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Old Boys' Association Employment Scheme

AN APPEAL TO ALL OLD BOY EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES

The Hutchins School Old Boys' Association is desirous of getting into touch with Old Boy employers, who from time to time have vacancies in their business, with a view to asking them to give Old Boys the opportunity of the first refusal.

A committee has been formed, consisting of the President of the Association, the Headmaster and the Bursar, for the purpose of bringing together Old Boy employers and employees, and this can only be done by the mutual co-operation of both.

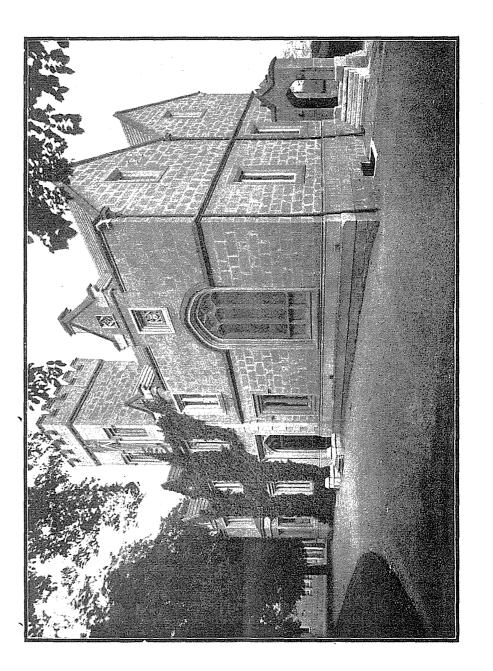
The Committee, therefore, appeals to employers to notify any one of its members of a vacancy in their employment. Any such notification will receive immediate attention from the Committee, who will at once recommend Old Boys suitable for the position.

The Committee also requests Old Boys out of employment to send in their full names, ages, addresses, telephone numbers and qualifications to them.

A careful register will be kept of these particulars and every endeavour will be made to place applicants in positions.

The Committee earnestly appeals to all Old Boys to co-operate with the School in this scheme, which will not only prove of mutual assistance to Old Boys but will eontribute mutually to the welfare of the School as a whole.

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EDITORIAL

Captains and Kings

"The tumult and the shouting dies, The captains and the kings depart . . ."

THE passing of His Most Gracious Majesty King George the Fifth of England has marked an epoch in the history of the world. A supreme monarch, reigning over an Empire that covers one-fifth of the earth's surface, this great King had so impressed the people of his time that his death was a calamity, and it seems, even to people of other races than ours, that following it, the affairs of the world have entered upon a period of further and deeper calamities. The death of no other monarch could have caused the same widespread regret, the same anxiety, as the passing of this slight, grey-haired man of 70 years. He was so patently a symbol of all that England has been to the world in the past three decades. His unassuming dignity, his uncompromising adherence to a policy that was right and just, his wide vision, his unquestioned statesmanship, his charity, and above all, his love of God and love of his fellow men, all contributed towards the creation abroad of an image of a great monarch, in whom the attributes of stern duty and clemency were strongly mixed; but a monarch who could unhesitatingly speak for his vast Empire, and in whose word there was law—this was a foreign conception. His people knew him otherwise—as a kindly and a gentle man, interested in the ambition of the most humble; as a man who loved his subjects and went fearlessly among them, speaking with them, striving to find their needs, and working always that his Government should supply those needs.

If ever a king was shrined in the hearts of his subjects it was he. It is some satisfaction to know that the people of the Empire were able to express the love and affection they had for him and his beloved Queen before he left them. The Silver Jubilee demonstrations, by their very sincerity, were cause for wonder and admiration among other nations. This great King loved, and was loved. One sentence that occurred and re-occurred during the Silver Jubilee orations will serve as a fitting memorial to him, "that very truly he was the father of his great family.'

Great names are things of the moment. Men have their little hour in the sun, one flash of glory, and then the long period of futility, living on memories until the final darkness. And when these great names pass into the Beyond, memories are revived, and people say "There was a man! Do you remember how he . . . ?" It is a sad fact that this "Do you remember how he . . . ?" ber?" is often very necessary. During the last eighteen months a Muster has been sounding steadily, and one by one the great names have been answering the Last Rally. Two we call to mind were intimately connected with Australia—General Sir John Monash, Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Expeditionary Forces, and Admiral Lord Jellicoe, who was for some years Governor of New Zealand. Admiral Lord Beatty, too, has steered his Last Course with his old shipmate, Jellicoe; and that Homeric boy of the War, Lawrence of Arabia—he who found a hundred deaths in the helter-skelter of the Arabian campaign, met his death on a quiet English road. This is the least bearable. That he should have passed in the full vigour of his manhood and at the flood-tide of his genius, is truly tragic. Further generations will acknowledge Lawrence as one of the greatest men of his age. And now, last of all, the great English General who believed in Lawrence's dream and worked with him shoulder to shoulder in the Eastern Campaign, General Lord Allenby, has gone to join him on the Last Campaign of all.

Remembering them, we write, "These were men." They stood for England at her most critical hour, and each by his endeavour helped to create that reputation for national fidelity which is our most priceless possession as a people. God grant that England may again find such sons in her hour of need.

In Memoriam

THE LATE ARTHUR GEORGE ARCHER WALCH

IT is with profound regret that we record the death, on December 28th, 1935, of A. G. A. Walch. Our deep-felt sympathy is extended to his mother (Mrs. R. C. Walch), his sister (Mrs. A. Bailey) and his two brothers (Messrs. G. A. and C. A. Walch). By his passing, the deep meaning of the School motto is made the more significant, for if Arthur Walch alone serves to illus-trate the effect of the influence of nobility and strength of character, then there must be sufficient urge for the boys and Old Boys of the Hutchins School to strive to live up to the inspiration of a motto which proclaims the survival of fine ideals and manliness over death.

Arthur Walch entered the School in 1922. By his quiet and sincere nature he made many friends, advanced conscientiously in all he undertook, and finally came to be a member of the Sixth Form and one of the most influential Prefects there has ever been at the Hutchins School. From 1926 until 1930

he was a member of the First Eleven. In 1929 and 1930 he was a member of the athletics, football and tennis teams, being captain of all three in 1930. He was also vice-captain of his House, and an officer of the School Cadet Corps. After leaving school he played cricket regularly for South Hobart District "A" Grade team and was a regular member of the Old Boys football team, being captain of the first Old Boys' team in the present P.S.O.B.A. roster, and it is significant that he has won the award of Best and Fairest Player.

His magnificent athletic achievements serve to illustrate his character the more clearly, for here was a man who achieved success by determination, by a sense of fairness and justice, by a thorough concentration on the job in hand, and by a cheerfulness that was infectious. His memory must always live as that of a great sportsman-sportsman, in that sense of the term which is distinct from athlete, yet includes it.

Here was a man who was an idealist to the end-vet he would have been the last man to have admitted it. After leaving School he adhered just as rigorously to his beliefs of right and wrong as he did at school. Having taken for granted his influence for so long, because of his modesty and unassum-ing quietness, it is only by his death that we are shocked into a true realisation of its worth. Among his friends the loss can never be replaced, but there can be no doubt that his memory will serve them for all time as an incentive to nobility of thought and action.

Here was a man—a term he used himself as the highest form of praise—for he combined that strength of character with that sympathy towards others which, combined with his sense of justice and his courage, made him so forceful, yet so loved and respected. Of him we may truly say-

"Vivit Post Funera Virtus."

G.E.H.

ROBERT SAMUEL HORNBLOW

On April 7th, at the General Hospital, Robert Samuel Hornblow, aged 79, died of pneumonia after a very short illness. He was for many years handy man and caretaker at the School, and was a great favourite with past generations of boys and Old Boys, who mostly referred to him affectionately as "Uncle." In his youth and middle age he had held the responsible position of coachman to the Lord Mayor of London, and he preserved, and was very proud of, a number of photographs of himself in the resplendent uniform of that office. He came to Tasmania as an employee of the Murdoch family, and came to the Hutchins School in the early days of Mr. Thorold's headmastership. In 1932 he became too infirm to continue his duties, and he obtained a pension; but he continued to be a constant visitor at the School and was occasionally employed as caretaker. To his last days he still

regarded himself in charge, and hardly a single evening passed without his making a complete tour of the outside of the premises to see that all was well. He was buried at Cornelian Bay. The funeral was attended by a number of friends and by representatives of the School and of the Old Boys.

Exchanges

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following School Magazines:

NEW SOUTH WALES: The Cranbrookian, The Sydneian. VICTORIA: The Melbournian, The Mitre, The Corian.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: St. Peter's College Magazine.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: The Swan. TASMANIA: The Launcestonian.

The Headmaster's Report SPEECH NIGHT, 1935

YOUR Excellency, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen, In presenting the School's Annual Report, I should first like to express our gratitude to Your Excellency and Your Lordship, and to our other distinguished visitors, for your presence here to-night. Secondly, I would like to explain that a departure has been made from my usual practice of reading the whole report. Instead, a printed copy of the full report has been placed in your hands, and I only propose to read those portions which are of general interest to the whole of our audience. The Public Examinations

I have to report a year of steady progress and honest work without any sensational occurrences of any kind. First, I should like to deal with the Public Examination results of last year. You will find these tabulated in the prize list, and with the figures of the Intermediate and Leaving taken last December are included those of one or two candidates who took subjects to complete Matriculation or an Intermediate Pass at the Supplementary Examinations at the beginning of this year.

In the Leaving, A. J. M. Johnson obtained the first Science Scholarship, the first Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Scholarship, the first Sir Richard Dry Mathematical Scholarship, and the first prizes for Algebra, Applied Mathematics and Physics. R. F. Cane won the Arthur Augustus Stephens Memorial Prize

for Physics and Chemistry. The number of candidates who passed the Leaving and matriculated was 11 out of 13.

In the Intermediate, 16 candidates passed out of 21. The best results were D. J. McKean (5 credits and 3 passes), G. L. Hudson (3 credits and 5 passes), both of whom obtained Senior Bursaries, and R. Atkinson (5 credits and 4 passes).

The number of boys who passed the Merit was 14.

We are very pleased to have the Director of Education on our platform, and we realise what very earnest consideration must be given to his opinions, both by the Heads of State and also of Non-State Secondary Schools. We hope Mr. Brooks will not think us inhospitable if we take up the cudgels with him over a proposal put forward by him after his recent tour abroad. This is no less than that the Public Examinations should be abolished and an accrediting system be introduced instead. A similar scheme has been tried by some schools in Victoria, and may be explained as follows: Instead of candidates all sitting for the same examination set by the University staff, or by examiners appointed by the Department of Education, the Heads of schools are asked to certify that certain candidates have reached a satisfactory standard at the Leaving or Intermediate stage, and such certificate is accepted as equivalent to a pass in the examination. If this explanation is generally correct, my staff and I are opposed to the scheme. I do not claim to hold any brief for Public Examinations. As tests of a boy's knowledge and capacity they are frequently very unsatisfactory, but I have yet to be convinced that any impartial and satisfactory alternative can be devised. The chief objection—and I admit it is a valid one—to Public Examinations is that the circumstances under which they are held constitute a strain on a nervous child, which may prevent him from doing his best. I cannot see, however, any diminution in the intensive strain under the accrediting system. The latter would entail, I feel sure, a much more stringent inspection of secondary schools, and possibly more intra-school examinations than are at present held; so that the proposal may mean not less, but more examinations, but of a more private nature. This involves diminution of teaching time, which I regard with the utmost disfavour.

As regards the Leaving, my opinion is that the teaching staff of the University are the right people to set the standard instead of having to accept the possibly varying standards of a dozen or so headmasters and headmistresses. Any sort of notion that the accrediting system will result in a diminution of home work is quite mistaken. This could only be brought about by a reduction of University standards, which to my mind is undesirable if this University is going to hold its own with those on the mainland.

The Intermediate is on a somewhat different footing, as a pass in it either denotes that a boy has reached a certain midway stage in his secondary education, a sort of half-way house considerably short of a complete secondary education, or it is regarded as a certificate stating that he has reached a standard qualifying him to undertake some form of junior clerical work. I believe that the school staffs should hold the final decision

as to the standards and conditions of the Intermediate. At present they have a very strong voice, though not the final decision. At the same time, the University provides rightly an organisation for reconciling and co-ordinating the numerous divergent opinions held by the teaching staffs of schools.

I cannot believe that a standard probably varying in this way will prove satisfactory. I am also quite certain that the departments of the Public Service, and different business firms and business men in the city, who at present accept the Intermediate as a qualification for the employment of juniors, would have nothing like the same confidence in results obtained from an accrediting system. In fact, I am assured that the banks will hold an examination of their own if the Intermediate is abolished.

The Age of Leaving

Here I would like to make a brief digression on a subject of vital interest to the community. The Intermediate, an excellent examination for the purpose that it was devised, namely, a certificate that a boy had reached a certain stage—not by any means the final stage—of a secondary education, is now being looked upon as an examination to be taken immediately prior to leaving school, and as a certificate that a boy has been sufficiently educated to take a clerical position. Is there no alternative to this deplorable state of affairs? The Wages Boards' Awards make it almost inevitable that a boy should leave school at 15 or 16 in order to get a position. This means that our boys are leaving with their education only half finished, with character as yet unformed. They are turned loose in the world when they are still boys, just at the period when the school's guidance and direction are most valuable to them. They leave when they are beginning to acquire a sense of responsibility and a capacity for executive work which both helps the school and is invaluable to the boys themselves in after life. One of the greatest commercial authorities in Australia gave it as his considered opinion that boys going into a clerical position ought not to leave school before eighteen. That this is not really necessary is shown by the policy of the Bank of New South Wales in Sydney, which is now admitting boys up to eighteen and requiring the Leaving Certificate as the standard of entry instead of the Intermediate.

Insurance

This year sees the first beneficiary under the insurance scheme. Whilst we deplore the loss which first made the benefit available, at the same time I would like to point out that after the payment of only one premium by the parents, this boy, from his present age (9) will receive his education free of charge until December of the year in which he turns 17. For the benefit of those who may not be familiar with the scheme, I should like to explain that for day boys a quarterly premium of 2/6 insures the boy against the death of the breadwinner of the family. Payment of a premium of 10/- per quarter for boarders will ensure free board for the same period, namely, until the end of the year in which he turns 17.

