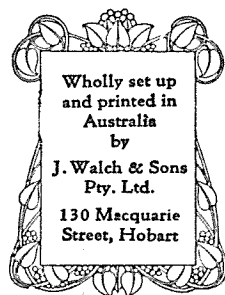


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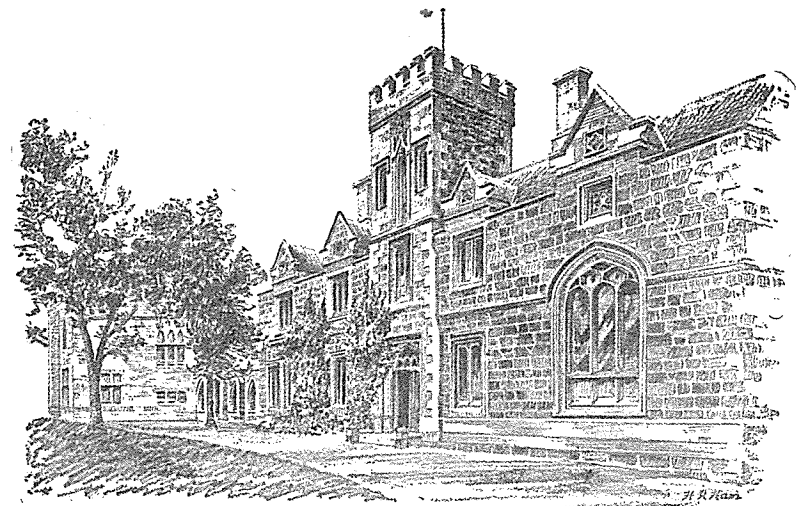


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## The Hutchins School Song

Hutchins! Hutchins! grand and fair!  
The only School we serve;  
For thee till death we'll do and dare,  
And nought can make us swerve.

### Refrain:

Let your voices ring, lads!  
'Tis the old School's due;  
Sing her praises, sing, lads—  
Hutchins! Hutchins! tried and true.

Thy name adown the ages past  
Thy sons salute and cheer;  
And so shall we while life doth last,  
With lips and lives revere.

We learn thine ivied tower beneath  
To play the game of life,  
And know they only win the wreath:  
Who strive in honour's strife.

May all thy sons prove ever true,  
Whate'er their gifts and powers,  
That man may yield to thee thy due,  
Beloved School of ours.

Words by J. W. Bethune  
Music by J. Scott-Power

## Chaplain's Notes

Chaplain: Rev. S. C. Brammall, B.A., Th.L.  
Sacristan: Robert Dick

THE past few months have seen a steady growth in the life which centres around the Chapel. Holy Communion has been celebrated regularly, and services of preparation have been held the previous evening, and also before the Cathedral services. Evening devotions now take place in the Chapel, in three groups. The Bible Reading Fellowship notes are used and the boys are guided in their prayers. The full value of this will be apparent when those who are now juniors become the senior boys of the School. Above all else, the Chapel should be a natural place in which each boy feels at home and to which he will repair as a matter of course. As soon as we are able to procure a small organ the services will be helped considerably by music.

Owing to the generosity of some parents we have a number of cassocks and surplices which are used by our choir at the Sunday morning Eucharist at the Cathedral and at our own service in the Assembly Hall at night.

The School's Anniversary was celebrated in the normal way on the following Sunday. We do feel that there could be a greater interest on the part of Old Boys at both services, but especially at Holy Communion. The preacher at Festal Evensong was the Rev. G. C. Latta. On All Saints' Day the whole school attended a sung Eucharist with procession at 9 a.m.

On 8th August twenty-eight candidates were presented for Confirmation in the Cathedral. It is to be hoped that these new full members will be a valuable asset to the Church and a strength to the School.

It has been a pleasure to welcome the Bishop of Kensington, who spoke at Assembly on the work of the S.P.G., and also the Bishop of Kalgoorlie (Rt. Rev. Cecil Muschamp), an Old Boy of the School. Our own Bishop paid us a visit, and also the Rev. Ian Shevill, of the A.B.M.

We were disappointed that His Grace the Archbishop of York was unable to visit us. However, the boys who are Confirmed went to worship at the Cathedral at 10 a.m. on St. Andrew's Day, when the Archbishop was celebrant and gave a short address particularly suitable for the girls and boys present. Some also attended the afternoon service.

May we remind friends that we still need much in our Chapel and that suitable gifts may be a great blessing to the School.

In wishing all a happy Christmas, we pray most earnestly that the spirit of the Christ Child may be born anew in every heart. There can be little hope for this unhappy world until Christmas is observed not as a pagan feast but as a Christian festival.

S. C. B.

## Assembly Notes

AT the beginning of August a service was held in the place of morning Assembly commemorating the Anniversary of the School, at which Mr. Alan White, the President of the Old Boys' Association, and several other Old Boys were present. Mr. White gave a speech on discipline, and asked the Headmaster

if he would proclaim a half-holiday so that boys could attend the Past versus Present boys' football match.

Later on in the month we were visited by the Bishop of Kensington, who was one of several English preachers visiting Australia.

In September the Rev. Ian Shevill, the Home Secretary of the Australian Board of Missions, came to Assembly. He was an excellent speaker, and gave a very interesting talk on the religions of various countries and the part they played in world affairs. Later he discussed this further with members of the Sixth Form in the Library.

At the end of this month Mr. J. H. Geappen, who had been teaching for some fifty-odd years, gave us a talk with the idea of recruiting boys for the teaching profession.

Dr. Ormond Green came towards the end of October and spoke on Health Week, giving us advice on the best foods to eat in order to maintain good health.

Several days later the Bishop of Tasmania was present in his capacity as the School's Visitor, and promised to come again as soon as possible.

## The Fire and Our Plans for Development

AT 6 a.m. on the morning of 27th November the boarders in our temporary Boarding House in Barrack Street found smoke seeping into their rooms. A fire, the cause of which is so far unknown, had started in the old timber and brick mill at the rear of the house, spread to the roof, and travelled along the roof into our occupied building.

The Brigade was soon on the spot in force, and by excellent work prevented the fire from completely gutting our house, although a great deal of damage was done and the building rendered uninhabitable. There was no time to save any clothing, and all this was, unfortunately, lost, together with some £200 worth of furnishings and damage to most of the Rev. S. C. Brammall's household goods.

There was no panic and the boys maintained the best traditions of the School. They and the Rev. Brammall deserve the greatest praise for their actions. Entering the building again and again, they car-

ried out everything that could be moved into the street, until the flames and smoke rendered any further salvage impossible.

Mercifully, no one was hurt in the slightest, and for that we must be most thankful. We now lick our wounds and tackle the emergency as emergencies should be tackled, without moaning and with energy.

Already we have purchased two houses adjoining one another in Davey Street, immediately adjacent to the Presbyterian Manse, and with alterations and additions to conform to fire and health requirements, we will house 20 boarders with accommodation for a resident Housemaster.

The project will cost us some £7,500, but we have avoided the calamity of turning away at least 16 boarders next year, boys who will go on to bring honour to the School in the years to come. When no longer required as a temporary boarding-house it will provide four flats for staff, and will be self-supporting.

I. R. M.

Of course, the financing of this must inevitably set us back in our building programme. The little money we have been carefully preserving must go towards the newly-acquired houses. Therefore, it is more than ever an urgent matter to provide funds so that our plans for building at Sandy Bay may not be further retarded.

The Appeal for £100,000 is to be launched early in 1952. I ask most earn-

estly that all Old Boys, parents and friends, and others who have the future of the School at heart, will respond wholeheartedly. Let us get on with the job and lay the first brick. Then we will really be on the path to progress. And you people who read this are the ones who can make it possible.

E. M. DOLLERY, *Brigadier*  
*Chairman, Board of Management*

## Old Records

RECENTLY some priceless documents have come into the School's possession, dating back to before its foundation. They will be placed eventually in the Memorial Library. Briefly, here is a summary of these ancient records, and from these will be seen how historical and interesting they are:

The original Deed, on parchment, establishing the Newcastle Scholarship, and dated 1854.

A copy of the Trust Deed granting the land in Macquarie Street to certain Trustees to establish the School, dated 1847.

A printed record of the meeting held immediately after Archdeacon Hutchins' death, 8th June, 1841, for the purpose of deciding upon a memorial to him, together with the original list of donors towards the establishment of the School. Among them appear the names of Sir John and Lady Franklin.

A letter from the Rt. Rev. Francis Russell Nixon, D.D., first Bishop of Tasmania, appointing the Rev. J. R. Buckland as first Headmaster, dated 29th June, 1846, and another letter from the Bishop appointing the Rev. Buckland, W. P. Kay and W. L. Crowther members of a Building Committee to undertake the erection of the School, dated 8th July, 1846.

The original Agreement made by the Building Committee and the contractors, Messrs. Cleghorn and Anderson, to erect

the main School for the sum of £1,687 "in lawful money of Great Britain," dated 4th December, 1847.

The original draft of the service held at the laying of the foundation stone by the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir William Denison, on 31st August, 1847.

The report to the Bishop by the Building Committee, dated 3rd May, 1849, advising completion of the School, including fencing, architect's fees, legal costs, etc., for the sum of £2,283/3/6.

Letters passing between the Building Committee and the Colonial Secretary re the grant of land in Macquarie Street, and dated July and August, 1847.

The original Specifications for the building of the main School, undated, but obviously 1847.

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## Hail!

*Sub-Primary:* William Bastick, Margaret Baily; Stephanie Brown, Gillian Misson, Leigh Batchelor, Carolyn Trengenza.

## and Farewell!

R. A. Brothers, 1947; K. F. Carroil, 1947; A. M. Douglas, 1942; R. Geard, 1949; E. D. Lambert, 1951; D. Lawrence, 1950; D. S. Shield, 1951; B. W. Cadle, 1948; B. Malm, 1950.

## Beneath the Iviad Tower

Random Ramblings by a Staff Reporter

**S**NOW all day! On Thursday, 9th August, members of the School vented their wrath on boys and masters alike, following a heavy fall of snow which covered the city. Consequently, the annual hockey match between the First Eighteen and Collegiate, which had been set down for that day, had to be cancelled.

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Around this time the Sixth Form was given an afternoon off to see a showing of "Hamlet," which is the set Shakespearean play this year, at a city theatre, the film being shown for the benefit of several schools.

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Towards the end of August the School broke up for term holidays, and on that day the School Fair was held. It was a very successful one for all concerned, and many problems were solved, such as those caused by small boys trying to cope with hot dogs, toffee apples, comics and/or meat for mother!

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Two dances were held in the latter part of the year — the Prefects' Dance on Saturday, 22nd September, and the Boarders' Dance a week later. Both were very bright, but more so the latter as it was in the form of a Masked Dance, a novel and very popular affair. It is worthy of mention that two bands officiated at both functions (more or less!!).

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A somewhat dreaded event, namely, the House Music Competitions, took place for the first time for quite a while on Friday, 28th September, at the conclusion of which everybody, having sung very heartily, decided that it was not quite so terrifying after all. Some fine instrumental work was heard from Bowden of Stephens, and from Levis and Millington of Buckland. Bro. Stevens, from St.

Virgil's, adjudicated and awarded first place to Buckland by quite a large margin.

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Show Holiday was observed on 24th October, and the School was well represented out at Elwick, both in and around the arena, not to mention the antics and momentary anxiety of one diminutive member who had his own way of dealing with a small runaway calf.

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Again this year the whole School trooped down to the City Hall to enjoy a Youth Concert for school children on the afternoon of 20th September. Lasting an hour or so, we heard a very pleasant and varied programme, and joined in community singing in one or two items.

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Some real beauty (?) appeared on our stage when the Collegiate Players trod the boards on 12th and 13th October, presenting "A Kiss for Cinderella." (D.R.K. must have had a bad seat — he couldn't see further than the piano).

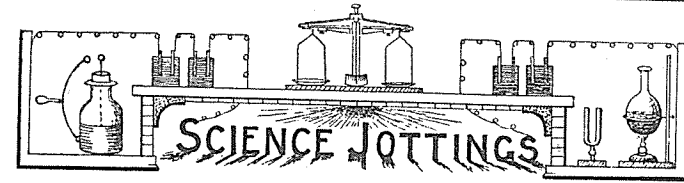
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A number of boys intended to travel to Launceston by train this year in order to see the Combined Sports. Great plans were concocted to decorate the engine and carriages with School colours in the early hours of the morning of departure. We had heard that Friends might have the same idea, and so the spirit was keen. However, due to an accident further up the line, the train did not run and transport was by bus. Foiled again!!

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Six A is becoming a veritable motor vehicle exchange as the main topic of conversation is ever that of bought and sold motor bikes and cars. Believe Barrie intends to carry on the good, but never-ending, work attributed to Nag.

I. R. M.



### THE ANTIQUITY OF MAN IN AUSTRALIA

**A**NY one who reads the newspapers can see that the interest in the Australian Aborigines as human personalities has increased rapidly during the last few years. There is now obviously a general desire to treat this backward race justly, to help them to rise culturally and to learn something of their history and antiquity.

In the past they have been treated with a callousness and indifference of which all white Australians should be ashamed. The Aborigines have, at least, as much right to Australia as we have — indeed, in some respects incomparably more so. This is beginning to be recognised, and the scientists and missionaries are now investigating their past history and tribal customs in an endeavour to stimulate the interest of the general public in the life and antecedents of this unfortunate people.

At the Science Congress held in Brisbane in May last, Professor J. B. Birdsell, of California University, discussed the antiquity in Australia of this race. He said that the Aborigines arrived in Australia in three different waves — the first wave 30,000 or 40,000 years ago, early in the last Ice Age. They were Negritoes from Equatorial Africa. The second wave occurred later in the Ice Age. They were primitive Caucasoids from Northern Asia. The third and last wave, from hot central India, reached Australia at the end of the Ice Age. (The Ice Age is the name given to the latest division of time immediately preceding historic times). Unfortunately, we were not told the nature of the American professor's researches in this subject, or on what data he based his results.

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However, A. P. Elkin, Professor of Anthropology in the University of Sydney, has recently written a book on the Australian Aborigines. He has made an intensive study of the different tribes, and deals exhaustively with every phase of Aboriginal life, including the antiquity of the race. His conclusions vary considerably from those of Professor Birdsell. Elkin says we do not know, even approximately, when the Aborigines came to Australia, or what length of time they took to spread over it. He points out that Professor J. W. Gregory came to the somewhat surprising conclusion that the Aborigines had been in Victoria only about four hundred years. The finding of a stone axe deep in an alluvial deposit tells us little, for very great changes are apt to occur in any alluvial locality such as the Lower Hunter in New South Wales.

The immense size of shell mounds has been quoted as proof of great antiquity of human occupation. Professor Elkin has seen a cockle-shell mound forty-five yards in circumference and three feet six inches high, and he says that there are larger ones. But he does not think that the formation of such a heap implies thousands of years. A few score natives spending a few weeks occasionally in a locality would make a large refuse heap in the course of a century. The Talgai fossil skull found in the Darling Downs in Queensland is likewise indecisive, for we do not know the rate of mineralization in this region, and there is no geological evidence for determining its relative age. Methodical archaeological work done in the Murray River in South Australia has led to the conclusion that "these occupational records are at least of some antiquity." Nothing more definite, says

Elkin, can be said at present. We really do not know whether the Aborigines have been in Australia one or many thousands of years.

Another question arises: Was there a preceding race in Australia, namely, the Tasmanians? The latter were related to the Melanesians and Papuans, but possessed a simpler culture. A few of their words, customs and implements were the same as those of the Australians, but the Australians had many customs, beliefs and advanced types of implements which the Tasmanians lacked. It is probable the Tasmanians were in Australia before the Aborigines arrived. If so, they must have been either conquered and absorbed or extinguished. Some of them may have been forced to seek a new home across Bass Strait, which, no doubt, was much less formidable than it is now. Another possibility is that the Tasmanians were already in their island home at the time of the Australian invasion of the mainland. One or two thousand years gives scope for many changes, but the scanty evidence we have indicates that the Tasmanians were a race of greater antiquity than the Australians, and were not influenced by the invaders' culture.

