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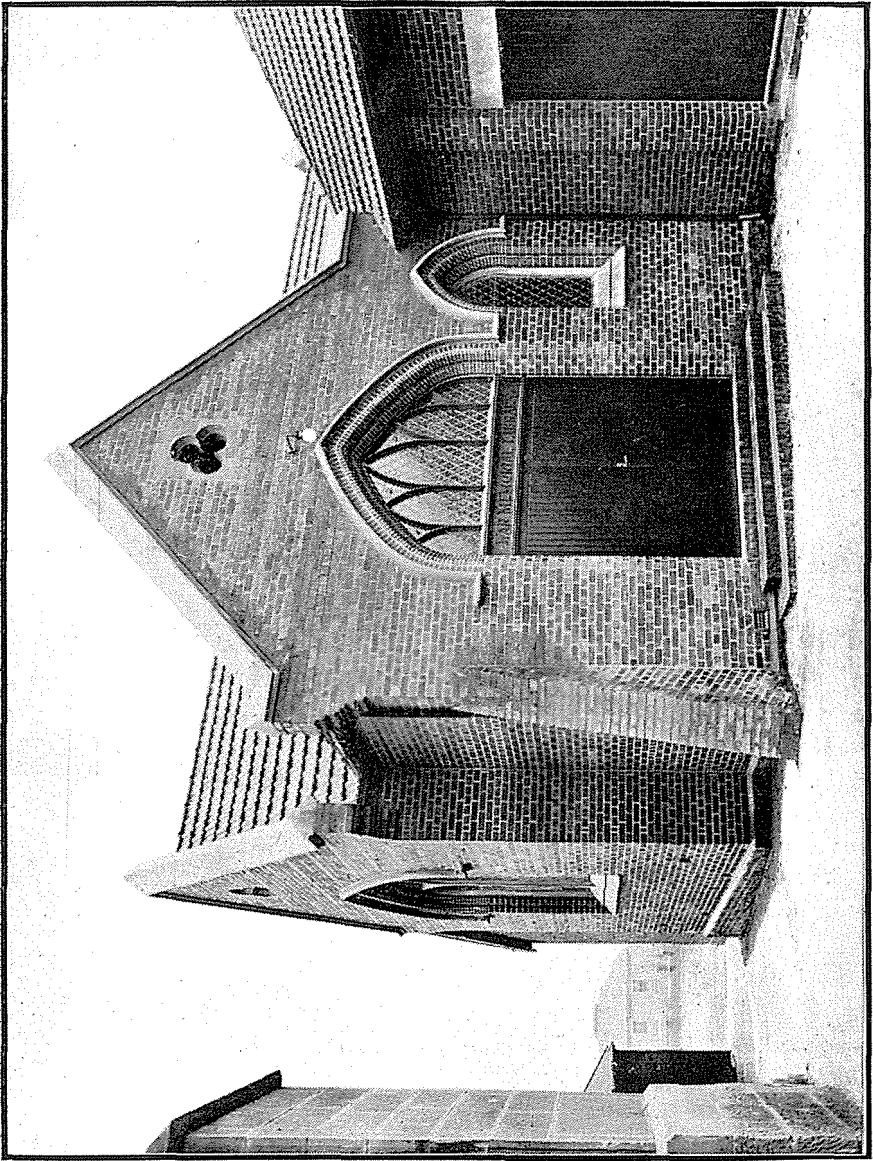
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### The Memorial Library.

The War Memorial, to which we have had occasion to refer so frequently in the pages of the Magazine during the last few years, is at last an accomplished fact. The building has been well and truly completed by the contractor, solemnly dedicated by the Bishop, and formally opened by the Governor of the State.

Whatever differences of opinion there may have been in the past as to the form the memorial should take, it is safe to assert that no one is dissatisfied with the ultimate result. On the contrary universal satisfaction is being expressed both with the external appearance of the library and with its internal fittings. It is unquestionably a worthy expression of the School's pride in its old boys who fought in a great cause, and a noble monument to those who fell. Its sacred and memorial character, we feel sure, will never be forgotten. There will always be in it an atmosphere of reverence and respect not to be felt elsewhere.

But apart from its memorial character the room is supplying a long-felt need. Anyone who has any doubts on this point will have them quickly dispelled by a visit to the library between the hours of one and two. Every available seat will be seen to be occupied by an intent reader; sometimes, for lack of seating accommodation, boys are seen standing, or sitting on the floor! The room is comfortable and well lighted, and provides a real harbour of refuge for those who desire peace and quietness.

We are glad to learn from the Librarian that the boys are showing their appreciation of the privilege of using the

library by their excellent conduct within its walls. He and his assistants have so far had no trouble in enforcing the silence that is so indispensable in a reading room.

The thanks of the School are due to the committee of Old Boys who worked so hard to raise the necessary funds; to the Board of Management who fell in so readily with the proposal and made its execution possible earlier than it would otherwise have been; to all who subscribed to the funds; to the architect, Mr. Hermann Hutchison (an old boy), for his splendid design; and to the contractor for his faithful execution of the work at an extremely moderate cost.

Special mention must be made of a beautiful tablet carved and presented by Mrs. C. A. Payne in memory of her son and nephew. This is one of the finest things of its kind we have seen, even finer than the Honour Board, also Mrs. Payne's work, which is at present in the gymnasium, but will probably be eventually transferred to the library to add still more to the dignity of the room and emphasise its memorial character.

Many other valuable donations have been made, for which we here record our sincere thanks. Mrs. Thorold has given a beautiful clock in memory of her brother; Mr. N. Walker a handsome pair of fire-dogs; Mrs. Waller and Messrs. Erwin, Collings, W. Burbury, J. Walch & Sons, and R. Walker, chairs; G. Swan, an electric radiator; Mr. Pridmore, two oil-paintings; Messrs. Davies Bros., "Illustrated Mail"; Messrs. Oldham, Beddome, & Meredith, books; Mrs. Bean, Mrs. Carter, and Mr. V. Elliston, each a large number of books. Books have also been given by Mrs. Dick, Mrs. T. Murdoch, Mrs. E. Butler, Mrs. H. Gray; Messrs. Erwin, Budge, Brammall, Facy, Lucock, Vincent, Nettlefold, Scott-Power, Walch, Clark, Miller, Pridmore, Packer, and Nowell.

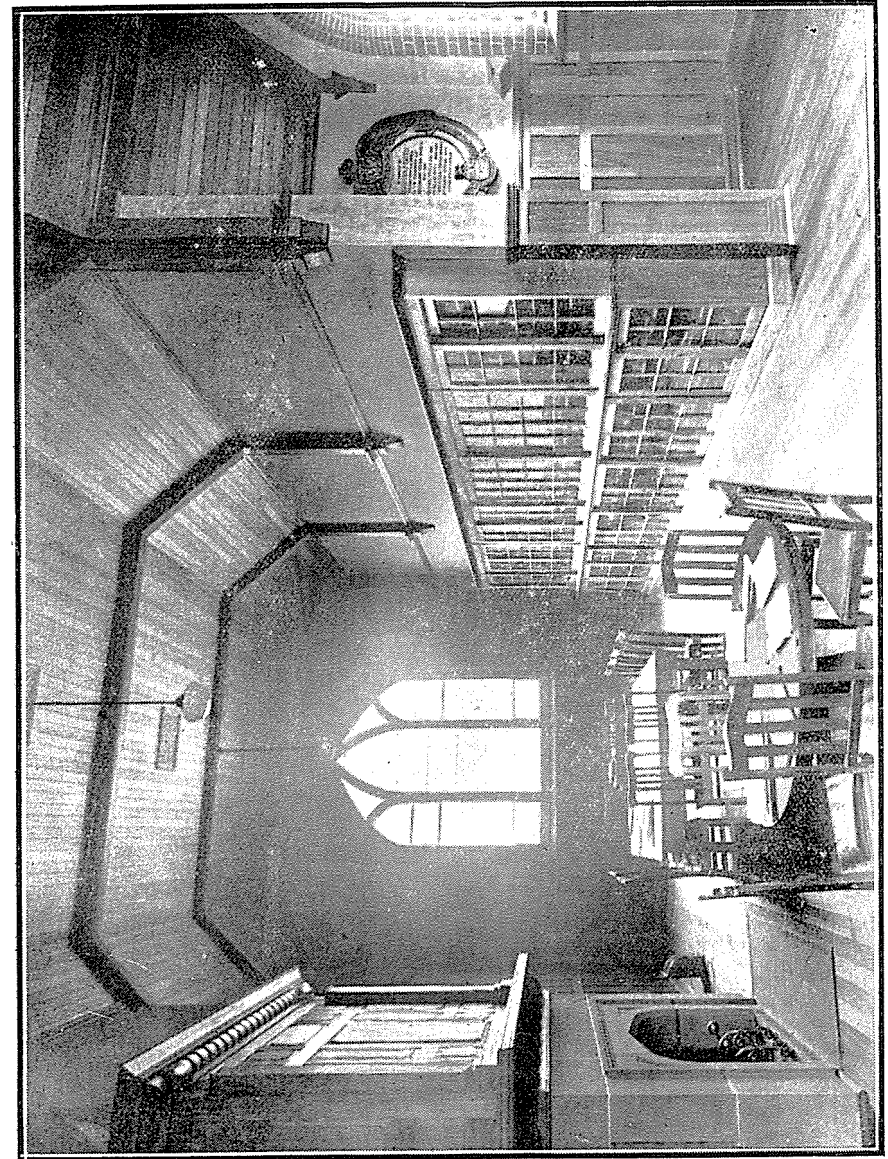
The Librarian (Mr. R. Collings) desires to apologise to any donor whose name is omitted from this list, and to say that there is still plenty of room for more books on the shelves. We also require more tables and chairs, and a few more pictures would be very acceptable. Mr. Isherwood has promised some pictures, and has also lent a table. Anyone willing to assist us in any way is asked to communicate with Mr. Collings as soon as possible. Mr. Collings will also be pleased to welcome visitors who desire to look over the library.

Last, but not least, we desire to draw attention to the fact that there is a debt of some £300 on the building itself, so that it is not yet too late for friends of the School to show their goodwill in a very material way.

#### THE DEDICATION AND OPENING CEREMONY.

The opening ceremony took place on Monday, April 26th, at 2.30 p.m., when a large number of visitors were present.

The ceremony began with a procession of the governing bodies of the Hutchins School and Christ's College, and staffs, the Bishop of Tasmania, the Dean of Hobart (the Very Rev. A. R. Rivers), Canon Blackwood, representatives of the Old Boys' Association and the School choir, which drew up outside the library, where the chairman of the board of management (Mr. C. W. Butler) and the acting Headmaster (Mr. H. D. Erwin) received the Governor and Miss Margaret O'Grady. The Bishop performed the ceremony of dedicating the library and



INTERIOR OF THE LIBRARY.



"The Last Post" was sounded. Visitors then entered the School Gymnasium, where the official speeches were delivered.

The Chairman of the Board, who presided said that, before the war ended, a great supporter and well-wisher of the School, Mr. D. H. Harvey, suggested that subscriptions should be made to a memorial fund in memory of those killed in the war and others on active service, and he started the list with a large donation. The board of management and the Old Boys' Association united in the matter, and at the first appeal the sum of £273 was raised. The State War Council, however, stepped in, and sent word that the appeal must be stopped at once, and when at last they were allowed to resume the appeal they found that the first enthusiasm had passed. However, £910 had been secured, and the cost of the library would amount to £1,250, so that about £350 was still required.

The Governor, after speaking of the great part played by the British people in the late war, mentioned a simple inscription in the Cathedral of Notre Dame at Paris: "To the glory of God and the memory of a million British dead, whose bodies mostly rest in France." That was a very small inscription, but it spoke volumes for the admiration and thankfulness of the French people towards their British allies. While he had been in Tasmania he had been to many districts and schools, and had pondered before their honour boards on this great tragedy in Tasmanian social life. He had gone into figures, and found that Tasmania not only contributed its quota, but more even than that. The Hutchins School had sent 440 of its old pupils, and of these 47 lay in alien soil. Those were terrible figures. His Excellency went on to speak of the appropriateness of the memorial chosen, and said that he deemed it an honour and a privilege to have been asked to take part in the ceremony.

The Bishop, in a brief speech supporting His Excellency's remarks, said that Australia was really born in the blood and sacrifice of the war, in which all classes fought, young men from colleges, from stations, from farm, factory, mine, and office. There were signs that the world was going to be a better place because of that sacrifice. The boys he was addressing were responsible to God and to the men who died to show the same spirit as the men who had perished in the great fight for a world's morality.

The Acting Headmaster, in thanking His Excellency, said that the new library would not be used as a classroom in any circumstances, and the boys must learn to realise the sacred nature of the building. It was going, at the same time, to fill a long-felt want, for, although they had good classrooms and science laboratories, the present library was small and rather unsatisfactory. In these days a library performed an important and almost essential function in every educational establishment. At present they had a good number of books, mostly works of fiction, but he thought they should have also books of an educational type. Looking at the matter from the utilitarian aspect for a moment, he asked friends of the School to assist by making donations of books for the library. He could assure His Excellency that the honour he had done the School in coming there to open the library was very much appreciated, and

he thanked, also, all those who had assisted in the raising of funds for the memorial. (Applause.)

The audience then assembled in front of the library, where the Governor unlocked the door, and from the steps officially declared the building open. Hearty cheers were given for His Excellency by the scholars.



The Late Major George Arthur Gurney.

### **The Death of Major Gurney.**

It was a great blow to the School to learn that our esteemed Bursar, Major G. A. Gurney, had passed away during the Christmas vacation. Last winter he had to undergo a serious operation, but he had returned to his duties apparently quite convalescent. Some of us knew when we broke-up for the holidays that he had to return to hospital for further treatment, but he made so light of it himself that no one suspected how serious his case was, or that he would not be with us again when School re-opened. He died on January 10th, and the School scarcely seems the same place without his genial presence.

Major Gurney's connection with the School dates back to the 'eighties, when he joined the staff soon after his arrival from England. Later he took up his abode at Port Arthur,

where he made himself invaluable to the Rector of Sorell as lay reader. Port Arthur being forty miles from Sorell, the Rector's visits were necessarily not very frequent, and Mr. Gurney was as good as a curate. He has since served the church in many capacities—as chorister, lay reader, churchwarden, and synodsmen.

Later Mr. Gurney opened a school at Ulverstone, which was subsidised by the Government as an agricultural college. After carrying on this establishment successfully for some years, he was invited about the beginning of the present century to accept the position of co-principal of the Hutchins School. After occupying this position with success for several years, he decided, in conjunction with Mr. E. I. Gower, to start a new school in Hobart. They took the premises now known as Clemes College, and founded the King's Grammar School, which sprang into immediate popularity, and for several years took a leading place both in scholarship and sport. The Hutchins School at this time was not prospering, and Bishop Mercer suggested an amalgamation, which took effect in 1907. So for the third time Mr. Gurney took his place at Hutchins, first as co-principal with the Rev. E. G. Muschamp, and after the retirement of the latter, as Headmaster. On the School's affiliation with Christ's College in 1913, Mr. Gurney became Bursar of both institutions, and Housemaster of the Hutchins School. He also supervised the erection of the new buildings, as clerk of the works. During the war he threw up his position to undertake war work in various capacities. On his return he did not resume the House-mastership, but acted as Bursar until the time of his death. Owing to his long connection with the School, his services have been invaluable to the governing bodies and the Headmaster, who have often sought and acted upon his advice. With the staff he was always popular on account of his unflinching cheerfulness and courtesy, and his habit of saying always what he thought. Though often differing with him in opinion, his colleagues all admired and respected his manly character, while all the boys liked him, and treated him as he treated them—as a personal friend.

He was an enthusiastic member of the Masonic fraternity in Tasmania, and did everything in his power to maintain the high ideals of the order. He was Pastmaster of the Leven Lodge, Ulverstone, and one of the founders of the Hobart Naval and Military Lodge, in which he held the office of Chaplain. He was keenly interested in the formation of a Lodge to be composed of Old Boys of Hutchins and the affiliated Schools, and it was one of his last wishes that the project should be carried to a successful issue. The formation of such a Lodge is now assured, and it is proposed to hold the consecration ceremony on Foundation Day (August 3rd).

