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Editorial

THE FIRST FOLIO.

The people of England have lately celebrated with a good deal of enthusiasm an anniversary—the 300th—which does not appear to have excited in this part of the world as much interest as it deserves. On the 8th of November, 1623, the Worshipful Company of Stationers formally granted to Edward Blount and Isaac Jaggard licence to publish sixteen of the unprinted plays of William Shakespeare. The entry of this licence in the register may still be seen at the Stationers' Hall, the names of the sixteen plays being given. The publishers included in the same volume, apparently without licence, four other unprinted dramas, as well as sixteen which had been previously printed.

This volume was the famous First Folio, and its editors were two friends of the dramatist, John Heminge and Henry Condell, who undertook the task "out of love for the man"; Shakespeare, of course, having died in 1616 without collecting or publishing his plays. His practice was to sell his manuscript to the Company of Players, receiving from six to ten pounds for each. The Company produced them, and the author always had a benefit performance, which yielded about fifteen pounds. Twelve of the plays were published separately in quarto editions with the consent of the Company, who sold them to the printers for about two pounds each. Four more (including Henry V.) were published by pirate printers, either from actors' manu-

scripts or from shorthand notes taken during a performance. From these facts it is evident that Shakespeare was not concerned greatly with posterity.

We may safely agree with J. R. Lowell, who says: "We doubt if posterity owe a greater debt to any two men living in 1623 than to the two obscure actors who in that year published the first folio edition of Shakespeare's plays. But for them, it is more than likely that such of his works as had remained to that time unprinted would have been irrevocably lost, among them "Julius Cæsar," "Macbeth," and "The Tempest."

The price of the First Folio was one pound, and only five hundred were printed, so neither editors nor publishers can have made a fortune out of it. Of this number Sir Sidney Lee says a hundred and eighty can still be traced. They are, of course, to be found in the British Museum, the Bodleian, and other great libraries, as well as in the possession of private collectors. Their value, of course, depends on their state of preservation, but even a mutilated copy is worth thousands. An almost perfect specimen was recently purchased for the British Museum for over £8,000. There is one copy in Australia, in the Mitchell Library in Sydney.

All honour, then, to John Heminge and Henry Condell, and still more to William Shakespeare, the "English King, whom no time or chance, Parliament or combination of Parliaments, can dethrone."

THE SIGN POST.

We wish to draw the attention of boys who are leaving school to a little booklet with the above title, written by the Rev. J. W. Bethune, Headmaster of the Launceston Church Grammar School. Mr. Bethune has not forgotten that he was once a boy himself, and he wishes, as he says in his preface, to make boys stop and think at a turning point in their lives. He deals quite briefly and in a practical way with such subjects as smoking, swearing, drink, immorality, gambling, and the choice of a vocation. His concluding advice is "Take the first turning to the right and keep straight on." The book is intended primarily for his own boys; but what is good for a "Grammar" boy is equally good for a Hutchins boy. The Bishop of Tasmania has written a "foreword" commending the book as a big brother's sound, wholesome advice to hundreds of lads who are looking with glad, expectant eyes to the future and the part they are going to play in the big world outside when they have crossed the threshold of manhood.

The Editor desires to thank a contributor who signs himself "Derwentside" for an article received just too late for publication in our last issue. On looking through our old files we find that the account of the laying of the foundation stone appeared in the Magazine a few years ago, otherwise we should certainly have included it in the present number. We shall be glad to hear from "Derwentside" again when the spirit moves him.

EXCHANGES.

Acknowledged with thanks: "The Corian," "The Melburnian," "The Sydneian," "The Southportonian," "The Mitre," "The Torch-bearer," "The Launcestonian," "The Swan," "The Armidalian," "The Prince Alfred College Chronicle," "The

Auckland G.S. Chronicle," "The King's School Magazine," "The Ipswich G.S. Magazine," "School Echoes," "All Saints' Grammarian," "Scotch College Reporter," "Serva Fidem" (C.E.G.S., Ballarat), "Cranbrook School Magazine," "St. Peter's College Magazine," "The S.M.B." (Ballarat), "The Carey Chronicle."

School Notes

VALETE.

Left since Midwinter.—A. J. Cutts, B. H. Brammall, C. E. Beckley, R. Burns, F. S. Beauchamp, A. E. Brown, P. A. Stephens, N. R. Thompson.

SALVETE.

R. G. Bell, G. W. Cheverton, J. D. Nowell, R. L. Broinowski, J. B. Pringle, A. E. Groombridge, H. T. Turner, H. L. Tasker.

NEW PREFECTS.

E. G. Butler and L. B. Evans were appointed School Prefects on August 24 at Morning Assembly, and D. G. Dudgeon on November 12.

THE NAVAL COLLEGE.

R. Cunningham, E. H. Huxley, C. McDougall, and G. D. Wall were successful in passing the educational test for the Naval College this year, and are now awaiting the result of the personal interview in Melbourne.

THE LIBRARY.

(W. B. Law, D. Dudgeon, Librarians.)

Now that the end of the year is close upon us, we should like to draw the attention of leaving boys to the time-honoured custom (more honoured perhaps in the breach than in the observance) of presenting a book to the School Library. Only a few remembered us last year, but their gifts were much appreciated.

Archie Wise, on leaving, very generously gave one pound to be spent on works of fiction for the library, and we should like to commend this splendid example to others. He also gave a pound to be spent on some trophy for the athletic sports next year.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENTS.

At the end of the second term, on the occasion of the sports prize-giving, a combined entertainment was given by the members of the Hobart Ladies' College and our School Choir. The School Orchestra, under the able direction of Mr. J. L. Rycroft, rendered some very tuneful music during the evening. Lady Nicholls presented the sports prizes, and the Senior Prefect (F. Hamilton) returned thanks in a neat speech at the end.

Two dances have taken place in the gymnasium recently, one given by the Rowing Club at the end of the second term, and the other, which was run on Palais lines under the auspices of the football team, and styled the Football Premiership Dance. Both were well attended and financially successful, and we are indebted to Col. Olden for the able manner in which he ran them both. He is a past-master at the art.

SPEECH NIGHT.

This annual function is set for Tuesday, December 11, and will take place this year at the City-hall. The Bishop of Tasmania, our Visitor, has kindly consented to give away the prizes, and Mrs. Hay will distribute the sports trophies and medallions.

We sincerely hope that parents will turn up in full force.

NEW COMPETITIONS.

In order to improve the Morning Assembly arrangements, a form competition has been inaugurated and enthusiastically taken up by the members of the School. It is quite a pleasure now to see the general smartness on parade before Assembly, and the boy who fails to turn up in time or who has neglected to clean his boots and attend to his personal appearance gets a cool reception from his form captain. The winners last term were the boys of Five B exam. form, and they were rewarded for their general smartness with a half-holiday and a delightful trip up the mountain.

The Headmaster has promised a Shield for next year if the interest in this competition continues unabated. Physical Drill has now been made a House Competition, and School House were successful in being the first winners of that competition.

FOUNDATION DAY.

This anniversary was celebrated in the usual way. Special reference was made to the event in Morning Assembly, and in the afternoon we played a football match against the Old Boys on the Top Ground. The present boys atoned for the defeat of last year by winning a well-contested game, and practically the whole School went up to see the game.

EMPIRE DAY ESSAYS.

Special essays were written on Empire Day, and prizes were awarded to the following:—S. C. Brammall, J. Gollan, H. M. Harrisson, D. L. Anderson, G. E. Hodgson, J. Pringle (Junior School). The subject of the essay was "The Day We Celebrate."

GOLF CHAMPION.

Our congratulations to J. A. Morriss on winning the Amateur Golf Championship of Southern Tasmania. It is so short a time since Jack left School that his proficiency in the game seems all the more remarkable.

AGENCE CONSULAIRE DE FRANCE.

A competition in French essay writing was recently inaugurated by the French Consulate in Sydney for the best essays on "The Great War and the part France and Australia took in it." The competition was open to all the schools of Australia, and a certain number of prizes were allotted to Tasmania. J. R. Rex and C. C. D. Brammall were successful in winning prizes, and we offer them our hearty congratulations.

THE MELBOURNE VISIT.

Fifty-two members of the School, accompanied by the Headmaster, the Sportsmaster, Mr. C. W. Aston, and the Football Manager, Mr. J. L. Rycroft, paid a visit to Melbourne during the Michaelmas holiday, and were the guests of the Trinity Grammar School, Kew, our visitors of last year. The visit was eminently successful in every way. Not only did the boys have a very enjoyable holiday, but their outlook was undoubtedly broadened by their experience. A full account of the visit appears in our columns.

Nothing could have exceeded the kindness shown to us by the President of the Trinity Grammar School Committee, Mr. A. Henty, and by the Headmaster, Mr. F. Shann, and we should like to put on record our very grateful thanks.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We are very grateful to Mr. C. W. Butler and Mr. E. H. Butler for their generous gift of gold medals for the best bowling and batting averages. These medals will be presented on Speech Day.

Our grateful thanks, too, to Mrs. Broinowski for much valuable help with the School Orchestra, and to Lieut. Collis for giving us his services for Boxing, Wrestling, and Physical Culture.

We have also to thank Major Giblin again for his prize for the best Magazine Article and the accompanying criticism. The prize was awarded to A. Downer.

An additional prize was offered by the Headmaster for the best account of the Melbourne visit. Several meritorious essays were sent in, but the one finally selected as most suitable for publication was written by C. C. D. Brammall, and appears in the current number. Very creditable essays were also contributed by A. Burbury, Darling, and Turner.

Junior School Notes

Once again the time has come round for the penning of the "Notes," and we hear the notice given out that contributions for the Magazine have to be handed in to the Editor. So we meet, and plan and wonder what we can say. Has anything of note happened—any achievement worthy of putting into print? Of course, we have had our squabbles, our differences. What boys worthy of the name have not? But they are common, and not worth "writing home about," so we think and think and think. Oh, yes. Let's start at the top of the tree, and review the Masters. But no, we had better keep quiet about them, otherwise they may read our thoughts of them, and then—what about us? So we will shelter ourselves behind the old axiom, "Silence is golden," and just deal with our little selves.

IIIa.—Oh, yes, we are all here, sometimes, though when we have a wet Show Day some of us like having another half-holiday the next day, but there are defaulters in the other forms also. So we cannot pride ourselves on that. The other day, though, one of our members came to School with most of the skin off his face, and we found out that he had been

trying to imitate James Watt, only instead of a kettle our would-be inventor was watching a small tin of boiling water, which boiled too hard; or he had his face too near. Fortunately, it's not serious, and with the new skin he certainly looks much better. Let's hope this is the early signs of genius.

Football has been one of the main topics of conversation, and Illb. are shining in the reflected glory of the Island Premiers' manager, so much so that a few of them have found it necessary to get new caps. Does that mean they are getting swelled-headed?

One small sandy-headed youth went home one afternoon shortly after the eventful match against St. Virgil's, and could talk of nothing but football; so much so that his parents were wondering whether their "young hopeful" was the leading member of the footy team. That speaks well for the future, and we dream dreams and hope—

Speaking of "footy," we were able to crow over the small fry of the Senior School when, on two occasions, we had special trams to convey us to the North Hobart ground, where our lusty cheering helped the team to victory. We noticed many covetous eyes cast at us, as the tram had an uninterrupted run down Macquarie-street.

Of our own football, we need not say very much. We offer our hearty congratulations to Bucklands on their win, and to Stephens on getting second place. School House put up a good fight, but had to admit of the superiority of the other Houses.

Downie is to be congratulated on his splendid play, and if only his team had consisted of older boys they would have given a much better account of themselves. We hope the captain of Stephens House, Preuss, will continue as he has begun, and then later on we expect to see him a prominent member of the School team. About the winning team—Buckland, captained by T. Heathorn, we can only say "Well done." Your captain plays well, but gets a little too excited to be consistent.

A new feature was introduced into the House competition, which was Drill. The members of each House were judged separately by Colonel Olden, and without knowing which was which he announced the following results, and gave School House 75 points, Buckland 75, and Stephens 74, out of a possible 100. After each House had performed, we were all called out and formed up, and the Colonel gave us a talk. Great credit is due to Mr. Kellett for all the energy he has put into his work, and we can only hope that our efforts have in some slight way repaid him.

The House Competitions are now over, as far as we are concerned, the final positions being as follow:—

Buckland House	1
Stephens House	2
School House	3

We were sorry to say our farewells to Pringle and Broinowski after the Midwinter holidays, but glad to know that they are doing good work in their present forms, and trust they will be able to look back with pleasure on their days spent in our midst.

Kindergarten Notes

In the Kindergarten we learn sums, writing, and reading. I like reading very much. We have new curtains. They look very pretty.—Saxon Coverdale.

I love singing best. We have made little gardens.—R. Cottrell-Dormer

Our room is pretty. On the wall we have a map with pictures of some of the great discoverers. Every Friday Miss Gibbons comes to give us a "Listening" Lesson.—Frank Cockett.

We have pretty pictures round our walls. We all like drawing. Miss Todd is very kind.—R. Eccles Snowden.

I like sums and writing. We have lots of gardens. The wheat has grown very long.—Dick Nicholls.

We do lots of hard work. We have singing on Mondays and Thursdays.—Billy Isherwood.

Our gardens are doing very well this year. We have planted beans, wheat, mignonette, and green peas. We have learned some new songs lately. They are: "Winding the Clock," "Rub-a-Dub-Dub," and "The Blacksmith."—Bobby Hutchison.

We are all very sorry that Miss Todd is ill and has had to take a rest.—The Class.

School Assemblies

The School reassembled after the Midwinter holidays on St. James's Day, and the Headmaster made special reference to the event in his opening address.

On August 24, St. Bartholomew's Day, E. G. Butler and L. B. Evans were instituted as School Prefects with the usual ceremonies. The Headmaster addressed the School, taking as his subject "Football and the Game of Life."

On October 5 an address on the subject of Music was given by Dr. Roctham, Mus. Doc., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, and was listened to with rapt attention by the School. The illustrations which he gave on the piano were some of the best that we have ever heard.

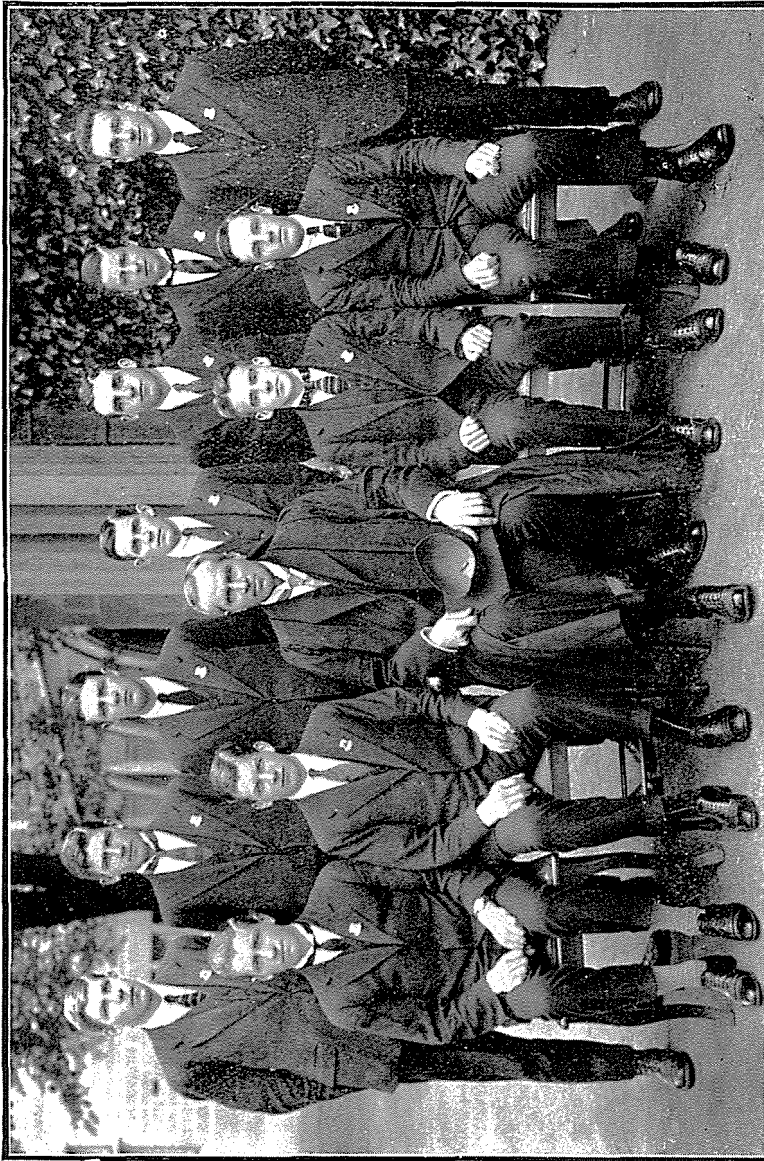
Another novelty introduced at a recent Assembly was a rendering on the gramophone of the speeches delivered on Empire Day by the King and Queen, and for this treat we are indebted to Mr. E. H. West, who lent us both gramophone and records.

On November 8 the Rev. C. M. P. Heath, Precentor of the Cathedral, gave an interesting address on the Bush Brotherhood, to which he belonged for some years. Unfortunately, the time was rather limited for such a big subject, and we sincerely hope that we shall have the pleasure of hearing him again.

Saints' Days as they come round have been observed in the usual way.

On September 20 the Headmaster made feeling reference to the death of Ncel Hay, Old Boy of the School, who had a distinguished school career and was Senior Prefect in 1918.

THE HEADMASTER AND PREFECTS, 1923



E. G. Butler, L. B. Evans, K. Rex, A. J. Cutts, I. Boss-Walker, B. Hodgman, S. Darling, E. D. Dudgeon, F. Hamilton (senior prefect), The Headmaster, S. C. Brammali, J. Rex.

The Schoolboy services, which the Dean of Hobart arranges for us every month in the Nixon Chapel, have become quite a feature of our School Life, and are very much appreciated by all who attend them.

We shall all be delighted to see Mr. Scott-Power back in our midst again after his well-earned holiday. We have missed him very much.

On Armistice Day reference was made by the Headmaster to the Old Boys of the School who laid down their lives in the Great War, and "whose name liveth for evermore."

D. G. Dudgeon was instituted to the office of a School Prefect at Assembly that morning.

The Bible Classes held weekly by Mr. R. Collings, the House Master, in the Junior School, continue to be well attended and are much appreciated.

A reminder of the visit of Mr. Davis earlier in the year in connection with the Pocket Testament League was given by the Headmaster in Assembly recently, when he urged the boys to remember the well-known words:—

"Read your Bibles. read them right,
First at morn and last at night."