Employment

At a time when the unemployment of youths is such a serious question, I am glad to be able to state that this problem is not very acute for us. There is a certain amount of unemployment amongst older Old Boys, but no less than nine boys left during the year to take up good positions. Practically all our boys who left last Christmas either went on to the University or obtained appointments, and provided the minimum of an Intermediate pass can be shown, I have no difficulty in placing boys; in fact, I have more applications from employers than I can fill. At the same time, I should like boys and their parents to remember that while the hall mark of the School goes a long way in itself, the first requisite is character, and the School's present reputation can be maintained only as long as it continues to produce boys of good character, and I only vouch for those who possess this. I have spoken at some length about Public Examinations and standards of scholarship. In these days, when results loom so large in the public eye, one is apt to forget that the chief aim and end of Public Schools is the formation of character, and while a record for sound scholarship and a reputation for clean sport are splendid assets for a school, they are really subsidiary to, or rather a part of, the greater thing. In a school such as ours, undoubtedly the first formative influence of character is religion, and that influence will not be fully felt until we have our own chapel, though I firmly believe that the quiet leaven of our daily services and our divinity lessons work unseen to produce that love of righteousness which is the basis of good character. Other important formative factors are the home, companions, and the influence of work honestly done and sport keenly and cleanly played.

Exeat

Upper VI

- Hawson, E. (1931-35).—Intermediate, 1933; Leaving, 1935; Prefect and XI, 1935.
- Hurburgh, M. H. (1922-35). Intermediate, 1933; Leaving,
- Tudor, E. D. (1923-35).—Intermediate, 1932; Matriculated, 1935; Credits in French, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Applied Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry; Prefect and XVI, Dux of School, Head's Prize for French, 1935.
- Valentine, E. S. (1934-5).—XI, 1934-5, XVI, 1934-5, vice-captain, 1935; athletics, 1934; swimming colours, 1935; honour badge, 1935; Matriculated, credit in Algebra, 1935; Prefect, 1935.

Warner, D. A. (1928-35).—Intermediate, 1932; Leaving, 1935; crew, 1934-5; athletics, 1928-35, captain, 1935; XVI, 1932-35, captain, 1935; honour badge, 1934-5; Prefect, 1934; Senior Prefect, 1935; Editor and Secretary of Debating Society, 1935; Bishop of Tasmania Prize, 1935.

Lower VI

Bennett, W. T. (1931-35).—Intermediate, 1934; XI and XVI, Prefect, 1935.

Henry, F. O. (1933-35).—Intermediate, 1934.

Hudson, G. L. (1930-35).—Intermediate, 1934; XI, 1934-35; XVI, 1935; tennis IV, 1934-35; School Champion, 1935.

Shoobridge, J. D. L. (1927-35). — Intermediate, 1934; XI, 1934-35, captain, 1935; XVI, 1935; tennis IV, 1934-35, captain, 1935; athletics, 1928-35; honour badge, 1934-35.

Intermediate Form

Arnold, J. C. (1935).—Intermediate, 1935.

Boddam, L. T. (1925-35).—Intermediate, 1935; XI, 1935.

Hopkins, D. M. (1931-35).—Intermediate, 1935.

Lord, W. D. B. (1931-36).—Crew and XVI, 1935; XI, 1936.

Little, G. C. (1925-35).—XVI, 1932-33; XI, 1933-35.

Male, A. J. (1935-6).—Swimming, 1935-6.

Reeve, W. E. (1930-35).—Intermediate, 1935; athletics, XVI, 1935.

Richard, N. B. (1924-35).—Intermediate, 1935; Cros. Country, 1934-35; XVI, 1935.

Plunkett, J. H. (1931-35).—Crew, 1935.

Form V

Walker, R. B. (1934-35).

Remove A

Hickman, T. L. (1928-35).

Sweetnam, E. W. (1931-35).

Barraclough, H. A. (1935).

Walker, T. F. (1935).

Form IVa

Barraclough, D. K. (1935).—Athletics, 1935.

Junior School

McGhie, J. W. (1933-35).

Grubb, P. (1932-35).

Barraclough, J. E. (1935).

Baxter, L. A. (1935).

Intermediate Results, 1935-6

Name	English	History	Geography	Lațin	French	Arithmetic	Algebra	Geometry	Physics	Chemistry				
413 Arnold	P	\mathbf{C}	P		*	P	P	P			10	redi	t 5 p	asses
418 Baldwin	P		P		P	\mathbf{C}	P	\mathbf{C}	P	P	2	,,	6	,,
439 Binny	P		\mathbf{C}			\mathbf{C}	P		P	P	2	,,	4	,,
443 Blackwood	\mathbf{C}	\mathbf{C}	\mathbf{C}			\mathbf{C}	P	P			4	"	2	,,
446 Boddam	P		\mathbf{C}			P	P		P	-	1	,,	4	,,
463 Brett Moore	P	P	\mathbf{C}	P	P	\mathbf{C}	P	P			2	,,	6	,,
479 Bull	P		\mathbf{C}		*	P	P	P	P		1	,,	5	"
523 Cracknell	P		P			P	P		P				5	,,
547 Dickinson	P		P			P	P		P				5	**
575 Fisher	P		P	P		\mathbf{C}		P	P		1	,,	5	"
593 Gibson	P		P			\mathbf{C}	P		P		1	,,	4	,,
649 Hopkins	P		P			P	P		P	P			6	,,
656 Hudspeth			P			\mathbf{C}	P		P	P	1	,,	4	,,
833 Reeve			P			\mathbf{C}	P	P	P		1	,,	4	,,
838 Richard	P		P			\mathbf{C}	\mathbf{C}	P	P		2	"	4	,,
852 Rodwell			\mathbf{C}		P	\mathbf{C}		P	P	P	2	,,	4	,,
886 Stevens	*		P			P			P	P			4	**
923 Tudor	P		P	P		\mathbf{C}	\mathbf{C}	P	\mathbf{C}	P	3	,,	5	,,
943 Warlow-Davies	P		P			\mathbf{C}	P	P	P		1	,,	5	,,
947 Watchorn	P	P	P			P	P	P					6	37
955 Whitehouse	P		P		P	P	P		P				6	**
964 Williams			С			C	P	P	P	P	2	,,	4	**

^{*}These boys completed their pass at the Supplementary Examination.

New Boys, 1936

Le Souef, J. D. Le Souef, D. H. Williams, L. E. Cossum, K. E. Gray, G. S. Short, D. W. Olney, P. C. Butler, C. C. A. Butler, W. J. A. Bailey, P. R. B. Read, P. S. Layton, T. Williams, L. R. Green, G. D. Steele, A. J. Oliver, R. S. Cloudsdale, A. C. Pretyman, C. J. Tunbridge, J. R. Reid, A. J. Ransom, E. D. Moir, J. D. Crisp, P. Boyes, G. Downie, I. K.

Harcourt, W. V. Colman, G. W. Simmonds, B. S Shea, L. L. Sansom, P. M. Cottier, B. A. Hopkins, G. L. Sampson, B. Burt, M. S. Martyn, R. O. Kile, K. S. Sharp, D. G. Douglas, S. G. Oldmeadow, J. V. Walker, G. B. Ferguson, S. C. Milligan, R. J. S. Palmer, G. S. Ikin, S. A. Clennett, G. Medhurst, D. R. Bennett, J. G. Wordsworth, D. J. Baker, D. G.

Visitors

CO far this year our visitors have been few. During Holy Week two very inspiring addresses were delivered in morning assembly—one by His Lordship the Bishop, and the other by the Rev. W. T. Reeve.

Dr. Hay told in his own charming, inconsequential way, the old story of Holy Week, with its message of fidelity and unswerving idealism; while Mr. Reeve bade us think earnestly of what we wished to do in life, and warned us to be sure to test our values.

During Youth Week a very interesting address was delivered on the topic of the week by Rotarian H. H. Cummins.

Junior School Notes

THE most important event to be recorded from the Junior School is the advent of another member of the teaching staff, and we welcome Mr. G. McKay to our midst, and hope he may long remain with us. Already Mr. McKay has been a great help to us in the sports world, and we have learnt a great deal from him at both cricket and football. We thank him for the great interest he has shown us, and hope he may long remain at the School, although occasionally he does give us detentions—but then, one has to expect that sometimes.

At the swimming sports we did our bit, and heartily congratulate Chen on being the first to reach the finishing post. We were pleased to see so many taking part in the races, and are very glad that none of them were drowned, in spite of the fact that one or two looked like it. Ikin managed to win the dive after putting up a very good performance.

As the summer was so fine we managed to get in quite a lot of cricket, and even had some House matches—the results being, School managed to beat both Bucks and Stephens, and Stephens had to take second place against Bucks. We are pleased to see so many parents taking an interest in our games on Friday afternoons, and are truly grateful to those who so kindly bring along cars to take us to the ground. We had a record number of cars the day we played Friends, but we are very sorry to say, in that match we were beaten. We hope for greater success when we play them again.

House Captains were appointed during the second term, and we heartily congratulate Chen on his appointment to the position of Captain of the Junior School as well as the Captain of Stephens House. Hawker was appointed School House Captain, and Bennetto is Captain of Buckland.

Kindergarten Notes

WE were very delighted to find our room so bright when we returned to school after the Easter holidays. Mrs. Renney will be pleased to know we appreciate her interest and her help in the painting of the furniture.

We are working happily at our new play for Christmas, and hope we will be as successful with it as we have been with the three we've done in the past.



DO PLANTS FEEL?

SIR JAGADIS BOSE, the eminent Hindu scientist, has devoted his life to the study of plants. By actual experiment he has shown that plants have emotions, and that everything created lives and dies. His discoveries are so marvellous that it is difficult to believe them. "Hitherto," he says, "we have regarded trees and plants as not akin to us, because they are the voiceless of the world; but I will show you that they are sensible creatures in that they really exist and can answer your questions. When it receives a shock the leaf of the mimosa drops, and an instrument has been invented by means of which this answer can be converted into intelligible script. The dropping leaf was attached to a lever seeking to get the response actually written on paper, but the resistance of movement over paper was too great, so the leaver was set to vibrate at one thousand times a second. Now, we could measure the effect on the lever to a thousandth part of a heart-beat." In certain of his experiments he has noticed that while a plant was recording a throbbing, the pulsing was affected by the approach of certain people, but became normal when they went away again. Generally, a plant took twelve minutes to recover from the blow. Sir Jagadis poisoned a plant, placing the stem in bromide, and the plant was made to inscribe the throbbing sensations due to the action of the poison. The result suggested the flutterings of a living creature struggling for life. He has shown, also, that a tree can notice the passing of a cloud between itself and the sun. With his delicate instruments he has proved that it reacts—you might almost say that it "shivers" in the shadow. Sir Jagadis has shown clearly that animal and vegetable kingdoms are one in essence, and that certain of the distinctions previously drawn between them were based on a false assumption.

WHY LONG-DISTANCE WIRELESS TRANSMISSION IS POSSIBLE

Why do radio waves not wander away into space and get dissipated, instead of being reflected back to the earth? This interesting question has been clearly answered by Sir James Jeans in his recent book, "Through Space and Time." An ordinary mirror reflects light, because its surface is a conductor of electricity. The surface consists of quicksilver, but air and other gases also conduct electricity, so there is no reason why a mirror should not consist of air. Gases conduct when they are "ionised"—that is, when electrons have been torn off from the molecules and are free to move about and transport an electric current. In 1902, Heaviside, in England, sug-

gested that there must be a layer of ionised gas high up above the earth which acted as a mirror for radio waves and turned them earthwards again. Since then this conjecture has been confirmed, and the layer is known as the Heaviside Layer. Its height ranges from 45 to 90 miles above the earth. A second layer of ionised gas has recently been discovered. It is called the Appleton Layer, after its discoverer, and its height varies from 90 to 250 miles. Other layers have been discovered, the lowest being as little as 25 or 30 miles above the ground. This layer is specially active in the early morning, trapping long waves and sending them back to earth. None of the layers reflect all the waves that fall on them, but very few waves pass through the three layers. So when we listen to a wireless station many miles away, let us pause and think about the route by which the radio waves have brought us the programme.

THE BIRTH OF PLANETS

In the same book Sir James discusses the question of the birth of planets, such as our earth. Every star exerts a gravitational pull, just as the sun does, and so has a danger zone surrounding it. As the stars move onwards through space, it occasionally happens that one wanders into the danger zone of another and more massive star. In this case the bigger star will pull out of the smaller a long nose or filament of gas, which will gradually break up into little pieces. It is likely that sometime in the past the sun met with a misadventure of this kind and that the pieces are our planets. If we take six wasps and set them flying blindly about in a cage 1,000 miles long, 1,000 miles broad and 1,000 miles high, we shall have a model of the distance of the stars. We can also make it represent the speeds of their motions if we slow down our wasps until they move only at about a hundredth part of a snail's pace. We may be sure that as the wasps fly about their big cage at this speed, they will not bump into one another, or even pass near to one another, at very frequent intervals. Yet it is most probably only when stars do this that planets like our earth come into existence. For this reason, the birth of planets must be a rare event, and since the universe has not existed for ever, planets themselves must be very rare. People used to think of each star as giving light to, and supporting life on, a retinue of planets, but it now looks as though planets are the rare exceptions. At the most favourable computation, it seems likely that only one star in every hundred thousand can have a family of planets to take care of.

EXAMINATIONS

The abolition of examinations is a favourite subject with politicians who have an axe to grind, and with old ladies who think they have a mission to reform the world. The whole question bristles with difficulties, and arguments can be adduced both for and against examinations. In 1931 an International Conference on Examinations was held in England, and the English Committee of that Conference has now published its report. This document makes interesting reading, but, without a doubt, it is in many respects a serious condemnation of examinations as at present conducted. Many instances are given of varying standards adopted by different examiners, and a consequent difference in the awards allotted to individual candidates. We shall give two only. At a school certificate examination in English there were two papers—a two-hour paper on Essay and Precis, and a three-hour paper mainly on set books. There were forty-eight candidates and seven examiners. One examiner failed no candidate and gave special credit to twelve, while another failed nineteen and gave special credit to none. Two intervening Boards were set up to examine candidates viva voce, and the candidates were finally arranged in order by each of the two Boards. As a result, Board A placed first with 260 marks out of 300 the candidate whom Board B placed thirteenth with 190 marks. Board A put the favourite of Board B in its eleventh place. Now, the writer of these jottings has thought a good deal on this question, and, apart from the weakness exposed in this report, it is obvious that while an examination cannot guarantee that a man will become efficient in the Public Service or in a profession, it at least provides against favouritism and undue influence. The public examinations are regarded as the charter of the able boy or girl without influence. If an employer, for any reason, selects a less well qualified candidate, he at least does so with his eyes open. Of equal importance, from the national standpoint, is the fact that examinations are utilised to secure that the better qualified, and not merely the more fortunate, are admitted to the benefits of a University education. At the same time, we must admit that examinations do interfere, to a certain extent, with the orderly progress of the pupil and with the attainment of a wider general culture. For this reason the number of external examinations should be kept down to the absolute minimum required for essential purposes.

