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BOUILLABAISSE.

*This Bouillabaisse a noble dish is . . .
A sort of soup, or broth, or brew,
Or hotchpotch of all sorts of fishes.*

SOME day some bright Editor will reprint a selection of old *Sydneian* Editorials, beginning with the year 1875. No doubt they were faithfully read in their day, for in a sixpenny *Sydneian* of a dozen or so pages (sixteen is a favourite with the printer) one could not afford to miss the leading article. In its third year the Editors took three pages to rebut "a rumour from Melbourne" that "*The Sydneian* is dead." They deal usually with that new idea, the appointment of School Prefects, or with the revival of the Debating Society, or the need for "some Public Spirit more diffused in its action." Topics like that. If we had a leader in this issue its tone might be different. It might be difficult to avoid some reference to the present state of world affairs, with war appointed for the Tuesday of next week. But its tone would not be pessimistic. The present schoolboy has been born into that sort of world; it is the only one he knows. The world is still "so full of such beautiful things," full of such interesting folk. It is still the habit, and the right, of young men to cry, as they explore it, "O brave new world, that hath such people in it." Life is as lively as it has ever been, live-some, worth living. Any most potent, wise and reverent senior who commiserates Youth runs risk of being classed as of the Vegetable Epoch, and well content to have been.

The really annoying thing about the writer of anonymous letters is that he lacks faith in himself and in his message. He is not as despicable as he is timid and cowardly. He insults the recipient, not so much by his actual language, though that is often vulgar, as by the fact that he gives him no credit for honesty. He hits out wildly at a blindfolded victim and then runs away, without even the satisfaction of knowing whether he has hit or missed his target. Such letters go into

the waste-paper basket. That is a pity: their contribution of information or criticism may be of real value. One such letter, of December 12th, 1938, signed "Exhibitionist," has by chance survived, but merely to point this moral. The Chief Editor regrets that he cannot print it and set forth his personal agreement with its protest against an old School custom, and its consequent attack upon the Headmaster. As it is, no one else will ever read it. Pity.

Recently there passed from us two Old Sydneians who amply fulfilled in their careers a rare schoolboy promise. Edward Milner Stephen ended on the Supreme Court Bench, Hubert Edwin Whitfeld as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Perth. Each had the possible ten A's in his Senior, Stephen with medals in Latin, Greek, Ancient History, Whitfeld with what is certainly a record, medals in Latin, Greek, French, Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, that is, he was first in the State in six of his ten subjects. Mr. Justice Stephen twice wrote the Editors, urging that a short form of bequest in favour of the School be printed in each issue, "as a reminder to encourage Old Sydneians to leave money to the School." Out of a comparatively small estate he himself has left the Trustees one thousand pounds.

"Micky" Whitfeld was the youngest son of an original foundation master of the School. His University career was brilliant in both Arts and Engineering. He gained further distinction as President of the Undergrads and Editor of *Hermes*: it was Whitfeld who wrote "Grads and Undergrads," now the Sydney University Anthem. In 1912 he became one of the first professors of the University of Perth and in 1917 its first permanent Vice-Chancellor. The Chancellor of that University spoke of him as "a great gentleman, a great teacher, a great administrator and a man with an infinite capacity for making friends." It has been said of him that "he never closed either his mind or his door. With his personal charm he combined great tenacity of purpose. He upheld most clearly and strongly, and of deep personal conviction, the spiritual values of life and the claims of whatsoever is lovely, honourable and of good report."

In my own student days "Micky" (his nickname was said to be due to the Old Chief, who dubbed the promising infant "Microbe"—an unusual derivation this, from his own beloved Greek) was my closest friend: our rooms in St. Andrew's College, with those of R. Clive Teece, were set apart from the rest. I recall his ingenious contraption of pulleys and levers, that from his bed turned off the distant gas; I recall his stern eagerness in routing me out of bed, long before dawn, to run round the University grounds, training for the College football team, which neither of us had the remotest chance of making. In forty years I had since seen him twice, yet he remains close to me and unforgettable. A man of great gifts and great achievement, yet greatest in himself and in his own character.

It is a long time since a Grammar Fifteen finished second from the bottom of the competition table. It will dishearten and displease many of those who try hard to believe that Grammar has not degenerated sadly since they ceased to represent it. One obvious cause is that we have not been strong in outstanding players. Yet the team has played good football, and, for part of almost every match, football in the best Grammar tradition. And there is no lack of keenness throughout the School, whether among boys or coaching masters. We had more than our share of injuries, probably due largely to inexperience. It seems that, even in failing or in falling, there is a right way and a wrong way. We must somehow find the way to a success free from fractures and dislocations.

Two sometime Grammar masters have been recently "in the news." F. S. Delmer was on the staff in 1898, his brother, H. C. Delmer, 1901-5. The elder brother was Professor of English Literature at the University of Berlin, even during the Great War, and has some reputation as a publicist. His "Life Story of Hitler" has been appearing in the Sydney press. W. F. Jackson is better known to us: his term of service was as recent as 1912-27. Cabled that, at a by-election, he has won a seat in the British Parliament in the Labour interest.

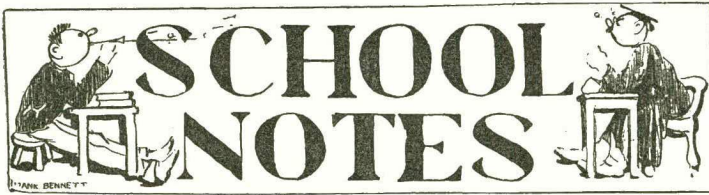
VALETE.