Dr. Cyril Rootham

The School has entertained many distinguished visitors and heard many addresses on various subjects, but it is doubtful whether we have been treated to any lecture more interesting than that recently delivered by Dr. Cyril Rootham, who has been in Hobart in connection with the examinations conducted by the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M. Dr. Rootham happened to be the Headmaster's cabin-mate on the Loongana, and was invited to come and speak to the School. Unfortunately, the time at his disposal was very limited; however, in his twenty minutes' talk he gave us food for many hours' thought. An enthusiast to the finger tips, he made a strong appeal for a more general study of music and the fine arts. It appeared to him that the Australian people, so far as he had met them, were lacking in this respect, the ruling topics of conversation being business and sport. Music was not meant only for girls, as some people seemed to think. Every boy who had a musical ear should learn music, and having once commenced should persevere with it. Those who had no "music in their souls" should not boast of the fact; on the other hand, they deserved to be pitied. Such people did not realise what they missed. In the 16th century, when England was prominent in the world in everything—in her navy and her army and her literature—she was also the most prominent nation in the world in music. He presumed that all of his hearers had heard of William Shakespeare, and that they had probably also heard of some other prominent poets who lived in the time of glorious Queen Elizabeth, but could any of them, he asked, give him the names of six Elizabethan composers who were alive with Shakespeare; because there were fifteen to twenty such who were just as important as composers as Shakespeare was as a poet. In fact, some of them filled the double role, like Thomas Campbell, who composed the music to his own

poetry, and they were as prominent as Shakespeare was and as well known. Shakespeare's work was printed—their music was left in manuscript, and at last, after four centuries, their works were being printed in England. The more they looked at the Elizabethan composers the more they realised that they were great people, and they were going to be great once again. When he gave them the name of William Byrd alone he gave them the name of a man whose works were famous in England, and who was a much greater man than Shakespeare was considered in his own time. In Elizabeth's day a man or woman was not considered to be properly educated unless he or she could take up a piece of music and read it as easily as they could a book. Unless they could do this they could not have been allowed in educated society. "How," exclaimed the lecturer, "would that test do nowadays?" They might reply "those times are gone." Yes, he knew; but England was very great and famous in Elizabeth's time, and leading Europe in all kinds of ways—not only in music—and so he wanted them to feel that music was a part of a gentleman's equipment as much as anything else. Drake, the famous British admiral of Elizabethan times, was a fine musician. Nelson was devoted to music, and there were famous soldiers and sailors of the present day who were so devoted. It was a mere piece of stupidity to think that music was somehow effeminate—it never used to be. Moreover, it was the one international art because the language of music was international. It went all over the world, and was a great civilising influence. The lecturer, happily, did not leave his discussion of the Elizabethan era and its aspect towards music at this, but entered into an intimate and quite charming discussion of the type of music of that day, in the course of which he showed, by practical illustration upon the piano, the overwhelming superiority of the madrigal, and kindred forms of composition, and even of their remote ancestors of countless centuries ago, the folk song, to much modern music, and how base beside it figured the so-called music of the halls.

The Dramatic Society

Encouraged by their success in "Twelfth Night" last year, the Society started quite early this year to rehearse "A Midsummer Night's Dream." It was found impossible to produce it as early as was hoped, the night finally arranged being November 9. By this time the actors were practically word-perfect and full of confidence. Major Gurney had the able assistance of Mr. Rycroft in coaching the boys, and of Mrs. Rycroft in the difficult task of organising the dances and designing the dresses in the fairy scene. Good work was done by many of the boys in selling tickets and so helping to ensure a financial success. As a result, in spite of the heavy expenses, quite a substantial credit balance was shown, the Theatre Royal being well filled in every part. The following account appeared in "The Mercury":—

In selecting Shakespeare's delightfully hilarious fantasy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," for its annual production, the Hutchins School Dramatic Club essayed a somewhat difficult task. It is not easy for the average student of Shakespeare to

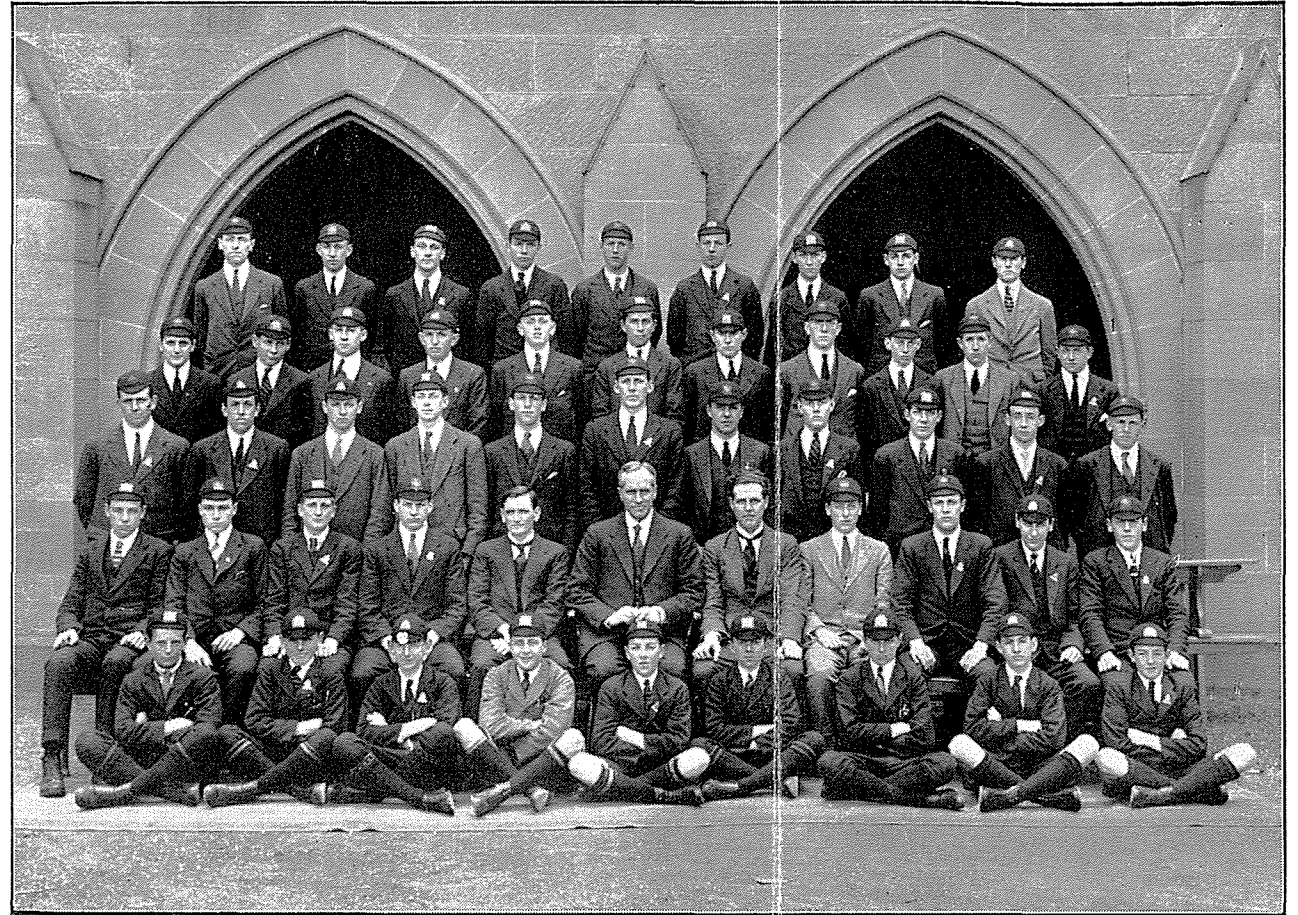
imagine schoolboys disguised as fairies, and the natural conclusion come to would be that the woodland scene would lose a lot of its charm. Nevertheless, it is nothing short of wonderful what can be accomplished in this direction with careful training and coaching, and the large audience at the Theatre Royal last night must have been pleasantly surprised at the manner in which the boys interpreted the work of the immortal bard. Far from the woodland scene losing its charm, it proved to be the most delightful part of the production. It was difficult to realise that the dainty fairies and nymphs were growing youngsters, so well did they carry out their performances. The dressing and staging reflected much credit on those responsible for the setting, every little detail being attended to. For a band of schoolboys to enact one of Shakespeare's plays there must be certain allowances made, and viewed from this standpoint, the whole production was a big success. As well as being an entertainment for the boys and the audience, it is also educational, and the best method of cultivating in the boys a taste for the best in English literature. Major Gurney, who was responsible for the production, deserves congratulations, and he must have been well pleased, after the great amount of work he devoted to the coaching of the boys, with the manner in which they rose to the occasion. They showed a good grasp of their parts, and maintained the spirit of the play from start to finish.

As Bottom, the weaver, E. R. Henry was again the outstanding figure. He displayed splendid talent in last year's production as Falstaff in "Twelfth Night," and his portrayal in last night's performance again went to show that he possesses splendid histrionic ability. S. C. Brammall made a very good showing in the role of Quince. He was self-possessed, and free and easy in his actions. The part of Titania was taken by D. Webster. The youngster looked every inch a fairy queen, but had the school lad's tendency to hurry his lines. C. G. Bradley made a sprightly Puck, and helped in no small measure towards the success of the production. Bottom's companions, Snug, Flute, Snout, and Starveling, were well sustained by G. L. Ife, K. McIntyre, D. C. C. Brammall, and G. Webster respectively, while the part of Oberon was capably enacted by H. Walch. The lads who portrayed the minor parts also acquitted themselves well, the cast being completed as follows:—Theseus, W. M. Hood; Philostrate, E. G. Butler; Demetrius, A. E. Alexander; Lysander, R. F. Ireland; two courtiers, G. A. Dick and G. McDougall; Pease-blossom, J. H. Bilyard; Cobweb, H. Frankcomb; Mustard Seed, J. W. Scott-Power; Moth, G. Rex; fairy, A. P. Brammall. The chorus of fairies and elves, who sang "Ye Spotted Snakes" to music composed by Mr. J. Scott-Power, consisted of the junior boys of the School.

As a curtain-raiser a screamingly funny farce, "Two Heads are Better Than One," was given, and was responsible for great laughter. S. C. Brammall (Mr. Strange), K. McIntyre (Mr. Maxwellton), D. C. C. Brammall (Sammy Maxwellton), A. R. Ewing (Charles Conquest), and G. Webster (Ellen Strange), were all excellently cast, and did remarkably well.

A splendid programme of music was rendered during the evening by a well-balanced orchestra of amateurs, under the baton of Mr. Glanville Bishop.

EDUCATION BY TRAVEL.



Masters and Boys Who Took Part in the Trip to Melbourne.

Some Impressions of the Melbourne Visit

"Stand clear, please!" shouted the guard, frantically waving a green flag over his head. The driver slowly woke up to the fact that it was time to start, put out his pipe, and blew the whistle. Farewells were incontinently cut short as the "North-bound Limited" began to move, and soon we were rushing through the night at the furious speed of ten miles an hour.

A few misguided persons attempted to sleep on the trip north, but the wakeful ones saw to it that they got very little repose. Stale jokes and "music" were the order of the day—or rather night—and after strenuous vocal efforts we were quite ready for hot pies and coffee at Parattah. It was raining when we reached Launceston, and only cleared (long after breakfast) in time to let us have a glimpse of the city before we embarked. From the station we went straight to the wharf, and loaded our luggage on the Floating Palace, and then back through the slush and rain to the Brisbane Hotel, where we had a good hot meal. We had a look round Launceston, and went up the Gorge, and at half-past ten boarded the Loongana again. The new Grammar School buildings were conspicuous on the bank of the Tamar, and further down we were quite surprised to find that that river is not at all the imagined "forty miles of mud," but quite a pretty little river. Truly have our minds been broadened!

Before we were far out upon the rolling deep we began to feel prickings of conscience, and quite a number went below. I have no impressions of the sea voyage after I went below, except that the minutes passed like hours, and the hours like weeks, as I lay in my bunk listening to—the stewards going up and down the corridor. The papers said that it was the roughest trip of the year.

As soon as we realised that it was daylight, and that the boat had safely reached the Yarra, we arose and went forth on to the deck, feeling pretty groggy. Melbourne certainly had a most unlovely approach, we told one another, with sarcastic remarks about the "limpid waters of the Yarra." We were hardly recovered—were hardly beginning to recover—when a miserable fiend in human form lined us all up, green as we were, and took a photograph! However, the breakfast provided on the "Loony" revived us, and after being met by some representatives of Trinity Grammar School, we made our way to the Flinders-street station to catch a train to Kew. At the Grammar School an assembly was held, and we were formally welcomed by Mr. Shann and the "boys in green."

After being "knocked down" to our respective hosts, we were conducted by them to their homes, and after being introduced all round to "the family" were set free to spend the remainder of the morning as we liked. In the afternoon we forgathered at the Kew Post-office, took trams, cable and electric, and arrived finally at the Metropolitan Fire Station, where we listened to "Oh Star of Eve" and other high class items rendered by the band, and witnessed two gymnastic displays by members of the Brigade. The human pyramids which they formed were wonderful, and their "physical jerks," smartly and neatly performed, showed off their muscles to the best advantage. The lift which took us to the top of the tower dripped water on us all the way up, and made a noise like a storm—a scientific lad informed me that it was a hypodermic

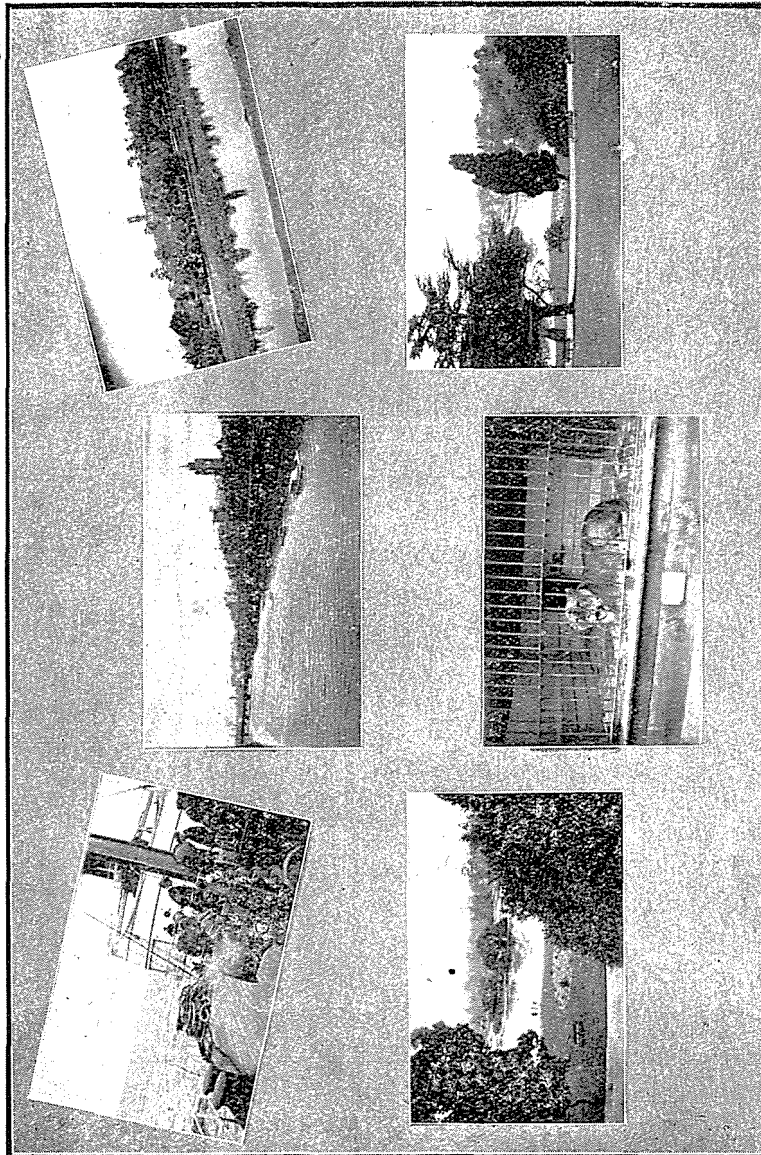
(?) lift, but it got us to the top all right. Quite a gale of wind, carrying rain with it, was blowing, with the result that we were nearly hurled from our lofty perch, but a splendid "panorammer" of the nearer parts rewarded those who were hardy enough to stay out in the blast.

One of the largest printing offices in Australia, that of "The Herald," was also visited that afternoon, in spite of the fact that the pavements undulated, or seemed to do so, in all directions. We saw the plates which were to print the next issue of "Pals," with one of Charles Nuttall's illustrations in a prominent position; we saw the linotype machines at work, and can now readily understand how lines of type often get shifted from their positions in a column. A great source of interest were the huge Hoe machines, turning out thousands of copies of the evening "Herald" each hour. Some boys obtained copies as souvenirs—gratis, of course! A great view is visible from the spacious roof of the "Herald" buildings, where we saw a new edition of tennis being played, rings being used instead of balls.

Rain was again our portion on Saturday morning, when we visited the inter-school tennis matches at Kooyong, where the great new L.T.V.A. courts are, but it cleared up in the afternoon in time for the League football match on the M.C.C. ground. The game which we saw, Fitzroy v. Geelong, was certainly not football as played in Tasmania. Someone suggested that it was like the old English game of no-man-standing, and that is as good a description of it as any. Rough play is *sometimes* indulged in by Hobart teams, but certainly not to such an extent as that. However, we spent a very enjoyable afternoon criticising the players and the game. There is something very pleasant about drawing comparisons with one's own home town to the detriment of the strange one!

Sunday was passed in many and diverse ways. The lucky ones who "owned" cars went off for long jaunts in the country with their hosts. Some went for tram rides, some to church of their own accord, and some because their hosts seemed to expect it of them.

The War Museum, in the Exhibition Buildings, which was visited early on Monday, claimed our attention for the whole morning. Wax figures, placed just inside the door, showed the uniforms worn by various units of the Anzacs, and bombs, guns, swords, rifles, gas masks, grenades, and other paraphernalia of war were arranged in cases all round the main hall. Souvenirs of various kinds, including German shoulder straps and medallions, a log from Lone Pine, bullet-riddled galvanised iron, an improvised billiard table, snipers' nests, and small arms were on view everywhere, and several models, cleverly executed by actual combatants in the battles represented, gave an excellent idea of the country over which the Australian troops had to fight. One of the most interesting exhibits was the Vickers-Vimy aeroplane in which Sir Ross Smith flew from England to Australia. It dwarfed all the other machines in the Aeroplane Hall, which contained several engines and machines of both English and German make, and also numerous photographs. So long did we stay at the War Museum that we had to stay in town for dinner in order to catch an early train to Newport, where we were to inspect the Railway Workshops, and give our valuable advice to the authorities.



Taken by A. H. Wherrett.

SNAPSHOTS OF THE MELBOURNE TRIP.

Of course it rained again, but we were under cover while inspecting the machinery, so it did not matter much. The casting building was the great attraction to most. I think they liked the white hot "tea" that was hissing and splashing all round. I was so interested that I and two others got left behind, and wandered wildly up and down looking for the party. We found them eventually supervising the manufacture of the clay pudding which is used for packing the engines. A greater fascination even than the casting room was the hydraulic punch for driving in rivets. We could have spent longer watching the red hot rivets being pushed through little holes in the iron and the punch just pushed on to them and pulled off again, leaving them quite crushed. On Monday evening most of the party went to "Mr. Pim Passes By," and had a very good time.

There were posters on most of the railway stations inscribed "Come and see Mollie at the Zoo," but Mollie had been dead for nearly a fortnight when we arrived, so the "cupboard was bare." Everybody, however, gathered round the monkey house and discussed the Darwinian theory, which was only dismissed from their minds by the prairie-dogs and the giraffe. While two of us were passing the emus' enclosure one old fellow ran across and attempted to "hand us one." The jump that we made must have broken all records!

At Grace Park that afternoon we were defeated by Trinity, so there is no need of a detailed account of the games, but at "Sally" in the evening we enjoyed ourselves immensely, and on Wednesday morning, which we had to ourselves, we managed to make the time pass without yawning—much. We managed to defeat Trinity in the afternoon on the big M.C.C. ground, and so ended up the day happily at the Kew Recreation Hall, where the Trinity boys rendered their school play, "Jane," for us again. It is to be hoped that our own dramatic club will show as much talent for acting as the Trinity boys did.

