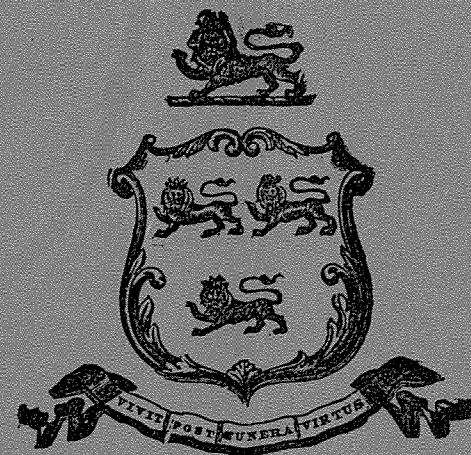


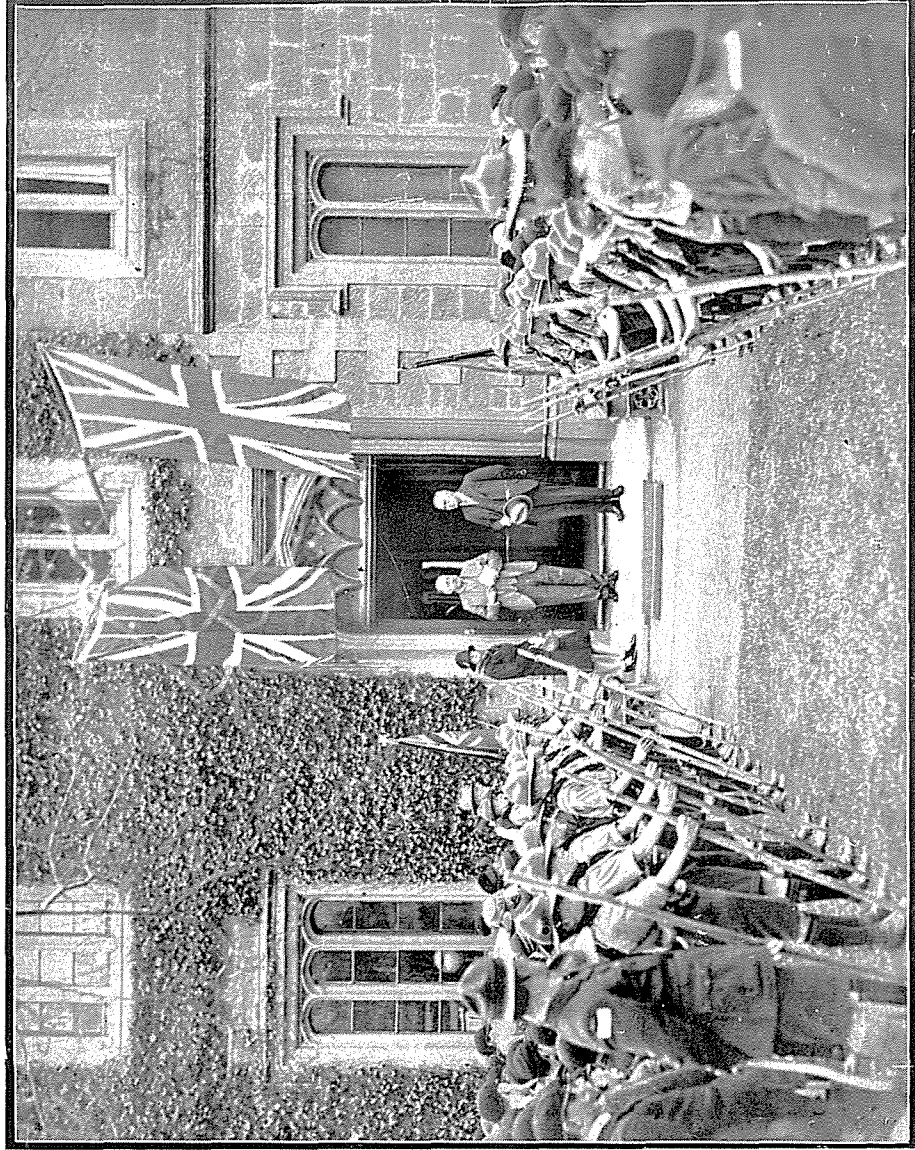
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The Endowment Fund.

The Hutchins School has been established for over eighty years, and until recently it has never possessed anything in the nature of an Endowment Fund, but has had to depend on a more or less fluctuating revenue from School fees. While associated with Christ College and its substantial endowment the precarious nature of the School's finances was not seriously felt. Now, however, the greater portion of the Christ College revenues has been diverted elsewhere, and the School must depend mainly on its earnings to meet its large expenditure.

Some few years ago the Board of Management determined to build up an Endowment Fund by means of entrance fees paid by every boy who entered the School. This fund is not to be touched until the centenary of the School in 1946, but is to be accumulated at compound interest until that date, after which the income of the fund may be devoted to the expenses of the School. In this way it is hoped that during the next twenty years something in the nature of an Endowment Fund may be built up. In the meantime, however, the fund could be considerably augmented by gifts or benefactions from old boys, and the income from such contributions need not be tied up until 1946. The capital of the fund would not be touched, and the income only would be used for the purposes of the School. Anyone, therefore, who gives to this fund may rest assured that his contribution will not be spent on any temporary expedient, but will go to build up a permanent source of revenue for the School.

Many of us who cannot give much during our lives may like to remember the School in our wills. Over four thousand boys have passed through the School since 1846, and if every one of these had bequeathed only £5 to the Endowment of the School it would by now have been in a sound financial position.

To those who may feel disposed to help the School in the way suggested, the following form of bequest is recommended:—

FORM OF BEQUEST TO THE HUTCHINS SCHOOL.

"I BEQUEATH to the Hutchins School the sum of (state the words at length) free of duty to be added to the Endowment Fund of the School, AND I DECLARE that the receipt by the Secretary of the Board of Management of the School or of the Bursar shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors."

The Memorial Library.

In response to the appeal to the old boys of the School to wipe off the debt on the Memorial Library, additional subscriptions have been received from the following:—Lt.-Col. Wyly, Professor McAulay, Messrs. E. H. Webster, R. F. Crosby, J. Cowburn, C. G. Rex, S. C. Brammall, H. Hale, J. T. Butler, A. McDougall, W. H. Hudspeth, D. Dudgeon, A. L. Crisp, H. Ross, L. G. Huxley, H. L. Garrett, A. E. Alexander, J. Hudspeth, S. Bisdee, J. M. Taylor, W. E. Burbury, D. Burbury, Pitt brothers, G. M. Burbury, G. C. Burbury, A. A. Burbury.

These amounts, totalling £46 3s. 6d., have been supplemented by a grant of £100 from the Board of Management from the proceeds of the School Fair, reducing the deficit to about £150.

The School Fair.

The outstanding event of the present year was the Fair held on 23rd August for the purpose of raising money for various needs connected with our sports, the most pressing being that of new boats for the Rowing Club. A great deal of preparation and organisation was done for weeks beforehand under the guidance of the Headmaster and Mr. Collings (Secretary) and a committee of ladies. The boys, too, did a lot of work, especially in selling tickets and procuring goods for the various stalls. So that when the day arrived all we needed was fine weather, and in this respect we were fortunate.

The following account of the proceedings appeared in "The Illustrated Tasmanian Mail":—

The most successful function of its kind held in Hobart during the past few weeks was the Hutchins School Fair. This effort plainly showed the splendid spirit of all who took the responsibility of the different branches of the task to themselves; the members of the School who so valiantly did all in their power for the success of the venture, the Old Scholars who gave their services so wholeheartedly, the parents and friends who contributed so generously to the furnishing and dismemberment of the stalls, and especially those ladies who gave their valuable assistance in this respect. The School wishes to thank all for their diligent and unflinching support.

The fair was declared open by His Excellency the Governor (Sir James O'Grady) at 3 p.m., and Miss Margaret O'Grady judged the Pedlars' Parade, giving first place to Master J. Gibson, a realistic Red Indian, and second place to Master Laurence Boddam, as a quaint Chinaman.

On entering the grounds, His Excellency was met by a guard of honour of Hutchins School Boy Scouts, which he inspected, expressing his pleasure at the thoroughness of their equipment. Mr. C. C. Thorold, the Headmaster, outlined the objects of this fair, namely, the laying down of a new tennis court, two new fours for the Rowing Club, extra equipment for the Kindergarten, and funds to clear off the debt of the School War Memorial.

His Excellency expressed his sympathy with the causes, urging the justness and advisability for a Public Appeal for the School War Memorial, in honour of those men of Hutchins who had lain down their lives for the Empire in the recent Great War.

The various booths were gaily decorated with bunting, and displayed a wide choice of fairings. The management of these stalls was in the hands of capable ladies, who have every reason to be thoroughly proud of their efforts; Mrs. Batchelor's sweet stall, for the erection of which she was responsible, was a notable success; Art Salon, Mesdames Waller, J. L. Rycroft, R. H. Isherwood, C. Harrison, and Miss Edgehill; Fancy Work, Mesdames Murray Murdoch, Hugh Murdoch, W. Gerlach, E. Budge, and Miss Scott; Kindergarten Stall, Mesdames W. Devereux, A. McKean, Aitken, Verrell, Green, Bastick, E. Boddam, Frank Fay, MacFarlane, Irby, Tudor, Gibson, E. J. Rogers, Griffiths, Elliott; Misses J. Collier and G. Frizoni; Old Boys' Stall, Mesdames A. Tonks, H. Gillam, B. Peet, W. Darling, A. Hickman, R. S. Waring, E. A. Bennison, W. J. T. Stops, and Gerald Roberts; Garden Stall, Mesdames L. Broinowski, C. E. Radcliffe, and Miss E. Bisdee; Hoop-la, Mrs. V. Chambers, Misses Chambers and Freda Stops; Cakes, Mesdames C. I. Dick, M. Grahame, D. C. Pearse, C. Atkins, and Miss C. Maning; Sweets, Mesdames H. Gray, Horace Walch, C. H. Harrison, and Rait; Misses D. Pixley, B. Hood, and B. Giblin. The excellently-managed afternoon tea was in the hands of Mrs. Thomas Murdoch, Mrs. H. Beauchamp, and Mrs. Oliver Smith. The helpers were Misses B. Morris, Ann Broinowski, Keir Murdoch, Gwen Brooks, and members of the Hutchins School Scouts Troop.

Each form took the responsibility of a very ingenious and amusing side-show, and as one went from room to room each was found more irresistible, and the showmen's plaudits more compelling than the last. The Upper Sixth conducted a most enchanting display of "Chemical Magic," the Lower Sixth expending their energies on a remarkable model of a cement process in action of meccano. Form Va. mingled the boisterous pleasures of the chute with an amusing cinema show, and Vb. divided its forces in a nail-driving competition and kick-the-football contest. The Remove took charge of a jumble stall, hoop-la, "Mystery-room," and shooting gallery. Junior classes did excellently by their efforts, a natural history museum and gramophone concert.

Mr. R. H. Isherwood tested the intelligence of the visitors by devious strange means, and the recklessly-inclined staked

their pence on a "penny-in-the-bowl" game, and weight-guessing contest, conducted by the Messrs. W. M. Grahame and Finearty on the lawn.

The vigorous polling carried on during the afternoon for the Ugly Man Competition, which had been running in the School for some time, resulted in a glorious, though close, victory for Mr. R. Collings, with the Headmaster, Mr. C. C. Thorold, second.

In the evening a talented group of players, terming themselves the "Rum-uns," combined their efforts in an hilarious concert, a most enjoyable affair, for the audience was in festive vein, and those responsible for the items were fully prepared for its humours by fooling of the most admirable species, quaint Dickensian sketches, parodies of a round and mirthful mood, delightful "pianofitte" solos, and part-singing. The three sketches from Dickens were handled with colourful atmosphere and nicety of finish, especially delicious being the spirited dialogue between Sarah Gamp and Betsy Prig, taken respectively by Mrs. Brammall and Mr. J. M. Counsel. Mrs. S. C. Burbury and Mr. H. Brammall gave a rollicking treatment of the courtship of Mrs. Corney by Mr. Bumble, the beadle; whilst the visitation of Marley's Ghost to Scrooge was realistically conveyed by Mrs. Brammall as Scrooge, and Mr. T. Brammall, a thoroughly convincing Marley. Mr. J. M. Counsel, acting in somewhat chorus-like effect, gave a fine reading preceding the dialogue.

One of the most warmly-applauded efforts were the solos by Mr. S. C. Burbury, the modern "Juba Dance" being very well rendered. "Miss Australia" must not be forgotten. There was a clever skit wherein that young lady entered the stage in a pallid but nevertheless magnificent yellow cab. This item concluded the programme.

In the interval an auction sale was carried on of the articles left over from the fair, but there was not a great deal of auctioneering to be done, as can well be judged by the wonderful result of £300.

School Notes.

SPEECH NIGHT.

Monday, 12th December, has been fixed for Speech Night. The function will be held, as usual, in the City Hall, and the prizes will be distributed by His Excellency the Governor.

The distribution of the Sports prizes will take place at a concert to be held in the Town Hall on Friday, 25th November. On this occasion the Dean of Hobart is to preside.

TERMS AND HOLIDAYS.

The long vacation extends from 13th December till 9th February. Next year the first term will extend over 14 weeks, and the second and third terms 13 weeks each. The holidays at the end of the first and second terms will consist of two full weeks and a week-end. The first term includes a short break for Easter.

THE NAVAL COLLEGE.

T. S. Brammall and G. Gabriel presented themselves as candidates for Naval Cadetships this year. Both succeeded in passing the educational test and the local medical examination, and were summoned to Melbourne for the final examination. The result of this has not yet been announced.

STAFF CHANGES.

We regret that we have to record the departure from the School Staff of our second science master. Mr. E. A. Budge. Mr. Budge, who has now gone to a position in the Swinburn Technical College, Hawthorn, Victoria, was with us some four years. During that time he did most valuable work in the Chemistry and Mathematics departments of the School, and by his unfailing courtesy and gentlemanly demeanour he endeared himself to all those with whom he was brought into contact. Mr. Budge is an ardent research worker in the field of Physical Chemistry, and he feels that Melbourne offers greater opportunities, from his standpoint, than Tasmania ever could. Outside his school duties, he gave us useful assistance in many ways; for instance, over the initials E.A.B. he often contributed, with marked ability, the science jottings to the School Magazine. We will watch his future career with interest, and we wish him every success in his new sphere of labour.

THE NEW SCIENCE MASTER.

Mr. W. Allen, M.Sc., has been appointed to the vacancy created by Mr. Budge's departure, and we offer him a hearty welcome. Mr. Allen comes to us with splendid credentials, and although a very young man, he has already crowded much into his life. He took honours in Chemistry at the University of Sheffield, and holds the degree of M.Sc. of that University. He has also a diploma of education. He has travelled extensively in England and the Continent of Europe, and has had some experience of teaching in both England and Australia. He has all the advantages of youth, energy, and enthusiasm, and we hope that he may be very happy here and remain long with us.