HARD ON THE SCIENCE MASTER

Dr. C. A. Alington, Dean of Durham, and formerly Headmaster of Eton, has written a book of reminiscences under the title of "Things Ancient and Modern." It is a very beguiling book, containing many interesting stories, and full of life and humour. On the whole, the Dean is quite tolerant in his views, but he is stubborn on one point at least, and that is his dislike and distrust of scientists. Regarding the contention that science is the best training for the mind, he says, "I can only say that I have very seldom known a science master who could be safely trusted with any particular job. If, as Headmaster, I wanted some piece of work done, I should feel safer if I entrusted it to a mathematician or to a classic, but profoundly uneasy if I gave it to a scientist." He admits there may be exceptions, "just as there may be women with artistic gifts." It is quite a gay book, but some of the fun, which Dr. Alington did not intend, arises from his frequent grammatical errors. Even a science master could not have done that part of the book worse.

E. D. TUDOR'S SUCCESS

Our best candidate at the last Leaving Examination was E. D. Tudor. His performance was better than that of any other candidate in the whole State, and in some respects the best we have had in this School for some years. He gained credits in French, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Applied Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry—seven in all, a greater number than that obtained by any other candidate. He qualified for the first Science Scholarship, the second General Scholarship, and the second Sir Richard Dry Exhibition in Mathematics. He was awarded the A. A. Stephens Memorial Prize for Physics and Chemistry, and the University Prize for Physics. This is a record rarely ever surpassed by a candidate at the Leaving Examination, and we congratulate Tudor on his fine achievement. H.D.E.

SPORTS AND GAMES

"For there is no surer fame in a man's own lifetime than that which he wins with his feet and his hands."

---Homer, "The Odyssey."



TRAINING in rowing began soon after the commencement of the first term, and about fourteen boys sought to obtain seats in the School crews for this year. Bad weather interfered to some extent with the work, and we were handicapped by the fact that our coach (Mr. Walter Taylor) was unable, through illness and pressure of work, to give us the assistance he usually has done, until a week or two before the race. Mr. Parish supervised the training of the crews in his absence, and was assisted by Messrs. J. Davis, J. Lord and A. Watchorn, to whom we are very grateful for the interest they displayed.

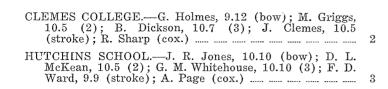
HEAD-OF-THE-RIVER RACE

Owing to the fact that the usual date for the race would have coincided with Anzac Day, it was decided to hold the regatta on Saturday, 4th April. Launceston was the venue, and the School crew comprised J. R. Jones, D. L. McKean, G. Whitehouse, F. D. Ward and A. Page.

Seven crews competed, and got away to a good start under excellent weather conditions, St. Virgil's, Friends and Clemes being the first to show out. When the crews had settled down Grammar, Scotch, Clemes and Hutchins were together; but Hutchins, rowing at a slightly higher rate, moved to the front and led by a canvas. The order was unchanged about half-way along King's Wharf, Hutchins still holding the lead, with Clemes about half-a-length behind them. Then followed Scotch, Friends and St. Virgil's, with St. Patrick's a long way back. Crossing the junction of the rivers the positions were unchanged, except that Hutchins, quickening their stroke, went out to about a length's lead. This was maintained until the crews were about half-way along the close piling, when Clemes challenged strongly. Grammar were then about half-a-length behind the leaders. The Clemes boat came alongside that of Hutchins within 100 yards of the finishing line, and the oars of the two crews were interlocked for a moment, but finally Clemes crossed Hutchins' bow, the canvas of the boat being badly torn. The pace of the Hutchins boat was checked tem-porarily, and in the meantime Grammar put in an excellent finishing effort in No. 1 position, reaching the finishing line three feet ahead of Clemes, with Hutchins a length further back in third position. Then followed Scotch, Friends, St. Virgil's and St. Patrick's in that order. The following were the placed crews:—

CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL. — R. Marshall, 10.2 (bow); L. McKinnon, 10.12 (2); O. Deacon, 12.0 (3); E. Brooks, 9.3 (stroke); L. Lewis (cox.) ____ 1

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SECONDS' RACE

Four crews competed in this race, in boats of varying type. Grammar and Friends quickly drew away from Hutchins and Scotch. The race resolved itself into a hard tussle between the first named crews, but Grammar won comfortably by a length-and-a-quarter from Friends, with Scotch a length back in third place.

The School crew comprised D. Barkley (bow), R. O. Cracknell (2), I. Grant (3), W. E. Reeve (stroke) and D. Eldershaw (cox.).

OLD BOYS' RACE

Hutchins Old Boys led throughout the race in No. 1 position, and although St. Patrick's College Old Boys issued a strong challenge towards the finish, won by a length, with Grammar a long way back in third place.

The winning Hutchins Old Boys' crew was: S. Harrisson (bow), J. Lord (2), A. Watchorn (3), J. Davis (stroke) and P. Stops (cox.).

Congratulations are extended to the Grammar crews on their well-merited wins, both in the Head-of-the-River and Junior events. Their coaches (Messrs. A. Brewer and H. V. Jones) are to be complimented on the excellent form the crews displayed. The Old Boys' crew of the School must also be congratulated on its success, following splendid wins at Lindisfarne and Hobart Regattas as representatives of the University Rowing Club.

Before concluding these notes our thanks must be extended to Mr. Taylor and others who assisted with the coaching of the School crews. We must also express our gratitude to the Launceston Church Grammar School for billeting the crews during their stay in Launceston; to Mr. Fraser and Mrs. Irvine for many kindnesses; to Mr. Jones for the loan of a set of oars; to the Tamar Rowing Club for the use of their shed and boat for the Junior race; and to Messrs. K. Nicholson and R. Ward for their courtesy in making the arrangements incidental to the trip to Launceston.



THE First Eleven have had a fairly successful season, though once again we had to lower our colours to St. Virgil's after a very interesting contest in which the bowling of both sides was superior to the batting. The School owes its defeat to lack of concentration in the field, and in the running between the wickets, which was in the match particularly deplorable, numerous easy singles to fine leg being disdained. The batting, too, lacked resolution, caused in several cases by lack of confidence; as in the Friends' match the team rallied splendidly after a poor start. As the side is a young one the experience gained should be extremely beneficial, and we face the remaining matches with every confidence. Richardson and Thomson are especially deserving of praise for their fine bowling in every match. The following boys played for the School in the roster games:-

- T. D. Simpson (captain) handled his team well and did all that was asked as wicket-keeper. A useful batsman, he is inclined to reach for the ball, while there were times when he lost his wicket through a desire to force the pace.
- H. R. Thomson (vice-captain) bowled particularly well throughout, his left-hand deliveries proving very disconcerting. His batting, however, was disappointing, as he failed to adapt himself to the role of opening batsman, for which his style should have been admirably suited. A fine fieldsman.
- R. E. Richardson, fast bowler, developed fine pace, and this, combined with improved accuracy and stamina, rendered his bowling invaluable. A forcing batsman, he must learn to keep his shots along the ground, while at the same time playing his natural game. An excellent field.
- E. Rodwell, opening batsman, was rather unlucky. His 72 against Clemes in the last match of the term, however, showed that he has the ability to score many runs, as when going he bats very steadily. A sound fieldsman and improving bowler.
- G. K. Tudor, a promising all-rounder, with more confidence should score heavily, and, when he develops more accuracy in his slow-medium leg-breaks, prove a dangerous bowler. Rather slow in the field.
- J. B. Watchorn, slow bowler, did not receive many opportunities, but has improved greatly. With attention to practice and length his play should develop further, as he uses his head in his bowling and is batting on correct lines.

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W. B. Lord, left-hand bowler, also did not receive many opportunities, but bowled accurately and well. His fielding was first-class, and his batting showed a most satisfactory improvement.

- B. J. Bradley, batsman, played an excellent knock against Clemes, but thereafter was disappointing. He must learn to combine his natural aggressive strokes with a sound defence.
- N. G. Abbott, batsman, also was disappointing. His stroke play was good, but he appeared to get himself out unnecessarily. His fielding also stands in need of improvement.
- C. M. Newton, batsman, has shown considerable improvement, and seems to possess the right temperament for the game. Rather inclined to play at the pitch of the ball. His fielding has shown a most pleasing improvement. A useful bowler.
- T. A. S. Atkinson, batsman, proved very useful to the side. He hits hard and should improve considerably. His fielding was only fair.
- H. P. Binny, batsman, showed promise in the only game he played.

Hutchins v. Clemes

The School defeated Clemes College at the T.C.A. Ground on February 28th by 131 runs on the first innings, Clemes narrowly averting an outright defeat, having 7 wickets down for 52 in their second innings. For Hutchins, Bradley batted vigorously for 70 not out, with eleven fours, being ably supported by Newton. Of the earlier batsmen, Rodwell, Richardson and Simpson all contributed useful scores, though fielding lapses by Clemes nullified the efforts of the bowlers, particularly Clemes and Harvey. For Clemes, Dickson secured the best average, taking three wickets for 28 runs off five overs. Clemes, in their first innings were all out for 67, Edwards going in first and being the last man out for a solid 35. In the second innings Edwards was again the mainstay of the batting, being 32 not out when stumps were drawn. Scores:

HUTCHINS.—1st Innings: Thomson, b Harvey, 5; Rodwell, lbw b Clemes, 23; Richardson, st Elliott b Edwards, 38; Tudor, b Clemes, 1; Simpson, b Harvey, 37; Newton, c Edwards b Dickson, 25; Bradley, n.o., 70; Abbott, b Dickson, 0; Atkinson, b Dickson, 4; Watchorn, st Elliott b Edwards, 7; extras, 18; total, 9 wickets for 198 (innings declared closed). Bowling: Dickson, 3 for 28; Edwards, 2 for 52; Harvey, 2 for 62; Clemes, 2 for 68.

CLEMES.—1st Innings: Edwards, c Thomson b Richardson, 35: Clemes, lbw b Thomson, 0; Elliott, b Thomson, 8; Harvey, lbw b Thomson, 0; Dickson, c Atkinson, b Lord, 2; Holmes, run out, 1; Griggs, b Richardson, 7; D. Saunders, run out, 1; Oliver, b Richardson, 4; Reynolds, Ibw b Richardson, 0; B. Saunders, n.o., 2; extras,; 7 total, 67. Bowling: Richardson, 4 for 15; Thomson, 3 for 19; Lord, 1 for 8; Watchorn, none for 18.

2nd Innings: Elliott, c Simpson b Thomson, 6; Edwards, n.o., 32; Clemes, b Tudor, 4; Harvey, b Richardson, 4; Dickson, c Thomson b Richardson, 0; Holmes, b Richardson, 0; Griggs, b Richardson, 0; D. Saunders, b Richardson, 0; Oliver, n.o., 1; extras, 5; total, 7 wickets for 52. Bowling: Richardson, 5 for 23; Thomson, 1 for 12; Tudor, 1 for 12.

School v. St. Virgil's

At the T.C.A. Ground on March 6th and 7th, St. Virgil's won the toss and batted. After a bad start, the middle batsmen offered stubborn resistance, being also aided by sluggish fielding on the part of the School team. The total reached 98, Thomson and Richardson each taking four wickets. The School collapsed, and when stumps were drawn on the Friday eight wickets were down for little more than 30. The remaining two wickets fell early on Saturday. Another batting collapse followed, this time by St. Virgil's, who were all out for 49, leaving the School 100 minutes to make 105 runs. But the batsmen were unable to follow up the splendid efforts of Thomson and Richardson ,and at stumps eight wickets were down for 68. Deplorable running between wickets and slack fielding were largely responsible for the discrepancy between the scores in a match where the bowlers were on top all the time. Scores:

ST. VIRGIL'S. — 1st Innings: Brickhill, b Richardson, 0; Holden, b Thomson, 0; McGrath, b Thomson, 14; Rodda, run out, 19; Pybus, b Thomson, 0; Mills, b Thomson, 0; Calder, lbw b Richardson, 21; Kilmartin, c Newton, b Watchorn, 26; Gaunt, c Watchorn b Richardson, 1; Lane, b Richardson, 0; Haley, n.o., 1; extras, 16; total, 97. Bowling: Richardson, 4 for 31; Thomson, 4 for 18; Watchorn, 1 for 16.

2nd Innings: Brickhill, b Richardson, 3; Holden, b Thomson, 1; McGrath, b Richardson, 5; Rodda, b Thomson, 0; Pybus, c Simpson b Richardson, 2; Mills, b Richardson, 2; Calder, lbw b Thomson, 9; Kilmartin, c Simpson, b Richardson, 9; Gaunt, b Thomson, 6; Lane, b Richardson, 2; Haley, n.o., 2; extras, 4; total, 45. Bowling: Richardson, 6 for 11; Thomson, 4 for

HUTCHINS.—1st Innings: Thomson, lbw b Mills, 0; Rodwell, run out, 3; Simpson, b Calder, 0; Newton, run out, 4; Richardson, lbw b Mills, 8; Watchorn, b Mills, 1; Tudor, b Mills, 4; Bradley, b Mills, 5; Abbott, b Calder, 1; Binny, n.o., 5; Lord, b Mills, 0; extras, 7; total, 38. Bowling: Mills, 6 for 8; Calder, 2 for 20.

2nd Innings: Rodwell, st McGrath, b Rodda, 6; Newton, run out, 4; Richardson, c Holden b Rodda, 2; Thomson, b Mills, 28; Bradley, c Gaunt b Rodda, 0; Simpson, b Mills, 3; Tudor, b Rodda, 2; Binny, b Rodda, 9; Abbott, n.o., 9; extras, 2; total (for 8 wickets), 65. Bowling: Rodda, 5 for 33; Mills, 2 for 25.