On Thursday we had the whole day to visit the show, and collected free samples of various kinds from the stalls. I obtained five "Otis" tablets, which seem to be good for everything, to judge by the paper inside the box, but I lost them before I got home. "Hoop-la" tents were scattered all over the ground, as well as numerous other money-saving devices, but few ever won anything at them. I only saw one lucky man carry off one of the thermos flasks that had to be "ringed." These last two days, Thursday and Friday, were the most enjoyable of the whole lot. On Friday morning we visited the Mint, where after inscribing our signatures in a ponderous book we were escorted all over the building, and watched the whole manufacture of pennies from the time when they were poured out of a "pot" into moulds to the time when they were rolled, pressed, cut out, stamped, and finally sorted out, the sheep from the goats, so to speak. In parties of twelve we were taken, and by the time that we had been through the second twelve were seething with impatience. We had a busy morning, for as soon as we came out of the Mint we went to the Telephone Exchange, and saw the girls pulling out and pushing in plugs for all that they were worth. We also had the unique experience of exploring the tunnels through which the cables pass to the Exchange. We were deserted by our guide in a noisome corner while he went to fetch a light, and if there had not been so many of us we might have insisted on going back with him.

We explored the tunnel under Little Bourke-street as far as Elizabeth-street, and after examining the electric automatic pump we were quite glad to get out into the daylight again. It was quite late by this time, so after going home and packing up, we took a meal, said farewell to our kind entertainers, and departed for the t.s.s. Loongana, hoping that we would have a smooth trip back.

With a rousing farewell from the boys who had gathered on the wharf the boat started. We had a smooth trip back, and most of us stayed on deck until we were "kicked off." It was raining in Launceston, but we were quite dry in the train in spite of the leaks, and after an enjoyable trip down we arrived in the best city in Australia about eight o'clock. It was *not* raining in Hobart.

The Inter-House Competitions, 1923

School House.—Colours: Dark and Light Blue.

Buckland House.—Colours: Maroon and White.

Stephens House.—Colours: Blue, Black, and Gold.

In all the Competitions there are A and B Teams chosen irrespective of age.

Sports are Graded into Two Classes.

First Class.—Cricket, Football, Rowing, Swimming, and Athletics.

Counting:—A—16, 8, 0

B—8, 4, 0

Second Class.—Tennis, Shooting, Cross Country, and Fives.

Counting:—A—12, 6, 0

B—6, 3, 0

The Inter-House Challenge Shield was presented by Rev. J. W. Bethune, an old boy of the School, and was won by the School House in 1922.

FIXTURES AND SCORING TABLE.

Event.	School	House.		
		School	Stephens	Buckland
1. Cricket A	8	0	16	
" B	8	0	4	
2. Swimming A	0	16	8	
" B	0	4	8	
3. Athletics A	16	0	8	
" B	4	0	8	
4. Football A	16	0	8	
" B	8	0	4	
5. Rowing A	16	0	8	
" B	4	0	8	
6. Cross-Country A	12	0	6	
" B	3	0	6	
7. Tennis A	6	0	12	
8. Drill Competition	3	2	1	
Position on 22/11/23	104	22	105	

HOUSE COMPETITIONS.

The House competitions this year have occasioned more than ordinary interest owing to the close competition and keen rivalry between School House, last year's winners, and Buckland House. These Houses are separated in points by one only. Stephens House appears to have dropped out of the competition altogether. Since the last publication of this journal a new event—physical drill—has been added to the list of fixtures, and was won for the first time by School House.

PHYSICAL DRILL.

The introduction of the physical drill competition into the list of our House fixtures has undoubtedly proved a success in more ways than one.

All the boys took up their physical training under Mr. Kellett, their very enthusiastic instructor, with great vim, and on Tuesday, November 13, Captain Flynn very kindly gave his time to the purpose of judging the drill displayed by the members of the Houses. He placed School House first, Stephens second, and Buckland third. In announcing his decisions, he stressed the value of physical culture, and expressed the hope that other schools might follow the example set. He complimented the instructor upon the excellence of his work.

House Notes

BUCKLAND HOUSE.

House Master: Mr. Vizard.

House Captain: F. M. Hamilton.

Vice-Captain: S. C. Brammall.

Prefects: F. Hamilton (senior), S. C. Brammall, Hodgman, J. R. Rex, Darling.

Colours: Maroon and White.

Captains:

Cricket: J. Propsting.

Tennis: J. Propsting.

Swimming: S. Darling.

Shooting: B. Hodgman.

Athletics: F. Hamilton.

Fives: B. Hodgman.

Rowing: S. Darling.

Debating Society: S. C. Brammall.

Football: F. Hamilton.

Cross-Country: F. Hamilton.

At the time of writing we are one point ahead of School House, and, as we have strong tennis and fives teams, our prospects of winning the Bethune Shield are very bright.

Since the last issue of the Magazine the results of football, rowing, and cross-country have been published. In "A" and "B" football we were victorious over Stephens House, but were beaten by "School." Seven boys of Buckland House were members of the School football team.

In rowing we were second to School House in the "A" event, but we won the "B." We congratulate Hood and Darling, of Buckland House, upon their being selected for the School crew. Wherrett, also of this House, was selected, but was compelled to stand down owing to illness.

In cross-country we won the "B" event, but were beaten by School House in the "A." We congratulate Cutts, of School House, on winning the cross-country championship for the third year in succession.

This year a new House competition has been inaugurated—a literary competition this time. The new Shield, presented by the Hutchins and Christ College Boards, is to be competed for in the activities of the Debating Society. Thus boys who have hitherto had no chance of helping their House are now given an opportunity.

So far we have had the Senior and Junior Impromptu Speaking Competitions. In both of these we secured first place. Our "A" team was composed of S. C. Brammall, G. F. Webster, S. Darling, and A. Smithies. Our "B" team consisted of A. P. Brammall, S. C. Burbury, C. and Q. McDougall. C. McDougall won the Junior Impromptu Prize.

We have had only one senior debate—against School House, whom we defeated. The deciding debate, between Buckland and Stephens, is to be held shortly. Our "A" team is as follows:—S. C. Brammall (leader), W. Harrison, S. Darling, G. F. Webster. Our prospects for the Shield look bright. We are very anxious to win it in the first year of its existence. We have to thank S. C. Brammall for the enthusiastic way in which he has worked for the winning of the Shield. Any success we may have this year is largely due to his unsparing efforts in the interests of the Society.

Our present position in the House competition is in a great measure due to our House Master, Mr. Vizard, and to our popular captain, F. Hamilton. We thank them for the keen interest that they have taken in the House's doings throughout the year, and we trust that we will reward their work by winning the Bethune Shield for 1923.

The following are the members of the Buckland House:—Hamilton (Prefect and Captain of House), Brammall 1 (Prefect and Vice-Captain), Arnold, Beckley, Bilyard, Bousfield, Boyd, Brain, Brammall 3, Brammall 5, Burbury 3, Byfield, Cane, Crisp, Cruickshank, Cummins 2, Cunningham, Darling (Prefect), Dick, Dickenson 1, Drury, Ellis, Ewing, Facy, Gatehouse, Gray, Green 2, Hale 2, Harrison 1, Harrison 2, Hay, Henry, Hodgman 1 (Prefect), Hodgman 2, Hood 2, Hood 3, Huxley, Ife 1, Ife 2, Judd, Kennedy, Kerr, Matthews, McCreary, McDougall 1, McDougall 2, McIntyre, Millar, Miller 1, Miller 2, Mollineaux, Morrisby, Murdoch 2, Nicholls 1, Nicholls 3, Page, Phelan, Pike, Propsting, Radcliff 1, Rait, Rex 1 (Prefect), Rex 3, Rex 4, Sale, Shone, Smithies, Spooner, Stolzenberg, Stops, Sugden, Webster 1, Webster 3, West, Wherrett, White, Williams 1, Robertson 2.

STEPHENS HOUSE.

House Master: Mr. R. H. Isherwood.

House Captain: R. W. Sharp.

House Vice-Captain: I. Boss-Walker.

Number in House: 78.

Colours: Blue, Black, and Gold.

Committee: House Master, R. W. Sharp, I. Boss-Walker, W. Webster, A. Fenn-Smith, W. Hood, E. Butler.

Delegates to Sports Committee: R. W. Sharp, I. Boss-Walker.

Captains of Various Sports:

Swimming: W. Webster.	Cross-Country: I. Boss-Walker.
Athletics: I. Boss-Walker.	School Swimming: R. W. Sharp.
Football: A. Fenn-Smith.	Debating Society: E. Butler,
Tennis: R. W. Sharp.	C. C. Brammall, and I.
Shooting: R. W. Sharp.	Boss-Walker.
Fives: E. G. Butler.	
Rowing: W. Webster.	

Since the last issue of the School Magazine the results of football and cross-country have come to hand. We were unsuccessful in both. We seem to be very weak this year, and the boys do not take such an interest in the House as they did in past years. We have won the Shield three times, but that is no reason why the boys should relax their efforts. Perhaps next year we will do better. If School House win the Shield this year it will make them equal with us.

All the play seems to have been left to three or four members, which is hardly fair, so buck up, boys, and see what we can do next year. Show the others that the blue, black, and gold is far from sinking into the background, and we will win the Shield once more.

The results of shooting, fives, and tennis are not yet out. In shooting we have an excellent chance, and in tennis also. In conclusion, we would draw the attention of every member of Stephens House to the following:—

Make an effort to represent the House in some competition or other, either "A" grade or "B" grade, and in order to secure a place in a team—practise, practise, practise. Show your House Captain and your Committee that you are really keenly interested in your House, and if you are not chosen as a representative player come up smiling, and still show your enthusiasm by being a regular attendant at the various contests, and barrack, shout, do anything that will help your team to come out on top.

Following are the members of the House:—D. L. Anderson, F. S. Beauchamp, A. Bidenscope, M. G. Bishop, I. R. Boss-Walker (Prefect, Vice-Captain), H. F. Boss-Walker, R. S. Bousfield, A. G. Brammall, C. D. Brammall, H. F. Bryce, R. Burgess, E. G. Butler (Prefect), H. R. Clark, A. L. Clennett, G. G. Cripps, A. F. S. Cummins, H. A. Cuthbertson, G. B. Dawson, F. H. Dickinson, A. R. Downer, A. Fenn-Smith, T. I. Gellibrand, D. V. Giblin, R. J. Gibson, R. K. Green, R. B. Hale, W. Hannon, D. Harrison, H. M. Harrison, A. G. Henry, W. Hood, R. F. Ireland, R. S. M. Jeffreys, C. A. Jillett, B. Johnston, P. M. Johnstone, C. R. Knight, C. H. Knight, G. B. Laing, M. G. Langham, D. H. Lewin, A. J. Lewis, D. C. Lord, A. S. McAfee, M. G. Murdoch, L. G. Murdoch, S. M. Murphy, J. A. Needham, R. A. Orpwood, H. W. Pearce, G. E. K. Pitt, R. F. K. Pitt, J. Powell, R. N. Pringle, R. H. Radcliffe, D. W. Read, E. Reid, E. L. Roberts, R. H. L. Roberts, A. C. Robertson, K. M. Rumney, L. Seabrook, R. W. Sharp (Captain), R. C. Sharp, R. H. Stabb, T. Stephens, P. A. Stephens, N. R. Thompson, C. S. Timmins, J. C. Tolman, R. F. Turner, C. E. Walch, H. C. Walch, R. G. Walker, E. F. Ward, W. A. Webster, N. O. Westbrook.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

House Master: The Headmaster.

Vice-House Master: Mr. Aston.

House Captain: K. E. Rex.

Vice-Captain: D. Wardlaw.

Prefects: K. Rex, Evans, Dudgeon.

House Committee: Cowburn, Gollan, Rex, Law, Wardlaw, Allison, Taylor.

The following are the Captains of the various Sports:—

Cricket: Wardlaw.

Tennis: Rex.

Athletics: Allison.

Fives: Gollan.

Rowing: Cowburn.

Shooting: Taylor.

Swimming: Law.

At the time of writing the points for the House Competition are at a very interesting stage, we having the advantage over Bucks by three points, so that a very close finish is to be expected.

In the "A" football we were successful, and in the "B" we came first also. The rowing laurels also fell to us after a very strenuous race. This success was due to the fine way in which our crew kept up its training during the frosty winter mornings, the result of which being that we obtained three places, including the stroke, in the School Four.

The cross-country event proved a great success for us. We obtained first place in the "A" competition and second in the "B," and Cutts (School) secured first place by a fairly substantial margin.

It was decided by the Sports Committee that debating should become a House competition, and already it has proved a huge success. School House never dreamed that it had such orators before, and although defeated in both senior debates, we had an easy victory over Stephens House juniors, in which debate A. Burbury (School) proved himself the best individual speaker.

The following is a list of the House:—Alexander, Allison, Arundel, M. Bisdee, L. Bisdee, Bowden, Brown, A. Burbury, D. Burbury, Calvert, Chambers, C. Clark, Clemons, Clive, Cooke, Cowburn, Cumming, Dobson, Dudgeon, Evans, Frankcomb, Fyle, Gilchrist, Geard, Gollan, D. Hodgson, G. Hodgson, Hudspeth, W. Jackson, J. Jackson, Kermodé, Law, Nichols, Onslow, C. Parsons, D. Parsons, Pixley, K. Rex, Ridler, Roberts, Shooobridge, Swan, Taylor, J. Travers, A. Travers, Upcher, Vincent, Wardlaw, J. Warner, Wall, Whitehouse, Williams.

The Boarders' Scrap Book

WHEN SAMUEL WAS A BOARDER.

When Samuel was a boarder, of course, we had some fun, There are some rumpty chaps around, and no doubt he is one. He obeyed our every little hest, and did as he was bid, We've never had a chap before we could so easily "kid."

He spoke about his cricketing, and said he was a "find" For the H.S. first eleven, that is, in his own mind. He chipped to us of tennis, his inclusion in the four, But now his victims are awake, he won't skite any more.

We watched him at the table, the way in which he ate,
You could tell he was a "gentleman" by the way he gripped his plate.

We rode some steeplechases at night upon his bed,
We hurled the hardened pillows at his undefended head.

But the joke we reckoned greatest, the one that beat them all,
Was the time that Samuel Ewing on the "phone" received a call.

He thought that it was "Pixie," on whom he was well "gone,"
But the speaker at the other end was only Geoffrey Swan.

Once more he is a "day-queen," and talks of many things,
But what he likes the best of all is the subject of the "rings."
And when he's talking to the boys, you often hear him say
"By gad, I did feel happy, when she rang me up that day."

"Bird" has lately become an enthusiastic photographer. It is said that he has already got his Camer'an other things.

"Thrummer" has joined the barbers' association, and he talks of starting a high-class saloon in the vicinity of Christ College ground.

Lost, stolen, or strayed, two large stiff collars of antique design. Owing to the rarity of these the owner (J. A. Gollan) will offer a reward for their recovery.

We want to know why "Buck" is practising so hard for the tennis.

Marbles has become the craze, and we even saw "one in authority" playing "big ring." These marbles led to a great disaster, when a "small boy" was seen to violently assault "Claude." A reward is offered for any information as to who it was that took to "Claude."

"Someone" would like to know the cause of the weird noises in the wireless room at 6.30 every night.

"Major" is known to be a keen hunter, but we think that he might spare the "Joeys."

Moày for a fairly new boy is coming out of his shell. It is said that he takes "ballais" girls to the "Palais" on Saturday afternoon. He also has begun to shave, so that he is not so hairy now.

We are all worried about "Teddy," who has been going to bed very early. We hear that he "is not too good."

Our insurance agent informs us that unless the boarding-house "Lady Killer" (baby) changes his design of collars there will be a fatality caused by his falling through and breaking his neck.

We were sorry to hear that Gollan had to write "Henry's" Law 150 times. He will probably "Nor'a pen through" before the imposition is finished.

Hitherto the general belief amongst us has been that all human beings are concrete. "Towser," however, has made a wonderful discovery in this respect. He has found a "wireless girl."

We are at present feeling very honoured for the reason that there is "one from Campbell-street" amongst us. We shall all be very sorry to say good-bye to him.

Dame Rumour tells us that "Jammy" is going in for poultry breeding. He certainly is becoming more like an old hen every day.

"Small boys" are warned against buying "long 'uns" in order to appear grown-up, and then neglecting to wear them, as they are liable to become moth-eaten. What sayest thou, "Baby"?

Midwinter Concert and Sports Prize Giving

The School gymnasium was crowded on Wednesday evening, July 18, when the boys held their annual mid-winter vacation proceedings, which took the form of an enjoyable concert, and the distribution of the sports prizes. The prize list was a very lengthy one, and went to show that during the present year the School had been exceptionally successful in all branches of athletics. Many handsome silver cups and gold medallions were presented by Lady Nicholls, the most successful boys being A. Cutts, winner of the open championship; G. Dick, winner of the championship under 15, and E. Giblin, T. Heathorn, and J. White, who were the champions of the junior school. In swimming the School met with great success, and by winning the Watson Shield for the third consecutive year, the trophy now becomes its property. R. W. Sharp won the Headmaster's championship cup for swimming, while the trophy presented by Mr. Kellett for the under age events was won by W. Webster. The Headmaster, before the distribution of prizes, gave a brief address on the necessity of sport as an adjunct to a school-boy's career. In this respect the School had greatly benefited by the help given by their various instructors in sports. He was a great advocate of encouraging athletics, although he did not believe in it interfering with the school work of the boys. A most enjoyable programme of vocal and instrumental items was then provided by the School choir, School orchestra, the boys of the kindergarden class, pupils of the Hobart Ladies' College, and Messrs. L. Rycroft, H. Tremayne, and J. Scott-Power.

Life Saving

It has certainly been impossible to swim during this portion of the season, but the attached "Mercury" report shows that the Life-Saving Class has certainly been well instructed by the honorary services of Mr. W. Kellett. Mr. Kellett states that his work could not have been possible but for the co-operation of his pupils, who were not afraid to venture into the coldest of waters in their enthusiasm to win honour for their School.