THE MISSION TO LEPERS.

During the last term we had a visit from Mr. Eddy, the organising secretary of the Mission, and as on past occasions, he was given a sympathetic hearing. Our sympathy has now shown its practical nature in the form of a donation collected throughout the School to be forwarded to Mr. Eddy.

THE LIBRARY.

The Library, as a quiet room, is still holding its own in the School, and the books are never allowed to remain long on the shelves—and there's no chance of their becoming covered with the dust of ages.

It is owing to the generosity of an Old Boy, whose gift we have already gratefully mentioned in these columns, that we have been able to supply so many new books. We would again bring before the notice of boys who are leaving this need of assisting the Library by a gift of book or books, whereby they can perpetuate their memory in the School, and give enjoyment and pleasure to many who will come after them.

During the term we have received gifts of books from Mrs. Young, H. Walch, C. McDougall, C. Giblin, H. Frankcomb, and T. Heathorn, to all of whom we tender our grateful thanks.

EXCHANGES.

Acknowledged with thanks:—"The Corian," "The Melburnian," "The Sydneian," "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 Viking," "The Wyvern."

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	8	8
	B		4
Rowing	A		16
	B		8
Cross Country	A		12
	B		6
Tennis	A		
	B		
Athletics	A	8	16
	B		4
Fives	A		
	B		
Total Points to Date ..	44	106	45

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.

Football: D. Arnold.

Cross Country: C. McDougall.

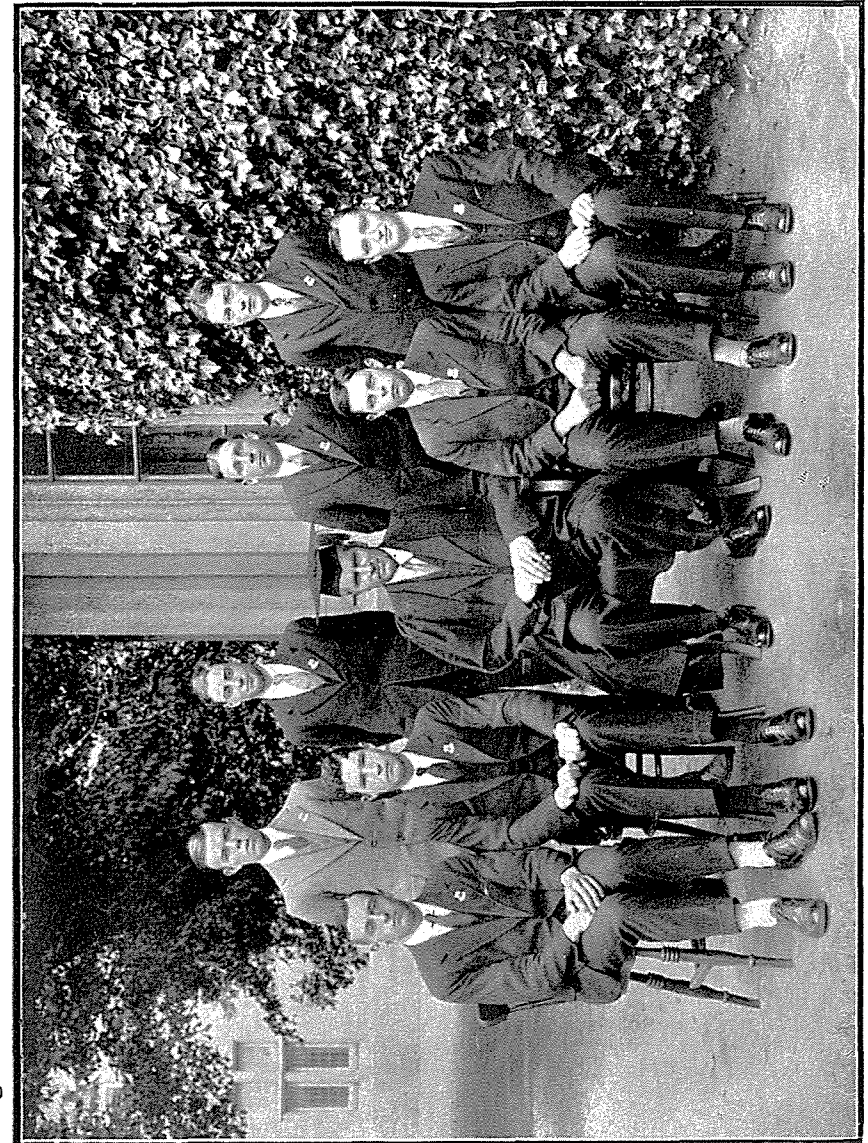
Rowing: C. McDougall.

Athletics: M. Tibballs.

Tennis: D. Arnold.

Fives: D. Arnold.

Debating: S. C. Burbury.



THE HEADMASTER AND PREFECTS.
 Standing:—E. J. Warlow, Davies, H. D. Drury, H. C. Walch, W. Hodgman.
 Sitting:—E. H. Huxley, R. H. Radcliff (Sens or Prefect), The Headmaster, C. McDougall, S. C. Burbury.

At the time of publication of the Midwinter Magazine we only had a four-point lead over School House. However, the second half of the year has seen some drastic changes in the points. At present we have a sixty-one-point lead over Stephens, who are running second, a point ahead of School. This lead is so substantial that even though the House should lose everything from now on it would still be well in the lead.

The first competition to take place during the half-year was football. The teams of the three Houses in the A were very evenly matched, each House gaining a victory. This meant each House benefited to the extent of eight points.

In the B Stephens was victorious over Buckland, defeating the latter by six points. School was defeated easily by both Buckland and Stephens. School was unfortunate in having such a small number from which to choose a team.

The cross-country running was very successful as far as we were concerned, the House winning both A and B competitions. We must congratulate Facy on his fine win. Stephens was a very close second in the A, being beaten only by one point.

The House was also very successful in the rowing, in which it gained first place in both divisions. We must congratulate Stephens on the fine race, in which they only lost to us by a matter of feet. We sympathise with School in their bad luck in having to change round their crews a few days before the racing.

We owe our win in the A Athletics to the good all-round team that represented us. The outstanding members of the team were: Tibballs, Drury, Morgan, Facy, and Huxley. In the B we were defeated by Stephens by a small number of points. Our chief performer was Le Breton, who obtained three firsts and a third. He is to be congratulated on his fine performance. We also congratulate Cooke, who, despite a weak ankle, carried off the Championship Cup for good.

At present we are leading in connection with the Debating Shield, but it remains to be seen whether we shall retain that lead. Stephens seem to be our chief rivals, and we wish them the best of luck.

The thanks of the House are due to Mr. Rycroft, who officiated at most of the House meetings. It would be better if a house master were appointed next year, as there are some matters for which a house master is essential.

In conclusion, all the members of the House are to be congratulated on their keenness in connection with the various sports throughout the year. Let us hope that this spirit will prevail next year.

STEPHENS HOUSE.**House Master:** Mr. R. H. Isherwood.**Colours:** Blue, Black, and Gold.**House Captain:** H. C. Walch.**Vice-Captain:** S. Jarvis.**Captains:**

Cricket: H. C. Walch.

Athletics: H. C. Walch, S. Jarvis, joint.

Swimming: L. Murdoch.

Cross Country: L. Murdoch.

Tennis: H. C. Walch.

Football: H. C. Walch.

Fives: Bousfield.

Debating: R. N. Pringle.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Buckland House on winning the House Competition so very easily. Nevertheless, this victory will not frighten us, and since our Juniors are so strong, we shall have a very big chance of winning the Shield next year.

In football we did fairly well; we defeated Buckland, but we had to succumb to the School House. But as Buckland beat School, the three houses divided the points. We won the B. competition very easily. In Athletics we came third in the A. competition, but again our Juniors showed their force, for we won the B. The B. cricket is still to be played, but it is very likely that our Juniors will again pull it off. Our tennis is not as strong as we would like it to be, but we will do our best and make a bold bid for it.

We congratulate Buckland on winning the Cross-Country; we got second in both A and B. Heartiest congratulations to Facy for winning the School Championship. The same is offered to Cooke, for winning the Athletics for the third time in succession. He therefore keeps the Championship Cup for good.

We are doing very well in Debating, thanks to the able generalship of R. N. Pringle. We were successful in the A. competition, but we tied in the B, but owing to Buckland winning the Senior Impromptu Speaking we are two points behind them.

SCHOOL HOUSE.**House Master:** The Headmaster.**House Captain:** J. A. Cooke.**Vice-Captain:** J. B. Jackson.**House Prefects:** J. A. Cooke, J. Jackson.**Committee:** J. Cooke, J. Jackson, A. Travers.**Captains:**

Cricket: J. Cooke.

Football: J. Cooke.

Rowing: J. Warner.

Tennis: R. Preuss.

Athletics: J. Cooke.

Fives: J. Shoobridge.

At present the House has dropped back to last position in both A and B events. We obtained second place in the A events and third in the B in the school athletics.

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

We must congratulate G. Facy for winning the cross-country championship.

The House is now practising hard for the House tennis, which we hope to win.

We are sorry to have lost two senior members of the House in Shoobridge and Bisdee.

Science Jottings.**THE RECENT ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.**

From the accounts in the English papers it is evident that the eclipse excited a great deal of popular as well as scientific interest. It is said that one hundred special trains were run to various points on the eclipse track, and it is estimated that three million people, or one-twelfth of the entire population of England, viewed the phenomenon from the region of totality. Fine photographs of the spectrum of the chromosphere and corona were obtained, and special attention was paid to the red end, since it is less well known than the violet end. Special dyes were used on the plates to render them more sensitive to the red region. Good pictures of the flash spectrum were also obtained, and it is interesting to learn that the total light from the corona during the period of totality was only one-half or one-third of that from the full moon. At all points of observation, where the weather conditions were favourable, the spectators were impressed with the solemnity and grandeur of the sight, and no doubt valuable astronomical results will accrue from the observations that were made.

THE CAUSE OF THE SUN'S ECLIPSE.

In speaking of the recent eclipse, it occurs to one that many people, even grown-ups, have very hazy ideas of the cause of the astronomical phenomena which are known as eclipses. We think, therefore, that it is desirable to devote a jotting, now that we are on this subject, to an elementary explanation of the cause, say, of a solar eclipse. Let us suppose the moon to get in between the sun and the earth. The moon's shadow falls towards the earth. But it may not be long enough to reach it, for it is only 236,000 miles in length, and though the average distance of the moon from the earth is about 238,000 miles, it is sometimes a good deal less, for its path round the earth is not a true circle, but an ellipse. So that sometimes the moon's shadow is long enough to reach the earth, but it may miss it by being too "high" or too "low." The plane of the earth's orbit round the sun and the moon's round the earth do not coincide. The moon's orbital plane is tipped or tilted. The moon must be at or near one of the places where these

planes intersect, if its shadow is to touch the earth. When the moon's shadow reaches the earth in this way it can never be more than 167 miles across, and may be a good deal less. At the eclipse of June 29 last the shadow was only 30 miles wide where it reached the earth. The shadow, of course, moves swiftly along, because the moon is moving.

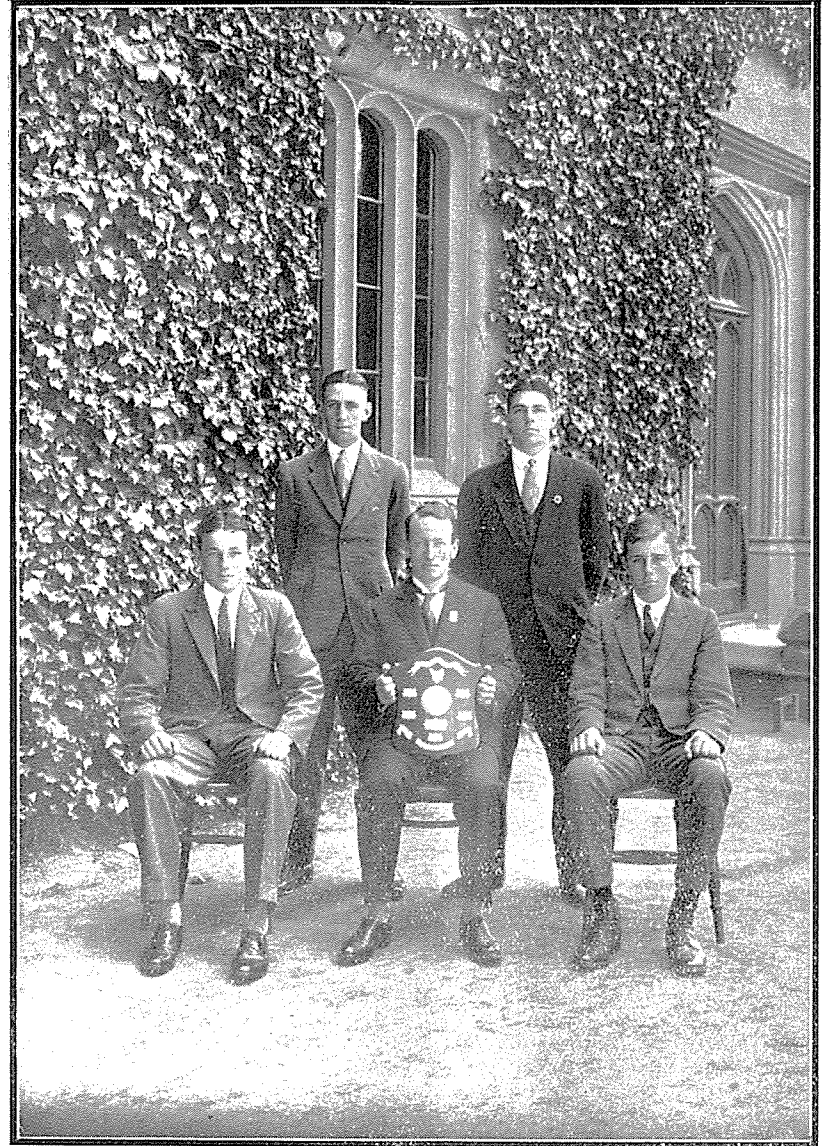
THE DESCENT OF MAN.

Sir Arthur Keith's address on this subject at the recent meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science has received a good deal of publicity and evoked a certain amount of discussion. After remarking that, in his opinion, Darwin's theory of evolution has become impregnable, he states that "No structure found in the brain of the ape is lacking in the human brain, and on the other hand, the human brain reveals no formation of any sort that is not present in the brain of the gorilla or chimpanzee. The only distinctive feature of the human brain is a quantitative one. The difference is only quantitative, but its importance cannot be exaggerated. In the anthropoid brain are to be recognised all those parts which have become so enormous in the human brain. It is the expansion of just those parts which has given man his powers of feeling, understanding, acting, speaking, and learning. We do not know why the brain of man has made so much progress, while that of his cousin the gorilla has lagged behind. . . . Was Darwin right when he said that man under the action of biological forces, which can be observed and measured, has been raised from a place amongst anthropoid apes to that which he now occupies? The answer is: Yes."

