon got under way, leaving the rest of the queue to wait for another boat.

P. J. HANKS (4D).

### SONNET

*Once in a grog-shop in Chicago town  
 Stood "Spuds" McGoik and several of his boys  
 Consuming liquor (they just poured it down),  
 When suddenly they thought they heard a noise.  
 "Spuds" spun around and pumped with his two gats  
 Straight in the skull of Joe "the Card" McCoy.  
 "Righto, me boys, jus' kinely raise your hats,"  
 Said "Spuds". He was a decent sort o' boy.*

*They buried Joe behind the dingy shop;  
 Beneath six feet of dirt the poor guy lay.  
 What was the use of calling in a cop?  
 "The Card" was dead, and dead he had to stay.  
 Said "Spuds," "He was a decent sort of gawk,  
 Though I never liked the way he used to walk."*

R. BRENNAN (4A).

### DEATH OF A POACHER

The sun was almost set, and the arm of the creek lay bathed in an amber glow. The evening breeze ruffled the surface into rosy wavelets, light as the snow-soft plumage of a swan. There was a brooding calm; a peaceful Malayan dusk descending—replacing a dying sunset—as Tanoy stepped into the creek, nearly home.

The tracker put out a restraining hand. "Do not follow, Takein; he will never reach the other side." . . . We stood beside the rustling mangroves, rigid with a sense of impending tragedy. With the descent of night the mists were creeping up from the river and the glow-worms and fire-flies gleamed in the forest's sombre depths.

Tanoy was already nearing the farther shore, yet he appeared to be making no further progress. Waist-deep in the dimly lit water, he seemed to be fighting an invisible enemy who was chaining him down.

In a flash I realised the significance of the tracker's prophecy, "He will never reach the other side." The Siamese was in the toils of a quicksand, and his moments were numbered. Subconsciously I started to his rescue, but my companion, with a wave of the hand, whispered, "It is useless, and 'tis better so."

We could only stand and watch his final torment.

Slowly, even as the darkness gathered, Tanoy sank into the

merciless depths of the lagoon. One could almost feel the cloying horror of the slime as it welcomed his exhausted body and the mangrove roots imprisoned him with their livid grey tentacles. There was one long cry of horror and utter despair as the mud closed over his head and the glowing waters regained their unruffled calm.

Slowly the last bubble died upon the surface, and night spread its mantle over the unhappy waters of the lagoon. Perhaps the jungle had claimed a lawful victim; and he who had waged a merciless war against all jungle life had but paid the final penalty, ensnared in the relentless chains.

And thus, in after years, as memory casts its cloud about the spirit, an evening breeze ruffling the sunset surface of a mid-jungle swamp will always bring to mind those last few moments of anguish of Tanoy, prince of poachers.

D. HUMPHRIES (4E).

## IN REMEMBRANCE OF SUMMER, 1955-56.

### α Very Wet Season

(Apologies to Dorothea Mackellar.)

*The love of sunburnt paddocks,  
Of hot, dry, endless plains,  
Of dusty scrub and mulga  
Is running in your veins;  
Strong love of bright blue distance,  
Fine surf and cloudless skies—  
I know but cannot share it,  
My love is otherwise.*

*I love a rainsoaked country,  
A land of flooded plains,  
Of dripping mountain ranges,  
Of almost constant rains.  
I love her lost horizons,  
I love her storm-tossed sea,  
Her dampness and her marshes—  
The wet grey land for me.*

*The inundated forests,  
All sickly in the moon,  
The fogbound misted mountains,  
The cold grey drip of noon,  
The clammy, clinging bushes  
Where slimy leeches coil,  
And debris decks the treetops  
And fungus decks the soil.*

## THE RECORD

*Sluice of my heart, my country!  
'Neath pitiful grey sky,  
When sick of rain (why blame them?)  
The fed-up cattle die—  
And then the grey clouds scatter!  
But we're prepared to bet  
They will again bring back to us  
That hot and soaking sweat.*

*Sluice of my heart, my country!  
The land of musty mould,  
For flood and flood and more flood  
She pays us back threefold;  
Over the sodden paddocks,  
Watch over many days  
The sticky mass of quagmire  
That deepens as we gaze.*

*A broken-hearted country,  
A sloshy, misty land—  
All you who have not loved her,  
You will not understand . . .  
Though earth holds many splendours,  
Wherever I may die,  
I know to what wet country  
My homing thoughts will fly.*

P. T. (4E).

## GLAMOUR WIFE

In later years she was always to remember it was a Friday, and a dreary, cold one at that, when it all began.