School v. Friends

Played at New Town on March 13th and 14th. The match commenced in dismal weather, and play on the Friday afernoon was very slow. On resuming on Saturday the remaining Friends' wickets fell cheaply to the bowling of Thomson and Richardson. The early batsmen for Hutchins again were dismissed cheaply, but a valuable stand by Newton at a critical stage turned the match in the School's favour, Tudor also batting well for 37 not out. In their second innings Friends played out the remaining time, losing five for 59. Scores:

FRIENDS.—1st Innings: Stokes, c Simpson b Richardson, 1; Brent, c Simpson b Richardson, 0; Bowden, b Thomson, 16; Hinman, b Thomson, 1; Bond, hit wkt b Richardson, 18; Gould, b Thomson, 11; Richmond, c Simpson b Thomson, 10; Lyne, n.o., 4; Johnston, b Thomson, 1; Tabberer, c Lord b Richardson, 0; Levis, b Richardson, 2; extras, 9; total, 73. Bowling: Thomson, 5 for 26; Richardson, 5 for 27.

2nd Innings: Richmond, b Thomson, 0; Stokes, lbw b Thomson, 6; Bowden, b Thomson, 1; Hinman, c Atkinson, b Richardson, 9; Bond, n.o., 17; Gould, b Richardson, 14; Lyne, n.o., 0; extras, 12; total (for 5 wickets), 59. Bowling: Richardson, 2 for 17; Thomson, 3 for 24.

HUTCHINS .- 1st Innings: Rodwell, run out, 4; Thomson, b Richmond, 1; Richardson, c Gould b Richmond, 26; Bradley, c Johnson b Bond, 0; Abbott, c Lyne b Richmond, 2; Simpson, b Bond, 6; Newton, c b Bond, 22; Tudor, n.o., 37; Atkinson, c Tabberer b Bowden, 14; Watchorn, b Gould, 6; Lord, st Tabberer b Gould, 4; extras, 4; total, 126. Bowling: Bond, 3 for 33; Richmond, 3 for 42; Bowden, 1 for 27; Gould, 2 for

School v. Clemes

At North Hobart on March 21st and 28th, Clemes batted first, but through a fine bowling performance by Thomson, who took 8 for 4, were all dismissed for 19. The School opened soundly, but after Rodwell had departed for a valuable 72, the later batsmen collapsed and the side was all out for 198. In their second innings Clemes fared better, being dismissed for 99, losing the match by an innings and 80 runs. Scores:

CLEMES.—1st Innings: Edwards, b Thomson, 7; Clemes, lbw b Thomson, 0; Elliott, b Thomson, 0; Harvey, c Abbott b Thomson, 0; Dickson, c Simpson b Thomson, 0; D. Saunders, n.o., 7; Holmes, b Richardson, 0; B. Saunders, b Thomson, 1; Reynolds, lbw b Thomson, 1; McDonald, b Thomson, 0; Griggs, b Richardson, 1; extras, 2; total, 19. Bowling: Thomson, 8 for 4; Richardson, 2 for 13.

2nd Innings: Edwards, lbw b Richardson, 5; Clemes, lbw b Thomson, 1; Elliot, c Bradley b Richardson, 19; Harvey, b Tudor, 11: Dickson, b Richardson, 2: D. Saunders, c Richardson b Thomson, 6; Holmes, b Thomson, 25; B. Saunders, c b Watchorn, 2; Reynolds, c b Richardson, 4; McDonald, b Thomson, 0; Griggs, n.o., 0; extras, 24; total, 99. Bowling: Richardson, 4 for 28; Thomson, 4 for 17; Tudor, 1 for 6; Watchorn,

HUTCHINS. — 1st Innings: Richardson, c Edwards b Clemes, 33; Newton, c Griggs b Clemes, 11; Rodwell, c B. Saunders b Clemes, 72; Thompson, b Edwards, 22; Simpson, c b Saunders b Harvey, 14; Bradley, b Dickson, 4; Tudor, lbw b Dickson, 2; Atkinson, c Holmes b Dickson, 0; Abbott, hit wkt b Clemes, 0; Watchorn, n.o., 12; Lord, b Dickson, 8; extras, 20; total, 198. Bowling: Clemes, 4 for 64; Harvey, 1 for 38; Edwards, 1 for 49; Dickson, 4 for 13.

SECOND ELEVEN

The Second Eleven, under the captaincy of Clennett, has also been fairly successful. The youngest members of the side proved the most reliable batsmen, Colman and P. Rogers scoring consistently well. The most promising of the bowlers were J. Rogers, Bull and Reynolds, while Chandler and Mann also did well at times. The fielding, however, was far below what is expected from a schoolboy side, many catches being dropped and the ground fielding generally slack.

February 15th. School defeated Friends.

February 29th, School, 102 (Rogers, 21, retired), defeated High School, 99 (Mann, 4 for 7).

March 7th, School, 74 (Bull, 21; Rogers, 20), were defeated by St. Virgil's, 99.

March 13th, School, 66 (Colman, 30), were defeated by Friends, 70.

March 21st, School, 5 for 57 (P. Rogers, 20 n.o.), drew with High School, 90 (Chandler, 3 for 21).

THIRD ELEVEN

Though for the most part this team was unsuccessful, there were several very good individual performers. Of these possibly the most promising of the batsmen is Colwell, and of the bowlers Perkins and Allen.

February 22nd, School, 42 and 14, lost to St. Virgil's, 91 (Douglas, 3 for 12; Perkins, 3 for 17; Blackwood, 3 for 33).

March 7th, School, 70 (McArthur, 21), lost to St. Virgil's, 101 (Allen, 3 for 24).

March 14th, The School, 102 (Allen, 26; Swan, 22 n.o.), defeated Friends, 46 (Allen, 3 for 12).

March 21st, a Boarders' Eleven, 113 (M. Jones, 41; Colwell, 26), drew with St. Virgil's, 9 for 73 (Douglas ii, 5 for 27; Perkins, 3 for 25).

March 28th, School, 147 (Baldwin, 37; Brettingham-Moore, 24; Stevens, 20), drew with St. Virgil's, 9 for 95 (Stevens, 4 for 21; Brettingham-Moore, 3 for 16).

THE COLTS

This team has made a most satisfactory improvement, each boy at some time putting up a good performance. The highest score was made by Parker, with 85 against Clemes Juniors. while Bastick, Conway, Saunders and Tunbridge also did well. The most successful of the bowlers was Hamilton; others to do well were Tunbridge, Wise and Bastick, the last named also carrying out the duties of captain in a conscientious manner.

February 15th, Colts, 72 (Harvey, 25; Parker, 20), defeated Friends Third Eleven, 62 (Hamilton, 4 for 12).

February 22nd, Colts, 45, were defeated by St. Virgil's, 70 (Bastick, 3 for 15).

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February 29th, Colts, 5 for 163 (Ingram, 79, retired; Parker, 35), defeated Clemes, 83 and 9 for 60 (Ingram, 8 for 20 and 4 for 16; Hamilton, 5 for 21).

March 7th, Colts, 83, were defeated by St. Virgil's Fourth Eleven, 114 (Hamilton, 5 for 32).

Fifth Eleven, 54, were defeated by St. Virgil's, 4 for 62. March 13th, Colts, 112, were defeated by Friends, 139 (Conway, 3 for 16).

March 21st, Colts, 198 (Parker, 81; Griffiths, 30; Thomas, 21; Bastick, 20), defeated Clemes Second Eleven, 80 (Bastick, 3 for 20).

March 28th: School, 185 (Wise, 23; Tunbridge, 35; Hamilton, 21; Conway, 20; Parker, 31), defeated Clemes Second Eleven, 42 (Tunbridge, 6 for 12).

UNDER 13

In the matches played by this team the captain, Swan, has been the most successful with the bat and ball, but McGough, Fav and Bluck showed promise as batsmen, and Colman ii, Johnson and Foster did well bowling.

March 7th: School, 54, lost to St. Virgil's Fifths, 4 for 62. March 21st: School, 108 (Swan, 39) and 7 for 71, defeated Clemes Juniors, 33 (Johnson, 4 for 11; Bluck, 3 for 4; Swan, 3 for 7).

March 28th: School 5 for 161 (Swan, 59; Steele, 28; Macdonald, 24), defeated Clemes Juniors, 105 (Swan, 7 for 25).

OTHER MATCHES

March 28th: A Day Boys' Eleven, 198 (Chandler, 40; Mann, 35 n.o.; Reynolds, 34 n.o.; Colwell, 21), defeated a Boarders' Eleven, 56 (Colman, 28; Reynolds, 3 for 22).

April 4th: Lower Sixth Eleven, 139 (Tudor, 27; Blackwood, 25), defeated Intermediate, 86 (Atkinson, 30; Reynolds, 3 for 27: Rodwell, 5 for 34).

HOUSE MATCHES

"A" Grade

March 10th: School, 7 for 193 (Abbott, 127; Rogers, 33), defeated Buckland, 140 (Williams, 38; Newton, 22; Simpson, 20; Rogers, 4 for 25).

March 11th: Stephens, 1 for 61 (Thompson, 33 n.o.; Richardson, 23), defeated School, 49. Bowling: Thompson, 4 for 15; Richardson, 6 for 30.

March 12th: Stephens, none for 43, defeated Buckland, 36 (Richardson, 5 for 18; Thompson, 2 for 10).

"B" Grade

March 17th: School, 291 (Colman, 144; Jones ii, 24; Hosking, 24; Tunbridge, 5 for 88), defeated Buckland, 20 (Bastick, 7 for 5).

March 22nd: School, 128 (Colman, 80; Allen, 3 for 27; Bryan, 3 for 16), defeated Stephens, 79 (Bryan, 25; Gluskhie, 4 for 2).

March 25th: Stephens, 84 (Conway, 20; Wise, 4 for 11; Tunbridge, 3 for 20), defeated Buckland, 55 (Allen, 4 for 41).

Swimming Sports

THE annual swimming sports were conducted by the School at the Sandy Bay Baths on March 2nd in fine weather. In "A" division Buckland House was successful with 34 points, followed by Stephens House with 25 points, and School House with 17 points. Buckland House was successful also in "B" division with 48½ points, with School House second with 17½ points, and Stephens third with 8 points. The Open Championship was won by Richardson, with Male second; the Under 16 Championship by Thomas, with Milligan second; and the Under 14 and Under 12 Championships by Foster. Results:

55yds, Open Championship: Richardson (Stephens), 1; Male (Buckland), 2; Milligan (School), 3. Time, 32 1-5 secs. 110vds. Open Championship: Male (B.), 1; McLaren (B.),

2; Reynolds (St.), 3. Time, 1.30 2-5.

55yds. Breast-Stroke Open Championship: Richardson (St.). 1; Grant (Sch.), 2; Male (B.), 3. Time, 41secs.

55yds. Back-Stroke Championship: Richardson (St.), 1;

Abbott (Sch.), 2; Grant (Sch.), 3.

Open Handicap: Heat 1-Mather, 1; Thomas, 2; Allen, 3. Heat 2—Gray, 1; Perkins, 2; Foster, 3. Heat 3—Ramage, 1; Ashton-Jones, 2; Reid, 3. Final—Gray, 1; Ashton-Jones, 2; Perkins, 3.

Dive, Open Championship: Gulline (B.), 1; Richardson (St.), 2; Grant (Sch.), 3.

220yds. Open Championship: Male (B.), 1; Thomas (B.), 2; Milligan (Sch.), 3.

Open Teams Race: Buckland House, 1; Stephens, 2;

School, 3. 55yds. Under 16 Championship: Heat 1—Thomas (B.), 1; Abbott (Sch.), 2; Douglas (Sch.), 3. Time, 33 secs. Heat 2—Milligan (Sch.), 1; Paga (Sch.), 2; Sharp (St.), 3. Time, 42 secs. Final—Thomas, 1; Milligan, 2; Abbott, 3.

110yds. Championship, Under 16: Thomas (B.), 1; Milligan (Sch.), 2; Abbott (Sch.), 3.

Dive Championship, Under 16: Gulline (B.), 1; Thomas (B.) and Hudspeth (Sch.), 2.

Under 16 Teams Race: Buckland, 1; Stephens, 2; School, 3. 55yds. Under 14 Championship: Foster (B.), 1; Robinson

(St.), 2; Thomas (B.), 3. Time, 40 secs. Dive Championship, Under 14: Cane (B.), 1; Saunders

(B.), 2; Foster (B.), 3. Junior School Championship: Chen, 1; Bennetto, 2; Ikin, 3. Staff Championship: McKay, 1; Vollugi and Gerlach, 2.

WE started off the season with what promised to be a strong side, but through sickness and injury, boys leaving school, and other causes, the period of training has been rather disappointing, there being very few occasions when the team has been able to practise together, and none on which we have been able to put our best side in the field. Results, however, have been fairly satisfactory in the practice matches we have played. T. D. Simpson was elected captain and H. R. Thompson vicecaptain, and with Richardson, Ward, McLaren and J. R. Jones form a solid nucleus. Rodwell, Tudor, Pearton and Clennett have profited by their last year's experience, and newcomers to the team who should do well are Abbott and Reynolds, while Barkley, Bradley, Stevens, Bull, Colwell, Hudspeth, Shoobridge, Blackwood and McArthur deserve praise for their conscientious attention to training.

The Seconds team has been playing well, and the under 14 team at present are unbeaten, showing much promise. The Thirds and under 13 teams have both held their own, and contain some good footballers, though there is still wanting the pace and life in their play to do really well. The most satisfactory aspect is that there is opportunity for every boyexcept, perhaps, the smallest—to represent his School in some team or another, and when selecting teams, where possible those who attend their practices regularly are preferred.

In practice matches on May 2nd, two teams from the School defeated Friends and Clemes respectively. On May 16th one team was defeated by St. Virgil's First XVI, the other by Friends' First XVI, and on May 30th the First XVI defeated State High, 9 goals 15 behinds (69 points) to 1 goal 10 behinds (16 points).

Results:

Hutchins, 20 goals 29 behinds (149 points). Clemes, 2 goals 2 behinds (14 points).

Goal-kickers: Hutchins-Thomson, 13; Pearton, 3; Reynolds, 2; Hudspeth, 2. Clemes—Clemes and Edwards.

Best players: Hutchins - Thomson, Abbott, Reynolds, Reeve. Pearton, Bradley. Clemes-Holmes, Bradshaw, Clemes and Edwards.

On June 6th, the First XVI lost to St. Virgil's, 10 goals 12 behinds (72 points) to 10 goals 14 behinds (74 points), after a very exciting contest.

Goal-kickers: Thomson 4, Richardson 2, Rodwell 2, Tudor and Abbott.

Best players: Simpson, Ward, Richardson, J. R. Jones, Rodwell and Barkley.