If we accept Sir Arthur Keith's view on this subject—and he certainly is a great authority—we see no reason why as Christians we should be in any way disconcerted. There is nothing here, as far as we can see, to conflict with any article of the Catholic Faith, or, indeed, with any generally received tenet of Christianity. As has been aptly pointed out by the editor of "Discovery" when speaking of this question, there need be no controversy between science and religion, so long as scientists confine themselves to established facts and theologians do not attempt to deny them.

SCHOOL "MASS PRODUCTION."

The writer of these jottings, some time ago, received from a friend in London a copy of the London "Evening Standard." It contains an article with the above heading by Dr. J. A. Nairn, late headmaster of Merchant Taylors' School. This article is a vigorous onslaught on the English system of education generally, but is particularly directed against the great public schools. Dr. Nairn does not deal specifically with any science subject, but as our systems of education here in Tasmania—primary, secondary, and university—are largely based on the English model, we cannot forbear quoting a few extracts from this candid and outspoken article. "The real indictment I have to make is that the whole of our system is directed to producing types, rather than to training individuals. It is a sort of Procrustean bed, upon which a boy is placed in his earliest years, to be stretched or clipped till he conforms to the conventional standards in vogue. . . . I allow that the team spirit is inculcated to a high degree, and that this is a good



THE LIFE-SAVING TEAM, WINNERS OF THE WATSON SHIELD

Standing:—J. Cooke, D. Arnold.

Sitting:—D. Robertson, Mr. E. H. Stephens, R. Bousfield.

thing as far as it goes. But it is not a good thing that all that goes to make originality should be so suppressed. Virtue can never be a collective possession. In our schools, initiative, individuality, originality lie under a powerful taboo, the taboo of Bad Form. Anything outstanding is discouraged and viewed askance. The spoon-feeding, or even forcible feeding, that characterises so much of our present day education is not ideal for eager, active brains. I believe that the masters teach too much, and that the boys work too little for themselves. I disapprove of our present system, because it diminishes initiative, originality, and independence. It blinds boys to the truth that each individual is, in the last resort, master of his fate and captain of his soul."

THE EFFECT OF EXAMINATIONS ON THE STUDY OF MATHEMATICS.

At the last meeting of the Mathematical Association in England Professor Forsyth discussed the evil effect of examinations on teaching of mathematics. He said the curse of the examination was always present. Pupils wanted to learn just enough to enable them to answer questions. As for an understanding and grasp of the subject, that was not their ambition at all. What they wanted was to get through the examination and be done with the whole thing. The difficulty was to try and interest the students in the foundations and beginnings of things, and to interest them in such a way that they could see, as they devoted themselves to the subject, that something was coming out of it—nothing connected with examinations, but something connected with new knowledge, something that they had not suspected, something perhaps a little surprising, something new, not something that they had to "get up." If there was the slightest suggestion on their part that a little active effort made by them led to some created thing, then they might have a sense of having themselves achieved something, instead of having things stuffed into them, which latter was the feeling that most of them had.

SPECTROSCOPIC BINARY STARS.

Many stars which we see in the heavens, although appearing to us when viewed with the naked eye to be single stars, are not single, but are really double stars. Some of these are so far apart that they can be seen to be double when viewed through a powerful telescope. They are called telescopic binaries. Many double stars, however, are so close together as to appear as single stars, even when examined by the most powerful telescope, yet the spectroscope may still show them to be double. These stars revolve about a common point, so that as one is approaching the earth the other is receding. Their spectral lines will therefore divide, the two parts moving apart and then coming together again. So that these lines in the one approaching the earth will be shifted towards the violet end of the spectrum, and in the other towards the red end. All this has been believed by astronomers for years, and is known to every student of Physics. In a recent book on Modern Astronomy Dr. Hector Macpherson makes the statement that it appears to be within the bounds of possibility that a number of stars which have been announced and catalogued as spectroscopic binaries are actually pulsating single stars; i.e.,

they are variable stars, the photospheres or luminous envelopes of which are periodically broken through by a rush of hotter gases from the interior. In a recent paper on the Origin of Binary Stars, Dr. J. H. Jeans makes the somewhat startling assertion that almost all giant spectroscopic binaries show the general characteristics of variable stars, and are most likely not binaries at all.

ROCKS AS HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS.

Ernest Benn Ltd., publishers, are issuing a series of cheap books on various scientific and literary subjects, written by the foremost authorities on the subjects with which they deal. The latest that the writer of these jottings has had an opportunity of reading is one entitled "The Age of the Earth," by Dr. Arthur Holmes, Professor of Geology in the University of Durham. Even to the layman in the subject of geology it is a most fascinating book, and much information and mental pleasure can be obtained from its perusal. For instance, in speaking of rocks as historical documents, Professor Holmes says that smooth and striated rock surfaces, exactly like those produced by the grinding action of glaciers in the Alpine valleys or in Spitzbergen, and associated deposits of boulder clay, show that much of England was, not long ago, under glacial conditions. Similar evidence from very much older rocks in India and Africa proves that in certain far-off ages even tropical lands lay for a time under the frozen spell of ice-sheets. In striking contrast, the clay through which the tube railways in London are bored contains relics of tropical vegetation and shells like those of warm southern seas. In Greenland rocks containing the remains of the breadfruit tree, a typical tropical form of vegetation, have been discovered; and near the South Pole coal occurs, associated with the remains of cone-bearing trees. Where once great forests grew the land is now buried under a wreath of snow and ice. Built up of innumerable details such as these, historical geology records the rise and fall of land forms; the invasion and retreat of the seas; the eruptions of long extinct volcanoes; and the swing of climate between tropical and glacial; and through all the changes of scene it traces the gradually unfolding development of life, culminating at last in man.

A CHANGE IN THE SCHOOL STAFF.

Elsewhere in this Magazine reference is made to the resignation of our second science master, Mr. E. A. Budge, and the appointment of Mr. W. Allen in his place. We would like to say here that in Mr. Budge's resignation the School has lost an enthusiastic science worker, and one of the most popular masters we have had for many years. He had charge of all the chemistry of the School, but his energies were not confined strictly to his teaching duties. In his spare time he was indefatigable as a research worker, and recently his vacations have all been spent at the University, where he was doing original investigations on the subject of "Reaction Velocities" in Physical Chemistry. In this connection it is interesting to note that he is to read a paper, embodying the result of some of his researches, at the meeting of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science in Hobart next January. He was also honorary secretary of the Hobart Chemical Society,

and frequently addressed the meetings of that body on various scientific questions. His departure from Tasmania is much regretted, especially by the masters and boys of the School. Mr. Budge's successor, Mr. W. Allen, is a young man of distinct ability, and, judging by his past career, he should have a brilliant future as a teacher of science.

NEWTON'S CONDESCENSION.

Anne had already gladdened Oxford with her presence, and in 1705 she conceded to Cambridge the costly honour of a Royal visitation. A Royal visit to a university is, or might be called, a dunce's holiday, for then degrees are conferred on all whom Royalty appoints, without the statutable qualifications and exercises. Upon this occasion Newton knelt down, plain Mister, and arose Sir Isaac. It is the glory of knighthood that such a man deigned to accept it, but it must have been a whimsical spectacle to see a woman holding a sword in an assembly of parsons, to bestow upon a man of peace an order essentially military.—Hartley Coleridge, *Northerners*.

NEWTON WORSHIPPED AS A DIVINITY.

In a discourse by Sir William Jones, addressed to the Asiatic Society, February 24, 1785, is the following passage: "One of the most sagacious men in this age, who continues, I hope, to improve and adorn it. Samuel Johnson remarked in my hearing that if Newton had flourished in ancient Greece he would have been worshipped as a divinity."—Malone, *Boswell's Johnson*.

MORGAN BRIERLEY.

Brierley, who became one of the most accomplished of English mathematicians, once a professor in the Royal College at Sandhurst, had not learned a letter of the alphabet when he was twenty years of age. From a little lad he had worked in a coal-pit.—*Memoirs of Morgan Brierley*.

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The Literary and Debating Society.

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It is pleasing to note that the numbers of the Society are greater than they have been in previous years, and that more meetings have been held. The junior members are particularly enthusiastic, and they should cause the Society to flourish in the future.

The second Parliamentary Debate was held on the 1st July on the following subject, "That the present method of conducting the House System is superior to any that could be devised as a substitute." The President, Mr. C. C. Thorold, was in the chair. Mr. Walker led the affirmative side, and Mr. Rycroft opposed. At the conclusion of the discussion it was found that the opposition had won the debate by two points.

On the 22nd July members delivered five-minute speeches which they had prepared, and several praiseworthy speeches were made.

Extempore speeches were rendered on the 12th August, when Mr. G. H. Huxley was in the chair.

The House Competition in connection with the Literary and Debating Society commenced on the 30th September, when the Competition for Impromptu Speeches took place. Mr. F. D. Cruickshank was in the chair. On the total points for the evening Buckland House was first in the Senior Competition, Stephens second, and School third. In the Junior Competition Buckland and Stephens tied for the first place, and School was third. Mr. Burbury gained the highest points among the Seniors, hence gaining the Senior Impromptu Orator's prize for 1927. Among the Juniors Mr. Piggott came out on top, and gained the Junior Impromptu Orator's prize for 1927.

The first Senior House Debate was contested on the 7th October, between Buckland and Stephens. After an interesting discussion on "That it is in the best interests of Tasmania that the film, 'For the Term of His Natural Life,' should be suppressed," the Chairman gave his decision in favour of the affirmative, Stephens House.

An interesting Junior House Debate between Stephens and School was held on the 17th October on the question of the horse being an obsolete animal. After both sides had given their opinion on the subject the decision was given in favour of Stephens House.

The second Senior House Debate was on the eternal question of the undue prominence of women. Buckland gained an easy victory over School when the Chairman had weighed the arguments put forth by both sides.

The Juniors had for their next debate to argue about modern dress. School House, who were supporting modern dress, defeated Buckland House by 8 points.

It was then almost a foregone conclusion that Stephens House would defeat Buckland in the final Junior House Debate, but, contrary to expectation, Buckland succeeded in turning the tables on Stephens House, with the result that the three Houses receive an equal number of points for the Junior House Debates.

The final Senior Debate was forfeited by School to Stephens.

Hence the state of the points for the Shield at present is:

	Buckland.	Stephens.	School.
A	14	12	5
B	12	12	7

The Senior Paper, the Junior Essay, and the Senior and Junior Recitations are yet to be decided.

Mr. Walker has judged the Senior Debates, and Mr. J. M. Counsel the Junior Debates.

Mr. S. C. Burbury is the Senior Orator for 1927, and Mr. Simmonds the Junior Orator.

The following are the House teams:—

Senior:

Buckland.	Stephens.	School.
Burbury (Leader)	Pringle (Leader)	Hodgson (Leader)
McDougall	Cuthbertson	Parsons
Huxley	Boss-Walker	Travers
Stops	Warlow-Davies	Player

Junior:

Buckland.	Stephens.	School.
Simmonds (Leader)	Piggott (Leader)	Thorold (Leader)
Cane	Downie	May
Smith	McPhee	Jackson
Kennedy	Brammall	Frankcomb

The Society is definitely going to hold a Mock Banquet on Saturday, 26th November. The banquet will be preceded by a Parliamentary Debate.

It is hoped that members of the Society will continue to keep the Society as active in the future as it has been in the past.

The Magazine Prize Competition.

"THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFE."

This was the subject for the competition, and the matter might be real or imaginary. What one hoped most to get was gusto—some genuine first-hand keen appreciation, however roughly expressed, of the goodness of things.

But it appears to be a gloomy world to this generation. Out of nine essayists, four chose to go outside their own experience. One found his best day in the day of leaving the miseries of school; two others, with deeper pessimism, found it only in the day of leaving the miseries of life; a fourth, slightly more hopeful, found it as an aged man, in the death of an aunt, who left him a legacy. Of the other five, three found it, quite credibly, in trips to Sydney and Melbourne, one rather unconvincingly in Tasmanian bush, and one only in school life—on reaching the dignity of prefect. There are no tales of centuries made, or wickets taken at critical moments, or of swimming or fishing, or mountain climbing, nor even of motor cars. A minor poet once recorded his best day—

"I bowled three curates once
With three consecutive balls,"

but these simple pleasures appear to have lost their savour. It certainly looks like gloom; but more probably it is only recitence.

The process of elimination may begin with "Norseman," who had a fine day yachting in Sydney Harbour, but does not succeed in telling us much about it. "Norseman's" minor

trouble is that with pen in hand, he is driven to "disembarked" instead of "landed," and "approximately five o'clock" for "about five o'clock."

Next goes "Revenant," who sees no prospect of happiness this side of the grave. Gloom is not ruled out, but there are limits to a day. "Revenant's" "day" covers both his death and his funeral (which he much enjoyed), and takes in, as it were, between breakfast and lunch, a chastening period, when he "suffered inward hell through his conscience." This is hardly cricket. One might as well cite one of the seven days of creation. Such days are *hors concours*.

"Sydneyite" goes next. The theme is his first visit to Sydney. His anticipations concentrated hopefully on all he was going "to buy and eat." In the sad event, he ate nothing at all. He makes a brave attempt to whip up a bubble of pleasurable excitement over the crowded city, but it does not get home. Also, he is given to "wending his way" and other indictable offences.

"Pessimist" paints the joys of leaving school from the point of view of one who has left. There is a good attempt to imagine and depict a really miserable school experience, but it deals too much with externals, and it is difficult to feel any sympathy for the victim. Monotony of meals, tyranny of masters, inability to do algebra—do these things really worry anyone beyond the moment? Do they not give the necessary zest for holidays?

"Ajax" produces a more convincing record of the day he became Prefect. It is straight stuff, honestly and simply told. But the writing, though free from offence, has no positive merit, and the matter does not carry quite enough weight.

Next comes "Felix" with a well-written story of an old man who, after lifelong penury, came into comfortable circumstances through the death of an aunt. It is carefully and thoughtfully worked out on the whole, though the aunt wobbles between "respected and beloved" and one whose death produced no sorrow or grief in the aged but apparently amiable nephew. There is in this essay, as in some of the others, a very strong suggestion of Dickens in his reflective and sentimental vein. It is not a good model, and "Felix," with all his merit, does not please. I suppose one does not believe in it sufficiently.

"Nature Lover" tries a higher flight, and here again, but more emphatically, one does not believe in it. It is a description of a day on the water and in the bush, embellished with poetic fancy. But the poetry seems artificial, not felt, but deliberately pieced together with words of conventional poetic valency. There is no first-hand observation, and, in fact, the observation is often dubious. The sun does not "slowly begin to rise"; it comes over the horizon with startling suddenness. The seaweed in deep water does not move like tree tops in a wind. Tree-ferns do not dip their fronds "into the cool depth" of pools. A tiny stream does not dash over rocks, however steep, "in a veritable fury," nor do its waters, at a fall, "awaken a thousand echoes in the bush around." Foliage does not "prattle," nor is a cottage properly described as "nestling on top of the hill." There is a good deal of careful work in this essay, and "Nature Lover" in many respects promises well. He

has an ear for words, but he must get more control of them. At present, words run away with him. As Humpty-Dumpty said in this connection on a memorable occasion, "The question is—who is to be master? That's all."

