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## Editorial.

Now that the connection between Christ's College and the Hutchins School has been severed, it seems desirable that we should show a proper sense of gratitude for all the benefits the School has derived from its fourteen years' affiliation with the College.

Ingratitude is an unpardonable sin, especially when, as in the present instance the benefactor makes no parade of his generosity, and claims no recognition of it. Young people are naturally prone to take benefits for granted, and probably but few of our readers are aware of the extent of our indebtedness to the College, if they realise that we owe it anything at all. None of the present boys, and not many of the masters, can remember the conditions under which the School worked before the College came to our assistance.

Let us briefly review the facts. As all our readers are aware, the School was founded in 1846, by public subscription, on land granted for the purpose by the Government. Unfortunately no endowment was provided, and for more than half a century, the School was entirely self-supporting. It was farmed to the headmaster, who, at time found it extremely difficult to make both ends meet. Without going into details it will be sufficient to say that in 1912, owing to lack of funds for extensions or repairs, the buildings, furniture, and playgrounds were alike inadequate to the demands made upon them.

It was at this critical juncture that Christ's College awoke after twenty years of suspended animation, and agreed to fall in with a proposal that was placed before it to assist its needy younger sister. The proposal, we understand, originated in the fertile brain of the late Bishop Mercer, whose name must therefore be included in our act of thanksgiving.

The new scheme came into operation in 1913, with the following results.



In the first place, the farming system was abolished, and the headmaster, relieved of all financial responsibility. This was done by combining his office with that of the Warden of Christ's College. At the same time two tutors were appointed by the College, whose sole duties were to assist the Warden in the tuition of the College students, that is, our Sixth Form. Thus it will be seen that we are indirectly indebted to the College for the magnificent results achieved by the School in recent years in the Leaving Examination.

In the next place, Christ's College, after purchasing from the School sufficient ground for the purpose, erected the handsome and commodious building in which the teaching of the Upper School has since been carried on, including the two splendidly equipped Science Laboratories, which have helped to gain for the School the unique position it has held for years in this respect. Our readers can imagine the congestion and discomfort that existed in the class-rooms before the College building was erected.

Again, the College, recognising the inadequacy of the School playground, purchased a large field, about half a mile from the School, which was considerably improved, and placed at the disposal of the Sports Committee. For the only tennis court the School possesses, we are also indebted to the College.

The other ways in which the College has shown its readiness to promote our interests are almost too numerous to mention. They include valuable scholarships, prizes, sports trophies, and other generous donations made on special occasions from time to time.

It was never intended that these benefits should become permanent, as the College Council had in view other activities to which it was pledged. Still, it was with some considerable dismay that we learnt the decision of the College that the time had come for it to withdraw from the existing arrangement.

Had the College reclaimed all its property, and renounced all future aid, we should have had no ground for complaint; indeed, we should have remained its debtor for past favours. But the College has done nothing of the sort. What has happened? To the boys the change is imperceptible. The School has not been ejected from the College building, or the sports ground, nor has it been asked to purchase them or pay rent for them. To all intents and purposes they are now School property. The Warden and Tutors have not gone hence to be no more seen. They are carrying on exactly as before, as headmaster and senior assistant masters; and in order to lighten the financial burden placed upon the School in this way, an annual grant is to be made by the College, gradually decreasing in value until it reaches vanishing point. This, of course, is where the shoe pinches most.

In some respects, the new arrangement is even better than the old. For example, there is now only one governing body instead of two. When there is dual control, there must sometimes be conflicting interests. Other advantages might be pointed out if space permitted.

In any case, there can be no question that the College has treated the School with remarkable generosity. Let us take off our hats to Christ's College!

## Library Notes.

It is very gratifying to be able to report that the Library is still proving a great blessing to numbers of the boys, and it is inspiring to find the seating accommodation taxed to its utmost during the dinner hour.

The shelves are now well filled with books, and we have been able to purchase many new books during the year. We notice that detective books are in very great demand. We are very grateful to those boys, past and present, who have generously given books to the Library, also to those who are week by week supplying illustrated papers, amongst the donors are the following: Miss McDougall, of Boston, Mr. Gerlach, Mr. Carson, L. Hickman, V. Fyle, F. Masters, E. R. Clive, K. Harris, H. Tasker, J. D. Nowell, D. Cruttenden, J. Cooke, M. Bisdee, J. Denny, J. Warner, and E. Gray. To one and all we give our grateful thanks, and should any donor's name have been inadvertently omitted from the list, we offer our apologies, and hope they will understand it has not been intentional.

## School Notes.

### TERMS AND HOLIDAYS.

Under the new three-term system, which is being tried out this year by the Associated Schools, the present terms ends on August 26. The third term begins on September 20, and ends on December 16.

### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

Mr. W. H. Hudspeth, who has been a member of the Board since its formation, has resigned his position this year, and the vacancy has been filled by Mr. A. L. Crisp. Mr. Hudspeth's retirement is a great loss to the School, but he feels it is time to be relieved of the responsibility he has shouldered so long. Needless to say, his interest in the School has not abated one jot.

### THE STAFF.

Early in the year the staff was strengthened by the appointment of Mr. E. H. Stephens. Mr. Stephens is helping in the work of the Middle Forms, and has thrown himself with great zest into the sports of the school, taking charge of the Swimming and Life-Saving with great success. He is also doing excellent work in reviving the Scout Movement, which was practically defunct.

**Valete.**—Bisdee, M. S., Brain, Burbury, J., Brammall, A. P., Carter, Clarke, P., Clemons, R. G., Crow, Denny, Dobson, H., Dick, Dormer, R., Dormer, K., Drew, English, Gibson, R., Hickman, L., Harrison, H. M., Harris, Hancox, Hammon, Hood J., Keats, G., Kennally, Murdoch, R. P., McGibbon, Norman, C., Nowell, Palmer, Phelan, Pixley, Roberts, A. C., Robertson, W. R., Smith, B., Stabb, R. H., Tasker, Vincent, Vout, Williams, Wilson, W. W. Wilcox.

**Salvete.**—Baldwin, Bastick, T., Burbury, S. L., Burton, Cane, B., Chambers, D. M., Calvert, M. D., Calvert, G. D., Chaplin, Clive (re-entered), Cox, R., Crawford, R. M. A., Craske, Creese, Davies, Facy, G. L. (re-entered), Gabriel, Giblin, C., Gibson, J.

L., Gillham, Graham, Griffiths, Headlam, Hudson, R. J., Hyatt, Hood, B., Irby, Jarvis, R. A., Johnston, R. V., Kay, May, Nicholas, C., Parker, Pridmore, T., Pridmore, J., Pringle, J. B., Preece, Phillips, Roberts, G., Robertson, M. D., Robertson, R. N., Rodway, Ross, Ruddock, Scott, Shoboridge, J., Smithies, Tolman, Tonks, D. A., Tucker, Tuttle, Wall, Walch, S. C., Westbrook, Wilson, W. R., Wilson, N. R.

#### PREFECTS.

Of last year's Prefects, only two have returned, namely, Radcliff and Warlow-Davies. Radcliff has been appointed Senior Prefect, and the following have been admitted to office since the beginning of the year:—S. C. Burbury, H. D. Drury, W. M. Hodgman, E. H. Huxley, C. McDougall, H. C. Walch. The House Prefects are:—Cooke, Jackson, and Bisdee.

#### THE DUKE'S VISIT.

The visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Tasmania was during the Easter holidays, consequently it was out of the question for them to visit the School. However, most of us managed to get a glimpse of them in the Royal Progress, or at St. Davil's Cathedral, or at the function arranged by the Education Department on the North Hobart Football Ground. Needless to say, we highly appreciated the week's holiday given at the Duke's request.

#### CONFIRMATION.

The Dean of Hobart, in addition to taking a weekly Scripture Class, held classes at the School in preparation for the Confirmation, which took place at the Cathedral on Whit Sunday. At this service twenty-four boys of the School were presented to the Bishop.

#### MANUAL TRAINING.

The Manual Training Scheme, which was started at the commencement of the year, has been very well supported, and the workshop is filled to capacity every morning, about 120 boys in all taking part during the week. This creative work makes a strong appeal to boys, and we are glad to find that the regular work of the School is not suffering, but it rather being invigorated. A new and enlarged workshop is badly needed, and we hope that this may soon materialise.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS.

The following boys are holders of the Scholarships awarded by Christ's College and the Hutchins School at the end of last year:—

The Clerical: N. R. Wilson and J. L. May.

The Magistrate's: G. L. Facy.

The McNaughtan: F. Henry.

The Senior Newcastle: G. E. Hodgson.

The Junior Newcastle: E. D. Simmons.

The Crace-Calvert: W. H. Pridmore.

The D. H. Harvey: J. R. Low.

#### THE NAVAL COLLEGE.

P. Hancox and W. S. Drew, our two candidates for the Naval College last year, passed all their tests, and were the only two Tasmanians to do so. They are now in residence at Jervis Bay. Two boys have entered for this year's examination, which takes place in September.

#### THE SCHOOL FAIR.

It is proposed to hold a Fair at the School on Tuesday, August 23rd, in order to raise money for urgent sports purposes. A new tennis court is needed to cope with increased numbers, and the Rowing Club require two new fours to replace the boats which have now been in constant use for the past ten years.

We shall have to appeal later on to parents, friends, and old boys for gifts of fruit, vegetables, flowers, produce, sweets, cakes, etc., with which to furnish the various stalls. Gifts of any sort will be gratefully received, and novel suggestions will be heartily welcomed by the Committee.

There will, of course, be the usual Jumble Stall, and if each member of the School could bring but one article, this stall would be richly furnished. There will be various side shows at the Fair, in the different classrooms, each form arranging its own show.

During the day there will be variety entertainments in the School Gymnasium, and at night there will be a Cafe Chantant and Concert. It is sincerely hoped that every parent will endeavour to be present, and as all the stalls and entertainments will be under cover, there is no need to be deterred by bad weather. The Fair will also afford an excellent opportunity of making a personal tour and inspection of the School.

#### EXCHANGES.

Acknowledged with thanks:—"The Corian," "The Melburnian," "The Sydnein," "The Southportonian," "The Mitre," "The Torchbearer," "The Launcestonian," "The Swan," "The Armidalian," "The Prince Alfred College Chronicle," "The King's School Magazine," "The Ipswich G.S. Magazine," "School Echoes," "All Saints' Grammarian," "Scotch College Reporter," "Serva Fidem" (C.E.G.S., Ballarat), "St. Peter's College Magazine," "The Cranbrookian," "The Cygnet," "The Home."

#### "THE HOME."

The Editors of "The Home," an illustrated monthly magazine, published in Sydney, have asked us to draw attention to a new feature recently introduced. This is entitled "The Upper School," and comprises several pages devoted to the Public Schools of Australia. Members of the schools are invited to contribute items of news, articles, verses, or sketches, and prizes are offered for competition. A copy of "The Home" may be seen in the School Library.

### School Assemblies.

On Ash Wednesday, we had a visit from the Bishop of Tasmania, who gave us one of his forceful and inspiring addresses, which we always appreciate so much. During Holy Week we had addresses from the Bishop, the Dean, and Archdeacon Richard.

Saints' Days, as they come round, have been duly observed.

The School was in recess on Anzac Day and Empire Day, so that we were unable to hold our customary observances.

On June 6th, Professor Brigden gave a most interesting lecture on the League of Nations. The way in which he adapted himself to his schoolboy audience was quite remarkable.

During March and April, confirmation classes were held in the School by the Dean of Hobart, and on Sunday, May 1st, twenty-four candidates were presented to the Bishop of the Diocese at a most impressive service in the Cathedral.

A Branch of the Christian Students' Union has been started in the School, and meets every Monday during the luncheon hour.

Our monthly services in the Nixon Chapel at the Cathedral have been much appreciated, and we are very grateful to the Dean of Hobart for this privilege, also to Mr. J. Scott-Power for his kindness in playing.

The singing of the hymns is a great feature at our Morning Assembly, and on the days when Mr. Scott-Power does not come, S. C. Burbury has proved himself to be a very competent accompanist.

As a result of the Self Denial Appeal in Holy Week, the sum of £3 16s. 6d. was devoted to a fund for Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

When we heard that the Bishop of Mombasa was going to pay us a visit, we half expected to see a "nigger," and were rather disappointed to find him no darker than our own Bishop. However, when he began to talk to us, we soon forgave him his complexion, and became absorbed in his stories about the natives, whom he seems to love so much.

It happened that we had "Onward, Christian Soldiers" on the morning of his visit, and the heartiness of our singing reminded Dr. Haywood of the joy with which he had heard it sung by a large body of Africans. The Bishop was driving his Ford in order to hold a confirmation in a distant village, and was stuck up on a bridge some distance from his destination. The native who accompanied him went to fetch help from a neighbouring village, and the whole community marched to his relief singing their favourite hymn.

He told us many other things that made us realise that the Africans are not unlike their white brethren in many ways. For example, they are very musical, and fond of laughing; they play "Soccer," and many of them are quite good mechanics.

We were also interested in some more gruesome stories of the things that went on before the coming of the Missionaries—things too horrible to be set down in detail.

The future, he said, was very promising. The Tanganyika Government had voted £1,850 for a new diocese in the south, and the Church in Australia was undertaking the financial responsibility for the new diocese. He concluded with an earnest appeal for young Australians to go out to the Mission field.

### Junior School Notes.

As we look back over the six months that have slipped by, we do not find anything of great importance to write about.

The first important event was picking the House Captains, and the honours fell to Preuss for School House, Norman for Buckland, and Roberts for Stephens. We congratulate them on being chosen, and are very pleased to see that they have been taking their responsibilities seriously, and calling House meetings from time to time.

The Swimming Sports came along early in the 1st term, and although we do not get many entries from the Junior School, we were able to make a great deal of noise at the baths. Norman won the Junior School race, with Fitzgerald 2nd, and Preuss 3rd, and in the diving Preuss came 1st, with Norman 2nd, and Fitzgerald 3rd, and Preuss again represented the Junior School in the under 13 dive, in which event he succeeded in gaining first place. We heartily congratulate the winners and are expecting great things from them later on, as they mount up the School.