The alarm shrieked at her with an insistence that refused to be ignored, and she rose and began breakfast with the same automatic motions that twenty years of breakfast preparation bring; but this morning something was different.

As her husband crunched toast heartily behind his newspaper, Christine Murphy sipped her coffee and reflected with some bitterness how his "good-morning" was as distant as if she were some aunt far removed, and the hasty peck on departure for the office would be something obligatory.

With an effort she appeared bright. "John," she said, "you didn't remark on the new outfit I had on last night. Did you like it?"

Slowly the paper descended and for a moment his eyes rested on her.

"No, Chris," he answered, "to tell the truth I didn't notice it; pip it on at the week-end and I'll have a peek; there's a good girl, eh?"

Then he was gone and another long day, empty of anything but housework, loomed ahead of her. She sat alone in her kitchen

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and thought how quickly life went by and with it one's youth and dreams. With eyes a little brighter than usual, Chris gulped down more coffee and thought: "He's forgotten my birthday. I knew he would."

The doorbell shattered her reverie. Waiting outside was her life-long friend, Muriel Bentley, who even at seven in the morning looked glamorous. As they talked a plan unfolded itself to Chris and, after Muriel had dashed off, she went and gazed into the mirror.

"Heavens! No wonder John didn't notice me any more," she thought to herself. "I've let myself go—I'm mousy, and washed out and ordinary."

Suddenly she rushed to the 'phone and made an appointment with a beauty parlour. In a fever of excitement she dressed and dashed out, suddenly feeling exhilarated and expectant as to what the day would bring.

Reckless of cost, she hired a taxi. A rather hard-faced receptionist bade her to wait and then she was confronted by Pierre himself—so smooth, so dapper and so flattering.

"I want to be a platinum blonde," Chris said, "with a facial and all the trimmings."

Pierre gave a knowing nod and at the click of his fingers Chris suddenly found herself plunged into a ring of attendants, who after receiving Pierre's instructions, with conspirator-like nods, whisked her away to three hours of bewildering latherings, rinsings and plungings.

As the finished product stared back at her, Chris thrilled with joy.

"I look at least ten years younger," she thought. "I look glamorous. It's terrific."

She could have kissed the purring Pierre for the miracle he had created, and when he waved the bill at her it seemed a joy to pay.

Elated, she emerged into the city streets and suddenly felt gloriously conscious of the interested looks thrown at her by male passers-by.

Another taxi home, and was that a wink the young cab-driver gave her as she paid the fare? His wolf-whistle, as she tripped up the path, was to her starved ears a concerto.

Sudden panic seized her on the doorstep. Many voices floated through the front windows. Frantically peering through the curtains, she saw the room full of neighbours and friends with glasses clutched in their hands and dear John and her sons in the centre of it all.

How lovely, she thought—a surprise party—and what a lovely surprise she had for them.

Bracing herself, she took out her key, but at that moment John's voice floated out strong and clear. She almost reeled as she listened.

"You know, Jim," he said, "I can't stand these tizzy-looking

blondes; give me 'a Jeannie with the light brown hair' like my Christine any day."

B. NORWOOD (4c).

### FROM A CAR ON A HILL

*Last night I saw the moon,  
A china orange  
Hung suspended in a spider-web of mist;  
A rust-gold sovereign  
Ruling all the sky.*

*And such a witching,  
So bewitching moon,  
So far removed from this earth's tangibility,  
And yet so real and near,  
I felt that I  
Could peel that orange from the sky  
And taste the tang of moon-dreams.*

*And then we motored down the hill,  
And it was gone behind a block of flats,  
And all the troubles of this earth  
Had called me back.*

N. J. MOSES (5A).

### TIGERS

As the train pulled away from the station the door of my carriage opened and a little grey-haired old gentleman stepped in. He was carrying a huge sack, obviously rather heavy, and he sported a large, shaggy white moustache, which almost completely obscured his mouth. He staggered into the carriage with his sack, sat down in the opposite corner, and began to stare intently out of the window at the passing scenery.