#### A DIFFICULT PROBLEM

The problem of the age of the earth was briefly discussed in these jottings in the June, 1950, instalment. That problem, although presenting many difficulties, is a relatively simple one when compared with the question of the origin of the earth. One of the most perplexing subjects which confront the astronomer today is the correct determination of the cause or causes which brought our planetary system into existence. All the sun's planets, of which the earth is one, were born at the same time; so if we can discover the origin of this system we know the origin of the earth.

In a recent article, the Astronomer Royal for Great Britain (Sir Harold Spencer Jones, F.R.S.) deals somewhat exhaustively with the problem, and sets

forth its difficulties simply and lucidly. In doing so, he enumerates all the theories which have been propounded since Newton first defined the law of gravitation. He then proceeds to give cogent reasons for rejecting them.

We shall mention a few of the more outstanding of these hypotheses which for a time gained general support, and were accepted by nearly all the astronomers.

The oldest which is worth referring to was suggested, in 1755, by the German philosopher Immanuel Kant. Kant supposed that the sun was originally at the centre of a nebula which was in rotation round the sun under the attraction of gravity. The mutual collisions between the particles of the nebula caused it to flatten out into a disk. The matter in the disk gave rise to a number of local nebulae, each in rotation. It was supposed that each condensation ultimately formed a planet or a planet with a system of satellites. The rotation of the planets would be in the same sense as their revolution round the sun. Thus the regularity in the solar system seemed to be accounted for.

The French mathematician and astronomer Laplace put forward, in 1796, another hypothesis, which in some respects was analogous to that of Kant. Like Kant, Laplace supposed that the sun was originally at the centre of a nebula which was assumed to be hot and rotating. The nebula cooled gradually and condensed in the process. As it contracted its rotation became more rapid and a ring of matter split off round its equator. The mass continued to contract, and several rings were thrown off at intervals. Laplace thought that each ring then condensed into a smaller nebula, and eventually a system of planets was formed.

All astronomers now reject the theories of both Kant and Laplace owing to the fact that the angular momentum generated in these systems would be different from the present angular momentum of the planets; but an explanation of this is

too abstruse for the non-mathematical reader.

We now come to what is known as the classical theory—the theory developed by Sir James Jeans. This hypothesis was universally accepted for a time, because it was associated with the great name of Jeans. It supposed that a star passed comparatively near the sun, and that the passage of the star caused an elongated filament to be drawn out from the sun. This filament would break up into a number of fragments which would move in orbits round the parent body. These fragments would condense into planets, and Jeans pointed out that as the filament would be thickest near its middle, the largest planet would be found there, as is the case. In the process of condensation some of the planets would be broken up and so produce moons.

Sir Harold Spencer Jones says that this theory, though plausible, will not stand detailed examination, and he forthwith proceeds to demolish it. One of his principal objections is that the theory assumes that at the formation of the planets the sun was much more distended than it is now. But from the present knowledge of stellar evolution we know that when the solar system was born the sun was in its present state.

The latest theory is that of von Weizacker. Weizacker supposed that the sun, before it possessed planets, passed through a dense region of interstellar cloud, and in doing so collected an envelope consisting of atoms and dust particles. These latter would move round the sun in independent orbits. It is suggested that the particles would, later on, form into rings and then condense into planets.

The Astronomer Royal cannot accept this hypothesis, although he thinks it is an approximation to the truth. He says that no theory hitherto propounded can explain satisfactorily all the features of our planetary system. So we must conclude that the origin of the earth and of the other planets remains a mystery.

#### THE PRACTICAL VALUE OF SCIENCE

A year ago, in these pages, reference was made to the cultural value of science. May we now, very briefly, look at another aspect of the work of the scientist, namely, its practical and social value. In doing so, we shall omit any mention of the epoch-making discoveries in Physics, Biology and Medicine, and the revolutionary developments in transit and communication. These, in the past one hundred years, have transformed the whole manner of human existence, and are obvious to everybody. But a few of the results of the less spectacular but equally beneficial scientific achievements may be indicated.

The most amazing improvements in industry have been derived from what seemed at the time to be unpractical investigations. For example, Reaumur spent a lifetime in studying the habits of wasps. This must have seemed a useless study, but Reaumur learned from it the secret of the manufacture of the wasp's nest. He found that the nest is composed of light but tough paper, which the wasp makes by chewing pieces of wood and other bits of vegetable matter. Inventors, following this discovery, produced paper from wood-pulp, so that the entire newspaper and book industry depends for its supply of paper on Reaumur's interest in wasps.

Higher mathematics is often supposed to be merely an intellectual discipline. It is that, of course, but it is much more. It lies at the foundation of most of our industries. Without mathematics the insurance business would be impossible, because from it came the laws of chance and probability. Insurance is of immense benefit to mankind. It enables many people to save money for their old age—self-respecting people who desire to be independent of the doles meted out by governments composed of vote-catching politicians. It takes care of those who are injured or disabled, and assists the

widows and fatherless. It helps the factory owner to set up in business again when his factory burns down. But the safety of insurance rests upon the mathematical conception of a purely imaginary quantity, the square root of minus one. Without this it would be impossible for companies to compute hazards and rates. Abstract mathematics underlie the design of machinery, bridges and electrical equipment, and are invaluable in the higher branches of statistics.

Engineers and chemists are continually using logarithms, tables of permutations, Fourier's Series and other mathematical formulae, without which the progress of the world would stop.

Scientists are now redetermining what is known as "the constant of gravitation," that is, the constant in the formula which expresses the degree of intensity with which any body is attracted by another. When this constant has been determined with greater precision, it will be possible, it is said, to calculate, years in advance, the time and height of the tides in all parts of the world. This will be of enor-

mous practical advantage to everybody engaged in shipping.

Dr. Eotvos, working from purely scientific knowledge, has invented the Eotvos balance, which measures the minutest variations in the gravitational pull of the earth. Oil companies are now using this balance successfully to discover oil deposits without recourse to the old, expensive and haphazard method of boring a hole where they suspected oil might be located.

Elements have been transmuted into other elements by the rupture of the nucleus of the atom, experiments out of which has developed the manufacture of the atomic bomb. But the practical advantage or disadvantage of this achievement will depend on the use to which it is ultimately applied.

Lignite coal has been converted into edible fats that nourish the human body. Coal, once alive as living vegetable matter, seemed dead when it became coal, but man directed natural laws so that coal came alive again and conferred lasting benefits on the world.

H. D. E.

## The Parents' Association

President: Mr. L. W. Salmon  
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. L. N. Partington  
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Q. McDougall

WHEREAS our last report to the Magazine dealt with plans for a Grand Fair, we now find ourselves, after a great deal of hard work from a great number of people, able to present to you the results of a highly successful venture. The final gross takings of the Fair amounted to £916/10/3. As was to be expected, expenses were fairly heavy, amounting to approximately £116.

The Old Boys' Association and the Old Boys' Lodge were responsible for raising £418. We are more than grateful to these Associations for the part they played and the help given to the Sub-Committee on which their delegates were represented.

To mention everyone by name who contributed towards the success of the Fair would be difficult, but the President wishes to convey his thanks to the Ladies' Auxiliary, which met every month since last year's Fair in the School Library, planning and working for this year's effort—not forgetting those members who worked solidly at home, members of the staff and the boys.

It has been your Executive's pleasure to spend £680 of the funds on the objects for which the Fair was held. £415 has been allotted to the purchase of 224 chairs for the Assembly Hall and £200 for the Library. A grant of £30 to the Sub-Primary School at David Avenue to use at the Parents' Association's discretion, also a stove which this Association had

bought earlier in the year for the Tuck Shop in the Senior School, for which there is no further use. The amount allocated annually for prizes to be donated on Speech Night has been increased by £5 to £35, whilst £80 has been transferred to the Association's Reserve Account in order to comply with the Constitution.

At the end of the second term a fine set of Chambers' Encyclopaedia was purchased for £57/10/-, which gives one some idea of the present cost of books.

Parents greatly appreciated the fine illustrated talks given at the quarterly meeting held on 6th November by Mr.

Kelsey Aves, President of the Field Naturalists' Association, and Mr. A. M. Hewer, Jun., Secretary. Mr. Aves showed films of the Cradle Mountain and Lake St. Clair Reserve. Mr. Hewer showed films and gave a talk on his trip from Zeehan to Cape Grim.

In conclusion, we would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Headmaster and all members of the staff for their interest in the welfare of the boys. May they enjoy a well deserved rest during the holiday period, with our best wishes for Christmas and the coming year.

E. S. McD.

## The Mount Lamington Disaster

Report on the Eruption of Mount Lamington in North-West Papua on Sunday, 21st January, 1951, as experienced by the Rev. R. G. Porter at Isivita

[This concludes the article, the first half of which was published in our June issue.—Ed.]

JUST about mid-day I managed to get a lamp lit, and since the falling matter had subsided I went down to the mission house to see how they fared there. They had also managed to light a lamp, and whilst Mrs. Lane led the people in prayers Sister Pat prepared dressings for the first burns case which had just come in. The morale here was marvellous also.

I returned to my own house after saying the Angelus, in pitch darkness, and found one of my teachers leading the people in prayer.

At 1 o'clock the light began to return, though the visibility was still no more than three or four yards. It was now that the most pitiful and awful scenes of all were witnessed. People with the most terrible burns imaginable began to stream in for treatment. The mission house was filled with them and with well people also, and so I told all the uninjured to go into the church, where I would talk to them. I exhorted them to get as far away as possible from Lamington, and as quickly as possible, and they needed no second

bidding. I told them to make for Sasembata, but subsequently found that most of them had gone to Hagenshambo.

I returned to the mission house to do what I could to help Mother Lane and Sister Durdin. The entire floor was covered with people in utter agony. Some had almost the whole of their skin burnt off. It hung from their hands like discarded gloves, and their agonising cries were awful to hear. The best we could do was to make dressings from lint and vaseline and apply them to their charred bodies. About 40 were treated at the mission, but there must have been many who could not reach us. Soon Sister was busy with the morphia, which must have been a blessed relief for these unfortunates. One of our many problems was able manpower. When I told the people to retreat, they took me at my word to the extent that hardly a whole man was left on the station. But here I must record my deep appreciation of the great work done by our Isivita teacher, Simon Panderi. He remained at his post throughout, and



never expressed any desire to leave us. Two other Christians—Eric and Kingsford—also did wonderful work. In the mid-afternoon our first case died. The immediate problem was the digging of graves—a problem indeed, with so little labour available. I set Simon to work sweeping off the roof of the mission house, for at least four inches of sand and pumice lay upon it, and I feared that it would not stand a further fall. I might say that during the respite there were constant rumblings, and, in spite of our lack of knowledge of the habits of volcanoes, we felt certain we would be “for it” again sooner or later. We had little doubt that something even more terrible than our experience had occurred at Sangara, for, knowing Fr. Taylor as we did, we were quite certain he would have been at Isivita within a couple of hours if it had been at all possible.

With the help of Eric and Kingsford I dug a grave—a large one, for we knew that it would not be long before more burying space would be required. Before the first grave was completed, two children had died, and so I read the Burial Service over the first three. We did not cover it in, as even many more deaths were inevitable. A little later one more body was added.

Some time after 6 p.m., Mother, Sister and myself retired to my house for an evening snack, but all of us found it well nigh impossible to eat. The night we had dreaded had begun. Sister administered more morphia, and we said Evensong together. One by one we moved those who died into the kitchen, and left the living in the sitting-room. We felt so helpless, and yet what more could be done? We gave water where it was asked for, and tried to comfort. Thanks to Sister their end was peaceful, though the previous agony must have been beyond description. Sister said they defied all the theories of medicine by staying alive as long as they did.

Shortly after 9.30 p.m. there was a lull in the rumblings. We would have liked to think that all was over, but three of us in our hearts knew that we were about to experience a repeat performance of the morning “show.” Sure enough, the constant and regular roar began again, much louder than in the morning, and there seemed to be noises like exploding fireworks just above the roof. Then falling matter began again, not only dust and sand this time, but quite large stones. I urged Mother and Sister to get under the table, which would at least give some protection if the roof fell.

The noise by this time was deafening. I am sure not one of us believed we would survive this second blast. It was even more terrifying than the first, the only difference being that the darkness of the night relieved the darkness that accompanied the eruption. We “sat it out” underneath the table, praying continually.

But yet it passed, and we found ourselves still with the roof on and still sound in body. Of course, there were no casualties from this one, and so we just spent the night talking, and longing for the dawn. I have never known a night to pass more slowly.

The first lights of dawn greeted us just after five, and we roused ourselves amidst the smell of death all around us. Eighteen people had died in the mission house that night. We carried them all out and laid them on the lawn at the end of the church. As we lifted several of them we could feel the burnt flesh coming away on our hands. It was a terrible sight to see these eighteen poor, charred bodies laid in a row. Immediately we set to work to dig more graves and, happily, by this time more manpower arrived from somewhere.

So I was able to go up to Isivita village to search for more digging implements. The scene was pathetic. Not a soul was in sight except a poor imbecile girl, who sat under what remained of a house, nurs-

ing a pig. She screamed in fear as Simon and I approached her.

A note arrived from Rod. Hart, advising us to get out as soon as possible. At last we were forced to see that evacuation was the wisest policy. Only seven burn cases remained, and all of them could walk except one. The Isivita villages were deserted, and so to stay there would have been foolish.

Our first plan was to walk to the village of Hagenshambo, where we hoped to pick up transport of some kind. This was our plan, because I never expected for a moment that the jeep would start, and also because we were told the jeep track to Hagenshambo would be impassable. But to my amazement it did start, and so, after completing the burial with reverent haste, we sallied forth with a

minimum of belongings. Fortunately, the obstacles on the road were only trees, and not landslides, and so with a team in front of us, led by the capable Albert MacLaren, cutting away the worst of the obstacles, we managed to get through.

On the way we met our friend “Blue” Morris, who seemed somewhat surprised to see us alive. He was on his way through the villages, looking for survivors—and what a grand job he was doing. He advised us to make for Wasita rather than Popendetta, which we did. There we found Mr. Searle and his family, and by means of radio were able to send messages to our families. It was here that we first learned of the Sangara and Higaturu tragedy, and though we were to an extent prepared for it, yet the final confirmation stunned us.

## Literary and Debating Society

Patron: Mr. H. D. Erwin  
President: B. D. Purvis  
Secretary: I. R. McIntosh

*“Abstruse and mystic thoughts you must express*

*With painful care, but seeming easiness.”*

—Dryden

SENIOR House Debating this year was won by Stephens House, who defeated both their opponents quite comfortably. Although they did not win a debate, School gained second place as they had a greater over-all total than Buckland, who were unfortunate to be placed third after having beaten School.

A feeling of enthusiasm was this year infused into the participating members of the Society, which, it was agreed, resulted in a much higher standard of debating than in previous years.

B. D. Purvis, who gave two splendid speeches, was declared Senior Orator, having earlier in the year gained the position of Senior Impromptu Orator. Our heartiest congratulations go to him on this double victory.

In the Junior competition both titles also went to one competitor. We must congratulate Michael Hodgman, the Junior Impromptu Orator, who was declared Junior Orator after topping the individual scores in both the debates which his team, Buckland, won. Thus Buckland came first in the Junior division with School second.

We would all like to thank Mr. Catterall for supervising and organising our activities this year. He gave up a great deal of his time to act as either adjudicator or chairman, and we are indeed grateful for his services. Thanks are due also to Mr. Williams, Mr. Brammall, and R. G. Wright, who willingly acted as either adjudicator or chairman when requested to do so, thus enabling the functions to run smoothly.

As was intimated in the last issue, it was hoped to be able to arrange a debate with a Fahan team as our guests. However, due to a multitude of other impending functions and duties, this did not eventuate, much to the disgust and disappointment of several enthusiasts.

However, on several occasions during the year the importance and benefits of a society of this kind were pointed out to us. Due to various pieces of advice and suggestions which were extended to us individually and as a whole, enjoyment was found in each of the meetings, not only by the participants, but also by the large and attentive audiences which were present. Boys should realise, and in fact are realising, I feel, that debating is something worth while from which pleasure can be obtained, and not simply something which must be carried out in order to count for the Cock-House competition.

