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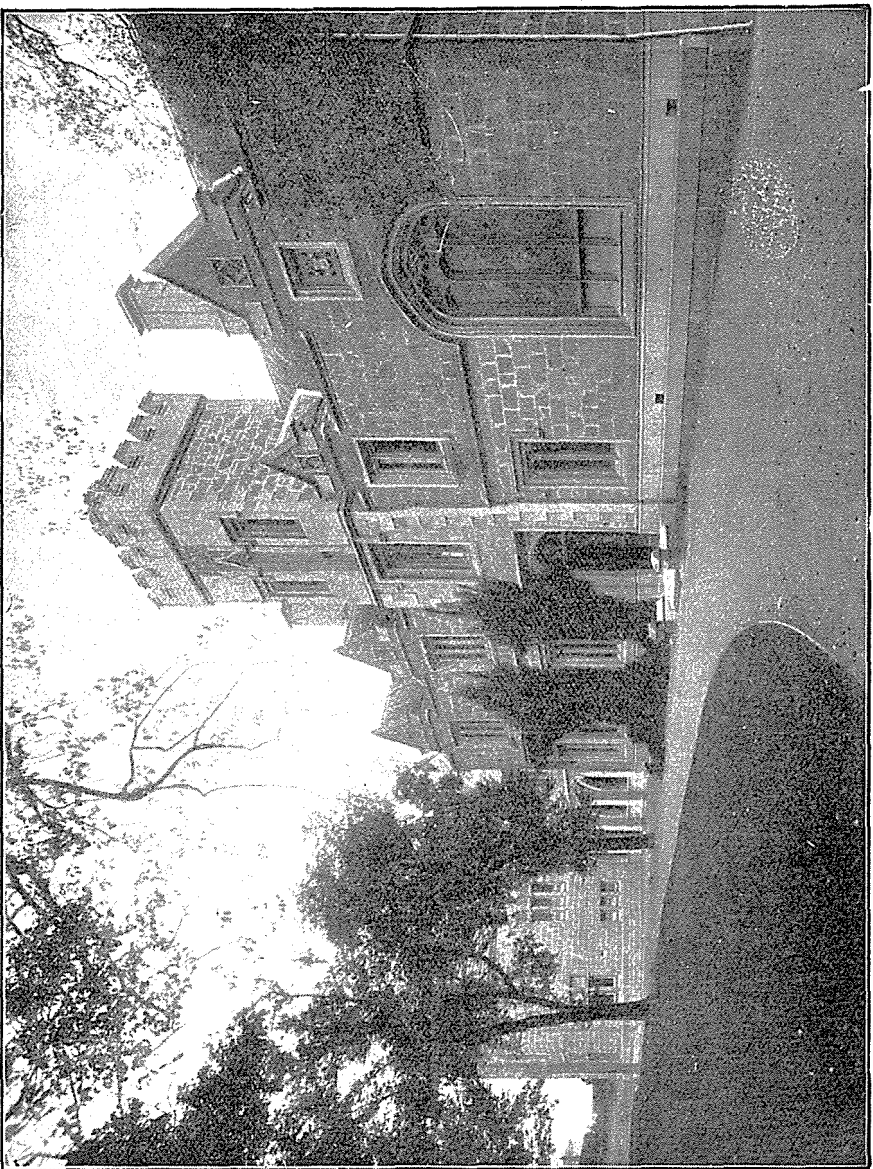


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**Editorial.**

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LONGFELLOW'S words about lives of great men are so hackneyed that we refrain from quoting them, but the fact that they are so often quoted is due to the truth they embody. The School aims at turning out men who will take their place in the life of their community, and do their share towards preserving its best traditions, and achieving its highest ideals. A glance at the records of the School will show that in this, she has been highly successful. While scholarship has not been her sole concern, she has nevertheless a distinguished list of brilliant scholars to her credit; and while sport has not occupied undue prominence in her activities, she has gained more than average success in it. But more than her brilliant scholars or successful athletes, the School is proud of the Old Boys who have gone out into the world and rendered service to their fellow-men in whatever way they were able. The life of the late Dr. Crowther is an example of what a man can do for his country, and the recital of his activities before he retired from public life forms a remarkable record of a busy life spent in the service of others. Besides his prominence in his own profession, he won the respect and confidence of the people of this State as member of Parliament, magistrate, and member of various public bodies. And there have been numerous other Old Boys who have responded to the call of their State to do the work that is required of them. In all parts of the Empire and in every profession—law, medicine, education, politics, the Church, the army and the navy—Old Boys will be found not only achieving distinction and prominence, but, what is infinitely harder and more exacting, doing the necessary work behind the scenes, upon which all the rest depends. The boys of the Hutchins School have had many great examples set them; the School has given them many advantages, and she expects much of them. May they never fail her!

## Junior School Notes.

THE Examinations are just ahead of us, and all of us—who are not suffering from chicken pox or influenza—are using our spare time to play marbles when the weather will allow us, and so forget about the dreaded examinations: When they come we will do our best, and no one can do more can they?

One day we had a lesson about olden times, and the way the animals were used to tread out the corn. During the lesson one very bright youth asked details about some of the quieter animals, but I cannot tell you any more, although further details may perhaps be obtained by politely asking "Squawker" what he knows about "cows." We certainly do not know what he is laughing about.

The weather clerk was very very kind to us on the day of the Junior School sports, and we all had a very happy time running races, and then having delicious afternoon tea, the arranging of which was in Mrs. Harris' hands, and was therefore carried out in a most capable manner.

Our hearty congratulations are offered to L. Nicholas, the champion, and Rex Green, the under 10 champion. This is the second year Rex has carried off the under 10 champion cup. Unfortunately, Rex was in bed indulging in chicken pox when the sports prizes were presented, so he was unable to go up on the stage to receive his cup. Nevertheless he has it quite safely at home now.

The following are the results of the sports:—

100yds. open championship: Nicholas, 1; Green, 2; Mortimer, 3.

120yds. open championship: Nicholas, 1; Gibson, 2; Shoo-bridge, 3.

150yds. open championship: Nicholas, 1; Gulline, 2; Wilcox, 3.

220yds. open championship: Nicholas, 1; Mortimer, 2; Green, 3.

Jump: Gulline, Mortimer, Bradley, 3ft. 8in.; Wilcox, Gluschke, 3ft. 7in.

80yds. under 10: Green, 1; Mather, 2; Rogers, 3.

100yds., under 10: Green, 1; Mather, 2; Ditcham, 3.

120yds., under 10: Green, 1; Ditcham, 2; Eassie, 3.

Jump, under 10: Gluschke, 3ft. 3in.; Chandler, Bastick, 3ft. 2in.