Suddenly, however, his stare fixed itself on something which seemed to be directly outside the window. My curiosity aroused, I looked, too, but I could see nothing except the landscape streaming past. Then the man flung open his sack, parked between his feet, and withdrew, to my great surprise, a pebble about the size of a halfpenny, and, after examining it closely for some seconds, he opened the window and threw it out, then slammed the window shut again. After staring fearfully out of the window for a while, he let out a sigh and sank back into his seat.

Amazed as I was at this strange behaviour, I said nothing, but picked up a newspaper from the seat beside me and began to read it. About five minutes later I heard the window slide up sharply again and I lowered the newspaper just in time to see him hurl another, almost identical pebble out of the window, which he then

proceeded to slam shut with some force, and, having stared out of the window, a while longer, he resumed his previous position in his seat.

My curiosity was still further aroused, but still I said nothing. However, after the man had repeated his performance of throwing a pebble out of the window at least ten times in half an hour, I could contain my curiosity no longer.

"Pardon me," I said, "but why do you throw a pebble out of the window every five minutes?"

"Ahah," he said, "it's to keep away the tigers."

"Tigers! But there aren't any tigers around here!"

"I know," he answered. "It's effective, isn't it?"

T. LANDECKER (4A).

### UPHOLDING THE TRADITION

(The sinking of H.M.A.S. "Perth," Sunda Strait, 28th February, 1942)

*Through the mystic, inky blackness of the Indonesian waters,  
Pitch darkness to the fore and aft, pitch darkness on the quarters,  
The bold Australian cruiser, "Perth," was homeward bound at last,  
With her turbines throbbing deeply as the oily waves slid past.*

*Homeward bound! The ship proclaimed it from her bow-wave to  
her wake,*

*Homeward bound to sun-kissed beaches where the lazy rollers break,  
Home to Melbourne's busy bustle, home to Queensland's coral  
strand,*

*Home to all the glorious wonders of the Southern Cross's land.*

*But for many of "Perth's" crew that night, no home-coming would be,  
For they would die among the horrors of a modern fight at sea;  
Amid the whining shrapnel, and the big guns' fiery breath,  
A battle is a meeting place of glory, pain and death.*

*A slinking shape was sighted in the gloom of starless night  
Which ignored "Perth's" winking challenge, and its silence spelt out  
"Fight!"*

*"Action Stations! Jap. destroyer!" The alarm's harsh, urgent  
rattle*

*Sounded wildly through the vessel, calling gallant men to battle.*

*"Perth's" ever-watchful turrets swung towards the half-seen foe,  
While the shells were being hoisted from the magazines below.  
"Fire!" came the thrilling order, and the night was burst asunder  
By the terrifying challenge of a British broadside's thunder.*

*But other Jap. destroyers came racing to the fight,  
And the deafening noise of gunfire re-echoed through the night,  
And though "Perth" battled gamely, her fate was signed and sealed—  
Torpedoes ripped her throbbing sides, the gallant vessel reeled.*

*The grand old ship was dying, her fighting days were done,  
But she sank in wondrous glory, like the setting of the sun;  
Though o'erwhelmed by numbers and the lack of ammunition,  
"Perth" had fought a glorious battle to uphold a grand tradition.*

A. IRELAND (3A).

### WARNEE

Warnee stopped at the drinking fountain in the corner of the compound and spat in disgust. His thoughts drifted back over the last two weeks. To him they seemed an eternity. Warnee spat again and growled deep down in his throat. The accursed white man and that yellow-livered police boy, Possum! If it hadn't been for them he would not now be in the Derby police lock-up. What a misfortune it had been to be caught at that clear Kimberley pool while catching tortoises! And now they had him—they had Warnee, Warnee the cattle-spearer, Warnee who had shot the white man at the Bungendi Station, Warnee the terrible, the cunning warrior.