With "Furius Camillus" we get back again to simplicity with a very honest record of a trip to Melbourne from Hobart. There is a genuine thrill about the early start on a winter's morning, and "Furius" counting the mile posts and writing down the names of all the stations in his pocket book, is an engaging picture. But after Launceston, the fire dies down. No doubt Bass Strait was responsible, and we may suppose Pegasus was a bad sailor. At any rate, he does not last the distance. But the first page or two are excellent—clear, vivid description in very good simple English.

And so the prize goes to the remaining competitor, "H. G. Wells." Very surprisingly. For Wells writes of the happy day when, at the age of 23, he shook off the troubles of this mortal flesh; and I am constitutionally very loth to give any sort of countenance to such a choice. But I think there is no doubt that this essay has merit above the others, originality and clearness of thought, and good command of English, with here and there some distinction of language, though the sentimental Dickens touch is not entirely absent. Further criticism may be spared, for the reader can judge for himself:—

"THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFE."

Considering the type of life I led while on earth, it is not surprising that part of the best day therein was spent far from the scene of my trials and disappointments. As early as I can remember I was a weakly child, always cursed by some kind of malady, and with, what is even more, unsympathetic parents. The youngest of a family of nine, I received none of the attentions the delicate child is usually subject to, and my early life as I remember it was toned with pessimism and rebellion against Destiny for my poor part in the scheme of life.

At the age of twenty-three I first learnt of the malady which caused my death, or rather my deliverance. It seemed ironical that that dread enemy of man, cancer, should prove the sole blessing accorded to me during my earthly sojourn.

After a few months of lingering illness, in which any extra pain I felt was fully atoned for by the thought that relief was at hand, the crisis came at early morning. The pain had eased a little, being replaced by an absolute numbness which gradually extended to my heart. Becoming conscious of a comatose condition stealing over me, I also felt as if my remaining vitality was rallying desperately against the advance of the mortification, which now seemed to have spread to my brain, and to prevent its functioning in the usual way. In a hazy kind of manner my whole outlook seemed to be changed, a sense of resignation, and even optimism, succeeding the terror and anticipative dread I had first experienced on the full realisation of my impending doom.

I felt almost impatient that my poor bodily forces seemed so reluctant to give up their hopeless battle. I was unconscious of anything else in the little room beside my bodily emotions, now rapidly being replaced by spiritual ones.

Suddenly my frame stiffened, trembled spasmodically, and commenced to vibrate in a curious way, which seemed to shake the lethargy from me. My brain became clear again, and I suddenly realised that I no longer thought of my body in the subjective, but in the objective sense. It seemed to be holding me down, clogging those vibrations which were imbuing my form with a new life.

Forces over which I seemed to have no control were at work—drawing me steadily away from that cold form on the bed, to whom I seemed to be connected by an invisible thread. For a moment I seemed to balance between the known and the unknown, and then the threads became thin—snapped—and I knew I was free.

My whole personality seemed to have changed in some subtle manner. I was unconscious of any bodily sensations, but in my spirit was the content of one who has just completed a gruelling race.

I was travelling, though I seemed not so much to travel as to allow things to slip by me. It was now night, and the countless myriads of stars seemed to be approaching me with amazing rapidity.

Suddenly I became conscious that I was not alone. Round me countless invisible forms, or rather spirits, were proceeding in the same way as myself, each making itself evident by that same vibration that still seemed to inspire my spirit.

We were now proceeding up a shaft of light, at the end of which I saw—the moon. Swiftly we approached, moving in a band of radiance—on and on—the yellow orb coming steadily closer—larger—and growing as it seemed in significance. And gradually I became conscious that what looked like an orb was in reality a round hole, through which shone a pure ethereal brilliance—purifying us and cleansing us of the last shreds of earthly personality.

At last we reached it, passing through into surroundings so wonderful that the rest of my story would seem commonplace compared with them. But of what I saw within that spiritual realm I am not permitted to tell.

“H. G. WELLS”

(alias D. L. Anderson).

Tasmanian Birds' Nests.

By Ian Harman.

The morning being fine, we start off directly after breakfast on a ramble through the bush to study birds' nests and eggs. We first walk up the stony brook, or “creek,” as it is usually called here. On both sides of it rise high, steep hills covered with rocks and stones over which has grown moss and lichens. Besides these, however, are thick sassafras, “ti-tree” (pronounced “tea-tree”), and other bushes in which we hope to find the nests of some of the numerous birds which we can see enjoying themselves in the morning sun.

We have not gone far before we find our first nest. It is placed in the centre of a thick bush four feet high. When we are very near the bird flies off, and perches on a tree near by.

It is indeed a beautiful creature. It has a jet black head and a white throat, separated from the brilliant yellow breast by a crescent-shaped band of steel blue. The back is bright green and the tail grey. This is the adult “Grey-tailed Thickhead,” sometimes called “Whistler” from its loud ringing notes. The hen bird is brownish grey with a white throat.

We now turn and look at the nest. It is rather large, constructed of small twigs lined with grasses, and covered on the outside with dead leaves and soft bark. It contains two eggs, rather oval in shape and of a creamy colour, spotted rather finely all over, though mostly at the larger end, with dark brown and grey: three-quarters of an inch long.

Not far away from this nest we find the dainty home of the dusky fantail. It is one of the strangest of all Tasmanian, or, indeed, all Australian birds' nests. It is exactly like a wine glass with the foot only broken off; and the bowl is saddled on to a bare branch three feet from the ground, and is wonderfully made of fine rootlets joined together with spider's cocoons. The use of the stem of the glass, also made of rootlets and hanging down from the bowl like a tail, is unknown, but probably its use is to balance the nest. [Judging by analogy, I should be inclined to think that its probable use is to give the nest an untidy and neglected appearance to enemies looking up from below.—E.K.R.] The eggs are three in number, oval in shape, and white in colour, spotted and streaked, especially at the larger end, where the markings form a band, with light brown and grey: half an inch long.

At the top of a native cherry tree, 8ft. high, we find the nest of a bird which is, I think, already known to the reader, the Yellow-throated Honey-eater. It is composed of bark, twigs, grass, etc., and is sown in three places to the branches by the rim. The clutch of eggs is three, slightly oval in shape and pink in colour, with blotches at the larger end, forming a zone of brownish red.

Leaving this nest we walk or rather scramble on. We soon hear loud chirping notes, and, looking up, see a White-bearded Honeyeater fly viciously at a Whistling Dick shrike-thrush, which it knows to be an egg-stealing bird. Plucking a feather from the shrike-thrush, the honeyeater flies triumphantly away. We soon find its nest in a prickly ti-tree. It is cup-shaped, constructed of fine rootlets, and lined with the flowers of native flax or thistle down. The full clutch is three. There are only two, however, in this nest; and they are covered with feathers to hide them from egg-eating foes.

Leaving the gully, we walk over to the flat scrub-land. In the stump of a dead tree we find the nest of the Flame-breast Robin. It is deeply cup-shaped, and made of soft bark, grasses, etc., covered on the outside with lichens and lined with rabbits' fur. It contains a full clutch of three eggs, of a well-shaped oval, pale greenish white, spotted with dark red and grey.

In the fork of a ti-tree we soon find the nest of the dusky Robin. It is cup-shaped, constructed of bark, straw, etc., and lined with grasses. The three eggs are olive green in colour. As we pass through the garden, in a drooping, over-hanging branch of the Tree Lucerne shrubbery, we find the nest of the Yellow-rumped Tit. It is dome-shaped, made of grasses with a side entrance and thickly lined with feathers. In the roof is

a shallow nest lined with fur; this is known as the cock's nest and is used by the male bird while the hen sits on her eggs. Cuckoos' eggs have been found in this nest.

Taking a Bushranger.

I lived in the country, exactly eight miles from that picturesque inland city, Noplace, on the main road. At that time what were called probation-stations were sprinkled along the northern route. In these were housed some hundreds of convicts, to whose honest industry we owed the splendid coach drive from Hobart to Launceston. These toilers on the road were the more quiet and harmless representatives of the race, which might be arranged, like a Cambridge degree list, in four sections, the order of merit being reversed. Thus the citizens of Macquarie Harbour, Norfolk Island, and Port Arthur were respectively the wranglers, senior *pessimis* and junior *pessimis*; in their higher branches of science, while the "road parties" indicated the poll—the *Hoi Polloi*—or less distinguished disciples of sin.

The station buildings were triumphs of architectural and mechanical art, and specially adapted for providing "ruins" for a young country. The ground plan consisted of a hollow square or compound, enclosed by walls of Pisa material. The ingredients were small stones, sand, a little lime, any earth that lay handy, and water. This conglomerate was poured into parallelogram frames about 8ft. by 1½ft. In a few weeks the compounds dried sufficiently to stand alone as an outer wall. The most marked convenience of it was that it cracked in settling, so that an industrious man with a strong knife could pick a hole through it in a few hours, if not irritated by interference. Thus it came to pass from time to time that the neighbours would receive notice that some "bolters" had taken to the bush, and that trouble might be expected. Whenever the dogs barked at night all hands were prepared to make ready, present, and even to fire, if the old flint gun was in that humour. All the above is necessary to enable the new generation to appreciate my story, which is as follows:—

I was at home for the holidays, and my chief duties were to gallop horses, catch rabbits and opossums, eat fruit, and hunt for eggs. My mother, being a widow, let her properties to tenants, one of whom was Tomkins, who had been a district constable and a terror to bushrangers. We had a large stable, intersected by a weatherboard partition. Our horses occupied one portion, those of Tomkins the other. Above the stable was a hay-loft, similarly divided, with an outside step-ladder at each end. One of Tomkins' horses had kicked a board loose in the partition for my convenience, as by wriggling through the orifice I could get the eggs laid by our hens in the tenant's loft before Tomkins' sons came from the farm and sucked them.

The first time I used this adit I had a little adventure.

I must ask you very particularly to note what I had to go through to achieve my quest. I lay great stress upon this, because I hold the *world's record for an obstacle race!* I had to squeeze through a slit six inches wide, the dividing range; to

mount a high manger, thence to struggle through a hay-rack, and finally to pull myself through a trap-hole, when there I was safe in Tomkins' loft. Safe! I was in a tiger's den. When it became educated to the dim light my practised eye detected a small hole in the hay. "A nest of eggs," was my rapturous thought, "saved from the Tomkins oophagi!" I plunged my hand into the hole. Mehercle! what's this? Something rough and warm: the stable dog or cat out of its place! I drew the hay apart and I saw—a section of grey serge and, in clear relief, a number and a broad arrow. I knew the uniform well. I always make a point of not interfering with other people's business, and I remembered the proverb—"Let a sleeping dog lie." Besides, courtesy required that I should not disturb a weary fellow-creature. As there seemed no further occasion to stay, I returned by the way I came, but in inverted order; that is, I went through the trap-hole and hay-rack as though I were *diving for eggs*, and, mercifully, grounding on the bedding straw alive, I was up again, through the six-inch slit, out in the open, and had the stable door locked and bolted within ten seconds from the start. As I was a lusty lad, and on that point subject to kindly comment from my schoolmates, such a record for such an obstacle race needs no further remark. Everything being secure, I devoted a few moments to breath and reflection. It struck me, on second thoughts, that courtesy might be overstretched, and although I had shown great presence of mind by such rapid absence of body from the couch of a sleeping bushranger, there was my public duty to think of. There were my mother and sisters to be saved; I must apprehend that dangerous bandit. Here again my kind disposition interfered; no, I could not break the law of hospitality. Besides, I had no real right to find him. I was myself trespassing in that loft; I had no business there, and should have been thrashed by Tomkins' three sons had they caught me. We were deadly enemies, as it was, because I was the landlord's son and hadn't to work, and because I had become "A Townie," and therefore offensive to rural minds. I had to fight any one of them that turned up every time I was out of bounds, sometimes all of them together, which was a heavy contract. No, I wouldn't take the man myself, it would make those fellows jealous. Fortunately, at that very moment there was Tomkins himself going to the stable to feed his horses. "Oh! Mr. Tomkins," I said, "there's a bushranger in your loft!" Now Tomkins generally was a jolly, sleepy, happy-go-lucky bucolic, who rode a plough horse—and needed one—and whose wife unscrupulously bossed him. Have you ever noticed an old Tom-cat lying on a hearth rug, with his eyes half shut, and no iris to speak of? Have you seen a rat pass pussy's line of vision, and observed the iris then? Such were Tomkins' eyes. I had seen them once before when I was sampling his cherries; I saw them again when I told him of the bushranger. We ran up the outside ladder of the loft; I let him go first, because he had the key. His old thief-taking instincts made him positively quiver. I felt glad I was able to give him such pleasure. He burst into the loft, and I showed him the place. What place? The hay was undisturbed; even the hole was gone! I think he kicked every square foot of four tons of hay before he turned to me—I was close behind him—and said, partly in gentle censure, partly in sorrow, "Fatty" (a pet diminutive for Charles),

"Fatty, you must have been dreaming." I whispered, for fear of disturbing anyone, "Try the stable below." We went down and went in, at least he did; I stayed at the door to cut off escape, or to get a fair start in case it was required. There were ten stalls, dotted here and there with huge cart horses. Tomkins began with the far stall to the right, and as he worked to leeward, alternating with such commands as "Woa, then, Vi'let!" "Stand over, Blossom!" I heard a soft refrain like a music-hall chorus, "Fatty, you must have been dreaming;" when—the last stall to the left was reached, and old Tom had viewed the rat! Never can I forget those eyes, those bigareaux eyes, as Tomkins said, "Come out of that, you villain!" I never saw such joy as Tomkins showed. I was more glad than ever that I had let him come with me; I never was selfish. By that time my brother, who was my senior by four years, and who had a gun and a private tutor, came on the scene. My brother got his gun, and he and I marched that dangerous man to and fro for an hour and grew quite intimate and friendly with him. At first I proposed to shoot him, but gentler counsels prevailed. He told us he had bolted from "The Settlement" (Port Arthur); that he had swum Shark's Bay, and lain down in the loft to dry. He was a junior *pessime* therefore. As the distance by bee-line was over 80 miles through trackless bush, I was sorry he had walked so far in wet clothes. I gave him a generous lunch and one shilling. I could well afford it, as I made a modest income by selling opossum skins. When he was thoroughly refreshed, I told the gardener to take the gun and march him to the gaol at Noplace, eight miles away. I hadn't time to go with him myself, as I had some rabbit-snares to attend to.