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

Sack race: Wilcox, 1; Gibson, 2; St. Hill, 3.

Three-legged race: Maxwell and Gibson, 1; Jones and Perkins, 2; Robinson and Mather, 3.

Kindergarten championship: White, 1; Foster 2; McGough, 3.

Kindergarten handicap: White, 1; Macdonald, 2; McGough, 3.

50yds. under 9 handicap: Rogers and Cane, 1; Eassie, 3.

100yds. under 11 handicap: Shoo-bridge, 1; Newton, 2; Gibson, 3.

Fourth Form: Hansch, 1; Tudor, 2; Clark, 3.

House Foints: Stephens, 33; Buckland, 15; School, 12.

We have not been able to have very much cricket this term owing to the weather always—or nearly always—deciding to be wet on Friday. And we have also been stopped by so many boys being away. However, School and Bucks. had their House match, which resulted in a decided victory for School, Buckland House having made the enormous score of 2, whilst School only managed to make 56. J. Rogers bowled very well for School, and quite frightened his opponents, even the captain could not stand up against him, but took home a "duck" for tea. Never mind, Max; you put the wrinkles in tripe, didn't you?

## STOP PRESS

Result of Drill Competition:—School, 1; Stephens, 2; Bucks, 3. School thus wins, the Shield by  $\frac{1}{2}$  a point from Stephens.

## Exchanges.

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of magazines from the following:—

**Victoria.**—Melbourne Grammar, Geelong Grammar, Trinity Grammar.

**N.S.W.**—Sydney Grammar, North Sydney Grammar, King's School.

**S.A.**—Prince Alfred College, St. Peter's College.

**N.Z.**—Auckland Grammar.

**Canada.**—Bedford Road Collegiate Institute (Saskatoon).

## Athletics.

### CROSS-COUNTRY.

THE School Cross-Country race was run over the Domain course, and resulted as follows:—G. Morgan (B.), 1; G. McKay (B.), 2; D. Robertson (St.), 3; D. McFhee (St.), 4; W. Bowerman (St.), 5. The teams' race was won by Bucks, with Stephens second.

The Inter-School Cross-Country Championship was run on September 19th, Friends' School again winning. The placings were:—Unwin (F.) and Gunn (F.), 1; Cox (F.), 3; Stump (C.), 4; followed by Cross (C.), Robertson (H.), Lester (C.), Palfreyman (C.).

The team placings were:—Friends (6 points), 1; Clemes (16 points), 2; Hutchins (32 points), 3; St. Virgil's (58 points), 4.

### THE SCHOOL SPORTS.

THE School Athletic Sports were held on the T.C.A. Ground on Tuesday, October 20th. The Inter-House competitions resulted in a win for Stephens (46 points), with Buckland (39 points), 2; School (6 points), 3, in the "A," and for School (28 points), with Buckland (22 points), 2, and Stephens (19 points), 3. The Godfrey Vizard Cup for the Open Championship was won by E. Giblin, while R. Low won the under 16 championship. Results:—

100yds. open championship: E. Giblin (St.), 1; T. Brammall (St.), 2; J. Dobson (B.), 3. Time, 10 3-5sec.

100yds. under 16 championship: R. Low (B.), 1; D. Ireland (B.), 2; N. Hammond (Sch.), 3. Time, 11 3-5sec.

100yds. under 14 championship: D. Warner (Sch.), 1; D. Robertson (St.), 2; W. Bastick (Sch.), 3. Time, 12 2-5sec.

120yds. open hurdles championship: R. le Breton (B.), 1; J. White (St.), 2; R. Lyons (B.), 3. Time, 18 3-5sec.

80yds. under 12 championship: G. Richardson (Sch.), 1; W. Reeve (St.), 2; F. Fay (B.), 3. Time, 12sec.

Long jump, open: E. Giblin (St.), 1; R. Lyons (B.), 2; A. Whelan (B.), 3. Distance, 17ft. 6in.

220yds. under 14: Heat 1: D. Robertson (St.), 1; W. Bastick (Sch.), 2; T. Simpson (B.), 3. Time, 30sec. Heat 2: D. Warner (Sch.), 1; O. Scarr (Sch.), 2; J. Shoobridge (Sch.), 3. Time, 30sec. Final: Warner and Robertson, dead heat, 1; Scarr, 3. Time, 29sec.

220yds. under 16 championship: R. Low (B.), 1; D. Ireland (B.), 2; N. Hammond (Sch.), 3. Time, 25 2-5sec.

220yds. open championship: E. Giblin (St.), 1; T. Brammall (St.), 2; J. May (Sch.), 3. Time, 23 3-5sec.

High jump, under 16: J. Isherwood (St.), 1; J. Shoobridge (Sch.), 2; C. A. Bennison (St.) and J. Ibbott (Sch.), dead heat, 3. Height, 4ft. 6½in.

Putting 16lb. shot: D. C. McPhee (St.), 1; E. Giblin (St.), 2; C. Park (St.), 3. Distance, 25ft. 9in.

120yds. under 16 hurdles: J. R. Isherwood (St.), 1; R. Low (B.), 2; J. M. Ibbott (Sch.), 3. Time, 20 2-5sec.

440yds. open championship: E. Giblin (St.), 1; J. May (Sch.), 2; R. Kennedy (B.), 3. Time, 54sec.

Flag race, under 16: School House, 1; Buckland House, 2; Stephens House, 3. Time, 1min.

High jump, open: R. le Breton (B.), 1; R. Lyons (B.), 2; J. A. White (St.), 3. Height, 4ft. 11in.

440yds. under 16 championship: R. Low (B.), 1; D. Ireland (B.), 2; N. Hammond (Sch.), 3. Time, 61sec.

880yds. open championship: G. Morgan (B.), 1; D. C. McPhee (St.), 2; R. le Breton (B.), 3. Time, 3min. 12sec.

Open flag race: Stephens House, 1; Buckland House, 2; School House, 3. Time, 55sec.

High jump, under 14: J. Shoobridge (Sch.), 1; D. Robertson (St.), 2; G. Aiken (Sch.), D. Ward (St.), J. Hansch (St.), and O. Scarr (Sch.), 3. Height, 4ft. 3in.

120yds. under 12: G. Richardson (Sch.), 1; W. Reeve (St.), 2; L. Boddam (B.), 3. Time, 16 3-5sec.

Old Boys' Race, 120yds.: P. Stops, 1; C. C. D. Brammall, 2; J. Warner, 3.

One mile championship, open: G. Morgan (B.), 1; D. C. McPhee (St.), 2; R. Lyons (B.), 3. Time, 5min. 19sec.