#### Senior Competition

1. "That the Schools' Board Exam. ought to be abolished." Buckland (affirmative) defeated School (negative).

2. "That the United Nations Organisation has been and will continue to be more effective in the promotion of peace than the League of Nations." Stephens (negative) defeated School (affirmative).

3. "That a continuance of the present large influx of foreigners into Australia would bode ill for the future of the

nation." Stephens (negative) defeated Buckland (affirmative).

#### Junior Competition

1. "That driving lessons should be included in the School curriculum." Buckland (negative) defeated School (affirmative).

2. "That the advance of scientific invention over the past fifty years has been to the detriment of mankind." School (affirmative) defeated Stephens (negative).

3. "That the Tasmanian Government railways are obsolete and ought to be scrapped." Buckland (negative) defeated Stephens (affirmative).

Entries were submitted for the usual essays during the course of third term. The Senior Hudspeth Essay was won by B. D. Purvis, who wrote on "The History of the Theatre Royal," and the Junior Hudspeth Essay went to M. Hodgman. N. Levis won the Stuart Essay, the subject of which was "The Japanese Peace Treaty," while the prize for the Senior Giblin Shakespeare Essay was shared by A. Gibson and G. Burbury. Congratulations!

I. R. M.

## Senior Hudspeth Prize Essay

### A HISTORY OF THE THEATRE ROYAL

"The national importance of the theatre is as unquestionable as that of the army, the fleet, the Church, the law and the schools."

—Shaw

TO anyone who concurs with the wisdom of this Shavian observation it seems a lamentable fact that only now, one hundred and twenty-eight years after the settlement of Tasmania, are we to enjoy the establishment of a National Theatre.

Indeed, the fact that nowhere else in the Commonwealth is to be found a centre which will teach and present all the

theatrical arts, is glaring proof of cultural backwardness, however proud we may feel with the possession of Australia's first National Theatre.

It has taken us many years to do justice to the noble aspirations of a committee of Hobart Town gentlemen which sat round a blazing log fire one cold, snowy night at the Freemasons' Tavern in 1835.

For an initial expenditure of two thousand three hundred pounds our little Thespian temple, with its acoustic perfection and simple dignity, should be one of our most treasured public possessions.

We might pause at this juncture and catch a glimpse of Hobart Town on the night of March 6th, 1837. In the warm half-light of an autumn evening, the carriages of distinguished patrons rumble over the cobble-stones of Campbell Street and come to a halt outside a stately new building, "The Royal Victoria," named in honour of a gracious lady who, not three months later, succeeded to the throne of England.

The excited murmur of conversation is intensified and gentlemen doff their top-hats while the band of His Majesty's 21st Fusiliers strikes up the National Anthem as the vice-regal carriage of the new Governor, Sir John Franklin, and his Lady approaches.

The billboard above the pit entrance informs the literate that for a moderate fee they may enjoy a presentation of two plays, "Speed the Plough" and "The Spoilt Child." The seating accommodation consists of boxes round the walls and rought seats in the pit. There is no stage door, and entrance to the rear of the stage is only possible through the auditorium. The lighting is by primitive tallow lamps, which, despite their offensive odour, heighten any dramatic performance akin to "Macbeth."

"Underneath the stage was a perfect labyrinth of narrow, ill-lit passages and tiny dressing-rooms," says a contemporary observer.

Thus began the history of the Theatre Royal, Hobart, longest standing, though not the first theatre in Australia, for its Sydney namesake had preceded it by four years.

Sir John Franklin's interest in culture and the arts extended over the fortunes of the enterprising activities of the Theatre's lessee and his talented and attractive young wife.

Some years previous to this time, in the late eighteen-forties, a charming little girl of ten realised an ambition—she danced in ballet on the boards of "the Royal."

Sir John and Lady Franklin became interested in the child and gave her such

encouragement and opportunity as they could to study and gain experience. Thus it happened that four years after her debut little Jane Thompson, the promising ballerina, married the Theatre's young manager.

Time went by and the great G. V. Brooke honoured the colony with his presence, choosing as his leading lady for a season of Shakespeare, none other than Jane Thompson.

When next we find her she is capturing London audiences in 1857 with her charming personality in ballet and Shakespeare. Thus she became the first Australian "star" to "go to the top" in London's West End.

The next decade witnessed a widespread slump in "show business." Despite this, theatre patrons in Hobart Town were by no means starved of dramatic entertainment; rather did they greatly encourage artists to visit them, as proved by the visit of the talented Irish singer, Catherine Hayes, who delighted a full house every night for over a week and received from an appreciative audience the modest fee of four hundred pounds a night!

There are still living those who remember the visit to the Theatre in the eighteen-sixties of "General Tom Thumb" and his troupe of dwarf entertainers, none of whom exceeded three feet in height.

These tiny creatures arrived in a miniature buggy drawn by a diminutive Shetland pony, and duly fascinated the public with their performances. Curiosity, probably, rather than dramatic talent, ensured their success, but nevertheless they played their part in the colourful panorama of the old Theatre's history.

The succeeding decade heralded the hey-day of the "star" companies, where one went to see Mrs. Scott-Siddons, or Fleming and Holloway, rather than the grand and comic operas or the various Shakespearean tragedies in which they played.

The presence of Mrs. Scott-Siddons created quite a stir in isolated little

Hobart, for here was the great granddaughter of the famous Sarah Siddons, and the eager patrons made her welcome in the most fitting manner by showing themselves eager to keep her here for a lengthy season.

Following close behind came Herr Bandmann, a German actor with a new angle on Shakespearian interpretation; similarly, William Creswell, the Englishman.

An attempt at tabulation of even the great dramatic performances at the Theatre Royal since 1837 would be tedious and unnecessary; it must suffice here to mention not necessarily the most outstanding, but to illustrate the nature and category of entertainment in each successive stage of its history.

Towards the close of the century — throughout the final decade especially — American companies were prominently billed on the hoardings, and nearly all maintained a high level of performances, interspersing the tragedies with classical comedies of Sheridan or Shakespeare.

The scope and character of performances widened considerably at the close of the century, every conceivable type of drama from vaudeville and revue to melodrama and farce was played, with opera and the classics as popular as ever.

Such famous identities as Maggie Moore (Mrs. J. C. Williamson) and her husband, Charles Warner (father of H. B. Warner), and even the great Sir Henry Irving and Dame Marie Tempest, graced the stage of our little Theatre Royal and received the generous laudations of the local press.

In these Victorian days (though Sir Henry belongs to a later period) the audience still viewed the celebrities in the same manner as they had always done, either from boxes or the pit. Despite the renovations in 1860 the Theatre still possessed this form of auditorium. The boxes which, though by no means cheap, were well patronised, and the pit also, which came within the financial limits of almost anyone.

The turn of the century marked the introduction of a greater selection of programme, the music-hall influence, musical comedy and melodrama predominated. A dashing Victorian, Bland Holt, was the popular hero of the latter class.

By this time the Theatre had acquired a permanent orchestra, consisting of a piano, cornet, trombone and bass viol, and it became common practice for touring companies, assured of a good reception, to make Hobart a port of call en route to New Zealand.

Since that time the Theatre Royal has witnessed a succession of ballet, vaudeville, pantomime, orchestral recitals, school plays and, perhaps most important of all in later years, the Hobart Repertory Theatre Society's productions up to 1926. From then until the outbreak of World War II it was occupied spasmodically, and during the war years hardly opened at all.

In 1948 the University Revue by the "Old Nick Players" commenced, and has been an annual feature ever since. Most notable of all in that year was the visit of the "Old Vic Company" under Sir Lawrence Olivier and Vivien Leigh, whose superb production of "The School for Scandal" enabled Hobart to see a first-rate company in a first-rate play starring two of the world's leading stage and screen personalities.

The wealth of international companies, the standard of their plays and the calibre of the actors seen at the Theatre Royal a generation ago was brought to mind by this last visit, and it might well provoke a sense of regret and failure in us, that we have not been sufficiently energetic in attracting companies of a like nature in recent years. For these companies do exist, the talent is even more profuse (especially in England), and today young people in Australia and elsewhere are only waiting for the opportunity to develop their potential talent, if only the public will provide the necessary facilities and encouragement for them.

We have only recently become aware of these needs and taken effective action, but it could have happened years ago. The cinema established itself and the public lost interest, or feared that the odds were too great against a continuance of the live stage. This tragic mistake has caused an uphill struggle in the re-organisation of our theatrical life.

Today, quite as much as sixty or a hundred years ago, it is the public — and they alone — who decide whether or not the Theatre shall be an empty building or the very centre of the cultural and educational entertainment in this city.

As in the past, the standard of our stage presentations depends almost entirely on the standard required or accepted by the theatre-going public. If it does not demand quality it certainly will not get it. The tragedy is that so little of any kind has been seen here for so long that not only do the public not demand quality, they don't even discern it. So the task of re-educating them must be tackled also.

I do not believe for a moment that audiences here are less appreciative of the live stage than in past years, if only they can be given enough of it by the best people. The cinemas have captured many former stage patrons and, unfortunately, the majority of the younger generation. The Theatre Royal authorities should therefore devise every possible means to wean them back again.

To ensure that the Theatre will again flourish as in former days, it must take an even more important place in the community, for until it is eagerly patronised we cannot hope to attract the touring companies of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. It will need the intelligent and wise programme-planning by the National Theatre and Fine Arts Society for a considerable time before the public is sufficiently sensible in choosing what they please.

It is sad to note the crippling effect of Trade Unionism and Actors' Equity on the theatre in general at the present time;

and though the salaries and conditions of members to these have improved, the strain put on theatre managers and producers has forced many touring companies to disband.

For our own Theatre, let us hope that those entrusted with the administration of "the Royal" will not abuse their privilege by seeking social advancement and public recognition thereby.

The financial position of one well-established theatrical society in Hobart is pleasing proof that we have not let the tradition of the legitimate theatre completely die out, but the contrasting quality of past and present productions should serve as a warning to those administering the Theatre Royal that a handsome credit balance and social prominence does not compensate for intellectual stagnation and deteriorated standards.

As Bernard Shaw wisely observed—

"The theatre is growing in importance as a social organ. Bad theatres are as mischievous as bad schools or bad churches; for modern civilisation is rapidly multiplying the class to which the theatre is both school and church."

And so—

*"The endless mime goes on, new faces  
come,  
New murmurs babble in each other's  
ears;  
And some wear masks of woe, of laughter  
some,  
Nor know they play Life's Comedy of  
Tears."*

—Kenyon

B. D. Purvis, Form VIa



## Junior Hudspeth Prize Essay

### PEARL-DIVING ON THE BARRIER REEF

AS the first pale flush of dawn appeared over the distant horizon, the pearling lugger "Diana" pointed her sharp bows towards the open sea and chugged out between the heads. The water changed from a dull grey to a bright sparkling blue as the sun rose, and the small lugger plunged her bows into the billows, staggered, rose and plunged again. She was almost hidden in the trough of the larger waves that raced past her, their tops foaming white. In this fashion the "Diana" slowly battled her way up the coast for about ten miles, then, turning her bows towards the distant reef, she made towards a small opening just visible in the spray. Upon entering this, the little ship found herself in smooth water behind the great reef. With a rattle and a roar the anchor was let go and it shot down into the crystal depths with a shower of bubbles.

The crew of the lugger now made their appearance and began to rig the diving gear while the diver was assisted into his suit. Last of all, the helmet was screwed tight and the face glass adjusted. This being done, he stepped off the ladder and slowly sank into the depths below. Reaching the sea floor, he moved off in search of shell. The best type of shell is the gold lip, so called because it shows a gold rim when feeding. As soon as the shell senses danger it closes, but not before the diver has seen it. When the diver finds a patch of shell he signals up to the lugger for a basket. This is sent down on a weighted line. He fills up the basket with shell and signals for it to be drawn up. In that way he does not have to carry all the shell he picks up about with him. The Australian type of shell is about the size of a dinner plate and is the most valuable in the world. Gold lip pearl shell is more likely to have pearls than black lip. Also, it has a better market value.

Danger to a diver does not always come to him in the shape of an octopus or a shark. Far more divers lose their lives by dangers that may not appear terrifying, but rob the diver of his life just the same. The fouling of the air pipe, for instance. This can happen very easily. A diver may be walking along the floor of the lagoon with a strong current behind him. As he stoops to grasp a pearl shell his air pipe becomes entangled round a coral mushroom. He cannot retrace his steps because the current prevents him, and the life-giving air fails to reach him. Then again, he may put his foot in a giant clam which immediately holds him in a grip of iron from which there is no escape. The illness called the "bends," which is caused by the quick change of pressures, kills many divers; faulty equipment, punctured suits, all add to the death total.

The diver from the "Diana" stayed down for most of the morning, and the pile of shell on the deck of the lugger, which had been steadily increasing all the morning, was quite considerable. The method of opening the shell varies. Some people just leave it in the hot sun to rot and so open itself. This method, although effective, produces such a smell that it is best to be well away from the ship that is practising this method. The second is to slip a narrow-bladed knife into the oyster and force it open. Thirdly, the shell may be boiled, and that also gives the required effect. The crew of the "Diana" had adopted the second method of forcing the shell open with a knife. Four of the crew were busy doing this. Soon all the shell had been opened and the fish was squeezed between the fingers to make sure the luckless creature was not hiding any pearls within itself. The shell was carefully examined, for often the oyster will form a blister on the inside

of the shell in which there may be a fine pearl.

The formation of the pearl is rather interesting. A small piece of grit finds its way into the oyster, which cannot remove it. However, to protect itself the oyster covers the grit with thin layers of mother of pearl. The longer the grit has been in the oyster, the bigger the pearl. They can be cultivated by planting oysters and forcing a small seed pearl into them, then let them grow in peace for some years and harvest the pearls, which can be used for necklaces, brooches and all manner of jewellery.

The shell on the "Diana" was packed

into bags and stowed in the hold, to be later used for buttons, ashtrays and mother of pearl ornaments, etc.

By the time the "Diana" showed signs of departure the sun was low in the sky, and it was not long before the reef was left behind as she almost flew home with the wind and the tide behind her. The sun was just dipping into the ocean when the little ship rounded the heads and sailed into the harbour. For the second time that day the anchor was let go and the little ship rested on the tide. Overhead the first stars were twinkling as night softly drew her dark mantle over the still waters.

T. Bowden, Form V

## Library Notes

Librarian: A. Gibson

Committee: R. G. Brewster, W. E. Cooper-Maitland, M. G. Darcey, A. W. W. Godfrey, C. W. Grant, J. F. Millington, J. Phillips

IT is felt that the Library has had more use this year than in previous years. Although the magazine section continues to be very popular, the main reason for the increase in use of the Library is the very fine reference section which is being built up. Recent additions to this invaluable part of the Library were a set of Oxford "Companion" books (e.g., Oxford Companion to Music, Oxford Companion to the Theatre, Oxford Classical Dictionary) and several books connected with Drama.

Popular reading books are "The Wooden Horse"; its sequel, "The Tunnel," written by Eric Williams; and "Kon-Tiki," by Thor Heyerdahl.

On Bird Day an exhibition of Gould's books was held. Amongst the books exhibited was Gould's "Birds of Australia," a very rare set of books. This exhibition attracted many people, and it is hoped to hold more exhibitions in the future.

Generous persons who have helped the Library by gifts of books are Mr. Mitchell, Miss Payne and Mrs. Vincent. As a result of the Fair the Parents' Association has set aside £200 for the Library.

A. G.

## Dramatic Society

Secretary: B. D. Purvis

Committee: D. R. King, I. R. McIntosh, G. A. Renney, G. L. Salmon, G. L. Woodward, R. Dick

BEING unable to present a full-length production this year, the Society was very grateful to Mr. Brammall and Mr. Wilson, who undertook to produce two short plays by A. P. Herbert.

"Two Gentlemen of Soho" was produced by Mr. Wilson with an experienced

cast who gave the audience a spirited interpretation of the author's delightful wit. The Shakespearian costume and dialogue in the modern setting of a London night club gave ample scope for good comedy. The cast in general lacked clarity of enunciation, and occasionally failed to appreciate the subtlety of Herbert's satire, but the play was thoroughly enjoyed by both actors and audience, and the performance was highly commendable.