When the gardener returned and became sober, he said my poor friend suffered from tight boots. This was explained when the groom, who slept in our loft, brought in a very worn pair which had been left under his bed in pledge for his own. I thought that a shabby act, but still shabbier, and verging indeed on ingratitude, was what my bushranger said of me who had given him food and money. While he was relieving his poor feet by carrying his boots and walking without them, he said to his escort the gardener, *à propos* of nothing, "If that young varmint hadn't been so smart jumpin' out of that there loft I'd have screwed his bloomin' neck." This proves that I was wise not to intrude my company on such slight acquaintance.

I heard no more of my captive. Whether he was really a junior *pessime* from Port Arthur, or a mere pollman from some road party, I never knew. I am afraid he did not speak the truth. This, however, I know. A week or two later I received a large envelope, on which was stamped in red sealing wax the royal coat of arms. Inside was a letter signed "J. Bicheno, C.S.," which told me that the Queen was so pleased with my gallantry that she felt it an honour to present me with two crisp one-pound notes. This undreamt-of wealth I disbursed prudently, indeed generously. The gardener said he ought to go halves for labour and expenses, so I gave him that. The groom said that I should give him a pair of new boots, which I also thought just. These two items (£1 11s.) left me with sufficient means to purchase a wombat, a stockwhip, and a knife furnished with a dozen different implements, including

such necessaries as a corkscrew and a salmon-gaff, or something like it; enough articles, in fact, to supply any ordinary establishment.

If my bushranger is still alive, he must be very advanced in years, and I have no doubt he sometimes thinks with regret of his ingratitude to me, tinged with the sad remembrance that the groom's boots were too tight.

That is my story, and I need have said no more but for your unkind remarks. You say, "Anybody could do what I did." Could he? Well, Mr. Champion-runner, try it. Just you start at scratch from your hay-loft, take a ten-foot header through two small apertures on to a cobble flooring, pick yourself up without a broken neck, and squirm through a six-inch chink, get outside the stable and lock and bolt the door, and all in ten seconds. I say, do it, and you may share the record; but you must first find your bushranger. "Where was the heroism?" you ask. True heroism consists in denying yourself a pleasure in order to give pleasure to others. "But I didn't take the bushranger, after all." Didn't I? Then, why did the Queen give me two pounds? You know less law than Latin. When you are old enough and wise enough to take a third-class B.C.L. you will have mastered the axiom—*qui facit per alium facit per se. Verb. sat sap.*

VERY OLD BOY.

Twentieth Century Latin.

We have to thank a correspondent for the following verses taken from an English Review. We wonder how many of our readers will be able to translate them.

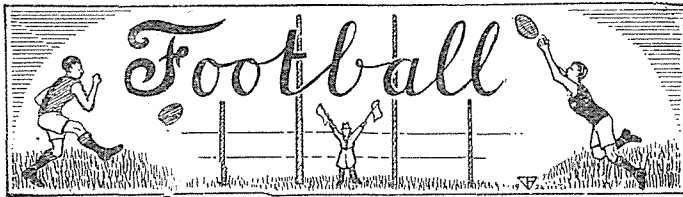
Hei didulum atque iterum felisque fidesque,
Vacca super lunae cornua prosiluit.
Nescioqua catulus risit dulcedine ludi,
Abstulit et turpi lanx cocleare fuga.

Hem! didelumst, iterum didelumst, felisque fidesque!
Ecce super lunam vacca vaciva salit.
In ludis hilarantibus ipsa canicula ridet,
Et Rapuit cochlear ignipedem pateram.

Gaudet, en! feles pepulisse chordas,
Vacca saltando superasse lunam;
Dat puer plausus ligulae fugaci,
Fit comes olia.

Mira loquor; date nunc aures! fit psalteria felis,
Seque super lunam vacca jocosa dedit.
Dentibus haec albis catulus ludibria ridet;
Interea furtim lanx cocleare rapit.

(Dentibus albis=so as to show the teeth=heartily.)



The Roster was one that will be long remembered, because of the several close finishes. We became Southern Premiers, for the fifth time in succession, which we believe is a record, and defeated the Launceston Grammar School by 30 points, thus becoming State Premiers for 1927, and incidentally Premiers of the State for the third time since 1923.

At the beginning of the season, J. A. Cooke was re-elected Captain, and D. Arnold Vice-Captain, while Mr. Norman Wade again consented to coach the School Team.

We started the season with nine of our last year's players back. The remaining places and reserves were ably filled by the best of last year's juniors, who had displayed such good form throughout the season. We had twenty players who were worth a place in the team. This allowed the team to be changed a great deal without reducing its strength much.

We had runaway victories in the first round, when playing with our full team, but the second round saw more even contests, as in every game except the Grammar match, we were without the Captain, and at least two others. It was only through our more accurate forward work that we were able to go through the season undefeated.

The Training regulations were strictly adhered to. The average attendance at practice was 78 per cent., and a keen desire for improvement was shown by all.

The House Matches provided some splendid games, and were more interesting to watch than some of the early games of the schools' roster.

In the A Competition, each House won a match, and the round ended in a draw. The three Houses therefore divided the points evenly.

In the B Competition, Stephens won after a close game with Buckland, who were second, and School third.

Form matches were played all through the season.

Mr. Norman Wade, our coach, is to be congratulated on the manner he coached the team. The keenness he showed was taken up by the team, and it was mainly due to him that we produced such a high standard of football, and ended up State Champions. Mr. Wade also umpired the House matches, and some of the practice matches.

Mr. Wade has now coached our team for three years, during which time we have been State Premiers twice, in 1925 and 1927. Last year we were Southern Premiers.

The Junior Team also had a very successful season, going through the season without losing a match to teams of the corresponding grade from other schools. They wound up the

season by defeating the Launceston Grammar School Junior Team by 25 points, after a very fine game,

The Thirds and Fourths also had a very successful run.

The season opened with two practice matches against Friends' High School and St. Virgil's College. Both matches were won with ease, showing our team to be the strongest for some years.

The Roster began on 25th June. The two rounds were played off without a break, and the Premiership match on 20th August.

The first match was against Clemes College, on the North Hobart Ground, the School running out easy winners by 71 points. Scores:

The School, 17 goals 14 behinds (116 points).

Clemes College, 6 goals 9 behinds (45 points).

The next match against Friends' High School showed even higher scoring, the School winning by 74 points. The match was played on the Top Cricket Ground. Scores:

The School, 20 goals 20 behinds (140 points).

Friends' High School, 10 goals 6 behinds (66 points).

The last match of the round was against St. Virgil's College, on the Top Cricket Ground, and saw the highest score of the season amassed, the School winning by 139 points. Scores:

The School, 24 goals 18 behinds (162 points).

St. Virgil's College, 3 goals 5 behinds (23 points).

The positions of the teams at the end of the first round were:

The School, 6 points.

Friends' High School, 4 points.

St. Virgil's College, 2 points.

Clemes College, 0 points.

Through the team being weakened by the absence of Cooke, Jackson, and Travers, and Henry, Warner, and Downie taking their places, our second encounter against the much-improved Clemes College Team, on the Top Cricket Ground, was a more even contest, Clemes being only 8 points behind at the beginning of the last quarter, but a very fine finish on the part of our team gave us victory by 55 points. Scores:

The School, 16 goals 17 behinds (113 points).

Clemes College, 9 goals 4 behinds (58 points).

The match against Friends' High School decided the Premiership. The match was played on the New Town Ground, under adverse conditions. Our team was the weakest fielded during the whole season, Cooke, Tibballs, and Travers being absent, but superior kicking for goal gave us the match by 34 points. Scores:

The School, 12 goals 13 behinds (85 points).

Friends' High School, 6 goals 15 behinds (51 points).

The best match of the season was the last one against St. Virgil's College on the New Town Ground. The match was played in inclement weather, which made the ball hard to control. During the last quarter St. Virgil's got in front, but a

fine rally gave us the match by five points. Cooke, McDougall, and Travers, did not play in this match. Scores:

The School, 6 goals 9 behinds (45 points).

St. Virgil's College, 5 goals 10 behinds (40 points).

The State Premiership was played on the Top Cricket Ground in the morning of Saturday, 20th August. The following is the report of the "Examiner":—

The weather conditions were perfect, except for a northerly breeze, which throughout the game favoured the southern goal.

Hutchins made a determined rush at the outset, and Lewis registered the first goal of the day for the home side. Grammar then forwarded down the centre, and quickly registered three points. Grammar were having the better of the deal by their more open play. Hutchins, with long drives, went forward, and Cooke assisted his side in securing a couple of points. Grammar attacked, and Pilbeam goaled. A point from the scrimmage placed Grammar in the lead by four points, the scores at the first change being as follows:—

Grammar, 1—6; Hutchins, 1—2.

With the wind in their favour, Hutchins attacked, when Cooke and Tuttle fed the forwards with precision, and Bowden snapped a major. Soon after Henry added another, Arnold following up with another. Grammar goaled once. The scores at the interval being:—

Hutchins, 4—4; Grammar, 2—6.

Seven minutes of very even play elapsed before any scoring was done. Hutchins broke away, and Bowden goaled, soon after coming into prominence with another major, this time from a long shot. For the first time in the term Grammar crossed over the centre, and Best delighted the crowd with a great goal from the wing. On Grammar's back-line, Marriott was brilliant, and his play was the means of saving many an attack. Against the wind Hutchins played their best football, and at the last change held a comfortable lead. Scores:

Hutchins, 6—7; Grammar, 3—8.

Hutchins were the first to get going. Attacking from the bounce, Jarvis sent the ball well down, and Tuttle goaled. In the air Grammar were brilliant, but the finer points belonged to Hutchins. Grammar's position was hopeless, but their finishing effort was none the less valiant. The final scores were:—

Hutchins School, 11 goals 9 behinds (75 points).

Grammar School, 6 goals 9 behinds (45 points).

Goal-kickers—Hutchins: Arnold, 4; Bowden, 3; Tuttle, 3; Lewis and Henry. Grammar: Pilbeam, 3; Pedder, 2; Best, 1.

The Past and Present Scholars' match was played on the Top Cricket Ground on 8th August, and after a good game, the Present Scholars won by 37 points. Scores:

Present Scholars, 14 goals 7 behinds (91 points).

Old Scholars, 8 goals 8 behinds (54 points).

On 13th August, a curtain-raiser to the League-Richmond match was played against the Combined Banks. After a very interesting game, the School won by 15 points. Scores:

The School, 8 goals 9 behinds (57 points).

Combined Banks, 5 goals 12 behinds (42 points).

Several matches were played against the State High School during the season, but the honours were about even, as the School only played a first-class team against them once, on which occasion the School won easily.

As centre half-forward, D. Arnold put up a very fine performance in kicking 38 goals in 7 roster matches. He also captained the team during Cooke's absence in the second round.

We are again indebted to our official scorer and goal umpire, R. W. Vincent, who has not missed a match for three years.



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FOOTBALL TEAM.

- J. Jackson (ruck and back).**—A good mark and moderate kick, a great worker, and plays the game hard. One of the most consistent men in the team.
- M. Tibballs (centre half-back).**—A nice high mark and long kick, very fast, and the best half-back this season.
- S. Jarvis (ruck and back).**—A beautiful high mark, but erratic kick, and uses his pace to advantage.
- M. Tuttle (rover and forward).**—Small, but very tricky; has great control over the ball, and is a very accurate kick with both feet.
- H. Walch (half-back).**—A good high mark, but only a fair kick, rather slow, but plays a very solid game.
- E. Hale (full-back).**—One of the best full-backs we have had for a long time, a good kick and mark, and uses his judgment well.

- F. Warner (wing).—A greatly improved player, very fast, and plays the game hard.
- F. Henry (rover and forward).—One of the small men of the team, played consistently all the season, a great worker.
- R. Bowden (full-forward).—A very accurate kick and fair mark, works his position well.
- A. Travers (rover and forward).—Only played a few games owing to injuries, is very fast and tricky, a fair kick, but poor mark.
- J. Lewis (half-forward).—A good mark and long kick, but rather inconsistent.
- C. McDougall (ruck and back).—A fair mark, but poor kick, a very hard worker, and comes through hard.
- J. Shoebidge (ruck and back).—A fair mark and kick, played some very good games, always works hard.
- L. Murdoch (half-back).—A greatly improved player, a fair mark and kick, and played some very useful games.
- R. Preuss (ruck and back).—A sure mark and fair kick, rather slow, but works hard.
- T. Heathorn (wing).—The smallest man in the team, a sure mark and very accurate kick, but inconsistent.
- J. Cooke (captain, centre).—The ideal football captain. Through six years of senior football he has gained an almost complete knowledge of all the departments of the game. A sterling leader on the field.
- D. Arnold (vice-captain).—Easily topped the goal average list. A hard worker, and during the absence of the captain ably filled his place. The surest kick in the School.

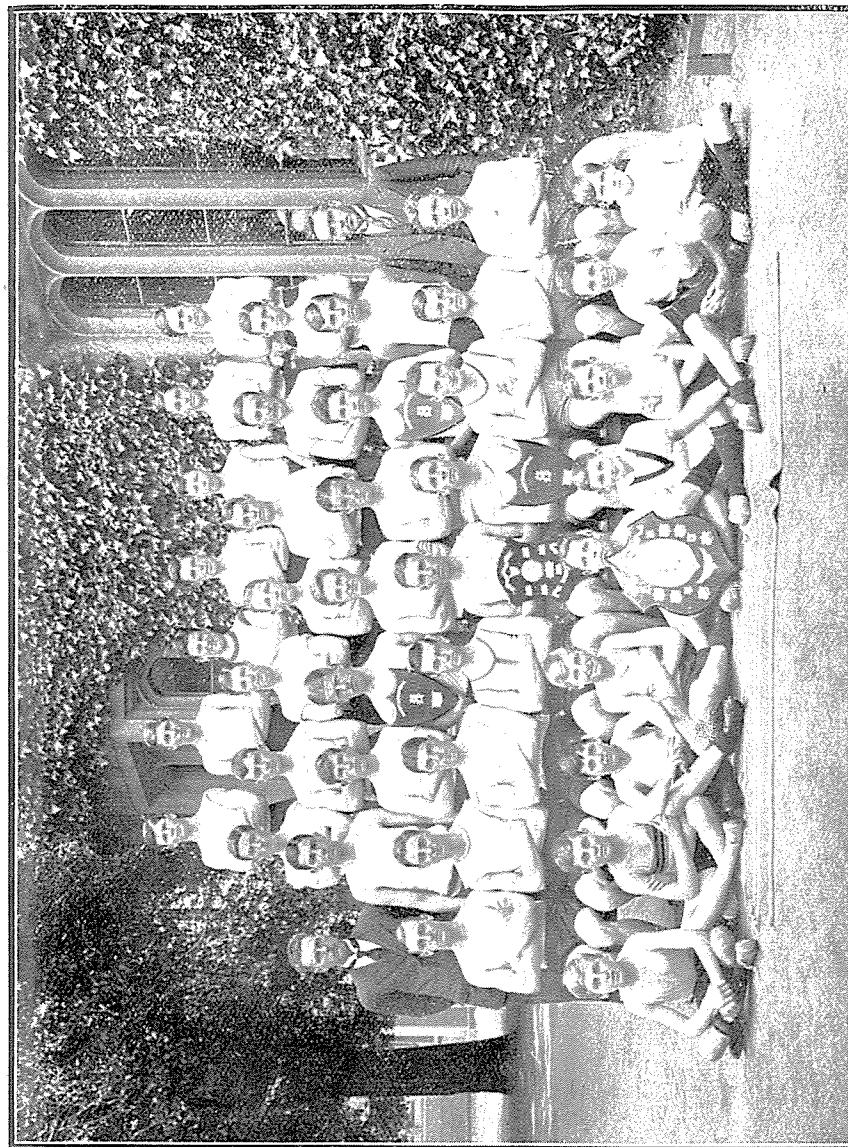
Athletics.