Friday afternoons found us making tracks for Christ College ground for cricket, and we had some very good games, and the House matches were very exciting. School House came off victorious, followed by Stephens, and Buckland came a gallant third. In one of the matches against Stephens, Preuss was at his best, and worried the bowlers very much. He carried his bat, and made the splendid score of 42. T. Roberts and R. Johnston also did well in the matches against the other House, and both their scores ran into double figures.

We also played a match against Friends' Midgets one Friday afternoon, but they were far too good for us, and made us feel very small.

At the commencement of the second term, Norman, the energetic Captain of Buckland House, was moved up to the IVth Form, so the Vice-Captain, Hurburgh, has become head of the House, but the House is feeling Norman's loss, especially in football, at which his weight told.

Football commenced in real earnest after Easter, much to everyone's delight, but, unfortunately, football means winter time and wet weather, so the ground is often unusable. On the last Friday in June, we had the first House match, School v. Buckland. Buckland's team was very weak, and from the commencement School had the advantage, and won easily.

We cannot put down our pen without first thanking O. Jones, the last year's Captain of School House, for acting as football umpire for us every Friday. He carries out his duty exceptionally well, and we are very fortunate in being able to get him.

### Speech Night, 1926.

The usual enthusiasm marked the large gathering that took place in the City-hall, on December 13th. The Chairman of the Board (Mr. C. W. Butler) presided, and was supported by the Governor (Sir James O'Grady), the Headmaster (Mr. C. C. Thorold), Archdeacon Whittington, Canon Blackwood, Messrs. W. F. D. Butler, W. H. Hudspeth, A. J. Miller, and members of the teaching staff. There was a large attendance of scholars, parents, and friends.

**HEADMASTER'S REPORT.**

For the ninth time, the Headmaster (Mr. C. C. Thorold) presented his annual report, prefacing his remarks by welcoming the Governor. Mr. Thorold said, *inter alia*:—

"An outstanding event of the year was the opening of the War Memorial Library by His Excellency the Governor on Anzac Day. The School has long needed the library, which, as a memorial, is something I think would have met with the full approval of those in whose memory it was built. It did not come into being without sacrifice and effort; but more sacrifice and more effort are needed before it is free of the present debt of £300.

"The need for endowments had become even more marked. Benefactions are needed to place the School on a firmer financial basis. Now that the Christ's College Bill has been passed by both Houses of Parliament, Hutchins School has seriously to consider ways and means. The emoluments and endowment which we have gratefully received from Christ's College for the last 13 years have now to be shared with the Launceston School. No one will question the equity of the new scheme, but Hutchins School has to face a definite diminution of revenue. The Warden of Christ's College will, in future, be the head of the Theological College, the headmaster of Hutchins School no longer retaining that title.

"My visit to England was eminently worth while. I know that I have benefited personally, as I have come back with restored health, with wider vision, and renewed inspiration."

"I was interested to hear on my return, that a radical change, which I have long been attempting to introduce into Tasmania, had at last been accepted by our public schools, viz., the 'three-term system.' The change from four terms to three is being made in the interests of education. Nearly every State in the Commonwealth has adopted the 'three-term' system, and the experience of those who have tried both is strongly in favour of the change. Most parents will welcome it. Their children will keep regular hours at school during July, which is the worst month in Tasmania. Holidays will be taken during fine weather months. Further than that, parents will, in future, receive school accounts three times a year instead of four. In view of our loss of revenue from Christ's College, the Board have reluctantly made slight increases, but so slight that they will hardly be felt when spread over three accounts."

"Eleven boys from the school passed the Leaving Examination. Ten of these matriculated, and the eleventh completed his matriculation at the supplementary examination. Another matriculated in December without passing the Leaving Examination. Thus, with twelve matriculation passes, our results compare quite favourably with those of former years. We cannot expect such results this year. First of all, we have fewer candidates, and secondly, Mr. Erwin, to whom so much of these successes is due, has been carrying an additional burden for six months of the year as Acting-Headmaster. I should like to thank him publicly for the good service which he rendered the School in general, and to me in particular, by taking on this onerous position in conjunction with his teaching work. With sixteen passes in the Intermediate Examination, and two Bursaries, our results this year were better than last. The old Qualifying Examination has been superseded by two examina-

tions—the Scholarship Examination, and the Merit Examination. For the former we entered nine boys, all of whom obtained the requisite number of marks. In the Merit Examination, 20 of our candidates were successful. D. H. Williams was successful in winning the principal prize offered by the Rotary Club for an essay on 'Public Life.' Two boys have succeeded this year in passing the education test of the Royal Naval College—W. S. Drew and P. F. Hancox."

"With the valuable assistance of the Dean of Hobart, and members of the teaching staff, the religious education of our boys has received careful attention. Our results in the examination in Scripture and religious teaching held by the Diocese Board of Education are:—Two boys secured diocesan prizes, 18 got honours, 56 got credits, and 60 others secured passes. Twenty-one candidates for confirmation were prepared at the School by the Dean of Hobart earlier in the year. The Junior School is as flourishing as ever, and the key note of its success is the enthusiasm which the boys throw into their work and into their sport. Mr. Norman Walker, and those associated with him in this important branch of our work, are to be congratulated on the results. The sub-primary and kindergarten section reflects great credit on Mm. Frizoni. Next year we propose to make manual training more general throughout the School, and not to restrict the activities to one particular form. For many years past work has been carried out in the workshops at several English public schools as an integral part of the education provided. The plan was adopted of sending into shops each form for a complete week, and it was soon found that the regular work at the school did not suffer. In fact, it seemed to have the effect of invigorating the regular work. There is no doubt that the opportunities provided for creative work makes a strong appeal to most boys, and many who might be voted dull in the classroom show themselves to be possessed of exceptional power in other and no less important directions. Few boys—no matter what their capacities may be—can spend a week in the workshops without some gain to themselves or to the community. At Hutchins we have not the facilities for sending boys into the shops for so long a period, but every boy whose parents express such a desire, will be allowed to put in at least twenty-six hours a term in the workshops, a certain number going in for two hours every day. The course will start in the Junior School, with the III.A. Form, and will extend to and include the V.B. Examination Form. Boys who pass on to the Intermediate and Leaving Forms can continue the course if they wish in out-of-school hours. The Prefects have done splendid work throughout the year. W. Jackson, who was Senior Prefect till midwinter, left us to go to Camm College, Cambridge, and his place was well filled by the appointment of G. Dick."

"I should like to place on record my gratitude to the many friends of the School, who have helped us in so many ways—some by giving prizes and sports trophies, others by giving honorary service in various branches of sport, such as rowing, football, boxing, and physical culture. The Matron (Mrs. Waller) has managed the boarding-house very efficiently, and has in no way spared herself to further the interests of the School and to increase the happiness of all concerned. A serious outbreak of influenza in the winter taxed her energies

to the utmost, and I am not exaggerating when I say that self-sacrificing service such as hers is very rare indeed. There remains for me the pleasant duty of congratulating the members of the staff on their whole-hearted co-operation during the year. School life is not a succession of speech nights, but a succession of days of careful preparation of class work, and it is the staff that we must thank for the splendid results which I have been able to announce to-night."

"It is my painful duty to refer to the absence of two men whose names will long be remembered in the School. The first is Major Gurney, who succumbed to a serious illness early in the year. His connection with the School dates back to the eighties, when he joined the staff soon after his arrival from England. In his various capacities as a co-principal, headmaster, and as bursar in the later years of his life, he rendered invaluable service to the School. As a master 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. Death by a sudden accident took from our midst Mr. Godfrey Vizard. For several years he guided the destinies of the Buckland House with marked success, and that fact will constitute a large part of his claim to the grateful recollection of all those who are lovers of Hutchins, and are interested in its history and development."

#### CHRIST'S COLLEGE.

The President of the Council of Christ's College (Dean Rivers) said this was the last occasion on which the Christ's College Council would meet at a Hutchins School speech night. At the end of the year they would come to an end. For the Hutchins School it was the opening of a new chapter; for the Council of the College, it was the closing of the volume for ever. Christ's College was fairly well endowed to provide for the secondary and university education of young men. For many years the Council had undertaken the education of the senior boys of Hutchins School, but to carry out its distinct duty the Council had obtained Parliamentary sanction to include, in addition to the Hutchins School, the Launceston Grammar School, and the college at Cressy. The Council left the Hutchins School safe in its traditions, the administration of its staff, and the guidance of its Headmaster. (Applause.)

#### GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

His Excellency supported the Headmaster's appeal for contributions to clear the debt on the War Memorial. In regard to boys leaving school at 16, Sir James said the rectification of this tendency presented a difficult problem. After that age the acquisition of knowledge was speedier. The early periods of a child's education were rather mechanical. By that age, boys could merely acquire knowledge, but they could not in the very nature of things, acquire the sense of knowledge—and that made all the difference in the world. The period between the ages of 16 and 18 was the most important stage in the education of a boy and girl. To extend the education of all children beyond the age of 16 was impossible in modern, social, and economic conditions. He would be the last man to impose any condition on the Government of a State, but his private view was that the Government might, if finances permitted, assist the cause of

"later education." It was perfectly true, in regard to boys being trained in the workshop, that the creative instinct was often fostered. He hoped that activity would be continued. He congratulated the School, its Headmaster, and staff, on the results of the past year. (Applause.)

#### CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS.

The Chairman said the Hutchins School was one of the first three public grammar schools founded in Australia. The first was King's School, Parramatta, in 1834. This school, however, was closed in 1860 for eight years. The next was the Church Grammar School, Launceston, in June, 1846, and then the Hutchins School, Hobart, in August, 1846.

"Within the last few months," he said, "the present Ministry brought in a bill to amend the Taxation Act, and among its many valuable clauses was one relieving to a large amount from taxation, all public schools not carried on for gain. This was passed in the House of Assembly, although opposed by some who looked upon it as a party matter. I am sorry to say the Legislative Council in its wisdom, thought fit to throw out the clauses applicable to the schools without bringing forth one serious reason for doing so. As we all know, education is the most essential item for the proper bringing up of young people to fit them for the after business of their lives, and to enable them to assist in the good government of whatever country may be their future home. Therefore, educational establishments should in every way be assisted. By assistance, I do not mean a free education to those whose parents can afford to pay for it. I hold that all parents should, as far as their means extend, pay for the nourishment of their children's brains, as they do for the nourishment of their bodies. There has lately been an amalgamation, and rightly so, too, between Christ College, Hutchins School, the Church Grammar School, Launceston, and St. Wilfrid's College. This will mean a considerable loss to the Hutchins School, and we must look about to find some way to make up that loss without impairing the teaching of the scholars. Most large public schools are handsomely endowed, both in England and Australia. This cannot be said of the Hutchins School. At present the endowment fund amounts to £291 4s. 9d., which, although small, is a beginning. However, there is a mortgage debt of £3,250, together with £48 per annum for the Newcastle scholarship, making a capital debt, say, of £4,000."

The chairman appealed to well-wishers of the School for assistance, and concluded by calling for three cheers for the Governor.

#### PRIZE LIST.

The following prizes were presented:—

Upper VI.: E. J. Warlow-Davies, H. M. Harrison, W. W. Wilson, M. S. Bisdee. Lower VI.: R. N. Pringle, E. H. Huxley, D. L. Anderson, H. D. Drury, H. F. Boss-Walker. VA.: W. R. Robertson, C. McDougall, G. E. Hodgson, L. G. Murdoch. VB. Exam.: C. H. Rex, D. P. Cruttenden, R. Broinowski, R. G. Cruttenden. Technical Work: D. R. Parsons. Certificates: Second year, R. Gibson, A. C. Roberts, R. G. Clemons, T. A. Lewis; first year, D. R. Parsons, R. C. Cane, J. L. Shoobridge. Remove A: E. D. Simmons, Peter Stops, H. C. Ivey, H. J. Whelan, J. O. K. Penny, D. C. McPhee, H. F. Cane, J. S. Marsden. Remove B: T. J. Bennison, B. W. Raft, A. D. Caink, W. R. Watson,

P. C. Butler. IVth Form: A. J. M. White, D. M. Green, W. L. Verrell, R. Le Breton, J. K. Chambers, A. R. Crawford. Junior School: IIIA., A. J. M. Johnson, R. F. Hutchinson, W. Bowerman, D. V. Hood, P. H. Thorold, A. J. Spencer; IIIB., D. Tudor, J. Scarr, A. N. Hickman, A. Hewer; II., R. Cane, D. McKean, I. Dorum, D. Robertson.

**Christ's College Scholarships.**—The Clerical, A. P. Brammall; the Pedder, E. H. Huxley; the Medical, D. L. Anderson.

**School Scholarships.**—The McNaughtan Scholarship, F. Henry; the Senior Newcastle Scholarship, G. E. Hodgson; Proxime Accessit (special prize given by Oldham, Beddome, and Meredith, D. P. Cruttenden; the Junior Newcastle Scholarship, E. D. Simmons; the D. H. Harvey Scholarship and Gold Medal, J. R. Low; Proxime Accessit, J. R. Isherwood; the Grace-Calvert Scholarship, 1925, D. P. Cruttenden.

**Diocesan Scripture Examination.**—The Diocesan Prize, M. S. Bisdee, D. P. Cruttenden; Honour Certificates, M. S. Bisdee, W. W. Wilson, P. Clarke, J. Mullen, H. Boss-Walker, W. R. Robertson, J. Burbury, E. D. Simmons, E. M. Giblyn, M. A. Downie, J. Piggott, H. Cane, D. P. Cruttenden, R. G. Cruttenden, A. R. Richardson, B. Woolley, J. Hudson, R. Kennedy.