Under Mr. Brammall's direction the Remove A presented "Fat King Melon," and here the younger boys had a pleasant introduction to the stage.

In conjunction with these two plays a Junior Boarders' Choir gave a very pleasing performance under the direction of Mr. J. M. Boyes.

Through force of circumstances the Society has had to shorten its usual programme, and as yet no arrangements have been concluded for next year, but it is hoped that the School will again be able to present a full-scale programme.

To the casts, stage staff, and to all parents and friends I would like to express our appreciation and wish them success for the coming year.

B. D. P.

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## Exchanges

WE have to acknowledge receipt of the following magazines since June, 1951, and apologise if any have been inadvertently omitted:

*Tasmania:* Church Grammar School, Launceston.

*Victoria:* Caulfield Grammar School; Scotch College, Hawthorn; Trinity Grammar School, Kew; Geelong College; Geelong Grammar School; Ballarat College.

*New South Wales:* Sydney Church of England Grammar School; The Armidale School; Sydney Grammar School; The King's School, Parramatta.

*South Australia:* Prince Alfred College, Adelaide (2).

*Queensland:* Southport School; Church of England Grammar School, Brisbane (2).

*Overseas:* St. Thomas' College, Colombo, Ceylon; Bedford Road Collegiate Institute, Saskatoon, Canada; Prince of Wales School, Nairobi, Kenya; 1951 Jamboree Programme and Official Souvenir, Colombo Boy Scouts Local Association, Ceylon.

## Music Club

President: Mr. O. H. Biggs  
Secretary: J. Phillips

DURING the latter half of the year the Music Club, unfortunately, has had a "hand-to-mouth" existence owing to the encroachment of other School activities upon our time. The worst offender in this regard has been Standard Athletics, which took our Thursday afternoons on no less than four occasions. Obviously, the Club must close down if this encroachment continues next year. This, we feel, would be a very great loss to members and to the School generally.

Thanks to the Parents' Association we have a magnificent amplifier, many records are available on loan, whilst a few of our members are capable of flesh-and-blood performances. The opportunity for using these facilities should not be lost.

The few meetings we have been able to hold have been very pleasant and instructive, and we have heard a wide variety of recordings, from folk-music to concertos.

On one occasion we visited Holy Trinity Church, where the President briefly explained the mechanism of a large pipe-organ and played us several pieces. A high-light of the third term was the A.B.C. Orchestral Concert for school-children at the City Hall, when all schools in Hobart enjoyed a splendid programme from the A.B.C. Symphony Orchestra. It is gratifying to note that our Club is represented by the Secretary on the Youth Concerts Advisory Committee.

Our final meeting for the year consisted of a programme of music for 'cello and piano by J. F. Millington and the President. Attendance at this meeting was hampered by the holding of a House Cricket match on the same afternoon, but those who were able to be present enjoyed the programme, and take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the performers.

J. P.



O.C.: Lieut. J. M. Boyes  
Cadet-Lieut. G. A. W. Renney  
W.O. ii D. R. King

FOR many years the School Cadet Detachment has been below its proper strength and standard; this, I am sorry to say, is partly due to the lack of interest shown by both pupils and parents. Cadet training is an essential part of a boy's education, and in these days of international bickering we cannot afford to ignore such a training. Every youth, on reaching the age of eighteen, has to undergo a period of three months' national service training. If, on entering this course, a boy can show that he has completed his school cadet course and is proficient, he will be given recognition of this training.

This year the unit has, I am glad to say, got out of a rut and has done quite well. In the Hoad Trophy the School's entry obtained first place for the South and third place for the State. This is the best the School has done for some years, and the unit team is to be congratulated.

In the King George V Trophy for rifle shooting the unit again obtained first place in the South; the result of the State competition has not yet been announced, but we are hoping! As can be seen from the rifle shooting notes, the unit has become very interested in this part of its training. Next year we hope to be able to make better use of the miniature range at the Barracks and the open range at Bellerive.

Unfortunately, we were not able to attend our annual camp at Brighton this

year owing to the national service trainees occupying the camp, but during the Christmas vacation there will be an N.C.O.'s training camp at Fort Direction. We have nine cadets who will attend, and it will be from them that our N.C.O.'s will be chosen next year.

The detachment's band has continued to improve, and has again been asked to play for several parades. At the Marching-Out ceremony for the national service trainees a massed band from all the school units in Hobart provided an excellent exhibition, which did credit to both them and their instructors.

In place of the annual camp the unit had two field days, the first at Pontville Range and the second at the School's estate at Berriedale, where an exercise was held. This gave section-leaders a chance to put into practice some of the theory that they had learnt during the year. The final assault on the defending party was achieved after much negotiating of very wild and rough country in the Collinsvale area. The exercise was thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the N.C.O.'s and Cadets for putting so much of their energy into their work. Cadet training can become very monotonous, and it is due to both the N.C.O.'s and the Cadets themselves that 1951 has been such a good year for the School Cadet unit.

G. A. W. R.

## House Notes

### BUCKLAND HOUSE

Colours: Maroon and White

House Master: Mr. F. J. Williams

House Captain: P. D. Jones

Vice-Captain: D. R. Salter

Captain of Tennis, Football, Cricket and Swimming: D. R. Salter

Captain of Athletics, Standard Athletics, Shooting and Cross-Country: I. Madden

Captain of Debating and Dramatics: I. R. McIntosh

Captain of Singing: J. Millington

**B**UCKS this year have shown a real House spirit. In Athletics, Standard Athletics and Singing, where all or the majority of the men in the House have to pull together, the required concerted effort was forthcoming. The real secret has been the keenness shown by the captains; each one has done a splendid job this year.

In Football we had to be content with third place. We had the heart and the will to win, but our team was on the small side this year.

House Singing, a new competition, was won largely due to the untiring work of the singing captain, Millington, who not only conducted the House Choir, but played a most successful and delightful cello solo.

The House was also victorious in Athletics, another fine corporate effort. We offer our congratulations to all those men who helped us to victory, especially to Madden and Millington in the open events and Cooper and Brammall in the under age events.

In Standard Athletics we started off rather shakily, but finished strongly to win in a photo finish from School House. We won by .02 of a point, which is about as narrow a victory as we shall ever have. Hard lines, School!

Our Tennis team downed the colours of the other Houses in the "A" Tennis competition. We were fortunate this year in having D. Salter and G. Burrows, who are in the School Four, and whose play was very steady. The "B" Tennis com-

petition has not been decided. We were beaten by School and are hoping for the best in our match against Stephens.

In Cricket each "A" team won a match, so we are awaiting the finish of the "B" team competition to decide the Cricket championship. We won our match against Stephens with the last ball of the last over by one run. Bad luck, Steves, you certainly made us fight. The final match against School House is not yet finished.

In the Cross-Country race School House proved much too strong for our runners, and we extend our hearty congratulations to them on their victory with both "A" and "B" teams.

The Rifle Shooting has still to be decided, but with Madden leading a strong team we feel that we shall put up a good fight.

In the Senior Debate we had to acknowledge defeat to Stephens, whose strong team are to be congratulated, but the Junior team, very ably led by Hodgman, achieved a well-merited success, Hodgman becoming Junior Orator for 1951. Congratulations!

We would like to thank Mr. Williams for giving up so much of his time to the House, and feel sure that, given the same House spirit as is now evident, we should achieve in 1952 even greater success than we have had this year.

D. R. S.

### SCHOOL HOUSE

Colours: Light Blue and Dark Blue

House Master: The Rev. S. C. Brammall

House Captain: R. G. Bowden

Vice-Captain: G. L. Woodward

Captain of Cricket, Football, Cross-Country and Athletics: R. G. Bowden

Captain of Tennis: B. Thiessen

Captain of Rifles: M. Russell

Captain of Swimming: R. Brewster

Captain of Standard Athletics and Debating: G. L. Woodward

**G**REETINGS once again from School House! On browsing through the School House notes for the past couple of years we find that it was necessary for us to cover up the lack of results with

weighty words on the presence of House spirit and all that sort of thing. This year, however, we note with pleasure that we can back up our "spirit" with results . . . and points!

*Cricket.*—This was played during the first term, and, although we lacked strength where individuals were concerned, the team itself was strong enough to force a draw. Best players for the House were Bowden, Russell, Jackson and Geoff. Smith.

*Football.*—It was unfortunate that weather conditions caused the abandonment of the House Football after the first two matches had been played, although we consider ourselves lucky that we were able to play our two matches. In the first of these we were happy to be able to record a victory over Bucks—our first football victory for a number of years. In the following match Steps were too good for us, and our congratulations go to them for their win and for the points decision which was awarded them in the Cock-House Competition. Best players for School were Bowden, Russell, Geoff. Smith, Hay, Jackson, Lawrence and Rattenbury.

And now we come to the subject of the Cross-Country. You will forgive us if we appear to blow our own trumpets over this event, but during the past years it is seldom that we have had an opportunity to do this. The fact is that we won—yes, *won*—both the Senior and Junior events. Excuse us a moment, please, while we have a little smirk of satisfaction! In the Senior event Bowden was first home for the House, and in the Junior event that honour went to Picton Hay. In the inter-school cross-country three members of the team came from School House—Bowden, James Fergusson and Geoff. Smith.

In Athletics and Standard Aths. we were not so fortunate, gaining third and second places respectively, in two very keen competitions. In both competitions we were pleased with the way in which the House as a whole turned out to train

and compete. Thiessen, Rattenbury and Wright each won their events for School House, and Geoff. Smith ran his way into the Southern and Combined mile events.

In House Rifles the other two Houses were too good for us in the "A" competition, despite the fact that Russell and Thiessen shot very well, while in the "B" competition we were able to record victory.

House Debating was another sad story for School . . . second and third in the Junior and Senior competitions respectively.

Two new competitions have been introduced during the past year, and, while they do not count towards Cock-House, they have proved both interesting and enjoyable. Firstly, Dramatics, in which we ran second with a play produced by Graham Woodward in which our cast (to quote the adjudicator) showed that they enjoyed the show as much as the audience; and secondly, in House Music we came what might be described as a "close third"!

At the time of going to press the "B" House Cricket has not concluded, and so House points cannot be finalised and congratulations offered. However, we should like to thank Mr. Brammall for the effort he has put into the job of being our Housemaster. Our thanks are due, also, to our House officers for the contribution they have made towards our common goal, to every member of our House for pulling his weight in everything he has been asked to do, and finally, to the other Houses for the keen and happy competition which they have provided.

May we all have a refreshing and happy holiday, and to those who are not returning in the New Year we say "Good-bye and good luck!"

R. G. B.

## STEPHENS HOUSE

Colours: Blue, Black and Gold

House Master: Mr. W. J. Gerlach

House Captain: G. A. W. Renney

Vice-Captain: P. Trethewey

Captain of Swimming, Football and Standard Athletics: G. A. W. Renney

Captain of Cricket, Tennis and Rifle-Shooting: P. Trethewey

Captain of Athletics: Terry

Captain of Cross-Country: A. Gibson

Captain of Debating: B. D. Purvis

Captain of Dramatics: G. L. Salmon

Captain of Music: J. B. Biggs

THE majority of the competitions have taken place in the latter half of the year. In "A" Football we gained a good win over School House, which had already beaten Buckland. Unfortunately, bad weather caused the abandonment of our match with Buckland, as well as all the "B" fixtures.

In Cross-Country "A" we just managed to secure second place to School, and three members of the House—King, Darcey and Gibson—secured inclusion in the inter-school team. Though Martin won the "B" event very impressively, he was poorly supported by other Junior members and the House was relegated to third position.

Lack of support to the keen and willing members was again in evidence in Standard Athletics. Too many of the House were ready to find excuses for non-attendance at practices as well as the events—result, Stephs was a bad last, as was to be expected in the circumstances.

In Athletics the enthusiasm was better and the House secured second place by a small margin.

In Tennis we lost the "A" to Buckland, but made amends in the "B" to take first place. The performance of the "A" team was disappointing as it was expected that Trethewey, Martin, Renney and Gibson would defeat or extend Buckland and easily account for School. However, such was not the case, and the margin against School was a mere two games.

The "B" Cricket match against Buckland was the most exciting event. At one stage we had five wickets in hand and only about fifteen runs to get. Then our batsmen failed, and Darcey, skilfully playing for the strike, brought the score to one run needed for a tie. But Max did not take the easy chance of getting the one run and was finally run out. An old maxim, "A bird in hand is better than two in the bush," could have been followed to save that defeat. We failed badly against School.

The Rifle Shooting brought us back into the picture for the shield. Good scores by Terry and Renney gave us first place in the "A," and we came second in the "B."

On the Debating side Stephs have done very well, mainly through the good organisation and speaking of Purvis, whom we congratulate on gaining the honour of best orator and debater.

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## Stamp Club

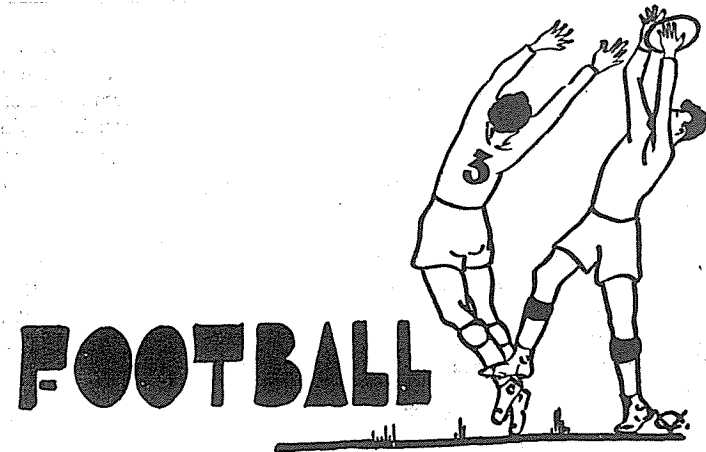
President: Mr. O. H. Biggs

Secretary: A. Kemp

OWING to the shortened lunch-hour during the winter months we found it difficult to hold meetings then, but were able to resume in the third term, when R. Taylor, Hood, the Secretary and the President exhibited stamps.

Opportunity was taken at the meetings to dispose of duplicates by "swaps," and a few stamps were sold on behalf of the Australian Board of Missions. At one meeting we had an interesting talk on perforations, how they were made, and what effect they had on the value of a stamp. It is hoped that other members will be prepared to give short talks on different aspects of stamp-collecting when we resume next year.

A. K.



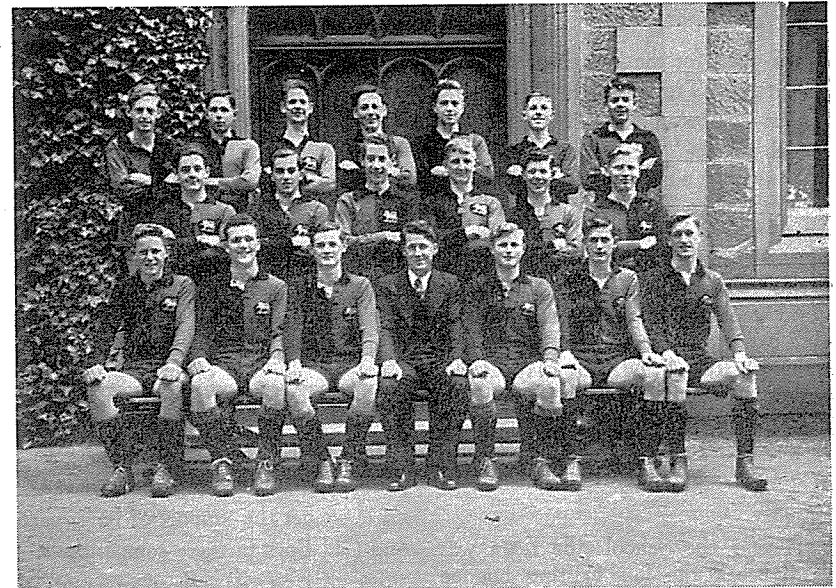
Coach: Mr. G. A. McKay  
 Captain: G. A. W. Renney  
 Vice-Captain: P. S. Trethewey

IN the concluding stages of the Football season the team improved its standard of football. Although defeated easily by St. Virgil's in the the third roster, we made up for this by easily defeating Friends' School in a very scram-

bly match which was played in pouring rain and wind. The muddy oval, however, gave our small team the advantage.