J. Carson, Prefect, 1938-9; 2nd XV, 1936; 1st XV, 1937; 1st XI, 1937; G.P.S. 3rd XV, 1937; 1st XV, 1938 (Capt.); G.P.S. 3rd XV, 1938 (Capt.); 2nd Rifle Team, 1938; 1st XI, 1938. J. T. McLeod (pro tem., we hope), 1939 Sydneian Committee; Library Committee, 1938-9. J. L. Bettson, Cox 2nd Crew, 1936-7; Cox 1st Crew, 1938. N. A. Herford, 3rd Crew, 1937; 2nd Crew, 1938; 1st Crew, 1939.

Form VI: J. C. Grady, R. C. H. Mackellar, B. O. McRoberts. *Form V*: R. E. Baber, A. L. Bright, J. G. Dumbrell, J. A. Garven, J. Wells. *Form IV*: G. B. Bruce. *Form III*: J. D. Aitken ii, B. A. Rose. *Form II*: L. W. Allen, R. R. Ullett.

SALVETE.

Form VI: G. J. Dunbar. *Form V*: R. A. Gulliford. *Form III*: K. S. McKenzie, J. J. Milliner, N. K. Neilson, R. R. Skone, J. B. Van Dyk. *Form II*: G. Lipton, J. A. Pincott i, W. D. Wells. *Form II, Lower*: L. J. Hewett, P. Latham, H. A. Pincott.



WE have—or at least we hope so—weathered the storm of influenza, measles, mumps, and the whole cohort of fevers, and are now lashing down our knowledge in preparation for the typhoon of public examinations. We look forward to good results in both the Leaving and the Intermediate.

Although it did not win the football competition, the 1st XV played a fair season, though finishing ahead only of Newington.

We congratulate St. Joseph's on a fifth successive premiership.

A phenomenally large number of injuries in upper teams has been a serious obstacle to School football and football teams: most of those injured were backs, where we were already not very strong.

During the May holidays a party of some twenty footballers, under the aegis of Mr. Edwards, travelled to Queensland and played against Brisbane, Toowoomba and Ipswich Grammar Schools, losing the last match only.

While on the subject of football, we must congratulate Mr. Rankin, a member of the staff, on his selection for the Australian Rugby Union team to tour England. The team includes one Old Sydneian veteran, Albie Stone, who this season played his hundredth first grade match.

Cricket starts again early next term. The First XI is in a better position than it has been for years; in fact, it is raising the School's standard of the game to what it was in days of yore. We wish it the best of success in the tough matches remaining against High, Shore and King's. At present it is second in the G.P.S. competition.

Our athletes are running all over the place, getting fit for the School Sports on August 29th, and for the All Schools' in October. Mr. Bullock is setting his great powers of organisation to work. "Napoleon ought to have taken his correspondence course."

The Debating Team was victorious in two of its debates, narrowly beaten in the third. The support given by the School to debating is a great increase on the past few years, so we need have no fear for Australia's future with such hosts of brilliant orators all talking at once. We congratulate High on its victory in the Louat Shield.

The Tennis Club, that "Ace of Clubs," continues to enjoy, not only success, but victory as well! The Seniors won the G.P.S. tournament easily from Sydney High, while the Juniors were beaten by Newington, who ultimately won the final. The next engagement is the Fair-water Cup in third term.

In the Rifle Club Mr. Lumsdaine is again hard at it. In the June shoot the Rifle Team won back the Merris Bugle, but later was eliminated in the Earl Roberts. The Shooting Camp will be held at Long Bay during the coming holidays, and in the subsequent "shoot" we expect great results.

Kosciusko is once more to have the privilege of being the destination of a Grammar party, which will go up at the beginning of the holidays, Lummo duce et auspice Lummo—at least it hopes so.

Mr. Pilkington, who was in charge of the party last year, has left Grammar to take up a position at Rugby School, England. He came to us in February, 1936, and since then has done much for the School, especially at the Rowing Shed. In appreciation of these services, a presentation was made to him in School Assembly by his rowing friends.

Another member of the staff who left us last term was Mr. O'Reilly, who has transferred his activities into the sphere of business.

Mr. Wing, after thirty-six years of service and real interest in the School, retired last May. With his accustomed consideration and thoughtfulness, he is persevering with the Honours English Class until the end of the year. We shall miss him very much.

New to the staff are Mr. Dudley Jones and Mr. Webster—an Old Sydneian; also Mr. Barnes is back with us. All three are welcome.

The Leaving and Intermediate certificates were given out in Assembly. The results last year were satisfactory; in fact, the Leaving was really a vintage year. It did us good to converse and, to a certain extent, swap lies with those whom we hadn't seen since "way back" last December.

After its good financial record of last term, the Upper School Library is once more doing its bit to educate the masses. Remember, "Reading maketh a full man." Why? Because it gives you food for thought.

A great many of us have received letters from Mr. Phillips, who at present is in England. His communications are full of interest. Perhaps, if asked nicely, he might give us an address on his travels when he returns in November. We print a letter from him to the Senior Prefect.

With this question of the Defence of Australia so imminent, it was decided that the School should be in charge of a special Warden in the A.R.P. organisation. Mr. Hill was appointed Warden, with the School Sergeant as his deputy, and at a meeting of Prefects and Form Prefects the project was outlined. Certain preliminary steps, such as the surveying of the School for A.R.P. purposes, have been taken, and the general arrangements—so hard to start—are now under way.