**Special Prizes.**—The Bishop of Tasmania Prize, M. S. Bisdee; the Stuart Essay Prize, D. H. Williams; the Headmaster's Prize for Languages, R. N. Pringle; the Dean of Hobart Prizes for Scripture, P. Clarke, W. W. Wilson, E. H. Huxley, W. R. Robertson, A. C. Roberts, J. Burbury, M. A. Downie, R. Kennedy, D. Green, A. J. M. Johnson; the Henry Martyn Prize for Science, E. J. Warlow-Davies; the H. H. Cummins Prize for Bookkeeping, G. C. K. Harris; the H. H. Cummins Prize for Business Principles, R. Cane; the Murdoch Prize for Dux of Junior School, R. F. Hutchison; Drawing Prizes, R. F. Hutchinson, T. Roberts, C. Parsons; Writing and Neatness, A. G. Walch, P. Nettlefold, A. J. White, A. N. Hickman; the Billy Gill Memorial Prize, D. H. Batchelor.

**School Medallions.**—Dux of Upper School, E. J. Warlow-Davies; Dux of Lower School, E. D. Simmons; Best Leaving Pass, 1925, F. D. Cruickshank; Best Intermediate Pass, 1925, E. H. Huxley; Senior Prefect's Medallion, G. Dick.

**School Recitation.**—S. C. Burbury, J. Stops, J. B. Piggott, T. Heathorn, T. Brammall.

**Junior School Recitation.**—A. Watchorn, J. Lord, B. Smith.

**Literary and Debating Society.**—Senior Paper, L. A. Hickman; Second Prize, R. N. Pringle; Junior Essay, C. H. Rex; Senior Orator, A. P. Brammall; Junior Orator, J. T. Stops; Senior Impromptu Orator, R. N. Pringle; Junior Impromptu Orator, E. D. Simmons.

**School Magazine.**—Major Giblyn's Prize, D. V. Giblyn, L. A. Hickman.

**Sports Prizes.**—The Bethune Shield, Senior School, School House; the Wilkinson Shield, Junior School, School House; the Nicholas Shield for Cricket, School House; the Literary and Debating Shield, Buckland House; the Headmaster's Form Assembly Shield, Remove A.

**Championship Medallions.**—Athletics, J. A. Cooke; Swimming, J. A. Cooke; Tennis, D. M. Brain; Cross-Country, J. A. Cooke; Fives, D. Arnold.

**The Butler Medals for Best Bowling Average.**—H. L. Tasker; the Mille's Cup, H. L. Tasker; Best Batting Average, not yet decided; the Headmaster's Medal for Proficiency in Drill, L. F. Bisdee; Mr. J. L. Rycroft's Medal for Proficiency in Drill, J. Burbury; Junior School Medal for Proficiency in Drill, C. A. Bennison; School Honour Badges, J. A. Cooke, C. McDougall, E. Crow, D. Brain, R. G. Clemons, D. Arnold.

#### SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS.

The Sports Master (Mr. J. L. Rycroft) in his report, said the year 1926 had been quite as successful as the three previous years. This year Hutchins School had annexed seven premier-ships, one State and six Southern. They had been victorious over all the southern schools, in cricket, football, rowing, athletics, swimming, and life-saving.

#### PROGRAMME.

The proceedings opened with the singing of a carol, under the direction of Mr. J. Scott-Power. After the distribution of prizes, the choir gave "Drake Goes West," and "Toreador," with C. B. Morgan as soloist. The function was brought to a close by the singing of the School Song and the National Anthem.

### The Public Examinations, 1926.

#### LEAVING EXAMINATIONS.

The School's record in the Leaving Examinations of 1926 compares very favourably with that of former years. In fact, it proved one of the best years we have had for some time.

The class numbered only eleven, of whom one did not sit owing to illness, while two were unwisely attempting the two years' course in one year; hence their failure.

Of the remaining eight, only one failed. He had already qualified for Matriculation, and made the mistake of taking too many subjects, including one entirely new one.

Of the seven who passed (the smallest number for some years), three qualified for Science Scholarships, one for a General Scholarship, one for the Sir Philip Fysh Scholarship, and one for a Dry Exhibition. They also divided among them two Special Prizes, and six ordinary prizes, and gained twenty-two individual credits—an average of more than three apiece.

Our best candidates—in fact the best in the whole State—was E. J. Warlow-Davies, who was only sixteen years old, and has returned to School for a year before taking up his Scholarship.

#### RESULTS IN DETAIL.

**E. J. Warlow-Davies:**—First Science Scholarship, 2nd place for Dry Exhibition in Mathematics, Stephens Memorial Prize for Science, prizes for algebra, applied mathematics, physics, and chemistry; credits in English, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, physics, applied mathematics, and chemistry.

**H. M. Harrisson:**—First place for Sir Philip Fysh Scholarship, 7th for general scholarships; prize for ancient history; credit in English, ancient history, geography, French; pass in modern history, algebra, and geometry.



- W. W. Wilson:—Third place for Science Scholarship; credit in English, geometry, physics, chemistry; pass in algebra, applied mathematics and chemistry.
- M. S. Bisdee:—Sixth place for Science Scholarship; credit in geometry, applied mathematics, and physics; pass in English, algebra, trigonometry, and chemistry.
- D. H. Williams:—Scott Memorial Prize for English Composition, prize for English; credit in English and modern history; pass in geography, French, algebra.
- R. H. Radcliff:—Credit in geometry and chemistry; pass in English, algebra, trigonometry, applied mathematics, and physics.
- P. Clarke:—Pass in English, French, algebra, physics, and chemistry.

#### INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION.

The following boys passed:—

- J. E. Mullen:—Credits in geography and arithmetic; pass in English, history, algebra, geometry, physics, and chemistry.
- F. Henry:—Credit in English and chemistry; pass in geography, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, physics.
- C. McDugall:—Credit in arithmetic and algebra; pass in English, history, geography, French, geometry.
- P. M. Johnstone:—Credit in arithmetic and algebra; pass in English, geography, geometry, physics, chemistry.
- C. S. Timmins:—Credit in geometry and geography; pass in Latin, French, arithmetic, physics.
- L. G. Murdoch:—Credit in history; pass in English, geography, Latin, French, arithmetic, algebra.
- W. R. Robertson:—Credit in algebra; pass in English, geography, arithmetic, geometry, physics, chemistry.
- A. E. Crow:—Credit in geography; pass in English, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, physics, chemistry.
- H. L. Vincent:—Credit in geography; pass in history, arithmetic, geometry.
- D. N. Hickman:—Pass in English, geography, French, arithmetic, geometry.
- D. M. Brain:—Pass in English, geography, French, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, chemistry.
- R. H. Bousfield:—Pass in geography, geometry, physics, chemistry, art.

#### THE MERIT CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

As usual, practically the whole of Remove A. Form sat for this examination, and again put up a fine record. The following were successful in passing the examination:—Andrews, D. Burbury, J. Burbury, Cahill, H. Cane, Denny, Dobson, M. Downie, E. Giblin, Grant, Hancox, Ivey, Jackson, Lucas, Marsden, Masters, R. Murdoch, McPhee, P. Nichols, H. Nickolls, Nowell, Piggott, Preuss, W. Pridmore, D. Richardson, Paul Stops, Peter Stops, J. Thorold, A. Walch, F. Warner, H. Whelan.

## The War Memorial.

### LETTER TO THE HEADMASTER.

June 20, 1927.

Dear Mr. Thorold,—

I was very sorry to gather from your report last Speech Night that there is a debt of £300 on the War Memorial Library, but I was also glad to hear His Excellency the Governor voicing his disapproval of the debt. As far as I remember, he said that it ought to be a point of honour among Old Boys to see that this debt be wiped off at the earliest possible moment, and with this sentiment I heartily agree. I feel confident that if a strong appeal is launched, every Old Boy who has a spark of loyalty in him will respond, and you can count on me for help. The Library, I believe, cost a little over a thousand, and only £700 was subscribed; why, some schools in England, smaller than ours, contributed ten times this amount to their War Memorial. Let it not go out to the world that Hutchins Old Boys could not find a thousand pounds. If you decide to make any use of this letter, I should prefer for the present to remain anonymous to all except yourself, and simply to sign myself—

OLD BOY.

This letter speaks for itself, and on the strength of it we have decided to make a

### FINAL APPEAL

for a

### TWENTY SHILLING FUND.

### WANTED

300 Loyal Old Boys to give Twenty Shillings apiece, and so wipe off the debt.

Will YOU be one of the number to honour the memory of those brave boys of your Old School?

### REMEMBER

What they did.

The appeal will be worked in two ways. (1) An attempt to reach Old Boys all over Tasmania and on the Mainland through the medium of the School Magazine. (2) Personal canvassing; in which YOU can help by approaching Old Boys in your district, who may not have received this magazine.

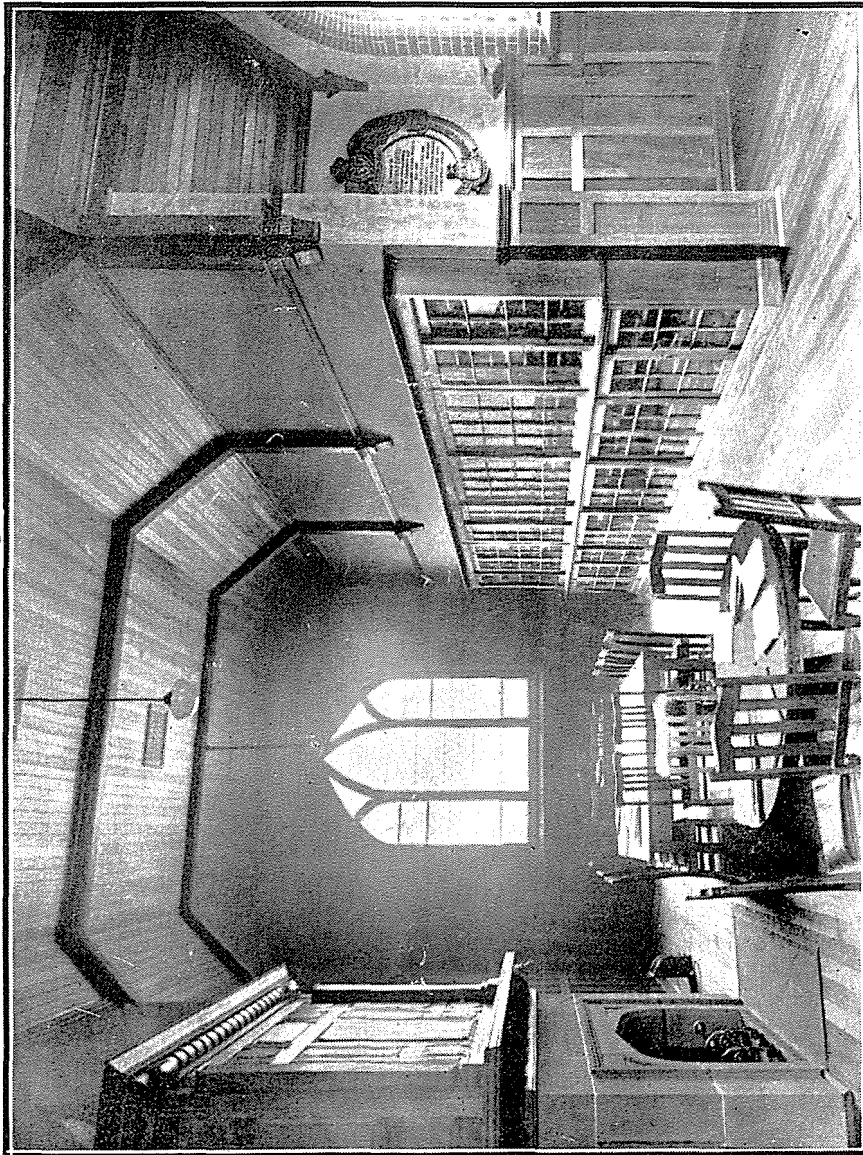
The fund closes on November 30th, 1927.

All contributors to the fund will receive a copy of the December Magazine in which all contributions will be acknowledged.

Contributions are not necessarily limited to Twenty Shillings, try and send ten or twenty times that amount if you can, but in any case, see that YOUR NAME is on this Roll of Honour, and send your contribution as soon as possible to the Bursar or the Headmaster.

C. C. THOROLD.

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## Old Boys' Column.

## BIRTHS.

CHAMBERS.—On Monday, January 17, 1927, at the Queen Alexander Hospital, Hobart, the wife of Elliott Chambers: a daughter.

REYNOLDS.—On 9th January, at Alstonia Private Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Reynolds, Dymmyrne-road, Hobart: a son (Ian Francis).

TEMPLEMAN.—On April 12, at Alstonia Private Hospital, the wife of Donald Templeman: a daughter.

DOUGLAS.—On January 28, at Alexandra Hospital, to the wife of C. B. Douglas: a daughter.

FITZGERALD.—On January 9, at the Queen Alexandra Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. G. FitzGerald, 39 Princes-street, Sandy Bay: a son.

LODGE.—On January 7, at Nailsworth, Adelaide, to the wife of Laurence Walter Lodge: a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

KNIGHT—HUTCHINSON.—On December 8, at Bothwell, by the Rev. A. E. Hutchinson, Charles Eagle Leonard, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. E. Knight, of Claremont, to Dorothy Muriel, elder daughter of the Rev. A. E. and Mrs. Hutchinson, of Logan, Bothwell.

HAY—PEARCE.—On April 20th, at St. David's Cathedral, by the Bishop of Tasmania, Robert Blair, second son of Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Hay, of Bishops-court, Hobart, to Kathleen Laurence, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pearce, of King-street, Sandy Bay.

HUGHES—CUMMINS.—On May 14, at Christchurch, Hawthorn, Victoria, Stephen Llewellyn, eldest son of the Rev. and Mrs. S. H. Hughes, of New Town, to Kathleen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cummins, of Hawthorn.