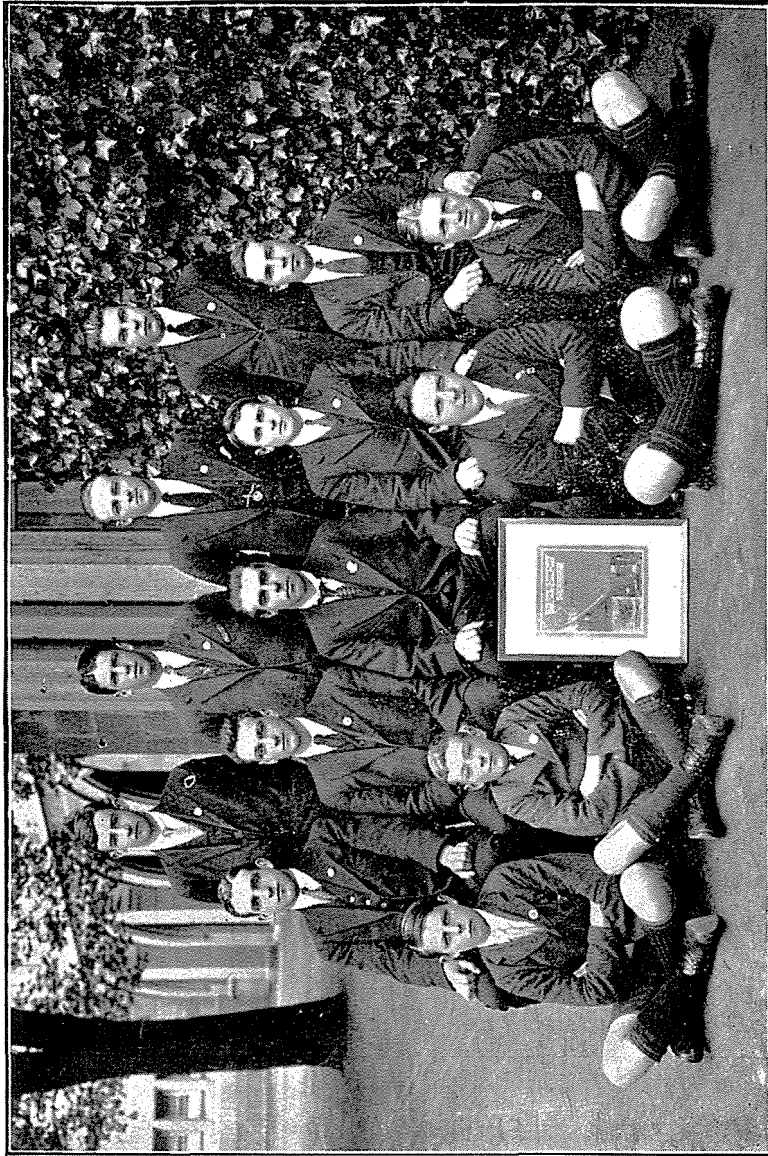
Mr. Kellett's enthusiasm has been responsible for 26 certificates, 13 bronze medals, one award of merit, the State premiership certificate, and the Watson Shield for Life-Saving.

ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY.

The following is part of the report of the Hobart Head Centre:—

The eighth annual meeting of the Royal Life-Saving Society of Tasmania was held on Thursday, October 11, at the Town-hall, Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G., presiding, and there was a good

LIFE SAVING TEAM.



Read, Hood, Sharp 1, Webster, Boss-Walker, Darling, Mr. Kellett (Instructor), Sharp 2, Gray, McDougall 2, Henry 2, McDougall 1, Matthews.

Winners of the Royal Life-Saving Society's Premiership Certificate, and Final Winners of the First Watson Shield.

attendance, including a muster of Boy Scouts and representatives of the schools of the city:—

The annual report said:—The executive are pleased to be able to report steady and satisfactory progress. The number of competitors and actual members have increased, whilst the proficiency and general knowledge of life saving shown by members has been most marked, 122 awards having been granted. This makes a total of 527 awards since the inception of the society in Tasmania. Indications point to an increased revival of the work, and with the co-operation of the various affiliated bodies we look forward to a still greater expansion. A premiership certificate was offered for the club or class holding the highest number of awards for the season, and after keen competition was secured by the Hutchins School class, instructed by Mr. W. Kellett, with 153 points, the Surf and Life Saving Club of Hobart being second with 114 points. The Watson Shield was presented to the society in 1919 by Mr. Horace Watson, for competition between the secondary schools. It has been won for the past five years as follows:—Hutchins School (3), Friends' High School (1), Leslie House School (1). The Hutchins School have, by winning the shield during the past season, secured it for all time, and it now becomes their property. They are to be congratulated on their success and the high standard of proficiency attained.

Premiership certificates were granted to the following schools:—Hutchins School Class, 153 points; Surf and Life Saving Club of Hobart, 114; Scouts' Life Saving Class, 110; Teachers' Physical Training Class, 35; St. Mary's College Class, 27; Tasma Life Saving Class, 15; Ladies' Physical Training Class, 8.

Elementary Certificates.—Hutchins School Class: D. W. Read, D. J. J. Hood, R. W. Sharp, C. McDougall, Ian Boss-Walker, H. I. Matthews, A. W. Burbury, Q. McDougall, Robert C. Sharp, Stanley Darling.

Proficiency Certificates.—Hutchins School Class: D. W. Read, D. J. J. Hood, R. W. Sharp, C. McDougall, Ian Boss-Walker, H. I. Matthews, A. W. Burbury, R. C. Sharp, Stanley Darling, W. Kellett.

Bronze Medals.—Hutchins School Class: W. Webster, D. Webster, D. W. Read, D. J. J. Hood, R. W. Sharp, C. McDougall, Ian Boss-Walker, H. I. Matthews, A. W. Burbury, R. C. Sharp, Barclay Gray, Stanley Darling, W. Kellett.

Teachers' Certificates.—Hutchins School Class: Wm. Webster, Ian Boss-Walker, Stanley Darling, Wilfred Kellett.

Hon. Instructors' Certificates.—Hutchins School Class: Wm. Webster, W. Kellett.

Award of Merit.—Hutchins School Class: William Webster. The Watson Shield was then handed to R. W. Sharp on behalf of the Hutchins School, and the awards of merit, certificates, and bronze medals were then presented.

Cross-Country

The annual House cross-country race took place late in the third term. School House was successful in winning the "A" competition, with Buckland second, and Buckland defeated School in "B" event. Stephens was last in each section. The following competed, and returned in the following order:—Cutts (first

and championship), Hood 2, Evans 3, Hamilton 4, Dudgeon 5, Spooner 6, Rex ii. 7, Harrison 8, Miller 9, Dick 10, McCreary 11, Burgess 12, Tayles 13, Wardlaw 14, Cumming 15, Taylor 16, Nicholls 17, Law 18, Page 19, Gilchrist 20, Vincent 21, Hale ii. 22, Brain 23, Hodgman i. 24, Whitehouse 25, Darling 26, Hale i. 27, Burbury i. 28, Arundel 29, Pitt 30, McDougall 31, Alexander 32. "A": School House, 9 points, 1; Buckland, 12 points, 2. "B": Buckland, 27 points, 1; School, 36 points, 2. The course is a hard one, but good time was maintained.

Shooting

IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD, 1923.

The result of the competition from our standpoint was very disappointing. In the final result for Australia we came out seventeenth, but the reason for our score being so low was that both our teams' results were added together, and an average taken on the combined totals.

The first team put up a very fine performance, obtaining an average of 83 out of a possible 100, while the second team could only register an average of 60 odd. It is quite obvious, then, that our score was terribly lowered, and if number one's result had only been sent we should have come out in a much higher place. We just missed obtaining a prize.

There was both deliberate and rapid firing, and the rapid proved to be number two's downfall, while number one's result was very good. The standard was extremely high. Very small targets were given, with different colours, ten shots deliberate and ten rapid. We were only allowed 90 seconds for rapid, but many of our team seemed to be nervous and excited, finishing a good many seconds before the time given. R. W. Sharp was elected captain of number one team, and Onslow captain of the second eight. We owe a great deal to the Military Department for the use of rifles, ammunition, and the valuable coaching received, and we wish to thank Mr. Mortimer very much for the time he gave us and the many useful hints he imparted to the teams.

No doubt next year, if the competition is held, we will figure much higher in the final result, but this result can only be accomplished by constant practice and a good coach.

The following were the teams:—

No. 1 Team.—R. W. Sharp (captain), W. Harrison (vice-captain), C. Knight, E. G. Butler, F. Hamilton, W. Law, B. Hodgman, A. Burbury.

No. 2 Team.—Onslow (captain), D. Read (vice-captain), Roberts, D. Burbury, J. Tolman, W. Williams, White, T. Frankcomb.

Rowing

The School's rowing has had a decided impetus given it during the second and third terms. In the second term the House races were rowed off, and during the whole period of preparation much solid training and early morning rowing were indulged (?) in.

The House races took place under ideal conditions on Saturday, June 23, from our own sheds. Mr. E. A. Bennison



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acted as starter and Mr. W. Horlock as judge, both carrying out their respective duties in a very excellent manner. At these races the new "Hutchins School Boat Club" flag, generously donated by Mr. E. A. Bennison, made its initial appearance. The following were the results:—

School v. Stephens B.—Won by School B.

School v. Stephens A.—Won by School A.

Buckland v. Stephens B.—Won by Buckland B.

Buckland v. Stephens A.—Won by Buckland A.

School v. Buckland B.—Won by Buckland B.

School v. Buckland A.—Won by School A.

Thus School House won the A event, with Buckland second, and Buckland won the B event, with School House second.

The choice of the School crew this year considerably exercised the mind of the honorary coach (Mr. J. Swift), who at last selected the following:—T. Frankcomb, cox.; D. J. Hood, bow; W. Wherrett, 2; W. B. Law, 3; J. Cowburn, stroke; and S. Darling and W. Webster emergencies.

This crew commenced its training as soon after the House rowing as the School football would allow, until the trip to Melbourne was arranged, and during the trip one of the crew, Wherrett, became so incapacitated from influenza as to preclude the possibility of his further sharing its fortunes as a member, and Darling was substituted.

On the return to Tasmania the members of the crew again set to work with the result that they became holders for the first time of the Golden Fleece Cup.

The honorary coach (Mr. J. Swift), who gave up so much of his time to the work of coaching the crew, is to be congratulated on so excellent a success.

During the visit to Melbourne the crew was very hospitably received and assisted by the Mercantile Rowing Club, who loaned the necessary boat, dressing-rooms, etc., to the members.

Mr. J. Counihan, the Mercantile's well-known coach, was of invaluable assistance to the crew while in Victoria.

A word should be said for the excellent assistance, given from her intense enthusiasm for the School, of the matron (Mrs. Waller), whose ministrations to their many wants have been deeply appreciated by the members of the crew.

The Rowing Club's annual mid-year dance was an unbounded success. Col. Olden and a committee were responsible for its arrangements, and the usual large following of young people, who seem to make this event one of the fixtures of the year, was present.

HEAD-OF-THE-RIVER RACE.

(As taken from "The Mercury" of October 6th.)

Beyond the announcement that was made in "The Mercury" on Thursday very few people not actively connected with secondary schools' sports were aware that the Head-of-the-river Race was to be held yesterday. Despite this lack of publicity, a big crowd of schoolboys and the public visited the regatta grounds to view the race. Rowing is regarded as the blue riband event of school sport, and in Melbourne the Head-of-the-river Race is looked upon as one of the chief sporting events

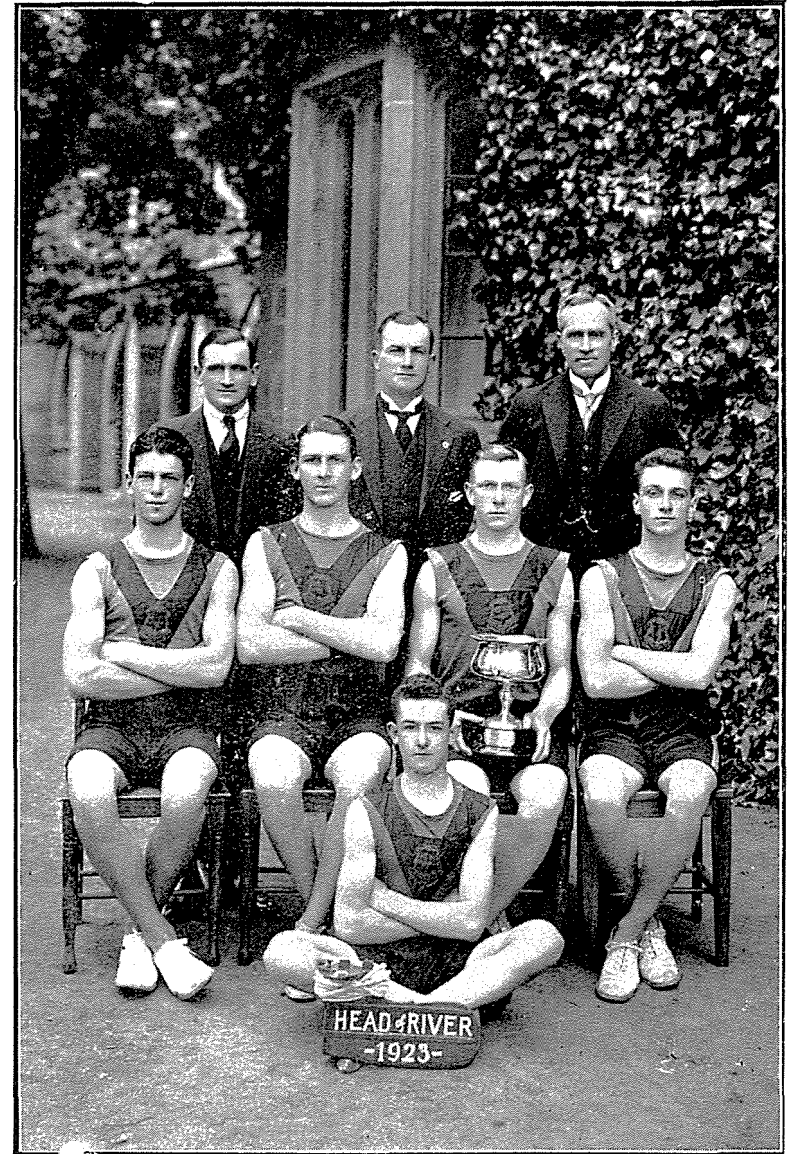
of the year. Before the State High School entered the arena of secondary school sport, two races were held each year, one in Launceston for the Bourke Cup, and one in Hobart for the Clarke Shield. The State High Schools were allowed to compete in both races, and mainly on this account the private secondary schools withdrew and decided to institute a race on their own account, styled "The Head-of-the-river" Race. Church Grammar School have the greatest number of wins to their credit since it was decided to withdraw from the Bourke Cup and Clarke Shield, but in former years the Launceston Scotch College possessed the strongest crews, and for a number of years held practically a monopoly on both races. If the race were to be conducted on the same lines as the Melbourne race, and the schools were to work it up in the same energetic manner, there is no reason why it should not create such interest as it does in Victoria, and rowing be encouraged as one of the healthiest and most manly sports among schoolboys.

Yesterday was an ideal day for the race. There was not a breath of wind to disturb the atmosphere, and the water was ideal for rowing. The crowd was composed mostly of schoolboys, who sported their college colours, while there were also a fair number of those of the general public who take a keen interest in school sport. Five crews started, and, strangely enough, three of these were Northern crews, who finished behind the two Southern crews. Hutchins won after a very gruelling fight, defeating Leslie House by about a length. Church Grammar School followed half a length further back, and Scotch and St. Patrick's occupied the rear positions close up. The winners were a fine body of young athletes, and rowed a well-judged race, although Leslie House were the most stylish crew and finished very strongly. The five crews were very even in weight, and their standard of rowing was excellent for schoolboys. There was an absence of sluggishness, and the blade work and general body swing reflected much credit on their respective coaches. The crews and their placings were as follows:—

- Hutchins School.—(Bow) J. Hood, 10.7; (2) S. Darling, 10.2; (3) B. Law, 10.12; (stroke) J. Cowburn, 10.12; (cox.) T. Francomb 1
- Leslie House.—(Bow) D. Skinner, 10.7; (2) R. Ford, 10.4; (3) B. Chesterman, 10.9; (stroke) M. Hay, 10.12; (cox.) H. Long 2
- Church Grammar School.—(Bow) P. Taylor, 9.4; (2) E. Rowlands, 10.4; (3) D. Hall, 10.6; (stroke) R. Coogan, 10.6; (cox.) R. Wood 3
- Scotch College.—(Bow) D. Hardy, 10.2; (2) K. Tabart, 11.3; (3) A. Knight, 11.12; (stroke) T. Brownrigg, 10.0; (cox.) L. Acheson 0
- St. Patrick's College.—(Bow) J. Marley, 10.1; (2) J. Morgan, 10.3; (3) F. Thomas, 11.3; (stroke) O. Jones, 10.2; (cox.) M. Lyall 0

The course was from Government House Point to a buoy anchored in a line with the judge's box—a distance of about a mile. A good start was effected, of which Grammar and Scotch got slightly the better. Leslie House were the slowest off the mark. For the first few hundred yards there was very little

HEAD OF THE RIVER.



Mr. Aston (sports master), Mr. J. Swift (coach), The Headmaster, Hood, Law, Cowburn, Darling, Frankcomb (cox).

to choose between the five crews, who were hitting the water at a very even rate. Hutchins were first to show out from Scotch and Grammar, with Leslie and St. Patrick's a short distance away. Leslie then started to move up, but Hutchins had daylight showing between them and the other crews. Nearing the Derwent sheds St. Patrick's commenced to fall behind, and Grammar drew away from Scotch. Leslie House, rowing in very nice form, appeared to have plenty in reserve, but took a sweep into the bay and Hutchins drew further ahead of the other crews. The crews raced in this order to the line. Leslie House finished with a fine burst of speed over the last few hundred yards, but were unable to overhaul Hutchins, who won by a length, while Grammar were about half a length further behind. Scotch rowed nicely throughout the race, but lacked the finishing effort to be dangerous, while St. Patrick's were a couple of lengths further away last. No official time was taken.

Friends' High School and St. Virgil's did not enter crews. The officials were:—Starter, Mr. J. H. Sharp; umpire, Mr. G. W. Ife; and judge, Mr. E. Sorell.

In the evening a small dinner was held, and the usual toasts honoured. The President of the Associated Schools presided, and, besides members of the crews, sports masters, and coaches, were Messrs. Ife and Sorell, who gave very excellent advice from their store of experiences.

Football

The season 1923 has been one of our most successful football seasons. It commenced rather badly, in that during our first match of the season, played in a "sea of mud," we had the misfortune in the first five minutes of losing one of our best forwards, J. Cooke, with a fractured collarbone. This match against Leslie House was our only reverse of the season, and then by 9 points only.

Our next match was against Friends' High School, whose football has, apparently, fallen on evil days, and this match we won by 17 points.

Then followed the St. Virgil's match, one that will remain ever in the minds of those who played and those who witnessed. It resulted in a win for the School by:—H.S., 6 goals 10 behinds (46 points); St. V.C., 5 goals 11 behinds (41 points)—(5 points).

Thus the first round ended with two wins and one loss to our credit.

The second round commenced well, and we were successful in again defeating St. Virgil's in a very exciting match, the scores being:—

First Quarter.—H.S., 4 behinds (4 points); S.V.C., 1 goal (6 points).

Second Quarter.—H.S., 5 behinds (5 points); S.V.C., 1 goal 2 behinds (8 points).

Third Quarter.—H.S., 4 goals 14 behinds (38 points); S.V.C., 1 goal 2 behinds (8 points).

Fourth Quarter.—H.S., 4 goals 14 behinds (38 points); S.V.C., 1 goal 6 behinds (12 points). Won by 26 points.

Our match against Leslie House was a hard-fought one, and everyone must express admiration for the excellent footballing capabilities of their captain, M. Hay, whose brother, the late Noel Hay, was an old boy and ex-captain of our own team. The results were:—

First Quarter.—H.S., 3 goals 1 behind; Leslie House, 3 goals 1 behind.

Second Quarter.—H.S., 6 goals 3 behinds; Leslie House School, 3 goals 2 behinds.

Third Quarter.—H.S., 8 goals 3 behinds; Leslie House School, 7 goals 5 behinds.

Fourth Quarter.—H.S., 11 goals 5 behinds (71 points); Leslie House School, 9 goals 6 behinds (60 points).

Won by 11 points.