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS' SPORTS.

THE Public Schools' Sports were held on Thursday, November 5th, and after very keen competition between St. Virgil's, Friends' High, and the School, were won by St. Virgil's, who became the holders of the Nestles Cup for the first time. We offer our heartiest congratulations for St. Virgil's on their wins in both the senior and junior championships. Results:—

St. Virgil's College	39½
Friends' School	34
Hutchins School	28½
Clemes College	20

In the junior championship (under age events), St. Virgil's secured 41½ points, Friends' 36½, Hutchins 29½, Clemes College 8½ points.

**THE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.**

Following were the results of the open championship events:—

100yds.: T. McMahon (S.V.C.), 1; E. Giblin (H.S.), 2; H. Salter (F.S.), 3.

120yds. hurdles: Lester, 1; Hitchens, 2; Cox, 3.

220yds. championship: McMahon, 1; Brammall, 2; Salter, 3.

440yds.: E. Giblin (H.S.), 1; K. Gourlay (F.S.), 2; T. Lane (S.V.C.), 3.

880yds. championship: K. Gourlay (F.S.), 1; T. McMahon (S.V.C.), 2; G. Morgan (H.S.), 3. Race 2: D. McPhee (H.S.), 1; W. Gunn (F.S.), 2; R. Gilbert (S.V.C.), 3. Race 3: E. Giblin (H.S.), 1; P. Unwin (F.S.), 2; J. Holliday (S.V.C.), 3. Teams' Race: Hutchins and Friends', 1; St. Virgil's, 3. The 880 was run in three races, the first counting towards the championship, the second and third towards the teams' race.

**MILE AND FIELD GAMES.**

One mile: W. Gunn (F.S.), 1; P. Unwin (F.S.), 2; G. Morgan (H.S.), 3.

Broad jump: J. W. Rothwell (C.C.), 1; T. Lane (S.V.C.), 2; E. Newell (S.V.C.), 3.

High jump: W. V. Lester (C.C.), 1; B. Cox (F.S.), 2; R. Clemons (H.S.), 3.

Putting the shot: J. Holliday (S.V.C.), 1; B. Cox (F.S.), 2; K. Kean (C.C.), 3. Distance, 30ft. 2in.

Flag race: St. Virgil's, 1; Hutchins, 2; Clemes, 3.

**JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.**

100yds., under 16 years: T. Lynch (S.V.C.), 1; R. Low (H.S.), 2; K. Gabriel (F.S.), 3.

100yds., under 14: D. Heritage (S.V.C.), 1; D. Warner (H.S.), 2; J. Levis (F.S.), 3.

80yds., under 12: M. Morton (S.V.C.), 1; A. Hinman (F.S.), 2; D. Smith (S.V.C.), 3.

220yds., under 16: Lynch, 1; Gabriel, 2; Low, 3.

220yds., under 14: Levis, 1; Warner, 2; Heritage, 3.

120yds. hurdles, under 16: Clemons, 1; Wells, 2; Fitzpatrick, 3.

440yds. under 16: P. Unwin (F.S.), 1; D. Lyons (S.V.C.), 2; R. Low (H.S.), 3.

120yds., under 12: A. Hinman (F.S.), 1; G. Ruddock (C.C.), 2; M. Morton (S.V.C.), 3.

High jump, under 16: R. Clemons (H.S.), 1; D. Palfreyman (C.C.), 2; M. Hardy (C.C.), E. Williams (F.S.), G. Ward (S.V.C.), and R. Isherwood (H.S.), 3. Height, 4ft. 10½in. Clemons was well within his powers, but was reserving his effort for the open event, in which he later exceeded the under 16 record.

High jump, under 14: G. Ward (S.V.C.), 1; J. Shoobridge (H.S.), 2; K. Tregear (C.C.), 3. Height, 4ft. 6in.

Flag race, under 16: Friends', 1; St. Virgil's, 2; Hutchins, 3. Time, 1min. 55sec.

**Tennis.****INTER-SCHOOL ROSTER.**

THE School team did not do as well as expected, for it could manage to gain only third place. In the match against St. Virgil's the School won all the rubbers, but in the Friends' match the second pair, Hobbs and Shoobridge, failed at a time when victory for us seemed certain. The rubbers were even, but Friends' won by a set. The match against Clemes was closely contested, Clemes finally winning by four rubbers to two. We congratulate them on winning the premiership.

**"B" GRADE CHAMPIONSHIP.**

This year a "B" grade championship, held in the middle of the year, attracted 21 entries. The event was won by R. Harrison, a very promising young player, who would have gained a place in the School team but for his absence in the third term. Other players to show good form were D. Hood and D. Green.

**THE SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP.****G. Edwards 1931 Champion.**

Thirteen players entered for the School Championship, and some very close matches resulted. The final between Edwards and Harrison was a keen struggle. Edwards gained an early lead, but Harrison evened at 3 all, then lost the next three games. Harrison led through the second set, which he took 6—3. In the final set Edwards led 4—2, but Harrison, playing beautifully, took the next 3 games, and had match point in the next game. Edwards battled tenaciously, and won the set 7—5. He now becomes the holder of the McDougall Championship Cup for twelve months. Edwards has held the top position on the ladder throughout the year, and has played very consistently. Harrison, though only thirteen years of age, is a very versatile and active player. He did exceedingly well to win through to the final, and, no doubt, the School championship will be his before long. The other players to show good form in this event were C. Giblin and D. Green.

**HOUSE TENNIS.**

The House tennis is not quite complete. Stephens and School have beaten Buckland in both "A" and "B" events. In the play-off for first place, School is at present leading Stephens by three matches to one.



## Science Jottings.

### THE CENTENARY OF A GREAT DISCOVERY.

THE scientific world has been celebrating this year the centenary of the discovery of electro-magnetic induction by Michael Faraday. In 1831, Faraday found that when a coil of wire is moved in a magnetic field a current of electricity is set up in the wire, and continues as long as the rate of cutting of the magnetic lines of force continues to change. This is the principle of the electro-dynamo. He also discovered that if a current of electricity is flowing in a wire, and it is suddenly increased or decreased, it induces a temporary current in a second wire alongside it. This is the principle upon which the modern alternating current transformer is based. To non-technical readers of this magazine these may not seem very brilliant achievements; but they have been so epoch-making in their far-reaching consequences that Faraday has been called "the man who made the modern world." But for Faraday's experiments, none of the remarkable advances of modern electrical science would have been possible. The world would have been without dynamos, telephones, electric light, and wireless. The vast electrical and chemical industries to-day owe their origin to Faraday. In a scientific sense, Faraday re-created this planet.