It was announced by the Grammar Women's Association that a Fête would be held at the School early in the new year. As always, we shall enter into the spirit of the occasion, and do our utmost to

make the function the success it always has been. Those of us who will then have left must bear it in mind.

Up to date no Form Magazine has put in an appearance. We are told that VA and VC are bringing out something good before the end of term. The *Sydneian* gives its blessing to such productions, for, not only are they the birth cries of the School's literary effort, as it were, but they also encourage those to whom Form Spirit calls in an enticing voice, but from whom the *Sydneian* is too low-brow to coax a contribution. And, by the way, "Writing maketh an exact man."

The *Sydneian* Committee unanimously elected Whitton to replace McLeod, absent, unhappily, on sick leave.

The year is flying fast, and it will not be long before the Leaving and Inter. Examinations thrust themselves upon us. We wish all candidates the best of results, and are confident that they will uphold the "traditions of Grammar" in every way.

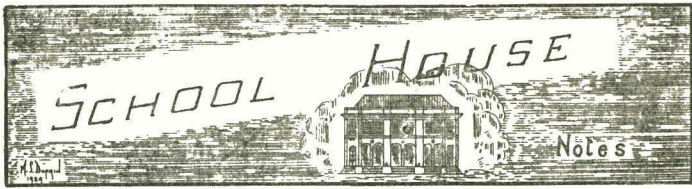
Late school news is that Vanderfield, Munro and Farrar have been appointed School Prefects; that Bowie has won for us the coveted Laurence Campbell Debating Trophy (in a field of ten orators from ten schools); and that Mr. Soden plans to begin the Boxing Tournament on Monday, 16th October. "Speaking maketh a ready man"—and so does boxing.

B.S.H.
G.R.M.

"PEACE."

Is't but vision, Peace? Is't but a whim
 Of some world-tortured brain, devised in woe,
 To comfort and give strength to undergo
 Afflictions great or suffer torments grim?
 Is't but a fancy, born of a fever'd mind,
 A mere phantasm seen in a druggéd dream,
 Where sights are bright and all reflections seem
 To dazzle, and to truth the dreamer blind?
 Nay, 'tis a living power at work to-day!
 And in the lives of men it showeth forth
 In silent works, not done just for display,
 In absence of self-seeking and of wrath.
 This in a few; when such world-wide extend,
 Then shall Utopia be, and all strife end.

"ORPHEUS" (VIA).



THE House this term is fairly full, with 42 chosen souls. At the end of last term we lost Cope, Leake, Greenwell, McKenzie and Watson, and, half-way through this term, McDonnell, these becoming day-boys. New boys this term include Barton, Cooke and Yonge, of whom Barton and Yonge are welcome returns, and Cooke was already a day-boy.

Greenwell's place as a House prefect was taken by Watts. We are very sorry to hear that Greenwell has broken his leg or ankle, or both, and we wish him a speedy recovery. That horrid game—football!

The Dancing Class has been thinned a little by current epidemics. A small party of House boys went round to the St. Catherine's dance a few weeks ago, and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

This year all schools have had their troubles. First we had 'flu, and when that had just about passed over, Russell developed mumps and Bruce measles. This started a mixed epidemic, but Mrs. Clifton Smith and Nurse Mason soon had it under control.

We have no Football colours in the House this year, but have Croft and McDonnell in the School 2nd XV and Bruce, Herring and Spy i in the 4ths. We have a few promising juniors in Barton, Barbour, Estelle and Solling in the U. 15 1sts, and Spy ii and Parry in the L.S.A.

Our next consideration is the Annual Athletic Meeting. We look to N. D. Smith to hold high the House flag in the Junior events, but there is no outstanding Senior athlete, like Sefton, on whom we might unload our responsibilities.

Barbour is our only representative in the School Debating Team. He was one of the Dauntless Three in one competition debate.

This term there is only one House boy who looks anything like a Rifle Colour, and that is Stewart. He has a big responsibility, since the House, in the past, has always been well represented in this branch of School activity.

Not quite so many old House boys have visited us this term. They appear to be hibernating. However, among those who have been out are "Fish" Herring, on his way to Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Milton Trounce, Graham Todman, Col. Sefton (quite often), Bill Watson (another frequent visitor), Geoff Sadler, and an older Old Boy, Hosie, of 1932.

On July 21st we saw Mr. Rankin off to England, travelling as a

member of the Australian Rugby Union team. In his place we welcome (Mr.) Bill Marr, last year's House Captain, as a junior Housemaster. Mr. Hill also has taken up his quarters out here in Mr. Pilkington's place. Mr. Pilkington went off on August 10th to take up a position at Rugby School, in England. He very unselfishly gave up a week of his voyage (travelling by train as far as Fremantle) to help the School as long as he could, since his "relief" will not take up his duties at School until next term. We wish him the very best of luck, and thank him for his good work in the past few years, both at House and School.

On the occasion of Mr. Pilkington's last dinner with us the House asked his acceptance of a suit-case as a farewell gift from the boys. "Large though it is," as the House Captain put it, "it is not yet large enough to contain all the good wishes the House offers Mr. Pilkington."

The Housemaster voiced a grievance that, by their departure from the House, Mr. Rankin and Mr. Pilkington have broken the happy union of the three resident masters, who for some years have worked together in perfect harmony and good-fellowship.

R.B.C.S.

ROWING.

I WOULD like, through the *Syndnican*, to thank the members, past and present, of the S.G.S. Boat Club for their presentation and good wishes to me on my departure. I am sorry I have seen so few of the rowers, but hope my appreciation can be expressed here.

Very best wishes to the club for all future success.