Our match against Friends' High School resulted in another win by a substantial margin. Friends' High School, in spite of its weakness in football, played through all its matches to the end, receiving all its reverses in a wonderfully sportsmanlike way, and they are to be congratulated on this spirit.

A short period of expectation existed between the St. Virgil's match and the final, owing to the fact that Leslie House had not played St. Virgil's, and in the event of Leslie House winning it would be necessary to play the final against their team. In spite of the fact that St. Virgil's was sufficiently strong to defeat Leslie House, which was without the services of its captain (M. Hay) and another of the best men, they managed to suffer defeat after what was described as a disgraceful exhibition of football.

This made it necessary to play the final match on Thursday afternoon, August 30, against Leslie House for the Southern schools' premiership, and two days later the State secondary schools' premiership against Church Grammar School, the Northern premiers.

"The Mercury's" accounts of these matches contain such detail that we are constrained to append them as independent accounts.

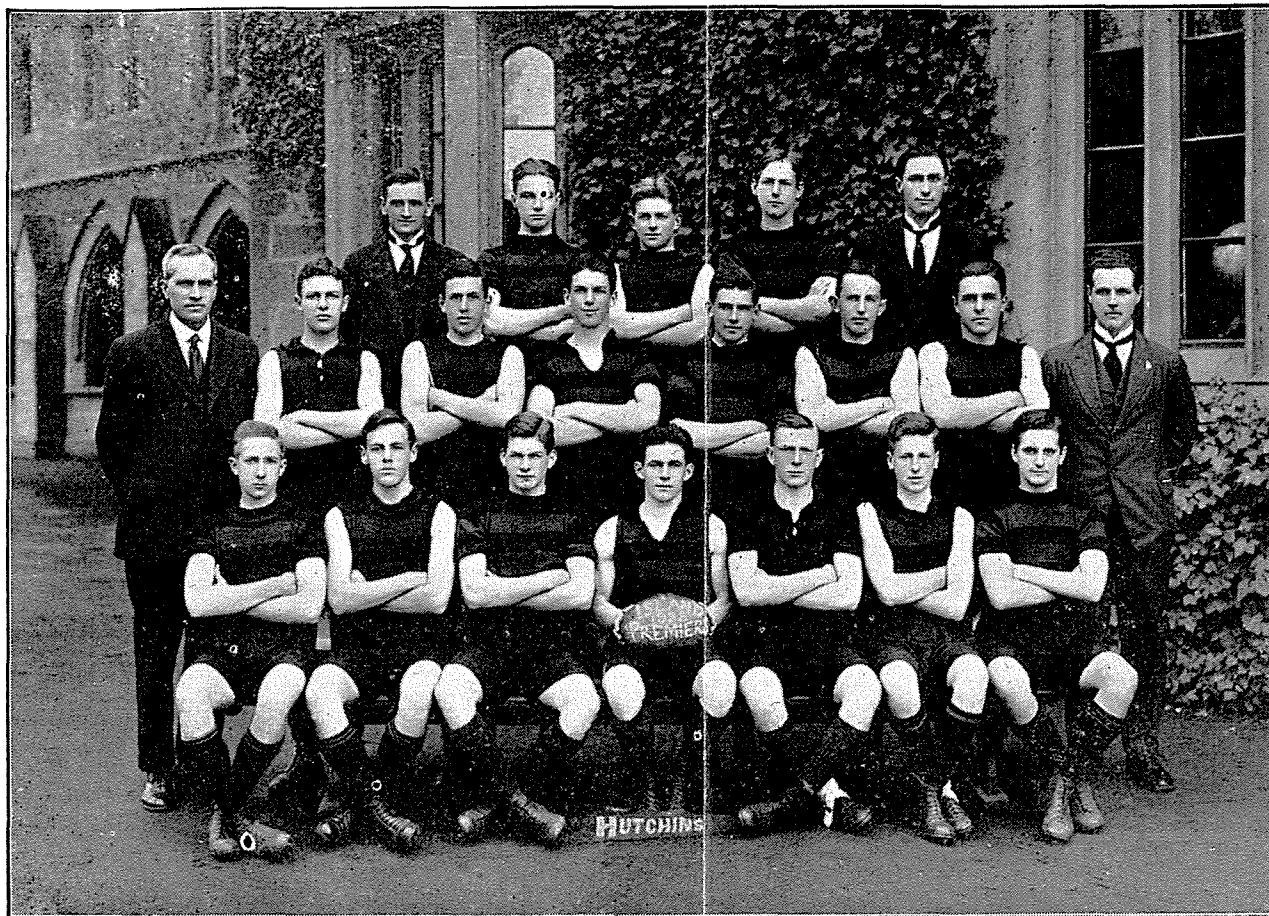
The great success of the season's football must be attributed to the very fine honorary work of the coach (Mr. P. Martyn), who is to be congratulated on his success, both as coach of the State secondary schools' premiership team and the State League football premiership (with North Hobart team). His addresses to the boys were couched in forceful language, and from an expert source. The School showed a little of its appreciation by presenting him with a wallet of notes and (from the team) a framed enlargement of the team.

Early in the year Mr. Rycroft took over the management of the training of the first team, and to him the thanks of the School are due. He gave a great deal of his time to the boys, and helped to keep them enthused.

One feature of the season was the very fine support accorded by all members of the School, who attended most matches, and by their cheering certainly helped to carry the matches through "on their voices."

Two medals were awarded for consistency, and these, donated by Lieut. Geo. Collis, were well earned by J. Cowburn and L. B. Evans.

THE FOOTBALL TEAM: PREMIERS OF TASMANIAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.



Back Row: Mr. Aston, Fenn-Smith, Burbury, Harrison, Mr. P. Martyn.
Second Row: The Headmaster, K. Rex, Hartam, Hood, Evans, Wardlaw, Propsting, Mr. Rycroft.
In Front: Clennett, J. Rex, Hamilton, Cutts, Cowburn, Hodgman, Spooner.

A. Cutts captained the team to victory, and he is to be congratulated on the success.

During the tour to Victoria the team was successful in defeating its hosts, Trinity Grammar School, Kew, by—Hutchins School, 5 goals 7 behinds (37 points); Trinity Grammar School, 2 goals 8 behinds (20 points)—17 points.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS' PREMIERSHIP OF SOUTHERN TASMANIA.

HUTCHINS DEFEAT LESLIE HOUSE.

(From "The Mercury.")

The secondary schools' premiership of Southern Tasmania was decided on the North Hobart oval on Thursday afternoon, August 30, when the Hutchins School scored a 31-point victory over Leslie House. The day was perfect, but a rather strong breeze swept down the ground towards the Domain goal, which gave the team kicking in that direction a decided advantage. Although the margin of points that separated the scores of the teams was fairly big, nevertheless the smaller Leslie House School boys put up a fine performance. The Hutchins School boys were a fine body of budding athletes. Their system of play was excellent for boys, and their work in the air and their long kicking would have done credit to a team of seasoned players. They were a much bigger side than Leslie House, and always held the advantage in the air. On the other hand, the Leslie House boys were both fast and clever, and in the second quarter, when favoured with the breeze, they more than held their own. The winners had been coached by Mr. P. Martyn, of the North Hobart Club, while Messrs. Mayman and Odgers coached the Leslie House team. The general play of both combinations reflected much credit on their tutors.

THE PLAY.

Hutchins opened strongly at the commencement. They had first use of the breeze, and three minutes after play had been in progress, Hamilton drew first blood of the match by registering a goal. They continued the attack with plenty of vigour, and Leslie's back line was kept busy. Singles followed in quick succession before Hood gained possession, and booted the second goal, which was soon followed up by another from the foot of Propsting. Leslie were completely outplayed, and failed to register a point, the first quarter ending with the scores reading:—

Hutchins, 3 goals 8 behinds.

Leslie House, nil.

Immediately on the resumption of play Spooner passed neatly to Hood, on the Hutchins forward line, but the latter kicked erratically, and the diminutive Salisbury, in the goals, succeeded in clearing. After Hood had had another opportunity to score within shooting distance, the ball was flashed out from a scramble in front of Leslie's goal, and a smart major was snapped. The outstanding feature of the game at this stage was the fine performance of Cowburn, who was roving for the Hutchins School. He was always on the alert, while his passing and kicking were the result of splendid judgment. Leslie began to assert themselves when the quarter was about half finished, and their first score of the day was registered by Hay, who was awarded a free kick at an acute angle on the boundary

line. He kicked with splendid judgment, and, amidst cheers, Leslie's first goal was hoisted on the board. Leslie House were dominating the play at this stage, but the fine defensive work of Burbury and Cowburn's cleverness were the means of saving many dangerous situations. Wallace obtained their second goal from a free kick in front, and soon afterwards Seager obtaining possession near the pavilion wing forwarded to Hay, who registered their third goal. The half-time showed a difference of 16 points in favour of Hutchins School, the board reading:—

Hutchins School, 4 goals 11 behinds.
Leslie House, 3 goals 1 behind.

The Hutchins boys put the result beyond all doubt in the third quarter. They commenced an offensive immediately the play had been resumed, and a pass between Hood and Hartam resulted in the latter obtaining a "six-pointer." Still pursuing their forcing tactics, Hutchins were able to keep the leather in Leslie House's territory, and Hood, who had been marking well, but not kicking with the best of judgment, picked the leather up smartly off the ground, and snapped his side's sixth major. Hodgman and Evans followed up the score with an additional two goals, thus giving Hutchins a decided advantage. Leslie House scored their fourth and only goal of the quarter through the medium of Wise, who accepted a pass from Wallace. A shot from out of a scramble in front of the sticks by Hood gave Hutchins their fifth goal of the quarter, the scores at three-quarter time being:—

Hutchins School, 9 goals 13 behinds.
Leslie House, 4 goals 1 behind.

Leslie House did better in the last quarter, and kept Hutchins on the defensive for some time. Their forward line did not make the best of their opportunities, however, and the mistakes made proved very expensive. Hay booted Leslie's fifth goal, but Hutchins evened matters up through the medium of Propsting and Spooner, the latter accepting a neat pass. A dash down the centre by Chesterman put Hay in possession on the forward line, but only a point was the outcome. Robinson, who had been roving well for Leslie House, snapped his side's sixth and last goal, the final bell ringing amidst vociferous cheering of the Hutchins School boys, the scores being:—

Hutchins School, 10 goals 14 behinds (74 points).
Leslie House, 6 goals 7 behinds (43 points).

The Hutchins School as a team played well together, and the Grammar School will find them very difficult to beat. Their outstanding player was Cowburn, who roved in excellent fashion. He is a sturdy type, and should do well in senior football in a few seasons' time. Propsting marked in good fashion, and Burbury put in some fine defensive work on the half-back line. Evans and Harrison played clever football, and Cutts and Fenn-Smith also did well.

Chesterman did fine service for Leslie House, and Hay, although not displaying his best form, marked and kicked in splendid fashion. Robinson made a tricky and speedy rover, and the best of the others were Ford, Long, I. Ross, and Salisbury.

The goal kickers were:—Hutchins: Hood (2), Evans (2), Harrison, Rex, Hartam, Hamilton, Hodgman, and Propsting.

Leslie House: Hay (3), Wallace, Wise, and Robinson.

L. Sturgess gave an excellent exhibition as central umpire.

MATCH FOR THE STATE PREMIERSHIP.
HUTCHINS SCHOOL v. LAUNCESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
(From "The Mercury.")

It is 20 years since Hutchins School have gained the honour of being premiers of the secondary schools of Tasmania. The Northern premiers, Launceston Grammar School, on Saturday, September 1, played Hutchins at Hobart for the honour, the latter having won the Southern distinction. The match was played on the North Hobart ground as a curtain-raiser to the Cananore-New Town match.

At the end of the first term South held a slight lead, though the number of shots was in favour of the visiting combination. However, Grammar School increased their total by more than Hutchins did during the second term, and had a one-point lead at the interval. Their lead was maintained until the latter half of the last term, when Hutchins piled on three goals, and raised the waning hopes of their supporters. The visitors' superiority in the air and their play generally was noticeable, but Hutchins gained the victory through their remarkably accurate shooting for goal. Out of 11 scoring shots no less than eight passed through the big opening.

The visitors appeared first, and were followed by the home team. The blue, white, and black uniforms of the visitors made a striking contrast with the magenta and black guernseys worn by Hutchins, and the supporters of the latter, taking their team's appearance as the signal to commence cheering, kept up intermittent rounds of encouragement throughout the game.

The umpiring was in charge of J. Sturgess, whose display was satisfactory. Mr. W. T. Nettlefold, of Nettlefold's Sports Depot, presented the ball for the match.

Hutchins attacked from the bounce, and per medium of Propsting play travelled to the Domain goal, where Cutts scored Hutchins first major from a free kick within range. Adams, Dyer, and Richards, of the Northern combination, by a series of marks carried play to the other end, but the last-named's effort was not high enough, with the result that Hutchins' full back frustrated. Richards had another try, and met with minor success. The visitors' superiority in the air was negatived by a number of transgressions. Propsting, who was playing a great game for Hutchins roving centre-forward, sent the ball dangerously near the goal, but with a throw in relief for Grammar School was supplied by Taylor (roving), and aided mainly by Youl operations were transferred to the press-box wing, where Richards worked hard to place the ball further up field. This he did after one or two attempts, and Taylor, for the visitors, made the most of an opportunity, and registered Grammar's first major. Hutchins were not slow in taking the offensive, and with the aid of free kicks, given to Propsting and Cutts, a goal for South was added by the latter. Quarter time scores were:—

Hutchins School, 3 goals.

Grammar School, 1 goal 4 behinds.

Taylor showed speed from the start, and with a clever run kept the Southern back men busy. North's full forward, Pickett, eluded the Hutchins School guard, and scored the second major early in the quarter, and they later got a single from Pilbeam, which brought the scores almost level. A save on

Hutchins' back line by Cowburn was swiftly passed out towards the press-box wing, where Hamilton and Propsting rendered material assistance in taking the ball forward. The latter tried, but his kick went wide. However, Cowburn made amends with a splendid goal from a kick almost on the boundary line. A late attack by Grammar School yielded the full result as Pickett marked right in front, and the resultant goal gave the visitors a one-point advantage. The board at the interval showed:—

Grammar School, 3 goals 7 behinds.

Hutchins School, 4 goals.

The visitors attacked early in the third term through the agency of Richards, Wood, and Adams, but Rex, of Hutchins School, was the lion in the path, but finally the visitors scored a single. After several onslaughts by Hutchins Hood passed to Fenn-Smith, and the latter hit a post in an attempt to score; but a better result awaited Ferrall (Grammar), who made a beautiful drop kick and scored a lovely goal. The home team's back line worked hard to check the harassing attacks of the Grammarians, but they failed to stay Pickett, who scored his third goal. Hartam was the prime mover in a Hutchins attack, which bore fruit. A throw-in enabled Cutts to obtain possession, and he tried a snap-shot, the result being fifth goal. The scores at the close of the third term were:—

Grammar School, 5 goals 8 behinds.

Hutchins School, 5 goals 1 behind.

Richards, Wood, and Dyer took the offensive for the visitors, but Harrison was awarded a penalty, which checked the visitors' headway. The most prominent members for Grammar during the first part of this term were Richards and Wood, both of whom were showing plenty of dash. At the Domain goal Taylor was too clever for Clennett (Hutchins' full back), and the visitors' representative had no difficulty in raising the twin flags. In the bounce following Propsting (H.S.) placed the ball forward, and J. Rex added six points for the Southern school. Another major was put through from a scrummage in front, which left a margin of three points in favour of Grammar School. The excitement ran high when Propsting, from a free kick, recaptured the lead for Hutchins by three points. Valiant efforts were made by the visitors to wipe off the deficit, but without avail. Cowburn added a further behind to the Hutchins School total shortly before time. During the latter stages of the game Propsting figured most prominently. The final scores were:—

Hutchins School, 8 goals 3 behinds (51 points).

Church Grammar School, 6 goals 11 behinds (47 points).

The principal contributor towards the success of the Southern school was J. Propsting. Throughout the match he was safe in the air, and usually his kick found its mark. During the last quarter he worked particularly hard, and, in addition to kicking the winning goal, was instrumental in thwarting several attacks. The captain, A. Cutts, also gave a good exhibition, and was responsible for three goals. Others who were noticeable were Cowburn, K. Rex, Wardlaw, Hamilton, Hartam, and Fenn-Smith.

For the Launceston school, F. L. Richards used his speed to advantage, as also did Taylor. Pickett (full forward) placed

three goals to his credit. Pilbeam, Hall, Wood, and Ferrall were also useful.

The teams met at dinner at the Imperial after the match, and had a most enjoyable review of the day's events. The usual toasts were honoured. Mr. Thorold presided.

CRITICISMS ON OUR TEAM.

Cutts.—The Captain, was a grand, resolute little player, and always gave of his best, setting a fine example. He had a thorough knowledge of the game, and withal was a grand boy for the position.

Propsting.—The team's champion forward, was a tower of strength, and can be considered the best mark and kick in Southern Tasmanian School Football.

Cowburn.—The lion-hearted, was the team's champion rover, and with Propsting can be bracketed as the School's two champions. "Joe" is undoubtedly the best rover among the schools.

Hood was in the School's first ruck with **Harrison**, and too much praise cannot be bestowed on these two stalwarts.

Hartam was the change ruck man, and acquitted himself honourably throughout the season.

Evans was our utility man, a grand mark and kick, very fast, and very unselfish, often sacrificing his own ends for his side.

Wardlaw is a half-back of the burly type, and was all there when the pressure was on. "Loppy," as he is familiarly known, was ever ready to "shut the gate" on the opposition.

K. Rex, half-back, is a good safe player, always using his brains, and could always be relied upon to stop his man.

Fenn-Smith was our speed merchant, and towards the end of the season when the premiership was in sight played determined football.

Spooner, on the wing, was a grand little man, and always kept his place; he had a big say in the premiership.

J. Rex was a very useful forward, and played into position nicely.

A. Burbury was the team's champion half-back, and is a fearless player; he comes through like a tornado, and always puts the ball to the best advantage.

Clennett, the full back, had a responsible job, but came through with flying colours; he kicks off well and is very safe in goal.

Hodgman was a very useful forward, a nice mark and kick, and helped the side materially by scouting out.

Hamilton, the vice-captain, was a great sticker, and could always be relied upon to give of his best.

Cook was the unlucky man of the team, having injured his shoulder, which rendered him a spectator for the biggest part of the season.

Travers is a grand little player, rendering good service throughout the season; he was unfortunate to meet with an accident which laid him aside for the finals.

Altogether, the School possessed a grand team, and their wonderful attention to training, combined with their enthusiasm and unselfishness, no doubt landed them Premiers and State Premiers of Tasmania for season 1923.

COACH.

Tennis

Tennis in the Houses has had a most enthusiastic following owing to the proximity of the House Tennis Competition.

This competition resulted in a win in "A" grade by Buckland House, with School House second. The "B" grade has not yet been completed.

A School four played matches against Trinity Grammar School in Melbourne during our tour. The team was defeated by but a narrow margin in spite of the fact that our second player (Crisp) was absent.

The scores at this match were:—

Propsting and Ewing lost to G. Keane and Keane 2.

Rex and Hodgman lost to Gray and Gilliam.

Propsting defeated G. Keane, 8—6, 6—2.

Ewing lost to Keane 2, 6—2, 6—3.

Rex defeated Gray, 9—7, 6—1.

Hodgman lost to Gilliam, 4—6, 6—1, 4—6.