The Bishop of Tasmania, in his Presidential address to Synod, made the following reference to the late Major Gurney:—

The late Major Gurney was another esteemed member of Synod. In his life work as a Schoolmaster he has left his influence for good in the lives of many young men who have passed through his hands, and who hold him in affectionate memory. As a voluntary lay-reader, he gave valuable assistance to the Church. We honour the memory of such a man as a fine

example of what the Church of England can produce. And we express our deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives.

For the following appreciation of his military services we are indebted to Lieutenant-Colonel L. H. Payne:—

To many is presented the opportunity of exercising some appreciable influence on the youth of the community; by few in our time and in this State has the opportunity been so seized and so consistently availed of as by the late Major George Arthur Gurney, V.D. Of his work in the school world the present writer is not qualified to speak. The purpose of these inadequate lines is to record some slight tribute to his qualities as the holder of His Majesty's commission for nearly twenty-nine years.

First gazetted in October, 1897, he was posted as a second lieutenant to the 1st Battalion, Tasmanian Infantry Regiment, this being the pre-Federation designation of the unit successively known since as the Derwent Infantry Regiment, the 33rd Infantry, and the 40th Battalion. He became Captain Gurney nearly six years later, his promotion to the rank of Major being promulgated in November, 1907.

He had been appointed to command No. 1 Battalion, Tasmanian Cadets in June, 1906, and, on the re-organisation of this unit under the system of Universal Service in July, 1911, he retained command of the battalion, thenceforth known as the 93rd Battalion, Senior Cadets. It is in his long association with the cadet forces that his military influence was chiefly felt. The success attending his work in this connection is indicated by the fact that, on more than one occasion, his battalion produced the champion cadet team which represented the State in Commonwealth competitions on the mainland.

By all who passed through Claremont Camp during that year of the Great War prior to July, 1916, Major Gurney will be remembered chiefly as Camp Field Officer, in which capacity he ably seconded the efforts of the Camp Commandant, Lieutenant-Colonel R. P. Smith, V.D., to maintain an improved standard of camp administration and organisation.

That he was not permitted to see active service in the field was ever a keen disappointment. He volunteered for active service on more than one occasion, and it was not until after having visited England on troopship duty and failing in a further endeavour there, that he finally became reconciled to the fact that field service was not to be his portion.

After having been awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration—the reward of 20 years' commissioned service—he resigned his cadet commission in November, 1920, and was placed on the retired list on January 1st, 1921.

His love for his old School remained with him always, and must have played an important part in the rounding off of his character. Generous of disposition and unflagging in courtesy and cheerfulness, he leaves a memory long to be treasured by his associates. Many a lad who passed through his hands will recall the kindly word and thoughtful inquiry as to his progress and welfare.

The characteristics which, however, stand foremost in the memory of the writer are his grit and determination. A vision arises of an early morning parade during a school of instruc-

tion at Claremont in July, 1915, the ground covered with a heavy blanket of frost and the air dense with fog. The Major, suffering torture from a neural affection of the arm and shoulder, refused the proffered leave of absence from the parade, and, with clenched teeth, forced his unwilling limb through the severe physical exercises in which the class was undergoing instruction. This was typical of his spirit, and to visit him in hospital in after years during his recovery from an operation was to come away inspired by his fortitude.

Although it was not vouchsafed to him to reach the allotted span, he "filled the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds' worth of value run." His work and influence undoubtedly survive him, and those of us who knew him best are the better for having possessed his friendship.

### The Rhodes Scholarship.

It is with pardonable pride that we record the fact that twelve Rhodes Scholarships have been won by Old Boys of the School—more than half the total number allotted to Tasmania. The scholarship which takes effect this year has been awarded to Mr. John Douglas Lloyd Hood.

He was born in 1904 and is the son of Mr. W. P. Hood, Tasmanian manager of the A.M.P. Society. He began his education at Cyne College, Adelaide, and continued it at the State High School and Hutchins School, Hobart. At the Hutchins School he was appointed a prefect, was a member of the Buckland House Committee and of the Debating Society and of the Rowing Club Committee. At the University he took a prominent part in the intellectual activities of the union and was editor of the University magazine, the "Platypus." He was a member of the general committee of the union, and for a time was its secretary.

When at Hutchins School he was a member of the first football team and was later also a member of the University team. He played cricket for Hutchins and shot for his house, later joining other rifle clubs in the city. He was a member of the Sandy Bay Rowing Club's senior eight which competed at Henley-on-Yarra in 1923, and in the succeeding years was also in the club's senior crew. He was also a member of the University crew which competed in the inter-University races at Melbourne and Brisbane, winning the event for Tasmania on the latter occasion.

Mr. Hood enjoys the distinction of being one of the most brilliant scholars the University of Tasmania has turned out. When at the Hutchins School he won the McNaughtan, Magistrates', and Dry Scholarships, and secured a University exhibition in 1918, as well as the Gilchrist Watt scholarship. Only the fact that he held other scholarships prevented his accepting a science scholarship for which he qualified in 1920, and a literary and a general scholarship for which he qualified in 1921. In addition to these achievements he secured also the Stuart essay prize, the Rev. Dr. James Scott prize for English (1920 and 1921), Dry prize for modern languages, Senior Public English and Latin prizes, and the Bean essay prize (1924 and 1925).

At the time of his selection for the scholarship, Mr. Hood was in charge of the "Booklovers" column in the "News." Prior to taking up his residence at Oxford, he is gaining valuable experience of a very different kind on a big sheep station on the mainland.

A report has been received from the Rhodes Trustees concerning the three Rhodes scholars in residence at Oxford. Mr. J. K. Clinch (Magdalen), it was stated, had taken a first in Final Honours School of Engineering. He was a very satisfactory student, and was going for the present with a firm in London. Mr. L. G. H. Huxley (New College) had taken a good second class in Final Honours School of Physics. He was a capable man, really interested in his subject, and a good member of his college. A. McDougall (Balliol) was reading law and was said to be doing very good work, most of which was up to first-class standard. He had also rowed for his college.

## The Public Examinations, 1925.

### THE LEAVING EXAMINATION.

Eleven boys from the School passed the examination—two less than last year. Ten of these matriculated, and the eleventh completed his matriculation at the supplementary examination. Another matriculated in December without passing the leaving examination. Thus the net result of the year's work was twelve matriculation passes, which is a matter for congratulation. In individual subjects our record reads:—30 credits, 51 passes, 19 failures. Three boys gained prizes, four qualified for scholarships (one of the four appearing on two scholarship lists), and four for exhibitions. Thus on the whole our results compare quite favourably with those of former years. Detailed results are given below.

- E. H. Boyd.—Second place for science scholarships, second for Dry exhibition in mathematics, credits in algebra, geometry, trigonometry, applied mathematics, physics, passes in English and chemistry.
- N. O. Westbrook.—Fourth for science scholarships, fourth for Dry exhibition in mathematics, prize for trigonometry, credits in algebra, geometry, trigonometry, applied mathematics, physics, chemistry; pass in English.
- F. D. Cruickshank.—Third for science scholarships, third for general scholarships, third for Dry exhibition in mathematics, prize for English composition, credits in English, geometry, trigonometry, physics, chemistry, passes in algebra and applied mathematics.
- G. W. Rex.—Sixth for science scholarships, fifth for Dry exhibition in mathematics, credits in algebra, geometry, trigonometry, physics, passes in English, applied mathematics, chemistry.
- W. A. Boufield.—Credits in geometry, trigonometry, physics, chemistry, passes in English, algebra, applied mathematics.
- R. F. Turner.—Prize for modern history, credits in modern history, geography, passes in English, Latin, French, algebra, geometry.

- R. F. Stops.—Credits in modern history, geography, passes in English, economics, Latin, French, algebra.
- A. L. Ife.—Credit in modern history, passes in English, geography, Latin, algebra, geometry.
- L. A. Hickman.—Credit in history, passes in English, geography, French, geometry.
- C. A. Page.—Passes in English, history, geography, Latin, French, algebra, geometry.
- L. B. West.—Passes in English, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, physics, chemistry.
- Q. McDougall.—Passes in English, history, geography, algebra, geometry.

### INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION.

Our results this year were better than last, but the percentage of failures was larger than it should be. Sixteen boys passed, as against fourteen last year, and two boys gained bursaries. In individual subjects we scored 23 credits, 127 passes, and 84 failures. The outstanding feature of the examination was the brilliant performance of the Launceston Grammar School boys, four of whom gained bursaries, two being placed first and second on the list with nine credits each—a record of which the School may well be proud, and on which we heartily congratulate them. These boys will be hard to beat in the leaving examination next year!

#### Results:—

- E. H. Huxley.—Senior bursary, credits in history, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, chemistry, passes in English, French, physics.
- R. N. Pringle.—Senior bursary, credits in history, Latin, arithmetic, algebra, passes in English, geography, French, geometry.
- L. E. Morgan.—Credits in English, history, geography, passes in French, arithmetic, algebra, geometry.
- H. F. Boss-Walker.—Credits in arithmetic, geometry, physics, passes in English, geography, algebra, chemistry.
- D. L. Anderson.—Credits in English, arithmetic, passes in geography, French, algebra, geometry, physics, chemistry.
- T. Stephens.—Credits in history, Latin, passes in English, geography, French, arithmetic, algebra, geometry.
- H. D. Drury.—Credits in arithmetic, chemistry, passes in English, geography, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, physics.
- S. C. Burbury.—Credit in English, passes in history, geography, Latin, French, arithmetic, algebra, geometry.
- W. Hodgman.—Credit in English, passes in history, geography, Latin, French, arithmetic, algebra, geometry.
- W. L. Rait.—Credits in chemistry and physics, passes in geography, arithmetic, algebra, geometry.
- A. F. Cummins.—Passes in English, history, geography, Latin, French, arithmetic, algebra, geometry.
- R. H. Vincent.—Passes in English, history, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, physics, chemistry.
- H. Dobson.—Passes in English, geography, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, physics.
- A. P. Brammall.—Passes in geography, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, physics.



- H. L. Tasker.—Passes in English, geography, Latin, French, arithmetic.  
 G. Kerr.—Passes in English, arithmetic, geometry, chemistry, woodwork.

#### THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S EXAMINATIONS.

The old "Qualifying" examination has been superseded by two examinations—the "Scholarship" examination, which is the entrance examination for the State High Schools, and the "Merit" examination for those who do not wish to proceed to the High Schools. For the former examination we entered nine boys, all of whom obtained the required number of marks:—Simmons, Pridmore, Denny, McPhee, Marsden, Rumney, Cruttenden, R., Cruttenden, D., Hudson.

In the "Merit" examination the following were successful:—M. Adams, D. Arnold, R. Bell, L. Bisdee, H. Brammall, R. Broinowski, H. Butler, T. Clemons, A. Groombridge, D. Harrison, E. Hale, S. Jarvis, J. Kennedy, C. Miller, C. Morgan, G. Nicholls, C. Rex, J. Shoobridge, J. Stops, M. Tibballs.

#### University Degree Examinations.

The following successes were gained by old boys of the School at the ordinary examinations held in November.

D. means Distinction, and H.D. High Distinction.

##### First Year.

- C. C. D. Brammall.—Latin, English, French, Deductive Logic and Psychology.  
 E. G. Butler.—Latin, English, General History of England, Pure Maths. b. (D.)  
 G. L. Ife.—Latin, English, General History of England, Deductive Logic and Psychology.  
 J. R. Rex.—Latin, English, General History of England, Deductive Logic and Psychology.  
 A. Smithies.—Latin, English (D.), General History of England (D.), Pure Maths. b. (H.D.)  
 H. N. Smith.—Economic History.  
 R. C. Sharp.—Pure Maths. b. (D.), Applied Maths., Physics, Chemistry, Mechanical Engineering (H.D.), Drawing and Design.  
 R. H. Dickinson.—Pure Maths. b, Physics (D.), Mechanical Engineering.  
 C. A. Jillett.—Pure Maths. b, Applied Maths., Physics (D.), Mechanical Engineering (H.D.), Drawing and Design.  
 J. A. Gollan.—Chemistry (D.), Biology (H.D.), Physics (D.),  
 W. M. Hood.—Economic Geography, French (Commerce).  
 H. L. Garrett.—Physics.  
 E. R. Spconer.—Chemistry.  
 D. W. Read.—Chemistry.

##### Second Year.

- H. J. Solomon.—English (H.D.), Law of Contracts, Law of Property (D.), Law of Wrongs (D.)  
 J. K. McIntyre.—Law of Property, Law of Contracts (D.).  
 S. C. Brammall.—Advanced Psychology.  
 S. H. Bastow.—Physics (D.), Maths. (Engineering) (H.D.), Chemistry, Pure Maths.  
 G. E. K. Pitt.—Physics (D.), Maths. (Engineering) (H.D.), Chemistry, Electrical Engineering (D.), Materials and

- Structure (D.), Mechanical Engineering (H.D.), Drawing and Design (D.), Chemistry for Engineers.  
 S. Darling.—Physics, Maths. (Engineering) (D.), Chemistry for Engineers, Electrical Engineering, Materials and Structure, Mechanical Engineering (D.), Drawing and Design (D.).  
 F. M. Hamilton.—Maths. (Engineering) (D.), Physics, Chemistry for Engineers (D.), Electrical Engineering (D.), Materials and Structures (D.), Mechanical Engineering, Drawing and Design.

##### Third Year.

- M. L. Urquhart.—Applied Maths. (H.D.), Physics (D.), Pure Maths. II. (H.D.), Applied Maths. II. (H.D.)  
 H. C. Webster.—Applied Maths (H.D.), Physics (D.), Pure Maths. II. (H.D.)  
 W. D. Read.—Electrical Engineering, Hydraulics, Mechanical Engineering, Surveying (D.), Drawing and Design (D.).  
 A. G. Wherrett.—Law of Property (D.), Equity (D.), Constitutional Law (H.D.)  
 E. R. Henry.—Law of Property, Equity (D.), Constitutional Law (D.)  
 S. E. Scolomon.—Accountancy (D.), Economics (Commerce).  
 C. L. Steele.—Law of Bankruptcy and Law of Trustees (H.D.), Modern History (D.).

#### Speech Night, 1925.

As usual, the City-hall was filled with an enthusiastic audience at the annual Speech Night, December 15th, when the Governor presented the prizes. Mr. C. W. Butler occupied the chair. The Bishop was present as Visitor of the School, and the members of the governing bodies and the staff were also on the platform.

The Headmaster, after welcoming the Governor and the Bishop, presented his annual report. After deploring the tendency of modern times to drop the classical languages, and also that of leaving school at an early age, he referred to the School's success in the public examinations. In 1924, although the candidates were not considered to be up to the standard of previous years in ability, 13 out of a class of 14 got through, and 12 of these matriculated. Three other students, who entered for special subjects, were successful, one gaining three credits. The percentage of passes was highly satisfactory when they considered that only 35 boys in the whole State passed the examination. Three boys qualified for science scholarships, and four for the Sir Richard Dry mathematical scholarship. One boy also gained the Sailors' and Soldiers' Memorial scholarship. The School had the proud distinction of furnishing, for the twelfth time, the Tasmanian Rhodes scholar—John Douglas Lloyd Hood, who had been chosen as the Rhodes scholar for this year. They had heard very good accounts of Messrs. Clinch, Huxley, and McDougall, Rhodes scholars for 1922, 1923, and 1924 respectively, all of whom had distinguished themselves in their examinations at Oxford. Fourteen boys passed the intermediate examination, and 18 the State qualifying examination. Three boys had succeeded this year in passing the education test for the Royal Naval College, but D. E. Webster had the honour of being the sole selected candidate for Tasmania. One of the Christ's College scholarships, the Magistrates', was divided between M. S. Bisdee and H. M. Harrisson. The Crace

Calvert scholarship, which was awarded on the result of the State qualifying examination, was won by G. E. Hodgson. The Hutchins School scholarship had been won this year by the following:—The MacNaughtan, E. Warlow-Davies; the Senior Newcastle, D. E. Webster; the Junior Newcastle, D. P. Crutenden; the D. H. Harvey scholarship and gold medal, E. D. Simmons (for the second time). The Stuart essay prize, which was the most valuable of the Christ's College prizes and was given annually for the best English essay, was won by R. F. Turner; L. A. Hickman coming a good second. Major Giblin had kindly adjudicated the prize, and had generously given a second prize to Hickman for his admirable effort. The modern side had done good work throughout the year, under the capable guidance of Mr. W. R. Johnson. Less time had been given to woodwork than they should have liked, as the moving of the woodwork shop to make way for the memorial library had taken longer than anticipated. Consequently, the usual woodwork display had to be abandoned. Boys on this side could now enter for the intermediate.