### The Scores

St. Virgil's, 11 goals 15 behinds (81 points), defeated Hutchins, 1 goal 1 behind (7 points). Best players: Hicks, Russell, Madden. Goal-kicker: Darcey.



THE FIRST FOOTBALL TEAM

Back Row: G. J. Smith., A. H. Hirst, J. F. Millington, P. K. Hay, O. G. Burrows, M. G. Darcey, R. J. Hicks. Middle Row: K. Smith, N. J. Lovell, A. Gibson, R. R. Terry, B. Thiessen, M. D. Russell. Seated: D. R. Salter, R. G. Bowden, P. S. Trethewey, Mr. G. A. McKay, G. A. W. Renney, C. K. Pitt, I. Madden.

Hutchins, 3 goals 9 behinds (27 points), defeated Friends, 1 goal 4 behinds (10 points). Best players: Trethewey, Bowden, C. Pitt. Goal-kicker: Pitt (3).

The last match played by the School was against the Old Boys, and was won by the latter.

The team next year will have many positions to be filled, for twelve of this year's team are leaving school.

In conclusion, we give our thanks to Mr. McKay for the time he has put in training us.

P. S. T.

### SECONDS FOOTBALL

**Captain: D. R. King**

**Vice-Captain: I. R. McIntosh**

**Coach: Mr. J. O. Welsh**

This year's team was a stronger combination than in previous years. We

## Rifle-Shooting

THIS year, for the first time, the Neil Watchorn Trophy for Rifle Shooting has been competed for. This trophy is awarded to the boy who obtains the highest average on both the open and the miniature ranges. To qualify for the finals a shooter has to be within the first fifteen in a preliminary shoot on both ranges, and this year eight qualified. The result of the competition is as follows:—Terry, R., 102 points; Trethewey, P., 95; Thiesen, B., 89; Russell, M., 83; Hay, P. K., 79; Bowden, R., 78; Plummer, G., 77; Wright, R., 73. These scores are particularly good, and we extend our congratulations to Robin Terry on an excellent performance.

This year the School rifle team was able to break the long-existing hoodoo over us against the Old Boys. The standard was particularly high and the School team came out of the competition with a clear-cut win.

managed to win one of the roster matches against Friends, whilst adverse weather conditions caused the umpire to stop play after about half-an-hour's playing time in the other match against Friends. At the time the match was stopped we were about level on points.

St. Virgil's definitely proved to be too strong for us in both matches, and our team-work was not a patch on theirs. The outcome of the matches against St. Virgil's was expected, and the confidence gained in the matches against Friends was not present in those matches against St. Virgil's. We congratulate this team on their overwhelming victories.

The team-work was poor and there appeared to be too much individualism in the side, but we take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Welsh for putting his time and patience into our training.

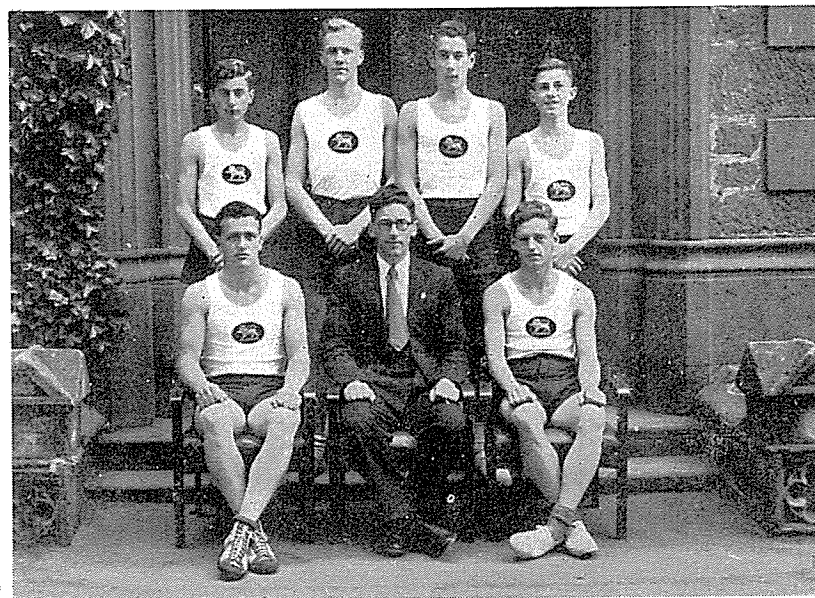
D. R. K.

The other shooting competition which was held this year was the House competition. This proved to be one of the most interesting for several years, as the teams were very even. The final scores, however, gave a clear win for Stephens House in the "A" and for School in the "B" competition.

We have this year been able to secure more interest in this very good sport, and, as one may see from the above results, we have attained a standard which does those firers credit. We hope next year to improve even upon this, and this we can only do if we get the support of boys, parents and Old Boys in these competitions.

The School wishes to thank the staff of 33rd Cadet Command for arranging and officiating at all these competitions.

G. A. W. R.



THE CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

Standing: J. Fergusson, D. R. King, A. Gibson, M. G. Darcey. Seated: R. G. Bowden (capt.) Mr. N. J. Ruddock, G. J. Smith.

## Inter-School Cross-Country

THE first ten place-getters in the inter-House Cross-Country were invited to attend training for final selection of the team to represent the School in the 5-mile even at Elwick on August 20th. However after a few runs the training list consisted of Bowden, Gibson, Darcey, King, G. Smith, W. Fergusson and Millington. The first six of these were the ultimate team, with Millington as reserve.

During our training under the watchful eye of Mr. Noel Ruddock (an Old Boy of the School) we covered an estimated distance of 35 miles. For the fortnight between the inter-house and the inter-school event the team trained every day except on Sundays. Some nights we ran at Queenborough and over a course at Mt. Nelson, other nights we ran over the inter-house course at the T.C.A., and we also had three training runs over the actual 5-mile course at Elwick.

Mr. W. Barwick, who represented Australia at the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, in the 10,000 metres event, managed to find time during a lunch-hour to come up to school and give us a few very helpful hints. He spoke to the team on diet, different styles of running, and tactics during the race.

Came the day of the race and, as usual, the cold, bleak weather. However, the team were all in A1 condition.

The race was very fast from beginning to end, and the first and second to reach home broke the then existing record. N. Brice, of Friends' School, won with the excellent time of 27 mins. 42 secs. K. McCarthy, of St. Virgil's, was second. We take this opportunity of congratulating them both on their fine efforts.

In the teams race St. Virgil's were successful, with Friends second. The Hutchins team proved to be not strong



enough, but ran well as a team, filling eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and thirteenth places.

We thank Mr. Ruddock for the time he put into our training, and hope he will be able to build up some strong teams in future years. We also thank Mr. Barwick for the hints he gave us.

Colours awarded this year were as follows:—

Firsts: R. Bowden, G. Smith, A. Gibson, D. King.

Seconds: M. Darcey, W. Fergusson.

D. R. K.

### HOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY

The Senior Inter-House race was run over the T.C.A. course on August 6th. The usual weather conditions prevailed, and it was a shivering lot of boys who

toed the starting-line. However, those supporters who stayed to watch "the animals come in two by two" observed that all traces of coldness seemed to have vanished by the time the competitors reached the finishing line.

Bowden led from the start and won by about 100 yards from Gibson. Next to finish were Darcey and King, followed by Fergusson i and G. Smith. Bowden's time was 18 minutes 50 seconds. The Houses finished in the following order: School first, Stephens second, and Buckland third.

The Junior event was won by Martin in the good time of 6 mins. 50 secs. He was followed by Hay and Fergusson ii. School also won the Junior House competition, with Buckland second and Stephens third.

A. G.

## Athletics

Coach: Mr. J. Cooper

Captain: R. R. Terry

Vice-Captain: J. F. Millington

### SOUTHERN COMBINED PUBLIC SCHOOLS' SPORTS

THE Southern Combined Sports were held on Saturday, October 20th, at North Hobart Oval. The results were a win for St. Virgil's from Friends and Hutchins. St. Virgil's are to be congratulated on their performance.

Owing to heavy rains the night before, the ground was in a very water-logged condition, but although the programme was a little late in starting it was finished in good time, because all jumps and hurdles events had to be postponed until the following Monday afternoon.

The team secured two wins. M. Clerk won the 80 yds. hurdles under 15, and C. Chen the 100 yds. under 12. We offer our congratulations to them on their fine performance. Numerous others filled second and third places.

### NORTH AND SOUTH COMBINED SPORTS

The North and South Sports were held at York Park, Launceston, on Saturday, October 27th. The results were another win for St. Virgil's (146½ points), followed by F.S. (130), C.G.S. (119), S.P.C. (57), H.S. (53) and S.C. (51½).

The weather and track were perfect and the programme went off with the utmost success with 14 records broken and three equalled out of a total of 28 events. One of the most outstanding performances of the day was by R. Firth, of Grammar, who broke the open high jump record of 5 ft. 5 ins. by 6 ins. A Gibson ran an excellent race to win the 880 yds. under 16, and C. Chen, who again won the 100 yds. under 12 and equalled the record. They both receive our hearty congratulations.

All members of the team were given Friday off school to go North. The train left at 9 a.m. and arrived at Launceston at 1.30 p.m. The whole team stayed at



THE ATHLETICS TEAM

Back Row: J. F. M. Grant, D. A. McDougall, A. C. Goodfellow. Second Row: D. Calvert, W. G. Wallace, G. M. Taylor, J. Rankin, E. Venetos. Third Row: N. J. Swan, J. Sorell, W. J. Cooper, B. Thiessen, A. Gibson, M. Clerk, R. H. Rattenbury, H. P. Lindsay, P. K. Hay, D. C. B. Brammall. Seated: M. D. Russell, D. R. King, I. Madden, R. R. Terry, Mr. J. W. Cooper, J. F. Millington, K. R. G. Wright, P. S. Trethewey, G. J. Smith. In Front: J. F. Munro, E. C. Chen, S. V. Burbury.

the Metropole Hotel; the behaviour of the team was excellent and the manager congratulated us. A large number of barrackers arrived by special bus on Saturday, and all members of the team would like to thank them for their vocal efforts. Barrackers and team returned to Hobart on Saturday night by train.

At the beginning of the season John Cooper, who was Captain of Athletics

last year and is now at the University, volunteered to coach the team. He did so with untiring ability, even accompanying us North. We all combine in thanking him most sincerely for all the work he put in with us.

A number of School representatives ran in the Tasmanian Schoolboys' Championships. M. Clerk won the 80 yds. hurdles, while others filled second and third places.  
R. R. T.

## Cricket

Coach: Mr. G. A. McKay  
Captain: R. G. Bowden  
Vice-Captain: P. S. Trethewey

THIS year the team finished second to Friends in the Southern Cricket Premiership. We wish them the best of luck for the State title to be played in Launceston in December.

The team is practising every Tuesday and Thursday, and, although we are losing seven out of this year's Eleven,

there are many promising juniors in the School and we are looking forward to a successful season next year.

Those boys who are to receive cricket bats from the Old Boys for either taking six wickets or making 50 runs in one innings are: Pitt (83 runs and seven for 59), Trethewey (six for 29), Smith (six for 16) and Bowden (64 runs).

A. G.

## 1951 Colour Awards

### Cricket—

1st—Bowden, R.; Trethewey, P.; Pitt, C.; Russell, M.; Burrows, G.; Salter, D.; Smith, K.; Gibson, A.; Renney, G.; Banks-Smith, G.; Jones, P.

2nd—Leplastrier, A.; Murray, I.; Lipscombe, P.; Jackson, D.; Hicks, J.; Drake, J.; Swan, N.

### Rowing—

1st—McIntosh, I.; Purvis, B.; Biggs, J.; Darcey, M.; Turnbull, S.

2nd—Millington, J.; Butler, B.; Levis, N.; Grant, W.; Calvert, D.

### Football—

1st—Renney, G.; Pitt, C.; Hay, P. K.; Thiessen, B.; Salter, D.; Smith, G.; Smith, K.; Bowden, R.; Hicks, R.; Terry, R.; Madden, I.; Russell, M.; Millington, J.; Burrows, G.; Trethewey, P.; Lovell, N.; Douglas, M.; Gibson, A.

2nd—Hirst, A.; Geard, R.; Cooper, W.; Rattenbury, R.; Swan, N.; Murray, I.; Sorell, J.

### Tennis—

1st—Trethewey, P.; Salter, D.; Martin, D.

2nd—Renney, G.

### Cross-Country—

1st—Smith, G.; Gibson, A.; King, D.; Bowden, R.

2nd—Darcey, M.; Fergusson, J.

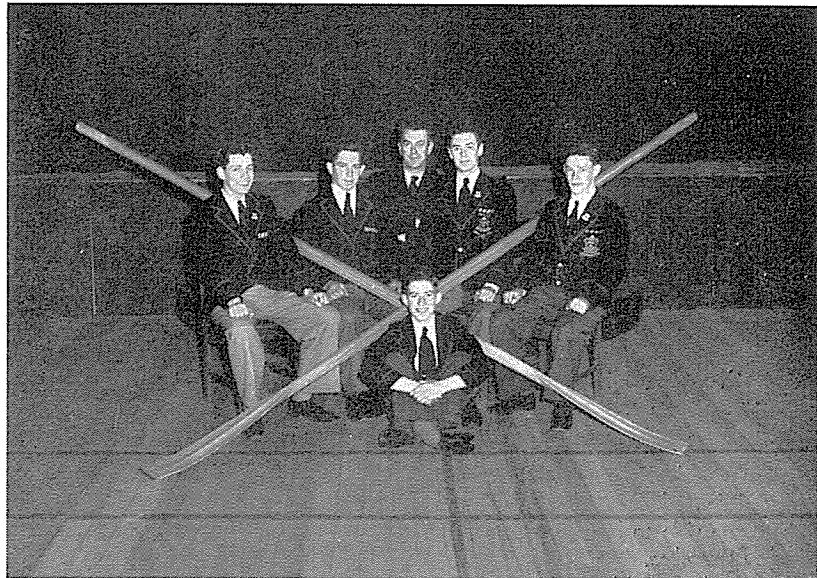
### Athletics—

1st—Terry, R.; Millington, J.; King, D.; Smith, G.; Madden, I.; Gibson, A.

2nd—Renney, G.; Wright, R.; Trethewey, P.; Cooper, W.; Darcey, M.; Thiessen, B.; Hay, P.; Venetos, E.; Sorell, J.; Rattenbury, R.; Swan, N.; Clerk, M.; Rankin, J.; Lindsay, H.; Goodfellow, A.; Brammall, D.; Grant, J.; McDougall, D.

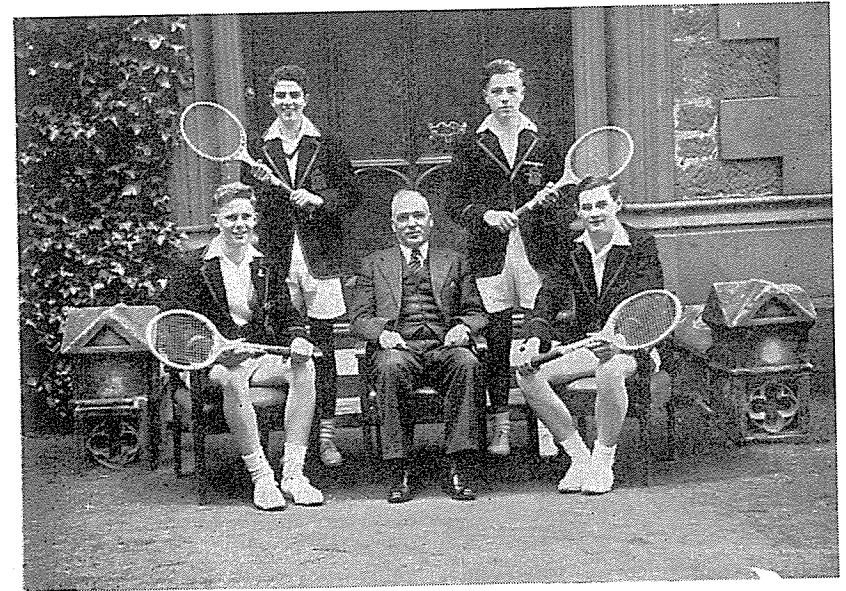
### Honour Badges—

R. Bowden, P. Trethewey, D. Salter, A. Gibson, G. Smith.



THE FIRST CREW

I. R. McIntosh (stroke), C. S. S. Turnbull, Mr. R. H. Keon-Cohen, B. D. Purvis, J. B. Biggs.  
In Front: M. G. Darcey (cox.).