### THE CONQUEST OF MOUNT KAMET.

The Kamet Expedition led by Mr. F. S. Smythe has succeeded in climbing to the top of Mount Kamet. This mountain, which is over 25,000 feet high, is the second highest peak in the British Empire. Four previous attacks had been made on Kamet, but no climbers had got within 2000 feet of the summit. The highest Himalayan peak ascended completely, up to now, was Jonsong, 24,000 feet. The ascent of Kamet is one of prodigious difficulties, and in conquering what previously seemed unconquerable, Mr. Smythe and his band of young Englishmen, all under 33 years of age, have earned enduring fame. The decision to attempt the ascent of this mountain was made for two main reasons. First it was the highest peak accessible, politically, which afforded even a small chance of success. Secondly, it was hoped that the expedition would result in a nucleus of young mountaineers experienced in high altitude mountaineering available for another attack on Everest. Subsidiary objects of the expedition were topographical, physiological, and botanic work, and the bringing back of a photographic and cinematographic record.

### SCIENCE IN SCHOOLS.

Sir William Pope, F.R.S., delivered a lecture recently entitled "Science and Industry," in the course of which he had some interesting things to say on the subject of science teaching in schools. He said that it might well be that we

had passed so rapidly from the classical education which was alone given in our higher schools up to 50 years ago, that we had lost something essential in the process. A thorough training in the intricacies of Greek grammar was certainly a splendid mental discipline; it exercised the memory and quickened the intelligence. But he did not advocate a return to the classical education of former days. They had in natural science a mental discipline far more stimulating than the study of a dead language, even when supported by an incomparable literature. But we did require that the schools should provide an education in the broad principles of natural science and methods, supplemented by liberal courses of practical work in the laboratory. The young man who enters upon a career in modern business or industry with a good classical school education, but with no knowledge of science, did so with one half of his brain atrophied.

### THE USES OF X-RAYS.

We are often asked, "What is the use of scientific research?" and we have referred just now to the magnificent advantages to the world that have resulted from Faraday's momentous discoveries. Another scientific achievement which has had numerous and varied applications was the discovery of X-rays. Here are only a few of them. Fractures of bones and the presence of foreign bodies such as bullets and fragments of shrapnel in war time are easily located. Various diseases of the bone can be detected, and abnormalities of the heart and some other organs, which are capable of throwing shadows, can be noted. The digestive system can be examined and the passage of food watched. The rays are also valuable in the diagnosis of tuberculosis of the lungs. There are many applications of X-rays to industrial purposes. The more penetrating are used for the detection of defective welds in steel plates, and faults in the hidden parts of metal and wooden structures. The contents of packing cases have been checked (without opening them, of course); the cores of golf balls examined; oysters searched for pearls without opening the shells; false jewels differentiated from genuine ones; moths detected in tobacco destined for the manufacture of cigars; fresh eggs distinguished from stale; the interiors of fossils examined; ancient manuscripts tested, and "fake" old masters and antiques exposed.

### EXAMINATIONS ASSAILED.

At a recent meeting of the Parents' Association, some convincing arguments for and against the examination system were adduced by Mr. V. I. Chambers, the Headmaster, and others. None of them, however, attacked the system with such vehemence as Professor F. A. Cavenagh did some time ago at a meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. We do not necessarily agree with his opinions, but we give a part of his address as an instance of the assaults to which examinations are being subjected at the present time. He said that examinations tend to encourage either cramming or spoon-feeding which will produce habits

of mental dependence, credulity and inertia. Under present conditions, teachers often avoid what they know to be the right method; because it would take too long, and because the use of it would prevent them from covering the examination syllabus. After the examination the knowledge frequently vanishes, and as the children have not gained the desirable sentiments and habits, their schooling avails them little in after life. It is no exaggeration to say that the modern mania for examination results not only wastes thousands of pounds of public money, but renders many recipients of secondary education less cultured and efficient than they might have been without it.

#### SUCSESSES OF OLD BOYS.

Our congratulations are offered to the following Old Boys of the School:—

Dr. L. G. H. Huxley, on his appointment to a lectureship in Physics in University College, Nottingham.

Mr. H. C. Webster, M.Sc., on his appointment to a similar position in Bristol University.

Mr. A. McDougall, B.C.L., on his appointment to a lectureship in Law at the University of Manchester.

#### WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BI-WEEKLY?

Dr. Jamieson, of "The Raid" fame, was trying to arrange a tri-weekly service between the Cape and Rhodesia. The young Boer with whom he got into touch was already running a wagon every week, but he asserted that though he had not enough rolling stock for a tri-weekly service, he would run a bi-weekly service for two-thirds of the money. Jameson readily agreed, and it was not until the contract was signed that he discovered that, while tri-weekly meant three times a week, bi-weekly meant once a fortnight.

#### B.C.S.

A certain gentleman recently advertised himself in "The Mercury" as a B.C.S. (Bachelor of Common Sense). The great Huxley said that "Science is simply common sense at its best," so that the gentleman in question claims, unwittingly no doubt, to be a bachelor of science.

#### A PROBLEM FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

In the number of years equal to the number of times a rhinoceros' mother is as old as the rhinoceros, the rhinoceros' father will be as many times as old as the rhinoceros is years old now. The rhinoceros' mother is twice as old as the rhinoceros will be when the rhinoceros' father is twice as old as the rhinoceros will be when the rhinoceros' mother is less by the difference in ages between the mother and the father than three times as old as the rhinoceros will be when the rhinoceros' father is one year less than twelve times as old as the rhinoceros is when the rhinoceros' mother is eight times the age of the rhinoceros. Find their respective ages.

—From "The Mathematical Gazette."

H.D.E.

## A Tale of Years to Come.

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Scene: The Annual Reunion of the Old Boys of the Hutchins School, in 1990.

A VENERABLE old gentleman, rather tactless, who had been Headmaster many years before, and who was now almost hoary with age: "Hullo, my son, I don't seem to remember your face. When were you at school?"

Middle-aged and now highly respectable gentleman, addressed: "I should imagine you were headmaster before my time, sir. That was during the one hundred and nineteenth Psalm. When were you there, sir?"

The Ancient: "Oh, I think they were reading at the beginning of Ruth when I started. I remember I finished up with the tenth chapter of the Second Book of Samuel. It was about three years, altogether." Yes, it must be—let me see—it must be sixty years ago. They're doing Lamentations now, aren't they? Yes, that is right—sixty years ago."

A third gentleman, rather timid, somewhere between the other two, and, as yet, only mellow: "How do you do, gentlemen? This is quite a respectable gathering, don't you think? Reunions like this are rather good. They help you to remember the 'good, old days'—not that we need any remembrance, do we? Seeing that schooldays are really the best of the lot. At least, I think so."