The Junior School, under the efficient guidance of Mr. Norman Walker, was filling a very definite need, and he could see no reason why, with its present staff, its beautiful airy classrooms, and kindergarten department, it should not be the best school of its kind in Tasmania. Quite a large number of boys in this part of the School were interested in natural history, and had joined the Field Naturalist section of the Royal Society of Tasmania, and he was sure that parents would be delighted if they could see the fine collections of specimens which the boys had made in their class-rooms. He was very grateful to Mr. Clive Lord for fostering this spirit by visits to the School, by talks to the boys, and by generous gifts of prizes. The primary and kindergarten section was progressing splendidly, and Miss Frizoni was to be much congratulated on the splendid results which she had achieved in this department.

Honours had again fallen to old Hutchins boys in many fields. At the annual commemoration at the Tasmanian University, F. P. Bowden and E. C. Waugh were admitted as graduates, and the following Old Boys had won prizes:—S. E. Solomon, H. C. Webster, J. D. L. Hood, J. Hay, R. H. Hamilton, F. M. Hamilton. Thirty Old Boys had gained successes at the Degree examinations. This was a list of which any school might well be proud. In sport, every boy, as far as possible, had had the chance of playing in school games and matches, and the practice of granting a dangerous monopoly to a few specially gifted athletes had been carefully avoided. Thanks were due to the Sportsmaster, Mr. J. L. Rycroft, for his untiring efforts in this department of the School life. The prefects, under the leadership of W. Jackson, had done their work admirably. Praise had been well earned also by form captains, librarians, and members of the sports committees, all of whom had worked well for the common good. He wished to place on record once more his own deep appreciation of the work of the governing bodies, and he was glad to have the opportunity of acknowledging the support and help which his colleagues, the members of the staff, had accorded him in all matters concerning the welfare of the School.

In conclusion, the Headmaster said:—"I hope that I have shown you in the course of my reports the aims that we have in view. We strive to inculcate the public-school spirit, the essence of which, of course, is 'esprit de corps.' We try to get the boys to realise that they are all members of one body, working not for themselves alone, but for the honour and glory of the School. If I say that the main object of education is the formation of character, I shall be indulging in a platitude. Nowadays the object can better be defined as the development of a great harmonious personality. It is essentially the aim of modern education to cultivate and encourage the better qualities which make for good citizenship, to turn out Christian gentlemen, grounded in sound Christian principles, ready to think and act for themselves according to these principles, sufficiently conscious of their own ignorance to be willing to go on learning day by day. No means to secure this end can be successful without the co-operation of those whom any school can at best only partially represent. I mean, of course, parents. Time, patience, and parental co-operation belong to the essence of the contract. There can be no solid foundation without these essential factors. I must again emphasise the difficulties under which all schoolmasters now labour in training their boys. I am no opponent of boys having a good time, but I hold most strongly that it should be the good time of a real boy and not of a blasé youth. Kipling's words, 'Teach us to delight in simple things, and mirth that has no bitter springs,' are far more needed to-day than when he wrote them. Tasmania has splendid boys, none better, as I believe, in all the world, but parental indulgence, too much pocket money, and too many dancing parties, are liable to create too many potentially waste products."

The report of the sporting activities of the School stated that the past year had been quite as successful as the two previous years. The School this year had annexed eight premierships, one State and seven Southern. They had been victorious over all Southern schools in cricket, football, rowing, athletics, swimming, tennis, and life-saving. In cricket, the eleven had defeated all the schools in the Southern association, and on the morrow it was going North to play the Launceston Church Grammar School, the Northern premiers, for the State premiership. In football they had defeated all the schools in the association, and, in one of the most exciting games played between the schools of Tasmania, defeated the Northern premiers by the narrow margin of four points, thus gaining the proud position of football premiers. Mr. N. Wade acted as honorary coach, and they were very grateful to him. In rowing, their crew came a very close second to the winners—the Launceston Church Grammar School. They were indebted to Mr. J. Swift, who had coached the School crew for the past six years. In tennis the School came first in the association, but the State premiership had not yet been decided. L. Kermode was champion for the year. In swimming they were victorious for the eighth year in succession; J. Cooke was the champion for the year. They were again successful in winning the Watson shield for life-saving, under the direction of the Royal Life-Saving Society in Tasmania. In this connection their thanks were due to Mr. W. Kellett, who had been unsparing in his efforts on their

behalf. The life-saving teams had been responsible for two rescues, one of which was effected under difficult circumstances. In athletics they had defeated all the Southern schools, and were holders for the year of the Fitzgerald shield; J. Cooke was champion athlete. Great interest continued to be taken in fives, and the competition during the year provided some interesting games. W. A. Bousfield was champion for the year. The House shooting was carried on, as usual, on their own range. C. A. Page was champion shot. The House drill competition was won by Stephens House, after a particularly fine display. They were indebted to Lieutenant McKissock for judging the drill, and for presenting a medal for competition. The medal presented by the Headmaster for the boy who showed the greatest proficiency was won for the second time by R. G. Swan, the instructor's medal by J. D. Hood, and the McKissock medal by S. Harrison. The shield presented by the Headmaster for the form assembly competition had been won by the boys of the Vb. examination form, who showed the greatest consistency throughout the year. The Senior House shield competed for annually by the three Houses had been won, after a most exciting finish, by Buckland House. School House came second, and Stephens House third. The Wilkinson shield, competed for by the Junior School, on the same lines as the Senior shield, had been won by School House. Buckland House came second, with Stephens third. The inter-House debating shield, presented by the governing bodies, had been won for the third year in succession by the Buckland House.

The Governor urged that they should all believe him when he said that he was proud to be there that evening. He was proud because, not only was Hutchins School a household word in Tasmania to-day, but because its fame had spread to the mainland, and even beyond that—to the Old Country. He thought the scholars should be proud that again this year one of the School's old scholars had been awarded the Rhodes scholarship. Then, too, there were many old Hutchins School boys who had reached Oxford by the same means. These were boys who would soon become leaders of thought and of men, and he hoped the present scholars would ever have their example before them to copy it, and themselves become leaders in their own community. But not only should the boys be proud of the fact that they were Hutchins School boys, but also that they were Tasmanians. During his term of office as Governor of the State he had tried, perhaps crudely, to inculcate into the people a spirit of optimism, which was the best form of pride—pride of school and pride of State. He had been pleased to observe in the Headmaster's report that the School's Literary and Debating Society was making great headway, and finding favour amongst the pupils. He believed it was a splendid thing, this fostering of debate and argument, for it cultivated above all things personality and character, the greatest asset in a man's make-up. In the reading of the report, too, he had heard with great regret that more and more pupils were looking askance at Latin and Greek. In speaking on this subject he had to refer to people whom at the unveiling of the War Memorial the previous day he had named, and would name again—the cynics. It was usually the cynics who spoke contemptuously of the dead lan-

guages. But they were not dead; they were living. Little as he himself knew of the languages, he believed that it would be a tremendous asset to their education and future if they were to study closer both Latin and Greek. (Applause.) The point was one that should be stressed for all it was worth. In the heart of every boy was the desire to be a linguist, and surely there was no greater pleasure to be had than to read the classics in their original rather than in translations. The greatest tongues in the world outside the English language—French, Latin, and Italian—which he thought were the most musical languages ever uttered by human lips, were of Latin origin. He was not forgetting the German tongue, but merely wished to stress his point on the advantages of a thorough knowledge of Latin. Then there were other tongues. He remembered how, when stationed in the Volga district in Russia engaged in famine relief work, he had as his secretaries two young public school men who spoke German, French, Spanish, and Russian fluently, and he was very mindful of the great service those two men rendered the work of relief by their accomplishments. There was, too, the pleasure to be had when travelling abroad to be able to discourse in the tongues of the countries through which they passed.

His Excellency also touched briefly on the regret expressed by the Headmaster in the course of his report, that parents were taking their boys away from school before their education was properly completed. He recognised, he said, that social and economic conditions often made it almost imperative to parents that their sons should leave school as soon as possible to add their incomes to the family purse. In Tasmania, the age minimum, as it were, was 14. In England it was the same, but there was a movement on foot to increase it in the case of secondary schools to 16 years. They did not want the Old Country to get the better of them in that respect. It was a matter that was deserving of great consideration, and he thought some scheme would be evolved whereby the Government, not necessarily the State Government (he was referring to the Government at Home), would be prepared to assist families whose children were desirous of remaining at school after reaching the age of 14. To the employers of labour he would like to point out the wisdom of the German law, which laid down that a certain proportion of their apprentices' time should be spent in technical schools and colleges, and the principle behind it was that the greatest asset to a State was well-educated boys and girls, who would be the citizens of the future. Were he a Rockefeller with unlimited wealth, nothing would afford him greater pleasure than to assist in the advancement of learning and education. As one who had felt the lack of proper education, he wished to make his appeal on behalf of the boys. Some of the boys had won prizes, and others had not. To those who had, he would ask them not to look down on their unsuccessful comrades, but to bear in mind that their welfare was all one, and that they were comrades in one school—their school. He trusted that, at the conclusion of another year in office, he would be with them again next year. (Applause.) In conclusion he wished to thank the scholars for their address of welcome in French, which had been delivered to him; and to congratulate



personally the pupil, Mr. West, on his excellent pronunciation and accent.

The Chairman, prior to proposing a vote of thanks to the Governor, announced that Mrs. G. Nicholas had presented a shield to the Junior School, in memory of her sons, Henric and Basil, who gave their lives in the Great War. The Chairman said that he trusted that next year the Governor would still be with them, and called for three cheers from the scholars, which were heartily given.

The School choir rendered several enjoyable songs, the singing of the soloist, R. S. Bell, being full of merit. A song, "The Swallows," was also given by C. B. Morgan, and was well received.

The proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

#### PRIZE LIST.

The prize-winners were as follows:—

Upper VI.—F. D. Cruickshank, W. A. Bousfield, E. H. Boyd, N. O. Westbrook, G. W. Rex.

Lower VI.—W. W. Wilson, H. M. Harrisson, E. Warlow-Davies.

Va.—E. H. Huxley, R. N. Pringle, T. Stephens, A. F. Cummins, D. L. Anderson, L. E. Morgan.

Vb.—G. E. Hodgson, J. E. Mullen, L. G. Murdoch, P. M. Johnstone, C. S. Timmins.

Vb Modern.—Form prize, G. Kerr.

Technical Work.—V. A. Fyle, R. G. Swan, R. C. Cane.

Certificates.—G. Kerr, G. O. Nichols, V. A. Fyle, J. A. Travers, K. Harris, R. P. English, M. W. Harris, R. J. Gibson, R. C. Cane, D. C. Lord.

Remove A.—C. H. Rex, D. F. Cruttenden, R. G. Cruttenden, T. C. Clemons, H. C. Butler, R. Broinowski, J. C. Hudson. Remove B.—G. Burgoyne, A. R. Travers, E. D. Simmons, J. H. Burbury, J. S. Marsden, H. J. Whelan.

IVth Form.—F. J. Phillips, W. R. Watson, G. H. Carter, D. Packer, R. Kennedy, B. W. Rait.

Junior School.—IIIa.—A. J. White, J. C. Lord, W. Verrall, R. Le Breton, J. R. Low. IIIb.—R. F. Hutchinson, P. H. Thorold, D. V. Hood, J. R. Isherwood, W. B. Bowerman. II.—A. N. Hickman, H. R. Nicholls, N. D. Balfe, I. T. Macgowan.

Christ's College Scholarships.—The Pedder, M. S. Bisdee, H. Harrisson (aeq.)

School Scholarships.—The MacNaughtan Scholarship: E. J. Warlow-Davies. The Senior Newcastle Scholarship: D. E. Webster. The Junior Newcastle Scholarship: D. P. Cruttenden. The D. H. Harvey Scholarship and Gold Medal: E. D. Simmons. The Grace-Calvert Scholarship: 1924, G. E. Hodgson; 1925, not

yet announced. Diocesan Scripture Examination—The Diocesan Prize: F. D. Cruickshank. Honour Certificates: F. D. Cruickshank, P. Clarke, G. H. Carter, D. Crawford, F. Phillips.

Special Prizes.—The Bishop of Tasmania Prize: W. A. Bousfield. The Oldham, Beddome, and Meredith Prize for Languages: R. F. Turner. The Stuart Essay Prize: (1) R. F. Turner, (2) L. A. Hickman. The Dean of Hobart Prizes for Scripture: F. D. Cruickshank, P. Clarke, L. E. Morgan, J. Mullen, G. H. Carter, W. P. Cottrell-Dormer, A. B. Watchorn, N. D. Balfe. The Henry Martyn Prize for Science: W. A. Bousfield. The H. H. Cummins Prize for Book-keeping: G. O. Nichols, M. A. Adams, A. G. Groombridge. The Murdoch Prize for Dux of Junior School: A. J. M. White. Drawing Prizes: W. Verrall, R. F. Hutchison, P. H. Thorold, A. N. Hickman. Writing (neatness and improvement): R. G. Bell, G. A. Brown, A. G. Walch, J. D. Nowell, O. D. Tonks, J. C. Lord, A. J. Spencer, A. N. Hickman. The Billy Gill Memorial Prize: D. Tudor.

School Medallions.—Dux of Upper School: F. D. Cruickshank. Dux of Lower School: C. H. Rex. Best Leaving Pass: A. E. Alexander. Best Intermediate Pass: M. S. Bisdee, H. Harrisson (aeq.). Senior Prefect's Medallion: W. Jackson.

School Recitation.—D. E. Webster, H. Brammall, E. M. Giblin, T. Brammall, R. Shaw, A. B. Watchorn, M. Hurburgh.

Literary and Debating Society.—Senior Paper: F. D. Cruickshank. Junior Essay: G. E. Hodgson. Senior Orator: F. D. Cruickshank. S. C. Burbury (aeq.). Junior Orator: E. D. Simmons. Senior Impromptu Orator: F. D. Cruickshank. Junior Impromptu Orator: K. Harris.

School Magazine.—Major Giblin's Prize: F. D. Cruickshank, W. W. Wilson.

Sports Prizes.—The Bethune Shield, Senior School: To be announced. The Wilkinson Shield, Junior School: School House. The Literary and Debating Shield, presented by the Governing Bodies: Buckland House. The Headmaster's Form Assembly Shield: Form Vb. Exam.

Championship Medallions.—Athletics: J. A. Cooke. Swimming: J. A. Cooke. Tennis: L. W. Kermode. Shooting: C. A. Page. Cross-Country: J. A. Hood. Fives: W. A. Bousfield.

The Butler Medals.—For Best Bowling Average: To be announced. Best Batting Average: To be announced.

The Headmaster's Medal for Proficiency in Drill: R. G. Swan.

Mr. J. L. Rycroft's Medal for Proficiency in Drill: J. A. Hood.

Lieutenant McKissock's Medal for Proficiency in Drill: S. H. Harrison.

School Honour Badges: J. A. Cooke, J. A. Travers, R. G. Whitehouse, F. D. Cruickshank, E. Kermode, W. Jackson, L. Bowden, D. M. Brain.