The inter-School matches are played on Saturday afternoon, November 24, when we meet St. Virgil's. The finals are played on Wednesday, the 28th.

Fives

The Fives House Competitions start this month, and are already arousing a great deal of interest, as this is the first House competition in this sport.

Major Giblin, who was mainly responsible for reviving the game, is very kindly acting as umpire in the House events. This is deeply appreciated by all concerned, as Major Giblin is an exceedingly busy man.

A Mock Trial

On the ninth of June, before a large and appreciative audience, the members of the School Debating Society presented a novel and highly diverting entertainment.

The gymnasium was transformed for the occasion into "The Superior Court of Tasmania in its L.D.S. Jurisdiction." The bench was occupied by "His Honour Mr. Justice Clark," and a special jury was empanelled for the occasion—a breach of promise case, in which Miss Flossie Fuclose, a housemaid, asked for £500 damages from Rudolph Raika, a University student. The part of the plaintiff was so cleverly played by E. R. Henry that the judge and jury alike were captivated, and the full amount claimed was awarded, in spite of the rather flimsy nature of the evidence and the strong defence set up. Possibly the defendant (Forbes Ireland) did not take his position quite seriously enough. At any rate, the jury did not show him much sympathy. The plaintiff's case was ably conducted by that eminent barrister, M. Joscelyn Cutts, I.C., to whose coolness and unlimited self-confidence the plaintiff's success was in no small measure due. His merciless cross-examination was too much for the witnesses, and his temerity in waking the

judge from a sound slumber greatly impressed the audience. The defendant's counsel was Mr. S. C. Brammall, whose unmasking of a couple of designing females was only equalled by his impassioned eulogy of the guileless Raika.

At the commencement of the trial Mr. Cutts asked to have the court cleared. Mr. Brammall objected, and to our immense relief (shown by ill-suppressed applause) the judge upheld the objection.

After a brief opening address Mr. Cutts proceeded to put the plaintiff in the box. The young lady described the incidents on which her claim was based, including the presentation of a ring, a trip to South Arm, and the repeated use of endearing expressions. She claimed £10 for the loss of her situation as housemaid to Mrs. Raika, £20 compensation for money spent on her trousseau, £200 for her broken heart, and £270 for the ridicule of her friends.

M. Cutts then called his witnesses. Mrs. Fuclose, plaintiff's mother (T. K. Crisp), gave a large amount of interesting, but irrelevant, family history. Captain U. R. Verideffe (C. C. Brammall), of the "Tarkeela," described the behaviour of plaintiff and defendant on his boat.

The Rev. Cedric Meek (B. Hodgman), a passenger on the same occasion, explained how "dreadfully shocking" the defendant's behaviour was.

Professor Bugsby (R. Walker) deposed seeing love-making between plaintiff and defendant while he was looking for specimens.

(Mrs.) Ermytrude Stickybique (K. Rex), a widow with a pet poodle called Towzer, described what she had seen at the seaside hotel.

Pontius Pilate Peel (L. Lade), odd man at Mrs. Raika's boarding-house, and Albert Fuclose, plaintiff's 10-year-old brother (T. Frankcomb), gave evidence about the ring and other matters, the latter admitting that his mother had told him what to say.

This closed the plaintiff's evidence.

For the defence, Mr. Brammall elicited a series of denials and explanations from his client, and then called Mrs. Raika, defendant's mother and plaintiff's employer (S. Darling), whose evidence disclosed to what an exclusive family she belonged, what a good boy Rudolph was, and how very acute the servant problem, and what a bad and insolent specimen she had had to dismiss in the plaintiff.

M. Tankemup, of the South Arm Hotel (Q. McDougall), explained what a well-conducted establishment his was.

Dr. Killemequick, family physician to the Raikes (D. Dudgeon), declared that an alleged sprained ankle of Miss Fuclose was not genuine.

Rupert Roughasbags, a fellow student of defendant's (T. K. Crisp), gave some interesting evidence as to Raika's character and habits.

Nat. Pastefield, jeweller (E. G. Butler), said he had melted a sovereign and converted it into a ring at plaintiff's request.

The last witness was Miss Iona Ford (G. Webster), daughter of a wealthy garage owner, the defendant's fiancée, and "frightfully keen on him." Her evidence was very damaging to the plaintiff's case.

Each counsel then gave a long address, successfully putting the judge to sleep and causing the jury to wish they had

never been born. At length it was over. The judge awoke sufficiently to sum up with delightful vagueness. The jury, after a brief retirement, returned a verdict for the full amount.

The success of the evening must be attributed entirely to Mr. T. K. Crisp, LL.B., who worked up the case, wrote out the parts, and coached the performers, in addition to playing a dual role at a moment's notice.

The Literary and Debating Society

The present year, which is fast drawing to a close, has been the most successful one of our existence, inasmuch as the Society's already extensive activities have culminated in the commencement of inter-House literary and debating competitions. It was suggested early in the year that the ends at which we aimed would be more easily reached by introducing some such system, and after a great deal of discussion this step towards wider intellectual benefit has been taken. It is by no means the intention of the society to concentrate all its attention on House competitions, as this would be detrimental to the initial objects of the society. It is merely intended to insert at intervals during the year literary competitions. These competitions, it is hoped, will not only increase the number of active members of the society, but will also instil in others a desire to fit themselves for life by acquiring the art of self-expression, and to obtain a better knowledge of such things as will aid them in the varied duties of manhood. The competitions will take the form of debates, recitations, impromptu speaking, papers, and essays, together with what else may be deemed fit.

Since our last notes were published, the society has had a number of very interesting meetings. Perhaps the most interesting, as well as the most amusing, was the "Mock Trial," a detailed account of which will be found elsewhere in the Magazine.

The following is a record of meetings held since our last report:—

On Friday, May 18, a debate was held in the School gymnasium, the subject under discussion being "Should a Living Wage for All be fixed by Parliament?" The speakers were:—

Affirmative.	Negative.
Mr. G. Webster (leader).	Mr. S. Darling (leader).
Mr. A. P. Brammall.	Mr. D. Cruickshank.
Mr. Q. McDougall.	Mr. C. McDougall.
Mr. C. A. Jillett.	Mr. A. Smithies.

After a very interesting debate, the chairman (Mr. Clark) gave a decision in favour of the negative side.

On Saturday, June 9, the Mock Trial was held, and proved to be a most interesting meeting.

On Friday, August 3, an impromptu speaking evening was held in the Va class-room.

On Friday, September 7, the first of the inter-House competitions took place. The competition took the form of senior

impromptu speaking, and resulted in a win for Buckland House. The points were as follows:—

Buckland House	268
Stephens House	259
School House	215

The possible number of points was 400. Mr. Armstrong adjudicated, and Mr. S. C. Brammall was judged the best speaker.

On Friday, September 14, the second competition, a senior debate between School and Stephens, took place in the gymnasium. The subject for discussion was "Should Secondary Education be Free?" and resulted in a win for Stephens House. Stephens spoke for the negative side of the question, and School House for the affirmative. The speakers were:—

Affirmative.	Negative.
Mr. D. Dudgeon (leader).	Mr. E. G. Butler (leader).
Mr. K. E. Rex.	Mr. W. Hood.
Mr. A. E. Alexander.	Mr. R. G. Walker.
Mr. L. B. Evans.	Mr. I. R. Boss-Walker.

Mr. Clark judged. He considered Mr. Boss-Walker to be the best speaker, while Mr. Butler made an exceptionally fine reply.

On Friday, October 5, the junior impromptu speaking took place, and resulted in a win for Buckland House, School House being second, and Stephens third.

Mr. Armstrong judged, and Mr. C. McDougall was, in his opinion, the best speaker. Mr. McDougall consequently wins the junior impromptu speaking prize for the year.

On Friday, October 12, a senior debate between Buckland House and School House took place, with Mr. T. C. Brammall in the chair. The subject for discussion was "Is France's Attitude to the Ruhr Valley Justifiable?" The speakers were:—

Affirmative.	Negative.
Mr. D. Dudgeon (leader).	Mr. S. C. Brammall (leader).
Mr. K. E. Rex.	Mr. W. Harrison.
Mr. L. B. Evans.	Mr. S. Darling.
Mr. A. E. Alexander.	Mr. G. F. Webster.

The debate resulted in a win for the negative side, Buckland House, and Mr. S. C. Brammall was judged to be the best speaker.

On Friday, October 19, a junior debate took place between Stephens House and School House, with Mr. K. Armstrong in the chair. The subject was: "Should We Have a State Governor?" The speakers were:—

Affirmative (Stephens).	Negative (School).
Mr. Ward (leader).	Mr. Frankcomb (leader).
Mr. Hartam.	Mr. Swan.
Mr. Stephens.	Mr. A. Burbury.
Mr. Stabb.	Mr. Wall.

The negative side won, and Mr. Armstrong considered Mr. Burbury's speech to be the best.

On Friday, November 2, the last of the senior debates took place. The competing houses were Buckland and Stephens,

and Mr. R. C. Clark was in the chair. The subject for debate was "Has the Industrial Progress of the last 150 years increased the happiness of the people?" Buckland took the affirmative and Stephens the negative. The speakers were:—

Affirmative.	Negative.
Mr. S. C. Brammall (leader).	Mr. E. G. Butler (leader).
Mr. A. Smithies.	Mr. W. Hood.
Mr. S. Darling.	Mr. R. G. Walker.
Mr. G. F. Webster.	Mr. I. R. Boss-Walker.

The debate resulted in a win for the affirmative, and the chairman considered Mr. Boss-Walker's speech to be the best and Mr. Butler's reply excellent.

The senior orator's prize, which is awarded on the results of the senior debates, has been won by Mr. Boss-Walker, whom we heartily congratulate.

The House points at present are as follows:—

Buckland	22
Stephens	11
School	8

The paper, essay, and recitation competitions have still to be held, and will make considerable changes in the points.

Since our last notes the society has lost a very energetic worker. Mr. Cutts, owing to his having to leave school before the end of the year, left us without a secretary, and we feel the loss considerably. However, our assistant secretary, Mr. Boss-Walker, has stepped into his place, and we have no doubt that the society will stride ahead under his energetic direction. Mr. Butler has been elected assistant secretary in Mr. Boss-Walker's place.

We heartily congratulate Mr. S. C. Brammall on his winning the senior impromptu speaker's prize, and Mr. C. McDougall on winning the junior prize.

The Society is indebted to the Headmaster and to Messrs. H. D. Erwin and K. C. Douglas for presenting prizes for competition.

It is proposed to hold the usual "banquet" at the end of the term.

We should like also to thank the governing bodies of Hutchins School and Christ's College for the shield which they have very kindly offered for the House competitions, and we feel sure that it will serve as an incentive to the boys to work hard for their Houses.

Science Jottings

Some people wonder why schoolboys find the subject of the calculus easy and attractive, while University students find it abstruse and difficult. Indeed, a modern mathematical wit has said that the infinitesimal calculus is that branch of mathematics which schoolboys understand but senior wranglers fail to comprehend. There is a good deal of truth in this aphorism. The schoolboy looks at the calculus from the graphical and practical standpoint, and finds the subject simple. But as soon as its theoretical and philosophical aspect is touched it assumes a diffi-

culty undreamed of in schoolboy days. Experience has shown that only the very best students at our universities can fully understand a rigorous discussion of the calculus. At the same time, we think that modern writers on the subject lay too much stress on its practical side. They base it on what a writer has lately called "geometrical imagery." And the result is that the student, who afterwards proceeds to a rigorous course of modern analysis, has often a good deal to unlearn. In our opinion, no modern books on the differential and integral calculus equal those of Edwards, when judged by completeness of detail and rigour of treatment.

Speaking of the calculus reminds us that the controversy as to whether this subject was invented by the Englishman Newton or the German Leibnitz, has at last been silenced. Most mathematical historians believed that both these men reached the fundamental idea independently. Recent historical research, however, carried out by Mr. J. M. Child, gives the honour of first reaching the main idea of the calculus to Dr. Isaac Barrow, Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge, and Sir Isaac Newton's teacher. The following are Mr. Child's own words: "Isaac Barrow was the first inventor of the infinitesimal calculus; Newton got the main idea of it from Barrow by personal communication; and Leibnitz also was in some measure indebted to Barrow's work, obtaining confirmation of his own original ideas and suggestions for their further development from the copy of Barrow's book, which he purchased in 1673." The general conclusion seems to be that Barrow reached his results in geometrical form, while Newton and Leibnitz developed Barrow's ideas analytically by means of algebra.

At the present moment, when the news of the devastating earthquake in Japan is still fresh, and Tokio and Yokohama lie in ruins, theories of the structure of the earth hold a peculiar interest for us. The latest—a revolutionary one—is that of Kober, a German geologist. According to this theory, the earth's crust was, at a very early stage, composed of a number of relatively firm blocks, separated from each other by zones of softer matter. These firmer blocks form the cores of the present continental masses. As the earth continues to contract in cooling, the plastic matter between the firm blocks is pressed up into ridges, and forms mountain chains. These sometimes are pressed up on to the edges of the continental blocks. The plastic zones are seen in both the uncompressed and the compressed states on the surface of our globe, an example of the former being the trough filled by the Atlantic Ocean, and of the latter the Alpine and Himalaya mountain systems. The materials of which the mountain ranges are formed are relatively loose and tend to settle. Sometimes the continental margin bends beneath the weight of its new burden, so that we find the mountain zone sinks again beneath the sea, and ocean succeeds ocean. The old continental blocks appear to be permanent, though perhaps one has subsided long ago, leaving only a few islands to mark where the lost land of Atlantis lay. This theory of Kober's is as yet incomplete, and the author hopes to stimulate investigation, so that, if not discarded, it may be confirmed and expanded.

Captain Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, who some eleven years ago discovered the South Pole, had recently made elaborate arrangements to fly across the North Pole. He

was to fly from Point Barrow to the Pole, and from there to Spitzbergen or Cape Columbia, on Grant's Island. News has, however, come to hand that conditions were found so unsatisfactory that the flight has had to be abandoned, at least for the present. This is to be regretted, because if ever the discovery of the North Pole is to be placed beyond the realms of controversy, the intrepid Amundsen is the one to do it. We hope, therefore, he may soon make another attempt, and that it may be crowned with success.

It was recently reported in the press that the lowest temperature yet reached has been attained by the celebrated physicist, Professor McLennan, of the University of Toronto. In liquefying helium McLennan has reached a temperature of 272 degrees below zero on the centigrade scale, that is, just one degree short of the absolute zero. The absolute zero is the lowest temperature conceivable, and is the temperature of all space. Helium had previously been liquefied, but the scale on which Professor McLennan has carried out the new liquefaction makes his experiment an event of prime importance. At such a low temperature a special kind of research in electricity, spectroscopy, and specific and atomic heats, will be possible, which hitherto has been beyond the reach of the scientist. In his investigations McLennan procured a compressor plant for the manufacture of liquid air, and capable of producing 600lb. of liquid air in a day. Oxygen and nitrogen are also liquefied by the same plant. A temperature of 200 degrees below zero is obtainable with liquid air. Next, a plant for liquefying hydrogen was installed, and a temperature of 260 degrees below zero was secured. Finally a plant was designed for the assault upon helium, an assault which has been successful with a temperature within one degree of absolute zero. It may interest our readers to know that one of the instruments recently added to our stock of equipment in our physics laboratory is a helium spectrum tube for experiments in spectroscopy.

In a recent lecture on "The Nebular Hypothesis and Modern Cosmogony," Dr. J. H. Jeans, F.R.S., propounded some rather startling theories. He shows that planets are not evolved from a star as the star has evolved from a nebula. They are probably produced as the result of one star passing in its course sufficiently near to another permanently to affect it. Calculation shows that violent disturbance of this kind will be the lot of very few. In consequence, systems such as the solar system "must be rare in the sky." Indeed, it is just within the bounds of possibility that our system is unique—that out of two or three thousand million stars which people space, our sun may be the only one attended by satellites. To carry this train of thought one step further, it is just possible that our earth may be the only body in the whole universe which is capable of supporting life. Later, Dr. Jeans expresses the same thought somewhat differently. "We begin to suspect," he says, "that life is not the normal accompaniment of a sun, since planets capable of sustaining life are not the normal accompaniment of suns. Astronomy begins to whisper that our terrestrial life forms a greater proportion of the sum total of all the life in the universe than we at one time thought."

Mr. Erwin has added the following books on the "new physics" to his library of scientific text-books:—(1) Atom Structure and Spectral Lines, by Professor Sommerfeld, of the Uni-

versity of Munich; (2) The Quantum Theory, by Dr. Lewis, Professor of Physical Chemistry in the University of Liverpool; (3) Isotopes, by Dr. Aston, of Trinity College, Cambridge (the author of this book recently won the Nobel prize, and is one of the highest authorities on the subject which he treats); (4) The Theory of Spectra and Atomic Constitution, by the celebrated Niels Bohr; (5) Modern Electrical Theory, by Dr. Norman Campbell, of London; and (6) The Chemistry of the Radio-active Substances, by Dr. Russell. These books are all written by eminent authorities, and contain the results of the most recent researches on the subjects with which they deal. They may be borrowed by any of our students who desire fuller information on the particular subjects they discuss.

During the year we have received the following additional instruments for our physics laboratory:—A Dolezalek quadrant electrometer; a battery of 100 cadmium cells; a constant volume air thermometer; an electro-calorimeter; an Argon spectrum tube and a Helium spectrum tube. Several other articles which we ordered from London over a year ago have not yet come to hand, and, indeed, it is not likely that they will reach us before the beginning of next year. Patience is a virtue which we science people in Tasmania are compelled, by force of circumstances, to practise.

Recent letters from England contain the information that Messrs. F. B. Richardson, A. J. Clinch, and E. M. Lilley, Rhodes Scholars and former science students of this School, have all got honours in their final examinations at Oxford—Richardson in chemistry, Clinch in engineering, and Lilley in physics. We congratulate these gentlemen and express the wish that their careers in the world, wherever their lot may be placed, may be equally as brilliant as they have been at school and the University. As we write these jottings, we learn that Richardson has arrived in Tasmania. Clinch and Lilley are, however, remaining at Oxford for a further period of research, after which, no doubt, they also will return to their native land.

Dr. J. H. B. Walch, after a brilliant course in medicine in the University of Sydney, has started practice as a doctor in Hobart. Some years ago he was one of our best science students, and at the senior public examination of 1915 he won credits in English, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, physics, and chemistry, and qualified for a science scholarship in the University of Tasmania. He was always so thorough and conscientious in his work as a student that we confidently predict for him a most successful career in the profession he has adopted.

THE COMPLEX VARIABLE.

Fumes from the Lab.

Such a number of new sciences have been formed lately that it is not surprising that many of them are quite unknown. Although everyone uses it occasionally, very few people have heard of inferential calculus.

This science can best be described by illustrations. The kinetic theory of gases is, we are told, $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$. It is a very peculiar sort of theory on the face of it, but nevertheless it can be inferentiated. The inference with regard to the theory of

evolution is probably $M-t$, where t is a function of M (that waggley function at the end of the spine in the species M which is particularly considered in the theory).

Again, the inferential co-efficient of $1.380 \times 10^3 \dots (X^?)$ could easily be found, but we are not allowed to infer things like that, as it would give our dear Goldilocks fitz.

"It is curious how some of the most intricate phenomena of science can be applied to explain ordinary happenings. For instance, when a master takes a great deal of care in showing the work to the class, and the following day they are as ignorant as ever, the reason is that during the explanation the day before, at the most important part, the point on which the whole question rested, someone had coughed, thereby producing 'interference,' and the point was lost, as no one had heard it."