THE TENNIS TEAM

Standing: D. J. Martin, O. G. Burrows. Seated: D. R. Salter, Mr. W. J. Gerlach, P. S. Trethewey.

## Tennis

### ROSTER MATCHES

FOR the second round of inter-school matches Renney was displaced from the team and Burrows and Martin filled the last two places. In the match against St. Virgil's the team showed improved form and closely contested every match. Their opponents proved a little more consistent in the final stages of the rubbers. Salter played very well to take Wright to 11—9 in the third set.

In view of the good form against S.V.C. it was anticipated that the team would have a close match with Friends. However, Omond (Friends) dominated the play in his two rubbers, and though Trethewey won in three sets the second pair failed in their singles. Details:

#### St. Virgils v. Hutchins

Wright and Green d. Salter and Trethewey, 6—3, 6—5.

Feirlough and Sullivan d. Burrows and Martin, 6—3, 4—6, 7—5.  
Wright d. Salter, 5—6, 6—4, 11—9.  
Green d. Trethewey, 6—4, 6—3.  
Feirlough d. Burrows, 6—5, 6—3.  
Sullivan d. Martin, 6—4, 6—1.  
St. Virgil's, 6 rubbers, 12 sets, 87 games.  
Hutchins, 0 rubbers, 2 sets, 61 games.

#### Friends v. Hutchins

Omond and Munnings d. Salter and Trethewey, 6—3, 6—3.  
MacDonald and Hansen lost to Burrows and Martin, 5—6, 4—6.  
Omond d. Salter, 6—3, 6—1.  
Munnings lost to Trethewey, 6—3, 3—6, 4—6.  
MacDonald d. Burrows, 6—4, 6—2.  
Hansen d. Martin, 6—5, 2—6, 6—2.  
Friends, 4 rubbers, 9 sets, 72 games.  
Hutchins, 2 rubbers, 5 sets, 56 games.

## HOUSE MATCHES

In the "A" competition Buckland had little difficulty in defeating both School and Stephens. The match for second place necessitated the playing of the full eight rubbers. Though Stephens' team contained two members of the School Four in Trethewey and Martin, who were expected to win their matches in straight sets, it gained victory by the very slender margin of two games. Calvert and Latham, playing with their heads as well as their racquets, took a set from Trethewey and Martin in their doubles, whilst in singles they defeated Renney and Gibson respectively. The final scores in the match were:

Stephens, 4 rubbers, 9 sets, 75 games.  
School, 4 rubbers, 9 sets, 73 games.

The "B" competition was very evenly contested. Stephens defeated School by five games, the rubbers being four all. School defeated Buckland similarly on games, whilst Stephens secured a five to three rubber win against Buckland.

## SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

There were twenty-one entries for the open championship, for which the members of the School Four were seeded. Trethewey, the winner of the title last year, for some reason best known to himself, scratched from the event. K. Smith, by defeating in turn Calvert, Martin, Henry and Jones in all three-set matches, reached the final in the top half of the draw. In

the bottom half Salter and Burrows had easy matches till their clash in the semi-final. Burrows soon showed good form and took advantage of Salter's occasional lapses and weak strokes. Burrows won the first set 6—5. Salter then played his best and, though the rallies were long and closely contested, he gained the other two sets 6—3, 6—4. Burrows played his best game for the year in this match.

The final between Salter and K. Smith was not productive of first-class tennis until Salter found himself trailing 2—3 in the second set. He then took charge and won the remaining games to give him the match, 6—2, 6—3, and the 1951 Championship of the School. He deserved the success, for he has been keenest at practice and the best for the School in the roster matches. Congratulations to Salter.

In the Junior Championship, Martin, Henry and Rattenbury, as expected, reached the semi-finals, but J. Grant surprised in doing so. He accounted for Murray and Tinker-Casson in the first two rounds and battled hard against Martin in the first semi-final. In the other semi-final Henry had an even encounter with the improving Rattenbury and gained the decision at 6—4 in the third set. The first set of the final was closely contested and went to Martin at 6—5. Thereafter, Martin took charge and finished the match with a 6—1 set. Congratulations to Martin on his success.

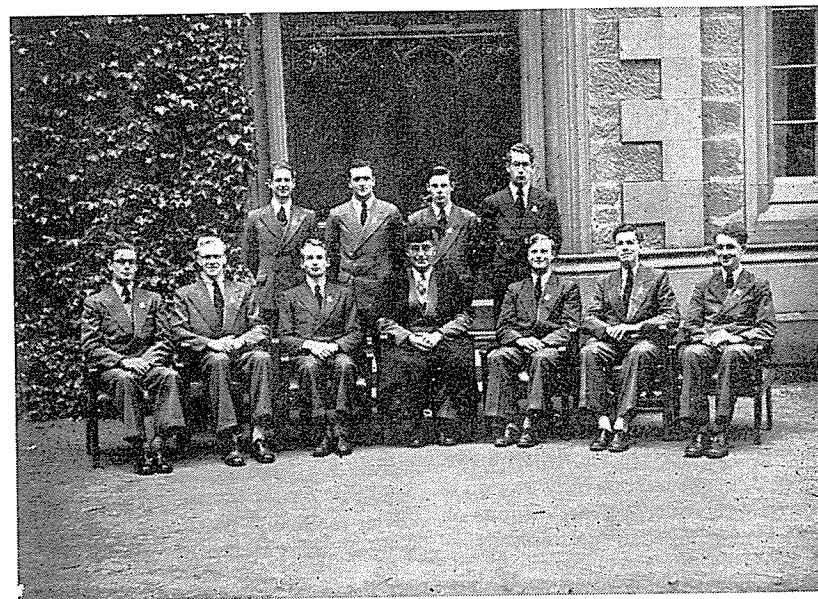
W. J. G.

*Prefects' Pars*

AGAIN we are drawing towards the end of the year, and a few people have even attempted to start last-minute swotting for those exams which start in a perilously short time. We are hearing tales of how much work some of us are doing until all hours at night, but some are doubting its value. So, in the short time available, I will try to compress into

these very short notes some of the activities of those people referred to in the caption at the top of this treatise.

You should see us when we all try to squeeze into our study at once! I must emphasise the word "try," for, one must admit, ten must be about the all-time record. As for the limited seating arrangements, first come, first served appears to



THE PREFECTS, 1951

Standing: J. F. Millington, R. G. Bowden, J. B. Biggs, A. Gibson. Seated: B. D. Purvis, D. R. King, G. L. Salmon (Senior Prefect), the Headmaster, G. A. W. Renney, I. R. McIntosh, G. L. Woodward.

be the order of the day, for those who are last in have to content themselves with the tables.

Aths. are now over, and with that our mind turns to Gibson, King, Millington and Renney, who represented the School at Launceston. Most of us went up North for the combined sports, either by private car or by special buses, and a very enjoyable day was had by all. Also not to be forgotten are those who competed in the cross-country earlier in the year. They were to be seen at all hours of the day, stripped off for a run some miles out-back.

While on the subject of running, there were the Standard Aths., just completed, the arrangement of which always falls on the poor prefects. These were held after the House Sports, three afternoons a week.

Ever had your photo taken? We are especially waiting for one of Mr. G—— which our photographer took in his travels — also one of Des.

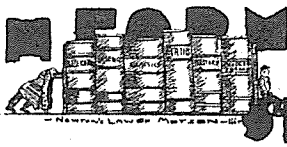
The Prefects' Dance (it being our turn) was held at the School at the beginning of this term. About 60 couples were present, and most seemed to enjoy themselves. We desire to thank those willing parents who supplied such a copious supper.

We have welcomed quite a number of visitors who have called in to see us this year. Nag, who is now in uniform, has been so impressed with the army life that we believe he is giving up "civvies" for good. We have also seen a lot of "Coop," who has done such a good job assisting in training our athletic team.

These are the last few weeks together for some of us before we branch out into divers walks of life — some to the Uni., others to work, while a few are returning to spend yet another year in this abode. So we will leave this column and return to the thoughts of examination week, with brighter prospects for the week after.

G. L. S.

# SIXTH FORM SPASMS



TO attempt a complete coverage of the principal printable events of the 1951 Sixth Form would be impossible; but here, as in B.P.'s Ancient History essays, is a "mass of undigested facts" about some of the more notorious notables.

Firstly, can anyone explain exactly why "Young Ocker" has, so early in life, taken to attempting suicide daily on two wheels and a cake-mixer? Why not do it in the less spectacular way per medium of the panel-van-cum-sedan-cum-caravan?

Yet another burning question is, how has the "Chocolate Soldier" suddenly developed such a "boodiful" voice? Does he get his inspiration from the Public Library? Friend Leaplesstrier has found that Tassie is not such a bad place after all. At any rate, he is not Dianne to get away just yet.

What with all this national service business, and so on, you never know what you'll see next. Only the other day a brand-new, knife-edge uniform came striding up the street, and close examination revealed within it the presence of a Valentine (believed to be the only one in captivity). He didn't have time to explain the nature of his mysterious high-security job in the St. John Ambulance, but he looked magnificent!

Yes, we're certainly not without standing in the community (especially in Scripture periods, when there aren't enough chairs to go round). You wouldn't credit the number of "ministerial statements" emanating from one corner of our lowly abode. Mac is giving condescending consideration to offers of directorship from several large firms, but, as he so rightly points out, people like us are all so busy

nowadays that there's hardly any time left for work. Ah, but not so "Our Bob," who is already booked up on the technical staff at the Royal Hospital, to twiddle knobs and things. He says it's a job with a future in it, and plenty of rises — he'll soon find out. It seems that Nag has at last seen the folly of his wisdom (?) and decided to sell his egg-beater, which has been purchased on extended credit by one of our number with not one *Asset* too many! Well, well, boys will be boys — and girls will continue to be glad of it.

Visitors lately have been "Nobby" and "Coop." The former assures us of his success in the Uni. exams., but we're subscribing to a Professorial Bribery Fund — just in case! But with "Coop" it's different. That boy really has got the clues; being an athletic "star," he just "runs through" his work before he answers a question.

It may be of interest to our readers to know something of what we learn in school. For instance, the Maths. A class made a good start into the curriculum for third term with (to quote O.H.B.) "the study of curves and their forms." This is the right sort of home-work!

In more serious vein, we extend hearty congratulations to Des. King, Ian Madden and Graeme Renney, who acquitted themselves well in the Combined Athletic Sports.

In closing, we wish all who are leaving the best of good fortune in their several walks of life, and to those returning our sincerest wishes for successful and happy 1952 for Hutchins.

# The Junior School Journal

Captain of Junior School: J. Scott Clennett

House Captains:

Hay: J. S. Clennett

Nixon: J. H. G. Ratten

Montgomery: M. H. Williams

Captain of Cricket and Football: M. H. Williams

Captain of Athletics: R. D. Leplastrier

Form Captains:

R.B. I: J. S. Clennett

R.B. II: E. C. Chen

IV: T. C. Morgan

III A: C. G. Bayes

Magazine Committee: R. Jones, R. Leplastrier,  
R. L. K. Smith, J. S. Clennett

## HOUSE ATHLETICS

The House Sports were held on a beautiful day, with a large attendance of parents watching.

At the completion of the sports Mr. A. B. White presented the "B. P. Smith Memorial Trophy" to S. Clennett, captain of the Hay House team. The results were as follows:—

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—Andrews, (M.), 1.

Broad Jump under 12.—Holyman (N.), 1; Chen (M.), 2; Leplastrier (H.), 3. Distance, 13ft. 7in.

Broad Jump under 13.—Williams (M.), 1; Button (H.), 2; Ratten (N.), 3. Distance, 12ft. 11½ins.

75 yds. under 12.—Chen (M.), 1; Holyman (N.), 2; Leplastrier (H.) and Partington (N.), 3. Time, 10 secs.

75 yds. under 11.—Loney (M.), 1; Blundell (H.), 2; Ward (H.), 3; Pitman (N.), 4. Time, 10.4 secs.

75 yds. under 10.—Edwards (H.), 1; Keen (N.), 2; Bayes (N.), 3; Peck (M.), 4. Time, 10.4 secs.

100 yds. under 13.—White (M.), 1; Hodgman (N.), 2; Harvey (H.), 3; Ratten (N.), 4. Time, 12.4 secs.

100 yds. under 12.—Chen (M.), 1; Holyman (N.), 2; Gray (H.) and Leplastrier (H.), 3. Time, 12.8 secs.

High Jump under 11.—Verrell (N.), 1; Gibson (H.), 2; Ryan (M.), 3. Height, 3ft. 6ins.

100 yds. under 10.—Edwards (H.), 1; Keen (N.), 2; Bayes (N.), 3; Perkins (M.), 4. Time, 13.8 secs.

100 yds. under 11.—Loney (M.), 1; Ward (H.), 2; Blundell (H.), 3. Time, 13.8 secs.

High Jump under 12.—Leplastrier (H.), 1; Chen (M.) and Holyman (N.), 2. Height, 3ft. 10ins.

220 yds. under 13.—White (M.), 1; Williams (M.), 2; Ratten (N.), 3; Button (H.), 4. Time, 30 secs.

## INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS

THE Inter-School Athletics this year were most exciting, St. Peter's winning from Hutchins, with Friends third. It was a beautiful day, and many people crowded the North Hobart Ground to watch the sports. Ten records were broken, five by Hutchins. Best results were as follows:—

### Under 14

Broad Jump.—C. Button, 2.

### Under 13

100 yds.—L. White, 1, 12.8 secs. (record).

220 yds.—L. White, 1, 28 secs. (record).

Broad Jump.—M. Williams, 2.

Relay.—Hutchins, 2.

### Under 12

100 yds.—C. Chen, 2.

High Jump.—R. Leplastrier, 1, 4ft. 2ins.

Broad Jump.—L. Holyman, 2.

Relay.—Hutchins, 1, 39 secs. (record).

### Under 11

Relay.—Hutchins, 2.

### Under 10

75 yds.—J. Edwards, 1, 10.3 secs. (record).

100 yds.—J. Edwards, 1, 13.6 secs. (record).

Relay under 10.—Hay, 1; Nixon, 2; Montgomery (disqualified).

High Jump under 13.—Williams (M.), 1; Hodgman (N.), 2; Cumming (H.), 3. Height, 3ft. 9ins.

Relay under 11.—Hay, 1; Nixon, 2; Montgomery (disqualified).

Relay under 13.—Montgomery, 1; Hay, 2; Nixon, 3.

The final points were: Hay, 64 (1); Montgomery, 61½ (2); Nixon, 54½ (3).

### INTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL

The Junior School football roster for 1951 proved rather disappointing for us, although the School put up some very fine performances.

Our best players for the season were Turner, Williams, Ratten, Leplastrier, Rankin, Hall and Clennett. The results were as follows:—

#### Round 1

June 20th, Friends defeated Hutchins, 5 goals 7 behinds (37 points) to 5 behinds (5 points).

June 27th, St. Virgil's defeated Hutchins, 11 goals 8 behinds (74 points) to no score.

July 4th, St. Peter's School defeated Hutchins, 6 goals 8 behinds (44 points) to 1 goal (6 points).

#### Round 2

July 11th, Hutchins defeated Friends, 4 goals 4 behinds (28 points) to 3 goals 2 behinds (20 points).

July 18th, St. Virgil's defeated Hutchins, 7 goals 7 behinds (49 points) to 2 goals 4 behinds (16 points).

July 25th, St. Peter's School defeated Hutchins, 1 goal 6 behinds (12 points) to 7 behinds (7 points).

### HOUSE FOOTBALL

This year's House Football was won by Nixon, who narrowly defeated Montgomery by 1 point in the final. The results were:

Nixon defeated Hay by 19 points.