KING—HUDSON.—On May 21, at St. Columbs Church, Hawthorn, Victoria, by the Rev. D. M. Deasey, Charles Stanley, son of Mrs. M. King, and the late W. W. King, of Hobart, to Nancy Thurgate, daughter of the late Augustus and Frances Hudson, of Hobart.

The School extends its sincere sympathy to the relatives of three highly respected citizens of this State, old Hutchins boys, who have recently passed away, namely, Mr. Robert Grant, formerly Council Clerk of Sorell, Mr. George Henry Reilly (formerly Secretary of Public Works), and Mr. Edward Oldmixon Bisdee, of Melton Mowbray (Warden of Green Ponds).

Heartly congratulations to Mr. Archibald McDougall, B.A., B.C.L., Oxon., Rhodes Scholar for 1924, First-class honourman in Jurisprudence, and 2nd class honourman in Civil Law, on his appointment to a Rockefeller Fellowship at the Columbia University. The fellowship is valued at £600 per annum, and is tenable for two years. Mr. McDougall intends to specialise in private international law.

Another and younger "Old Boy" who is doing his best to "put Tasmania on the map," is L. Nettlefold, the amateur Golf Champion of Australia. Playing in the British Amateur

Championship match he did exceedingly well to reach the fifth round, when he was defeated by the ultimate winner, Dr. Tweddale.

Mr. H. N. Giblin, brother of Messrs. L. F. and A. V. Giblin, and one of the best all-round sports the School ever had, has been appointed Joint-Manager of Dalgety's, one of the biggest business firms in Sydney. He will be remembered by his school fellows of thirty years ago, as a champion tennis player, a deadly left-arm bowler, and, later, amateur golf champion.

The following Old Boys have graduated at the University of Tasmanian recently:—

F. P. Bowden.—Master of Science.

A. G. Wherrett.—Bachelor of Law.

E. R. Henry.—Bachelor of Law.

O. J. Masterman.—Bachelor of Engineering.

S. E. Scolomon.—Bachelor of Commerce.

Messrs. E. R. Henry, LL.B., A. G. Wherrett, LL.B., and John Hay, have been admitted to the Tasmanian Bar.

Mr. J. M. Counsel has returned temporarily to Hobart after spending some years in Europe. He holds a unique decoration, awarded to him by the Chinese Republic, for services rendered during the Great War.

Heartly congratulations to Major J. W. Turner on the victory of his Howitzer Battery over competitors from all the States, in the competition for the Mount Schanck Trophy.

Captain C. S. W. Rayner's regiment of Bombay Pioneers, with which he had been serving in Iraq since his last visit to Tasmania, has been disbanded, and he has been transferred to the 4th Hazara Pioneers, at present stationed in Quetta. Captain Rayner has been granted long leave, and has gone into residence at Balliol College, Oxford, to study law.

Mr. G. O. Thomas, B.C.E., has gained fourth place, with second-class honours, in the final examinations in Civil Engineering at the Melbourne University.

Colonel Guy Wyly, V.C. (of the Indian Army), has received a cablegram from General Birdwood congratulating him upon the honour of being appointed A.D.C. to His Majesty the King, with brevet rank of colonel.

## Science Jottings.

## FOSSIL MAN IN AUSTRALIA.

Some time ago, Sir Arthur Keith, Britain's leading authority on fossil man, in a lecture at Edinburgh University, pointed out the importance from an anthropological standpoint of the study of the Australian Aborigines. These people, he said, have a unique interest for students of pre-history. Whereas the early inhabitants of Europe must be studied from fossil bones and stone implements, in Australia an anthropologist can study living types of fossil man, and note the regulation of their lives in detail. The Australian aborigine neither sows nor reaps; he is dependent for a livelihood on the natural produce of the soil, and on his prowess as a hunter. Such were the conditions of

life in Europe until eight thousand years ago, when the native races of Western Europe learned how to raise crops, and to domesticate animals. These discoveries have revolutionised the conditions of human life. To understand the kind of world in which man's body and brain were evolved, we have to go to the backblocks of Australia. When anthropologists search the world to-day for a kind of man who might serve as a common ancestor of living types—Caucasian, Mongolian, and Negroid—the Australian aborigine comes nearest to the ideal. He is made in a more primitive mould than any of these, and has retained much more than they, the characters of the common ancestor from which all living races have arisen. It is possible then that a band of humanity broke away from the ancestral stem, and somehow succeeded in reaching this most isolated country of the world—Australia. This is a most fascinating subject, and it seems to us, as laymen, that here beside us, we have a field for research which has scarcely yet been touched. It is to be hoped, therefore, that some of our young science students in Australia may look forward to a career in this branch of science, and take a share in solving a problem of absorbing interest—the problem of the early evolution of the human race.

#### A NEW VIEW OF THE SUN.

Since Galileo first noted how the sun-spots travelled across the sun's disc and inferred that he was rotating in 27 days, it has always been assumed that he was rotating as a solid body like our earth. Even when it was realised that his interior is not solid, but more nearly resembles a gas, this idea of rotation all in a piece still held the field. Recently, however, Dr. Jeans, the distinguished English cosmogonist, has put before us a totally different idea—namely, that the speed of rotation which we see on the outside is very different from that within, which must be progressively greater towards the centre. The nearest analogy is that of a vortex spinning rapidly in the middle, and more slowly at the outside. When a solid body rotates, the outside layers are, of course, moving quickest. Until recently, radiation was thought to be immaterial, so that it could pass freely through the body of the sun. But, in the modern view, radiation has become material, so that on its way from the hot centre of the sun outwards to the cooler surface, it puts an increasing brake on the rotating layers, this ultimately reducing the speed of the outer layers to a mere fraction of that of the inner. We may perhaps compare the rotation of the sun to the revolution of the planets round the sun—Neptune, on the outside, slowly revolving in 165 years, the earth in a single year, and the innermost, Mercury, in 88 days.

#### LEARNING TO THINK.

An arresting article with the above heading appeared a short time ago in "The Times Educational Supplement." The sentiments expressed therein would appear to many people to be almost revolutionary. We would like to reproduce the whole article, but as space forbids that, we must content ourselves with presenting our readers with a few extracts only: "Why should we have a curriculum? Why should we teach anything ever? Many schoolmasters have apparently already answered the question to their own satisfaction, and do not, in fact, teach at all. Their form-room text is, 'I need not teach, but you must

learn.' These men, so far from being the wasters, are the salt of their profession, the successful schoolmasters of to-day. To be able to take a form for several hours a day for six days a week, and not to teach, a man must be a real educator. We have forgotten that one part of education is to nourish powers of thought. One result of the progress of civilisation is that the individual requires less and less to exercise his powers of independent thought. In many instances, he ceases to think altogether, and accepts without demur any doctrine, if only it be printed in his favourite newspaper. This mental inertia is the spirit we ought to fight. It does not matter that boys may leave school ignorant of large tracts of knowledge, if they have learnt enough to know their own ignorance; if they have acquired that most priceless possession—the work habit. We schoolmasters have done our share, if our boys are capable of conceiving an idea or expressing an opinion of their own; if they are, indeed, able to respond to the exhortation of Demosthenes, 'Gentlemen, I beseech you to think.'

#### POLAR "WOBBLE."

Most people have read of what is known as secular change. This is the term which scientists use to express the fact that the earth's magnetic poles are continually but slowly changing their position—each making a complete cycle in 320 years. It is not so well known, however, that the geographical poles of the earth are also changing. Captain Thomas, of the United States Navy, has recently announced that he has discovered the cause of the latter. He said he had demonstrated mathematically that the phenomenon of the polar motion or shift of the earth's axis, was due to the tides in the Pacific Ocean. His discovery is the result of 40 years' study of the tides, and his findings agree with astronomical observations over a period of 35 years. He says his discovery is one of the most notable triumphs of Physics.

#### THE SOLIDIFICATION OF HELIUM.

Professor Keemson, of Leyden University, has succeeded in solidifying the gas helium. With the help of very strong pumps, a temperature of less than nine-tenths of a degree above the absolute zero was obtained, but at this temperature the helium remained in a liquid state. Later, however, by subjecting the helium to a pressure of 150 atmospheres, and a temperature of 4 degrees absolute, the helium became fixed. Another experiment with a little over one degree absolute, and a pressure of 28 atmospheres, was successful. The test of solidification was arranged in the following way: In a glass tube containing a few cubic centimetres of liquid helium, a piece of steel was placed. As long as the helium remained liquid the steel could be moved about with a magnet. As soon as the helium had become solidified, the steel was frozen in and immovable.

#### THE MONEY VALUE OF SCIENCE.

We are often told that most of the mathematics and science upon which original investigators spend their lives, will never be of any "practical" advantage to the world. On the contrary, the most amazing benefits have often come from the most "impracticable" scientific research. Réaumur spent a life time studying the habits of wasps. Surely nothing could be deemed less useful than such a study as that. But he learned from it

the secret of the manufacture of the wasp's nest, that piece of light but tough paper in which he makes his home. Réaumur discovered that the wasp makes the paper by chewing up pieces of wood and other bits of vegetable matter. Inventors, following up this discovery, produced paper from wood-pulp, so that the entire newspaper, magazine, and book industry to-day depends for its supply of paper on Réaumur's "queer" interest in wasps. Higher mathematics has made possible most of our industries, the kind of mathematics that is commonly described as "of no earthly use." But without exactly that sort of mathematics, the insurance business would be impossible, because from it came the laws of chance and probability upon which a business of millions of pounds rests. The safety of life insurance rests absolutely upon the mathematical determination of the square root of minus one, a purely imaginary quantity, but without which it is impossible for companies to compute hazards and rates. Mathematics underlies the design of all machines, bridges, and electrical equipment. Rob any engineer or chemist of his logarithms, tables of permutations, Fourier's series, and other mathematical formulæ, and you stop the progress of the world. Already this jotting is too long, but we could extend the subject indefinitely, and we may return to it in some future edition of the Magazine.

#### THE ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

From accounts in the recent English scientific publications to hand, the forthcoming eclipse of the sun, the first total eclipse visible in England for 203 years, is creating much interest in British scientific circles. The chief interest seems to centre in the proposed examination of the "corona," that is, the outer solar atmosphere of the sun. It is only on occasions of total eclipses, when the brilliant light of the sun's disc is cut off, that the corona is revealed to us. Without such eclipses, the sun's atmosphere would still be unknown. This atmosphere is on a grand scale. It is seldom smaller than the diameter of the sun (866,000 miles), and sometimes it reaches a height six times that diameter. That is, over five million miles from the sun's limb. The nature of this atmosphere is quite unknown. Of course, it is gaseous, but what the composition of the gas or gases is, has never yet been ascertained by astronomers. So from this standpoint alone, it is easy to understand with what interest the scientists will view the eclipse. And, of course, to the average man, a total eclipse of the sun is always a magnificent and awe-inspiring spectacle. Then again, there is the "flash spectrum" to be viewed. The ordinary spectrum of the sun has many dark lines on a continuous background. These lines are formed by the absorption by the corona from the general body of the sun, of light of the same wave length which the corona itself emits. But when the sun's disc is eclipsed, its atmosphere, being hot by radiation from the main body of the sun is giving out its own characteristic spectrum. This spectrum can consequently be viewed from the earth during the period of totality. Incidentally, by the time these jottings appear in print, the eclipse of the sun will be a thing of the past.

#### THE ADVANTAGES OF TRAVEL.

The writer has just received a letter from Mr. Alan Miller, former honorary secretary of the Old Boys' Association, who is

now—lucky man—touring Europe on an extended holiday. In the letter Mr. Miller has a good deal to say on the advantages of travel, and among many other interesting things he says:—"Everything is still wonderfully interesting, and I am imbibing heaps of knowledge, not your beloved science and mathematical formulæ, but all sorts of historical and general information. I wish I could afford to put the whole school in a ship and transport it to London. I have learnt, from seeing, more in six weeks here, than I could learn from books in six years."

#### SUCCESS OF PRESENT AND PAST BOYS OF THE SCHOOL.

Our Leaving Examination results in science last year were surprisingly and unexpectedly good. We had a very small class, and to put it mildly, nothing abnormal was anticipated. When the results were published, however, we found that three of our boys had qualified for University Science Scholarships, and one for a Sir Richard Dry Exhibition in mathematics. Warlow-Davies, a young boy, who had only two years at the Leaving Examination work, stood out pre-eminent in almost every subject. He won special prizes in four subjects, and was awarded the Stephens Prize for Physics and Chemistry. News was received some time ago, of the success at the University of Melbourne, of Mr. G. O. Thomas, an old science pupil of the School. Mr. Thomas gained fourth place with second-class honours at the Final Honours Examination in Civil Engineering. It is always gratifying to learn that our students are able to hold their own at the Universities of Melbourne and Sydney, against the products of the larger mainland schools.

#### TEACHING TENNYSON MATHEMATICS.

When Tennyson wrote "The Vision of Sin," Babbage read it. After doing so, it is said that he wrote the following extraordinary letter to the poet:—

"In your otherwise beautiful poem, there is a verse which reads—

'Every moment dies a man,  
Every moment one is born.'

It must be manifest that were this true, the population of the world would be at a standstill. In truth, the rate of birth is slightly in excess of that of death. I would suggest that in the next edition of your poem, you have it read—

'Every moment dies a man,  
Every moment one and one-sixteenth is born.'

#### NEWTON.

Sir Isaac Newton, though so deep in Algebra and Fluxions, could not readily make up a common account; and when he was Master of the Mint, used to get somebody to make up his account for him.—Spence's Anecdotes.

#### EUCLID.

"Euclid," replied the flapper to her companion. "Yes, I've heard of him. Didn't he write 'The Eternal Triangle,' or something?" "Manchester Guardian."

H.D.E.