SECOND XVI

Defeated St. Virgil's, 4 goals 7 behinds (31 points) to 4 goals 4 behinds (28 points).

May 30th: Defeated St. Virgil's, 7 goals 24 behinds (66 points) to 9 goals 10 behinds (64 points).

THIRD XVI

Defeated St. Virgil's, 9 goals 9 behinds (63 points) to 7 goals 4 behinds (46 points).

May 9th: Defeated Friends' Third XVI, 6 goals 11 behinds (47 points) to 5 goals 11 behinds (41 points).

May 16th: Lost to Friends' Second XVI, 7 goals 8 behinds (50 points) to 7 goals 9 behinds (51 points).

May 30th: Lost to St. Virgil's, 10 goals 12 behinds (72 points) to 14 goals 15 behinds (99 points).

UNDER 14 XVI

Defeated St. Virgil's, 6 goals 7 behinds (43 points) to 2 goals 3 behinds (15 points).

May 2nd: Defeated Clemes Juniors, 28 goals 30 behinds (198 points) to 1 behind.

May 9th: Defeated St. Virgil's Fourth XVI. 6 goals 8 behinds (44 points) to 6 goals 6 behinds (42 points).

May 16th: Defeated Friends' Third XVI, 26 goals 26 behinds (182 points) to 1 behind.

May 30th: Defeated St. Virgil's Fourth XVI, 10 goals 15 behinds (75 points) to 2 goals 3 behinds (15 points).

FIFTH XVI

Defeated St. Virgil's, 10 goals 8 behinds (68 points) to 7 goals 4 behinds (46 points).

May 9th: Lost to St. Virgil's Fifths, 1 behind to 16 goals 19 behinds (115 points).

May 16th: Lost to St. Virgil's Fifths, 2 behinds to 26 goals 21 behinds (177 points).

May 23rd: Defeated Clemes Juniors, 8 goals 11 behinds (59 points) to 5 goals 3 behinds (33 points).

May 30th: Defeated Friends' Fourth XVI, 11 goals 8 behinds (74 points) to 6 goals 10 behinds (46 points).

Sports Colours

The following Sports Colours were awarded in the first half-year of 1936:-

Cricket

1st Colours: T. D. Simpson, H. R. Thomson, R. E. Richardson, E. Rodwell, M. C. Newton, W. B. Lord, J. B. Watchorn, B. J. Bradley, N. G. Abbott, G. K. Tudor.

2nd Colours: T. A. S. Atkinson, J. R. Clennett, T. J. Chandler, C. D. Reynolds, G. R. Colman, P. A. Rogers, L. M. Williams, R. R. Mann, L. R. Bull.

Rowing

1st Colours: J. R. Jones, D. L. McKean, G. M. Whitehouse. F. D. Ward, A. F. Page.

2nd Colours: D. P. Barkley, R. O. Cracknell, I. G. Grant, W. E. Reeve, D. J. Eldershaw.

Swimming

1st Colours: R. E. Richardson, A. J. Male, M. J. Gulline. 2nd Colours: G. A. Thomas, N. B. Foster, B. F. Cane.

ACTIVITIES

Cadet Corps Notes

Officer Commanding: Lieut. P. P. Ferguson Instructors: Warrant Officers E. F. Goninon and L. F. Crew

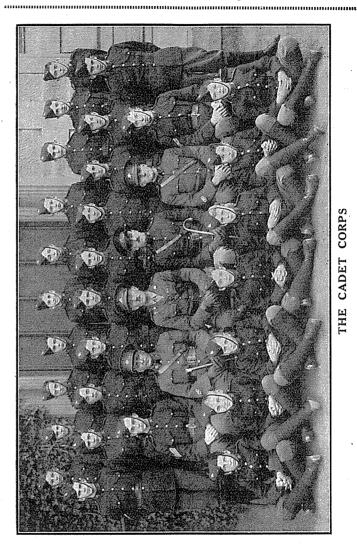
General

THE Corps was formed towards the end of June of last year, with a strength of eighteen. However, we are pleased to be able to report that from the date of our first uniform parade enlistments have increased considerably. The fact must not be overlooked that a movement of this kind is an acquisition of which any school may well be proud. Not only does it aim to prepare leaders, but the discipline and training help to build character. We take this opportunity of thanking Major W. C. G. Ruddock for his invaluable support and co-operation.

Parades, February-May, 1936

2 Ceremonial, 12 Training

The training parades chiefly consisted of exercises in squad drill, with and without arms. The attendances have been excellent and all ranks have shown great keenness.



On April 3rd the Corps formed a guard of honour to His Excellency the Governor, Sir Ernest Clark, for the unveiling of certain memorial tablets outside the Town Hall. On Anzac Day the Corps fell in at the Barracks and marched to the Cenotaph with the Militia Forces.

Field Days

Up to the present there have been two field days. On the first day experience was gained in march discipline, and field exercises in attack carried out; blank ammunition was fired. Instruction was given by Major Ruddock on visual training and application of fire.

On the second day, further experience was gained in the conditions of actual warfare, and advances were made under cover of smoke screens. After these exercises were completed the use of smoke candles was shown and the firing of rifle grenades demonstrated.

Strength

1 Officer, 5 N.C.O.'s, 26 Cadets. Total strength, 32.

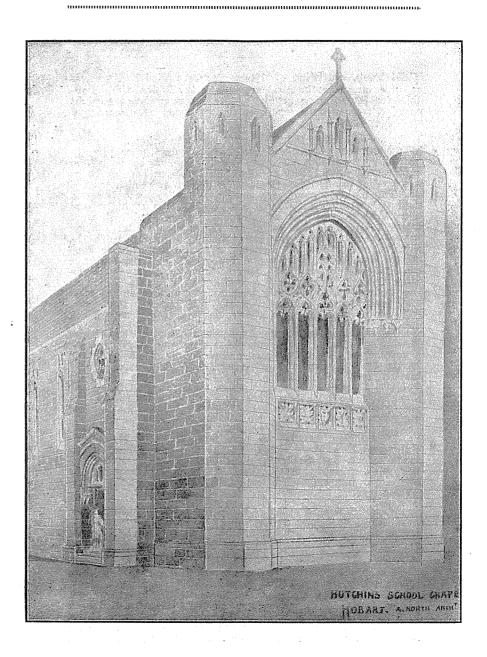
N.C.O. Classes

Weekly classes were held during the year, and instruction given in the training of recruits, words of command and squad drill. These classes are optional, but the attendances were satisfactory.

G.M.W.

The Chapel

SINCE our last issue, plans have been completed by the architect (Mr. Alex. North) for the erection of the School Chapel as a memorial of the Centenary. The first objective will be the Chapel itself, which is to be built on the eastern side of the present Junior School playground; but the plans contemplated will eventually link up the Chapel to the main building with a row of cloisters which will balance the cloisters on the Christ College side and will hide the wall of the Gymnasium from sight. The joint committee formed by delegates from the three School Associations—the Masonic Lodge, the Old Boys' Association and the Parents' Association—now that the plans are complete, will meet shortly, and it is expected that an appeal for support in the splendid object will be issued in the form of a small folder or pamphlet showing a sketch of the Chapel and the whole block of buildings as it will be when completed. We publish a print of Mr. North's drawing of the Chapel building in this issue.



Scout Notes

THE troop, consisting of fifteen members tried and true, is continuing to make good progress in the limited time available for its scouting activities. As we now have no night parades, we can only report on our Saturday afternoons and special outings.

In our old friend the "Cutter" we greatly enjoyed a voyage to Risdon for a week-end camp. Swimming in mid-stream proved very popular, although at one stage Owen set off on a Marathon until lustily recalled. His safe arrival on board was a relief to all. Nevertheless, his tireless swimming amazed us. The night in camp was perfect-cloudless, windless and mild. Consequently, two old shell-backs, Tom Chandler and mild. Consequently, two old shell-backs, Tom Chandler and Nigel Abbott, who had volunteered to sleep on board, were rather alarmed (about midnight) when the "Cutter" began to behave as if in a typhoon. Snugly bedded beneath the thwarts, and with a sail fastened over the gunwales to keep off the dew, mooring lines and fenders all in order—whence arose this mighty rocking? Muffled laughter, strangely resembling that of "Cubby" and a well-known P.L., was heard as two figures ceased violently pushing and pulling at the mast and mysteriously vanished up the hill towards the camp. "There's no such things as chosts anyway Tom" says Nigel. "There's no such things as ghosts, anyway, Tom!" says Nigel.

On other boat trips minor happenings of interest have been: Rowing around the Sea Scouts' boat when under sail; passing a naval crew with a fender misplaced (ours, not theirs!); Bill having to do a spot of rowing because he had an oar all to himself (too bad!); nature study of bird life at "Fragrant Point!"; Sansom's continued efforts to impale J.M.O. on the loom of his oar; Micky's efforts to reach us in his canoe-but alas! his craft could not weather the storm. How much water did vou swallow, Mick?

Among bush parades we have made visits to MacRobie's Gully and New Town Falls. At the former we headed and made safe a bush-fire covering about twenty acres, and we were all distressed, because the G.S.M. was distressed because our clever instrumentalist lost his mouth-organ and was distressed, too.

We spent one Saturday as an indoor parade, and did some solid work, especially in signalling. We enjoyed some new games and found a sense-training game in which we had to distinguish the contents of ten bottles by smell alone. Very difficult? No, not all—the ammonia was easy!

We enjoyed an interesting hike as follows:-By boat to 'Possum Bay, thence hiking to the "Spit" (in Ralph's Bay), opposite Droughty Point; from there to Gellibrand's Point, where we camped in among some splendid she-oaks, and back to 'Possum Bay the next day. Our chief nature-study object was a stranded porpoise. Our vegetarians had a great time in some mulberry and walnut trees, now growing wild Patrol

cooking was of a good standard. The wood for the fires had to be catapulted over some cliffs—this proved a very popular spare-time activity.

On Anzac Day we attended the celebration at the Cenotaph. and also formed a cordon for the official party at the unveiling of commemorative tablets near the Town Hall.

We are very sorry to lose "Bill" Reeve from the School, and wish him every success in his chosen career of marine engineer. He is one of the most efficient Scouts in the State -started his service as a Cub Mascot, and has been an active member ever since, has represented us at two corroborees, and now is going to continue his service by becoming our Troop-Leader. Many thanks, "Bill," and "Good Scouting!" Wish there were a few more like you.

The Camera Club

THIS year, as in the past few years, interest in photography is becoming keener and keener. Mr. Gluskie has been visiting the School regularly every other Wednesday in the dinner-hour, and has given us many lectures on photography. A large attendance has favoured these interesting talks.

As a result of these lectures and practical demonstrations given by Mr. Gluskie, a large number of boys are doing their own printing and developing, and are using their cameras with much better results.

Owing to the increasing number of boys in the Club, and the interest shown, Mr. Waring has again offered a prize for the best photograph taken by one of the boys of the Club.

Many are entering for this competition, as the winner not only receives Mr. Waring's prize, but a free enlargement of the photo from Mr. Gluskie, who has kindly repeated his offer of last year.

Literary and Debating Society

The season's activities opened on the 20th March, when the following officers were elected:-

Patron: Mr. W. R. Hudspeth

President: The Headmaster

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. Erwin, Clarke, Vollugi, Burbury, Finlay, Chambers and Collings

Secretary and Treasurer: T. D. Simpson

Assistant Secretary: F. D. Ward

Committee: Messrs. Clarke, Simpson, Ward, Short, Shoobridge

This year it was decided that the literary side of the Society should be introduced on a larger scale, a practise which during the last few years has been sadly neglected, mainly due to a lack of interest amongst the boys of the upper forms.

So far the attendances at the Society's meetings have exceeded those of previous years, and the audiences have been quite enthusiastic over the literary matter and debates which the members of the Society arranged.

The Senior and Junior Inter-House Impromptu Debates have been held, as have the "A" House Debates.

Buckland House heads the list in the Shield competition so far, with Stephens running second and School third.

The annual debate against Clemes College was a very successful affair, and great interest was centered round it, as we were fortunate enough to obtain the services of the Premier (Hon. A. G. Ogilvie) to adjudicate it. The debate ended in a victory for Clemes College by a narrow margin of points.

Parents' Association

The Parents' Association has made the following trophies and prizes available for the year 1936:-

- (1) Cricket, season 1936-7.—The most regular attendant at practice and showing the greatest improvement. Maximum age not to exceed 16 years. The Headmaster and Sports Master to decide the winner.
- (2) Cricket, season 1936-7.—The best fielder for field and practice matches in the First Eleven. Winner to be decided by Sports Master.
- (3) Cricket, season 1936-7.—The best fielder for field and practice matches in the Second Eleven. Winner to be decided by Sports Master.
- (4) Football.—Best and fairest player in the first team. To be decided by ballot of the team, and the ballot to be decided as follows:-

On the first school day following each match played by the first teams, each member of this team shall record his vote as to the member of his team he considers the best and fairest player, the vote to be placed in a sealed envelope and handed to the Headmaster. At the end of the football season, the ballot shall be opened at a meeting of the Executive Committee, and the member of the First Team receiving the greatest number of votes shall be the winner of the trophy. In the event of a tie, a draw shall be made.

(5) Football.—Best and fairest player in Junior School. To be decided by Mr. E. H. Stephens.

- (6) Football.—Most improved player in Second Team provided that the Sports Master can make a recommendation. A boy playing in four matches in the First Team during the season shall be ineligible for the trophy.
- (7) Combined School Sports. The highest number of points gained.
- (8) General Knowledge Papers.—Three to be allocated between the Middle and Junior Schools.

The Association is co-operating with the School Board to improve the Collins Street frontage. A cyclone fence is to be erected along the top of the embankment, at a cost of approximately £40; the Board and the Association sharing the expenditure. Improvements to the embankment will be made

The Association is also interesting itself in the matter of improving the Christ College ground.

To raise funds to this end, a Bridge Evening organised by Mrs. Les. Gibson and a Committee of Ladies, was held and the sum of £34/10/6 was realised.

Cycling Hints

(By "Pedal")

A BICYCLE will stand a good deal of neglect, but if proper care and attention are given to the machine it will give all the better service in return. The mud and dirt that accumulate from constant use should be removed periodically and all traces of rust wiped off with a rag dipped in paraffin. If the bicycle is used daily and no time can be found for cleaning it, the plated parts should be covered with vaseline. This prevents rusting, and the machine will still have its original lustre when the vaseline is removed. If mud and dirt are allowed to cake on the frame, the result will be ruination of the enamel.