"Quite so," from the other two.

Emboldened, the timid one went on: "What was your book, sir?" to the Ancient.

"Ruth, and Samuel, up to the 10th chapter of the Second book."

"Ah, yes; that would be about ten years before me, sir. And yours, sir?" to the younger.

"The one hundred and nineteenth Psalm."

"Yes? That was after my time—five years, at least, I should say."

Many such conversations were held at that Reunion, as at all others, and anyone hearing them would have said that, by the time they read the last verse of the last chapter of the Revelation of St. John the Divine, and are ready to start again at the beginning of Genesis, people will be thinking of preserving the School buildings as a memorial of antiquity, and American tourists will come to gaze at the old pile, and the smooth lawns, and say, "Sure, this was some school!"

J.L.M.



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Tete a Tete.

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Wading round for days and days,  
And weeks and months and years,  
In a tangled sea of multi-coloured hairs,  
Do you ever wonder what the poor  
Old barber thinks about  
As he pid-pads to and fro between the chairs?

Pates! pates everywhere!  
Nothing else for miles,  
Seeing, feeling, trimming pates for hours;  
Some are neat and pretty pates,  
Some of them are bald,  
Some of them perfumed with scent of flowers.

Some of them are funny pates,  
Some of them are sad  
With thin and sparse grey hairs beset thereon;  
And some of them are shiny pates  
Which glisten in the sun,  
With clustered groups of hairs their sides upon.

Still others are delightful little  
Bobbed or shingled pates,  
With snappy marcel waves and things like that;  
While some are soft and glossy,  
Just like velvet to the touch,  
Or fluffy, like the fur of Persian cat.

On beards and ziffs he operates  
As well as pates and scalps,  
And every job he executes with skill;  
But as to what he thinks about,  
I wouldn't be surprised  
If in animo est practically nil.

T.S.B.

My tree of life, as yet quite green,  
Has reached the age of seventeen;  
What have I gained in that time then?  
Nothing!—except seven and ten.

T.S.B.



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“A Day in School in 2031 A.D.”

Scene: Sixth Form, 207th floor, the Hutchins Buildings,  
New Norfolk.

11 a.m.—Enter Master (by electric lift).

“Good morning, boys, we will take General Knowledge to-day. Now tell me, Jones, who was Lord Scullin?”

Pupil: “Please, sir, Lord Scullin was the man who saved Australia in the Great Depression of 1931. He was much loved by the people of Australia, as he never imposed any taxes. His chief assistant was Sir William Lang, who made New South Wales the happiest and most prosperous State in Australia.”

Master: “Quite right, Jones, I see you’ve taken your History capsule.”

“Now, Jinks, what is the capital of Tasmania?”

Pupil: “Please, sir, Hobart.”

Master: “Nonsense, boy, nonsense; you know very well that Launceston is the capital of Tasmania, and for very good reasons, too. It has a magnificent harbour, a beautiful gorge, and a large population of the hardest working and most modest people in the Southern Hemisphere.”

“By the way, Jinks, did you take your Geography pills last night?”

Pupil: “N-n-no, sir, I was slowly cruising home at about 1000 miles per hour when I got into difficulties in the Milky Way, and in doing a tail-spin, the pills slipped out of my pocket.”

Master: “That’s no excuse, boy, I’ve told you repeatedly that you must never go slower than 2500 miles per hour. Go immediately into the castigation chamber.”

(Presses button on desk, and Jinks is shot into electric chamber.)

“Well, we’ll have a little dictation now. Take out your electric typewriters, boys, while I tune the Radio-writer on to Moscow and get the Russian dictation.”

“Smiffy, you’ll have to make better progress. Why, you’re writing only 500 words a minute. You’ll have to have your machine adjusted. Take it to New York in the lunch hour.”

“Stop work, and take a note of homework. Each boy must take three Latin pills, a Geometry tabloid, and seven strips of dried Greek.”

11.30.—“Right, that will do for to-day.”

Presses red button and whole building sinks into the earth until 207th floor is level with ground. Scholars leave room and enter planes, and so home.—R.K.

## Flos Succisus Aratro.

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The cruel, sharp ploughshare cleft the yielding land,  
Uprooting many flowers, and crushed them down—  
'Mid them, a daisy, with its pink-tipp'd crown  
And silky petals, circling in a creamy band  
The scented, golden heart. The daisy lay  
Just where, ere now, the winds had kiss'd  
Its graceful bloom, and diamond dew and mist  
Gently caressed its head, at break of day.  
The plough passed on, its ruthless slaughter done,  
And left the broken daisy there to die.  
The cloak of night spread softly o'er the sky,  
And over hill and dale, till day had gone:  
But fading, drooping, soon, its petals shed,  
Sinking close to earth, the flower lay dead.

J.L.M.

## To the Windows.

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O tarnished windows,  
Dimmed with the dust of years,  
And coated with filth . . .  
O tainted windows!

How do you feel?  
Now that the muck's cleaned off you,  
Now that the light shines through you  
How do you feel?

O whose was the counsel  
In which the board confided,  
By which the board decided?  
Whose was the counsel?

O subtle mind  
That's planned such plan at last  
After such years have passed!  
O subtle mind!

Two score and seven!  
All scraped and cleaned so bright . . .  
They even let in light . . .  
The light of heaven.

'Tis such a marvel  
That after so long years  
The poet bursts in tears . . .  
'Tis such a marvel!

T.A.M.

## The Schoolboy's Soliloquy.

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D.T., or not D.T.—that is the question:—

Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer  
The slings and arrows of outrageous hard work,  
Or to take arms against a host of masters,  
And by opposing rile them? To work,—to toil,—  
No less, and by this toil to hope we pass  
The Leaving and the thousand minor tests  
That we are heir to,—'tis a consummation  
Devoutly to be wish'd. To work,—to toil;—  
To toil! Too oft, to slave; ay, there's the rub.  
For in the afternoon what things may come  
When we have hurried from this prison cell  
Must give us pause: There's the defect  
That makes calamity of this school life.  
For who would bear the whips and scorns of school,  
The oppressor's wrong, the masters' contumely,  
The pangs of despised work, D.T.'s delay,  
The insolence of office, and the spurns  
That patient merit of the conscientious takes  
When he himself might his freedom gain  
By absconding? Who would school books bear,  
To grunt and sweat under a weary life,  
But that the dread of something after school,—  
The unfrequented schoolroom, from whose door  
No laggard e'er escapes,—troubles the will,  
And makes us rather bear those ills we have  
Than fly to others that we know not of?  
Thus Detention does make cowards of us all;  
And thus the awful doom of punishment  
Is scarce put off by extra work,  
And detentions of great length and labour,  
Unless we slave, our footsteps turn aside,  
And cost us all our freedom.