E.L.P.

THE GROUND.

WEIGALL GROUND has "stood up" well to the heavy demands of the football season—even No. 1 ground has some grass left.

The old fence between the ground and White City tennis courts has recently been replaced by a fine wire division, high enough to keep footballs on our side when kicked into touch.

During the year Mr. A. T. Stewart presented us with a tall flag-mast, complete with crosspiece, and more recently with a tackling machine for the footballers.

The removal of the wooden benches between the entrance gate and shelter shed has been completed and the area terraced, thus greatly improving its appearance.

We sincerely thank the S.G.S. Women's Association for a donation of £50, and L. Palmer, Esq., for £5.

C.D.T.



WHEN the seniors were lined up in May there were found but two of last year's Firsts and five Seconds. The fifteen was completed from Third, Fourth and All Age teams, natural immaturity being most marked along the inside backs. We did not command deftness of hand and skill of manœuvre to give fluency, thrust or finish to attack. But the forwards were strong, and in an early match we played a promising draw with Shore, the eventual runners-up. Then commenced a succession of the unluckiest injuries, regretted pre-eminently for the individuals' sakes, and taking from our best about three men per match. The competition began in such circumstances, with attainment of high honours beyond our reach.

The forwards strove hard, but with a back-line hardly able to penetrate, the burden returned too heavily on the "eight," and left them without the dash necessary for scoring tries. Defence in general was very good, but attack, though always struggling, rarely succeeded in "getting away." Be it said, however, that the teams which ran up most points against us were hard put to it in defending for great parts of the game. Then let us hasten heartily to congratulate St. Joseph's and Kings on giving us the brightest of football. And our final congratulations to St. Joseph's, premiers for the fifth consecutive season, and to Shore, in second place yet again.

Here are the fifteen who gained School colours, and brief impressions of each:—

Name.	Age.	Weight.	Position.
Plater, R. S.	17 9	12 8	Breakaway.
Hilliar, B. S.	18 9	11 6	Full-back.
North, J. F. G.	16 11	11 7	Winger.
Cowell, T. E.	18 10	10 9	Winger.
Munro, W. K.	17 10	13 12	Second Row.
Finlay, L. H.	17 3	11 6	Breakaway.
Delohery, R. A.	16 8	12 9	Lock.
Noble, R.	17 9	13 0	Hooker.
Clarke, A. F.	16 5	11 3	Hooker.
Harris, G.	16 6	13 7	Second Row.
Keller, D. H.	17 0	11 12	Centre Forward.
Smith, C. L.	15 9	10 3	Centre.
Buckle, J. A. T.	17 4	9 0	Half-back.
Turkington, J. M. ..	16 6	11 6	Centre.
GriFiths, R. A.	15 11	10 8	Five-eighth.

Plater, Hilliar and North gained places in the G.P.S. 2nd XV, Munro in the 3rd XV and Finlay as a reserve.

Plater.—A vigorous, ranging forward and great-hearted captain. Always played and led with excellent spirit.

Delohery.—Strong and fairly fast; good in attack and defence; good kick and handler. Did not let injuries worry him.

Finlay.—Bustling and fiery; tackled excellently and often broke away at surprising speed.

Munro.—Big and strong. Our best in the line-out, good rucker and especially dangerous in breaking from the "tight."

Harris.—The youngest forward; better in defence than in attack; good kick.

Noble.—Strong rucker and good dribbler. An excellent place-kick, cool and accurate, he became our main point scorer.

Keller.—Hooked well and was active generally. Showed surprising speed into the open and tackled splendidly.

Clarke.—An energetic and thorough forward; consistent and clever.

Buckle.—A neat and eager player. Missed some chances, but showed both coolness and dash.

Griffiths.—Worked steadily into his difficult position and matched formidable opposition with credit. Made some good runs.

Smith.—Essentially a "goer"; nippy, though not fast. Position play not yet good, but his initiative opened various promising attacks.

Turkington.—Another proper footballer, of rapid promotion; with no pace and small experience, played always with sound heart and head and some useful skill.

Cowell.—Made sharp flashes of speed in attack and showed keenest tenacity in defence. Light, but a dogged player.

North.—Our best back. Given sadly few chances; slow "away" at times, but, typically, raced and swerved mightily; and, excepting one match, his tackling was deadly.

Hilliar.—A worthy vice-captain and, perforce, "last defence"; a "handy," adaptable and strongish player, slipping at times through over-keenness. Played superbly against St. Joseph's.

Others who played:—

Nielsen.—Was expected to be our pivot at centre, but badly hurt early. His injury is the most to be regretted.

Whitton.—A rugged and promising back, also out through injury.

Vanderfield.—A winger; tried hard and unfolded strong dash.

Ludowici.—Forward; very young, but the "bigger" it was the more he liked it.

Runge.—Now front row—and *Allen*, breakaway. Only very good players beat them to the team.

Smyth.—A trier at centre-three, possessing strength and determination.

FIRST FIFTEEN.

Non-Competition Matches.

v. Bondi Life Savers. 29th April. Lost 17-3.

A match played in the rain against a much heavier team in better condition. The game was marred by Whitton's breaking his arm. Outstanding players were Buckle and Hilliar in the backs and Finlay, Munro and Noble in the forwards.

v. S.C.E.G.S. 6th May. Drawn 12-12.

Played on a flooded ground, which prevented the opposition making use of its superior backs. Nevertheless, Grammar forwards dominated play for much of the match, except in hooking.

v. T.S.C. 10th May. Lost 12-6.