In deadly secret the "Secret Society" of the School have gone into the question thoroughly, and decided to send a radiogram down to Hades, with the proposal that those who have time to work off in the eternal stokehold be made set the papers for all earthly examinations. According to our mortal authorities, this would be a capital punishment for wicked sinners. It is believed that they speak from experience.

Marks are peculiar things. In Germany they go at about several billion or so to the pound, whereas in the class-room they are sometimes very highly valued. On the Exchange they are thought little of, but on [censored] one finds it very difficult to forget them.

Despite the periodic outbursts in the Magazine, the Chemistry Lab. is still not large enough to contain the fumes which are evolved therein. Apart from the fact that it is bad principle to convert the College into a fume cupboard (or "stink chamber," as sensible and straight-speaking people call it), the perpetrators of these horrors forget that the place is inhabited, and that the inmates have to suffer untold agonies as a result of their researches.

Nirza has a vision:

"One afternoon as Fate was leading my footsteps up the College stairs, I beheld a strange vision. There, in the corridor, were two lads. One, who I think was the ghost of one of our noble sixth out on a spree, was indulging in such ecstatic gyrations as might appal the devil. Up and down the corridor danced he, and his arms and legs gave the impression of a windmill engaged in battle with a cyclone. I crept into shelter and watched. First, his motions reminded me of an African war-dance. Then this fantastic figure changed his metre and he danced the floor in a Highland fling which would do justice to a son of Caledonia.

"Again he changed his step. He must have become tired, for now he executed with grace and demeanour an elfin dance. After he had recuperated sufficiently he performed the last and most weird figure of all. It was a masterpiece of art. Now he pranced up and down like a frisky foal, now he was an Egyptian vampire enthralled a host of crowns. I cannot give a name to these eurythmics unless they be the new jazz for 1924.

"The other lad was standing as still as a statue. Not a limb moved except his hand, which was writing on the wall. Although I was many feet away, I could see every detail dis-

tinctly. I know not what the strange hieroglyphics represented. They may have been an imitation of the Works of Euclid, or perhaps the lad was a reporter or an artist.

"Suddenly, I noticed a shadow in one of the many doorways. It was a large shadow, and had the same effect on the visions as sunshine has on the mist. They vanished—whither I cannot tell. In the place of the shadow I beheld the material form of our science master, and paying my respects, I left his presence as quickly as was dignified, for I had no desire to discuss the scene with him."

(We do not know whom to blame for this outrage, Nirza or the vision.)

Old Boys' Column

BIRTHS.

- BUTLER.—On November 6, the wife of C. T. Butler: a son.
 HUGHES (nee PIESSE).—On November 6, at Courtney-street, New Town, to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hughes: a son.
 WALKER.—On July 25, 1923, at Augusta-road, Hobart, to the wife of Huon Cameron Walker: a daughter.

DEATHS.

- EVANS.—On November 28, 1923, Colonel Thomas May Evans, V.D., of Flint House, New Town, aged 79 years.
 HARBOTTLE.—On September 7, 1923, at his residence, Sandy Bay, Frank, late Major in the A.I.F., D.S.O., eldest son of the late Joseph Harbottle, in his 51st year.
 HAY.—On September 1, 1923, at his parents' residence, Montrose, 24 Princes-street, Sandy Bay, Noel Graves, loved son of John and Isabel Hay, in his 24th year.
 HODGMAN.—At Private Hospital, Melbourne, William Michael Hodgman, Solicitor, Ellerslie-road, Hobart, the beloved husband of Louie Hodgman, and eldest son of the late W. L. Hodgman, aged 47 years.

MARRIAGES.

- DOUGLAS—FLINT.—On May 7, 1923, at St. John's Church, Goulburn-street, by the Rev. E. H. Thompson, Cecilia Victoria, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Flint, of Hobart, to Claude Bruce, youngest son of Lady Douglas (and the late Sir Adye Douglas), of Hobart.

The wedding of Miss Mary Piesse, daughter of the late Mr. Frank Piesse and of Mrs. Piesse, Montpelier-road, with Mr. Gerald Adams, son of the late Mr. G. Adams and of Mrs. Adams, was celebrated at the Nixon Chapel of St. David's Cathedral on Tuesday, October 30.

Mr. E. H. Butler, of Hobart, has just heard from his son, Captain Angus Butler, that he has been elected a member of the Nigerian Legislative Council to represent the Nigerian Chamber of Mines.

Lieut.-Colonel A. C. Blacklow, D.S.O., who has been recommended by the National Rifle Association of New South Wales

as commandant of the Australian team to visit Great Britain next year, went to Sydney from Tasmania, and joined the 1st Regiment as a private under Colonel Oldershaw in 1898, and the Randwick Rifle Club, of which he is still a member, four years later. He has been placed in sixth position in four King's Prizes: Bisley, New South Wales, West Australia, and Tasmania. He enlisted in 1915, and was in the Battle of Messines in 1918. He was three times mentioned in despatches, and was decorated with the D.S.O. The Colonel is keenly interested in the Trainees and Citizen Forces' Rifle Association, and has been a member of the council of the N.R.A. for many years. In addition to having had a distinguished career as a soldier, Colonel Blacklow is a well-known Sydney professional man, with many mercantile interests. He is also an excellent coach, a genial disciplinarian, a fine after-dinner speaker and entertainer, and one who would (says the Sydney "Daily Telegraph") worthily uphold the honour of Australia.

F. B. Richardson, Rhodes Scholar for 1920, is back again at Hobart, and has resumed his old position with the Electrolytic Zinc Co. at Risdon. During his three years at Oxford he specialised in chemistry.

G. T. Robertson, a Prefect and Vice-Captain of the football team in 1917, is at present on the staff of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia at Rabaul, in New Britain.

J. M. Harrison, who left Hobart a few months ago for England, is with a big electrical firm at Rugby.

K. M. Urquhart has been transferred to England, and is specialising in engineering at the Royal Naval College at Devonport.

The Dehle brothers are back again in Australia after about two years in Germany. Chris. is with the E.Z. Co. at Risdon and Joe is with a firm of structural engineers in Brisbane.

J. D. McElroy, who graduated B.Sc. at the Sydney University last year, is with a geological survey party on the North Coast of New South Wales.

D. W. YOUNG WRITES FROM DUNTROON.

"Bruce Watchorn is in his third year, and next year will be one of the 'heads,' most probably. He is 'goalie' in the first eleven hockey and very efficient at the job.

"Neil Watchorn is in his first year and quickly settling down to his new life. He was one of the special batch brought in last June, and was rather unfortunate in arriving at the coldest part of the year.

"I am in my second year, and have been doing fairly well. I shall be glad when I get into third year, as then we shall have finished with all our 'civil' work except languages, and will do all military stuff, of which we do a fair bit now, in addition to maths., physics, chem., English, and languages.

"The only other two Tasmanians here are Charlesworth (1920) and Morgan (1923), who are both old St. Virgil's College boys.

"Carl' Wiggins and M. Dollery have graduated, and are in Melbourne and Adelaide respectively."

OBITUARY.

NOEL G. HAY.

Noel Hay, who died on September 1, only left school at the end of 1918. In that year he was Senior Prefect, Captain of Stephens House, and Captain of football, rowing, and athletics—a very fine record. He was equally successful as a student and athlete at the Ballarat School of Mines. On returning to Hobart he was appointed to a position at the Technical School. He kept up his football, playing for the Lefroy club, and during the past season rendered invaluable assistance to the School team. His younger brother is Captain of the Leslie House team, and is probably the best all round school athlete at the present time.

MAJOR FRANK HARBOTTLE.

Major Harbottle, a son of Mr. Joseph Harbottle, was born in Hobart in 1872, and was educated at Christ College. On leaving school he entered the civil service, where he remained for two years, when he resigned to follow business pursuits as an accountant and company secretary. He joined the Volunteer Artillery in 1889, and occupied the position of honorary secretary to the Tasmanian Rifle Association for some years before the war. He invented a mechanical miniature rifle target, which was approved by the British War Office, and also an apparatus explaining gunnery problems and the working of the automatic sight which was adopted by the Australian military authorities. He personally introduced English and rainbow trout into several streams in Tasmania. He served in the European War from 1914 to 1917, the first six months as officer commanding the Australian Garrison Artillery, Fort Nelson, and the following eight months as Camp Commandant. He joined the 2nd Australian Division Field Artillery in September, 1915, was in Egypt from December, 1915, to March, 1916, and from then on in France, where he received the D.S.O. He was gassed at Passchendaele in 1917, and was invalided to Australia the following year. He held the position of censor for Tasmania until the end of the war, and was until the time of his illness Deputy-Commissioner for War Service Homes in Tasmania.

Major Harbottle married a daughter of Major P. W. Grant Pinnock, of Brisbane. He leaves a widow and two children.

MR. W. M. HODGMAN, THE WELL-KNOWN BARRISTER.

The late Mr. Hodgman, who was 47 years of age, took his LL.B. degree at the University of Tasmania, was admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Tasmania in 1902, and rapidly came to the front as an advocate and family solicitor. He was a partner in the firm of Ewing, Hodgman, and Seager, and when the Hon. N. K. Ewing was appointed to the Supreme Court Bench, Mr. C. S. Page joined the firm in Mr. Ewing's stead.

The deceased gentleman was held in universal respect and esteem, and had a host of friends. He was a remarkably painstaking and able lawyer. As an advocate in the courts he always displayed exceptional ability and thoroughness in doing his very best for his client, and was more than usually successful. At the same time he was regarded by his brother

practitioners as a fair opponent at all times, who never resorted to abuse. The judges always listened to his arguments with attention and respect, and repeatedly complimented him on his ability and method of handling cases.

Mr. Hodgman was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and also a keen yachtsman, and was never happier than when enjoying a cruise on his yacht *Morea*. He was also an active member of the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, whose members will deplore the loss of one of the most popular members of the club. He leaves a widow and three children.

COLONEL T. M. EVANS, V.D.

Colonel Evans was born in Hobart on August 6, 1844. He was the son of Mr. Michael Evans, who in the early days left England to settle in Tasmania, and was educated at the Hutchins School. Upon the completion of his education he entered business, and became manager of the Derwent and Tamar Insurance Office, and later chairman of directors. He was also closely associated with the Hobart Savings Bank, and was one of the original members of the Tasmanian Club. He entered heart and soul into military affairs, and performed work of distinction during the existence of the volunteer movement in Tasmania. When Major E. L. Crowther resigned his commission as commanding officer of the Southern Tasmanian Artillery Corps Colonel Evans, then senior captain, succeeded him, and was promoted to the rank of major. He was further promoted to be brevet-lieutenant-colonel during the Queen's Jubilee, and had the Volunteer Officers' Decoration conferred upon him in 1894.

When the news of the Great War came through Colonel Evans had the distinction of being the first man in Tasmania to volunteer for active service, but on account of his age it was not possible for him to leave the State. Nevertheless, his services were most readily availed of at home. During the war he filled the position of censor for Tasmania. Since the conclusion of the war he had been living in retirement at New Town. He took a keen interest in many things, was an enthusiastic nature lover, being a member of the council of the Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union, and associated himself with matters of historical interest connected with Tasmania, accumulating in this respect a large number of old papers and records of the settlement of the colony. In this connection he had a fund of information, people, dates, and events being fresh in his memory. Gardening was another of his hobbies, and at all times of the year his grounds surrounding his picturesque old stone residence, fronted as it is with quaint "ornaments," such as shot, shell, and the barrel of old cannon, were a picture, and to its improvement he devoted a lot of time. When Sir William Ellison Macartney was Governor of Tasmania Colonel Evans was appointed A.D.C.

Old Boys' Association THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Old Boys' Association was held early in August at the School, when Professor Dunbabin presided over a fair attendance of members.

The secretary (Mr. D. M. Urquhart) submitted the annual report, as follows:—"Your committee has, during the past twelve months, attempted to bring more active interest into the association. Many difficulties have to be contended with before a start can be made to materially increase the numbers of financial members of the association. This subject will be dealt with later. Your committee have had the misfortune to lose the services of Mr. B. Boyes and Mr. C. Muschamp, the former through ill-health, the latter owing to his departure from the State to take up an appointment on the mainland. Mr. A. McDougall has fulfilled the position of hon. treasurer for the last six months. Owing to the departure of Mr. L. T. Butler, a substitute had to be found for the position of hon. secretary; this Mr. Urquhart has fulfilled for the last month.

During the year the Old Boys met the Present in one football match and one cricket match. On August 4, 1922, the Old Boys' football team managed to beat the School by 2 goals 17 behinds. The cricket match finished in a draw. On each occasion the Present team and School staff were the guests of the Old Boys. The annual dinner was held in September, and was a decided success. There were 50 present, but many others expressed their intention of being present at this year's function. Your committee suggest circularising Old Boys, in addition to the members of the Hutchins School Old Boys' Association, by a similar circular to that employed last year. Your committee wish to point out the position of the membership of the association, and to suggest a method of improving it. On August 4, 1922, the membership was as follows:—Seventy-seven life members, 121 £1 members, and no 5s. members; to date there were 80 life members, 141 £1 members, and 45 5s. members. The members as on August 4, 1922, were composed entirely of those who had subscribed to the original Hutchins School fund in 1912. As can be seen, no decided increase in members has been effected. The new members have been gained almost entirely by personal canvass. The only method of obtaining a material increase in membership is to circularise all boys. This cannot be at present carried out, owing to there being no list other than the School roll of Old Boys of the School. Your committee, therefore, strongly recommends that the board of management be approached in the matter of compiling a complete alphabetical roll of the School from August 4, 1846, to date, and that a copy be supplied to the H.S.O.B.A., this roll to be preferably on the card index system. When the alphabetical roll is completed, your committee advises circularising all Old Boys. Your committee suggests approaching the board of management, with a view to collecting 5s. per annum from the interest on money paid by life members of the H.S.O.B.A. to the Hutchins School fund. At present an Old Boy who pays £5 or over to the Hutchins School fund becomes a life member of the H.S.O.B.A. The H.S.O.B.A. derives no monetary benefit from such membership, but is bound to treat such a life member as if he were paying an annual subscription of 5s. This state of affairs is obviously unsatisfactory and unbusinesslike. I greatly regret having to resign my position as hon. secretary of the H.S.O.B.A., but am certain the new secretary will be able to do a great deal more towards the advancement of the association."

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, re-

marked that it showed gratifying activity in various directions. He regretted, however, that, considering the number of Old Boys who had gone through the School, the membership was still much smaller than it should be. He hoped that, by a personal appeal on the part of the Old Boys present, the membership would, during the coming year, be materially increased.

The report was adopted.

In the course of general discussion, it was recommended that, if possible, the Old Boys' dinner be held on Thursday night of Show Week. It was also decided to revise the rules, and to call a special meeting at a later date.

The meeting terminated with the usual vote of thanks.

A special general meeting was subsequently held, and the rules as revised by the sub-committee were adopted by the Association.

The Magazine Prize Competition

Major Giblin sends the following report:—

"A day of my life" was the subject for the competition, from which the Sixth Form was excluded. Three essays were sent in, all of some merit, but no one outstanding. The first question was to what extent did any of the essays show that the writer had felt something strongly on the day picked out. He might have been excited by new scenes or adventures, or suffering from an accident, or thirst, or great fatigue; he might have been depressed or melancholy or afraid—any strong feeling that would mark the day. Not one of the essays made a good showing in this respect. There is no convincing feeling in any of them. There is some show of delight over an ascent of Mount Wellington by B. But the well-worn conventional phrases do not convince the reader. The feeling, as well as the words, might have come from books.

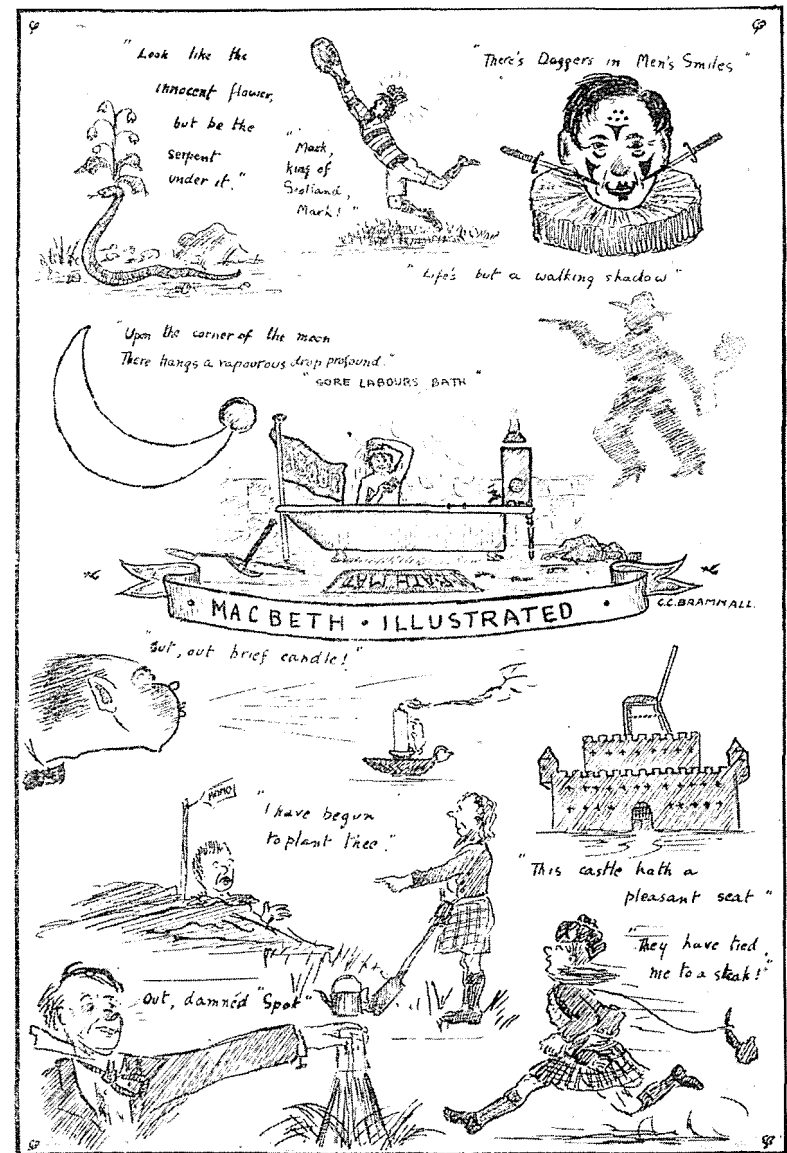
Failing a convincing expression of feeling, it is by presentment of character and personality—the writer's or another's—that such an essay can make its mark. B here scores some success with reference to a fat bald-headed stranger, though he gives little light on himself. A gives a touch of himself cricketing and bird-nesting, and a very little of the friendly but reluctant "George"; but it is all very faint. D gives us nothing at all. A typical elderly tourist, not bad tempered, is the most one would say of D.

Presentment of feeling and personality, then, giving us not much help, we must come to lower tests. How much observation, or impression, or record of action is contained in it? And how far is this matter expressed simply, briefly, and in natural English? On this ground D makes the best showing; his writing is so much more competent and business-like than either of the others, that, after some hesitation, I award him the prize.

"A DAY OF MY LIFE."