**House Competitions, 1927.****HOUSE POINTS TO DATE.**

Events.	School.	Buckland.	Stephens.
Cricket .. . . . .	A 16	8	—
" .. . . . .	B		
Swimming .. . . . .	A 8	16	—
" .. . . . .	B 4	8	—
Football .. . . . .	A		
" .. . . . .	B		
Rowing .. . . . .	A		
" .. . . . .	B		
Cross Country .. . . . .	A		
" .. . . . .	B		
Tennis .. . . . .	A		
" .. . . . .	B		
Athletics .. . . . .	A		
" .. . . . .	B		
Fives .. . . . .	A		
" .. . . . .	B		
Total Points to Date .. . .	28	32	0

**House Notes.****BUCKLAND HOUSE.**

House Master:

House Captain: C. McDougall.

Vice-Captain: D. Arnold.

School Prefects: McDougall, Burbury, Hodgman, Huxley, Drury.

Captains—

Swimming: D. Arnold.

Cricket: D. Arnold.

Rowing: C. McDougall.

Debating: S. C. Burbury.

We heartily congratulate School House on their victory in the House Competition last year. We have set our minds on being victors this year.

We wish to congratulate S. C. Burbury, W. Hodgman, E. Huxley, H. Drury, and C. McDougall, on their appointment as School Prefects. R. H. Radcliff, of Stephens House, is also to be congratulated on his appointment as Senior Prefect for the year.

Up to date, the only House Competitions have been in Swimming, and in A Cricket.

In Swimming, the House did remarkably well, coming first in both the A and the B Competitions. In the A, the points scored by the different houses were very even. The points were:—Buckland, 27; School, 25; and Stephens, 24. In the B, the House had an easy win.

We must congratulate J. A. Cooke, of School House, on winning the Championship Cup in Swimming, and also on his splendid performance in the Inter-School Sports.

In the A House Cricket, we were not so successful as in the Swimming. Our first match was with Stephens House, which we won by a narrow margin of runs. In the match with School House, we were defeated. At one time in the game it seemed as though we would win, but our opponents were saved by a brilliant score made by Preuss.

It is to be regretted that we have no House Master at present to guide our footsteps, but that should not prevent us from being successful.

In conclusion, every boy in the House is urged to do his very best towards maintaining the lead in points which we have over School House at the present time.

**SCHOOL HOUSE.**

Colours—Dark Blue and Light Blue.

House Master: The Headmaster.

House Captain: J. A. Cooke.

Vice-Captain: J. B. Jackson.

House Prefects: J. Cooke, J. Jackson, L. Bisdee.

Committee: J. Cooke, J. Jackson, L. Bisdee, P. Pixley.

Captains—

Cricket: J. Cooke.

Football: J. Cooke.

Rowing: J. Warner.

Tennis: R. Preuss.

Athletics: J. Cooke.

Swimming: J. Cooke.

Fives: J. Shoobridge.

Cross-Country: L. Bisdee.

At present the House is strong in the senior division of the House Sports, but is rather on the weak side in the B Competitions, owing to the small number in the House.

At present we are second in the House Competition for the Bethune Shield, Buckland holding a slight advantage over us.

We were successful in winning the A Cricket, and so have a great chance of winning the Nicholas' Shield for cricket, which we won last year. It is now up to the younger members of the House to do their best to try and follow the example of the A team.

At present football occupies the attention of all, but in the next week we will begin training for the House Cross-Country.

In Swimming we gained second position in the A, but were last in the B Competition.

Last year the House won the Bethune Shield, and we all wish to thank the Headmaster for the "Feed" which he gave us in honour of our win.

We wish to thank Mr. Stevens for his help in training for the Swimming Sports, and also to thank Mr. Gerlach for the interest and help he gives us in all branches of the House Competitions.

At last we are satisfied. We now have a comfortable Common-room, and a gramophone. These fill a long-felt want, and will help to amuse us during the winter months.

STEPHENS HOUSE.

Colours—Blue, Black, and Gold.

House Master: Mr. R. H. Isherwood.

House Captain: H. C. Walch.

Vice-Captain: S. Jarvis.

Captain of Rowing: R. H. Radcliff.

Captain of Swimming: L. Murdoch.

Captain of Cricket: H. C. Walch.

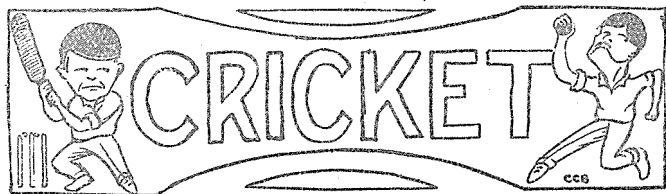
The Captains of the other sports have not yet been elected.

So far this year we can boast of no very great successes, as we at present only hold third position in the House Competition; but although our Senior Division is weak, we have some very promising juniors, who, within the next year or two, should begin to make themselves felt, and become a power to be reckoned with.

In swimming, we could not do more than gain third position in the A, and third in the B. Murdoch is to be congratulated for the very fine way in which he worked for his House. We must congratulate J. A. Cooke, of the School House, on his winning the Championship of the School for the third year in succession.

In Cricket, we were beaten by both Buckland and School House in the A, but we have great hopes of winning the B Competition.

The House is very pleased to be able to congratulate R. H. Radcliff, who is a member of our House, on his appointment as Senior Prefect for the year. Radcliff was also a member of the School crew this year, and is working very hard to ensure our doing well in this branch of sport.



The end of 1926 saw us Premiers of Tasmania, after a closely contested series of matches.

Our Junior teams also did remarkably well against the Junior teams of other schools, losing only one match during the whole season.

The Form Cricket provided many good games, and afforded excellent practice for the Junior boys.

The House Cricket Competition for the Nicholas Shield remained in doubt up to the last match, and by School B beating Stephens B in that game, School House won the Shield for the first time.

In the Southern Roster, there were many good games. School won the first round without a loss. Each of the other schools lost two matches, making the points at the end of the round:—

School . . . . .	6
Clemes . . . . .	2
Friends . . . . .	2
St. Virgil's . . . . .	2

In the interim between the first and the last terms, we lost W. J. Jackson, who left to go to Cambridge. This loss considerably weakened the team, as he was a splendid captain, a sound bat and wicket-keeper, and had developed into a tricky bowler.

The round opened with a match against Friends' High School on the Top Ground. School lost by 2 runs. We heartily congratulate Friends on their win. The match was certainly the best game of the season.

We then lost to Clemes College, who had won all the matches in the second round.

School, in the last match, beat St. Virgil's, the points between them being:—

School . . . . .	8
Clemes . . . . .	8
Friends . . . . .	6
St. Virgil's . . . . .	2

In arranging the game for the Southern Premiership between Clemes and School, some difficulty was experienced in obtaining a ground. The Principal of St. Virgil's College kindly placed the College Ground at our disposal, and caused a splendid wicket to be prepared. The ensuing game was one that will be long remembered by the School.

The game was won by the extraordinary bowling of Clemens and Tasker, and the magnificent fielding of our team. The detailed account of the match speaks for itself.

The Launceston Grammar School team came South to contest the State Premiership.

The weather had been very inclement over the week-end, which rendered the prepared wicket unplayable; consequently the captains and umpires agreed to the match being played on an unprepared wicket. The game commenced in the pouring rain. School won the toss, and elected to bat first.

By winning the match, School gained the proud title of State Premiers.

The chief features of the match were the first-wicket partnership of Brain and Cooke, which produced 103 runs, the smart fielding of the School team (out of the twenty wickets taken, no less than seventeen were caught in the field), and the deadly bowling of Clemens and Tasker.

Details and Averages for the 1926 Season.

13/2/26.—Played St. Virgil's on the Top Cricket Ground. Won by 9 wickets and 10 runs.

St. Virgil's, 106. Tasker, 4 for 19; W. J. Jackson, 6 for 45. School, 1 for 116 (Brain, 51 not out, Cooke, 55). Foster, 1 for 13.

20/2/26.—Played Friends' High on North Hobart Ground. Won by 8 wickets and 2 runs.

Friends' High, 28. Tasker, 5 for 12; Clemens, 4 for 10. School, 2 for 30 (Arnold, 16). Archer, 2 for 18.

27/2/26.—Played Clemes College on the Top Cricket Ground. Won by 4 wickets.

Clemes, 59 (Gilham, 36 n.o.). Tasker, 5 for 36; W. J. Jackson, 3 for 12; Clemens, 2 for 21. School, 6 for 60 (Cooke, 37). Bayes, 2 for 27; Bayley, 2 for 2; Wettenhall, 2 for 25.

13/11/26.—Played Friends' High on Top Ground. Lost by 2 runs.

School, 69 (Brain, 20; Clemons, 17; Crow, 13 n.o.). Gourlay, 3 for 11; Walpole, 2 for 6; Jones, 2 for 18; Archer, 3 for 11. Friends' High, 71 (Jones, 16). Tasker, 6 for 17; Brain, 3 for 19; Clemons, 1 for 17.

20/11/26.—Played Clemes College on New Town Oval. Lost by 32 runs.

School, 96 (Tasker, 39 n.o.; Arnold, 23; Brain, 14; J. B. Jackson, 13). Bayes, 5 for 37; Bayley, 2 for 27; Long, 1 for 29. Clemes, 128 (Long, 37; Davies, 19; Bayes, 14; Nicholson, 14 n.o.). Clemons, 5 for 59; Tasker, 1 for 28; Brain, 2 for 21; Crow, 2 for 7.

27/11/26.—Played St. Virgil's on New Town Oval. Won by 10 wickets and 6 runs.

St. Virgil's, 29. Tasker, 6 for 4; Clemons, 3 for 21. School, 0 for 35 (Cooke, 35 n.o.).

4/12/26.—Played Clemes College on St. Virgil's Oval for the Southern Premiership. Won by 75 runs. By agreement, it was decided that the match was to be of one innings only.

SCHOOL.

Brain, b Bayles . . . . .	22
Cooke, c and b Bayley . . . . .	4
Clemons, b Bayes . . . . .	6
Arnold, b Bayley . . . . .	1
Preuss, not out . . . . .	35
Tasker, b Bayes . . . . .	0
Crow, c Davies, b Bayley . . . . .	3
Walch, H. C., b Bayes . . . . .	2
Jackson, J. B., c Bayes, b Long, H. . . . .	7
McDougall, b Long, H. . . . .	0
Walch, A., run out . . . . .	0
Sundries . . . . .	7
Total . . . . .	87

Bayes, 4 for 35; H. Long, 2 for 12; Bayley, 3 for 22; Palfreyman, 0 for 11.

CLEMES.

Long, H., b Tasker . . . . .	0
Payne, b Clemons . . . . .	0
Bayley, hit wicket, b Tasker . . . . .	0
Bayes, c A Walch, b Clemons (2 fours) . . . . .	9
Upchurch, c Brain, b Clemons . . . . .	0
Palfreyman, b Tasker . . . . .	0
Davies, b Tasker . . . . .	0
Long, A., c Cooke, b Tasker . . . . .	0
Wettenhall, c Cooke, b Tasker . . . . .	0
Knight, b Clemons . . . . .	0
Nicholson, not out . . . . .	0
Sundries . . . . .	3
Total . . . . .	12

Tasker, 6 for 1; Clemons, 4 for 8.

13/12/26-14/12/26.—Played Church Grammar on the Top Ground, for the Island Premiership. Won by 132 runs.

HUTCHINS—1st Innings.

Brain, st Archer, b Taylor . . . . .	71
Cooke, c Horner, b Pedder . . . . .	41
Clemons, b Pickett . . . . .	11
Arnold, run out . . . . .	1
Preuss, c Marriott, b Taylor . . . . .	3
Walch, H. C., not out . . . . .	4
Tasker, c Millen, b Taylor . . . . .	0
Crow, b Taylor . . . . .	0
Jackson, b Pickett . . . . .	12
McDougall, run out . . . . .	0
Walch, A., c Cashion, b Taylor . . . . .	0
Sundries, byes, 5 . . . . .	5
Total . . . . .	148

Pedder, 1 for 42; Taylor, 5 for 27; Steel, 0 for 16; Cashion, 0 for 8; Pickett, 2 for 42; Edgell, 0 for 6; Millen, 0 for 2.

HUTCHINS—2nd Innings.

Brain, b Taylor . . . . .	1
Cooke, b Pedder . . . . .	31
Clemons, b Pedder . . . . .	1
Arnold, c Edgell, b Taylor . . . . .	0
Preuss, st Archer, b Pickett . . . . .	7
Walch, H. C., c and b Edgell . . . . .	2
Tasker, not out . . . . .	14
Crow, b Edgell . . . . .	0
Jackson, c and b Pickett . . . . .	5
McDougall, b Taylor . . . . .	3
Walch, A., st Archer, b Pickett . . . . .	0
Sundries, byes, 3 . . . . .	3
Total . . . . .	67

Pickett, 3 for 47; Taylor, 3 for 10; Pedder, 2 for 5; Edgell, 2 for 6; Steel, 0 for 6.

GRAMMAR—1st Innings.

Pickett, c Cooke, b Clemons . . . . .	19
Taylor, c and b Clemons . . . . .	10
Archer, c and b Clemons . . . . .	2
Edgell, c Jackson, b Tasker . . . . .	0
Horner, c Crow, b Clemons . . . . .	4
Steel, c Clemons, b Tasker . . . . .	5
Marriott, F., c Brain, b Clemons . . . . .	1
Cashion, c Walch, A., b Clemons . . . . .	16
Stansfield, c Arnold, b Clemons . . . . .	1
Pedder, c Walch, A., b Clemons . . . . .	0
Millen, not out . . . . .	0
Sundries, byes, 4; leg-byes, 1; no-balls, 1 . . . . .	6
Total . . . . .	64

Tasker, 2 for 19; Clemons, 8 for 39.



GRAMMAR—2nd Innings.