This game, played on a sticky ground, was responsible for the loss of two more players, Nielsen and Noble, with broken collarbones. Our backs showed lack of age and experience.

(For the Vacation Queensland Tour, see elsewhere.)

v. C.B.C. 10th June. Lost 24-9.

This first match in the second term was chiefly a very good display by Christian Brothers, who had already settled down into a first-rate side.

v. Old Boys. 14th June. Drawn 11-11.

A good match all round—backs and forwards playing more as a team. This was easily our best match up to date, and against noted players.

v. S.J.C. 17th June. Lost 22-6.

Grammar was down only 6-3 at half-time, but the heavier opposition, with its good back-line, scored several tries in the second half and won convincingly. North was the best defending back on the field, while Plater and Finlay shone in our forwards.

v. T.K.S. 24th June. Lost 17-11.

Leading early, Grammar gave promise of winning easily, but in the second half we failed at several vital points in the backs, and King's went smartly through.

The preliminary matches had revealed North's powers and real calibre in the forwards, but the inexperienced back-line was obviously going to occasion anxious moments.

Competition Matches.

v. S.C.E.G.S. Lost 21-11.

The team for our first competition match was Hilliar, North, Cowell, C. Smith, Vanderfield, Griffiths, Buckle, Plater, Finlay, Harris, Munro, Allan, Runge, Keller, Clark. A strong wind blowing nearly down the field was one obstacle in our road during the first half, as Shore won the toss.

Shore was the first to score, Epton racing past Vanderfield to a converted try. 5-0. The next try was to us, a magnificent individual effort by North. From a scrum on our 25 the ball went along the three-quarter line to North, who broke through, was tackled, and from the loose ruck dribbled the ball, gathered, beat several more men and crossed. 5-3. At this stage Griffiths went off with a cut over his eye, Allan going to outer-centre and Smith five-eighth. Shore now won the ball from the scrum, but our inside backs were not allowing them any room to move. A penalty goal by Shore brought the score to 8-3, but soon afterwards Hilliar kicked one for us. Then Shore, punting over Hilliar's head, scored a converted try, and at half-time the score was 13-6.

After half-time Shore continued to press, and from a line-out on the line they scored a converted try. 18-6. We pressed back, and for quite a while play see-sawed in the centre. Then Shore forced play into our 25, where it remained until about five minutes to go. Only determined tackling kept them out. Then from a kick at goal, which failed, we fumbled, and Shore scored. 21-6.

A real Grammar finish took play up into Shore territory, and from a ruck on the 25 the ball went out to the blind side, and North scored just as the final bell went. Hilliar added the extras. North played easily the best game for Grammar and outclassed the Shore wingers.

Final score: S.C.E.G.S., 21; S.G.S., 11 (North 2 tries; Hilliar a goal and a penalty goal).

v. T.S.C. Bellevue Hill. 8th July.

For this, the second competition game of the season, Turkington replaced Vanderfield and Noble and Delohery returned after long absences.

We won the toss and elected to run from the Rose Bay end. After a penalty had put Scots on the offensive, North made a great dash of over 60 yards, to be tackled near the line.

Johnson missed with a penalty for Scots, but soon afterwards May made no mistake, and a superb kick put Scots ahead. 3-0.

The first try of the match soon followed. Robilliard, running across from the left wing to stop a Grammar rush, kicked high up-field. Following up very fast, he toed the ball over the line, to score a brilliant try. May's kick went wide and Scots led 6-0.

Grammar now assumed the offensive, and first North and then Turkington just failed to score. Scots relieved, and Robilliard looked certain for a try, but Hilliar tackled him solidly. From the ruck formed there, Clemesha, a Scots forward, toed through and scored Scots' second try. Johnson's kick was a gem. Half-time came soon afterwards, with the scores 11-0 against us.

In the second half Grammar produced a great sustained rally

which just missed bringing us the match. For fully thirty minutes we hammered away at the Scots line, but good defence kept us at bay.

The burst began after Longworth had scored Scots' last points with a bright try from the blind side of a scrum. Behind 14-0, the forwards brought play down to Scots' territory. Here Noble put over a penalty. 14-3.

Accurate kicking by Scots' backs drove us back, but we were not to be denied, and Noble put over another long kick to make the scores 14-6.

Brilliant dribbling by Finlay nearly sent Cowell over, and from the ruck formed close to the line Munro charged over to score our only try. Noble failed to convert. 14-9.

With ten minutes to go Scots were defending desperately, and time and time again we just failed to get in. Two other great kicks by Noble failed narrowly; for one of them both linesmen raised their flags, and the board showed 14-12 until corrected. Our forwards had been criticised for gentleness in the first half, but in the second were more than a match for the fiery Scots pack.

The defence held out against our determined attacks, and the full-time bell rang with the final score 14-9 against us. A very hard and exciting game, which kept the crowd on its feet from start to finish.

v. N.C. Weigall. 15th July.

For this match our team was unaltered from that which just failed to win against Scots the week before. The ground was hard and dry, but, except in patches, the game was not as good as expected.

We lost the toss and kicked off from the Rushcutter's Bay end. Play centred about half-way until Noble missed with a penalty from wide out on the 25-yard line. Shortly afterwards a free to Newington hit the post and bounced back, and North saved a difficult situation with a grand run to half-way.

Grammar now pressed, and a brilliant dribbling effort by Finlay nearly brought a try. However, a succession of penalties drove us back, and finally a high kick up-field bounced straight back into the arms of Matthews, the Newington centre, who scored under the posts. Robson converted, and Newington led 5-nil.