The proper lubrication of a cycle makes much difference in the running. It will be found that the best method is to give all the bearings a little oil at regular intervals, and not leave them for a lengthy period and then give them an overdose. Bearings need oil about every 500 miles. The important parts to be oiled are the two hubs, the bottom bracket. the two pedals and the steering head. Oilers are provided for all these bearings except the head, which should have its bearings greased occasionally. Bearings should always be kept at the proper adjustment. When any shake appears it should be tightened up at once.

Oil and grease are bitter enemies of rubber, so if spots of either are allowed to remain on the tyres they will soon rot.

Periodical inspection of tyres is well worth while, as it saves unnecessary expense. They should not be blown up board hard, even when the machine is in use.

Remove any pieces of road grit you may pick up, before it has time to work through the rubber and canvas, and so let in water, which rots the canvas. It is a good plan to change the back tyre with the front when it gets worn, as it has to do all the hard work.

Do not let tyres get in a decrepit state, for this may lead to a bad burst at an unexpected moment, and bursts of a serious nature may be fraught with unpleasant consequences.

A bicycle chain should not be allowed to get too slack or too tight, but should be kept so that there is about half-an-inch play. The best way to lubricate a chain is to immerse it in some fairly thick oil, then heat it up and allow it to cool. This enables the oil, while thin, to get inside the chain. When a chain makes a cracking noise it is generally a sign of wear and tear, although it may be caused by neglect.

Brakes are a very important item on a bike, and so they should be given care and attention. There is really not much one can do in the case of hand brakes, but see the blocks are not worn too much, and that the joints are oiled, and when the brake is on the lever is not completely down to the handle-bar. In the case of the "back-pedal" brakes, however, there is more to be done. The "Eadie Coaster" type is the most common, and although it looks complicated it is not really so. It should be kept oiled with a light oil, but not too much, as this prevents its acting. If it is dismantled, care should be taken to see that the ball-races are put back the right way round, or they may be broken. When the brake does not act properly even when there is not very much oil in it, it means that it should be taken to a bike shop, either to have a new brake-band or have the end-stop straightened.

It is a sad sight to see so many saddles sagging for want of a little attention. All that is required to adjust it are a few turns of the nut under the peak of the saddle; a sagging saddle puts an unfair strain on the leather, and also makes less comfortable riding.

To preserve your saddle, give the underside of the leather a thorough rubbing with either soft soap or castor oil. These preserve and soften the leather. In a spring saddle there is nothing to be done other than just seeing that it does not get torn or knocked about.

The dynamo type of light is undoubtedly the most satisfactory, as it has no maintenance costs, when a reasonably good set is used—a cheap one may blow out bulbs. When speeding the correct angle for the dynamo is so that the line through the centre, when produced, goes through the axle. This decreases the wear on the tyre. The carbide lamp is not so expensive as to its first cost, but makes up for it in the cost of the carbide if it is used much. The main thing to remember is to keep it cleaned out, and when in use have the correct amount of carbide in it. The battery type is very satisfactory, but batteries are rather expensive if used very much.

Because a cyclist has a number of gadgets on his bike it is nothing against either. It just shows that he likes his bike and wants to make it better than the next one.

Treat a bicycle with the respect and care due to it, and you will find it a useful and trusty servant. Above all, remember, it needs oil, and if this is provided regularly it will serve faithfully for years.

ORIGINAL COLUMN

Ye Moderne Torture

THE torture increases in intensity, and the poor innocent, a mere boy of fifteen, compresses his lips to stop the cry of anguish that wells up in his throat. Around him, in the arena, is a ring of cold-hearted gladiators, who jibe at his vain efforts to escape. In the background, seated on benches, are numerous people who watch the brutish scene with the greatest pleasure, and who talk among themselves, uttering various witticisms every now and then.

In his hand is a small wooden stick, with which he attempts to ward off the missiles which are hurled at him. Behind, stakes have been driven into the ground. Along the top of these stakes a railing has been placed, the whole forming a crude type of fence which prevents any backward jumps he might otherwise attempt.

A missile hurtles towards him at a tremendous speed, but a feeble poke of his stick prevents it hitting him. The ring of gladiators close in a little and loud cheers come from the people in the background or amphitheatre.

The swooning martyr glances wearily round, and even as he does so a missile hurtles towards him. He attempts to stop it with his stick-misses-then-"crack!"

Is he hurt? Was he stunned by that vicious missile? Was he merely bruised?

No, thank goodness, he is unharmed.

The ball merely hit the three stakes behind, and he has escaped unscathed. A great roar echoes round the arena.

"Clean bowled! He's out for a duck!"

M.P.S.

Ditty

There's a place for naughty schoolboys At Hutchins, where we go: It has a desk and shelves, And big, long canes, you know.

There are Report Forms, too, Yet few are Merit Cards-And when you inward go You need some trouser guards.

For there a figure stands With cane in his right grasper; "Come here! my lad, and touch your toes," He says in a sort of whisper.

O, that place is the study, With canes and canes galore, And there I make a study Of the pattern on the floor.

"Form IV."



SHORT STORY

Red Horizon

(By "A Tasmanian")

ON a large sheep station in Queensland, just east of the Great Dividing Range, a large house stood in a clearing. Mr. Cook, the owner, was lying seriously ill in bed while his son, Harry, was looking after the place. It was shearing time, and Mrs. Cook and the two maids had had all they could do to feed the thirty-odd shearers. For the past month-and-a-half the country had undergone a severe drought. The grass had died and the shrubs had withered and dried. Now there was every danger of a fire, for if one did come it would burn everything to the ground.

Dr. Knox had just been seeing Mr. Cook.

"How is he, doctor?" asked Mrs. Cook, who was standing by the door. Her voice sounded a little frightened. The doctor placed a hand on her shoulder.

"You may have no fear, Mrs. Cook. Your husband is much better, in spite of the hot weather."

To Mrs. Cook he spoke in such a reassuring way that she burst into tears of joy.

"Oh! Thank you, doctor, thank you. You don't know how glad I feel. Is there anything I can do?"

"Just one little thing. Please tell your son that his father would like to see him."

Mrs. Cook dashed along the passage, calling, "Harry!" In a moment Harry came in sight, carrying a spanner. Harry was tall and handsome, and stood a good deal taller than his mother. He was as brown as a nut, and his muscles plainly told of his great strength. Perspiration was coming off his face in huge beads.

"Your father wants to speak to you, my son," she said, in a breathless voice.

"O.K., Mum. Here, hold this a minute," he said, at the same time thrusting the greasy spanner into her hand.

He walked quietly into his father's room. His father was lying in a bed with his hands along his sides. He was old, and the lines on his face plainly showed that he was worried.

"What is it, Dad?" asked Harry, in a quiet voice.

"My boy," his voice was trembling, "I won't last much longer, but while I last take good care of the place. There might be so take good care of

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His voice trailed away and his head rolled on to one side of the pillow. His deep breathing told Harry that he was asleep.

Harry walked quietly out of the room and along the passage to his mother. He took the spanner from his mother's hands.

"He has dropped off to sleep, Mum. Don't wake him. I've got to plough a furrow round the house in case of fire. See you later." His mother remained standing in the hall till he had gone. Then she walked into the room where dinner was being served for the shearers.

Harry strolled out to one of the numerous trees that grew around the house. An old man smoking a briar pipe was seated reading a week-old newspaper under one of these. His hat was on the ground and his handkerchief was in his hand. At the sound of Harry's footsteps he looked up.

"Hello, Master Harry, and how be you to-day? Mi', but you're lookin' fine," said the old man, his face beaming.

"Pretty good, thanks, Bill. Got a job of work for you. The old man wants me to take special precautions against fires, so I want you to plough a furrow round the house. You can get one of the horses from the stables."

"Mi', but you're asking a lot. A plough would never get into the ground. It is as hard as some of that damn rock salt. Any'ow, I'll have a go at it," muttered old Bill, scratching his forehead. He stood up, yawned, and placing his hat on his head, proceeded to walk in the direction of the stables. Here he backed out one of the horses and led it to the plough-shed. He buckled the horse to a plough and made out to where he was to start. He had completed a full round with the plough when he stopped and looked round to admire his handiwork.

Suddenly he looked up from his work to stare in the direction of the distant bush. The sound of drumming hoofs had caught his ears. He looked hard and, sure enough, in the distance he saw a man on horseback riding as if pursued by the Devil himself.

As the horse drew near, Bill noticed that the rider was leaning forward in his saddle and swaying from side to side. As the rider showed no signs of pulling up, Bill waved his hands in the air. The horse pulled up and Bill noticed that it was perspiring all over its body and breathing as if it had galloped for about forty miles at top speed. Bill rushed up and grabbed the rider just as he was about to fall. The rider, he noticed, was one of their neighbour's shepherds. He carried the limp form of the unconscious man into the house, calling at the top of his voice, forgetting that Mr. Cook was ill in bed. In a moment Mrs. Cook ran along the passage to him. Before she could raise a word of protest, Bill yelled out:

"Brandy, Mrs.—brandy."

Mrs. Cook, hardly knowing what she was doing, ran to the a cupboard and got some brandy. Together they carried the man into the sitting-room and laid him on the couch, without speaking a word.

Harry, coming out of the shearing-shed and seeing the two idle horses, guessed there must be something afoot, so he dashed into the house and straight to the sitting-room.

"Good Lord! What's happened? It's one of Shell's shepherds," he gasped out.

"Yea, he has ridden pretty hard, by the looks of him," heaved out Bill.

"Never mind about talking; do something," said Mrs. Cook Harry bent down and put the brandy to the man's lips.

The man took the brandy with difficulty. It revived him, and he opened his eyes and looked into Harry's face.

"Master Harry—over the range—in—a fire coming—save sheep—Shell's—"

The man closed his eyes and rolled over. All three looked into each other's eyes. Each read the same thing, and realised at the same time what the man's meaning was.

"Fire!" gasped Harry, "My God! It's coming this way." Harry dashed out of the door, closely followed by Bill. He ran out through the back door and made for the shearing-shed.

Bill forgot ploughing—forgot everything. In front of his eyes danced that terrible word, "Fire." He stumbled to the shearing-shed, just in time to hear Harry raise his voice above the noise of the workers.

"Stop! Stop! For Pete's sake, stop!" he yelled. The men looked up from their work, an expression of alarm on their

"Listen, all of you," he burst out. "A fire is coming this way from over the range. In about three hours it will be on this place. There are sheep on this place; there are men, horses and stables; there's a house. The fire will ruin everything. It'll kill the sheep and horses. We can't stop and let this fire go over us. We can't see our neighbours burnt alive. We have to stop that fire, even at the cost of our lives. Are all you men willing to stand with me and fight it?"

A cry, "Yes!" rang out from every man.

"All right," said Harry, his voice quietening a good deal. "I'll give you the orders, while you carry them out. Half of you stop at the house while half of you come with me. If any man quits he has to deal with me as well as the fire. Grab the nearest horse and ride for the bush, my half."

As he sprang down from the press the men made a dash for the big doors. They ran for the fire apparatus and stables. The men spread themselves out into order. One half stationed itself near the house, while the others grabbed horses. In many cases men were riding bare-back, while others were riding without reins. In a few minutes the stables were clear of horses and men. Harry, who had his horse stationed in another stable, quickly saddled it and put on the reins. Then he rode to the house back-gate, where his mother was waiting for

"I am going, Mum. Don't let Dad hear about this, if you can. Keep your chin up, and keep a brave heart. Have con-

fidence. Remember that we will do our best. If we think it is hopeless we will come back. So don't get worried over us," said Harry, in a soft, even voice.

He bent down and kissed his mother good-bye.

"God be with you, my son," replied his mother.

Harry pulled the horse round and galloped in the direction of the other men. The men at the house waved good-bye to him and wished him God-speed.

As Harry drew away from the house, in the direction of the bush he noticed that huge tongues of flame were curling hungrily towards the sky over the range top. Vivid spouts of flame were sweeping and running across the sky and disappearing in the distance. He pushed the horse with all his strength. The hot wind beat against his face. The horse, puffing and blowing at every step, tore through the long grass, throwing dead grass seeds into his face so that they rolled down his neck and irritated his body. He tore away his shirt and vest and rode in his trousers. A grass seed got into his eye, and he rubbed it so that it became sore. It came out just in time for him to catch a glimpse of the range in front of him. The fire was over the top and sweeping down towards him. It had a tremendous frontage, and seemed to glow like the mouth of Hell. Gigantic clouds of smoke rolled into the air like thunder clouds, and were swept away by the tremendous current of air above the fire.

But now he was nearing the bush. Some of the men had already reached its outskirts and were waiting for orders. Soon Harry arrived on the scene. He rolled off his horse and fell to the ground, exhausted. He picked himself up and spoke to his men in sharp tones between breaths.

'Spread out --- along the front and work --- into the bush. When I say 'Go'—start a back fire."

Harry then waited and saw that all the men had spread out along the front and had started to work inwards. Then he jumped on his horse and started to ride towards Shell's ranch in the bush. The hot easterly wind beat against his face and dried his lips. As he rode for his life towards the ranch, dead branches tried in vain to tear him free from his horse. Long curling branches of briars scraped across his face and chest. He dashed suddenly under a dead branch to avoid being thrown off, and was in the act of straightening up again when his horse stumbled. Its two front legs went under, throwing Harry clear. Harry landed with a hard smack against the dry ground. He picked himself up and looked round to see how the horse was getting on. Its front leg had caught in a rabbit burrow and was badly broken. The horse was breathing hard, and it was in full evidence that he was in great pain. What could he do? He must go on, but what of the horse? He couldn't leave the poor beast to be burnt alive. He'd have to. He ran in the direction of the Shell's house. But now he was feeling the strain. He was breathing hard and fast, trying at every stride to increase his pace. He stumbled, picked himself up and ran again. His heart beat like a sledge hammer against

his ribs. His boots were wearing blisters in his feet. His eyes were bloodshot and aching. His face was scratched and bleeding. He stumbled again, and fell across a log, crushing the wind from his body. He rolled to the ground, holding his stomach. He groaned and tried to stand. His first attempt failed, but his second brought the required result. He stumbled to a tree and leaned up against it for support. A kan-garoo came bounding and leaping towards him. It reeled to one side when it saw him. He must not stop. He started to run again. What were his men doing by now? Perhaps they were waiting for him to give the order to start the back fire. Would they start it with him in the bush? He hoped not.