Once a day for the last two weeks he had been allowed exercise in the tiny gaol yard. The water fountain stood in one corner of the enclosure. He remembered the time when a little pool of natural water collected in just that spot. Now there was the metal drinking fountain. To Warnee the fountain represented the advance of the hated white man into his beloved tribal lands, the Kimberleys. The savage shook his fist at it and then turned towards the north-east, towards the hills of his home.

With the sun sinking like a fiery ball into the sea, Warnee was led back to his tiny cell. Chewing his beard, he stretched his massive black frame onto the hard couch and stared at the ceiling. "It must be to-night," he thought. "The four walls make me weak, and I shall not have the strength for many more days." For the hundredth time his eyes wandered over the bare walls of his confinement. They were constructed of clay and stone bricks, impregnable unless one possessed a chisel. Warnee's searching eyes moved to the ceiling. This was actually only a covering of wire mesh which was stretched across in between the four walls, over their tops and built into the stone on the outside. Fastened down to beams, made of solid tree trunks and spaced at regular distances along the top of the wall, was a flat tin roof. This meant that between the mesh and the tin roof was a gap of about ten inches through which he might squeeze if he could get through the mesh.

Then his eyes noticed that in the corner of the room the wire was cemented into the stone on the inside. If only he could scrape away the stone and pull down the corner of the wire! His black hand groped into his matted hair and withdrew a splinter of bone. He had managed to scavenge this from the cooking fires of the bush natives when he was on the chain, being brought to Derby.

Standing on his bed, Warnee dug the sharp bone into the stone. A piece flaked off. He struck again and another chip fell to the

floor. Swiftly Warnee struck and struck again. The pile of chips on the floor was growing; the first strand parted from the stone. Outside it was now quite dark; the white man had retired. In the horse paddock the neighing of some young colt echoed away into the bush. The sweet scent of the eucalyptus wafted to Warnee's broad flat nose as he slaved away, chipping his way to freedom.

Warnee grunted with satisfaction as the last of the corner strands parted. Replacing his bone splinter, he gripped the tops of the wall with his knotty fingers and dragged himself through the mesh and lay along the wall. Through the narrow crack he gazed up Derby's main street. The gap to freedom was narrow, but Warnee knew he could squeeze through—he had to. He lowered his head through and then contracted those broad shoulders and wriggled downwards. The sharp roof cut into his back, but Warnee was unconscious of pain and wriggled on. His outstretched arms searched for the ground, which he at last found. His feet slipped through the crack and Warnee crumpled onto the grass. He slipped over the fence, crept down the road and strode into the bush. He was free.

Warnee breathed deeply; the air was keen and smelt of the fresh bush. He laughed to himself as he broke into that ambling gait that can carry the bush aborigine so far without tiring him. To-morrow he would be far away from the dreaded Derby town. A night owl hooted and a wallaby thumped away into the scrub as Warnee ran on, onwards to his home, deep among the crags and bluffs of the mighty King Leopolds, the Kimberleys. Warnee was going back to his people.

W. DELANEY (4D).

## TWO TRANSLATIONS

### (1) A Sentence of Exile.

*When I recall that night, that bitter night  
That was for me the last of all in Rome,  
When I recall the night, the night I left  
So many dear ones, even now I weep.  
Aurora's golden rays were yet to shine  
When Caesar's Royal Order came to me:  
That I to Rome must never more return  
Or see Ausonia's shores before I died.  
For me there was no time, no interval,  
Nor was my mind sufficiently prepared  
To plan for exile; Oh! my heart was numb  
With long delay and cruel expectancy.  
I had no slaves, nor did I have the heart  
For choosing friends to come away with me;  
I was as one, struck by the bolts of Jove,  
Who lives, yet is unconscious of his life.*

*But soon, however, grief itself did clear  
My clouded mind; my faculties grew strong.  
So then, did I, so soon about to leave,  
Speak with my friends of whom so few were there.  
My loving wife did hold me as I wept,  
And tears flowed down her undeserving cheeks.  
My daughter was in distant Libyan lands  
And could not know about my dreadful fate.  
Wherever you might look throughout my house,  
The people wept as though my death had come;  
Men, women, children, all gave forth their grief  
And every corner held its pool of tears.*

—From Ovid—*Tristia*.