Pickett, c Walch, b Tasker . . . . .	4
Taylor, c Pruess, b Clemons . . . . .	0
Edgell, c Walch, H. C., b Clemons . . . . .	2
Archer, c and b Clemons . . . . .	1
Horner, c Clemons, b Tasker . . . . .	0
Pedder, c Jackson, b Clemons . . . . .	0
Millen, b Tasker . . . . .	2
Steel, b Tasker . . . . .	0
Marriott, b Clemons . . . . .	1
Cashion, not out . . . . .	4
Stansfield, c Jackson, b Tasker . . . . .	1
Sundries, byes, 2; leg-byes, 2 . . . . .	4
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Total . . . . .	19

Tasker, 5 for 10; Clemons, 5 for 5.

HOUSE CRICKET, 1926.

Both the A and B series of matches were played on Christ College Ground. Each House won an A match. School House won the B, with Stephens House second, and Buckland House third.

- 17/11/26.—Won by Buckland House A, by 5 runs. Buckland House A, 62; Stephens House A, 57.
- 22/11/26.—Won by School House A, by 15 runs. Buckland House A, 47; School House A, 62.
- 29/11/26.—Won by Stephens House A, by 13 runs. Stephens House A, 52; School House A, 39.
- 26/11/26.—Won by Stephens House B, by 37 runs. Buckland House B, 28; Stephens House B, 65.
- 27/11/26.—Won by School House B, by 47 runs. School House B, 90; Buckland House B, 43.
- 7/12/26.—Won by School House B, by 13 runs. School House B, 48; Stephens House B, 33.

FOR ROSTER MATCHES (ONLY).

- Highest Team Score.—148 runs against Church Grammar, 13/12/26.
- Highest Individual Score.—D. M. Brain, 71, against Church Grammar.
- Lowest Team Score.—Clemes College, 12 runs, against School, 4/12/26.
- Highest Partnership.—Brain and Cooke, 103, against Church Grammar.
- Runs Scored by Team.—708, of which 668 were off the bat, and 40 were sundries.
- Runs Scored by Individual.—J. A. Cooke, 206.
- Fours Hit by Individual.—J. A. Cooke, 19 fours and 1 six.
- Catches Taken by Team.—46.
- Catches Taken by Individual.—Brain and Clemons, 8 each.
- Team Batting Average.—12.00 runs per wicket lost.
- Individual Batting Average.—D. M. Brain, 31.66 runs per innings. Batted on 8 occasions, including 1 not out.
- Team Bowling Average.—5.73 runs per wicket taken.
- Individual Bowling Average.—H. L. S. Tasker, with 40 wickets, with an average of 3.40 runs per wicket.
- Number of Balls Bowled by Individual.—Tasker, 713.

Maiden Overs Bowled by Individual.—Tasker, 40 maidens.  
 Wickets Taken by Individual.—Tasker, 40 wickets.  
 Best Bowling Performance.—Tasker, 6 wickets for 1 run, against Clemes.  
 Wicket-keeping.—A. Walch, 4 catches, 0 stumpings. Kept wickets on four occasions, with an average cost of 2 byes per innings.  
 No Centuries were scored during the Season.

PARTNERSHIPS, 100 AND OVER.

Brain and Cooke, 116 runs, against St. Virgil's, 13/2/26.  
 Brain and Cooke, 103 runs, against Church Grammar, 13/12/26.

AGGREGATE 100 AND OVER.

Cooke, 206 runs; Brain, 190 runs.

BOWLERS TO TAKE MORE THAN 20 WICKETS.

H. L. S. Tasker, 40 wickets; R. G. Clemons, 32 wickets.  
 The Hat Trick was not performed during the season.

RUNS FOR AND AGAINST.

	Leg-Byes.	byes	Wides.	No-Balls.	Runs Off Bat.	Total.
For . . . . .	33	6	1	0	668	708
Against . . . . .	41	10	5	1	459	516

CATCHES.

Brain, 8; Clemons, 8; Cooke, 6; Tasker, 6; A. Walch, 4; Pruess, 4; Arnold, 3; H. C. Walch, 2; W. J. Jackson, 2; J. B. Jackson, 3; Crow, 1; Kermode, 1.

THE AVERAGES.

Batting.

Name.	Innings.	Times Not Out.	Runs.	Highest Score.	Average.	Position.	Rosters Played In.
Brain, D. M. . . . .	8	2	190	71	31.66	1	8
Cooke, J. A. . . . .	8	1	206	55	29.43	2	7
Tasker, H. L. S. . . . .	7	3	57	39 n.o.	14.33	3	8
Pruess, R. . . . .	5	1	49	35 n.o.	12.25	4	5
Clemons, R. G. . . . .	7	2	40	17	8.00	5	8
Jackson, W. J. . . . .	1	0	8	8	8.00	—	2
Jackson, J. B. . . . .	5	0	37	13	7.40	6	8
Arnold, D. . . . .	7	0	43	23	6.14	7	8
Crow, E. . . . .	5	1	16	13 n.o.	4.00	8	8
Walch, H. C. . . . .	5	1	11	4 n.o.	2.75	9	8
Williams, D. . . . .	2	0	4	4 n.o.	2.00	—	2
McDougall, C. . . . .	5	0	7	3	1.40	10	6

Qualification for Batting Average, 4 innings.

## Bowling.

Name.	Balls Bowled.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.	Position.
Tasker, H. L. S. . . . .	713	40	136	40	3.40	1
Crow, E. . . . .	7	0	7	2	3.50	—
Clemons, R. G. . . . .	606	20	184	32	5.75	2
Jackson, W. J. . . . .	218	8	57	9	6.33	—
Brain, D. M. . . . .	168	3	56	5	11.20	—

Qualification for Bowling Average, 10 wickets, and 20 overs.

## SEASON 1927.

At the first meeting of the Sports Association for the year, it was decided to play off the Cricket Roster during the first term, Games to commence on Friday afternoon, and to be continued on Saturday morning. One round only to be played of two innings matches.

At the commencement of the season we found our team considerably weakened by the loss of six of our best last year's players, including the Captain, D. M. Brain, and the two bowlers, Tasker and Clemons. J. A. Cooke was elected Captain, and D. Arnold, Vice-Captain.

The season opened with a match against St. Virgil's, which we won easily.

The next two games against Clemes and Friends we lost by over an innings in both cases, which proved our team to be far below Premiership standard.

We have to congratulate Friends on winning the Southern Premiership for 1927, and wish them the best of luck in the match for the State Premiership.

The A House matches were played off during last term, and resulted in a win for School House, Stephens being 2nd, and Buckland 3rd. The B House matches will be played off during the last term.

## RESULTS OF ROSTERS.

School.—125, and 0 for 40 (Cooke, 59 and 15 n.o.; Jackson, 36; Arnold, 3, and 24 n.o. O'Neill, 3 for 44; Webb, 3 for 22; Hanlon, 4 for 24.

St. Virgil's.—71, and 90 (Hanlon, 25; Foster, 7, and 17). Heathorn, 2 for 3, and 2 for 5; Jarvis, 4 for 28, and 3 for 22; Hannon, 3 for 37, and 1 for 23.

Clemes.—171 (Payne, 51; Davies, 33; Woods, 24). Hannon, 6 for 65; Bowden, 2 for 13.

School.—33, and 81 (Cooke, 9 and 53). Bayes, 3 for 20, and 4 for 32; Palfreyman, 5 for 13, and 2 for 38; Payne, 2 for 7.

Friends.—354 (Gibson, 165; Gourlay, 86; Jones, 23; Annells, J., 20). Hannon, 5 for 127; Arnold, 2 for 37; Cooke, 1 for 12.

School.—195, and 51 (Cooke, 57, and 5; Jackson, 11 and 2; Arnold, 39 and 6; Preuss, 47 and 20; Heathorn, 14; A. Walch, 11). Jones, 7 for 74, and 4 for 26; Annells, H., 1 for 45, and 5 for 21; Clark, 1 for 6.

	Runs For and Against.				No. Balls.	Runs Off Bat.	Total.
	Byes.	Leg-Byes.	Wides.	Balls.			
For . . . . .	22	4	2	0	496	524	
Against . . . . .	40	2	0	1	643	687	

## Roster Points.

School.	P.	W.	L.	Pts.	Pos.
Friends' High . . . . .	3	3	0	6	1
Clemes College . . . . .	3	2	1	4	2
Hutchins . . . . .	3	1	2	2	3
St. Virgil's . . . . .	3	0	3	0	4

## THE AVERAGES.

## Batting.

Batsman.	Innings.	Times Not Out.	Highest Score.	Runs.	Average.	Position.
Cooke, J. A. . . . .	6	1	59	196	39.60	1
Arnold, D. . . . .	6	1	39	80	16.00	2
Jackson, J. B. . . . .	5	1	36	64	16.00	2
Preuss, R. . . . .	5	0	47	68	13.60	4

## Bowling.

Hannon and Heathorn were only ones to qualify for the Bowling Average.

Bowler.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.	Position.
Hannon, W. . . . .	56	9	242	15	16.13	1
Heathorn, T. . . . .	37	7	125	6	20.83	2

In concluding our Cricket Notes, we wish to thank R. W. Vincent, the official scorer. Besides attending every match, Vincent supplied the Press with well-written accounts of all the matches, and the above interesting statistics are entirely due to his care and exactitude.

## Swimming.

## THE SCHOOL SPORTS.

The annual Swimming Sports took place at the Sandy Bay Baths on February 22nd, in the presence of a fair crowd of supporters and friends. The events were keenly contested, and the winner of the House Competition was in doubt until the last race. In the A Competition, Buckland House came first, with 27 points, School second, with 25 points, and Stephens a close third, with 24 points. In the B Competition, Buckland secured 24 points, School 9, and Stephens 7. The results were:—

50 Yards Open Championship.—Cooke, 1; Bousefield, 2; Arnold, 3. Time, 30 4-5sec.

50 Yards Championship, Under 15.—Heat, 1: Kennedy, 1; Carter, 2; Ruddock, 3. Times, 36sec. Heat, 2: Hood, 1; Warner, 2; Ross, 3. Time, 40sec. Final: Hood, 1; Kennedy, 2; Warner, 3. Time, 36 4-5sec.

50 Yards Championship. Under 13.—Cane, 1; Bowerman, 2; Graham, 3. Time, 47 4-5sec.  
 Breast-stroke Championship.—Robertson, 1; Murdoch and Richardson, dead heat.  
 Champion Dive, Under 15.—Kennedy, Ruddock, Carter.  
 100 Yards Open Championship.—Cooke, 1; Bousfield, 2; Arnold, 3. Time, 73 2-5sec.  
 Junior School Championship.—Norman, 1; Fitzgerald, 2; Preuss, 3.  
 50 Yards Handicap.—Masters, Jackman, Parsons.  
 Junior School Dive.—Preuss, Norman, Fitzgerald.  
 Swimming on Back Championship.—Cooke, 1; Bousfield, 2; Henry, 3. Time, 39sec.  
 Beginners' Race.—Morgan, 1; McKay, 2; McPhee, 3.  
 Championship Dive, under 13.—Preuss, Cane, Jones.  
 Open Teams' Race.—Buckland, School, Stephens.  
 100 Yards Championship, Under 15.—Hood, Kennedy, Rud-dock. Time, 1min. 35sec.  
 Open Dive Championship.—Cooke, Henry, Richardson.  
 Handicap Dive.—Henry, Masters, Shooobridge.  
 Teams' Race, Under 15.—Buckland, School, Stephens.  
 Old Boys' Race.—Miller, Gibson, White.  
 200 Yards Open Championship.—Bousefield, Robertson, Arnold.

By gaining four firsts, J. A. Cooke became the champion of the School, and holder of the McKean Cup for the third time.

## Inter-School Swimming Sports.

### WON BY THE SCHOOL.

#### COOKE'S GOOD PERFORMANCES.

On Saturday, 5th March, wintry elements and a swimming carnival were certainly not a very happy combination, but the cold south-westerly breeze, accompanied by a steady rain, was of small concern to the group of healthy and lithe-limbed young athletes who took part in the annual Secondary Schools' Swimming Carnival at the Sandy Bay Baths in the morning. Whilst the overcoated and muffled spectators shivered and sought protection from the rain in the dressing cubicles the boys completed their programme with the same keen rivalry as would be expected on a day with a hot sun. Four schools participated, viz., Hutchins, Friends' High, St. Virgil's, and Cleme College. Hutchins gained the Championship by the comfortable margin of 20 points. The feature of the carnival was the splendid performances of our School Captain, and all-round athlete, J. Cooke, who won the 500 and 100 Yards Championships, finished first in the Back-Stroke Championship, but suffered disqualification, and was second in the Diving Championship, after diving off for first place. With the exception of the Dive and Breast-Stroke, Hutchins won all the Open Championships, including the Teams' Race, and won three of the Under-age Championships. Hutchins also gained a place in every race on the programme. Friends' High gained second place to Hutchins, supplying the winners of the Open Championship Dive, the Under 15 50 and 100 Championships, and the Under 13 50 Yards Championship. The officials were:—Judges, Messrs. J. H. Sharp, A. F. Golding, and Captain Webb; starter, Mr. H. Owen; timekeepers, Messrs. Sharp and Golding; secretary, Mr. K. McGann.

The points gained by the schools were as follows:—

Hutchins . . . . .	72
Friends' High . . . . .	52
Cleme College . . . . .	6
St. Virgil's College . . . . .	6

The results were:—

#### OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

##### 50 Yards.

J. Cooke (H.S.) . . . . .	1
F. Gourlay (F.H.S.) . . . . .	2
D. Robertson (H.S.) . . . . .	3

Immediately the swimmers struck the water, Cooke went to the front, and swimming comfortably, won by three yards, with the same distance between second and third. Time, 31 4-5sec.

##### 100 Yards.

J. Cooke (H.S.) . . . . .	1
F. Gourlay (F.H.S.) . . . . .	2
D. Robertson (H.S.) . . . . .	3

The 100 Yards Championship was a repetition of the 50 yards race. Cooke assumed the lead after the swimmers had covered a short distance, and was not extended to win by 10 yards. A yard separated second and third. Time, 1.23 4-5sec.