Play once more resumed its monotony, and the scores were unaltered at half-time.

After the resumption Grammar forwards brought play into the Newington 25, and from a ruck Buckle passed to Griffith, to Smith, who scored near the posts. Noble converted, and the scores were equal at 5 all.

Play now became a little more interesting, with Grammar showing more sparkle. From a scrum on the half-way line Smith made a fine run, to be tackled near the line. Soon Noble was given another chance at goal, and was successful with a good kick. 8-5.

After play had again reached Newington twenty-five, Buckle cut through from a scrum, in-passed to forwards Finlay and Keller, for the latter to finish an excellent movement by scoring near the corner. The kick failed and we led 11-5.

There was still time for a Newington rally, and Grammar settled down to keep them out. Their backs were well fed with the ball, but our three-quarters stood up well on their rather slower opponents and stopped many passing rushes.

Finlay and Turkington combined well, and the latter was stunned in a crashing tackle by some Newington backs. Grammar kept attacking, and first North and then Clarke was tackled near the line. We used attack as a best means of defence, and were perhaps unfortunate not to score again.

The full-time bell went with the scores unaltered at 11-5, to give us our first competition win.

v. S.J.C. 27th July. Lost 37-9.

A large crowd saw Plater lead the following team on to the field against the formidable St. Joseph's Fifteen: Hilliar, Cowell, Turkington, Smith, Griffiths, Buckle, North, Plater, Delohery, Finlay, Ludowici, Harris, Clarke, Keller and Noble. The sky was overcast for most of the afternoon, and a light wind, dropping towards dusk, blew across the field.

St. Joseph's soon began to attack, and after a hard ruck on the Grammar side of half-way, their five-eighth, Ryan, kicked a well-judged field goal. S.J.C., 4; S.G.S., 0.

Grammar returned the attack, but failed to break the opposing defence, and soon K. Ryan, at five-eighth, cut through to side-step beautifully and score between the posts. The try was converted. S.J.C., 9; S.G.S., 0. It was less than two minutes before B. Ryan, the winger, ran hard up the side-line to score a good try. Mahboub once more converted. S.J.C., 14; S.G.S., 0.

Grammar was again on the defensive, and for a time kept the vigorous College back-line away. Mahboub landed for them a penalty goal. The Grammar forwards threw their weight into the game after the kick-off, and dribbled the ball up to their opponents' 25-line, from which Noble kicked a very difficult penalty goal. S.J.C., 17; S.G.S. 3. Ryan was again outstanding when from a scrum on the Grammar twenty-five he battled his way over the line through some forwards and increased his side's score to 20-3 (try unconverted). Grammar almost scored after good solid dribbling; Noble was unlucky to miss another difficult penalty goal, and so the score was unchanged at half-time.

On the resumption of play St. Joseph's were awarded two quick free kicks, the second one successful, giving S.J.C. a lead of 23-3. Joey's now attacked hard; Ryan, after just failing in an attempt at another field goal, received the ball after all the backs had handled,

and though tackled by two of the Grammar team scored a hard-won try, which Mahboub converted. S.J.C., 28; S.G.S., 3. Play veered back to Joey's half for Noble to kick a superb penalty goal from the side-line close to half-way. The respite from defending was short-lived, and soon the cerise-and-blue was knocking at the door: first a penalty goal and then, after a characteristic back-line movement, B. Ryan scored in the corner, making the score S.J.C., 34; S.G.S., 6.

The game was becoming rather rough, and the team made a desperate effort to bring off the Grammar finish. St. Joseph's, however, made a bigger burst than ever. As a result, by good team work they broke through the defence to score the last try. S.J.C., 37; S.G.S., 6.

The only other score of the match came from a magnificent penalty goal kicked by Noble from ten yards inside the half-way line. Thus Grammar at least had the last say.

Grandly though St. Joseph's played, they had to fight hard for almost every point they scored. The serenity of their backs was amazing: as fast as Grammar made their ground by line kicks and dribbling, St. Joseph's backs, sweeping across the field, recovered ground with football grace. It may be noted that of 21 penalties awarded, 6 were against Grammar. For us Hilliar played his best game of the season (his handling being almost faultless), and was supported best by North and Turkington in the backs and Plater, Finlay, Noble and Delohery in the forwards.

S.J.C. 37 beat S.G.S. 9 (Noble 3 penalty goals).

v. S.H.S. At Weigall. Drawn 3-3.

On a fine afternoon the attendance was only moderate, doubtless owing to the virtual premiership final between Joey's and Shore. Grammar won the toss, but from the kick-off High carried the play into our territory. They kept up a consistent attack during the earlier part of the game, but Hilliar's good kicking drove them back.

A splendid back-line movement by High saw Wilcox get away, but he was tackled after passing the ball, and a free was awarded, wide out beyond Grammar's 25. Cawsey's kick fell short, but with High forwards following up well, a try seemed imminent. The situation was relieved with a free, when a High forward was offside.

High's backs were combining splendidly, and their forwards were continually on the ball, Grammar forwards not following up to the usual extent. Once Finlay broke through and dribbled the ball up to High's 25, but the other forwards did not go with him, and the full-back saved with a long kick.

Once more play swept towards the Grammar line, but the forwards were defending well, and High could not break through. A free kick to High brought them dangerously close, but Hilliar, kicking well, saved once again.

Wilcox carried play into the corner on the far side of the ground, but in the scrum an illegal tackle by a High player gave Grammar a free. Buckle took the kick, but the ball screwed into the arms of the full-back, and a brilliant back-line movement by High saw Clay go over wide out, in itself a lucky last-moment score, but a merited result of persistent attack. As the kick failed the half-time bell went, with High leading 3-0.