**School Notes.****"SALVETE."**

Agnew, Andrews, Bowden, R., Burbury, D., Butler, P., Cahill, Calvert, Cane, H., Carrier, Chambers, Clark, E., Cottrell-Dormer, Cox, Crawford, M., Crawford, A., Drew, Frankcomb, J., Grant, Green, Ivey, Johnstone, H., Keats, G., Kennally, Lewis, N., Le Breton, Lindus, Lord, J., Low, Mace, Murdoch, J., McKay, Nichols, P., Palmer, Packman, Piggott, R., Piggott, J., Richardson, D., Shield, Smith, R., Verrall, Wansbrough, Whelan, A., White, A., White, J., Williams.

**"VALETE."**

Balfe, J., Balfe, N., Bidencope, Bilyard, Bishop, Blacklow, Bousfield, W., Bowden, L., Boyd, Cheverton, Clive, Conlon, Crawford, Cruickshank, Cumming, Cummins, H., Freeman, Fyle, Harris, M., Henry, A., Hyatt, Ife, Kerr, Kermod, E., Langham, G., Miller, M., Murdoch, R., McDougall, Q., Nichols, G. O., Nichols, G. J., Page, Phillips, S., Reid, E., Rex, G., Rumney, Shone, Smith, P. S., Stephens, Stolzenberg, Stops, R., Swan, Travers, J., Turner, Vincent, R., Webster, West, Westbrook, Whitehouse.

**THE HEADMASTER.**

The Headmaster's marriage took place in Melbourne during the Christmas holidays, and Mrs. Thorold was warmly welcomed by the School at the first assembly of the year. For some time past Mr. Thorold has contemplated a trip to England, and the governing bodies having granted him six months' leave of absence, he and Mrs. Thorold left Tasmania by the Oransay shortly after Easter, taking with them our cordial wishes for a pleasant trip and a safe return.

During Mr. Thorold's absence, Mr. H. D. Erwin, Senior Tutor of Christ's College, is Acting-Headmaster, and Mr. Norman Walker has charge of the Boarding House.

**THE STAFF.**

The only changes in the School Staff this year are those resulting from the lamented death of the Bursar, Major Gurney. The vacant office has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Roy Collings. Mr. Collings is still in charge of the Junior School boarders, and is also acting as Librarian, while Mr. H. E. Boyd, an Old Boy and University scholar, has been appointed Student-Teacher in the Junior School.

We have to thank the Dean of Hobart for his kindness in undertaking the Sixth Form Scripture lessons during Mr. Thorold's absence. His valuable services in this respect are highly appreciated.

**PREFECTS.**

Of last year's Prefects only two have returned, namely, W. Jackson (Senior Prefect) and G. Dick. On March 3 the following were appointed:—M. Bisdee, L. Hickman, and W. Wilson.

On March 25 the number was increased to six by the appointment of R. Radcliff; and on May 31 an additional appointment was made by Mr. Erwin in the person of E. Warlow-Davies.

**CONFIRMATION.**

The Dean of Hobart has been holding a confirmation class at the School for some time past. Twenty-one candidates were presented for confirmation at the Cathedral on the Sunday after Ascension Day, and took their first communion on Whit Sunday at 7.30, after which they were invited to breakfast by the Dean. The following are the names of the candidates:—Radcliff, Tasker, Huxley, Burbury, Murdoch, Rait, Brain, Parsons, Bisdee, Rex, Roberts, Broinowski, Harrison, Verrall, Langham, Richardson, Anderson, Bell, Turner, Morgan, Hickman.

**ASSEMBLIES.**

Mr. Scott-Power still plays for us on Wednesdays and Fridays at Assembly, and the singing is steadily increasing in volume, thanks to his enthusiasm. On the other days, L. Hickman ably takes his place.

Early in the term we had a visit from Mr. T. C. Simpson, who presented the prizes won by Cruickshank and Simmons for their essays on Wattle Day. Mr. Simpson told us something of the objects of the League, and complimented the prize-winners on their work. We have been asked to publish Cruickshank's essay in the Magazine, but have been reluctantly compelled to refuse owing to lack of space.

During Holy Week we were privileged again to listen to three very helpful addresses by the Bishop, Dean Rivers, and Archdeacon Richard. It was the Archdeacon's first visit to the School, and we were all greatly impressed by his earnestness and eloquence.

On Maundy Thursday the Headmaster announced to the School that it was the last occasion on which he would speak to us for at least six months, and delivered an address containing much sound advice.

During May we had a visit from Mr. C. F. Hummel, a missionary from Nigeria, who gave us a great deal of interesting information about that country and his work there.

**SCHOLARSHIPS.**

The following scholarships were awarded by the Council of Christ's College on the results of last year's intermediate examination:—

The Pedder: E. H. Huxley.

The Clerical: A. P. Brammall.

The Medical: D. L. Anderson.

The Magistrates' Scholarship is divided between M. Bisdee and H. Harrison (last year's holders).

**Junior School Notes.**

This year has seen many changes in the Junior School. Owing to the lamented death of the late Bursar, Major G. A. Gurney, his work has been taken over by Mr. Collings, so a new master has taken Form II. Mr. E. Boyd, an Old Boy of the School, has filled the gap, and is doing good work there and keeping the boys up to the mark. Mr. Collings still keeps his "fatherly" eye over the boarders, who were very sorry to say good-bye to Frankcomb (our captain of last year), Lord, and Cottrell-Dormer, who have all passed on to the IVth. Form. Our good wishes go with them, and with all the other boys whose knowledge and learning have taken them to wider fields. We were very sorry to learn that Mr. Carson has been working them so hard that one boy (Lord) developed appendicitis and consequently had to visit Stowell. He is now at home recuperating, and latest news tells us he is fast becoming an expert at tractor driving. Mind the posts, John!

At the end of last year, School House were victorious in sport, and Frankcomb and Carrier had the honour of receiving the Wilkinson shield from His Lordship the Bishop.

Our present House captains are Jones, School House; Whitehouse, Buckland House; and Nicholas, Stephens House. At present we have not had many House matches; they are being reserved for later in the year, likewise the athletic sports, which we hope to hold early in the IVth term. In swimming, Preuss, of School House, distinguished himself, and upheld the honour of the Junior School.

We have had one House hockey match, the contestants being School and Stephens. Stephens carried off the day after a good game, and judging by the noisy spectators it must have been exciting!!

Some of our young enthusiasts have joined up with the Field Naturalists, and once a month, on Thursday evenings, we visit the Museum and listen very attentively to lectures on many subjects. We are now quite learned in all the details of grubs and insects! One Saturday afternoon we journeyed forth by tram to the Cascades, and from thence gradually ascended the slopes of Mount Wellington, until we found ourselves under the Organ Pipes. Coming home some of us managed to get lost. Nobody's fault but our newly-awakened interest in botanical specimens. However, we achieved greatness by having to be looked for, and arrived back in time for tea, and that was the main thing.

Football is now in full swing, and we are hoping to have a House match before the holidays. One Friday we played the IVth. Form, and managed to come off second best. When the bigger boys go to Christ's College ground we youngsters play Soccer quite with rules of our own—and we find that even we can use our boots to stop a goal at times. Soon we will be real footballers and be picked to play on the top ground.

**Science Jottings.****NEW ELEMENTS.**

Some months ago, an announcement was made at Berlin that two new elements had been discovered by Dr. Walter Nornack, Fraulein Eva Tacke, and Dr. Otto Berg. The elements are said to have been detected by chemical analysis and the Rontgen spectroscopic process. Their atomic numbers are 43 and 75, and they have been named masurium and rhenium, after the East Prussian borderland and the Rhine. More recently still it has been reported that Dr. R. S. Hopkins, Professor of Chemistry in the University of Illinois, has isolated from the rare earths another new element whose place on the periodic table had not up to the present been filled. It is the sixty-first on the scale. This discovery, it is stated, is the result of over five years' research, more particularly with specially constructed X-ray apparatus. If further investigation confirms these reports, it will leave, as far as we know, only two elements to complete Mendelejeff's list of 92.

**NEW THEORY OF LIGHT.**

Sir J. J. Thomson has propounded a new theory of light in a lecture given recently at Guy's Hospital. He explained the Newtonian or corpuscular theory of light, and showed how it came to be abandoned in favour of the undulatory theory put forward at the end of the 18th century by Thomas Young, and how doubt came to be thrown on the undulatory theory in its turn with the discovery of the Rontgen rays about twenty-five years ago. The discovery that the energy of light was atomic, and that the energy depended on the wave length of light, pointed to the corpuscular theory, but the corpuscular theory did nothing when it got to what might be called the optical effects, such as refraction, interference, polarization, etc. More than 50 years ago Maxwell calculated the velocity at which electromagnetic forces would travel, and showed that they rushed through space at exactly the velocity of light. The natural assumption was that light itself consisted of electrical waves, and afterwards it was shown that these waves possessed properties of light. When a molecule is emitting light, according to Sir J. J. Thomson, there are two distributions of lines of force, one given by Maxwell's theory and another peculiar to the way in which the light is generated. Imagining a single line of force between an electron and a positive pole, it might be understood that when the electron was moved so quickly that the line of force could not follow it, the line of force might be thrown into the form of a loop, and would next form a ring which travelled off with energy enclosed in it. The ring vibrated and the vibrations started the Maxwellian waves. The circumference of the ring was equal to the wave length, and that was very large in relation to the molecule. Thus they had been led to regard light not as containing one kind of constituent, but two. Light was both undulatory and corpuscular. The whole lecture has now reached Australia in book form, and it may be borrowed from the Science Tutor by any student who is interested.



**THE ORIGIN OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM.**

Dr. J. H. Jeans, F.R.S., has worked out on a rigorous mathematical basis what is called the "tidal" theory of the origin of the solar system. He points out that the close approach of one star to another would draw out tides, one on each side of the star considered. The tidal arm on the side nearest the tide-producing star would be slightly the greater, and therefore more readily drawn out to such a distance as to produce instability. The matter in this arm would then break away from the parent sun and follow orbits about the sun in directions governed by the direction of travel of the passing star. Condensation would gradually take place about any points in the tidal arm where there happened to be a local concentration of gas. Each of these nuclei would become one of the planets, and its orbit would be determined by the influence of the resisting medium through which it moved. The formation of satellites by the planets, is again an evidence of tidal action, but in this case the sun itself was the tide-producing agency which caused the disruption of the planets when each passed its perihelion for the first time.

**THE AGE OF THE SUN.**

One of the questions which has provoked controversy between geologist, physicist, and astronomer for many years is the probable age of the earth. An estimate of the age of the sun is, of course, an upper limit to the age of the solar system. Jeans has attacked the problem from a new point of view, which is briefly this: The sun is radiating away its mass at the rate of 4,200,000 tons per second, and if it were once as massive a star as Sirius now is, then it has been radiating for seven million million years. This is several thousand times greater than any previous estimate, and it is a figure so great that it staggers the imagination.

**WEGENER'S THEORY OF CONTINENTS AND OCEANS.**

Wegener's theory concerning the movements of the continents over the surface of the earth is so startling, and at the same time so interesting, that we make no apology for returning to the subject again. In a recent book he further elaborates his theory, and there he shows that it helps us to understand the puzzling changes of climate which have overtaken various parts of the world's land surface. The most familiar example is the existence in lands at present Arctic with practically no vegetation, of coal beds, testifying to the past existence of semi-tropical warmth and abundant forest trees. Wegener supposes that the position of the continents relative to the poles has changed, partly through their own wanderings, and partly through an alteration in the polar axis itself, which would result from the upset of the earth's equilibrium, caused by the continent's wanderings. This would make it possible for one and the same country to have passed through all the extremes of climate during its long history.

**TRAINING OF CHARACTER.**

In these days when there is a plethora of talk about character training in different schools, and under different systems of education, the following striking passage from the pen of

the Irish correspondent of "The Times Educational Supplement" is much to the point:—"The schools are closed and the prize distributions and other school gatherings are over. We have had the usual speeches of distinguished persons, acting as chairmen of these functions, who spoke, in most cases, because they had to speak, rather than because they had anything of importance to say. They deserve our sympathy, but not when they tell us that knowledge is not the only thing that school should give our pupils, that character should also be developed there. It is high time that the speakers mentioned the (at least) equally important fact that the winning of knowledge and the building of character need not be unconnected; that in fact the conscientious performance of the daily school task will go farther towards developing what is known as character than any other of the pupil's activities. It will not tend to produce a perfect character—an unselfish character for example—but without it the production of even a tolerably good character is not to be expected."

**LEAVING EXAMINATION RESULTS.**

Our mathematical and science results at the last Leaving Examination were again very satisfactory. In some ways we were confronted with rather unusual difficulties, but our examination candidates worked with commendable vigour and enthusiasm right through the year, and were rewarded by obtaining brilliant passes at the end of their school course. For instance, in a class of seven, we got five credits and two passes in each of the subjects, geometry, trigonometry, and physics, and three credits and four passes in algebra. Of the five boys who took the difficult subject of applied mathematics three got credits and two got passes. We had four of the six who qualified for the Sir Richard Dry exhibitions in mathematics. One other of our candidates would have qualified for both a scholarship and an exhibition, had it not been for the fact that he was slightly over the maximum age, which, by the way, is lower in Tasmania than in any other State in the Commonwealth. So that everything considered our results in 1925 very nearly equalled our most successful years in the past.

**PROFESSOR HEAVISIDE.**

"Old Heavy," as he was called, was a big man and very popular. At his lectures he used to be so engrossed in his subject that he never noticed the pranks that some of the men played, however noisy they might be; so one of them made a bet that he would drive some sheep into "Heavy's" lecture-room, while he was lecturing, without his knowing anything about it, and he won the bet. He tipped a shepherd to let him have two or three sheep for half an hour; they were brought to the door of the lecture-room and driven in and out again, "Old Heavy" going on with his lecture as if nothing had happened.—Tales Retailed by Sir Hastings Doyle.

**NEWTON AND POETRY.**

A friend once said to Sir Isaac Newton: "Sir Isaac, what is your opinion of poetry?" His answer was: "I'll tell you that of Barrow—he said that poetry was a kind of ingenious nonsense."—Joseph Spence's Anecdotes

## THE HEADMASTER'S ROOM.

The Headmaster had rubber heels. He was in one of the science laboratories before anyone had time to give warning. "What is the matter, Brown?" he asked of a boy who was in the midst of an unofficial experiment. "You are always carrying on like somebody out of his mind. You are only fit for a lunatic asylum. Go to my room."

## SCHOOLBOY "HOWLERS."

We are indebted to "The University Correspondent" for the following amusing schoolboy mistakes:—

Water is composed of two gins, oxygen and hydrogen. Oxygen is pure gin, hydrogen is gin and water.

Doctors now treat patience with ultra-violet rays.

Things which are halves of themselves are equal to each other.

Diameters of tubes are measured by a pair of caterpillars (calipers).

Water may be made hard by freezing, and the hardness removed by boiling it.

Oxygen is collected by a new matrix trough.

A circle is a round straight line with a hole in the middle.

To find the squares on the sides of a triangle you have to square the hypothesis.

## THE VALUE OF THE STUDY OF SCIENCE.

"I have a dread of teaching which is not always sincere; respect for truth is the first moral lesson, if not the only one, which can be drawn from the study of science."—Tannery, Lesson in Algebra and Analysis.

H.D.E.

## The Inter-House Competitions, 1926.

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 will be 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 Buckland House in 1925.

## FIXTURES AND SCORING TABLE.

Event.	School		
	Buckland.	House.	Stephens.
1. Cricket . . . . .	A		
" . . . . .	B		
2. Swimming . . . . .	A	8	16
" . . . . .	B	4	0
3. Athletics . . . . .	A	0	16
" . . . . .	B	4	0
4. Football . . . . .	A		
" . . . . .	B		
5. Rowing . . . . .	A		
" . . . . .	B		
6. Shooting . . . . .	A		
" . . . . .	B		
7. Cross-country . . . . .	A		
" . . . . .	B		
8. Tennis . . . . .	A		
" . . . . .	B		
9. Fives . . . . .	A		
" . . . . .	B		
Total Points to date		16	32
			24

## House Notes.

## SCHOOL HOUSE.

House Master: Mr. Walker.