(2) **Charon.**

*The ferry-keeper Charon keeps the Styx,  
In awful filth and squalor, dark and foul;  
A beard of unkempt hair hangs from his chin,  
His fiery eyes are fixed, a searing light.  
A dirty cloak falls stinking from a knot  
Tied round his shoulders.*

*He propels the craft  
That takes dead souls across the Stygian stream.  
The boat is dark, the river dark as pitch,  
And he is dark, that loathsome god of Hell,  
Who many years has lived, but still  
The old-age of a god is fresh and green.*

*Hither comes the mortal turmoil,  
Straggling, running to the river;  
Wives and husbands dead in Hades,  
Bodies of great-minded heroes,  
Boys and unwed girls come running,  
Young men dead before their parents'  
Horror-stricken eyes and faces,  
Young men fresh from funeral-pyres.*

*As many as the fallen leaves that drop  
From forest-trees when Autumn's frost has come,  
As many as the birds that leave the cold  
And fly across the sea to sunny lands;  
And standing there they beg him; each one pleads  
To be the first to cross this final stream.  
Outstretched their arms and sorrowful their cries  
Of longing for the distant other bank.  
The surly boatman doth receive now these,  
Now those, according to his selfish choice,  
But some he keeps in spite, far, far removed,  
Far from the sand, far from their dreams of peace.*

—From Virgil—*The Aeneid*.

Translated into English verse by C. POWELL (4b).

## ESCAPE FROM SINGAPORE

It was January, 1942. Singapore was a hive of activity. For days it had been rumoured that the British troops on the mainland were being slowly pushed into the sea. The rumour gradually became fact, as regiments of soldiers, bedraggled and defeated, were carried across the Channel to Singapore.

Europeans and Asiatics alike had tried to convince themselves that there was nothing to fear; the Japanese would be pushed back, and they would be safe. Under this delusion a tense, calm atmosphere, filled with uncertainty, hung over the island. But when at last it was realised that the Japanese were preparing to cross the strait the calm changed to panic.

White people, who had delayed too long, rushed to the wharves to secure a passage on a ship that was bound for Darwin, and safety. Already on the horizon hundreds of vessels could be seen travelling towards Sumatra, while others remained stationary at the wharves, their unscrupulous captains selling tickets at exorbitant prices to the highest bidder. The wharves swarmed with a dense mass of moving people: natives, in their colourful sarongs, running panic-stricken with their few belongings; Chinese trying vainly to maintain their characteristic lack of excitement; and white men conspicuous in their white drill suits and sun helmets.

One of the latter was walking down the gang-plank from one of the largest ships of all the motley crowd of boats in port. Pushing his way through the jostling crowd with difficulty, he managed to reach a building, some distance from the quay, which bore the sign "Department of Communications and Cables, Singapore".

In the comparative quiet and coolness of the office he took off his hat and, nodding to the various men at their desks, he crossed the room and opened the door of an office upon which was inscribed

"D. F. Van Leyden,  
Manager of the Singapore Cables Department."

He sat in his chair and took from his pocket four tickets, which were his and his family's passports to safety. Just then someone knocked at his door and, putting the tickets back in his pocket, he went over to open it. A messenger boy handed him a white envelope. Back at his desk, Van Leyden opened the letter and read its contents.

22/1/42.

Army Headquarters,  
Singapore,

Van Leyden,

I have been instructed to tell you to remain at the office until the Japanese enter the city. Any messages you receive are to be sent straight away to Army Headquarters.

Knowing you as well as I do, I know that you will do your duty.

Yours faithfully,  
(Colonel) K. Johnson.