J.L.M.



## Parents' Association.

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**T**HE activities of the Association have been maintained, and good attendances have marked the usual monthly Committee and quarterly general meetings.

At the November Quarterly Meeting an interesting discussion took place on the subject, "Do Examinations constitute the best test as to scholastic ability?" Mr. Chambers opened the debate in the negative, and the Headmaster and Messrs. Erwin, Gerlach, and Bennison participated in the discussion which ensued. The representatives of the staff made it clear to the meeting that whatever drawbacks examinations might possess, at the present time there was no available substitute for them.

It is pleasing to be able to chronicle the Association has been able to donate a much-needed heavy roller for use in connection with the turf wickets in the School playground.

In conclusion, whilst the progress and membership of the Association can certainly be regarded as satisfactory, it is nevertheless difficult to understand why some parents still fail to join what is definitely their own organisation.

## Hutchins Old Boys' Lodge.

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**T**HE Old Boys' Lodge, which was founded on August 3rd, 1926, meets on the fourth Wednesday in each month.

The following officers were installed at the annual meeting held on July 22nd last:—

W.M.: Wor. Bro. John Lord.  
 I.P.M.: Wor. Bro. F. H. Johnstone.  
 S.W.: Bro. A. Bowtell.  
 J.W.: Bro. A. J. Clark.  
 Chaplain: Bro. J. R. O. Harris.  
 Treasurer: Bro. B. B. Morrison.  
 Secretary: Wor. Bro. R. S. Waring.  
 D.C.: Wor. Bro. W. T. A. Crookall.  
 S.D.: Bro. Archdeacon D. B. Blackwood.  
 J.D.: Bro. V. A. Clark.  
 I.G.: Bro. N. B. Richard.  
 Tyler: Bro. R. S. Ellis.  
 Senior Steward: Bro. R. N. Butler.  
 Stewards: Bros. M. R. Read, H. C. Smith, and G. Arnold.  
 Committee of Management: Wor. Bros. J. D. W. Chisholm and H. R. Hutchison, and Bros. G. Arnold and W. Arnold.  
 Auditors: Bros. B. Pretzman and C. C. Seager.

## Old Boys' Column.

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### OBITUARY.

#### DR. E. L. CROWTHER.

**T**HE death of Dr. Edward Lodewyk Crowther on August 9th removed from our midst one of the most outstanding personalities of the State. Dr. Crowther was born in Hobart on October 3rd, 1843, being the son of the Hon. Dr. Crowther, and after leaving school, completed his medical studies at various English hospitals and at Aberdeen University, where he received the M.D. degree. Returning to Tasmania, he was for many years a member of the House of Assembly, besides being a coroner and magistrate, a member of the University Council, the Diocesan Synod, and other public bodies. He also held the rank of major in the Defence Force.

Dr. Crowther will long be remembered, not only on account of his having been a fine family physician and a skilful surgeon, also, in his day, but because of his innate personality and bonhomie. He was a man of fine physique, and of unbounded high spirits.

During the time he held a seat in the House of Assembly he was accounted the greatest wit that ever entered it. He would often curtly sum up a position in the form of an interjection, which would produce explosive laughter throughout the chamber. Among the poor he was noted for his benevolence. He was also a very popular lodge doctor. Following upon an illness, Dr. Crowther took up his residence on his property in the Kettering district.

With more than half a century of active work in his own community, and over 30 years of active and most useful work in the realm of politics to his credit, a strenuous leader and worker in the interests of defence, mining, medicine, the University, an ardent advocate of all that he deemed to be in the interests of his country—a worker always and a slacker never—his life was varied and full. Surgeon in a clipper ship—none other than the great Sobraon—Commanding Officer of the Southern Tasmanian Volunteer Artillery, medical officer of a V.A.D. detachment throughout the period of the war, tin prospector, member of the University Council of Tasmania, orchardist—these are only some of the things that he was in, in an amazing career.

As a mark of respect to the memory of this distinguished Old Boy, whose son, Dr. W. L. Crowther, is President of the Old Boys' Association, the boys of the School lined the street in front of the School as his funeral passed.

#### MR. JOSEPH VALLENTINE.

Mr. Joseph Vallentine, who had resided in Sydney for the last 45 years, died at Croydon last August at the age of 86. He was a director of the firm of Farmer and Co. until his retirement in 1907.

**MR. A. I. CLARK.**

Mr. Alexander Inglis Clark died on October 12th at the age of 52. An engineer by profession, Mr. Clark was for some time connected with the Railway Workshops, and later with the Union Steamship Company. Later he taught at an engineering school in New Zealand, and on his return to Tasmania, he was in charge of the Shannon Scheme in connection with the Hydro-Electric Department.

**MR. C. W. HUTCHINS.**

Mr. Clarence Willie Hutchins, aged 49 years, cashier at the office of the A.M.P. Society, Hobart, collapsed suddenly while travelling to Hobart on the 8.55 a.m. tram from Sandy Bay.

Deceased, who was a widower, was for some years in charge of the West Coast branch of the A.M.P. Society, with headquarters at Zeehan. During his stay there he was a member of the Zeehan Council and Worshipful Master of a Freemasons' Lodge, and a foundation member of the Hutchins Old Boys' Lodge, being at all times prominent in Masonic circles. On the branch being closed two years ago the late Mr. Hutchins was transferred to Hobart, being cashier of the Hobart branch at the time of his death.

**MR. C. J. HALL.**

The death occurred at his home at Ulverstone on October 16th of Mr. Charles Joseph Hall, barrister and solicitor, at the age of 81 years. He was very widely known throughout Tasmania. He was educated at the Hutchins School, Hobart, and after leaving served his articles with the late Mr. James Laughton, of Hobart, was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court on January 30, 1874. He was the senior practising member of his profession practising in Tasmania. He spent most of his life on the North-West Coast, living at Devonport for some years, and later at Ulverstone. Since its inauguration some years ago, he was president of the North-Western Solicitors' Association.

**MR. FREDERICK MACE.**

Mr. Frederick Mace, a very well-known and widely respected resident of the East Coast, died at his residence, Malunnah, Orford, on October 17th, at the age of 83 years. The late Mr. Mace was for many years Warden of the Spring Bay municipality, and he was the senior justice of the peace for Tasmania, his appointment having been made on January 20th, 1873. He was appointed a Coroner on February 31st, 1883. He was a staunch churchman, and represented the Buckland parish at the Anglican Synod for many years, besides being a lay reader and a churchwarden. He took a keen interest in the erection of St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Orford, the foundation stone of which was laid by him. Prior to his retirement he carried on pastoral pursuits at Buckland.