Vice-House Master: Mr. Gerlach.

House Captain: W. Jackson.

House Prefects: W. Jackson, J. A. Cooke, M. S. Wilcox.

House Committee: W. Jackson, J. A. Cooke, M. S. Wilcox, L. Kermode.

Captains:

Football: W. Jackson.

Athletics: J. A. Cooke.

Cricket: W. Jackson.

Tennis: J. A. Cooke.

Rowing: L. Kermode.

Fives: L. Kermode.

Swimming: J. A. Cooke.

Last year's House competition proved to be very interesting and closely contested. The result was decided on the shooting, the last event of the year. We were beaten by Buckland House by a narrow margin, and we heartily congratulate them on their success.

So far we have been very successful in sport, and have a substantial lead in points from both Buckland and Stephens. We gained first place in the A swimming, but failed in the B. We wish to congratulate J. Cooke (School House) on winning the championship cup.

We also won the A athletics, but again had to take third place in the B. We find it very hard to get good B teams, as we have only 40 boys in the House. We wish to congratulate J. Cooke (School House) on winning the championship athletic cup.

Buckland have sustained a severe loss owing to the absence of their captain, G. Dick, who is on the sick list. We extend our deepest sympathy to him.

## BUCKLAND HOUSE.

House Master: Mr. Vizard.

House Captain: G. Dick.

Colours: Maroon and White.

Captains:

Swimming: Hood.                      Athletics: G. Dick.

Last year, after a long and interesting struggle with School House, we wrested from them the coveted shield. Until the close of the final term of last year, the issue of the combat was uncertain, and everybody in the School followed with keen interest the last lap in the House Competition.

This year, our prospects for winning the athletic shield are not so bright, but if every boy in the House helps it on by co-operating with his fellows to the general good of the House, there will be no need to despair.

It was with extreme regret, at the commencement of this year, that we learned that Mr. Vizard wished to resign his position of House Master, owing to the amount of time the duties connected with this office took up. Happily, however (for this year more than ever we require his able services), he was persuaded to remain with us as House Master.

Another blow has been struck at the House recently, which unhappily cannot be warded off. G. Dick, who for some time past has been the leading athlete in the House, has been prevented from helping us on to victory by the orders of his doctor. By the School as a whole, as well as by us in particular, his splendid athletic qualities will be sadly missed.

We extend our hearty congratulations to J. Cooke (School House) for his brilliant success in the athletic sports.

Also we congratulate W. W. Wilson on his appointment as a Prefect of the School.

Only two House Competitions have taken place in the first two terms of the year, namely, athletics and swimming.

In athletics, owing to the absence of G. Dick, we only gained four points in the B, and none in the A competition. In the A competition, we were beaten by School and Stephens, while in the B we gained second place.

In swimming we did much better, gaining first place in the B and second place in the A, thus gaining 16 points.

Hence the present state of points for the shield is as follows:—School, 32; Stephens, 20; Buckland, 20.

## STEPHENS HOUSE.

House Master: Mr. R. H. Isherwood.

House Captain: G. C. K. Harris.

Vice-Captain: E. Crow.

Sports Captains:

Athletics: G. K. Harris.                      Tennis: H. C. Walch.

Rowing: A. E. Crow.                          Cricket: H. C. Walch.

Swimming: D. Lord.

During the present year the successes of the House have indeed been gratifying. A glance at the points table in the 1925 Midwinter Magazine shows our House to be very far behind, with only four points out of the 72 points gained by the three Houses. This year, however, out of the 72 points, Stephens House has 24 to its credit, and at present occupies a very good second place in the competition. Hence we are looking forward with optimistic cheerfulness to the future.

In the inter-House swimming sports we were unplaced in the A contests, but succeeded in taking first place in the B. Our best performers were Gibson, Lord, Bousfield, Murdoch, and Richardson. Bousfield won the cup for under 15 events. We extend our congratulations to Cooke, of School House, who again carried off the School championship. Lord and Harris were included in the School Life-Saving Team which competed successfully for the Watson Shield, thus finally winning the trophy for the School.

In athletics we were fairly successful—especially in the under age events, and we were placed second in A events and easily first in B events. The boys who contributed largely to these wins are Jarvis, Nichols, Butler, Johnstone, and Lewis. Cooke again carried off the Athletic Cup, and again we congratulate him.

The departure of Lord for the mainland will be a severe loss to the House. He will carry with him the best wishes of every member of Stephens House.

Two—Crow and Lord—of the School Four who recently won the Head of the River race in Launceston are members of Stephens, and naturally we are proud of their efforts.

We extend the House's congratulations to Hickman, Bisdee, and Radcliff on their appointment to position of School Prefects.

In conclusion, we wish to say that we are optimistic enough to believe that the House that beats Stephens will secure the House Shield.

## Old Boys' Column.

## BIRTHS.

ADAMS.—On May 23, at St. Helen's Private Hospital, Windsor, Victoria, the wife of Captain G. R. L. Adams: a daughter.

ANDERSON.—On December 5, 1925, at Waratah, Tasmania, the wife of Allan F. S. Anderson: a son.

CHALMERS.—On March 15, at the Queen Alexandra Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. K. Chalmers, Bagdad: a daughter.

CROWTHER.—On May 6, at Hobart, the wife of Dr. W. L. Crowther: a son.

ELLISTON.—On March 3, at Huonville, to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Elliston: a son.

HUGHES.—On April 23, at Manitoba Private Hospital, Argyle-street, New Town, to the wife of C. B. Hughes: twin daughters.

RAMSAY.—On April 15, 1926, at Queen Alexandra Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Maxwell Ramsay: a daughter.

WALCH.—On June 7, to Dr. and Mrs. J. H. B. Walch: a son.



**MARRIAGES.**

**KING—HUGO.**—On May 12, at St. Paul's Church, Glenorchy, by the Rev. E. H. Thompson, Frank H., only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. King, of Bathurst-street, Hobart, to (Sister) Belle, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Hugo, "Coo-ee," Burnie.

**MAXWELL—BRIDGES.**—On February 18, at St. George's Cathedral, Penang, Straits Settlements, by the Rev. Keppel-Garnier, Arthur Mainwaring, D.S.O., M.C., son of Mrs. and the late Crawford Maxwell, of Hobart, to Marion Gray Wemyss, daughter of Lady Bridges and the late Major-General Sir William Bridges, K.C.B., C.M.G.

**DEATHS.**

**MAXWELL.**—At "Lasswade," Sandy Bay, on January 26, 1926, Crawford John Maxwell, eldest son of the late C. M. Maxwell, in his 75th year.

**TARLETON.**—On April 26, at Hobart, Rev. Leigh Trafford Tarleton, son of the late William Tarleton, aged 66 years.

Congratulations to MR. FRANK WARD on his appointment to the highly responsible position of Director of Agriculture.

Mr. Ward is 37 years of age. He is a native of Tasmania, and an old Hutchins boy. He has been for the past six years employed in the Department of Agriculture, New Zealand, as instructor in agriculture. He gained scientific and practical training at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College (New South Wales) and elsewhere. He holds a college diploma, the academic distinction of the Hawkesbury diploma of agriculture, and the Burdekin silver medal. He has qualified by examination in practical agriculture, principles of agriculture, farm dairies, sheep and wool, veterinary science, theoretical and practical chemistry, botany, and entomology. Among the different positions held by him was lecturer in agriculture, including live stock, horticulture, agricultural chemistry and dairy science, at the Seddon Memorial College, Auckland. He also took lectures at the Auckland University College. He administered the New Zealand Government's seed wheat scheme, and controlled the examination of potatoes exported to Australia last year. He has carried out exhaustive investigations on crop diseases with the department's mycologist and entomologist. During 1918 and 1919 he was officer in charge of New Zealand Expeditionary Force School of Agriculture, Torquay, England, where he was lecturer in agriculture and live stock, and controlled a staff of 25 instructors teaching allied subjects. In 1920 he was lecturer in agriculture to soldier trainees at Soldiers' Training Farm, Masterton. For two years he was lecturer to Canterbury Fruit-growers' Association. He attained the rank of captain on active service.

MR. D. H. HARVEY, junior, transmission line engineer of the State Hydro-Electric Department, has been loaned to the New Zealand Government for three months. Mr. Harvey is an expert on transmission line insulator testing, and changing under live wire conditions. Some years ago he visited the U.S.A. in order to study this work for the department, and since his visit

there has done good work on the transmission lines in Tasmania. The New Zealand Government has had a good deal of trouble in this regard, and applied to the Hydro-Electric Department for the loan of Mr. Harvey's services to solve some of their troubles.

MR. F. P. BOWDEN, junior, B.Sc., son of Mr. F. P. Bowden, Hobart, has qualified for the higher degree of Master of Science. Mr. Bowden recently submitted a thesis on science research, and the report which has been received from Professor O. U. Von Willer, of the University of Sydney, states that the papers submitted were of the highest order and that the work was worthy of the highest honours that any Australian university could confer. Mr. Bowden secured first-class honours.

MR. RONALD SHARP has passed his second year in dentistry at the Melbourne University with honours, and has been awarded an exhibition at Queen's College.

MR. S. C. TURNBULL, of "The Mercury" reporting staff, has accepted a position on the Melbourne "Argus."

MR. ARTHUR HODGKINSON has left for Canada to study the carbide process.

MR. D. M. URQUHART stroked the Tasmanian University eight in the Inter-Varsity race on the Huon River. MESSRS. F. M. HAMILTON and N. SMITH were members of the crew.

**Obituary.****REV. L. T. TARLETON.**

The Rev. Leigh Trafford Tarleton was the son of the late Mr. William Tarleton, who for many years was Police Magistrate at Hobart, and a member of one of the old English county families. He was one of the early students of Christ's College, and gained the Gell Divinity prize. He also took the Associate of Arts diploma, given in Tasmania before the establishment of the University. He was ordained in 1882, and began his ministerial career with two curacies in the country. He held the curacy of All Saints' Church, Hobart, for several years, and was appointed incumbent of Scottsdale in 1891, and of Deloraine in 1893, and rector of Longford for 20 years from 1899 to 1919, during which time he was rural dean. He was Diocesan inspector of religious knowledge for many years, and chaplain to the Bishops of Tasmania for nearly 20 years. For the past few years he had been living in retirement at Fern Tree. He was of a gentle, devotional spirit, and much loved by his brother clergymen. He married Charlotte, a daughter of the late Canon Adams.

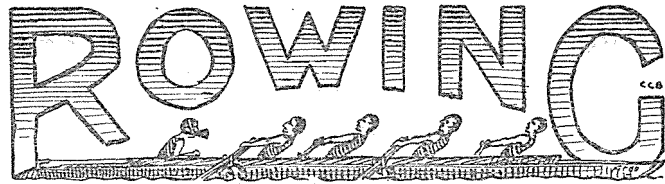
**MR. C. J. MAXWELL.**

Mr. Crawford John Maxwell was the eldest son of the late Mr. C. M. Maxwell and Mrs. Maxwell, and was born in Hobart in 1851. He was educated at Hutchins School, under the Rev. J. R. Buckland. At the age of 16 years he entered the Commercial Bank of Tasmania Ltd., as a clerk, and passed through all grades of service, remaining in the Hobart office till 1876. He was then appointed branch manager at Longford. In 1880 he returned to Hobart as accountant at the bank, which position

he held till 1904, when he was appointed manager. During the bank crisis of 1892 he was acting manager (Mr. C. J. Barclay being in England). The Commercial Bank was one of the few Australian banks which carried on during the crisis without being reconstructed.

Mr. Maxwell was manager of the bank for 18 years, until April, 1922, when he retired. For 12 months prior to retirement he acted as manager of the E.S. and A. Bank. The total term of service with the bank was 54 years. On retirement he took a trip to England, and had since resided in Hobart.

Although precluded by his position from taking any part in political or civil matters or public affairs, Mr. Maxwell took an active interest in other matters outside banking circles, especially in connection with church work. For more than 20 years he was the superintendent of All Saints' Sunday School, and for 25 years was churchwarden of the parish. For some years he sat on the Cathedral Board, and was for a long period a member of Synod and of the Diocesan Council. For many years also he was a member of Christ's College Council.



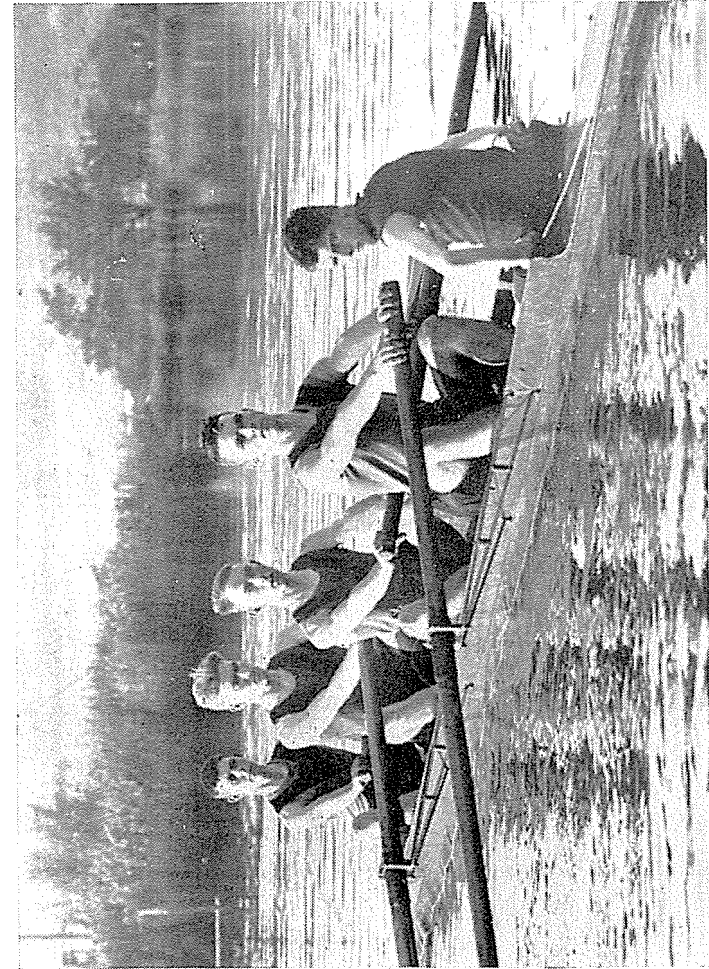
"HEAD OF THE RIVER."  
VICTORY FOR HUTCHINS.

THREE SOUTHERN CREWS PLACED.

The annual "Head of the River" race took place on the Tamar on Saturday afternoon, May 29th, 1926, and after an excellent contest it was won by Hutchins School, Hobart, with Clemes College and Friends' High School, both Southern institutions, second and third respectively. The weather was ideal, and, although the sky was somewhat overcast, only a slight northerly breeze blew; but this was an advantage to all the crews competing, as the water was hardly disturbed.

Long before 1.30 p.m., the starting time for the event, King's Wharf was thronged with barrackers, gaily bedecked with their favourite crew's colours, and on the water there was a sprinkling of motor-boats and other craft. The course was from the red pile at Ti-tree Bend to the southern end of King's Wharf, a distance of a mile, but a good view of the finish was marred, from a spectator's point of view, on account of the vessels which were moored beside King's Wharf, just where the finishing post was situated.

The race itself was interesting, taking all things into consideration. Hutchins's win came as a surprise, for their crew had been changed almost at the last minute, and it was not anticipated that they would be able to hold against Grammar, who had been practising solidly for weeks past, and who went to the post favourites. The remaining two Southern schools



HEAD OF THE RIVER, 1926.  
THE SCHOOL CREW ON THE TAMAR.  
C. McDougall (bow), 10.10; A. E. Crow (2), 11.7; D. Lord (cox.), H. Frankcomb (cox.). J. Hood (stroke), 13.0; Block loaned by "Illustrated Mail."

were unknown quantities in the North, but it was thought that they could not possibly finish in front of Grammar. Nothing was expected of Scotch College, for their crew, although a good one, was very light, and therefore not able to keep up with their stronger opponents. St. Patrick's College had prepared a crew, but their entry was withdrawn on account of their stroke man taking ill at the last moment. This crew was doing well at practice, and had a very good chance of a place. There was nothing sensational in the race. Everything went off according to schedule, but no time was available for the event, as the timekeeper forgot his duties at the gun.