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Van Leyden read the letter through with a sinking heart. All his hopes that he might reach Australia with his family were dashed to the ground. He realised that this paper was his death warrant. He would have to do his duty and remain by his post, taking the fateful cable messages, until captured by the Japanese.

His first thought was to tell his wife the awful news. With a heavy heart he walked slowly towards his home, which was situated in a better part of the town. He walked slowly up the drive, wondering how to break the news. When he opened the door he found his wife, Joan, waiting for him.

She was about thirty years of age, but the proud manner in which she held her head, and an expression which showed great indomitability of purpose, made her look older.

He told her that the attack was expected about nine o'clock, and the boat was to leave at eight, and at the same time he gave her the tickets. Then he wretchedly explained to her the contents of the letter. She knew what it meant—that she probably would never see him again; yet, with great self-control, she managed to suppress her emotions and led him to where their two daughters were having lunch.

He tried to appear jovial at the table, but the happiness was forced. The girls, however, failed to respond to his cheerfulness, even their high spirits being damped by the tenseness of the atmosphere and an ominous, sinking fear of what the future held in store.

Having said good-bye to his wife and family, he walked briskly down the drive in the direction of his office. Joan watched until his form disappeared from sight and, unable to control the gnawing anxiety any longer, she went to her bedroom to find relief in tears.

When she had recovered herself sufficiently she began to prepare for her flight. She packed into a small suitcase her jewellery and most valuable belongings, realising that she would be unable to take anything more with her. The cars, the valuable carpets, paintings and mirrors would have to be left to be destroyed by the Japanese. She dismissed all the servants except Lala, a faithful man, whom she had taken into her care and who was to go with her.

Then came the most nerve-racking period of all, a period of waiting and worrying, waiting for her departure from this terror-stricken island, and worrying for the safety of her husband and children.

About four o'clock in the afternoon she received a message from her husband. It was a warning not to leave the safety of the house too soon, as it was expected that the invasion would be preceded by a plane attack on the boats.

The four of them sat in the lounge-room. Joan tried to raise the spirits of the children by talking, but at last the strain became too great and she lapsed back into silence. The clock on the mantelpiece ticked eerily, the ticks seeming to be magnified tenfold by the silence that reigned inside the house. Tick . . . tick . . . tick . . . five

o'clock struck. The monotonous ticking droned on . . . Six o'clock had come at last, and seven.

The waiting became unbearable, and Joan felt that she would go mad if she had to listen to the incessant ticking any longer. She left the room and wandered out onto the balcony. The sun was just setting with the brilliant splash of colours which are so characteristic of the Orient. The mainland could be discerned, like a dark shadow on the horizon, while the grey clouds which hovered over it were illuminated around the edges by the bright red rays of the setting sun.

Then, as complete darkness began to settle over the land, the first of the Japanese bombers began to drone towards the island. They roared low over the house, and the "crump" of the exploding bombs could be heard in the distance, each explosion seeming to be closer than the first. Another wave of bombers roared overhead and all of a sudden a terrific blast rocked the whole house—a bomb had exploded in the back gardens and part of the inside walls had cracked and crashed to the ground.

Joan, who had been thrown to the ground outside by the force of the explosion, ran back onto the balcony and found Lala lying stunned on a pile of masonry, which blocked the opening to the lounge-room, the children trapped inside. With bare hands she began to clear away the fallen rock, and at last, with her hands cut and bleeding, she made a hole large enough for her to get into the room. She found the girls near the suitcase, terrified but unhurt.

She pulled them to their feet and carried them outside into the open air, where Lala had recovered and was waiting for them. She looked at her watch and found to her surprise that it was a quarter to eight—she had only a quarter of an hour to reach the ship.

Carrying the suitcase, she, Lala and the girls ran along the street towards the docks. Flames, caused by the bombing, were leaping high into the air from the houses along each side of the street. The bombing had lessened, but twice the four of them were thrown to the ground by the force of the exploding bombs. They picked themselves up and ran on and on through the blazing streets. There were the docks and ships in front of them.