But now he was conscious of something else in the bush. At every breath he took his throat stung. He rubbed his already inflamed eyes. Huge swirling drifts of smoke came rolling through the trees. Still more were coming, rolling threateningly towards him. He ran through them, blinded, and with crying eyes.

But now on the hot wind became a dull roar. As the wind died down again, so did the noise. He knew what that was. The fire, drawing ever near, was roaring through the bush. He stopped to listen. It came again, this time louder. What was the use of going on? He seemed to have gone too far. He knew he must be a long way from his goal. Frightened and terrified animals ran helter-skelter past him. Birds flew screaming over his head. He looked at his feet. A huge cobra slithered past him, appearing not to have seen him.

Now the terrible thing dawned on him — he was lost! Whither would he go? He cut a way through the undergrowth to his right. At every step the roaring grew louder. Smoke now came past him continually. He staggered on blindly. The heat was almost unbearable. Then, as if by a miracle, he came to the clearing. He managed to look through his smarting eyes, and what he saw nearly made him sink to the ground with despair. The rear of the house was a mass of flame. The roof was a roaring furnace. All but the front was alight. He must get in there somehow. The flames licked along the grass towards him. He made a dash for the house. The flames from the grass flew into his face. His eyebrows were burnt away and his hair caught alight. He smothered his hair with his hands, but his trousers were alight. The flames burnt his legs. The tank stand was on his left. He made a dash for the wood-pile and grabbed the axe. He slashed out. The blade pierced the ironwork and water spouted over him. How lovely it was to feel the cool water!

But it was over in a minute. He dashed for the open doorway. The flames tore across his face and chest. Against the blinding heat he forced his way into the room. A portion of the roof crashed down into the room. As he reached the other side he saw the limp form of a woman lying on the couch. He picked her up and dashed for an open space in the wall. When he reached the outside the house walls fell in, sending up showers of smoke and ashes. He heard the screaming of animals being burnt alive-the death howls of the dogs being burnt alive at the chain. But then he heard a more

terrible noise of the roaring fire. A man had dashed into the clearing, his clothes a mass of flame. When nearly by Harry's side a burning branch from a gum tree fell to the ground, pinning the unfortunate man down. He struggled for a second and then lay still-dead.

Harry staggered into the burnt bush. He saw the fire racing towards his house in the distance. There was his mother and his dying father. He could not let them be burnt alive. He must run, run—and then he fell. He yelled for help. Then he lay still. The unconscious form of the woman lay by his side. Šhe, also, did not move.

The hours wore on, still no assistance reached the two unconscious forms.

Harry's eyes flickered and opened. He tried to raise his hand to his forehead, but another gentle hand lowered it by his side again. Then, in the distance he heard a gentle voice. He looked about him and saw a woman's face gazing into his.

"He's come to now, doctor." Harry noticed the voice was quivering.

"All right, Mrs. Cook, you had better leave him to me now." He heard the doctor approaching his bed.

The clinking of glass came to his ears. Then the doctor bent down and applied a glass to his lips. He drank a mouthful of the substance, closed his eyes again, and dropped off to

"There's no need to worry now, Mrs. Cook; he'll wake up in about another five hours."

"Thank you, doctor, but how is poor Mrs. Shell progressing?" asked Mrs. Cook.

"Remarkably well, which is mainly owing to her great strength and courage," replied Dr. Knox.

"I am glad of that, doctor," answered Mrs. Cook.

Mrs. Cook and Dr. Knox then proceeded to the sitting-room for a cup of coffee. The hours passed quickly, finding Harry seated in a deck chair on the verandah, covered in bandages, and listening to old Bill relating what had happened during the past twenty-four hours.

Harry listened intently all the while, at the same time his eyes taking in the surroundings about him. All that could be seen was acres upon acres of burnt, black, charred ground, with a smouldering log dotting the scene here and there. The whole place lay under a pall of smoke, through which the sun's rays shone like sheets of steel.

The shearing-shed and out-houses lay smouldering ruins upon the ground. Several large crows were caw-cawing upon the ground near a dead sheep. Bill stopped in his narrative, noticing that Harry gazed on the smoking ruins.

"Yea, it was a great fire; but as I was sayin', we 'eard yer cry for 'elp, and soon we found yer body. We carried yer back, an' 'ere yer are. The men did their best, but nothin' 'uman could 'old out against such a blaze.

"The men out there got sick a' waitin' fer yer, an' the fire was right on 'em. By the mercy of Providence the wind changed an' the fire went right roun' 'em. Then us fellers at the 'ouse couldn't raise a hand to stop her, an' she sizzled right roun' us. The sheds went, an' most of the sheep — an' I reckon that's jus' about summed 'er all up."

Bill then took a long pull at a pot of ale standing by him. Just then the doctor stepped on to the verandah. Harry turned

"How's Dad, doc.?" he asked.

The doctor didn't answer for a few seconds, then slowly walked over to Harry and, placing a hand on his shoulder, looked out over the horizon and said:

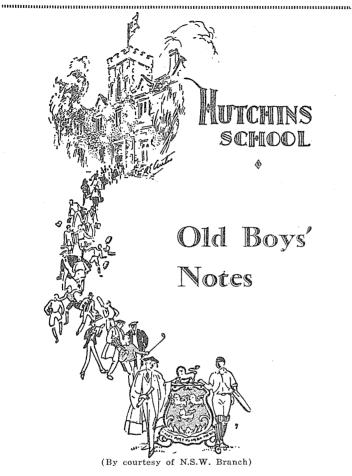
"He wasn't as strong as you are, Harry. The strain was too much for him, and he passed away last night into a better world than this." Harry lowered his head on to his chest. He raised his bandaged arms to his forehead and said, "Anyhow, in spite of what's happened, I'll carry on."

Just as he finished his last words a distant roll of thunder was heard. A flash of lightning cleaved the sky. Bill jumped up and ran out to the open. The sun's rays disappeared. Bill lifted his head up towards the clouds and laughed.

"Rain, be cripes! It's rain!"

Just as he said this the heavens split asunder and the rain came down in sheets.





ENGAGEMENTS

GUERNEY, Derek, to Miss Margaret Nicholson. HARRIS, G. E. Keith ("Yacker"), to Miss Dulcie Hingley. HARRISON, William, to Miss Jean Templeman. KNIGHT, J., to Miss Ada E. Whitchurch. LANGHAM, Horace, to Miss Mary Cox. MURDOCH, Laurie, to Miss Jeanne Dakin. MURDOCH, Reginald P., to Miss Mollie W. Hodgman. REID, Edwin, to Miss Dorothy M. Drew. ROBERTSON, Donald, to Miss Jean Abel. ROSS-REYNOLDS, Jack, to Miss Jean Dunn.

MARRIAGES

BRAMMALL, Angus G., to Miss Brenda M. Dick. BRAMMALL, C. C. D., to Miss Eileen O'Brien. BROWN. Paul A., to Miss Ruth J. Ward. FERGUSSON, Peter Paul, to Miss Norah Spence. HARRISSON, Charles, to Miss Vera E. Wallace. LEWIS, Jack, to Miss Gladys Thompson. LONG, Cyril N., to Miss Joan Conway. PIGGOTT, J. Bruce, to Miss Lulu Mason ROSS-REYNOLDS, Jack, to Miss Jean Dunn. RULE, Kenneth, to Miss Kathleen Lord. SALE, Hume T. S., to Miss Winifred Johnson. VINCENT, Raymond William, to Miss Nora Perkins. WALCH, Charles E., to Mrs. Lyle Oldmeadow.

BIRTHS

BLACKLOW.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. R. (Pat) Blacklow: a son. BOYES.—To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Boyes: a son. CALVERT,—To Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Calvert: a son. CALVERT .- To Mr. and Mrs. Doug. M. Calvert: a son. CHEN.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. W. K. Chen: a son. COX.-To Mr. and Mrs. W. Ellis Cox: a son. DICK .- To Mr. and Mrs. George A. Dick: a son, FREEMAN.—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Freeman: a son. GIBSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gibson: a son. HALE.—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hale: a daughter. JACKSON .- To Mr. and Mrs. William (Tim) Jackson: a son. LORD.—To Mr. and Mrs. Roy P. Lord: a son. McAULEY.—To Prof. and Mrs. A. Leister McAuley: a daughter PAGE.—To Mr. and Mrs. Ades Page: a daughter. PIGGOTT.—To Mr. and Mrs. Russell G. Piggott: a son. RADCLIFF.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Radcliff: a son. SCOTT.—To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Scott: a daughter. SHARP.—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Sharp: a daughter. URQUHART.—To Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Urquhart: a daughter VINCENT.—To Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Vincent: a daughter. WHITE.—To Mr. and Mrs. Alan White: a son.

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we record the deaths of the following Old Boys:-

S. G. CALVERT

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R. W. GIBLIN C. L. JOHNSON Robert R. REX (oldest Old Boy)

Arthur G. A. WALCH

Bernard RADCLIFF

Our sympathy also goes out to Mr. H. B. White and Alan on the loss of their wife and mother; to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Vincent, on the loss of their daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gibson, on the loss of their son; to Messrs, R. W. and H. L. Vincent, on the loss of their father; to Mr. A. J. Miller, Max and Cam, on the loss of their wife and mother.

Old Boys, particularly boarders, will be sorry to learn that Mr. Robert Hornblow ("Old Barge," "Uncle") has passed awav.

GENERAL

Mr. Archibald McDougall, Rhodes Scholar for 1924, has been appointed Legal Adviser to Iraqui Foreign Ministry and Lecturing Professor on International Law in Baghdad School

Major C. S. W. Rayner, Rhodes Scholar for 1913, paid a visit to Hobart during December and January, now in Judge Advocate-General's Department, India.

B. Phelan was also on view during January.

Mr. J. K. Clinch, Rhodes Scholar for 1922, formerly Asst. City Engineer, Launceston, and latterly of the Hydro-Electric Commission, has accepted a position with the Water Board in Sydney.

Mr. S. R. Crick is now Motor Industries Representative, Rotary Club.

Our congratulations to the University crew which competed at Lindisfarne and Hobart Regattas, crossing the line first on each occasion.

C. S. Timmins was a member of the Derwent Championship Eight.

The opportunity was taken in February by several members of the crews, cricket and football teams, and others interested in the sporting activities of the Association, to present our worthy Manager with a set of fish knives and forks on the occasion of his marriage.

Our President for the current year (Mr. W. F. Dennis Butler) has been elected Warden of the University Senate. He was Vice-Warden from 1925.

Another Rhodes Scholar, Dr. Arthur Smithies (1928), Research Officer in the Bureau of Statistics, Canberra, has been appointed Economist to the Commonwealth Treasury.

Mr. Basil W. Rait has prepared a history of the sojourn of the Royal Scots Fusiliers in Australia. This has been highly commended.

The Association's delegates to the P.S.O.B.A. have been re-appointed Chairman and Treasurer for the current year. The President of our Association is the President of the Combined Association for the year.

Queen's College.—Following on a visit of Mr. Bob Bullow at Christmas time, the Old Boys of Queen's have banded together with the object of perpetuating the name of the late Arthur A. Stephens. Many Old Boys are joining up, and the prospects are that the body will be strong and very much alive. The officials of the Association are:-President, Mr. Crofton Stephens; Vice-President, Mr. Weller Arnold; Treasurer, Mr. A. Sansom; Secretary, Mr. E. A. Eltham; Committee: Messrs. W. Howard, E. A. Brooke, H. C. Smith, Elliott, H. Walter and R. Chen; Auditors: Messrs. T. A. Bumford and C. Parry. It appears from a review of the above that the Queen's Constitution is very similar to our own.

Luncheons.-In the last Magazine we reported that the luncheons were not being well attended. It was decided to take a vote on the matter, and the result was announced at the December luncheon, when it was decided to try quarterly luncheons on the second Tuesday of March, June, September and December. At the time of going to press only the March luncheon has been held, at which the attendance of 53 thoroughly justified the continuance of same. Mr. R. J. Shield very kindly attended and showed two films of his trip overseas on the occasion of the last Australian XI. These were greatly appreciated. The Committee hopes that from now onwards they will be able to guarantee 50 at the luncheons.

Sydney Branch.—The Committee of the Branch held a committee meeting early in the year, when it was decided to hold the Re-Union Dinner on 24th April at Sports Club Ltd., and that the financial year should commence on 1st May. The Dinner was a very successful function, the attendance being an increase on that of last year.

The "Christ College Act" has been amended. This will necessitate Rule 6 of the Constitution of the Association being amended. The Committee has appointed a Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs, W. F. D. Butler, H. C. Smith and J. C. Parish, to draft regulations which will be submitted to the General Committee in June, and to the Annual Meeting in August.

John C. Parish has been re-elected to the University Council for a term of four years (to 1939), and is also a member of the Teachers' Registration Board.

Reference to the Chapel will be found in the more forward pages of the Magazine.

Dr. W. W. Wilson has left for England as Assistant Surgeon on R.M.S. "Strathaird," to continue his studies in medicine and surgery.

A. E. ("Satan") Alexander has been re-elected Warden of Bruni Municipality.

As we go to press the report of the N.S.W. Branch Dinner has come to hand. The Dinner was a great success, there being some 37 Old Boys present, and 11 apologies (this was no doubt due to the fact that the Dinner was held on a Friday night. and also to the next day being Anzac Day, some were out of town). There were three guests of the Association, namely: Mr. R. C. M. Boyce (Sydney Church of England Grammar School Old Boys), Mr. Cameron (Launceston Grammar School Old Boys), and Mr. H. C. Smith (Hobart). At the Annual Meeting held the same evening, the officers and committee appointed last year were re-elected, and Mr. S. Crick was added to the Committee as a Vice-President. The next function will be held in October. We have also to acknowledge receipt of twenty-six subscriptions forwarded by the N.S.W. Branch Treasurer. This is indeed a very fine start.

SPORTING

As far as the position of the Association's teams in the competitions conducted by the Public Schools Old Boys' Association for the year 1935-6 are concerned, the Hutchins Old Boys' Association has every cause to feel proud of the younger generation, as in the three competitions contested our teams finished in first place, thus creating a very envious record. Their success has been entirely due to their sporting instincts and the manner in which the various selection committees have been backed up. The rowing and football results have already been dealt with in earlier issues of the Magazine. The cricket roster was very keen. Our team won the Jack Burgess Shield for the first year of competition.

We have commenced the 1936-7 year by annexing the Old Boys' Rowing Race, against strong Northern competition. We look forward to a very bright year, as the football team appear to have very strong claims on the premiership, having won six matches and lost one, and confidently expect to show true form against Clemes on the next occasion that we play them.