In reviewing the results of our Athletic Meetings, both Inter-House and Inter-School, we found the standard was lower than that of the previous three years. To a certain extent this was to be expected. The change of season at the end of the year made some of our, otherwise, under 15 boys over age. The interruptions in training and the slow recovery from the usual minor injuries on the football field all tended to shorten the "stride" of the team.

We confess to have been somewhat pessimistic regarding our chances with the combined schools, especially in view of the startling times put up by some other schools in their own sports. The fault is on the right side, though we would never express these views to the team.

In our own Sports we had splendid entries, which helped considerably to make the postponed meeting a success.

In the Combined Sports the results speak for themselves. The team did their job remarkably well. We were particularly struck with the cheerful manner the boys came up to the line to be entered or struck out according to what was considered best.



THE ATHLETIC AND SWIMMING TEAMS—CHAMPIONS OF SOUTHERN SCHOOLS.
 Back row:—Hood, A. Waich, C. Morgan, Le Breton, E. Gibling, Hodgson, Hudson.
 Second row:—H. Whelan, F. Warner, A. Richardson, Ruddle, Hale, Dixon, Travers.
 Third Row:—Mr. Rycroft, J. Kennedy, J. Nicholas, D. Gibling, Anderson, D. Robertson, Facy, Bousfield, Mr. Genach.
 Fourth row:—Huxley, Drury, Arnold, Tibbells, Cooke, H. Walch, Jarvis, L. Morgan, Henry, Brammall, T. Preuss, Jones, Bowtell, T. Pridmore, McGowan, Parsons, Simmons, Robertson.

No less than twenty-one boys gained points for their school, and, except for the two under 11 events and the Open 440yds., we gained places in every event, winning eight, and gaining eight second and five third places; also the 880yds. teams' race, the "crack" event of the day.

To J. A. Cooke, our champion athlete; to J. Nichols, the under 15 champion; and to R. Le Breton, the under 13 champion, we offer our sincere congratulations for their splendid performances, and to all the rest of the team for their splendid work. They nobly kept up the reputation of the School, and won for us, for the fourth time in succession, the proud title of champion athletes of the South.

We append "The Mercury" report for both meetings.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS.

The Hutchins School sports meeting was held on the Top Cricket Ground on Thursday, 27th October. The meeting was originally intended to be held on Wednesday afternoon, but the rain necessitated a postponement. Owing to the ground being required for cricket later in the afternoon, the first race started at 1 o'clock, and there were not many parents and friends there at that hour, but later in the afternoon a number of school supporters were present, and watched the events with great interest.

J. Cooke, the open champion, was not able to compete in all the events, owing to his having hurt his ankle at football. J. Nichols was successful in coming first in three of the under 15 championship events. He also secured third place in the 440 yds. under 15.

The following are the results:—

100yds. Open Championship.—Tibballs, 1; Jarvis, 2; Travers, 3. Time, 11 2-5sec.

120yds. Open Championship Hurdles.—Cooke, 1; Travers, 2; Walch, 3. Time, 17 4-5sec.

220yds. Open Championship.—Tibballs, 1; Huxley, 2; Jarvis, 3. Time, 25sec.

High Jump.—Drury, 1; Walch, 2; Hale, 3. Height, 5ft. 1in.

440yds. Championship.—Morgan, 1; Jarvis, 2; Tibballs and Shooobridge, dead heat. Time, 59sec.

880yds. Championship.—Cooke, 1; Facy, 2; Anderson, 3. Time, 2min. 23sec.

One Mile Championship.—Cooke, 1; Facy, 2; Henry, 3.

Flag Race, under 15.—Stephens House, 1; Buckland House, 2; School, 3. Time, 1min.

Flag Race, Open.—Buckland House, 1; Stephens House, 2; School, 3. Time, 53 3-5sec.

100yds. Under 13 Championship.—Le Breton, 1; Brammall, 2; Simmons, 3. Time, 13 4-5sec.

220yds. Under 13 Championship.—Le Breton, 1; Bowtell, 2; May, 3. Time, 31 1-5sec.

High Jump, under 13.—Le Breton, 1; Simmons, 2; Jones and Robertson, dead heat. Time, 4min. 1sec.

Slow Bicycle Race.—Westbrook, 1; J. White, 2; McKay, 3.

120yds. Old Boys' Race.—Dennis Butler, 1; Walch, 2; Watchorn, 3.

80yds. Championship, under 11.—Parsons, 1; T. Pridmore, 2; Robertson, 3. Time, 12sec.

120yds. Championship, under 11.—Parsons, 1; T. Pridmore, 2; Macgowan, 3. Time, 14 2-5sec.

100yds. Championship, under 15.—Nichols, 1; Tuttle, 2; Whelan, 3. Time, 12 1-5sec.

220yds. Championship, under 15.—Nichols, 1; Dixon, 2; Tuttle, 3. Time, 26 1-5sec.

440yds. Championship, under 15.—Dixon, 1; Morgan, 2; Nichols, 3. Time, 63 2-5sec.

High Jump, under 15.—Nichols, 1; A. Walch, 2; Le Breton, 3. Height, 4ft. 7½in.

100yds. Open Handicap.—C. Butler, 1; J. Shoobridge, 2; Langham, 3. Time, 11 2-5sec.

100yds. Handicap, under 13.—Bennison, 1; Bowtell, 2; Brammall, 3. Time, 13 2-5sec.

440yds. Handicap, open.—Stops, 1; Tonks, 2; Langham, 3. Time, 62 2-5sec.

100yds. Handicap, under 15.—Caink, 1; Paul Stops, 2; Tonks, 3. Time, 13 2-5sec.

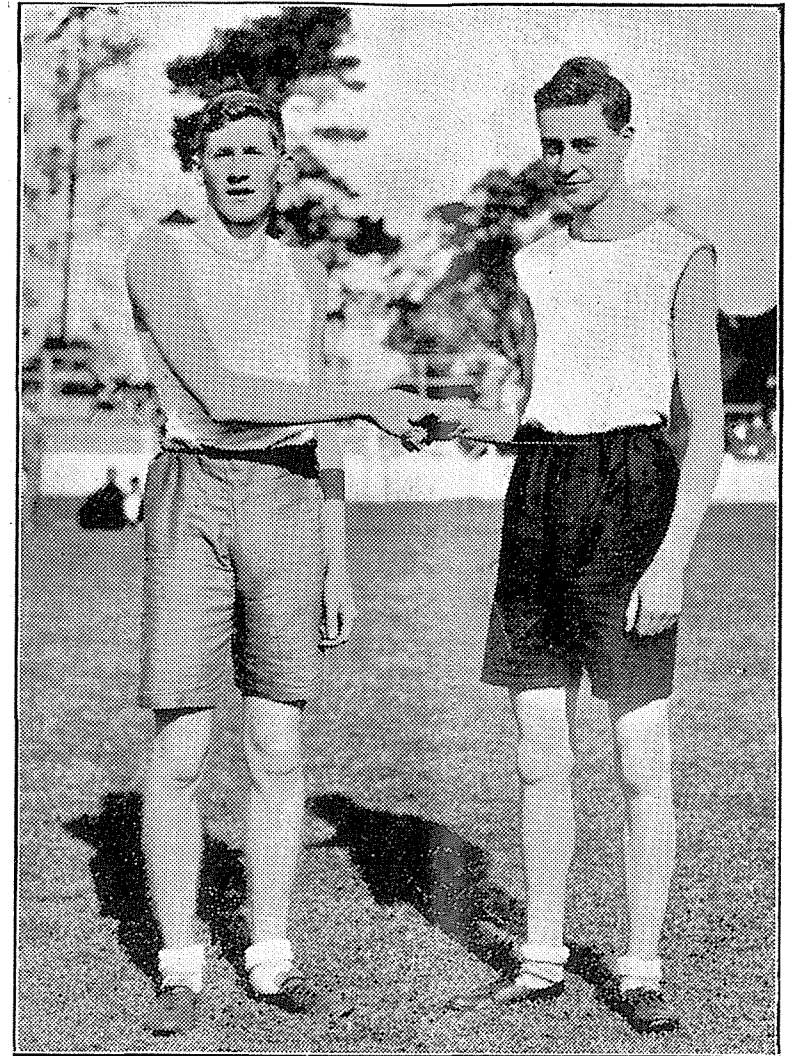
Open champion, J. A. Cooke; under age champion, J. Nichols.

House Points.—Buckland: A, 42; B, 24—66. Stephens: A, 20; B, 30½—50½. School: A, 24; B, 3½—27½.

ASSOCIATED PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SOUTHERN BRANCH SPORTS.

Gloriously fine weather favoured the annual sports meeting of the associated public schools of Hobart, which was held on the T.C.A. ground on 9th November. There was a large crowd present, and, needless to say, the enthusiasm was intense. Each school had its strong-post with many fair barrackers to assist it, and "war cries" and bursts of cheering succeeded each other with scarcely a break throughout the whole afternoon. With hardly a single exception the events were hotly contested, and the struggle for the premiership was a most exciting one. It was apparent very early in the afternoon that the premiership would rest between St. Virgil's College and Hutchins, and never at any stage was the difference in points between these two schools that large that it could not be made up in a single race. Hutchins, however, always held a slight lead, and ultimately won by six points. St. Virgil's, who did especially well in the junior events, were six points within Hutchins before the running of the mile, the last event of the day, and had their representatives filled first and second places and Hutchins failed to have got a place St. Virgil's would have won. M. Foster, of St. Virgil's, won the mile, but Hutchins secured second and third places, and they were thus able to retain their lead. Clemes, who were weakened by the absence of one of their best boys, M. Upchurch, were "in the running" the greater part of the afternoon, and finished in third place, not so very far behind Hutchins and St. Virgil's. Clemes owed



A RECORD HIGH JUMP.

Freeman (St. Virgil's) and Drury (The School), who tied in the Open High Jump, clearing 5ft. 3½ins.

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their position in a large measure to the splendid performances put up by D. Varley. With the exception of the mile and high jump, he won all the championship events, although he had some very hard tussles with A. Cherry, of St. Virgil's. Friends' High were unable to make a very formidable showing on account of three of their best boys, in G. Gibson, J. Smith, and T. Roberts, being unable to take part on account of indisposition, and several last-minute changes had to be made in their team.

The points gained by each school were as follows:—

Hutchins	60½
St. Virgil's	54½
Clemes	38
Friends' High	3

Two records were broken, and, strangely enough, both were jumping records. In the open high jump H. Drury (Hutchins) and L. Freeman (St. Virgil's) tied for first place at 5ft. 3½in., which is 1in. better than the record established by J. Burbury (Hutchins) in 1921. In the under 15 event T. Arthur (St. Virgil's) and J. Nichols (Hutchins) both cleared 4ft. 11in., again breaking J. Burbury's record of 4ft. 10in., which has stood since 1918.

The meeting was controlled very efficiently by the following officials:—Judges, Messrs. W. Leitch and M. Leonard; starter, Mr. J. A. Edwards; timekeeper, Messrs. J. Sharp and R. Darcey; stewards, Bro. P. L. McCarthy, and Messrs. G. A. Purcell, J. L. Rycroft, and E. K. Morris; secretary, Mr. K. McGann.

100 YARDS.—OPEN.

Heat 1.—K. Nicholson (C.), 1; T. Tibballs (H.), 2. Time, 11 1-5sec.

Heat 2.—D. Varley (C.), 1; A. Jarvis (H.), 2. Time, 11 2-5 sec.

Heat 3.—A. Cherry (S.V.), 1; J. Travers (H.), 2.

FINAL.

D. Varley	1
A. Cherry	2
M. Tibballs	3

Won by inches. Time, 11sec.

100 YARDS.—UNDER 15 YEARS.

Heat 1.—J. Nichols (H.), 1; H. Berkshire (S.V.), 2. Time, 12 1-5sec.

Heat 2.—M. McCarthy (S.V.), 1; B. Wilkinson (C.), 2. Time, 12 4-5sec.

Heat 3.—M. Tuttle (H.), 1; T. Arthur (S.V.), 2. Time, 12 2-5sec.

FINAL.

J. Nichols	1
M. Tuttle	2
H. Berkshire	3

Time, 11 4-5sec.

100 YARDS.—UNDER 13 YEARS.

Heat 1.—R. Le Breton (H.), 1; M. Headlam (S.V.), 2. Time, 13sec.

Heat 2.—L. Moore (S.V.), 1; B. Allanby (F.H.), 2. Time, 13 4-5sec.

Heat 3.—P. Martin (S.V.), 1; Simmons (H.), 2. Time, 13 2-5sec.

FINAL.

R. Le Breton	1
P. Martin	2
L. Moore	3

Time, 13 1-5sec.

80 YARDS.—UNDER 11 YEARS.

Heat 1.—J. Stott (S.V.), 1; C. Parsons (H.), 2. Time, 11 3-5sec.

Heat 2.—Quinn (S.V.), 1; R. Checcucci (C.), 2. Time, 12 1-5sec.

Heat 3.—R. Fitzpatrick (S.V.), 1; Pridmore (H.), 2. Time, 11 4-5sec.

FINAL.

R. Fitzpatrick	1
J. Stott	2
D. Quinn	3

Time, 11 4-5sec.

120 YARDS HURDLE.—OPEN.

Heat 1.—J. Cooke (H.), 1; D. Jones (F.H.), 2. Time, 19sec.

Heat 2.—J. Travers (H.), 1; H. Long (C.), 2. Time, 19 2-5sec.

FINAL.

J. Cooke	1
J. Travers	2
D. Jones	3

Time, 18sec.

FLAG RACE.—UNDER 15 YEARS.

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

440 YARDS.—OPEN.

D. Varley (C.)	1
A. Cherry (S.V.)	2
K. Nicholson (C.)	3

In an exciting finish Varley won by less than a foot. Time, 55 1-5sec.

HIGH JUMP.—UNDER 15 YEARS.

T. Arthur (S.V.)	x
J. Nichols (H.)	x
A. Walch (H.)	3

Both Arthur and Nichols knocked 5ft., and it was decided to leave the result a tie. Height, 4ft. 11in. (1in. over record).

220 YARDS.—UNDER 13 YEARS.

Heat 1.—R. Le Breton (H.), 1; M. Headlam (S.V.), 2. Time, 29 2-5sec.