Suddenly a terrific explosion threw them heavily upon the pavement. Still dizzy from the impact, Joan looked up and gazed upon the blazing wreck that had once been a ship. A few minutes earlier and they would have been dead; but their last hope of escape was gone.

Joan stood there, paralysed and dumbfounded, and then, with a groan of despair, she sank to the ground and remembered no more. When she recovered she found herself on a small junk, with Singapore far behind them. Lala had carried her to it, and obtained a passage for them to Sumatra. The next day they were on board a liner bound for Darwin and safety. Darwin loomed up several

days later, a haven of peace. In another three weeks they were at Sydney.

It was January, 1946. Joan was standing on the balcony of her flat overlooking Sydney Harbour. Her hair had streaks of grey in it now, and her face was lined. Her eyes had lost some of that hardness, which had been so characteristic of her, and been replaced by softness.

She was looking towards the west, where the sun had just disappeared behind a bank of dark clouds, the edges of which were illuminated by the red rays of the setting sun.

In her hand she held a letter, only part of which was legible, the rest smudged by tears.

"He remained by his post until the last. An attempt was made to reach the office to save him, but the Japanese had reached it first. His body lay on the floor. He had died doing his duty. . . ."

R. GILES (4b).

### ON SEEING A HEADLAND

*I have seen  
Gulliver, sprawled  
Upon the sea,  
Asleep.*

*The Headland,  
His body,  
A sensuous curve of motion  
Stilled, seemed in bondage  
To silent waves foaming white on rocks.*

*I have watched,  
Envious  
Of this perfect tranquillity,  
Unbroken even by waves  
Constantly battering and breaking upon him,  
Striving to subdue him to serfdom.  
I, envious,  
Have watched his escape  
From world-worry and life-weariness.*

*Would I accept bondage  
Of thought for content in life?  
Or would I, like the sea,  
Infringing upon all of Gulliver,  
Be the captor and the harrier,  
Defy, even overcome, leviathans  
With little waves of white-flecked triumph?*

J. MASSELOS (5A).

# THE RECORD

## INTERMEDIATE ENGLISH TEXTS, 1957

### A. Prescribed Book:

Shakespeare: "The Merchant of Venice" (any edition).

### B. List of Approved Books for General Reading:

#### 1. Prose:

(a) "At Home and Next Door," selected by Don Edwards (Angus and Robertson).

(b) A. Grimble: "Pattern of Islands (abridged edition by Murray).

Or

R. L. Stevenson: "St. Ives" (any edition).

#### 2. Poetry:

(a) W. Morris: "The Man Born to be King" (any edition).

(b) "The Poets' Commonwealth," edited by Murdoch (Oxford University Press).

The Poems to be studied are:—

#### Part I—The Open Air.

"A Wonderer's Song"	..	..	..	..	..	Masefield
"The West Wind"	..	..	..	..	..	Masefield
"The Cloud"	..	..	..	..	..	Shelley
"The Brook"	..	..	..	..	..	Tennyson
"The Vagabond"	..	..	..	..	..	Stevenson
"By Wood and Wold"	..	..	..	..	..	Gordon
"A-roving"	..	..	..	..	..	Daley
"A Midsummer Noon"	..	..	..	..	..	Harpur
"The Bush"	..	..	..	..	..	Cuthbertson
"The Magpie's Song"	..	..	..	..	..	Williamson
"The Australian Sunrise"	..	..	..	..	..	Cuthbertson

#### Part II—Songs of Action.

"A Ballad of Agincourt"	..	..	..	..	..	Drayton
"The Destruction of Sennacherib"	..	..	..	..	..	Byron
"The Discoverer of the North Cape"	..	..	..	..	..	Longfellow
"The Forsaken Merman"	..	..	..	..	..	Arnold
"Christmas at Sea"	..	..	..	..	..	Stevenson
"The Royal Mails"	..	..	..	..	..	Hodgson
"Sherwood"	..	..	..	..	..	Noyes
"The Teams"	..	..	..	..	..	Lawson
"The Fire at Ross's Farm"	..	..	..	..	..	Lawson
"Clancy of the Overflow"	..	..	..	..	..	Paterson
"In the Droving Days"	..	..	..	..	..	Paterson