Montgomery, 3 goals 1 behind (19 points) defeated Hay, 1 goal 3 behinds (9 points).

Nixon, 3 goals 3 behinds (21 points) defeated Montgomery, 2 goals 8 behinds (20 points).

The final results were: Nixon, 1; Montgomery, 2; Hay, 3.

### HOUSE TENNIS

The House Tennis proved very exciting because the battle for first was very close, with two points between first and second and fourteen between second and third.

The teams were:

Hay: Leplastrier (1), Gibson (2).

Nixon: Ratten (1), Hodgman (2).

Montgomery: Chen (1), Ryan (2).

#### Results

*Singles.*—Montgomery (1) d. Hay (1), 9—7; Nixon (1) d. Hay (1), 9—5; Nixon (1) d. Montgomery (1), 9—3; Montgomery (2) d. Hay (2), 9—5; Hay (2) d. Nixon (2), 9—4; Montgomery (2) d. Nixon (2), 9—2.

*Doubles.*—Hay d. Montgomery, 9—7; Hay d. Nixon, 9—1; Montgomery d. Nixon, 9—5.

Totals: Montgomery, 46, first; Hay, 44, second; Nixon, 30, third.

### MUSIC

The House Music Competitions for 1951 were held on November 29th. The Junior School was greatly honoured by the visit of Mr. Murison Bourn, who consented to be the adjudicator.

The Houses had mostly set work to perform, but were allowed to have a concert item in character which was free choice. Montgomery chose "Little Sir Echo"; Nixon, "Waltzing Matilda" and Hay, the sea shanty "Rio Grande." The set items were "Sweet and Low," "If I Had a Donkey" and "We Three Kings of Orient are." The results were: Nixon, 1; Hay, 2; Montgomery 3.

R. L. K. Smith

### HOUSE CRICKET

The House Cricket was finalised too late in the term for a description, but the results were: Nixon, 1; Montgomery, 2; Hay, 3. This result makes Nixon House the Cock House and winner of the Wilkinson Shield for 1951.

then he told me the price. Four mammoth tusks! Oh! Well, I have paid for them now, and I am more than proud of them. Perhaps the people of a future age—say, 1951—will look on them with the awe and wonder due to them.

G. W. Blee, Remove B I

### MY FORM

During the third term RB1 has progressed greatly and we are looking forward to Speech Night. There will be prize-giving followed by a Christmas pageant.

Our captain, Scot Clennett, and our vice, Richard Leplastrier, are very conscientious and both are popular.

The Chess Club's activities have been limited this term, and playing has been confined to recess and lunch time, when our enthusiasts have been well to the fore.

Our teacher, Mr. Viney, has been helpful and encouraging to us in all our activities, and the third term has been spent happily by all.

I. Elliott, Remove B I

### A SUNRISE

It was six o'clock in the morning, and we were packing the car ready to go up the mountain to see the sun rise. We were hoping that the scene would not be spoiled by low clouds on our arrival.

When we arrived the sky was cloudless. There was a paleness in the east which soon turned to red glow. Slowly a magnificent colour filled the eastern sky—red, orange and yellow. Soon a great red ball rose slowly, spilling its full glory over the eastern sky, which by now was a magnificent sight.

It was the most beautiful sight that I had ever seen, and as I watched it faded and the sky became as always, pale blue and white. Then I stood and wondered. Had I seen it, or was it all just a wonderful dream?

R. M. Jones, Remove B I

### THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

This year we are performing a Nativity Play for our dramatic work. The well-loved "Christmas Story" will be told in music, mime, and spoken narration. Shepherds, Angels and Kings, as well as the Holy Family, take up practically all of the Junior School boys, and as well thirty have been chosen for the Choir. During the performance the Bishop, the Chaplain and members of the audience take part. The producer is Mr. Viney, and Miss Batt is responsible for the musical arrangement.

R. Jones

### HOME LIFE GLIMPSES PREHISTORIC

My hillside home is actually inside the hill. It is rather cheap for the size of it because it cost me only two dinosaur teeth. The cave shortage is a great inconvenience these days.

I have decorated the house considerably by tying up grass for curtains and putting bright stones around the walls. Also I received from my huntsman cousin a large turtle shell which I put up as a door. Incidentally, my cousin is King Biggame, who distinguished himself last avalanche by saving many of his tribesmen from certain death.

I then asked a builder to put up a dinosaur neck as a chimney. Then the next-door neighbour told me I needed some paintings around the walls, so I went to the nearest painter and asked him to come and do some. He did so, the very next day. Very good, too! Hunted animals, spears and strange designs. But

## A SUNSET

The sun was beginning to set in the west as I reached my destination. Above in the sky there was a most magnificent scarlet tint with patches of blue around it. The mountain turned from brown to a beautiful purple, and the river to an azure blue.

Suddenly an eagle flew down and landed, and it looked like a painted eagle on a painted mountain.

Then the last rays of the sun disappeared and darkness fell on the quiet scene.

P. Simpson, Remove B I

## THE GOLDEN SHIP

Far away over the distant horizon I saw a ship rising up out of the sparkling water. When her cleaving bow came into better vision I found that it was made of beautifully polished gold studded with many priceless jewels.

Suddenly the boat came into shore. A man came over the side and beckoned me to come to him. He was magnificently clothed in silken robes with a great satin cloak and a crown which had an unimaginable number of jewels in it. In his hand he had a box of gems which he was going

to present to me, when I heard a voice call, "Get up, get up." Then, to my disappointment, I discovered it was all a dream.

C. Turner, Remove B I

## SPRING

The spring is here again. We sing.  
In the distance church bells ring;  
Down the stream the water flows,  
And in the trees the fresh wind blows.

R. Martin, Remove B I

## MCGREGOR

McGregor was a naughty dog, a naughty dog was he;  
He roamed the streets throughout the day, and then came home for tea.  
He fought with all the other dogs—he was so very proud,  
And frightened them so much that they all howled out aloud.

When ever I was playing he would run and take my ball,  
But he was never scared of me, or hardly, at all.  
He'd sometimes nip the strangers when they walked in through the gate,  
But when it came to tea-time, he was never, never late.

G. G. Hiller, IIIa

## Sub-Primary Notes

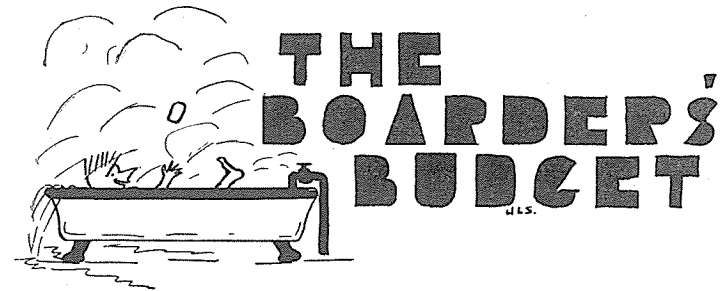
WITH only a few weeks to Christmas we are all hoping the weather will improve as we look forward to many trips to the beach. Although the last term of year is busy, it is a happy term because it brings up break-up time and summer holidays.

The main interest for our boys this term was their part in the Junior School Sports—they always look forward to their group of races. Mrs. Glover joined us about the middle of second term to help with the "Little Ones" and chores in

general. We welcomed Miss Affleck to the staff at the beginning of this term, and hope her stay with us will be very happy.

We offer our thanks to the Parents' and Friends' Association for presenting us with two flags (the Blue Ensign and the School Flag). We all hope Miss Burrows is improving in health, and look forward to her taking up her duties again next year.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and happy holidays.



THIS is Station 7 SEZ-U calling on a wave-length of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  disused gasmeters with a frequency of 15 dilapidated bicycles. Here is a summary of today's programme. In a few minutes' time we present our Sporting Session. This will include a running description of the Red Dorm. Stakes, together with an interview with competitors in the recently-run World's Land Speed Record Race. The title-holder, Ouse, has successfully defended his title against Young Bleary, Saltbush and Blunderbuss, and therefore retains the "Dopey Possum Plaque." Should Ouse be speechless by the time of the interview (and we think this extremely unlikely) we shall replace it with a hobby talk by Henry Burbs on "Collecting Serviette Rings." Following this we shall have a talk by Yah on "Libraries and Their Management." There will follow a musical interlude in which we shall hear Goldilocks singing "Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning," Orr-dick singing "Let's Start the Day With a Smile," and finally, Bleary and Rusty will sing this week's hit number, "On Top of Old Smokey." At 9 o'clock we shall hear our serial, "Podgy," episode 15,572 $\frac{1}{2}$ . It will be told by Miffy.

In our "News Review" tonight we are to hear the latest figures on "Zinc Production at Risdon" by Sheila, "Commos in Sydney" by B-B-Buck, and "Fighting in Korean Waters" by Admiral Jackson.

We are requested to broadcast the following police message: Would anyone knowing the whereabouts of a person

resembling Lady Godiva (minus horse), who was last seen about midnight on the 12th inst. flitting from roof-top to roof-top, please communicate with the nearest police station? The matter is very fishy.

And now, listeners, having laughed yourselves into a state of hysteria over the foregoing, we suggest that you compose yourselves into a more serious frame of mind, because . . .

*"Here is the News"*

Firstly, it is with regret that we announce the passing of the following specimens of House Fauna. Lambert has forsaken us for the beauties which we understand Lunawanna has to offer. Chimney Geard is smoking the peace-pipe on his country seat, and is hobnobbing with nature, viz., sheep and rabbits. And while on the subject of rabbits, Rabbit Stokes, Mick Venetos and Rob. Harvey have not exactly passed on—they have merely been drummed from the Regiment and demoted to the rank of Day-Bugs. In their place other specimens have hatched out, namely and to wit, Bill Venetos, the Jammy Jones brethren, and another edition of the Skinner family.

May we here extend to Moonbeam Taylor our best wishes for a speedy recovery after his recent serious and painful illness. And while we are extending things, may we extend to Norman von Blockhead (pronounced Bloocha) our congratulations for his success in the golfing world.

Looking back over the past year we can say with the utmost confidence, "Nevah a dull moment!" Our social life commenced with a House Regatta staged at Claremont. Swimming, diving, canoeing, comic turns, river trips, and much food and fun made this regatta more like a regatta than the real thing. We hope this will continue as an annual event. The first term saw us combining with Collegiate in a picnic to National Park. Much fun and frolic was had by all. This last term's outing took the form of a day-trip to Launceston for the Combined Sports. The annual Boarders' Dance was held in September, while Junior Socials have been dotted throughout the year.

The House Model Railway, which is probably unique in Australia, has claimed the attention of most of the House in either building or operating. Our congratulations go to the builders for a very fine effort. Some craft work was introduced into the House during the long winter evenings of the second term. Weaving and leather-work kept many hands profitably employed. The newly-formed Boarding House Choir has had a busy and successful year, having given two concerts, made a number of recordings, and gained high marks at the New Norfolk Eisteddfod, in addition to singing regularly at the 10 o'clock Eucharist at the Cathedral on Sundays.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to say farewell to Miss Mathews, who has been forced to retire through ill-health. Her work with us, and for us, has far exceeded her official duties, and no words can express our thanks to her—or our admiration of the way in which she has carried on during the past years. (She may use this as a reference if she likes!). Wherever she may go, she will always carry with her our thanks and best wishes.

We have to say farewell, also, to Mr. Jim Welsh, who, after twelve months

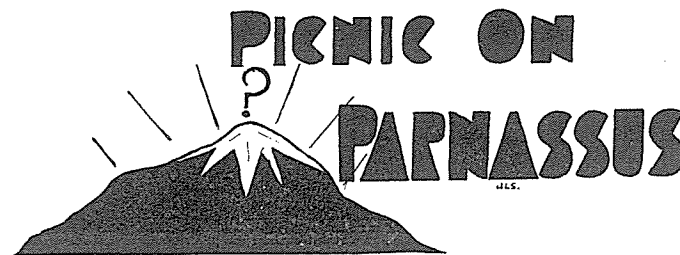
with us, is returning to the mainland—to Geelong Grammar. To him, his wife and daughter, we wish the best of luck in their new home and school. Mr. Martin Kjar is also moving on after twelve months with us. He is to continue his University studies, and we wish him well in completing his degree.

Finally, our thanks are due to Mr. Brammall for his untiring work in making life more pleasant for all of us. Thanks, too, to the Dungeon Staff, especially Doris, for all manner of things from spuds to eggs.

May they, and you, and all of us have a happy and sunny Christmas. 'Bye now!

### STOP PRESS

We have been asked by the Editor to comment on the Great Fire of Hutchins. It is with regret that we must decline to do so. The fact is that we have *had* the fire. We have read various thrilling reports in the Australian press . . . Reports of how one Richard Bowden (17), of Bothwell, charged into the blazing building and, with flames licking round his feet, rescued the panic-stricken inmates, carrying them out on his broad shoulders—four at a time! Of another, "Percy Radford," of West Pine, a boarder at the School, who lost a crystal set valued at many hundreds of pounds. We have read with emotion the comments of "George Bunting" (14), matriculation student of Oatlands. We have been presented with heart-rending pictures of "Our Bobby" bursting into tears when presented with his new glasses on the threshold of the examination room. And so it is that we feel that anything we may be able to write would come as rather a let-down after what we have already read. Possibly, after we have had some more journalistic experience, we might try.—(Ed. B.B.).



### Original Contributions

#### REVERIE

'Tis night and cold, and God is in the wind,  
And I am lonely and care not for men.  
The chilling air means god to this sad mind;  
Perhaps the Devil stirs not from his den.

My mind is full of haunting, strange ideas  
Of war and peace, and sin and truth and men.  
My heart is seized by clutching, half-formed fears,  
The cold wind in my face means God again.

Oh God! I pray you, quiet my mind a while;  
I know not where to turn for truth and peace.  
I love no more the fool's poor jest and rile;  
Oh God! From hate and fear my soul release.

John Phillips, VI B



#### A DUST WITH A SNAKE

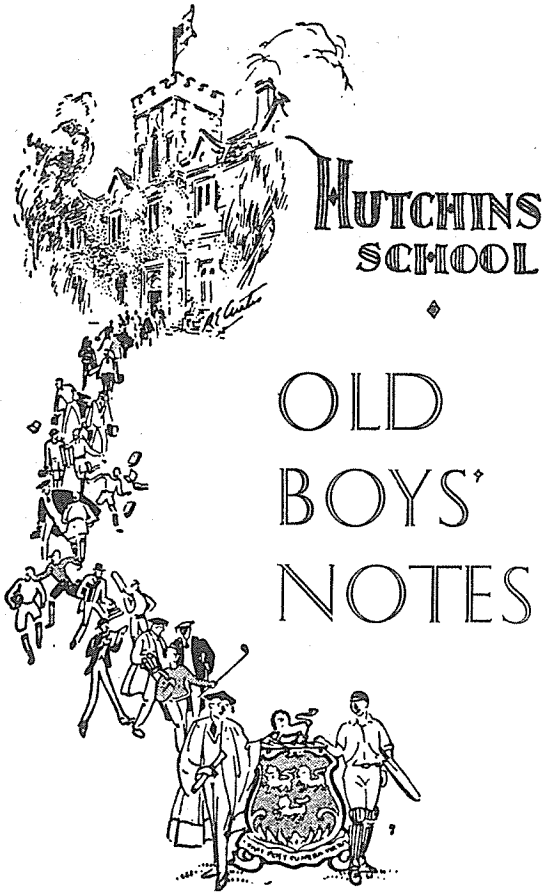
IT had been an unusually hot day and the evening sun set in a blaze of glory to the west. As the rim of the brazed circle touched the darkening hills and shadows were long, I was walking up our

drive bound for the sentry's hut, situated next to the high green gate of the drive.

The sentry cordially greeted me, bade me sit down on the narrow bench supplied, and we started chatting about nothing in particular. Then suddenly I noticed a sinister, long and thin shape gliding among the fairly tall grass. I jumped up and was just about to dash away when the sentry gripped my shoulder and stopped me just in time. If I had run the deadly cobra would have been after me like a shot out of a gun. We both stared, fascinated, as the cobra deposited its hideous body under the steps, thus cutting our only means of escape. By now it was almost pitch dark, as there is hardly any twilight in India.