#### BREAST STROKE (50 Yards).

G. Gibson (F.H.S.) . . . . .	1
L. Murdoch (H.S.) . . . . .	2
A. Richardson (H.S.) . . . . .	3

Gibson finished well, and won by a short distance. Murdoch and Richardson finished almost together. Time, 44 3-5sec.

#### DIVE.

W. F. Wells (F.H.S.) . . . . .	1
J. Cooke (H.S.) . . . . .	2
F. Henry (H.S.) . . . . .	3

Some very fine dives were performed, and the margin between the competitors was so close that the judges ordered Wells and Cooke to dive off for first place, and Henry and Dare (S.V.C.) for second place. Wells's diving was particularly spectacular, and in the dive off he took the water much cleaner than did Cooke.

#### BACKSTROKE (50 Yards).

R. Bousfield (H.S.) . . . . .	1
G. Gibson (F.H.S.) . . . . .	2
J. Smith (F.H.S.) . . . . .	3

Cooke finished several yards in front of the other swimmers, but was disqualified because of an improper start. Bousefield, who beat Gibson by a couple of yards, was placed first, and Smith third.

##### 200 Yards.

R. Bousfield (H.S.) . . . . .	1
F. Gourlay (F.H.S.) . . . . .	2
D. Robertson (H.S.) . . . . .	3

Bousefield assumed the lead soon after the start, and was never headed. Finishing strongly, he won by 20 yards, three yards separating second and third. Time, 3min. 12sec.

## TEAMS' RACE.

Hutchins' .. . . .	1
Friends' High .. . . .	2
Clemes College .. . . .	3

## UNDER 15 CHAMPIONSHIP.

50 Yards.

B. Gibson (F.H.S.) .. . . .	1
J. Kennedy (H.S.) .. . . .	2
J. Bailey (F.H.S.) .. . . .	3

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

## DIVING.

T. Preuss (H.S.) .. . . .	1
D. Dare (S.V.C.) .. . . .	2
J. Kennedy (H.S.) .. . . .	3

100 Yards.

B. Gibson (F.H.S.) .. . . .	1
J. Kennedy (H.S.) .. . . .	2
J. Bailey (F.H.S.) .. . . .	3

Gibson finished powerfully, and won by six yards. There was an exciting tussle for second place, Kennedy beating Bailey by a bare touch. Time, 1.31 1-5sec.

## TEAMS' RACE.

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

## UNDER 13 CHAMPIONSHIPS.

50 Yards.

S. Wells (F.H.S.) .. . . .	1
T. Preuss (H.S.) .. . . .	2
D. Marshall (C.C.) .. . . .	3

Cane (H.S.) finished first, but was disqualified for crossing. Time, 44 3-5sec.

## DIVING.

T. Preuss (H.S.) .. . . .	1
S. Wells (F.H.S.) .. . . .	2
W. Sampson (F.H.S.) .. . . .	3

## Live-Saving.

## WATSON SHIELD CONTEST.

## WIN FOR THE SCHOOL.

The annual competition for the Watson Life-Saving Shield took place at the Sandy Bay Baths on Wednesday, 2nd March. This shield, which was donated by Mr. H. Watson, is for competition between the Secondary Schools. For some weeks past the different teams had been practising steadily, and the result was a big improvement, both in land and water work. The instructors of the teams were—Mr. E. H. Stephens (Hutchins), Captain Webb (Friends' and St. Virgil's), and Mr. B. Simpson

(Clemes). The three judges—Mesdames Burt and Green and Mr. J. Sharp—awarded first place to Hutchins School, with 89 points out of a possible 100. Friends' High School was second, with 84 points, and Clemes College and St. Virgil's third, with 79 points each.

The winning team comprised Cooke, Bousfield, Robertson, and Arnold.

## Royal Life-Saving Society.

About thirty candidates, instructed by Mr. E. H. Stephens, entered for the examinations conducted by the Royal Life-Saving Society, and were successful in qualifying for the following awards:—

**Elementary Certificate:**—Packman, Cahill, Richardson, Mullen, H. Cane, R. Smith, G. Thorold, Dobson, C. Miller, Hale, McPhee, Bennison, Agnew, J. Stops, Whelan, Peter Stops, Paul Stops, Masters Giblin, Murdoch, L. Shaw, Mr. Gerlach.

**Proficiency Certificate:**—Cahill, Richardson, Mullen, Dobson, Miller, Hale, Bennison, J. Stops, Whelan, Masters, Giblin, Murdoch, Mr. Gerlach.

**Bronze Medallion:**—Mullen (credit), Hale (credit), Masters (credit), Murdoch (credit), Henry (credit), Kennedy (credit), Mr. Gerlach (credit).

All the candidates are to be complimented on the results, as weather conditions were far from ideal during the whole of the training period. (N.B.—The above results are subject to correction.)



Soon after the commencement of the year, two practice crews were arranged to train for the School Crew. Near the end of March, the crew which should represent Hutchins in the "Head of the River" Race, was selected by the joint efforts of Mr. J. Swift and Mr. W. Taylor. The crew chosen was:—R. Cane (bow); R. H. Radcliff (2); C. McDougall (3); J. Warner (stroke); J. Stops (cox).

Two weeks before the date of the race, the crew commenced to train in the racing boat, and a change was brought about, McDougall being moved to the position of bow, and Cane to position 3.

Mr. Swift was unable to coach the crew this year, as he was training the Tasmanian Inter-State Crew. However, Mr. W. Taylor, who has had much experience in rowing, very kindly consented to be coach, and he is to be heartily congratulated on the most successful way in which he trained the crew.

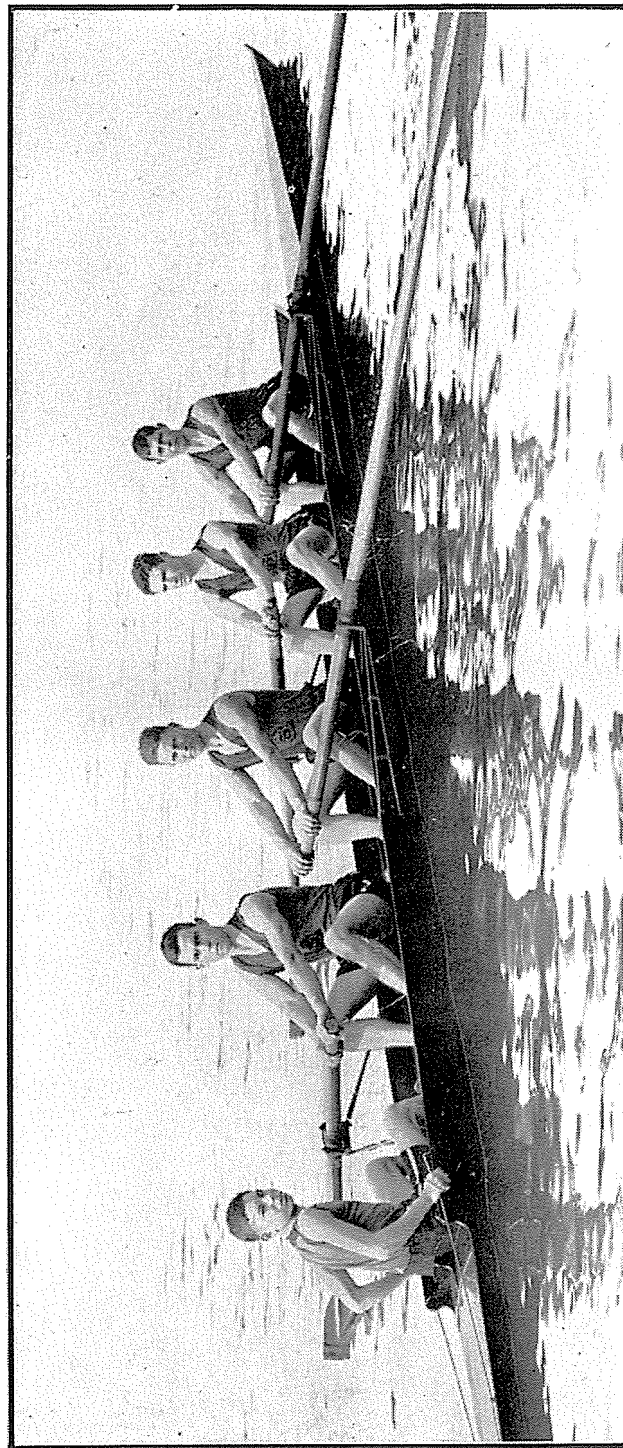
The "Head of the River" Race was held on Saturday, April 30th, the Hutchins Crew defeating Launceston Church Grammar by two lengths; Scotch College were third, and Clemes College fourth. The Headmaster's Association, however, has decided that the race shall not count.

We are indebted to "The Mercury" for the following account of the race.

#### THE RACE.

Scotch College drew the favoured position on the western shore. Next to Scotch were Grammar, and then St. Patrick's, Friends' High, Clemes College, and Hutchins in that order. Considerable delay occurred on the line on account of the tendency of one or two of the crews, notably St. Patrick's, to "jump" the line on the fast-running tide. The water at this time was moderately calm, although the rising wind was every minute increasing the slight slop. Mr. J. Sharp sent the crews away to a fairly even start, Hutchins, perhaps being the slowest. After the first ten strokes or so it was apparent that a foul was inevitable. The coxswain of Friends' High was steering obliquely to his right, and bearing in upon St. Patrick's. Opposite Government House Point the foul took place. Friends' High struck St. Patrick's, who were forced in on Grammar, and Grammar, in attempting to keep clear of an entanglement, fouled with Scotch College. The four crews concerned raised their hands in protest, and all the crews were recalled to the starting line. Hutchins and Clemes were rowing almost level with the other crews when the foul occurred. During the entanglement the canvas of Grammar's boat was ripped several inches square by a blade in St. Patrick's boat, and when the crew turned round to return against the wind and tide to the starting line a considerable amount of water was shipped through the rent in the canvas. At the second start the crews hit the water together. Friends' High again veered to the right and fouled with St. Patrick's opposite Government House Point. Both crews stopped rowing, and, although they rowed over the course, they were, to all intents and purposes, out of the race. Grammar barely escaped being entangled once more, the crew escaping by a short, rapid burst. Hutchins were keeping well out in the middle of the river, and it was difficult to judge their position in relation to the other crews. After the first half mile had been traversed, Grammar held a lead of a length from Scotch, who were rowing about level with Hutchins, and about half a length in front of Clemes. Grammar were rowing about 30 to the minute, and Scotch 28. Hutchins were riding the "lumpy" water fairly comfortably, and striking at the rate of 30, paced Scotch College. Opposite the Mercantile boat house Hutchins and Grammar were level, but Grammar were visibly tiring, and in the next 50 yards Hutchins had gained a clear length's advantage. Scotch were hanging on grimly about a length behind Grammar, and Clemes were only half a length further back. Grammar's boat was heavy with the water that had been shipped, and although the crew were called upon several times, they were not able to make the slightest impression on the leaders. Hutchins crossed the line a clear two lengths in front of Grammar. Scotch finished third, one and a half lengths behind Grammar. Clemes were fourth, a length further back. The official time was 6min. 33sec.

THE SCHOOL CREW.



C. McDougall (bow), R. H. Radcliff (2), R. M. Cane (3), J. H. Warren (stroke), J. T. Stops (cox).

Hutchins fully deserved their win. They were a little slow off the mark, but once they settled down, they took their boat through the sloppy water in comfortable style, and overhauling Grammar in the last quarter of a mile, won by two lengths. J. H. Warner, the stroke, rowed a carefully-judged race, and had the full support of every boy in the boat.

It was very unfortunate that a mishap should have occurred to Grammar's boat, for the crew is said to have been the strongest that has represented the school for seven years. They are a powerful lot, averaging 11st. 4lb., and their oarsmanship was admired by several very well-known critics who saw them afloat on Saturday. The crew dashed out from the start, and early in the race had obtained a slight lead. However, they tired over the last stages, and were unable to throw out a strong challenge to Hutchins. Their boat had little run on it, which to some extent—to what extent, exactly, it is, of course, impossible to say—was due probably to the amount of water which was shipped.

Scotch did very well to finish in third place. Although only a young crew, compared with most of the others, they stuck to the leaders for more than half the course, and beat Clemes home by a length. Clemes were prominent for the first half-mile, after which they dropped back. St. Patrick's were very unlucky to have been fouled. They are a light crew, and sit their boat well. Friends' High were expected to figure prominently in the race, but bad steering ruined their chance at the outset.

The race was watched by a large crowd of school supporters of each of the six crews, but there were very few of the general public present, owing to the small amount of publicity that is given by the schools to this important event. Motor launches, bedecked with school flags and colours, and carrying wildly-cheering complements, followed the race, which from start to finish was marked by scenes of great enthusiasm. Mr. J. Sharp acted as starter; Mr. G. W. R. Ife was umpire, Mr. E. Screll, judge, and Mr. A. F. Golding, time-keeper. The general arrangements were carried out in a most efficient way by Mr. K. McGann, sportsmaster of St. Virgil's. Results:—

<b>Hutchins School.</b> —C. McDougall, 10.7 (bow); R. Radcliffe, 10.0 (2); R. Cane, 11.0 (3); J. H. Warner, 11.0 (stroke); J. T. Stops (cox) . . . . .	1
<b>Grammar.</b> —P. Stevens, 11.0 (bow); C. R. Millen, 10.6 (2); A. G. McCallum, 12.13 (3); G. Cooper, 11.0 (stroke); W. Loney (cox) . . . . .	2
<b>Scotch College.</b> —R. Salier, 10.0 (bow); J. Richards, 9.12 (2); G. Armstrong, 10.7 (3); F. Bowling, 10.4 (stroke); B. Wardlaw (cox) . . . . .	3
<b>Clemes College.</b> —A. Palfreyman, 9.4 (bow); K. Nicholson, 9.6 (2); D. Varley, 11.7 (3); H. Long, 11.2 (stroke); A. T. Palfreyman (cox) . . . . .	0
<b>St. Patrick's College.</b> —J. D. Brickhill, 9.7 (bow); R. Grimes, 9.5 (2); W. Fryett (3); A. Janson, 9.12 (stroke); J. O'Byrne (cox) . . . . .	0
<b>Friends' High.</b> —W. Wells, 10.6 (bow); F. Gourlay, 10.12 (2); D. Jones, 11.6 (3); G. Gibson, 11.8 (stroke); C. Reynolds (cox) . . . . .	0

After the race, protests were lodged by the Grammar School and Friends' High School, but the T.R.A. officials, who were in charge of the race, could see no reason for altering their decision. The matter was ultimately dealt with by the Headmasters' Association, whose decision was that the race should be declared cancelled.