#### Part V—Love of Country.

"The Armada"	..	..	..	..	..	Masefield
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"Ballade of the Southern Cross" .. .. .	Lang
"A Dedication" .. .. .	Gordon
"Home Thoughts from Abroad" .. .. .	Browning

### Part VI—Pure Lyric.

"The Splendour Falls" .. .. .	Tennyson
"Young and Old" .. .. .	Kingsley

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### A. Prescribed Books:

1. Shakespeare: "Macbeth" (any edition may be used, but the text quoted in the examination paper will be that edited by Verity, Cambridge University Press).
2. "Points of View," edited M. A. Pink (Macmillan).

The following essays are to be read:—

"Spoon Feeding" .. .. .	W. R. Inge
"Betting" .. .. .	W. R. Inge
"Does Culture Matter?" .. .. .	E. M. Forster
"How Free is the Press?" .. .. .	D. L. Sayers
"Hamlet as a Literary Struldbrug" .. .. .	C. E. M. Joad
"A Defence of Penny Dreadfuls" .. .. .	G. K. Chesterton
"English Snobbery" .. .. .	A. Huxley
"Amateur Dramatics" .. .. .	James Agate
"The Great God Gun" .. .. .	A. G. Gardiner
"The World of Sport" .. .. .	H. G. Wells
"Speed" .. .. .	Robert Lynd
"On Being Able to Amuse Ourselves" .. .. .	L. Doyle
"Talking" .. .. .	Arnold Bennett
"Two Dragons in the Road" .. .. .	Sir R. Livingstone

### B. List of Approved Books for General Reading:

1. W. M. Thackeray: "Vanity Fair" (any edition).  
Or  
H. G. Wells: "Mr. Polly" (any edition).
2. Modern Short Plays, edited L. Rees (Angus & Robertson).  
Or  
H. Belloc: "The Path to Rome" (any unabridged edition).  
Or  
R. L. Stevenson: "Travels with a Donkey" and "An Inland Voyage" (Dent, The King's Treasuries).
3. "A Background Anthology of English Poetry," edited by Prothero and Roche (Arnold).

Teachers may choose any five of the following groups, and treat all or any of the poems in each group in such a way as to study at least twenty poems. Treatment should be comparative both within the group and between group and group.

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## Group A.

Passage from "Dr. Faustus"	..	..	..	..	Marlowe
Sonnet .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Spenser
Passage from "Henry V"	..	..	..	..	Shakespeare
Sonnet (i) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Shakespeare
Sonnet (ii) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Shakespeare
"Agincourt" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Drayton

## Group B.

"Death the Leveller" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Shirley
"On His Blindness" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Milton
Passage from "Lycidas" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Milton

## Group C.

Passage from "The Rape of the Lock"	..	..	..	..	Pope
Passage from "Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot"	..	..	..	..	Pope
"Ode to Evening" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Collins
"Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard"	..	..	..	..	Gray

## Group D.

Sonnet Upon Westminster Bridge .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Wordsworth
Passage from "The Prelude" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Wordsworth
"Ozymandias" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Shelley
"England in 1819" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Shelley
Passage from "Don Juan" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Byron
Passage from "English Bards and Scotch Reviewers"	..	..	..	..	Byron
"On the Grasshopper and the Cricket" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Keats

## Group E.

"Soliloquy of the Spanish Cloister" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Browning
"The Italian in England" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Browning
"Morte d'Arthur" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Tennyson
"Ulysses" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Tennyson
Passage from "The Scholar Gypsy" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Arnold
Chorus from "Atalanta" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Swinburne

## Group F.

"Duncton Hill" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Belloc
"The Donkey" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Chesterton
"Wine and Water" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Chesterton
"The Rider at the Gate" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Masefield

## Group G.

"O Where Are You Going?" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Auden
"Morning at the Window" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Eliot
"Service of All the Dead" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	Lawrence

NOTE: Of the alternative books, those treated at S.H.S. will be "Mr. Polly" and "Modern Short Plays".