The sentry decided to take a chance while he could still see, and, opening his pocket knife, he leapt right over the steps and landed about five feet beyond. He stumbled, but recovered himself and cut a decent-sized stick off the nearest tree. The snake appeared and advanced to meet my guardian who, by now, was ready. The snake was emitting vicious hisses as the stick whistled towards its head, but the snake ducked and the weapon scraped its broad skull. The stick returned and dealt a stinging blow on the side of the overgrown worm's head, stunning it. The sentry jumped behind the snake, grabbed its tail and cracked it like a whip. After he was sure of its death he threw it over the wall, dusted his hands, and resumed his job. I returned home in the dark.

Hamish Lindsay, V



### OBITUARY

It is with regret that we record the passing of the following Old Boys:—Giblin, Dr. W. W. (1883, 1,090); Headlam, Robert (Christ College); Richardson, F. B. (1913, 1,927); Stephens, Rev. M. J. (1886, 1,178); Thomas, G. O. (1917, 2,208); White, H. B. (1885, 1,146); Thomas, G. O. (1917, 2,208).

### ENGAGEMENTS

ALLEN, David, to Miss Fay Williams.  
 BRAIN, J. H., to Miss Patricia Murphy.  
 BUTLER, G., to Miss Sheena B. G. Gibson.  
 CREESE, E. A., to Miss Myra Clark.  
 GLOVER, R. B., to Miss Iris E. Rowe.  
 HADRILL, I. M., to Miss June Shackcloth.

MANN, R., to Miss Frances B. Rundle.  
 McDERMOTT, D. A., to Miss B. A. Timothy.  
 PALMER, G. B., to Miss Claire Arnold.  
 WALCH, James, to Miss Claire J. Taylor.  
 WOOD, Kile W. H., to Miss J. M. Hortle.

### BIRTHS

BASTICK.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bastick: a son.  
 BECKITT.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Beckitt: a daughter.  
 BENNETT.—To Mr. and Mrs. W. Bennett: a daughter.  
 BEZETTE.—To Mr. and Mrs. I. Bezette: a daughter.  
 CASTLEY.—To Mr. and Mrs. F. Castley: a son.

COLE.—To Mr. and Mrs. L. Cole: a daughter.  
 CORVAN.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Corvan: a son.  
 DOWNIE.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. T. W. Downie: a daughter.  
 DOWNIE.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Downie: a daughter.  
 DOUGLAS.—To Mr. and Mrs. F. Douglas: a daughter.  
 DRISCOLL.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. Driscoll: a son.  
 FREEMAN.—To Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Freeman: a son.  
 GARTH.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Garth: a daughter.  
 GIBLIN.—To Dr. and Mrs. T. Giblin: a daughter.  
 GILBERT.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Gilbert: a daughter.  
 HALE.—To Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hale: a son.  
 HALL.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. Hall: a son.  
 HEWER.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hewer: a son.  
 HOOD.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Hood: a daughter.  
 JENNINGS.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Jennings: a daughter.  
 KAY.—To Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Kay: a daughter.  
 LORD.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Lord: a son.  
 NICKOLLS.—To Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nickolls: a daughter.  
 RAIT.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Rait: a son.  
 ROBERTS.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Roberts: a daughter.  
 ROBERTSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. Robertson: a daughter.  
 SEATON.—To Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Seaton: a son.  
 STAUNTON-SMITH.—To Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Staunton-Smith: a son.  
 WARNER.—To Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Warner: a son.  
 WERTHEIMER.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Wertheimer: a son.  
 WHITE.—To Mr. and Mrs. F. H. White: a daughter.

### MARRIAGES

ASHBOLT, Anthony, to Miss Diana Ottaway.  
 ATKINSON, T. A. S., to Miss F. Read.  
 FALKINDER, J. D., to Miss O. Mackey.  
 HADRILL, Hugh., to Miss Marion Campbell.  
 HODGSON, R. S., to Miss Laurel D. Fritzell.

HODGSON, D., to Miss Sally Aiken.  
 McGHIE, J. M., to Miss Kim Norman.  
 McCREARY, N. M., to Miss D. R. M. Smithe.  
 NICHOLAS, R. J., to Miss Barbara Murdoch.  
 PAYNE, C. A., to Miss J. K. Anderson.  
 READ, P. S., to Miss Rosanne Dakin.  
 READ, Robin, to Miss Muriel Potter.  
 SARGISON, E. R., to Miss P. J. Nossiter.  
 WALCH, J. W. B., to Miss Claire Taylor.  
 WHITE, Errol, to Miss Joyce Young.

### GENERAL

J. R. Rex has been elected patron of the Sandy Bay District Cricket Club.

Figuring prominently in the prize lists for sheep at the Royal Hobart Show, were Bisdee Bros. (Polwarths), R. V. Bowden (Corriedales), E. Roberts-Thompson (Dorset Horn), J. M. Taylor (Merino).

R. O. Morrisby has been appointed a member of the State Cricket Selection Committee.

D. M. (Bob) Chambers has been appointed Crown Solicitor for Tasmania.

H. C. Smith has been appointed Tasmanian representative on the Australian Cricket Board of Control.

Harold Solomon has been elected senior vice president of the Liberal Party of Tasmania.

Dr. Tom Giblin has been appointed a member of the Medical Council of Tasmania.

G. A. Walch appointed Director of Foundation Celebrations for Tasmania's Sesqui-Centenary Celebrations.

Jim Warner won the championship of the New Norfolk Golf Club from Joe Cowburn.

Jack Rex has joined the legal firm of Douglas and Collins, in Launceston.

H. C. Smith was a member of the Australian Delegation at World Conference of the Food Agricultural Organization in Rome.

Harry Whelan, Don Gorrington and Bill Burgess are members of Tassie Too's crew for the forthcoming Forster Cup contest.

Roy Gibson has been elected Deputy Master-Warden of the Hobart Marine Board. J. W. Turner, is a member of the Board.



Bishop of Kalgoorlie, Right Rev. Cecil Muschamp, visited Hobart in November.

Amongst other visitors to Hobart were, Dr. K. B. Armstrong and Stanley Darling of Sydney.

In a series of five test races Ediss Boyes, earned the right to be the helmsman to represent Tasmania in the Olympic Yachting Test Races for Dragon Class yachts in Melbourne in January.

Noel Ruddock has been appointed Secretary of the Tasmanian Cricket Association.

C. M. (Bill) Elliott has been appointed Secretary of the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.

Mrs. A. M. Vincent (A. M. Anderson), who is visiting England, advises that she has seen Hal. Tressidder. He has been in the Cable Co. all his professional career. Served with the Royal Corps of Signallers during the War. Finished up a Colonel. Lives at Fleet in Hampshire.

Bob Swan is still in the Repatriation Hospital. Progressing favourably.

John Drew a recent visitor reports that Ray Rex is Chairman of the Shire Council of Mosman, Queensland. Visitors to New Zealand in January and February, will include R. V. Bowden and W. Jackson, M.H.A.

As we go to press, advise has been received that C. F. Tate, who has joined the British Colonial Civic Service, has left for East Africa.

Ron. Morrisby has been selected in Southern Cricket team to play representative games over New Year period.

Federal Institute of Accountants Finals: H. C. P. Cuthbert and F. J. E. Johnson were successful in Advanced Accountancy Paper No. 3, and R. B. Walker in Auditing and Company Law.

### 105th ANNIVERSARY

The Anniversary of the Foundation of the School was this year celebrated with the usual functions plus an "At Home" at the School and a Re-union of North-West Coast Old Boys, at Ulverstone.

Social, for the first time, it was decided to invite the ladies to join in our Anniversary Festivities. The "At Home," held on the late afternoon of the 3rd of August was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended.

School Assembly, held on the morn-

ing of 3rd, was slightly better attended than last year. The President, Mr. A. B. White addressed the School.

Church Services, Corporate Communion was celebrated on Sunday, 4th August. The usual number of Old Boys being present, whilst a big crowd attended the evening service, at which the address was given by Rev. G. C. Latta.

**SPORTING EVENTS.**—Resulted as follows:—

Golf Championship, won by J. J. Cowburn, of New Norfolk, with a score of 75, the best recorded in this event for 15 years. Joe was successful in this event in 1946 and 1949. John Shield of Huonville, the youngest competitor won the handicap event with a net 66.

Football, Old Boys 8.12 (60 points), defeated the School 4.8 (32 points). At half-time, the School led by 4 points. The afternoon tea must have proved to be the undoing of the School team.

Table Tennis, School 10 matches defeated Old Boys 8 matches. Result decided on final match.

Shooting, School Cadets 524 points defeated Old Boys 460 points. This is the first occasion that the School has won this event. Trophy presented by the Hon. Secretary of the Association for the best score off the rifle also went to the School. I. Madden being successful.

Tennis, Old Boys 2 matches 27 games defeated the School, 2 matches 23 games. Decided on the final rubber.

Old Boys 3 matches defeated the Masters 1 match. As we have consistently lost the match against the Masters, a particularly strong four took the court.

### ACTIVITIES

The Victorian Branch are holding a Christmas function to which wives and girl friends may be invited, whilst the Association Annual Christmas Party is to be held after the Special General Meeting on December 15th. The Past and Present Cricket match takes place on 14th December, under the captaincy of the Bowden's ("Major"—Old Boys, son Richard—the School).

Re-unions, four re-unions were held this year, Melbourne, Ulverstone, Launceston and Hobart.

For the first occasion representa-

tives of the General Committee in

Hobart were present. Messrs. G. E. Hodgson and L. L. Shea (Committee), and R. W. Vincent, Hon. Secretary being made most welcome, at a very bright and cheerful function, Edgar Chapman being in the chair.

The North-West Coast Old Boys held their initial re-union, some thirty-eight Old Boys attending, under the chairmanship of Frank B. Edwards. This was the first official function of the newly elected president, W. M. (Bill) Hood, whilst the Headmaster, Mr. P. Radford and Hon. Secretary of the Association were also present. From the enthusiasm shown, it is apparent that this will not be the last re-union to be held on the Coast.

The Northern Old Boys Re-union was held the week following the North-West, Mr. Justice Ken. Green, presiding. Again representatives from Hobart attending. George Hodgson, as vice-president getting training for next year, whilst the Head and Hon. Secretary again made the trip. An Old Boy suggested that Northern Old Boys subscribe £100 towards the Development Fund of the School. This objective was reached and received with enthusiasm when announced at the Hobart re-union.

The Association re-union was held in Hobart on the following Saturday, President, W. M. Hood, presiding. The sale of tickets was up to the usual standard, but a number of Old Boys apparently fell by the way side, as some 10 faces were missing.

Business: The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on 6th August. Mr. A. B. White, president, in the chair. The Annual Report referred to the strength of the Association, unveiling of Honour Roll 1939-45 War, Ball, Fair, Proposed amendments to the Christ College Act, Election of J. R. M. Driscoll to the Board, vice L. G. Murdoch, whose time had expired and who did not seek re-election. The Report of the Old Boys Board representatives disclosed that School enrolments were an increase of 19 on the previous year. Amendments proposed to the Christ College Act, Planning and Development of the School, School examination and Sports results. Election of Officers resulted: President: W. M. Hood; Vice-Presidents: A. B. White and G. E. Hodgson; Hon. Secretary: R. W. Vincent; Hon. Asst. Secretary: A. B. Richard-

son; Hon. Treasurer: F. J. E. Johnson; Committee: L. G. Chambers, J. W. Heckscher, N. M. Jack, L. L. Shea, C. E. Walch, R. S. Valentine, A. E. Parkes, plus two to be co-opted—Tom Simpson and R. V. (Major) Bowden accepted these seats.

The committee was instructed to bring down amendments to the constitution and call a Special General Meeting, as soon as practicable. This is to be held on Saturday, 15th December.

Branch Officials are: Melbourne: President, Rex Reader; Hon. Secretary, David Chapman; Remainder of committee re-elected.

North-West: Patron, Frank Edwards; President, Col Nicol; Hon. Secretary, Terry Hobbs; Representatives, John Graham (Burnie); John Carr-Lord (Ulverstone); Alan Crawford (Devonport).

Launceston (Northern Branch): President, Dr. Max. Clemons; Hon. Secretary, Max. Weatherhead; Committee re-elected.

The Old Boys team in the Southern Old Scholars Cricket competition has commenced well and leads St. Virgil's by four points at the end of round 1. Officers for the year are: Patron (President of the Association): W. M. Hood; President: George Hodgson; Vice-President: Tom Turner; Captain: Ted Creese; Vice-Captain: Max Bull; Hon. Secretary: Jim Tunbridge; Committee: Dave Harvey, Ted Terry, G. A. McKay, Ray Vincent.

### FOOTBALL

We heartily congratulate St. Virgil's Old Boys on becoming the first Southern Club to win the State Amateur Football title. They went one better than our 1949 performance, finished the season with an undefeated record.

In regard to our own performances, there is no doubt that we have to record the fact that the results, taken over the season were disappointing. We appeared to have quite a good side and whilst no match for St. Virgil's, should have made the final four without undue difficulty. We were in the running for the "four" right up to the final home and home match but the results of this series relegated us to 6th position (on percentages).

It is no use pulling punches, as the blame rests with ourselves. A football team will not attain success,

if members have not confidence in their officials. On the ground the captain is IT and what he does is in interest of the team. Nothing said is meant personally and therefore no necessity to answer back or sulk. The coach's talks are for the benefit of the team as a whole and if you are not sportman enough to take it, well, give up the game and take on something which does not require team spirit and co-operation.

It is up to players to show us that the observations above are not a true reflection of outlook of many players who pass out of the School. 1951 season was undoubtedly disappointing from all respects and quite often one could count the number of players with "guts and determination" on the fingers of one hand. The manner in which the team "packed up" when behind was no credit to anyone nor to themselves, as individuals. If you have team spirit and co-operation, a mediocre team will come out on top more often than not. Everyone is but human, including selectors, but if mistakes are made from triers they can be tolerated, so for the 1952 season it is suggested that players expunge from the records the comments made above and show that they have the fighting spirit, determination and ability to take it, that one expects to find from Old Boys of the School and that above all we know how to behave.

Trophy winners for the year were: Arthur Walch Memorial: G. R. Gilbert; David Corney Memorial: T. A. Wise; Best and Fairest, Most Determined and Most Improved: C. J. Johnson; Most Deserving: T. J. Gregg; Best First Year: W. E. Halley; Special for Improvement: J. L. Vautin. Our congratulations are offered to the winners of trophies, thanks to the coach, Mr. N. Venables for his efforts during the season, appreciation of services rendered by officials, non-players all and thanks to donors of trophies, Messrs. G. E. Hodgson, A. Kay and R. W. Vincent.

Results:

#### Round 1

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#### Round 2

v. Claremont. The best game of the season and one in which the team showed what they were actually made

of. Claremont throughout the season were running in second position in the premiership and our three points win was very meritorious.

v. Lindisfarne. A close game. Drawn, but forfeited by Lindisfarne on direction of the Southern Division Committee, for playing an ineligible player.

v. St. Virgil's. This game was played as a curtain raiser on North Hobart but after giving a very good account to half-time, many players literally threw in the sponge in the latter half and we were ingloriously trounced. Our performance in this game did not help amateur football to any extent.

v. Old Hobartians. In this game the scores were close to half-time, but we ran out comfortable winners by 17 points. Played on Anniversary week-end.

v. Friends. Owing to the very wet conditions, this match was postponed and as the result could not effect the premiership position, was finally cancelled.

v. University. For three quarters the team again showed their true capabilities, but in the final term University outpaced and outplayed us to win by 45 points.

v. Ogilvenians. At this stage we were level on points with our opponents and the result decided the composition of the final four. The game was played at New Town and we went down with colours flying. Ogilvenians appeared to have a little the better of the breaks and when we drew within six points of them during the final quarter, players and spectators, both played the game hard. Ogilvenians, however, were able to fight on and won by 19 points. The standard of football, throughout was particularly high.

At the end of June, the annual match against Old Launcestonians was played. Neither team was at full strength and reports are that our representatives did not treat the match in the spirit which we expect, the game first, enjoy yourself afterwards. As Old Launcestonians were St. Virgil's opponents in the State premiership match, we offer our heartiest congratulations on their success in carrying off their first Northern Premiership.