Heat 2.—P. Martin (S.V.), 1; D. Marshall (C.), 2. Time, 30 2-5sec.

FINAL.

R. Le Breton	1
P. Martin	2
M. Headlam	3

Time, 30sec.

220 YARDS.—UNDER 15 YEARS.

Heat 1.—H. Berkshire (S.V.), 1; J. Nichols (H.), 2. Time, 27sec.

Heat 2.—M. Tuttle (H.), 1; T. Arthur (S.V.), 2. Time, 26 3-5sec.

FINAL.

J. Nichols	1
M. Tuttle	2
T. Arthur	3

Time, 26 3-5sec.

220 YARDS.—OPEN.

Heat 1.—A. Cherry (S.V.), 1; M. Tibballs (H.), 2. Time, 25sec.

Heat 2.—D. Varley (C.), 1; L. Freeman (S.V.), 2. Time, 24 4-5sec.

FINAL.

D. Varley	1
A. Cherry	2
M. Tibballs	3

Time, 24 1-5sec.

OPEN HIGH JUMP.

L. Freeman (S.V.)	x
H. Drury (H.)	x
H. Long (C.)	3

Height, 5ft. 3½in. (1in. over record).

880 YARDS.—OPEN.

D. Varley (C.)	1
J. Cooke (H.)	2
M. Foster (S.V.)	3

Time, 2min. 16sec.

880 YARDS TEAMS' RACE.

(Run in conjunction with the above.)

Hutchins	1
St. Virgil's	2
Clemes	3

120 YARDS.—UNDER 11 YEARS.

Heat 1.—J. Stott (S.V.), 1; R. Checcucci (C.), 2. Time, 17 3-5sec.

Heat 2.—D. Quinn (S.V.), 1; A. Lynch (C.), 2. Time, 18sec.

Heat 3.—P. Fitzpatrick (S.V.), 1; I. McGowan (H.), 2. Time, 17 1-5sec.

FINAL.

P. Fitzpatrick	1
J. Stott	2
D. Quinn	3

Time, 17 2-5sec.

440 YARDS.—UNDER 15 YEARS.

T. Arthur (S.V.C.)	1
J. Dixon (H.)	2
D. Morgan (H.)	3

Time, 61 3-5sec.

FLAG RACE.—OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

Clemes	1
Hutchins	2
St. Virgil's	3

HIGH JUMP.—UNDER 13 YEARS.

R. Le Breton (H.) 1
 A. Martin (F.H.), J. Ruddock (C.), and M. Headlam (S.V.C.) tied for second place. Height, 4ft. 2in.

ONE MILE.—OPEN.

M. Foster (S.V.)	1
G. Facy (H.)	2
J. Cooke (H.)	3

Time, 5min. 15sec.



President: The Headmaster.
 Manager: The Sports Master.
 Captain: C. McDougall.
 Secretary: R. H. Radcliff.

The Rowing Club has had a very successful year, terminating with the House Races on Saturday, 1st October. The water was not very good, as there was a southerly wind blowing. The results were as follow:—

- 1st Race.—Stephens B defeated School A by two lengths.
- 2nd Race.—Stephens A defeated School A by half a canvas.
- 3rd Race.—Buckland B defeated School B by two lengths.
- 4th Race.—Buckland A defeated School A by half a length.
- 5th Race.—Buckland B defeated Stephens B.
- 6th Race.—Buckland A defeated Stephens A by quarter of a canvas.

The 5th Race was utterly spoilt by the wind increasing to such an extent that the Stephens B crew swamped. The water became so rough that it was decided to postpone the 6th Race until the following Tuesday.

The water was perfect on Tuesday, 4th October, when Buckland A and Stephens B rowed off. The Stephens crew lead most of the way, but a fine finish enabled Buckland to defeat Stephens by the small margin of a quarter of a canvas.

Places.

A	B
1st, Buckland; 2nd, Stephens.	1st, Buckland; 2nd, Stephens.

The members of the different crews are as follows:—

Buckland A.—D. Robertson (stroke); C. McDougall (3); G. Facy (2); M. Tibballs (bow).

Buckland B.—W. Hodgman (stroke); J. Kennedy (3); E. Huxley (2); E. Gray (bow). J. Stops (cox. for both crews.)

Stephens A.—R. H. Radcliff (stroke); E. Warlow-Davies (3); H. Boss-Walker (2); F. Rodway (bow).

Stephens B.—J. Lewis (stroke); C. Butler (3); G. Goringe (2); D. Anderson (bow). (J. Pringle cox. for both crews.)

School A.—J. Warner (stroke); J. Jackson (3); F. Warren (2); D. Parsons (bow).

School B.—V. Hyatt (stroke); D. Burbury (3); R. Clive (2); B. Westbrook (bow). (G. E. Hodgson cox. for both crews.)

School House had bad luck in losing two members of its crew, and considering this great loss, both the School House crews did very well.

The three House Captains—C. McDougall, R. H. Radcliff, and J. Warner—are to be congratulated on turning out their crews so well.

The thanks of the Club are extended to Mr. W. Taylor for starting the races; and to Mr. Horlock for his kindness in judging them.

Junior School Notes.

Since the last issue of the Magazine we have had one or two very important matters to report. First and foremost was the Fair held in August, where, if we did not do much else, we spent money. III.a Museum attracted a certain amount of attention, and to augment our own collection Mr. Clive Lord very kindly lent us exhibits from the Hobart Museum. It was quite amusing to see a line of boys walking sedately up carrying young kangaroos, native bears, etc. It was such an important event that "The Mercury" even mentioned it the next day. We all enjoyed the Fair. The excitement and bustle and people being about everywhere made the school-rooms seem quite a different place. After the Fair followed the cleaning up; but that also was interesting, and something quite out of the ordinary, and then came the holidays, so work was again forgotten. In mentioning the "Museum"

we must not forget to mention the gift of an anonymous donor of many articles to swell our collection. The gift is very acceptable, as many of the articles are from the islands as well as from other parts of the world; so to this unknown donor we say thank you very much.

Football was continued during the second term, when we had some very exciting matches at Christ College ground. In the House matches School House proved themselves far too good and strong for the other houses, and Stephens managed to get a good win from Buckland. We played a couple of matches against Apsley House, and were very disappointed that we could not play a third match against them, because both Apsley and ourselves had won one match, and we wanted to play the final, but it was impossible.

At the beginning of the third term we had the Junior School Sports, and had a very successful meeting at Christ College ground on Friday, 14th October. Our thanks are due to the Senior School boys for all the trouble they took in getting the ground ready for us, and they certainly made it look very gay with flags.

The results were:—

100yds. Open Championship: 1, Hurburgh; 2, Parsons; 3, Macgowan.

220yds. Open Championship: 1, Parsons, 2, Cripps; 3, Macgowan.

120yds. Open Championship: 1, Hurburgh; 2, Parsons; 3, Scarr, Cripps.

Open Jump: 1, Parsons, 3ft. 9in.; 2, Macgowan, 3ft. 7in.; 3, Preuss and Leitch, 3ft. 6in.

Flag Race: 1, School House; 2, Stephens; 3, Buckland.

100yds. Under 10 Championship: 1, Shoobridge; 2, Robertson; 3, Bastick.

120yds. Under 10 Championship: 1, Robertson; 2, Shoobridge; 3, Harrison.

80yds. Under 10 Championship: 1, Robertson; 2, Shoobridge; 3, Harrison.

Under 10 Jump: 1, Shoobridge and Harrison, 3ft. 5in.; Fitzgerald, Little, Robertson, 3ft. 3in.

Kindergarten Championship: 1, Fay; 2, Boddam; 3, Pearson.

Kindergarten Handicap: 1, Irby, Boddam; Gibson.

Kindergarten Three-legged Race: 1, McKean and Gibson; 2, Cane and Elliott; 3, Irby and Macfarlane.

Sack Race: 1, Stevenson; 2, Cripps; 3, Batchelor.

50yds. Under 9 Handicap: 1, Bastick; 2, Batchelor; 3, Davies.

100yds. Under 11 Handicap: 1, Robertson; 2, McKean; 3, Harrison.

220yds. Old Boys' Race: 1, Bowtell; 2, Shoobridge; 3, Benison.

Junior School Champion: C. Parsons.

Under Age Champion: D. Robertson.

The final competition for the Wilkinson Shield was Drill, which was held early in November, and resulted in a win for Stephens, followed closely by School, with Buckland House only a few more points behind. The final points for the Wilkinson Shield for the year are: School House 32, Stephens 20, Buckland 8, School House thereby being the winners of the Shield for the year, and also being holders of it for the third year in succession.

3rd Hobart (Hutchins School) Scout Troop.

THIRD TERM'S ACTIVITIES.

Strength.—Twenty-three all ranks. Three Patrols.

Attendance.—The attendance of all ranks has been excellent, every absentee having presented a satisfactory reason to the Court of Honour.

Discipline.—Excellent. The boys themselves and the Court of Honour insist on a high standard being maintained.

Saturday Parades.—General scoutcraft is practised every Saturday afternoon, and good progress is being made in all branches. The Patrol System is now working most efficiently, and Patrols have learnt to knot, whip, scout's pace, light correct fires, cook, prepare camp incinerators, lash tables and seats for patrols, make grease pits, improvise stretchers, attend to minor wounds and simple first aid, signal in Morse, erect tripods, route march, conduct camp-fire concerts, box the compass, use axes, improvise camp gadgets, practise thrift, keep log books, turn out for fire alarm and man bucket-line, passing bucket a distance of 60 yards in 26 seconds from first alarm, and many other useful and interesting stunts.

School Fair.—The Scouts in the Troop felt greatly honoured when the Chief Scout for Tasmania, H.E. Sir James O'Grady, complimented them on the smartness of the Guard of Honour provided for him at the opening of the Fair. It was certainly a day to be remembered. First the long wait in position, and at last the playing of the Royal Salute, the dipping of the Standards, the motionless standing at the "Alert" during the official opening, and at last "Hats on Staves" and vociferous cheers for the "Chief Scout." But perhaps events in the gymnasium will be even longer remembered. From three o'clock till five-thirty every scout "Waitress," looking chic in fancy cap and serviette à la mode, was kept working at high speed to satisfy the incessant demands for refreshments made by customers at the afternoon tea tables. When at last the gymnasium was cleared and the scouts sallied forth to spend, nearly everything was sold and every side-show closed. However, "A Scout is Thrifty."

Radio Fair.—A Radio Fair was held in the Synod Hall on 8th October to raise funds for the District Scout Association. Our Troop contributed various songs and war-cries, and also

gave a display of staff drill and a demonstration of the uses of the scout staff in first-aid work, cooking, tent-pitching, and games. Mrs. Simmons kindly acted as accompanist.

Trips have been made to Lindisfarne, Bellerive, Ridgeway (inspection of dam), Cascades (huts), Waterworks, Middleton, Taroona, Brown's River, and Snug during the term.

Uniforms and Equipment.—Uniforms are now all regulation. All Tenderfoot badges, Patrol Leader's badges, certificates, log-books, staves, etc., required have been secured. Our Patrol Flags have just arrived from England, and even if the Bulldog does look sick, or the Owl like a bag of flour, or the Eagle like a tame sparrow, they have certainly accentuated the Patrol Spirit. Great applause greeted the announcement that the School Board of Management would equip us with tents as a contribution from the money raised at the Fair. Such a generous action was entirely unexpected, as the Scouts assisted at the Fair as a duty to their school. Seven "Queensland Hike" tents are now being made, and it will be a red-letter day when they are used for the first time. These tents are designed to hold three boys with equipment, are very light to carry, and completely waterproof.

Examinations.—All Members sitting for "Leaving Certificate," "Merit Certificate Examinations," etc., volunteered to forgo all night parades for the six weeks prior to such ordeals. It has been hard to sever the connection, but a Scout puts his duty first—and—but—we'll be glad when they're over.

Battalion Colours.—The Troop paraded and witnessed the solemn ceremony of consecration and presentation of the "Colours" to the Fortieth Battalion. An official salute was given by the Troop.

Investiture.—The following boys were duly initiated into the great Scout Brotherhood on 29th September, having completed their Tenderfoot Tests, and took upon themselves the solemn promise of the Scouts: Peter Stops, C. H. V. Ivey, C. S. Agnew, D. C. Lucock, A. Crawford, Paul Stops, R. Kennedy, E. M. Giblin, P. Whitehouse, and A. Norman.

Camps.—Perhaps the most important of our activities this term have been the three camps. Graded progress has been made. The first camp was held at Middleton, and was a Standing Camp. This was ideal for a new troop which knew neither how to ration, cook, trek, nor improvise. A great deal of most valuable experience was gained. Memorable events were a social evening at the Hall, private parties, football match in the mud with the local team, motor boat trip to Simpson's Bay and walk to Adventure Bay beach, tracking, night manœuvres, rain and MUD. The second camp was held at "Howrah," and owing to some "Fishers going Fishing," brought out the results of the Scout training, both in the fishers and non-fishers, with credit to all concerned. At this camp individual rationing was practised for the first time. The third camp was the most advanced, and also the most enjoyable. A party of twelve (each boy of which has attended every camp held to date) set out and trekked to Snug, via Dickson's Beach, Brown's River, and Margate, and individual rationing was again adopted. The party all climbed to the top of the Shot-Tower en route, and other events included

swimming at the three beaches passed, disassembling trek-cart and transporting all camp-gear and equipment across intervening creeks in competition time, visit to a modern poultry farm, dodging rain showers, cooking and eating weird dishes, and finally, two most instructive visits to the Electrona Carbide Works under the guidance of Mr. Graham. One visit was made at night, when the three new electric furnaces were seen at work for the first time, and the other in daylight, when the whole process was explained, and lumps of carbide as large as loaves of bread were presented. (Note.—Interesting experiments were conducted in neighbouring frog-ponds, and we felt sorry for the tadpoles.) A very interesting time was also spent in the chemical laboratory attached to the works. The troop captured its first snake on this hike—an unfortunate little whip-snake, which was so ill-advised as to attempt to cross the road in front of a trek-cart party of twelve healthy, lusty Scouts. Death was instantaneous!

We have a very busy time ahead of us this year, and then, the big "District Camp." Next year we are planning some big things, and also hope to increase the strength of the Troop. Till then

With Scout Greeting,
"A Merry Xmas Everybody."

Old Boys' Column.

BIRTHS.

RAMSAY.—At Alstonia Private Hospital, Macquarie Street, on November 6th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Ramsay: a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

HARDINGE—WATKINS.—On June 23rd, 1927, at Wesley Church, Melville Street, Hobart, by the Rev. R. Williams, Aubrey C., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hardinge, Sandy Bay, Hobart, to Marie, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Watkins, Hobart.

DEATHS.

BOYER.—On October 15, at Boggabie, New South Wales, Charles, fourth son of G. P. and M. E. Boyer, New Norfolk, aged 34. (Accidentally shot.)