The crews and their positions from the Trevallyn shore were:—

No. 1 Position.—Friends' High School: R. Salmon (bow), 10.8; C. Vaughan (2), 10.2; J. Clark (3), 10.3; D. Jones (stroke), 10.2; E. Reynolds (cox.).

No. 2.—Hutchins: C. M. McDougall (bow), 10.10; E. Crow (2), 11.7; D. Lord (3), 11.0; J. Hood (stroke), 13.0; H. Frankcomb (cox.).

No. 3.—Clemes: K. Nicholson (bow), 9.3; A. Wettenhall (2), 10.2; C. Ross (3), 9.11; H. Long (stroke), 10.1; A. Major (cox.).

No. 4.—Launceston Grammar: C. R. Millen (bow), 10.5; H. R. Thomson (2), 10.8; C. Archer (3), 10.5; B. B. D. Thomson (stroke), 11.2; W. Loney (cox.).

No. 5 (King's Wharf shore).—Launceston Scotch College: V. G. Ricketts (bow), 9.8; A. R. McClellon (2), 9.8; G. Hardman (3), 9.8; F. Rowling (stroke), 9.8; R. B. Wardlaw (cox.).

THE RACE.

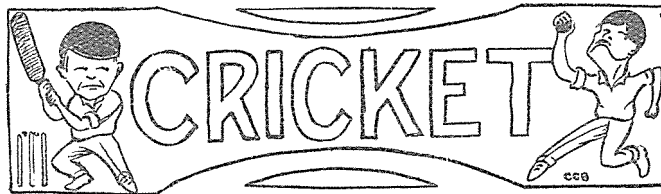
There was a good deal of manoeuvring at the post, and after a false start caused by the starter accidentally firing the gun, the crews got away well. Grammar and Clemes seemed to have got best away, and went to the front, with Hutchins and Friends slightly behind. Clemes and Grammar appeared to be leaving the rest of the crews, but Hutchins, rowing with long and powerful strokes, drew out at the end of the first 200 yards, and, although strongly challenged by Clemes and Friends, never lost their lead. Grammar were rowing disappointingly. Their stroke man lengthened out too soon, and consequently their boat lost some of its way. Scotch were rowing as well as any of the other crews, but their light weight was telling, and right through they were falling behind their heavier opponents. Friends and Clemes were keeping the best course, Hutchins losing their direction a little. The latter crew were rowing strongly, however—much too strong for the other boats, for their lead was kept till the end of the race. Towards the finish Friends were observed to be picking up rather well, but all the crews, with the exception of Hutchins, were becoming ragged. Hutchins were evidently "done" in the last twenty yards, but they had their lead, and all the other crews were in the same condition, finding it absolutely impossible to work up a final sprint.

The result was:—

Hutchins School (Hobart) . . . . .	1
Clemes College (Hobart) . . . . .	2
Friends' High School (Hobart) . . . . .	3
Church Grammar School (Launceston) . . . . .	4
Scotch College (Launceston) . . . . .	5

Won by one and a half lengths, with a similar distance between second and third. Two lengths separated Grammar from Friends, while Scotch were another two lengths behind Grammar.

The race, to which is attached the Golden Fleece Cup, was won by Hutchins two years ago on the Tamar. Grammar were the winners last year on the Derwent. Throughout the race Hutchins used a rather slow stroke. They might have won by a greater margin if they had employed a more short and snappy stroke, as the conditions were ideal for this. The winners were congratulated on their success by rowing officials and rival schools in the North. All the visiting rowers attended a dinner in the evening, and were present at the Majestic Theatre gala night later.



The end of 1925 saw us Premiers of Southern Tasmania after gaining easy victories over the other Schools in our Association.

The details of the Southern Roster are as follows:—

Feb. 23rd.—School, 5 for 250 (declared).

St. Virgil's, 198.

Won by 52 runs.

Mar. 21st.—School, 215.

Clemes, 12.

Won by 203 runs.

Mar. 28th.—School, 2 for 61.

Friends, 50.

Won by 8 wickets and 11 runs.

Nov. 7th.—School, 172.

Friends, 3 for 47.

Game not finished.

Nov. 14th.—School, 269.

St. Virgil's, 160.

Won by 109 runs.

Nov. 21st.—School, 4 for 38.

Clemes, 31.

Won by 6 wickets and 7 runs.

Our Seniors went North to play the Launceston Church Grammar School for the honours of Island Premiers.

The game was one of the most exciting contests between the Schools of Tasmania, and the splendid rally of the tail end of the Grammar School team when the odds were so very much against them spoke volumes for the "die-hard" spirit of the public school boy when "up against it!"

We had a team of first-class fielders and bowlers, but only five reliable batsmen; this last qualification was sadly lacking in the tail end of our team, and, as the scores in the 2nd innings show, a rot set in, and we lost the match by the narrow margin of 19 runs.

The Grammar team, on the other hand, possessed eleven batsmen with the necessary qualifications in fielding and bowling, and were a first-class combination of players.

The two outstanding features of the game were the brilliant 140 made by E. Kermode in the 1st innings, of which 112 was made by boundary hits, and the steady century made by Room in the 2nd innings.

We wish to see no finer game, and tender our hearty congratulations to the Grammar School on their splendid win.

The scores were as follows:—

#### HUTCHINS.

##### First innings.

Kermode, st Archer, b Edgell . . . . .	140
Boyd, c Archer, b Pickett . . . . .	0
Brain, c Archer, b Rock . . . . .	15
Whitehouse, b Youl . . . . .	21
Jackson, lbw, b Pickett . . . . .	38
Cooke, c and b Edgell . . . . .	2
Arnold, run out . . . . .	3
Clemons, c Taylor, b Pickett . . . . .	15
Cruickshank, lbw, b Edgell . . . . .	0
Bowden, b Edgell . . . . .	0
Travers, not out . . . . .	3
Sundries . . . . .	8

Total . . . . . 245

Bowling.—Rock, one for 75; Pickett, three for 72; Youl, one for 18; Edgell, four for 16.

##### Second innings.

Kermode, c and b Pickett . . . . .	35
Boyd, b Edgell . . . . .	21
Brain, lbw, b Marriott . . . . .	27
Whitehouse, c Pickett, b Edgell . . . . .	25
Jackson, run out . . . . .	1
Cooke, c Rock, b Edgell . . . . .	0
Arnold, b Marriott . . . . .	0
Clemons, lbw, b Marriott . . . . .	0
Cruickshank, c Pickett, b Edgell . . . . .	6
Bowden, not out . . . . .	1
Travers, b Marriott . . . . .	0
Sundries . . . . .	7

Total . . . . . 122

Bowling.—Edgell, four for 38; Youl, nil for 21; Pickett, one for 28; Rock, nil for 24; Marriott, four for 6.



## GRAMMAR.

## First innings.

Rock, c Jackson, b Whitehouse . . . . .	24
Room, c Clemons, b Kermode . . . . .	28
Marriott, c Coske, b Kermode . . . . .	6
Youl, b Whitehouse . . . . .	1
Pickett, c and b Kermode . . . . .	15
Archer, c Jackson, b Kermode . . . . .	0
Bain, b Whitehouse . . . . .	15
Taylor, not out . . . . .	11
Thomas, b Brain . . . . .	2
Edgell, c and b Brain . . . . .	1
H. Marriott, b Kermode . . . . .	0
Sundries . . . . .	11
Total . . . . .	114

Bowling.—Kermode, five for 49; Whitehouse, three for 47; Brain, two for 10.

## Second innings.

Rock, c Clemons, b Kermode . . . . .	6
Marriott, b Kermode . . . . .	23
Youl, c Kermode, b Bowden . . . . .	0
Room, lbw, b Kermode . . . . .	101
Pickett, c Arnold, b Kermode . . . . .	8
Archer, b Jackson . . . . .	52
Bain, c Kermode, b Jackson . . . . .	7
Taylor, c Cooke, b Whitehouse . . . . .	15
Thomas, b Jackson . . . . .	6
Edgell, c Bowden, b Kermode . . . . .	25
Marriott, not out . . . . .	1
Sundries . . . . .	16
Total . . . . .	263

Bowling.—Whitehouse, one for 79; Kermode, five for 97; Bowden, one for 15; Brain, nil for 17; Jackson, three for 45.

We are indebted to R. W. Vincent for the following interesting statistics of individual performances:—

## HIGHEST BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Not out.	Total runs.	Highest score.	Average
E. Kermode . . . . .	8	1	454	140	64.35
D. M. Brain . . . . .	6	0	261	104	43.30
W. Jackson . . . . .	6	1	191	83	38.20
R. Whitehouse . . . . .	7	1	132	37	22.00

## BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls bowled.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average
E. Kermode . . . . .	834	23	279	28	9.96
R. Whitehouse . . . . .	747	12	303	25	12.12
L. Bowden . . . . .	176	3	73	4	18.25
W. Jackson . . . . .	162	1	110	5	22.00

The Team Batting Average was 22.34 runs per wicket lost.

Team Bowling Average: 11.99 runs per wicket taken.

W. Jackson kept wicket on eight occasions, took 7 catches, and had an average of 4.25 byes per innings. A remarkable performance.

## Inter-House Athletics.

An attractive programme of events was provided at the annual sports gathering of the School, held on the T.C.A. ground in delightful weather. There was a large gathering of parents and friends, including the Bishop of Tasmania (Dr. R. Snowdon Hay) and the Headmaster (Mr. C. C. Thorold). The ground was looking at its best, but the running tracks were on the hard side, owing to the scarcity of water, and in consequence the times were inclined to be slow. The champion cup was won by J. Cooke, who was successful in the 120 yards hurdles, 880 yards, and mile championships and the high jump. The sports committee cup, for competitors under 15, was won by Hale, and the under 11 cup by B. Brammall. Stephens and School Houses tied with 16 points for the challenge shield, presented by Rev. Bethune, of Launceston, School House scoring most points in the senior events and Stephens House being the more successful in the junior races.

The results were as follows:—

## OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

100 yards. First heat: Bisdee, 1; Tibballs, 2; Jarvis, 3. Time, 11 2-5sec. Second heat: Whitehouse, 1; Huxley, 2; Walch, 3. Time, 11 2-5sec. Final: Whitehouse, 1; Jarvis, 2; Bisdee, 3. Time, 11 2-5sec.

120 Yards Hurdles.—Heat 1: Cooke, 1; Drury, 2; Tibballs, 3. Heat 2: Clemons, 1; Walch, 2; Brain, 3. Final: Cooke, 1; Clemons, 2; Drury, 3. Time, 18 3-5sec

High Jump.—Cooke, 1; Walter and Drury (dead heat), 2. Winner cleared 4ft. 10in.

220 Yards.—Whitehouse, 1; Bisdee, 2; Huxley, 3. Time, 25 1-5sec.

440 Yards.—Whitehouse, 1; Jarvis, 2; Bisdee, 3. Time, 60 3-5sec.

880 Yards.—Cooke, 1; Hood, 2; Piggott, 3. Time, 2min. 26sec.

One Mile.—Cooke, 1; Hood, 2; Kermode, 3. Time, 5min. 35sec.

## UNDER 15 CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards.—Heat 1: Downie, 1; Hale, 2; Butler, 3. Time, 15 2-5sec. Heat 2: Giblin, 1; Lewis, 2; Morgan, 3. Time, 13sec. Heat 3: Warner, 1; Johnstone, 2; Heathorn, 3. Time, 13sec. Final: Hale, 1; Lewis, 2; Johnstone, 3. Time, 13sec.

High Jump.—Hale, 1; Lewis, 2; Walch, 3. Winner cleared 4ft. 7in.

220 Yards.—Heat 1: Giblin, 1; Johnstone, 2; Downie, 3. Time, 30sec. Heat 2: Hale, 1; Warner, 2; Butler, 3. Time, 30sec. Final: Butler, 1; Johnstone, 2; Hale, 3. Time, 29sec.

440 Yards.—Warner, 1; Butler, 2; Downie, 3. Time, 65 3-5sec.

## UNDER 13 CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards.—Heat 1: Nichols, 1; Le Breton, 2; Moncrieff, 3. Time, 14sec. Heat 2: Brammall, 1; Lord, 2; Whelan, 3. Time, 14 1-5sec. Final: Nichols, 1; Le Breton, 2; Brammall, 3. Time, 13 4-5sec.

220 Yards.—Heat 1: Nichols, 1; Le Breton, 2; Hudson, 3. Time, 32sec. Heat 2: Lord, 1; Whelan, 2; Brammall, 3. Time, 32 4-5sec. Final: Nichols, 1; Le Breton, 2; Lord, 3. Time, 31sec.  
High Jump.—Le Breton, 1; Lord, 2; Hudson, 3. Winner cleared 4ft. 4in.

#### UNDER 11 CHAMPIONSHIPS.

80 Yards.—Heat 1: Brammall, 1; Bennison, 2; Hood, 3. Time, 12sec. Heat 2: Bowtell, 1; Low, 2; Whitehouse, 3. Time, 11 1-5sec. Final: Brammall, 1; Bowtell, 2; Low, 3. Time, 12sec.

120 Yards.—Heat 1: Brammall, 1; Bennison, 2; Hood, 3. Time, 18 1-5sec. Heat 2: Bowtell, 1; Whitehouse, 2; Low, 3. Time, 18sec. Final: Brammall, 1; Bowtell, 2; Low, 3. Time, 17 3-5sec.

#### HANDICAP EVENTS.

100 Yards (Under 13).—Bowtell, 2yds., 1; Brammall, scr., 2; Caink, 3yds., 3.

100 Yards (Under 15).—Lewis, scr., 1; Watson, 2yds., 2.

100 Yards (Open).—Shoobridge, 4yds., 1; Travers, 2yds., 2; Tibballs, 3.

Mile Race.—Morgan, 300yds., 1; Tonks, 250yds., 2; Carrier, 200yds., 3.

#### FLAG RACES.

House Race.—School, 1; Stephens, 2; Buckland, 3.

Under 15.—Stephens, 1; School, 2; Buckland, 3.

#### OTHER EVENTS.

120 Yards (Old Boys).—Banks Smith, 1; Miller, 2; Hood, 3.  
Slow Bicycle Race.—Bell, 1.

### School Athletics.

One of the most interesting athletic gatherings held at Hobart since the Australasian championships three years ago was that provided by the combined secondary schools at the T.C.A. ground on March 24. The numerous events were keenly contested, and to make matters all the more exciting, the school supremacy remained in doubt right up to the final race. Hutchins School came out on top, for the third year in succession, but were closely pressed throughout by St. Virgil's and Cleme College. At one stage St. Virgil's held a comfortable lead on points, but owing to Hutchins and Cleme College victories in the open events they were gradually overhauled, Hutchins taking the lead after winning the 880yds. championship and teams' race, for which they gained 13 points. St. Virgil's won most of their races in the under-age events, whilst Cleme College did well in the long distance races. The most impressive performances of the gathering were those of A. Cherry, of St. Virgil's, who scooped the pool in the under 15 years events. Possessing a big, easy stride, he won all his races in convincing style, his final sprint in the 440yds. championship, which he won after having been a long way back when half the distance had been covered, was one of the outstanding features of the meeting. G. Dick and J. Cooke were Hutchins School's best

performers. The former won the 220 and 100 yards open championships, whilst Cooke won the 120yds. hurdles, 880yds. open championship, and the high jump, and ran third in the mile. The high jumping was splendid, Cooke clearing 5ft. 1in.; whilst Cherry, in the under 15 jump, cleared 4ft. 6in. The under 13 jump proved one of the most exciting events of the day, Hunt (St. Virgil's) and Le Breton (Hutchins) both clearing 4ft. 1in., but failing at a greater height. Cleme College were unfortunate in not winning the open flag race, being well in the lead, when one of their runners dropped his flag. The strong sea-breeze militated against good times being registered, and the hard nature of the track was another factor that handicapped the runners in this respect. The total number of points gained by each school was as follows:—Hutchins School, 54½; St. Virgil's College, 48½; Cleme College, 47½; Friends' High School, 16.

#### OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP, 100 yards.

Heat 1: H. Annells (F.H.S.), 1; K. Nicholson (C.C.), 2; L. Freeman (S.V.C.), 3. Time, 11 4-5sec. Heat 2: A. Pybus (S.V.C.), 1; G. Banks-Smith (C.C.), 2; S. Jarvis (H.S.), 3. Time, 11 3-5sec. Heat 3: G. Dick (H.S.), 1; C. Vaughan (F.H.S.), 2; B. Railton (S.V.C.), 3. Time, 11 2-5sec.

Final: G. Dick (H.S.), 1; G. Banks-Smith (C.C.), 2; C. Vaughan (F.H.S.), 3. Time, 11 1-5sec. Won by two feet.

#### 100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Under 15.)

Heat 1: J. Smith (F.H.S.), 1; N. Wilson (C.C.), 2. Time, 12 2-5sec. Heat 2: A. Cherry (S.V.C.), 1; A. Long (C.C.), 2. Time, 12 1-5sec. Heat 3: J. Annells (F.H.S.), 1; M. Foster (S.V.C.), 2. Time, 12 4-5sec.

Final: A. Cherry (S.V.C.), 1; M. Foster (S.V.C.), 2; J. Annells (F.H.S.), 3. Time, 12sec.

#### 100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Under 13.)

Heat 1: J. Fitzgerald (C.C.), 1; R. Le Breton (H.S.), 2. Time, 14sec. Heat 2: H. Berkshire (S.V.C.), 1; T. Brammall (H.S.), 2. Time, 13 4-5sec. Heat 3: J. Hunt (S.V.C.), 1; B. Watson (F.H.S.), 2. Time, 14sec.

Final: H. Berkshire (S.V.C.), 1; J. Hunt (S.V.C.), 2; J. Fitzgerald (C.C.), 3. Time, 13 3-5sec. Won by a foot.

#### 80 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Under 11.)

Heat 1: D. Marshall (C.C.), 1; A. Moore (S.V.C.), 2. Time, 12sec. Heat 2: P. Fitzpatrick (S.V.C.), 1; T. Lord (F.H.S.), 2. Time, 12sec. Heat 3: E. Dean (S.V.C.), 1; C. Bennison (H.S.), 2. Time, 12 2-5sec.

Final: A. Moore (S.V.C.), 1; D. Marshall (C.C.), 2; P. Fitzpatrick (S.V.C.), 3. Time, 12 1-5sec. Won by inches.

#### 120 YARDS HURDLES.

#### OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

Heat 1: Drury (H.S.) and Walpole (F.H.S.), dead heat. Time, 22sec. Heat 2: J. Cooke (H.S.), 1; H. Long (C.C.), 2. Time, 18 3-5sec. Heat 3: M. Clemons (H.S.), 1; B. Railton (S.V.C.), 2. Time, 21sec.

Final: J. Cooke (H.S.), 1; M. Clemons (H.S.), 2; H. Long (C.C.), 3. Time, 18sec. Won comfortably.

## FLAG RACE.

(Under 15.)

St. Virgil's College, 1; Hutchins School, 2; Friends' High School, 3.

## 440 YARDS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

G. Banks-Smith (C.C.) . . . . . 1  
H. Annells (F.H.S.) . . . . . 2  
A. Pybus (S.V.C.) . . . . . 3

Time, 57sec.

Won by a yard, with two yards between second and third.

## HIGH JUMP.

(Under 15.)

A. Cherry (S.V.C.), 1; G. Payne (C.C.), 2; E. Hale (H.S.) and N. Wilson (C.C.), 3. Winner cleared 4ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

## 220 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Under 15.)

A. Cherry (S.V.C.), 1; M. Foster (S.V.C.), 2; A. Long (C.C.), 3. Time, 26 3-5sec. Won by 10 yards.

## 220 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Under 13.)

J. Hunt (S.V.C.), 1; J. Fitzgerald (C.C.), 2; H. Berkshire (S.V.C.), 3. Time, 31sec. Won by inches.

## 220 YARDS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

G. Dick (H.S.), 1; A. Pybus (S.V.C.), 2; G. Banks-Smith (C.C.), 3. Time, 25 3-5sec. Won by five yards, with a yard between second and third.

## HIGH JUMP.

## OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

J. Cooke (H.S.), 1; A. Wettenhall (C.C.), 2; A. Long (C.C.), 3. Winner cleared 5ft. 1in.

## 120 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Under 11.)

Heat 1: T. Lord (F.H.S.), 1; J. Ruddock (C.C.), 2. Time, 17 3-5sec. Heat 2: D. Marshall (C.C.), 1; P. Fitzpatrick (S.V.C.), 2. Time, 17 4-5sec. Heat 3: B. Brammall (H.S.), 1; A. Moore (S.V.C.), 2. Time, 17 3-5sec.

Final.—D. Marshall (C.C.), 1; T. Lord (F.H.S.), 2; J. Ruddock (C.C.), 3. Time, 16 4-5sec.

## 880 YARDS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

J. Cooke (H.S.), 1; G. Gibson (F.H.S.), 2; A. Pybus (S.V.C.), 3. Time, 2min. 15 4-5sec. Won by five yards, with two yards between second and third.

## 880 YARDS TEAMS RACE.

Hutchins School, 1; Clemes College, 2; Friends' High School, 3.

## FLAG RACE

## OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

Hutchins School, 1; St. Virgil's College, 2; Clemes College, 3.

## 440 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Under 15.)

A. Cherry (S.V.C.), 1; A. Long (C.C.), 2; A. Lewis (H.S.), 3. Time, 61 3-5sec. Won by 10 yards, with a yard between second and third.

## HIGH JUMP.

(Under 13.)

J. Hunt (S.V.C.) and R. Le Breton (H.S.), 1; J. Lord (H.S.), 3. Hunt and Lord both cleared 4ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., but both failed to negotiate an extra half-inch.

## ONE MILE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

M. Upchurch (C.C.), 1; A. Wettenhall (C.C.), 2; J. Cooke (H.S.), 3. Time, 5min. 15 2-5sec. Won by seven yards, with four yards between second and third.

## Swimming.

## THE SCHOOL SPORTS.

The annual school swimming carnival was held at the Sandy Bay Baths on 25th February. As in previous years, the swimming was of high quality, and the finishes caused much excitement. The outstanding performers were J. A. Cooke, who, by winning the open 50 yards, 100 yards, and back stroke, became school champion and holder of the McKean Cup for the second time, and Bousfield in the under 15 50 yards and 100 yards.

The points towards the House Shield were in doubt until the finish of the last race, the 200 yards, in which Gibson's narrow win from Robertson gave School House first in the A competition, with Buckland a close second, and Stephens only a few points behind. In the B competition the positions were reversed, for Stephens House won from Buckland, with School House a long way back, third.

The results were as follows:—

50yds. Open Championship.—Cooke, 1; Arnold, 2; Gibson, 3. Time, 28 4-5 sec.

50yds. Championship (under 15).—Heat 1: Bousfield, 1; Murdoch, 2; Hale, 3.

50yds. Championship (under 15).—Heat 2: E. Roberts, 1; Kennedy, 2; Preuss, 3.

50yds. Championship (under 13).—Nettlefold, 1; Cane, 2; Preuss, 3. Time, 46 2-5sec.

50yds. Breaststroke Championship.—Kermode, 1; Hood, 2; Ford, 3. Time, 43 1-5sec.

Championship Dive (under 15).—Bousfield, 1; Richardson, 2; Cane, 3.

100yds. Open Championship.—Cooke, 1; Hood, 2; Gibson, 3. Time, 1min. 12 2-5sec.

50yds. Open Handicap.—McDougall, 1; Hale, 2; Masters, 3. Beginners' Race.—Palmer, 1; Lucock, 2; Scott-Power, 3.

Final 50yds. Championship (under 15).—Bousfield, 1; Murdoch, 2; Roberts, 3. Time 40 3-5sec.

50yds. Swimming on Back Championship.—Cooke, 1; Hodgman, 2; Harris, 3. Time, 38 1-5sec.

Championship Dive (under 13).—Cane, 1; Preuss, 2; Lucock, 3.

Open Teams Race.—School House, 1; Buckland House, 2; Stephens House, 3.

100yds Championship (under 15).—Bousfield, 1; Roberts, 2; Kennedy, 3.

Open Dive Championship.—McDougall, 1; Richardson, 2; Bousfield, 3.

Teams Race (under 15).—Stephens House, 1; Buckland House, 2; School House, 3.

200yds. Open Championship.—Gibson, 1; Robertson, 2; Hood, 3. Time, 3min. 22 4-5sec.

Old Boys' Race.—Hood, 1; Miller, 2.

### INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS.

#### WON BY THE SCHOOL.

Beautiful weather prevailed, although there was a cool breeze blowing, for the Southern Tasmanian Secondary Schools' swimming carnival held at the Sandy Bay swimming baths on Saturday morning, 6th March. The races were keenly contested, particularly the diving events. Four schools were represented, viz., Hutchins, Friends' High, St. Virgil's, and Clemes College. Hutchins carried off the honours, winning rather easily from Friends' High by 82 points to 28. St. Virgil's was third with 16, followed by Clemes College with 10 points. E. Green (St. Virgil's) did remarkably well to win the diving championship for boys under 15 and the open championship. In addition to these two contests he captured the championship, under 15, 50yds., and the 100yds. Championship for the same age. With the exception of this lad, the Hutchins School pupils were much superior, and practically "swept the pool." The keenest enthusiasm was displayed by the competitors' schoolmates, all of whom cheered their representatives to the echo. The 100yds. championship, under 15, provided a spectacular finish, and the noise was deafening as they urged their favourites on. Green won by the narrowest of margins from Bousfield.

The officials were:—Judges, Captain Webb, Lieut. McKissock, and Mr. G. Collis; starter, Capt. Ruddock; official timekeeper, Mr. G. L. Purcell; hon. sec., Mr. K. M. McGann.

The results were:—

Open Championship, 50yds.—J. Cooke (H.S.), 1; W. Jackson (H.S.), 2; D. Arnold (H.S.), 3.

Championship, under 13 years, 50yds.—J. Bailey (F.H.S.), 1; P. Nettlefold (H.S.), 2; S. Wells (F.H.S.), 3.

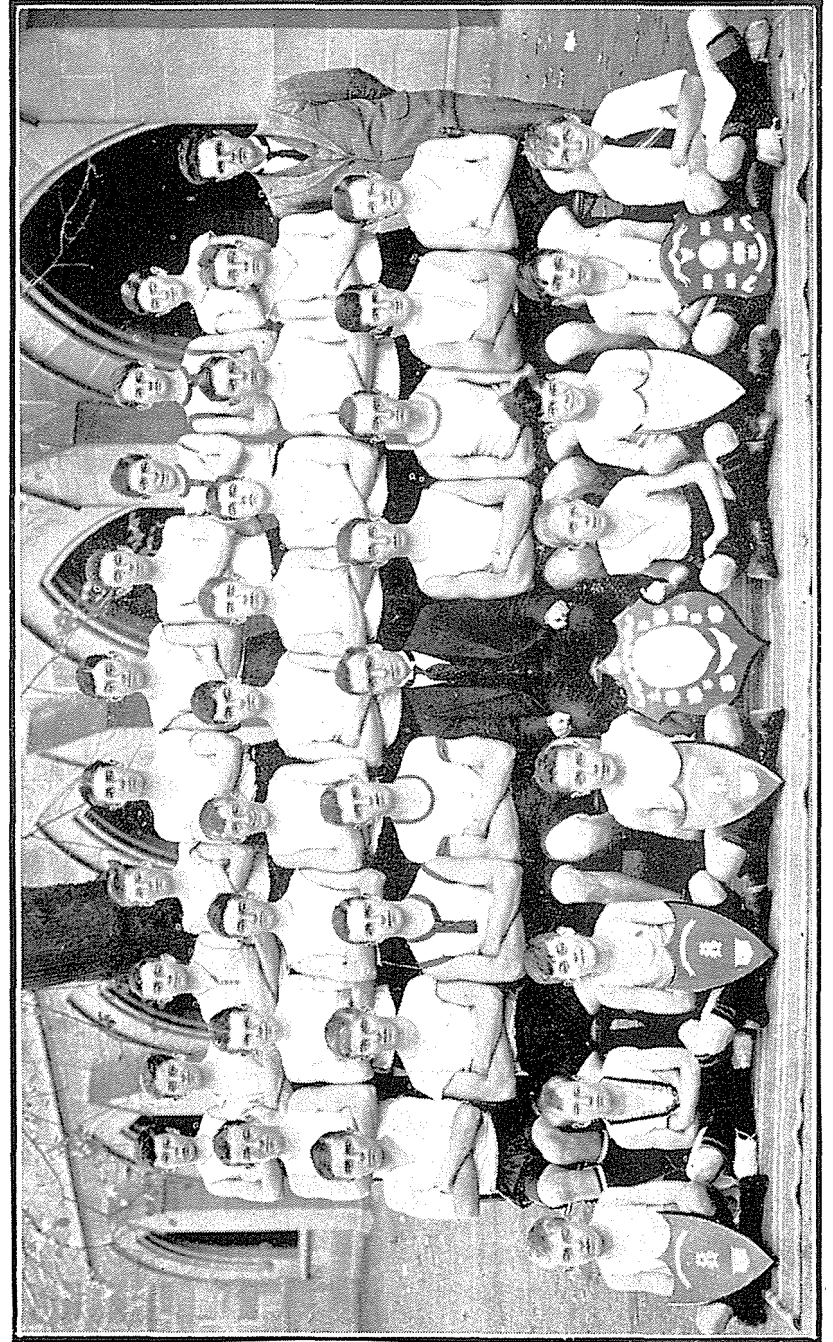
Open Championship, 100yds.—J. Cooke (H.S.), 1; R. J. Gibson (H.S.), 2; J. D. Hood (H.S.), 3.

Under 15 Championship, 100yds.—E. Green (S.V.C.), 1; R. Bousfield (H.S.), 2; F. Gourlay (F.H.S.), 3. Time, 1min. 27sec.

Swimming on Back, Open Championship, 50yds.—J. Cooke (H.S.), 1; J. Hood (H.S.), 2; G. Gibson (F.H.S.), 3.

Dive, under 13 years.—J. Preuss (H.S.), 1; R. Garrod (S.V.C.), 2; S. Wells (F.H.S.), 3.

ATHLETIC AND SWIMMING TEAMS, 1926. WINNERS OF THE FITZGERALD SHIELD FOR ATHLETICS AND THE WATSON SHIELD FOR LIFE-SAVING.



Top Row: Giblin, Heathorn, Warner, Richardson, Lewis, Roberts, Piggott, A. Walch, Hale, Whelan.  
 2nd Row: Robertson, Johnstone, Tibbolls, Butler, Kennedy, Murdoch, Arnold, McDougall, H. Walch, Mr. Rycroft.  
 3rd Row: Bousfield, Kermode, Harris, Jackson, Mr. Gerlach, Lord, Huxley, Bisdas, Gibson.  
 Front Row: B. Brammall, Bennison, Preuss, T. Brammall, Lucock, Le Breton, Hudson, Nettlefold.



Open Championship, 200yds.—R. J. Gibson (H.S.), 1; D. Robertson (H.S.), 2; J. Hood (H.S.), 3.

Teams' Race, under 15.—Hutchins School, 1; Clemes College, 2; St. Virgil's College, 3.

Championship, under 15 years, 50yds.—E. Green (S.V.C.), 1; R. H. Bousfield (H.S.), 2; L. Murdoch (H.S.), 3.