**MR. ARTHUR TUCKER.**

The death of Mr. Arthur Tucker occurred under tragic circumstances at Sandy Bay on September 21st. Arthur, who was better known as Tom, had not long left school, and was well-known to most of the present boys, with whom he was a great favourite. His death at the early age of 16, is a great blow to his parents, whose only child he was, and to whom the sympathy of the School is extended.

**MARRIAGES.**

Mr. Donald Atkins to Miss Engel Holyman.  
Mr. J. D. L. Hood to Miss Margaret McLeod.

**ENGAGEMENTS.**

Mr. E. R. Henry to Miss P. F. Davies.  
Mr. J. Hudspeth to Miss E. Shoobridge.

**BIRTHS.**

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Reynolds—a daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Garrett—a daughter.

Mr. Archibald McDougall, B.A., B.C.L. (Oxford), Rhodes Scholar for 1924, has been appointed lecturer in law at Victoria University, Manchester. He was called to the English Bar last month.

Mr. C. A. S. Page, LL.B., has been admitted to the Bar.

Dr. Leonard Huxley, a former Rhodes Scholar, has resigned his position with the Commonwealth Industrial and Research Bureau to accept an appointment as lecturer in physics at Nottingham University.

Major Rupert Steinbach-Mealing has been appointed to the position of chief technical adviser to the Air Ministry, London. From school, at the outbreak of war, he passed into the Royal Flying Corps, and saw service throughout the campaign. After the war he spent some years in Iraq and Egypt, and four years ago was transferred from the Royal Air Force to the Air Ministry, where he has since remained.

Dr. Keith Hallam has returned from Cambridge, where he was studying radiology and electrology, and is again practising in Melbourne.

Mr. R. R. Rex recently celebrated his ninetieth birthday, and to mark the occasion the School was granted some time off. The School sent Mr. Rex a photograph and a bouquet of magenta and black flowers. We are pleased to be able to record that Mr. Rex has recovered from his recent illness.

Midshipman P. Hancox won the King's Medal for the best all-round cadet at the Naval College.

Mr. Harry Garrett, a former prefect, is analytical chemist at the Neuchatel Asphalte Company in New Zealand. He was one of the third generation of Garretts at the School.

A piper of the clan Macleod played when John Lloyd Hood, Tasmanian Rhodes Scholar for 1926, and now of the staff of London "Times," was married in London to Miss Margaret Macleod, daughter of Sir James McIvor Macleod.

Captain C. S. Rayner, Rhodes Scholar for 1913, has been spending his furlough in Tasmania. Captain Rayner is attached to the Indian Army.

Dr. F. H. Cox, an Old Boy of the School, writes from Helensburgh, N.S.W., to the Head Master as follows:—

"The enclosed extract I read the other day. You may, of course, have Younghusband's book in the library or other accounts of Wylly's exploit. There is a photograph of the memorial on my wall, and I proudly show the two V.C.'s from one school to patients.

"Sincerely yours,

"F. H. COX.

"The father, Major Wylly, came and drilled the Cadets one day. I remember him as a little, dark, alert man, with a forage cap similar to modern airman's, worn on the side of his head."

From "A Soldier's Memories in Peace and War," by Sir George Younghusband—

"Young Wylly, of the Guides, earned the Victoria Cross in South Africa, when, I think, a corporal on the Corps of Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen. His father was an old army colonel, who had settled in Tasmania, and when the Boer war broke out this son, like many other patriotic men, enlisted and went to the Front. When out foraging one day near Warm Bod, in the Transvaal, Wylly and his party fell into a veritable hornet's nest of Boers. As they were riding through a narrow gorge a sudden burst of fire knocked out six of the eight who composed the advanced party. Wylly himself was one of the wounded. But he rose to the occasion, and with great courage and determination faced the situation. He had become the only man left able to use a rifle, and alone behind a rock kept the Boers at bay by quiet and accurate shooting, and eventually rescued all the incapable wounded and brought them off. For this act of conspicuous bravery Wylly received the V.C., was promoted from the ranks, and transferred to the Corps of Guides."

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. . . . and still the mighty Sixth goes groaning on,  
Still labouring all its heart and soul away  
To bring forth wit and humour such as may  
Illumine these dim pages with its song . . .

. . . . and so on and so forth; but indeed they have wracked the good old brains to a considerable degree in showing that Shakespeare knew all about motors and motor-ing, and could not keep the subject out of his plays:—

"Whence is this knocking?" (Macbeth.)

"Will this gear ne'er be mended?" (Troilus and Cressida.)

"I will remedy this gear e'er long." (Henry VI.)

In Henry VIII., he says: "To climb steep hills requires slow speed at first." And in Two Gents of Verona: "Here is an engine fit for my proceeding."

"How the wheel becomes it!" (Hamlet.)

"Come, let me clutch thee!" . . . "Oh, most wicked speed!" and finally in Romeo and Juliet: "Thou hast wore out thy pump!"

From the above it will be seen that Shakespeare was an enthusiastic owner-driver, who simply had to talk shop, anachronism or no.

But to think that our pews are to be filled by the contemptible, rising rabble of the Fifth, for the Mighty Sixth must pass,

. . . as it has in days of yore,  
When the tutors cease from tuting,  
And the students stew no more . . .  
All will be scattered then and fled,  
Some'll be married, some be dead . . .

Still men may come and men may go, but we go on for ever . . . emitting poetry by the bucket-fulls. Who is responsible for this, we know not, but anyway . . .

Said a lively young night-nurse of Padua  
To her master: "Please, sir! you're a dadua,  
I've come for some pins  
To wrap up the twins,  
And hear you remark, sir, how gladua."

Dabson-onis(m) the ready-made athlete (ahem!) and worthy proprietor of the school's only egg-beater, appears to have somewhat confounded his knowledge of Geometry and Divinity, when he said:

"Tears such as angles weep . . ."

Indeed the etymology of the present Sixth is famous,  
 Because no one, for spelling, at a loss is  
 Who boldly spells rhinocerosses;  
 I've known a few (I can't say lots)  
 Who call the beasts rhinocerots;  
 Though they are not so bad (Oh fie!)  
 As those who say rhinoceri;  
 One, I have heard (Oh, Holy Moses!)  
 Who plainly said rhinoceroses;  
 While possibly a Sixth Greek boy  
 Would venture on rhinoceroi.  
 The moral that we draw from these is  
 That plurals are just what one pleases.