Grammar began the second half in different style. The forwards were playing with much more life, and the backs were standing up to and hampering the High rearguard. Play was very lively, with both sides attacking well. A free kick saw Noble goal from about 30 yards out. Scores level, 3-3.

Soon after the recommencement Smith kicked through, and, following up, sent out to Cowell, who was brought down right on the line. A free kick sent play to mid-field. Play was very even, but neither back-line was handling at all well. High were penalised for handling in the ruck, and this time Noble failed at goal.

Grammar backs now had the opposition "under control." Play swept downfield, Griffiths kicked through and, following up, passed to Smith, on to Cowell, who raced for the corner, but was once again tackled on the line after a long run.

Play was centred round half-way, kept there by solid defensive work from both sides. From a scrum Buckle broke through, and Keller, going with him, made a lot of ground before passing back. Again the movement finished on the line; High forced and full time came shortly after. Grammar had attacked persistently in the second half, failing just short of the line. Score 3-3 (Noble a penalty goal).

v. T.K.S. At Weigall. Lost 33-12.

The weather was calm and overcast, but bracing. The Grammar team, consisting of Turkington, Cowell, Vanderfield, Smith, Smyth, Griffiths, Buckle, Keller, Runge, Clarke, Noble, Munro, Plater, Delohery and Finlay, was further reduced by injuries, Hilliar and Harris being the latest casualties and North being still away.

King's attacked from the kick-off. Gallard just failed to score, but Gillies gathered the ball from a short punt and passed to Wilson, who scored in the corner. T.K.S. 3, S.G.S. 0. Another try to King's came almost immediately when Brown (at outer centre) made the opening near half-way and passed infield to Gallard, who raced round the Grammar backs for a good try, this time converted. T.K.S. 8, S.G.S. 0. It was a breath-taking start.

Grammar woke up and compelled the opposition to force. Shortly afterwards Noble landed an easy penalty kick awarded for off-side. T.K.S. 8, S.G.S. 3. Though play was returned to mid-field for some time, King's again fought back to the attack for Gillies, gathering the ball well after a ruck, to make another try.

THE FIFTEEN, 1939



Back Row: H. S. Dettmann, Esq., R. Griffith, A. F. Clarke, G. Harris, R. Noble, J. Turkington, D. Keller, I. M. Edwards, Esq.
Sitting: L. H. Finlay, W. K. Munro, B. S. Hilliar (V.-Capt.), R. S. Plater (Capt.), J. F. North, R. A. Delohery, T. E. Cowell.
Front: C. L. Smith, J. Buckle.

THE ROWING CAMP, 1939



Back Row: D. H. Clare, J. R. McDonnell, C. L. Smith, P. W. Tatham, G. B. Bruce, A. E. Watts, L. D. Bond, L. N. Clarence.
 Fourth Row: R. H. Russell, W. S. Tait, D. H. Keller, W. G. Dovey, J. B. Morrison, A. Donald, N. J. Campbell, W. T. White, A. Coogan,
 R. L. Trewenack.

Third Row: B. D. McCredie, J. M. Turkington, J. S. Duff, S. H. Prentice, R. B. Spy, J. A. Short, I. H. Sutherland, E. C. Marshall.
 Seated: L. H. Finlay, R. S. Plater, W. K. Munro, J. W. Runge, A. T. Stewart, Esq., H. S. Dettmann, Esq., L. E. Pilkington, A. F. Clarke,
 D. A. Smyth, P. H. Charley, N. A. Herford.

Front: N. P. Benson, A. K. Morrison, W. W. Hay, C. O. Brook, R. G. Sharp.

After a solid dribbling rush, in which Runge, Delohery, Finlay and Vanderfield were prominent, Noble was successful with another penalty goal, this time much harder. T.K.S. 13, S.G.S. 6. Gallard and Bowman, running finely, further scored for King's before the break. Both tries were converted, so that at half-time Grammar was well behind, 23-6.

After the resumption Grammar made a hard attack, but the opposing backs defended well so that no try resulted. Noble, however, managed another difficult penalty kick, again for off-side. T.K.S. 23, S.G.S. 9. This half, play was mainly in King's territory, with our forwards more than holding their own. The King's backs, however, showing great speed and dash, scored twice again, Noble making the final points with his fourth penalty. 33-12.

We congratulate King's on a splendid exhibition—their best, they considered, of the season. Our backs, except for Cowell's tackling, were quite outclassed.

v. St. Ignatius' College. At Riverview.

The weather was fine and there was a light breeze blowing across the field when the Grammar team lined up against Riverview for the last competition match. Hopes were high, the Grammar team being strengthened by the return of North and Hilliar.

Grammar kicked off against the wind with the sun behind them, and after some play in mid-field Riverview carried its attack into Grammar territory, where they were soon pressing hard on the goal line. The first score came from a free kick near the Grammar line. Grammar then attacked and after a short period of indecisive play a free kick by Noble from just inside the half-way-line bounced back from the top of the upright. Soon after he scored Grammar's first points with a good kick. A Riverview attack was repulsed by Hilliar's line kick. In the subsequent line-out Grammar won the ball. Griffiths broke through the opposing back line and after a well judged run gave a long pass to North, who ran strongly and scored Grammar's first try in the corner. S.G.S. 6, Igs. 3. Riverview scored again when, following some loose forward play after a line-out, the ball was toed to behind the Grammar goal line and fallen on by a Riverview back. Riverview converted this try and a subsequent Grammar attack was unsuccessful. A free kick from mid-field failed to go over just before half-time. Riverview 8, Grammar 6.