Cricker.—In the last issue of the Magazine we reported that only one roster match had been completed. Results:

v. CLEMES

Won on the first innings by 66 runs. Clemes, 82 (A. Conway, 23; Nichols, 3 for 34; McKay, 2 for 19; Hodgson, 3 for 9). Hutchins, 148 (McKay, 48; sundries, 21; Bayes, 2 for 19; Crosby, 3 for 26; Young, 2 for 38).

Won on first innings by 4° runs. Clemes, 56 and 85 (A. Conway, 14 and 20; Nicholls, 2 for 24 and 1 for 23; J. Conway, 5 for 23 and 2 for 26; Johnstone, 2 for 7 and 2 for 14; Turner, 3 for 14). Hutchins, 60 (Nicholls, 30; Crosby, 5 for

Won on the first innings by 13 runs. Hutchins, 131 and 142 (Chambers, 20 and 5; Hodgson, 45 and 17; T. Turner, 21 and 4; Scott-Power, 1 and 27; Nicholls, 2 and 28; McKay, 13 and 25; sundries, 25 and 23; Bayes, 1 for 24 and 4 for 23; Crosby, 4 for 35 and 1 for 27; Young, 3 for 47 and none for 14; J. Risby, 2 for 12). Clemes, 118 (A. Conway, 29; Young, 25; McKay, 5 for 50; J. Conway, 3 for 17).

v. OLD VIRGILIANS

Won outright by 31 runs. Old Virgilians, 34 and 61 (Quigley, 8 and 23; Nicholls, 5 for 9 and 4 for 16; McKay, 4 for 19 and 4 for 18). Hutchins, 126 (T. Turner, 35: Lindus, 25 n.o.; McSherry, 3 for 40; Quigley, 2 for 28; Warn, 3 for

Lost by 33 runs on the first innings. The most exciting finish of the season; eight minutes to go, and the last man dropped off the third ball. Hutchins, 101 and 141 (Nicholls, 29 and 0; Hodgson, 5 and 20; T. Turner, 11 and 27; Walch, 8 n.o. and 25; Mackey, 4 for 27 and 4 for 40; Calder, 2 for 2 and 3 for 1; Bower, 2 for 13 and none for 11; McCarthy, 1 for 1 and 2 for 27). Old Virgilians, 134 and 9 for 66 Mackey, 21 and 0; Dixon, 27 and 2; Verrall, 22 n.o. and 7; Bower, 0 and 35; Nicholls 5 for 23 and 2; for 10; Carryer, 10; Carrye Bower, 0 and 35; Nicholls, 5 for 33 and 3 for 10; Conway, 1 for 9 and 2 for 21; Johnstone, 3 for 18 and 3 for 23).

Won outright by 61 runs. Hutchins, 75 and 109 (Lindus, 7 and 20; sundries, 19 and 28; Bower, 3 for 12 and none for 4; McCarthy, 2 for 18 and 2 for 34; Kirkham, 3 for 9 and 2 for 28; Dixon, 2 for 17 and none for 1; Mackey, 6 for 14). Old Virgilians, 82 and 41 (Bower, 21 and 0; Nicholls, 3 for 23 and 3 for 1; Conway, 2 for 19; McKay, 1 for 25 and 2 for 13).

v. FRIENDS

Lost outright by 4 wickets. Hutchins, 111 and 53 (McKay, 59 and 13; Crawford, 3 for 23 and 4 for 14; Gunn, 2 for 4 and 3 for 6; Watchorn, 4 for 23). Friends, 131 and 6 for 35 (Watchorn, 29 and 12; Soundy, 35; Nicholls, 3 for 57 and 4 for 18; McKay, 5 for 39 and 2 for 14).

Won outright by 67 runs. Hutchins, 136 and 110 (Lindus, 28 and 8; Johnstone, 38 and 0; Walch, 6 and 29; sundries, 34 and 13; Crawford, 6 for 23 and 1 for 42; Botten, 1 for 20 and 2 for 10; Cox, none for 9 and 2 for 15; Joyce, 2 for 7). Friends, 81 and 98 (Crawford, 31 and 25; Nicholis, 5 for 20 and 5 for 12; Conway, 3 for 8 and 4 for 10).

PREMIERSHIP MATCH

Won on first innings by 48 runs. Hutchins, 145 and 152 (Nicholls, 23 and 58; Conway, 39 and 0; Walch, 7 and 22; Botten, 4 for 28 and 1 for 31; Gunn, 2 for 22 and 1 for 27; Watchorn, 3 for 47 and 1 for 0; Joyce, 4 for 40). Friends, 97 and 7 for 145 (Soundy, 25 and 27; Chant, 20; Crawford, 0 and 45; sundries, 9 and 23; Nicholls, 4 for 32 and 1 for 34; McKay, 3 for 50 and 4 for 4; Conway, 3 for 6 and 2 for 47).

PREMIERS v. THE REST

The Rest, 222 and 229 (Palfreyman, 41 and 40; Crawford, 39 and 56; Watchorn, 37 and 31; sundries, 14 and 34; McKay, 4 for 79 and 2 for 4; Walch, 4 for 44 and 1 for 25; Conway, 3 for 36; Nicholls, 3 for 37. Hutchins, 79 and 131 (Conway, 0 and 30; Hodgson, 2 and 26). Lost by 241 runs.

BATTING AVERAGES

· Batsman	Innings	Times Not Out	Highest Score	Runs	Average
Nicholls, H. R. S.	15	1	58	212	15.14
McKay, G	. 14	0	59	208	14.86
Hodgson, G. E.	15	0	45	166	11.86
Turner, T	15	0	35	157	10.47
Lindus, A	12	2	28	104	10.40

Others: S. Walch, 9.83; J. Scott-Power, 8.62; J. Conway, 8.29; D. M. Chambers, 8.07; J. May, 5.09; A. Turner, 4.60.

P. M. Johnstone (12.20), A. Stevens (6.00), B. Brammall (1.67), H. C. Smith and L. Boddam (did not bat) did not qualify.

BOWLING AVERAGES

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Nicholls, H. R. S.	112	19	358	49	7.31
Conway, J	44	4	205	27	7.59
McKay, G	80	8	356	32	11.12

Others: P. M. Johnstone (8.00), A. Turner (9.33) and G. E. Hodgson (13.00) did not qualify.

CATCHES

Lindus, 9; T. Turner, 7; May, 5; McKay, Scott-Power and Walch, 4 each; Chambers, Nicholls and A. Turner, 3 each; Conway and Hodgson, 2 each; Brammall, Stevens and Johnstone, 1 each.

These notes would be incomplete without mentioning the fact that we appreciate different things done for us by the Board, Headmaster, Sportsmaster, and Bro. Joyce. We would also like to thank Mr. May for umpiring, and to congratulate the other teams on their sportsmanship, particularly Friends on the fine last innings.

ROWING

It is with the greatest pleasure that we again record the fact that the Old Boys' crew won the Old Boys' Race on the Tamar. The Old Boys to date have started on five occasions for four firsts and a second; but, like the Present crews, we have yet to win three in succession.

During Christmas a University Four consisting of Old Boys raced successfully at Lindisfarne and Hobart Regattas in the old "Argo." This crew kept together and made the trip North in "Big Bertha." On account of the change in the date of the race, no other Southern crews made the trip, but the three Northern schools sent crews to the line. Our crew took the lead at the start and led throughout, to win by a length from St. Patrick's College. The crew consider this was the hardest race to win of the three they have contested. The crew were seated as follows: S. Harrison (bow), J. Lord (2), A. Watchorn (3), J. Davis (stroke), P. Stops (cox.). It is noteworthy that on this occasion the Old Boys raced in "Argo II."

FOOTBALL.

After quite a lot of argument re grounds, the roster was commenced on time. The team are looking forward to a successful season, as not only are nearly all last year's premiership team attending practise, but also several fresh players, who are showing excellent form and should get a place in the side before many matches are played. At the time of writing these notes, 28 players have signed registration forms.

The Annual Meeting was held immediately after Easter, when the opportunity was taken to make a presentation to the retiring coach, Mr. Alan Goodfellow; the manager of the team also took the opportunity to thank those who had participated in the presentation made to him on behalf of the sporting teams in February.

It is with most sincere regret that we have to record the death of Arthur Walch. Nothing that can be written will ever record the feelings of the members of the team when they were advised of the accident. The fact that every member was present at his funeral, as were also large numbers of members of the other teams in the Association, speaks for itself. The team appreciates the fact that members were permitted to act as pall-bearers. With the object of perpetuating Arthur's name, the team intended to donate a trophy. Mr. T. A. Chandler, however, has asked to be permitted to donate a trophy to be known as the Arthur Walch Memorial Trophy. This will be a perpetual trophy, and the team will present a small replica to the winner each year.

We are fortunate in that we have obtained the services of Mr. L. R. Vollugi as coach for the season. Stuart Harrison and Alan Andrews have again been elected captain and vicecaptain of the team, and thus carry on for the third successive year, while the manager, Ray Vincent, was also appointed for another season.

Results to the time of going to press are:

Round 1

Defeated Old Virgilians by 75 points. Scores: O.V.A. 0.2, 0.5, 0.6, 4.7 (31 points); Hutchins, 3.6, 6.9, 11.18, 14.24 (108 points).

Lost to Clemes by 17 points. Scores: Clemes, 2.1, 6.4 8.6, 15.11 (101 points); Hutchins, 4.0, 4.11, 9.13, 11.18 (84)

Defeated Friends by 66 points. Scores: Friends, 4.3, 4.5, 6.10, 8.13 (61 points); Hutchins, 2.6, 8.12, 10.15, 18.19 (127 points).

Premiership Points: Clemes, 12; Hutchins, 8; Friends, 4; Old Virgilians, nil.

The North and South match is to be played at Launceston on 20th June; Amateur Carnival at Adelaide, 18th to 25th August, and a match against Victoria at Hobart in September.

Mr. Stuart Harrison, the captain of the Old Boys' football team, has tendered his resignation as captain. At a meeting of the team held subsequently, the following motion was passed: "The team sincerely regrets that Mr. Harrison has considered it necessary to tender his resignation as captain. His action in considering the well-being of the team before that of himself cannot be too highly commended, and a minute of appreciation shall be recorded of his services to the side during his term of captain," R.W.V.

Events to Come

Below will be found Inter-School fixtures and Old Boys' fixtures for the ensuing six months:

Saturday, 4th July

2.30 p.m.—Football, Old Boys v. Friends' Old Boys, at St. Virgil's.

Saturday, 11th July

2.30 p.m.—Football, Old Boys v. Old Virgilians, at St. Virgil's.

Saturday, 18th July

Football, Old Boys v. Clemes (see "Mercury" for time and ground).

Saturday, 25th July

Football, Old Boys v. Friends (see "Mercury" for time and ground).

Friday, 31st July

7.30 p.m.—Debate, Old Boys v. School, at the School.

Saturday, 1st August

- 10.30 a.m.—Football, School match.
- 1.30 p.m.—Tennis, Old Boys v. School, and Town v. Country (Old Boys).

Football, Old Boys v. Old Virgilians (see "Mercury" for time and ground).

7.00 p.m.—Shooting, Old Boys v. School, at the School.

Sunday, 2nd August

- 8.30 a.m.—Church, Corporate Communion, at St. David's Cathedral.
- 7.00 p.m.—Church, Evensong, at St. David's Cathedral.

Monday, 3rd August

(90th Anniversary of the School's Foundation)

- 9.00 a.m.—Assembly, at the School.
- 2.30 p.m.—Football, Old Boys v. School, at the T.C.A. Ground
- 7.45 p.m.—Annual Meeting of the H.S.O.B.A., at the School.

Wednesday, 5th August

- 8.00 p.m.—Bridge Party, Old Boys, at the School.
- 8.30 p.m.—Annual Dance, at the School.

Friday, 7th August

7.45 p.m.—Picture Evening by R. J. Shield, Esq., at the School.

Saturday, 8th August

- 10.30 a.m.—Football, School v. St. Virgil's, at North Hobart.
- 2.30 p.m.—Football, Old Boys v. Clemes, at St. Virgil's.

Saturday, 15th August

10.30 a.m.—Football, School v. Friends, at the T.C.A. Ground. Football, Amateur Carnival, Adelaide.

Saturday, 22nd August

9.00 a.m.—Tennis, School v. Clemes, on Hutchins and Clemes Courts.

Football, Amateur Carnival, Adelaide.

Saturday, 29th August

- 9.00 a.m.—Tennis, School v. St. Virgil's, on Hutchins and St. Virgil's Courts.
- 2.30 p.m.—Football, Old Boys v. Friends, at St. Virgil's.

Saturday, 5th September

- 9.00 a.m.—Tennis, School v. Friends, on Hutchins and Friends' Courts.
- 1.30 p.m.—Golf, Old Boys' Championship and Handicap, at Rosny.
- 2.30 p.m.—Football, P.S.O.B.A. Semi-final (see "Mercury").
- 7.00 p.m.—Annual Dinner, at Hadley's Hotel.

Saturday, 12th September

- 2.30 p.m.—Football, P.S.O.B.A. Final (see "Mercury").
- 2.45 p.m.—Cross-Country, Inter-School, at Elwick Show Ground.

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Tuesday, 15th September

1.05 p.m.-Luncheon, Old Boys' Quarterly Luncheon, at "Imperial."

Saturday, 19th September

2.30 p.m.—Football, P.S.O.B.A. match (see "Mercury").

Saturday, 31st October, and 7th November

9.00 a.m.—Cricket, School v. St. Virgil's, at North Hobart.

Thursday, 12th November

2.00 p.m.—Athletics, Inter-School, at T.C.A. Ground.

Saturday, 14th and 21st November

9.00 a.m.-Cricket, School v. Friends, at T.C.A. Ground.

Tuesday, 8th December

1.05 p.m.—Luncheon, Old Boys' Quarterly Luncheon, at "Imperial."

Monday, 14th December

1.00 p.m.—Cricket, Old Boys v. School, at T.C.A. Ground.

The P.S.O.B.A. Cricket Roster will probably commence on 31st October, while the House Competitions in Football, Tennis, Cross-Country, Rowing and Athletics will be held during Michaelmas and Christmas terms.

HOUSE POINTS

Swimming, "A"	Buckland 16 12 2	School 2 6 10 12	Stephens
"B"	31	30	33 R.W.V.

Hutchins School Scholarships

- 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 McNaughtan 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 McNaughtan.
- 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.