BURBURY.—On September 18, 1927, at St. Margaret's Private Hospital, Launceston, Alec Aubrey Winter, third son of Gerald and Minnie Burbury, of Inglewood, Andover, aged 20 years.

GIBSON.—On September 22, 1927, at Melbourne, William James, husband of Lilian G. Gibson, and eldest son of the late Hon. W. G. Gibson, M.L.C., Hobart.

JAMES.—On November 2, 1927, at Lordsburg, New Mexico, Cyril H. W. James, Mining Engineer.

SIMMONS.—On September 29, 1927, at his son's residence, 475 Macquarie Street, Hobart, James Gordon, third surviving son of the late Lieut. James Simmons, R.A., in the 95th year of his age.

The late Mr. J. G. Simmons, whose death is recorded above, was easily the oldest of our old boys at the time of his death. The following paragraph appeared in "The Mercury" when the announcement of Mr. Simmons's death was made:—

The small number of representatives of Tasmania's early days was further depleted recently by the death of Mr. James Gordon Simmons, at the advanced age of 95 years. Mr. Simmons's father, an engineer officer of the Royal Artillery, arrived in Hobart in 1824, and amongst other public works, laid out Elizabeth Street and the Mulgrave Battery. Mr. Simmons, the third and youngest son, was born in 1833 in a house at the back of the artillery building in Macquarie Street, and was one of the three original boarders at Hutchins School, being the sixteenth boy enrolled. He had previously been a pupil of the Rev. J. Buckland, in what is now Ingle Hall. Amongst his recollections were seeing Mr. Buckland set out to interview the Governor to secure the grant of the present site of the Hutchins School, and the laying of the Foundation stone of the School by Bishop Nixon in the corner nearest Walker's Brewery. On the discovery of gold in Victoria, Mr. Simmons, like so many other young Tasmanians, proceeded to the diggings, where he became one of Captain Dana's cadets on gold escort duty. These cadets were mostly young Englishmen of good family, but also included several Tasmanians. Being warned by the doctor that his life would not be long if he continued in this work, owing to the prevalence of typhoid, caused by bad sanitary conditions, he returned to Tasmania, and lived for some years at Champigny, New Town, on the original Imperial grant to the family. Of a retiring disposition, he never took part in public affairs, and died at the residence of his son, Mr. K. Simmons, 475 Macquarie Street.

Since the death of Mr. Simmons, the oldest surviving scholar of the Hutchins School is Mr. R. R. Rex, whose sons and grandsons have also passed through the School, one grandson being still on the roll. Mr. Rex, who still enjoys remarkable health, recently celebrated his 86th birthday. He entered the School in 1853.

Our sincere sympathy is offered to the widow and children of Mr. W. J. Gibson, who died in a Melbourne Hospital after an operation. Mr. Gibson up to his retirement on account of ill-health some two months previously, was managing director of Gibsons Ltd.'s flourmills on the Hobart waterfront. He was the eldest son of the late Hon. W. G. Gibson, of Stowell, Battery Point, and after his education at the Hutchins School joined his father in his business, with which he had been connected until his recent retirement. His father died in 1905, and left the whole management of the mills to him. During the war great difficulty was experienced in obtaining supplies of wheat and grain from the mainland, but apart from this the business had been very successful. It was formed into a company about 1910. Mr. W. J. Gibson was at one time a member of the Hobart Marine Board, and also of the Chamber of Commerce. He leaves a widow and four children.

We offer our sympathy, also, to the relatives of Mr. Charles Boyer, who was accidentally shot in New South Wales, and to those of Mr. Alec Burbury, whom a great many present boys

will remember as a fine sportsman and sterling character. He only left school about two years ago, and his younger brother is still at school.

We have to congratulate the Hon. G. G. Becker on his promotion to the position of Attorney-General in the Tasmanian Cabinet. Mr. Becker was a boarder here in the nineties.

Congratulations also to the Hon. Thomas Murdoch on his success at the recent by-election for the Buckingham seat in the Legislative Council. Men of Mr. Murdoch's courage and ability cannot be spared from the political arena. Mr. Murdoch was opposed by another old boy, Mr. Horace Walch. We hope to see Mr. Walch in Parliament before very long.

We are proud to be represented on the Federal Constitution Commission now sitting by Mr. P. P. Abbott, who is now quite a veteran in the Commonwealth Parliament.

One of the first to give evidence before this Commission was another old boy of the School, Mr. H. S. Nicholas, who was asked to give evidence as an expert in constitutional law. Mr. Nicholas, who now lives in Sydney, was dux of the School and fives champion and a prominent member of the School Debating Society in 1892.

The Rev. Horace Finnis, M.A. (Melbourne), who for the past nine years has been rector of St. John's, Adelaide, has lately received promotion, having been appointed precentor at St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide. Mr. Finnis served for ten years in the Melbourne diocese before going to South Australia, and has had a very successful ministerial career.

Mr. C. E. B. Muschamp, B.A., Tas., Th.L. of A.C.T., who left Australia at the end of 1925 to study and to take his degree at the University of Oxford, having finished his course and obtained a place in the final Honour School of Theology, was to be ordained on October 2, and will have his first clerical appointment in Bournemouth, in the diocese of Winchester. By letters dimissory from the Bishop of Winchester, Mr. Muschamp was to be ordained at the Michaelmas ordination held by the Bishop of Bristol, when his father (the Rev. E. G. Muschamp, M.A.), rector of Holy Trinity, Launceston, was to conduct the retreat for the ordinands and preach the special ordination sermon. Mr. Muschamp intended leaving England on return to Tasmania on November 11, travelling via Panama and New Zealand.

Mr. Terence Kenric Crisp, a member of a well-known Tasmanian legal family, being a son of Mr. T. J. Crisp, late of Burnie, and a cousin of Mr. Justice Crisp, has been admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria by the Full Court of Victoria, on the motion of Mr. Dixon, K.C., and Mr. Kibble. Mr. Crisp is a barrister of the Supreme Court of Tasmania.

Messrs. E. R. Henry, LL.B., and A. B. Wherrett, LL.B., who were recently admitted to the Tasmanian Bar, have set up as partners in Hobart. We wish them good luck.

Mr. John Keith Clinch (Rhodes Scholar for Tasmania, 1922), son of Mr. J. W. Clinch, Supt. of Mails at Hobart, re-

turned to Hobart after an absence from Tasmania of 5½ years. He was a student at Magdalen College, Oxford, and at the end of his term was placed in Class I. (Engineering) in the final Honour School of Natural Science, being the only student to gain that honour in 1925. After leaving college he joined the staff of Sir Alexander Binnie, Sons, and Deacon, a well-known firm of civil engineers in London, and was employed on various works in London, Wales, and Yorkshire, and qualified as a member of the Institute of Civil Engineers. He has now obtained a position in Sydney. His elder brother, Mr. A. J. Clinch, also a Rhodes Scholar, now holds a responsible position in the Sudan Railways.

Heartly congratulations to Mr. T. L. Milles on his appointment to the position of Resident Engineer to the Tasmanian Railway Department. When at school he was a champion cross-country runner, footballer, and cricketer, and figures in quite a number of photographic groups in the old library.

Contemporaries of John G. Stewart, a grandson of the late Thomas Stephens, who left the School in 1914 and joined the Union Steamship Co., will be interested to learn that after gaining his Master's Certificate at the age of 21, he left the sea to enter the medical profession. He entered King's College Hospital, London, and after completing three years there, he has now entered Westminster Hospital to complete his surgical training. While at King's College he was elected President of the Common Room.

Mr. H. L. B. Garrett was in Hobart for a week or so this month. He is an analysing chemist for the Neuchatel Asphalte Co., and hopes to be in their Auckland branch soon.

Dr. T. Giblin is now a full-blown medico, and is in Hobart as "locum" for his father, Dr. W. W. Giblin.

Mr. J. M. T. Butler was runner-up in the Australian Royal Tennis Championship in Melbourne this year.

Dr. A. L. McAulay has at last accomplished an "Open Christiania" on the skis. So perhaps after all his M.A., Ph.D., B.Sc. have got him something.

The literary competitions held by the Hutchins School Magazine have at last borne fruit! Beneath an impassioned lyric in the "Bulletin" "To Someone's Lips" we find the signature H. N. Smith.

Mr. G. J. Taylor and Mr. B. Law are trying to enthuse the Northern old boys into forming a Northern Branch of the H.S.O.B.A.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the H.S.O.B.A. was held at the School on Wednesday, August 10th, at 8 p.m. There was only a moderate attendance.

Mr. W. H. Hudspeth was elected to the chair.

The Committee reported that Messrs. A. I. Clark, F. Giblin, and A. J. Miller had been elected to the Hutchins School Board of Management.

The annual report dealt with the various functions during the year, the football match against the School, and the dinner, etc.

It had been suggested that a Northern branch of the H.S.O.B.A. be formed, as many old boys could not get to Hobart for the various old boys' activities. G. J. Taylor was endeavouring to raise a cricket team of Northern old boys to meet the Southern old boys' team.

The result of the election of officers was as follows:—

President: Mr. W. H. Hudspeth.

Vice-President: Mr. C. T. Butler.

Hon. Secretary (to combine duties of Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer): Mr. S. H. Bastow.

Committee: Messrs. C. Smith, E. C. Watchorn, W. F. D. Butler.

Mr. L. F. Giblin apologised for the absence of a report from the Board of Management, and mentioned that as this was the first year after the change over of the control from Christ's College to Hutchins School, there had not yet been time to see how the financial aspect had changed.

Mr. W. F. D. Butler also spoke as to the financial side of the change over.

Mr. Thorold pointed out that other schools in Hobart and Launceston were making serious bids for boarders by spending larger sums on enlarging their premises. He also pointed out that the Staff was now stronger than ever before, the only notable loss for the year being Mr. E. A. Budge, who was leaving for Melbourne.

There was some discussion on the date and time of the Old Boys' match, many of the members considering that the match should be played on a Saturday afternoon, perhaps as a curtain-raiser, to enable office men to see it.

Dr. Crowther moved that August 3rd be set aside as Founders' Day, and that a general reunion of old boys be held on that date. It was resolved to request the Headmaster to put this before the Board of Management.

The meeting then closed after a vote of thanks to the Chairman had been passed.

OLD BOYS' DINNER.

The annual dinner was held at Highfield Hotel at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9th.

There were 37 old boys present.

The toasts were:—

The King Mr. W. F. D. Butler

The School Mr. C. C. Thorold

Kindred Associations Mr. C. G. Rex

Absent Old Boys Mr. J. Counsel

In the course of his speech Mr. Butler dwelt on the present position, financial and otherwise, of the School, and pointed out that the prestige of the School had never been so high. He hoped that the coming year would be a record one, and that the same spirit would prevail as had carried the School so far.

Mr. Thorold was reminiscent, and stressed the value of one's Alma Mater in after life. How that it was only after 10 years or so that one really appreciated all that the old School meant to one. He was glad to see so many of the younger old boys present, as they were very apt after leaving school to forget it altogether.

With regard to the School, Mr. Thorold was very optimistic, and he said that the spirit of healthy rivalry was strong in the House Competitions. He paid a tribute to the help he had received from the Staff during the year.

"As the most consistently absent old boy," Mr. Counsel proposed the toast of Absent Old Boys, and dwelt on his own unhappy boyhood. Judging by his happy phrases, however, it would have left no lasting impression.

Mr. G. Rex proposed the toast of Kindred Associations with a perfectly rounded speech—

"As the youngest member should be seen and not heard, I now give you Kindred Associations."

The members drifted off after the speeches were finished to meet again next year.



"O, strike the concertina's melancholy string,
And blow the spirit-stirring harp like anything;
Let the piano's martial blast,
Rouse the echoes of the past,
For a sprightly Muse now condescends to sing."

Woe is us! Miserum! For this is the last epistle of this noble Sixth! Next time this journal appears, the *élite* will have departed, and our sanctuaries of study will be occupied by youngsters.

The Lower Sixth Maths. Class is a happy family; its researches into Algebra and Geometry are only *occasionally* interrupted by "Jock" carelessly throwing pennies (?) on the floor, and by the "jingles" of its local town clock.

Sandy McNab, though an eminent physicist, has not yet ascertained the difference between the vibrations set up by the impact of copper on wood, and those set up by the impact of ivory on wood.

A new and strange species of fowl has been evolved. This extraordinary bird is said to lay *brass-shaped* eggs; it is of French extraction.

A certain brainy member of the Sixth has been practising swallow-dives in Elizabeth Street, with disastrous results to his angelic profile.

Professor Huxta, in his famous treatise on "The economic basis of cradlesnatching," very aptly points out that girls under 14 can go to the pictures for half-price. The gentleman is speaking from practical experience.

By very special arrangement, we are able to publish two gems of English poetry by "Tenny's Trio."

"The Eagle."

"He clasps the chair with horny hands,
Close to the edge in 'lonely lands';
High in the learned world he stands.
He looks around his class-room walls,
And like a thunderbolt he falls;
Oh! Woe betide the boy he mauls."

The Scholars.

"Who would be
A scholar bold,
Sitting alone,
Eating alone
Under the desk,
An ice-cream cold—
Think of the rest!!!"

The sudden loss of "Bull's-Eye-Shag" Atmosphere has affected the star of the Lower Sixth Latin Class [Is it Elgy?]

It is possible that O.B.M.'s will soon be declaring a dividend, owing to the extraordinary increase in the consumption of pencils and pads by the industrious Sixth.

Our sporting contributor has handed us the following note:—"Recent performances of H.C.W. have gained for him the position of favourite for the Gilchrist Watt Stakes."

Since now the beautiful scenery (?) in Macquarie Street is forbidden to our eyes, the Prefects are agitating for the placing of frosted-glass panes in the windows of the study, believing that there is no surer cure of evil than the removal of temptation.

"Radish" and "Hux" are asked to bear in mind the following safety-first rule:—"On meeting one of the fair sex in the street, the speed should be accelerated, and the eyes should be averted."

Any persons wishing to purchase old books, clothes, rags, or bottles, should apply to I. K. Voss-Balker. (Advt.).

We wonder why:—

"Jock" cleans his shoes at 4 p.m.
"Whiskers" likes the pictures.
"Hughie" leaves his homework at home.
"Chilla" is a lance-general.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Abbotts Ltd. Cordials	1	3	4
American Catering Co.	2	0	6
Toys, Prizes, and Various Stalls	4	15	1
Kodak Co., Materials	0	11	0
Mathers' Hire Account	4	3	0
Cartage and Freight (cash)	0	12	6
Mrs. Sheppard (piano)	1	1	0
Calico Sign	1	0	0
Walch and Sons, Printing and Stationery	8	11	9
Postage (cash)	2	2	0
Advertising, "Mercury," "Critic," and Monotone . .	4	8	0
Labour (cash)	4	9	0
Mrs. Brammall (The Rum 'Uns)	0	19	6
Brownells	2	8	2
Sundries (cash)	1	0	0
Ham (for guessing competition)	0	19	6
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