The personnel of the School Crew, as drawn up by Mr. Taylor, is as follows:—

**J. Warner (Stroke):**—Is not what you would call a good oarsman, but is a good stroke, as shown by his performance. He showed splendid judgment and stamina during the race, and upheld the reputation of the School that has produced some capital stroke men during past years.

**R. Cane (3):**—Is perhaps the best oarsman in the boat. He has a splendid style, and a nice action, which enables him to apply his weight with a minimum amount of effort, and should go far in the rowing sphere in the future.

**R. H. Radcliff (2):**—The lightest man in the boat, but one of the most effective; rows a style more after the English method, and uses his reach to the fullest advantage.

**C. McDougall (bow):**—Rowed in this seat last year; has proved himself a most conscientious and reliable oarsman, and filled the bow seat in such a manner as to bring credit on himself.

**J. Stops (cox.):**—Proved himself one of the best coxswain in the race; he showed marked ability in steering, and carried out his instruction to the letter. He has a future before him as a coxswain.

### THE 3RD HOBART (HUTCHINS SCHOOL) SCOUT TROOP.

Our School Troop was in existence about fifteen years ago, under the leadership of the late Major Gurney. It enjoyed meteoric flights of prosperity, and occasional periods of depression, owing to various causes, and finally went into recess about two years ago, through its inability to obtain the services of a Scoutmaster.

Thanks to the enthusiasm of Mr. E. H. Stephens, who joined the Teaching Staff at the beginning of the year, the old Troop is in process of reconstruction. Mr. Stephens is a Commissioner, and commanded the Tasmanian Imperial Scout Contingent which visited Wembley and the Continent in 1924, and we can claim to have secured an expert as our Leader.

Eight boys have been selected by their fellows as a "Training Patrol." They will undergo a concentrated course of instruction for about two months, and will eventually become the Leaders and Office-bearers of the new Troop. The boys selected are tremendously keen, are shaping well, and give promise of creating a good tone, which it is expected will be fully lived up to by the recruits, who will shortly be enrolled.

By courtesy of the School authorities, a suitable room has been made available as a Club-room, for our exclusive use. This is a most valuable and most necessary asset, and we are showing our appreciation by renovating it and adapting it for our "peculiar" needs. We have had one kind donation of a pound, and we wish to thank the donor for his gift, and to state that it has practically covered all the expenses incurred in the purchasing of paints, varnishes, plaster, etc., used in our "Spring Clean."

The names of the "Training Patrol" are as follows:—H. Boss-Walker, Barry Hood, Peter Nettlefold, J. May, E. Boss-Walker, T. Ross, J. Marsden, E. Simmons.

The Scout Movement is now firmly established in over forty countries, and has a membership of over two millions. It recognises no social distinctions—it is non-military, but not disloyal—it is non-sectarian, but not irreligious. At the great International Jamboree in Denmark in 1924, boys of all classes from thirty-four nations lived and camped together as one great jolly international brotherhood, and at the Imperial Jamboree at Wembley, over twelve thousand lads from every part of the British Empire lived for over a week under canvas, and during that period, not one disciplinary case was reported. When it is realised that the whole movement depends on honorary volunteer leaders, and the secret of its development is in the self-discipline of its individuals, one is not surprised at its extraordinary growth and success.

Our motto is "Be Prepared," our object is "Character Building," and our three-fold promise is "I promise on my honour to do my best to do my duty to God and the King, to help other people at all times, and to obey the Scout Law."

### SPARKS FROM THE CAMP-FIRE.

**Eric:** No, incinerated sausages are not necessarily fatal.

**Marsey:** Where there's smoke there's fire, but not always vice-versa. Anyhow, no need to imitate the process by which certain fish are preserved.

**Simmons:** The "Tasmanian Nightingale" would be an appropriate nom-de-plume.

### PAINT SPOTS FROM THE CLUB-ROOM.

**Peter:** What does H<sub>2</sub>O X O<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> equal?

**Barry:** We cannot intercept a dream about "Brasso."

**Jack:** The correspondence about "Varnish" is now closed.

### Literary and Debating Society.

#### OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1927.

**Patron:** His Lordship the Bishop of Tasmania.

**President:** Mr. C. C. Thorold.

**Vice-Presidents:** Mr. T. C. Brammall, Mr. P. Carson, Mr. W. J. Gerlach, Mr. A. P. Brammall.

**Secretary:** Mr. S. C. Burbury.

**Assistant Secretary:** Mr. C. McDougall.

**Treasurer:** Mr. Warlow-Davies.

**Committee:** Mr. C. C. Thorold, Mr. T. C. Brammall, Mr. A. P. Brammall, Mr. P. Carson, Mr. W. J. Gerlach, Mr. S. C. Burbury, Mr. C. McDougall, Mr. E. Warlow-Davies, Mr. Pringle.

During the first half-year of 1927, the Society has been very active, and all the members have been very keen to take part in its activities. The junior members, in particular, have turned up in great numbers to the meetings.

The first meeting was held on the 16th February, when the officers for the ensuing year were elected.

On the 25th February, an Impromptu Debate was held in the V.A. Class-room, at which about twenty members spoke on various subjects. Many who had not spoken before made their maiden speeches, and it is gratifying to note that these members have all become active members of the Society.

By the end of March, the number of junior members was so large that the rather difficult problem of arranging enough debates to give all members a chance to speak came before the Society. The President, however, came to the rescue, and suggested that the form of debate adhered to by the Oxford Union, be given a trial in the Society. His proposal was taken up by the committee, and detailed arrangements were made. It was decided to hold the first debate of this kind on the 6th May, on the following subject:—"That the time has come for the Hutchins School to be moved into the Country." At this debate, there were 54 members present, 15 of these spoke for the motion, and 11 against. At the conclusion of the debate, the chairman called for a division of the "House," and the result was a win for the Affirmative by 43 votes to 11.

A Senior Debate of the more formal kind took place on the 11th March, on "Free Trade versus Protection." The following were the speakers:—

Affirmative:	Negative:
Mr. Burbury (Leader).	Mr. Pringle (Leader).
Mr. Warlow-Davies.	Mr. Cuthbertson.
Mr. Boss-Walker.	Mr. Huxley.
Mr. Murdoch.	Mr. McDougall.

The Affirmative won the Debate by the narrow margin of one point.

A Junior Debate was held on the 1st April. The subject was: "That School Hours should be lengthened, and Homework abolished." Owing to the inexperience of the Junior members, two Senior members led the respective sides. The following were the teams:—

Affirmative:	Negative:
Mr. J. Stops (Leader).	Mr. Hodgson (Leader).
Mr. Simmons.	Mr. Hale.
Mr. Piggott.	Mr. Thorold.
Mr. Paul Stops.	Mr. Peter Stops.

The Affirmative won this Debate by 7 points.

A Senior Debate was held on the 17th June, on the following subject, "That the Modern Girl is superior in every way to all her female ancestors." The following were the teams:—

Affirmative:	Negative:
Mr. S. C. Burbury (Leader).	Mr. Pringle (Leader).
Mr. Boss-Walker.	Mr. Huxley.
Mr. J. Stops.	Mr. McDougall.

This Debate was won by the Affirmative by a narrow margin.

Either at the end of this term, or very early in the next, the Society will hold a Mock Banquet. As there has been no Banquet for two years, the Society should be able to provide a royal feast for its members this year.

## The Magazine Competition.

When some years ago a parody was last made the subject of competition, there was a record number of entries, and the quality of some of the parodies was very high. This time entries number four, and none of them are good.

"Sphinx" and Berra-can produce verse written in imitation of Tom Hood's "I Remember," and of "The Village Blacksmith," but neither effort can be called a parody. A parody should caricature the original poem, picking out the salient characteristics of the poet, and particularly any weaknesses or mannerisms, and exaggerating them to a humorous end. Failing this ideal, the parodist must achieve humour by applying the manner and diction of the poet to some alien and incongruous subject. Sphinx and Berra-can give not hint of humorous intent. Sphinx's verse is rather colourless and conventional, and Berra-can goes to pieces in rhyme and metre in his second stanza.

Nelson and Bronté is much nearer the mark with an attempt on "Admirals All," called "A Ballad of the Interregnum."

His parody, however, is not eligible, as it could not be printed in the "School Magazine." This is one of the conditions of the Competition.

There remains "Me" with the ballad of "Le Maitre sans merci." The second stanza is weak, and there is a small, but disastrous break in the metre of the third. But as it stands, it is a presentable parody, which could easily be a good deal improved by a little polish. The best line is, "Alone and wildly figuring."

The prize therefore goes to—

Le Maitre sans Merci.

LE MAITRE SANS MERCI.

'Oh what can all thee little lad,  
Alone and wildly figuring?  
The other lads have slipped away,  
And no bells ring.

'I see a dampness on thy brow,  
By anguish voiced, as fever dew;  
And on thy cheek a sign of woe,  
Fast clingeth too.'

'I passed a master up a test,  
He read it through and shook his head;  
The work was wrong, the answer right,  
"From four to six," he said.

'He wrote my name upon his pad,  
And thought I wept and sighed full sore;  
He took no heed, but left me here,  
Soon after four.

'And when the other lads slipped out,  
And rushed away to play football;  
They cried—"Le Maitre Sans Merci,  
Hath three in thrall!"

'And this is why I sojourn here,  
Alone and wildly figuring;  
Though other lads have slipped away,  
And no bells ring."

"ME." (H. D. Drury).





"Wherein I speak of most disastrous chances,  
Of moving accidents by flood and field,  
Of hair-breadth 'scapes."

Weep, O ye Loves and Graces! Weep for the departed,  
and weep for the trials of those still with us! For not only  
do we bemoan the fact that many Grecians have left the noble  
Sixth, but also that we no longer can boast with pride that we  
are students of Christ's College—for (alas! it must be told) we  
are now mere scholars of Hutchins School.

"The tutors cease from tuting,  
And the students stew no more."

Though we no longer can boast of having that famous  
theologian, "Lionel," with us, or that brawny stoker, "Woolly,"  
to swear he will appeal to Cæsar, yet we still have "Warlow,"  
"Dick," "Hughie," "Aunt Jane," and a few other worthy  
veterans.

Not many moons ago, one of our number was afflicted with  
a violent choking fit, and was asked whence such a disaster had  
arisen. To our great astonishment, he asserted, "Please, sir,  
I think I've swallowed my tonsils." We have not been able  
to ascertain whether this unfortunate youth has yet recovered  
these organs.

There is a rumour that "Jock" came back at the com-  
mencement of this year with this noble resolve:--

"At Mathematics I will strive,  
I'll learn to Parleyvoo,  
The Muses of Geography,  
And History I'll woo;  
Even at Spelling, one weak spot,  
I'll swot till all is blue!"

A certain member of the Lower Sixth Latin Division is  
said to be fast qualifying for a cap and bells. However, this  
"fool" has one consolation, for some lines we have heard, run--

"He plays the game tho' he plays the fool--  
He's the jolliest chap we've got at school."

"Dick" and "Warlow," two budding Einsteins, have been  
very busy just lately in taking each other's photographs. There is  
a rumour that not all these photographs can be found. We  
would like any person (male or female), knowing the where-  
abouts of these photographs, to return them to their owners  
immediately.

The latter of these two youths has invested in a motor-  
bike recently, and is said to be "riding from place to place,  
seeing pretty sights before, and carrying as pretty behind."

We hear that "Hux" is a believer in the adage, "Two heads  
are better than one." Especially when they are shingled,  
"Hux"!

Several of our numbers have recently taken to *using their heads*. It is believed they find this pastime most diverting.

The nether garments of many of the noble Sixth seem to  
be made of material of a singularly light texture, for both  
"Dick" and "Chris" have experienced the great embarrassment  
of discovering that certain portions of their garments have  
been "in absentia." But dear old Warlow was there! Where-  
upon this gentleman wishes us to publish this notice:—"I guar-  
antee to conduct any person suffering from 'rents' safely to his  
home without any prying people desecrating any part whatsoever  
of his anatomy. Terms moderate."

Believing that there is nothing like being business-like,  
"Scabbie" has indulged in a trade-mark. This trade-mark is  
INK, but unfortunately it cannot be made copyright, for already  
one most notable gentleman has stolen part of this trade-mark,  
and has carried it away on one finger! "Scabbie" also wishes  
all interested in chemistry to know that from henceforth, the  
formula of lead oxide is K.G.O.

Those of us who are French scholars, have lately had an  
instrument of torture inflicted on us. This horrible instru-  
ment rasps out weird, unearthly sounds, which occasionally die  
down to inexplicable grunts and groans.

Though our dear "Professor" is no longer with us, his seat  
is occupied by "Aunt Jane," who has almost reached those mystic  
heights in mathematics to which the "Prof." attained.

The following are said to be extracts from exam. papers  
written by gentlemen who must remain nameless:--

"Lord Tennyson, the poet, whom posterity will praise,  
Composed 'In Memorandum,' and a lot of minor lays."

"Sir Walter Raleigh's sight was keen—he was the first to spy  
Th' Invisible Armada, when that fleet came sailing by."

"King Louis Sixteen ruled in France, where Huge Knuts were  
strong,  
But as they didn't like him, he was gelatined 'ere long."

### Rowing Club Account to June, 1927

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(Signed) C. C. THOROLD, President.  
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