Teams' Race, Open Championship.—Hutchins School, 1; Friends' High School, 2; Clemes College, 3. Time, 2min. 21sec.

Dive, under 15, Championship.—E. Green (S.V.C.), 1; A. Richardson (H.S.), 2; W. F. Wells (F.H.S.), 3.

Breast-Stroke Open Championship.—L. Kermode (H.S.), 1; G. Gibson (F.H.S.), 2; J. Hood (H.S.), 3. Time, 43 1-5 secs.

Dive, Open Championship.—E. Green (S.V.C.), 1; W. F. Wells (F.H.S.), 2; C. McDougall (H.S.), 3.

The life-saving competition was held on Thursday, 4th March, and resulted:—Hutchins School, 10 points; Friends' High School, 6 points; and Clemes College, 4 points. The winning team comprised Cooke, Kermode, Harris, and Lord.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Kellett for his interest and able coaching in this department.

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## Tennis.

Last year the School, after an exceedingly close contest with Clemes College, became premiers of the South. The match was played on the Saturday before the close of the School year, and the result was in doubt until Boyd, after a hard fought three-set match, just prevailed over Bayley, and gave us the honours by three rubbers to two.

In the island premiership played at Launceston, the Grammar School proved too strong for us, and won the whole five rubbers. Our team consisted of Boyd, Cruickshank, Ife, and Cumming.

This year the boys are showing increased keenness in the game, and the one court does not satisfy the demands made upon it. In a championship tournament for ladder positions the tennis was of a high quality. In the semi-finals Kermode defeated Cooke after a hard contest, and Williams defeated Brain. In the final Kermode by sure and steady play narrowly defeated Williams.

Unfortunately, the Pardey Shield Competition took place in the Easter holidays when our best boys were out of town. Piggott in the semi-finals extended Pickett, the Grammar lad who won the competition.

At a meeting of the tennis club held early in the year, J. A. Cooke was elected captain and L. Kermode secretary.

At present an A Grade Doubles tournament, and a B and C grade singles championship are in progress. In addition to the above matches, boys are frequently playing "challenges" for higher positions on the ladder, and thereby are receiving practice which will make them better players.

### Literary and Debating Society.

At the first meeting of the Society, at which Mr. F. D. Cruickshank, the Secretary for 1925, took the chair, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Patron: His Lordship the Bishop of Tasmania.

President: The Headmaster.

Vice-Presidents: Mr. T. C. Brammall, Mr. E. G. Butler,

Mr. F. D. Cruickshank, Mr. J. W. Gerlach.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. A. P. Brammall.

Hon. Assistant Secretary: Mr. C. McDougall.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. S. C. Burbury.

Committee: President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and two members from each house.

This year the Society is devoting more attention to the literary side. In past years it has devoted almost all its time to debating, and rather neglected this literary side.

The second meeting of the year was held in the Junior Schoolroom, and a very pleasant evening was spent in reading three scenes from the works of Charles Dickens. The scenes were: (1) The Trial Scene, *Pickwick v. Bardell*, from "*Pickwick Papers*"; (2) *Bumble's Courtship*, from "*Oliver Twist*." This was excellently done by Mr. S. C. Burbury and Mr. H. Brammall; (3) A Conference between the Wellers and Mr. *Pickwick*, from "*Pickwick Papers*."

A large number of the members of the Society went to hear the Imperial Debaters at the University, and those who did not go missed an evening of wit and humour, and also an opportunity of hearing some good debating.

Those who were at the first debate had a feeling of pride when two old members of the Society and ex-secretaries, Mr. S. C. Brammall and Mr. E. G. Butler, made such creditable performances for the Tasmanian team.

In the second debate, Mr. H. J. Solomon, another of our old members, made a very effective speech.

It is at these times that we realise what a lot the Society can do for us all.

It is unfortunate that the Society got a late start this year, and since has had many setbacks, but the year should nevertheless prove a successful one.

### Magazine Competition.

The subject of the competition was "A Sonnet." Anything that could reasonably be called a sonnet was accepted, but it was considered that the looser the form the greater correctness should be expected in that form.

There were sixteen entries, but the efforts of "Erasmus," "Wakespeare," and "Shodong" were so defective in rhythm and sense that they were passed out immediately. J.L. on "Hutchins" rhymed and scanned with more success, but his matter was so feeble and badly expressed that he shared the same fate. "Hsilgne" was in matter only a little better, and in rhythm worse, so that he was coupled with J.L. "Weary Willie" with "A Storm" comes into a slightly higher grade. At times the

thing looks more like a sonnet. But three lines with defective rhythm and three more of very obscure sense put it out of court. "Deck Hand" on "The Kangaroo" gets nearer to the feel of verse than any of the preceding, but four hopeless lines and several strainings of the sense to get the metre leave him about on the same mark as "Weary Willie."

There remain nine, which have some degree of positive merit. "Yrurd" tries "The Rain" with an anapaestic rhythm (which was not ruled out). There are several good lines, and the matter seems genuine and first hand; but there are three lines where the rhythm is entirely lost, and a bad lapse into trivial expression: so "Yrurd" goes out. "Blag Bellong" with "Fading Summer" has almost the same merits and demerits, but is put just ahead by one line better than any so far met with:

"The sullen darkness early ends the day."

"Comet," addressing the swallow, is both better and worse than his two predecessors. There are four appalling lines and several bad lapses from sense, but the beginning is good and several lines have merit:—

"The day sinks wan under the shroud of night,"

and this pair of lines is good, though I confess I don't in the least know what they mean:—

"And thro' the night with wonder have I seen

This songster of the fast-approaching May."

Incidentally, why does "Comet" write "thro'," when at any other time he would spell it "through"? It is nearly as bad as pronouncing "wind" in verse as if it were an exact rhyme with "kind." Similarly, another sonneteer writes "t'appear," when he wants it to go into one iambic foot. But we don't say anything so simple as "t'appear" in such cases, and the best plan is to write "to appear," and leave the reader's ear to make the best of it.

"Peleus" comes next with a sonnet on "Tasmania." His first thirteen lines are correct in form and read easily, but he crashes in the fourteenth. More serious is the defect in the matter. It is made up of conventional "poetic" phrases, strung together without much discrimination, and the result entirely fails to convince.

"Bellerive" (who is clearly not the well-known Bulletin bard of that name) rhymes to his lost ferry-boat, the "Kangaroo." The sonnet proceeds successfully to its end without violence to rhyme or rhythm, and no serious straining of the sense. The worst technical fault is the rhyming of "Kangaroo" and "grew" with "due" and "view." It reads easily, and the matter is genuine, so far as it goes. But it does not go very far, and is padded out to fill the lines—a serious accusation for a sonnet. So, though a creditable piece of work, it must give place to better.

"Felix" comes next with "The Sky." He survives so far by virtue of a genuine poetical feeling that emerges in spite of the roughness of the verse. But the defects in rhythm, rhyme, and sense are so many that it is not even possible to quote a fair sample, and he, too, must go.

There remain three sonnets, "Music," "Autumn," and "The Death of Sohrab," between which, on account of their different kinds of merit, I found it so difficult to decide with confidence, that I appealed for a verdict to a friend in whose literary judgment I had great faith. My friend replied as follows:—"I think these three pieces reach a very decent standard of merit. . . . 'The Death of Sohrab' seems to me neatest and best sustained. Of course, it is imitative, but perhaps young poetry ought to be so. 'Autumn' is somewhat more original and poetic. 'Music' is more faulty in shape, though I like the substance of it, which seems to show some constructive imagination."

So my friend sat neatly on the fence, and left me to follow my own first hesitating preference. So first of all "Music" must go. It has more promise than any of its rivals, but after all, the prize is for performance, and "Le Comte" does not quite manage it. The idea is there, and the feeling behind it. But the verse is rather heavy and laboured; the lines creak. There are besides some bad blemishes—a line with only four stresses, the padding (twice) with "of thine," the sporting journalist's slang use of "secure," and others which the judicious reader may detect. But we may hope to hear again from "Le Comte."

#### MUSIC.

O Muse of the divinest art of all!  
Who fills with wonder all that hear  
The gorgeous voice of thine, which calls as near  
To us as once in ancient times to Saul,  
Thine art embraces e'en the sombre pall:  
And urges on to victory like a cheer  
All those who fight for right and countries dear;  
Inspiring them with thy clear clarion call.  
In mystic, pealing tones of organ grand  
Thou draw'st us like a spoken prayer to God;  
With plaintive, magic, whisp'ring strains of thine,  
Thou hast oftimes secured a lady's hand;  
Small babes are led by thee to Land of Nod:  
All these are thine, O thou of grace divine!

"LE COMTE."

Finally, "Autumn" goes down before "The Death of Sohrab." "Marquis Volerert" adopts the loose Shakespearean form of sonnet, and it is interesting to note how he has caught a touch of the Shakespearean sonnet manner. The last couplet is good Elizabethan. But the greater easiness of the form makes more serious the defects, the drawn-out weakness of lines 5 and 6, and the inconsequence (in its position) of line 8. So, with some regret for its pleasant poetic quality, the second place is given to

#### "AUTUMN."

Oh! Autumn! How I long for thee t'appear,  
When all is parched from the great summer heat;  
Soft from the trees you take their summer wear,  
The burnished leaves that fall around our feet;  
And now upon the furrow'd farms and fields  
The seed upon the ground is being sown;  
From this we wait t'receive next season's yields,  
And winter grass supplants the summer brown.

As one that comes a dull monotony  
T'relieve, we gladly give you welcome so,  
And Autumn! season that we gladly see,  
How ruefully we're wont to let you go!  
But though to keep you here with us we're fain,  
We look ahead of Time—for Thee again.

"MARQUIS VOLERERT."

"Peran Wisa" wins with "The Death of Sohrab." It is certainly the best piece of verse technically. Rhyme and rhythm are correct, the verse reads with a decent flow, and there is no straining of the sense. (There are, it is true, two repetitions of a rhyme, but they are not obtrusive.) At first reading it seems a little bald; it has, in fact, something of the "baldness" of Mat. Arnold's own verse, from whose "Sohrab and Rustum" the matter is taken. On further consideration, one realises that our sonneteer has managed to convey the whole gist of Arnold's poem (it runs to 37 pages in my edition) in his fourteen lines. It is a little elliptic and allusive, but essentially it is all there, and this is a considerable achievement. Except for the second half of line 6, it is all good, tightly-packed verse, such as should go to the making of a sonnet. (Only "Le Comte" of the others has a touch of this same compactness of verse.) So, on the whole with a good conscience, the prize sonnet is adjudged to be:—

#### "THE DEATH OF SOHRAB."

And through the Tartar ranks young Sohrab came,  
And stood and boldly told Ferood his boast.  
A shiver ran among the Persian host;  
For none they had but Rustum. Who for shame  
Reclined within his tent, deprived of fame.  
There Gudurz ran, and begged of Rustum most  
That he should rise, and fend the Persian host.  
And Rustum rose, and armed, and forth he came.  
Then Sohrab asked of him who he might be,  
But Rustum spoke not, and commenced the fight.  
Then angered by his fall, his name cried he.  
And Sohrab heard, and straightway lost his might.  
So Rustum pierced his son who was unknown  
To Rustum, till the figured arm was shown.

PERAN WISA.

(D. V. Giblin.)

#### Nature Study.

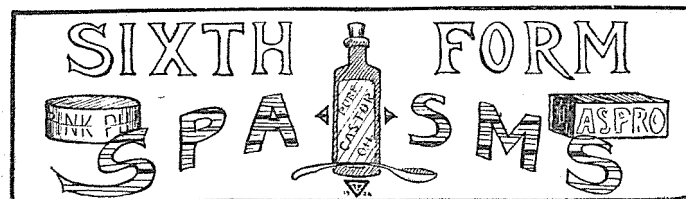
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#### SMALL WINTER BIRDS OF TASMANIA.

In the last issue I told you about the shore birds of Tasmania. Now I am going to describe the smaller birds. Most of the small Tasmanian birds move about in small flocks, hopping about on the ground and on the scrub plants, in search of the insects upon which they feed. They all have a "creek, creek" note, which they utter frequently. The blue wren is the prettiest of all, and the only one with a song. The cock blue wren

has a dark purple-black breast, light blue head, and a black tail, standing straight up. The hen bird is greyish brown, and some specimens have a light blue tail. The next species is the yellow-tailed thornbill, a tiny bird (about as big as the blue tit), with a white head, green body, and yellow tail. These birds are almost always on the ground, and are shy and less active than the English tits. The white eye is a similar bird, and destroys many apples in the orchards, which it visits in large flocks. Tasmania has but one finch. It is called the fire-tailed finch. This bird always reminds me of the cut-throats in Gamage's. It has a large waxy bill of a bright red colour. The hen is grey and white, mottled, and the red tail is not so bright as in the cock. There are several other species of thornbills, etc., but they are all very similar in habits. There are four robins in Tasmania: the dusky robin, the scarlet-breasted robin, the flame-breasted robin, and the pink-breasted robin. They are all cheery little creatures, flipping their wings and cocking their heads on one side as they sit on a post or fence, watching us with intense interest. The flame-breasted robin can be told from the scarlet-breasted by its slender form, larger size, and more orange breast. The hen scarlet-breasted robin has only a small patch of red on the throat, and the hen flame-breast no red at all. The dusky robin is a bird about the size and shape of a chaffinch, and in every respect like the hen of that bird. Last of all we come to the pink-breasted robin, a scarcer bird than the scarlet and flame-breasted robins. It is black on the back and wings, with a strawberry pink breast. All the robins except the pink breast have white feathers on the wings and tail. The honeyeaters have a habit of moving about in numbers, singing and chirping all together. The strong-billed honeyeater is like the great titmouse in form, and has a black head, green back, and a white collar round the back of the neck. The black-headed honeyeater is similar, but smaller, and without a white collar. The crescent honeyeater is like the white-bearded, only the breast is pure white with a black crescent-shaped mark on it. The yellow-throated is a larger bird and is not quite so active as the rest. They are all playful birds, creeping up the trunks of trees and tearing off bits of bark and searching for insects, etc. The yellow-throated and white-bearded honeyeaters delight in chasing each other through the trees. Last but not least is the tiny spine bill. It is the prettiest of all the honeyeaters. The head is dark green, breast white, with a W-shaped mark across it; the back is ruddy brown, and the wings and tail glossy green. Related to the honeyeaters is the golden-breasted whistler. It is about the size of a thrush. The male has a golden yellow breast and dark green back, and the hen bird is brown. These are all the small birds of winter in Tasmania.

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*To write the Editorials not our trade;  
For Science Notes we have no ready arts;  
'Tis our delight, alone in all this book,  
To pipe a simple song for Sixth Form hearts.*

Apologies to Wordsworth.

*"The beautiful are vanished, and return not."*

It is with a heavy heart that we take up the pen to record the doings of the Mighty Sixth, for the Mighty Sixth is no more; babes and sucklings occupy the seats of last year's mighty men—or so it seems; for when will a Sixth Form be found that attains to anything like the glory of its predecessor? Sir Rowland Noonch no longer treats us to his inspiring addresses on the Rain Gauge method of measuring humidity, nor do we any longer see old Buckhurst in his corner discoursing on steam cars, static machines, and similar vital topics. Bora and his trunk alike are gone, as are Kirby, Kotee, and their "wild" companion.

However, we still have Alfie, who has returned armed with a firm determination to gain a credit in every subject of the Leaving. With this object in view, he is trying to improve his French by conducting all his extensive correspondence in that language. Notes on any subject whatsoever addressed to Monseigneur le Duc de la Bréton Vallé Lenà, and forwarded per George or Hughie between the hours of 10 and 4, will receive his immediate attention, and a reply will be sent at the earliest convenient moment.

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Two optimistic youngsters from Va are emulating Koddy Quent, and attempting to pass Leaving in one year. We wish them luck, as they seem quite docile little fellows, one in particular having gained quite a name for his unquestioning obedience to those set over him—especially George.

Who was Ibid? The question was asked in English the other day—need we say by whom?—and we have been wonder-