As a matter of fact we could probably start quite a good "Information Bureau"—but it's too late now—still—we have decided that the biblical "divers diseases" meant "water-on-the-brain." Moreover we have ascertained that the people of Venice go about in "gorgonzolas."

#### ADVERTISEMENT.

#### A CHANCE FOR SCHOLARS OF ENGLISH!

The management would like to know the meaning of the verb "To gible."

The following clue is given:

There are two persons in our midst who are always (and will always be) "giblin'."

Entries close with the Editor when the last entry has been received. (No prizes.)

FOR SALE—Nest of starlings, wonderful whistlers, the Dem. Room Darlings.

The jolly old depression is lifting in at least one area. It has been rumoured that copper has gone up and is much dearer. The penny has been stabilized, and will not collapse for months to come. This will bring a new outlook into the world.

Some items from the Sixth Form concert in aid of the unemployed:—

Opening chorus, "We don't work for a living," Members of the Sixth.

Mezzo-Soprano Solo, "There ought to be a moonlight raving time," Tamas.

Bagpipe Solo, "How! How! Thou winter winds," Bonnie Bairn Donald, with stage effects by Jock.

Duet, "Sweet and Low," Alex. and Dick.

Baritone Solo, "You'll be mine in raspberry-blossom time," Hughie.

Selections from "The Chocolate Soldier," Cadets.

Parting Thought, "You can't expect to get through the exam. if you don't do the work I set you," Masters.

## Boarders' Budget.

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Our Motto—Pax in bello (Freedom from indigestion).

"I cannot eat but little meat;  
 My stomach is not good."

(The reason is the familiar cry, "There is no more.")

ALL and sundry, great and small, and other nondescripts (whoever you may be), who scan these faltering lines with lenient eye, and hear with favourable ear these sorry lamentations, these pointless witticisms, and these idle phrases, be not fastidious, and prithee list patiently these gossips of our Boarding House:

Dame Rumour has it on sound authority that the habits of the ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE COMPANY of the BOARDERS have changed but little of late, and they have endeavoured to uphold the glorious traditions of their famous society in the best of style.

But what can a Boarder do in such straitened circumstances as now prevail? The Consorting and D.O.M. Acts are strictly enforced, and even though certain of the elect have taken to gathering roses as buttonholes—their motto is "Gather ye Rose buds while ye may"—in order to while away the time, even these humble efforts are regarded with high disfavour by the POWERS that be. Alas that such innocent pastimes should be frowned upon by those in authority, simply because they afford pleasure to those concerned! Alas that such deeds should meet with such misfortune! Evidently Fortune does not always favour the brave.

The POWERS that be ordained, some moons ago, that the Senior Dormitory should be called the Red dormitory. We beg to inform our readers that this was in no way due to the revolutionary tendencies of some of the occupants, but rather to the progressive instincts of the instigators of the

movement. The other dorms were named GREEN and BLUE. We suggest that this was because one of them was green with envy, and the other blue with fright.

If writers always had material they could easily make their fortunes. Let a satirist but enter the gloomy portals of the Boarding House, and he could, if he chose, be rich in a week. Subjects innumerable rise at every turn, providing unlimited scope for a versatile pen. We could write a volume of them with ease. Let us give a specimen or two:—

“THE HARRASSED BOARDERS.”

“THE METAMORPHOSES IN A BOARDER'S LIFE.”

“THE ABSENCE OF VARIATIONS IN THE LIFE OF A BOARDER.”

“THE VALUE OF PLAYING CARDS AS A METHOD OF ENLIGHTENING BOARDERS.”

(This to be dealt with chiefly with regard to their pockets.)

“THE ART OF STACKING CARDS, AS PRACTISED IN THE BOARDING HOUSE.”

And many more.

The last couple on the list lead us to remark on the popularity of cards at present. The Boarding House is, at times, changed into a common gaming house, with a gramophone all complete, and many of our comrades are become wily at such games as Poker and Euchre, which require a great amount of skill. Some of the more intellectual “Sharpers” now and again attempt Bridge, but this is not particularly profitable, since it takes such a long time to play a hand, and thus money is slow in coming in, and all boarders are greedy, except, of course, those who aren't.

To this nonsense we beg to append some titbits, in order to give our readers at least a bit of a square meal.

Among the list of prizes to be presented on Speech Night we find a “Pat on the Back for Bull.” That possibly explains why he eats so many Patties for breakfast.

We are told that a Papal Bull is a Bull kept at the Vatican to give milk to the Pope's children. We firmly believe that it is not our Bull.

Why was Tiresome held up at the Zoo? We know; do you?

We have two very capable receptacles among us for left food, if there is ever any left. One is a politician and, naturally, takes whatever he can get. The other—the less said the better—he is an advocate of larger rations.

We suggest that the following dates be added to the list of Red Letter Days:—

September 30th (Black Wednesday).

November 2nd (Scotch Monday).

Question: Why does Roaring Roy go to Church so often?

Answer: Unknown, but it appears that he takes a lively interest in most Christians.

And so, kind reader, you see how we live from hand to mouth, and how the world rolls on, unceasingly, and how we get Sausages every Tuesday, and, prithee, pause a moment ere you go to your laden table for the evening meal, to ponder on this dark world of sin, and, maybe, shed a tear for suffering fellow-men.



## Hutchins School Scholarships.

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1. The D. H. Harvey Scholarship for boys under 11 years, value £12 per annum, tenable for one year. Open to all boys resident in Tasmania.
2. Two Junior Newcastle Scholarships for boys under 12 years, value £12 per annum, tenable for two years. Open to all boys resident in Tasmania, one awarded annually.
3. The Crace-Calvert Memorial Scholarship for boys under 13 years, value £15 per annum, tenable for one year. Open to all boys resident in Tasmania.
4. One Franklin Scholarship for boys under 14 years, value £20 per annum, tenable for two years. Open to the sons of persons resident within a radius of ten miles of the P.O. of the town of Franklin.
5. Two Senior Newcastle Scholarships for boys under 14 years, value £12 per annum, tenable for two years. Open to all boys resident in Tasmania, one awarded annually.
6. The McNaughton Scholarship for boys under 16 years, value £12 per annum, tenable for two years. Open to all boys who have been pupils of the Hutchins School for at least twelve months.
7. The Magistrates Scholarship, value £12 per annum, tenable for two years, to be awarded on the result of the Intermediate Examination. To be awarded in alternate years with the McNaughton.
8. The Medical Scholarship, value £12 per annum, tenable for two years. To be awarded on the result of the Intermediate Examination. Open to the sons of Medical Practitioners resident in Tasmania.
9. The Clerical Scholarships, total value £28 per annum, to be awarded at the discretion of the Board of Management to sons of the clergy of the Church of England in Tasmania.

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