A. Downer.

As the traveller steams up the harbour of Hong-Kong, perhaps the thing that strikes him most is the immense amount of water traffic. No one could wish for a more beautiful sight than sailing into the harbour at half-past five in the morning, just as the sun is shedding its rays over the surrounding mountains and hills. So it seemed to me, and one of the world's



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greatest journalists and a world-wide traveller felt the same, for he said: "If there is a place more beautiful than Hong-Kong I have yet to see it."

As the ship let down her anchors, immediately a crowd of Chinese sampans were along the side of the ship. Sampans are about as large as an ordinary sized dinghy, and large families live on them, with a few fowls hopping about and the washing hanging out and a few vegetables growing—all in the one boat.

Hurriedly dressing, we were on deck again. I did not go ashore in the morning, but it was quite interesting watching the busy water traffic, for at Hong-Kong there is more traffic on water than there is on land. It has been estimated that, including Chinese junks, a thousand ships pass in and out of Hong-Kong every day. Many up-to-date naval cruisers, submarines, and torpedo-destroyers are always in the harbour.

After lunch, or tiffin, as it is called in the East, I went ashore in one of the company's launches. On landing, I was surprised to find what a beautiful town Hong-Kong was. The main thoroughfares were adorned with magnificent buildings, and the roads were excellent. We went to the Hong-Kong Hotel, a huge building, and engaged one of their motors for a trip to a seaside resort, about fourteen miles by road from the city, called Repulse Bay. Soon the car was out of the city and skimming through beautiful tropical country. The roads were the best I have seen. Everywhere the roads have been asphalted, and hardly a rut can be found. They were laid down in 1913 by a patent American process, but seem to be still new. This applies to the roads throughout the island. In a little over half an hour we reached Repulse Bay, where, perhaps, is one of the most magnificent hotels in the East, erected on the latest American lines. They had not finished it then, but one could see how palatial it would be. The manager met our party, and showed us over the place. At the foot of a terraced garden was the beach, where many bathing boxes and an up-to-date spring-board had been erected. A peculiarity about Hong-Kong is, that although it is intensely hot in summer and moderate in winter, there are no sharks whatever, so that one can bathe in safety all the year round. After staying at this beautiful spot for a couple of hours, the chauffeur took us back by another road, so that we had driven completely round the island by the time we returned to the city. We passed a nine-hole golf links at an adjoining bay, and went through several villages. This road was more beautiful than the first one we came by, and it was also a little shorter.

Arriving in town, we were advised to go to the Peak Hotel for the night. "The Peak" is a mountain about 1,600 feet high, and is reached by a funicular tramway, as nothing else can go up except sedan chairs, it is so steep. We went to the Peak because the ship was not sailing till the next afternoon. Arriving at the Peak in ten minutes, one could instantly feel the drop in the temperature. After dinner we went for a walk along the esplanade, where a magnificent view could be obtained of the harbour and the surrounding hills, and the city spread out like a glittering star at our feet.

As the air was getting chilly, we went back to the hotel and to bed. I know I was so tired that I was sound asleep in a few minutes.

Prefects' Notes

I'll tell thee everything I can,
There's little to relate.

(Lewis Carroll.)

Chers Lecteurs.—There's little to relate. However, we take up the pen to burden you with whatever news we may have. In the first place, of course, all are anxious to hear of our health. Well, considering the strain of work we bear on our shoulders, we are faring as well as could be reasonably expected. Flix, at the time of writing, has fallen a victim to the raging epidemic of "Belgian" measles. Whether he has the genuine disease or whether he is taking a rest cure, we know not. It does not do to inquire too fully into such things. Stosh knows all about them; he's had 'em. Dear Hodgy was the first to lead the way, really for the sake of causing a sensation, we think. We cannot tell how many of us will be alive this time two months, after the examinations. Boss is the only one not brave enough to take his seat in the City Hall. If the exams. are too much for us, we succumb in a good cause. "Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori!"

When you last heard of us, we were only eight. But a few months ago, when the School was assembled as usual at nine o'clock, the Headmaster let fly a bomb-shell. Bill Evans, and our old friend Stosh, or Geranium, ascended the steps to the stage, and were each presented with a Prefect's badge, and so joined the ranks of the illustrious few. It's very nice to have so many, but we were rather doubtful of Bill (otherwise known as "Repete"). With Stosh, of course, it's different. He has the honour of being an inmate of this seminary for more years than any other boy. His "very name is provocation" to fame. We all remember, or, at least, all of importance, old Pete Evans, and if his brother follows in his footsteps things will probably turn out all right in the long run. When first he mounted the steps, after assembly, and in a clear, bell-like voice dismissed the School, we guessed that he would shape all right. He has also proved his worth as a liquid-crack-shot. There is no need to go into particulars; suffice it to say that he emerged victorious from a conflict with Jammy in the supper-room. Further particulars to be had on application to Jammy.

Boss, the animated one, is now a Radiator! He is, in fact, the prime mover in the Radio Club. Now this is all very well. According to him, the School will be run by wireless soon, and there will be need of only a few masters in the State. This will, of course, save expense, and ought to make secondary education free, as Boss and Stosh proved in a debate that it should be. But, now, look at the other side of the question. What are we to do with a Radiator in this warm weather which is fast approaching? The study is small, and we are many! That's the difficulty.

Alas, how can we tell you this distressing piece of news? We are minus Joss! One of our number has flown.

"Lovers make moan, his eyes were green as leeks." (Shaks.)

He postponed his departure until he had led his football team to victory, so that's something to say for him. One and all congratulate him on the team's success! As soon as we learnt he was leaving us the opinion was handed round that the Prefect system would melt like "fairy floss" in one's mouth. We are all still here, though, and he continues to grace us with a chat in the study now and again.

Apples! Apples! Apples! Apples again, we say. The everlasting curse of the Prefects! Last year the study was like a confectioner's shop. This year business has not been so brisk. In fact, so little was doing that we jumped at the offer of a case of delicious Sturmers. This sounds all right. But when the person for whom they were originally intended turns up—"Nuff said.

Seven of our number had a high old time on the Melbourne trip, especially on the Loongana. Didn't things hum! What happened during their spare time in Melbourne is a mystery. The trip was too much for Bill. He was entirely indisposed for some days. All seem ready for such another trip. Strange, is it not?

Most of our readers have probably heard something of the visit of the Chinese Soccer team. As a whole, we took a great deal of interest in the visit. One of our number, though, took more than his fair share. This was Chingy. For his sake we were anxious to see them, and we were not disappointed. Whether any were related to our friend, we know not. We only hope he will grow into fine specimens like them. Remember, sir, the whole party were non-drinkers, and one-fifth were non-smokers!

It has been proposed to hold a Prefects' marble tournament. At present we do not figure much in the excited groups of boys who gather round the favourable places in the playground and vie with each other in the noble game of marbles. That detestable game of cricket has had to take second place now. The chief topic of the day is "alleys" (?) Hodgy and Bill are both making a name for themselves, especially the former. The study has had a comparatively quiet time this year; and we should do something to liven things up. We have never had marbles there before. All Hobart will soon be hearing shouts of "Fats," "Dubs," "Faints," and it will faint. There will be strife and emulation with a vengeance then, we can assure you.

Next time you hear of us, it will not be from us—only a part of us. Generally, in past years, the whole noble throng has passed away. Next year there will be perhaps four of us back to carry the School through another turbulent year. This year one old gentleman returned, and was able to turn the new recruits into shape. Next year the School has prospects of great success. It will indeed be the "annus mirabilis" all right. Exams. are approaching; we are overburdened with Prefects' duties and school work. Alas.

"Farewell, dear heart, since I must needs be gone."

Sixth Form Spasms

Spasm the First:

*"The time has come," the Walrus said,
 "To talk of many things;
 Of how poor Someone tears his 'shirt';
 Of songs Colossus sings;
 Of problems in geometry
 And other funny things."*

(Caroline Lewis).

So quoth the all highest compiler of epitomes, and obedient to his decree we sat us down and wrote us a Book of Spasms, which, we hope, shall be worthy of the highest traditions of the seat of learning. Much have we travelled in the realms of gold, and since the return from abroad of the Expeditionary Force, the "campus" of the "Hutchins Church of England Grammar School," has resembled an English countryside in spring. Dazzling visions of purple and fine linen, socks and ties, matching and contrasting, sparkle in the radiant atmosphere, and help to give a Melburnian touch to the ancient pile. The bright and happy dials visible on all sides are in striking contrast to the vivid green ones which were in evidence on our arrival in the Yarra Yarra. A trio of Freaks (with a capital F) claim that they did not "get the pip" on the Loony (Oh, happy name!) going over, but there is little evidence on the subject. Most of us were too busy *taking notes* to notice whether they pipped or not. Dr. Rootham, who came back on the s.s. *Oderifero* with us, says that we sang twenty-fifth rate songs, but Polly (who, by the way, ought now to be called "Joey") thinks "Look for the Silver Lining" is worth a bushel of the worthy doctor's folk songs. (Here endeth the First Spasm.)

Spasm the Second:

*"Dearly beloved brethren, is it not a sin
 To peel and eat potatoes, and throw away the skin?
 Skin feeds Piggie; Piggie feeds you;
 Dearly beloved brethren, is not that true?"*

(Old Song).

You all knew Piggie, did you not, dear brethren? Piggie with his little pink face, with its cherubic air of purity and innocence; the little pink hands ever moving lightly about some self-appointed task. Softly fall our tears at mention of any of his numerous names (Kinkuts, Alan, Joss, and Kron Printz among them), for he is now among the dear departed. He was a gallant man, but "nothing in his life became him like the leaving it." R.I.P. (Here endeth the Second Spasm.)

Spasm the Third:

*"Oh, strike the concertina's string
 And blow the blooming violin;
 Let the piano's martial blast rouse the echoes of the past
 For the orchestra has now begun to sing."*

A deep groan startles the silence in the ancient pile. Bats and other mysterious amphibians, startled from sleep, scuttle wildly about the floor, while a black-robed biped at the foot of the broad stair starts guiltily at being caught, so far from his duty, as a second dismal cry echoes throughout the building. Stealthily he retraces his steps up the crumbling stair, but more moans as of a creature in agony cause him to cower

trembling in an ivied cranny of the old wall. The sounds increase in pitch and volume, as if produced by many throats, and the guilty man's hair rises on end, chills run up and down his backbone. A shriek rends the air, and a painful breath of horror wheezes through his "hawse pipes." "Vivisection," he murmurs, and sinks into oblivion. . . . Pudden's voice rose and fell with its deep intonation. "Ye-es we have no bana-anas," roared Streak, while Guillaume R. Poussin (the creator of Bingo) shrieked in his rendering of the Tilehaunters' national anthem, and Colossus howled in unison. Richmond held high a greasy paw. "Enough!" Instantly a deathly silence prevails. The orchestra has held its afternoon recital. (Here endeth the Third Spasm.)

Spasm the Fourth:

"They are not yet come back" (Macbeth).

This was Sandy Mac's doleful cry when he returned from "Badger" after the holidays. His usually happy and serene little face with its retroussé nose was drawn with grief, for nowhere was there a red band to warm the cockles of his "weak heart." Yet two or three days later he "wanted to go up the Macquarie-street way." Perhaps next year he will wander home via Sandy Bay. By the way, can anyone tell us the genuine derivation of the word "Callie"? A classical lad suggests that it comes from the Greek "kalos," meaning beautiful. Quite plausible, but we have a hunch that it is connected with Collegiate. N'est-ce-pas, Felix? (Here endeth the Fourth Spasm.)

Spasm the Fifth:

"Do not interrupt, men of Hutchins" (Plato).

Cut off in the flower of its youth, the classroom cricket club expired, crushed by the heavy hand of authority, and before the great final between Lower Sixth and Dem. Room had taken place. Silence now reigns supreme where once the "ball" flew to and fro. Sarah swots Trig, where once he wielded the bat. Satan's books now lie where once Sludge-Mulk, perched on the trembling desk, brought off those wondrous catches that were the envy and despair of all who beheld. Moping in a dark corner sits 'Ood, who once in the glory of his youthful vigour sailed gaily over desks and volumes in pursuit of the elusive ball. The pitch, once so nicely swept, is now congested with portmanteaux. . . . There were giants in those days. (Here endeth the Fifth Spasm.)

Spasm the Sixth:

"I go and it is done; the bell invites me" (Macbeth).

But no mere bell will jar on the silence of the twenty-ninth day of November of the year 1923. Nay, a silence pregnant with horror will reign, and bands of young people with faces white and anxious will stand like statues without a ghastly yellow building in Macquarie-street. "Dinga-dong-ding-dong" will remark the Post-office, and with a clang like the crack of doom the doors will be thrown open, and tyranny will work its will upon us. However, let us not despond, but rather let us rejoice . . . after toil cometh rest. (Here endeth the Sixth Spasm.)

Spasm the Seventh:

"Let us now praise mighty men."

Such as our noble selves, though we sez it as didn't orter. Ah, the pity of it! Next year there will be no Sixth, so to speak, for we, the élite, will be far from the land. Can you wonder, dear brethren, that the prevailing note of this Twelfth Book of Spasms is that of sadness? Never more will the mighty exploits of Bingo, the Boy Hercules, lighten the gloom of the second period, nor the "Rising Sunset" illumine with its cheery rays the thunder clouds of the French Revolution. Never again will the blithesome carols of Colossus, the Sun of the Movies, fill the corridors of the House of Gloom with joy, or his best vanishing rubbers cause wrath in the House of Rex. Never more when the College rocks and sways in the grip of an earthquake shall our successors be able to whisper: "Behold! Colossus has gotten his cadet boots on." Ah, well! the best of friends must part, so "abituri vos salutamus," dear remnant, and farewell

Guillaume R. Poussin and Assistants

Here endeth the seventh chapter of the Twelfth Book of Spasms. Amen.

Miscellaneous Convulsions.

Why does Polly like *green* cabbages?
Is Bullfrog collecting jewellery? Pearls, for instance?
Why did Taxi go to Ballarat?
Did Eustachio have the *Belgian* measles?
Is Fenn's "Rolls-Ford" in the refuse destructor yet?
How many has the "mark fiend" lost?
When is the next "rose week"?

We take off our caps to—

Hector, for his porcupine brushback.
Flix, for being mentioned in a well-known periodical.
Teddy, for his swanlike serves.
Polly, for going to *two* football matches.
Chicken, for his remarkable portrayal of an idiot.

SOME SUGGESTED QUESTIONS FOR THE LEAVING.

(Marks will be taken off for bad writing.)

Latin.—(1) What do you know of the following:—Pontus, Andromash, Ashille, Syrrus, Themistokkles? (2) Give Latin for: Like a mighty pile; from his neck his whistle hangs; by means of men and their stomachs; dreadful was his squalor.

Greek.—(1) Comment on the following statement of Plato: "Life without examinations is not worth living."

French.—(1) Put into French: She seemed to be suspended from his lips.

English.—(1) Supply the first line to the following extract:
... Mark my melodious midnight means.
Much may my melting music mean:
My modulated monotonous.

(2) Explain the following terms: Moe, antic, "dears," sicken.

History.—(1) Where are the galleons of Spain?

Algebra.—(1) Draw the graph of $1380x^2$.

The Boy Scouts

As we look back upon the past year we realise that it has been the most successful since our formation some four years ago. Though our numbers are as yet small, and our activities severely hampered by the lack of a club-room and suitable equipment, yet more has been achieved this year than in any previous one. Our outdoor activities have included pioneer work, such as bridge and derrick building, and we shall close our year's work by holding a camp at Eaglehawk Neck at Christmas.

The cause of our success has undoubtedly been the keen spirit displayed by all in the troop, and we have also been very fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Rycroft as scout-master.

Next year our numbers will be considerably augmented by the entrance of several Wolf Cubs into the troop. These boys, having completed their service in the Cubs, will become Scouts; and will be of great help to the troop, having been already trained in the elementary principles of scouting. It is also hoped that other boys in the School will join the troop. Apart from the valuable training which is given in all subjects which go towards creating good, useful citizens, and young backwoodsmen, a healthy form of recreation is provided, which leaves no room for idleness on anyone's part, and counteracts the tendency of most people to become "lookers on."

It must be borne in mind that Scouting is not in any way a military movement; the very minimum of drill is employed, and the individual is always encouraged. The Scouts have a membership of over two millions throughout the world, and are recognised by the governments and educational bodies in most countries. Apart from the ordinary Scout activities, special attractions are offered such as organised camps, and every Christmas the All-Australian Corroboree. This Christmas it is to be held in Adelaide, and four boys from the troop are going to attend.

So we say to parents, make inquiries about the Scouts, and we are sure that you will be surprised at what they really are. If you are satisfied, ask your boys to join, and we will give them a welcome and ensure their having a good time.

The Wolf Cubs

The Wolf Cubs have suffered a real loss in the leaving for St. Ignatius' College, N.S.W., of Donald Walch, who has hitherto been their leader, and has, by his keenness, greatly helped the Cubmaster and the pack.

His place has been taken by R. G. Walker, formerly patrol leader in the Scouts.

The pack consists of three "sixes," and takes care that it shall contain none but genuine Wolf Cubs. It heartily welcomes all genuine inquirers, and receives them as volunteers for a few parades, since it insists on recruits getting a good idea of what cub law means before making up their minds that they wish to join the pack.

Also, and briefly, not everyone can be a Cub, even if he wants to.

The Cubs early developed a reputation for extra smartness on Junior School parades, as Mr. Kellett would testify, though they have not yet fully acquired the habit of initiative, or "doing things for themselves." Perhaps the Scouts will complete their education in this respect later on. That is what Cubs are for—to make Scouts.

Those who have gained their second star are Sixer Facy, Sixer Smith, and Giblin.

But the real doings of the pack are on Saturdays, and about these it is best to ask the Cubs themselves.

The Radio Club

The Radio Club, which was formed some time ago, but unfortunately did not get past this stage, has been re-formed, and everything points towards its being a success. The following officers have been appointed:—President, Mr. Olden; vice-presidents, Mr. Collis, Mr. Watkins; hon. secretary, I. Boss-Walker; hon. assistant secretary, J. Arundel; committee, R. Walker, M. Bisdee.

The objects of the club are: To create an interest in wireless telegraphy and to instruct members in the theory of wireless transmission and reception, and to afford a means of demonstrating the theory of reception by installing a receiving set.

There are about twenty members of the club, and we have a club-room at our disposal. It is intended, as soon as arrangements have been completed with the Controller of Wireless, to instal a crystal receiving set for the purpose of instructing members of the club, and to give them the opportunity to get experience in simple reception. It is hoped to obtain financial assistance in the near future, and in the event of such help we intend installing an efficient valve receiving set, which will open up unlimited fields of work in instruction and practice.

A constructional committee has been formed, with which all the arrangements of installing our receiving set have been placed, and it has already put at our disposal the means of having buzzer practice.

It has been decided to place the club-room at the disposal of members at all times, provided that some officer of the club is present, and it is intended to hold meetings as often as possible on Saturday nights. We have already had one instructional meeting, conducted by a senior member of the club, and we hope to have lectures fairly frequently dealing with the theory of wireless, and also practical demonstrations with our own set when we are able to instal it.

By next year we hope to be able to speak of what we have done, and not merely of what we intend doing, and members are assured of an interesting time. It is hoped that boys in the School will take an interest in this new science, which marks the dawn of a new era on the earth—the Wireless Age—and not look on it as a freakish amusement, but as a subject of vast interest and importance which has already worked wonders, and which will in the future revolutionise the world.