In the second half Riverview kicked off and, following a short kick by Smith, Grammar broke through. A free kick on the Riverview goal line was put over by Noble to establish a Grammar lead of 9-8. Now began a series of Riverview attacks which lasted right till the end of the game. Some hard play on the Grammar twenty-five was followed by a timely line kick by Buckle. Nevertheless, Riverview attacked again and after some close, hard play on the Grammar line, they

scored a try under the posts and the goal was kicked. Grammar then broke through in the loose play and took the ball into Riverview territory, where Noble kicked a penalty goal. Riverview 13-12. A few minutes later Riverview won a line-out and broke through the Grammar defence to score a magnificent try between the posts. Riverview scored a further try from some close play after a line-out in the Grammar twenty-five. In another Riverview attack first the forwards and then the backs broke through and overlapped to score again. Some loose play in Grammar territory led to North gaining the ball. He was tackled, but Smith gathered the ball and took it down field to the Riverview twenty-five. Grammar forwards followed hard and passes by Finlay and Clark resulted in North scoring in the corner. Riverview attacked again and Grammar defended, but the bell soon rang to close the game. Riverview 27, Grammar 15.

Throughout the match, though the team played very fair football, the forwards proved just too loose to keep the hard-running Riverview forwards from breaking through and taking advantage of every opening. Our backs rarely got the ball out to North, although when he did get the ball scores twice resulted. Tribute must be paid to Riverview. We have always found the St. Ignatius' team hard to beat at Riverview and this time it thoroughly deserved a really fine win.

(These football notes are by various hands: F.M.F., T.W.W., R.H.B., J.T.M., G.R.M. and G.R.S.)

THE EARLY QUEENSLAND TOUR.

v. Brisbane Grammar School. At B.G.S. 20th May.

Team: Hilliar, Creagh, Cowell, Griffiths, Vanderfield, Theyer, Buckle, Plater (c.), Finlay, Munro, Harris, Allen, Keller, Ferguson and Crawford. At the last moment Nielsen and Noble were out through injuries.

The team was still travel-weary, the weather hot and the ground rather soft when we kicked off. We pressed early, with the forwards using their weight to advantage. The backs, however, could not complete the movements owing to faulty handling. Hilliar missed a rather easy kick at goal and soon after we suffered our first accident, Cowell going off with a badly bitten tongue. Play see-sawed, the football being ragged, with the forwards loose and the backs handling badly. Killen came on in Cowell's place, Finlay playing in the backs. Up to half-time there was no score.

After half-time play brightened considerably, the pack being rearranged and Munro playing outer-centre. Hilliar moved up to five-eighth and Theyer went full-back. The forwards were getting more of the ball and the backs handling much better. Play was mainly in Brisbane's half, but still we could not score. Several times the ball went right out to the wing to be dropped or the winger tackled.

Then from a kick by Brisbane's full-back Vanderfield fielded in mid-field and ran around the opposition to score in the corner. The kick failed and we led 3-0. Vanderfield was the originator of another nice movement: from a line-out near half-way the ball was knocked straight to their winger, but Vanderfield intercepted, ran across field, passed to Hilliar, to Griffiths, to Munro, but the ball was dropped when Creagh had a clear run for the line.

For a while Brisbane pressed, but we had the upper hand and should have scored several times but for determined tackling. Right on time Griffiths narrowly missed a field goal and the bell rang with the score still S.G.S. 3, B.G.S. 0.

v. Ipswich Grammar School. At I.G.S. 22nd May.

Team: Hilliar, Gilkes, Turkington, Theyer, Short, Griffiths, Buckle, Munro, Finlay, Crawford, Ferguson, Ludowici, Runge, Plater (c.), Killen.

Ipswich ground was rough and ran east and west. There was a strong westerly wind and Ipswich, winning the toss, ran into the wind.

Ipswich pressed early and nearly scored; however, a free kick by Hilliar brought relief. Ipswich were not to be denied and forcing play into our twenty-five scored from a ruck. 3-0. We pressed after the kick; Finlay broke from a line-out and passed to Gilkes, who nearly scored. Two easy kicks at goal failed. They forced play into our half and a missed tackle allowed them to score—6-0. We carried play into their half, mainly by rugged forward bursts, but Ipswich managed to get the ball to their backs, who broke through and, from a ruck close to our line, scored again. 9-0. We carried the play into their territory and from a back line movement Gilkes scored in the corner. Kick at goal failed. 9-3. We pressed again but dropped passes by the inside backs gave Ipswich many opportunities to break through, and they were pressing at half-time.

After half-time Ipswich forced play into our half and dropped passes allowed them to score twice, one being converted. Score 17-3. Soon after we came again and from a determined run by Plater Short dived over. Score 17-6. With a few minutes to go we forced play into their half and from a forward scuffle Ludowici scored, the kick just missing. The Ipswich left-winger then scored an unconverted try after a brilliant run. Right on the final whistle a dribbling rush by our forwards nearly resulted in a score.

Final scores 20 to 9 in Ipswich Grammar's favour.

v. Toowoomba Grammar School. At Athletic Ground, Toowoomba.
24th May.

Team: Hilliar (c.), Gilkes, Creagh, Turkington, Vanderfield, Griffiths, Buckle, Short, Allen, Harris, Ferguson, Killen, Killer, Runge, Ludowici.

We kicked off and pressed hard very early and before five minutes had elapsed Short dived over from a line-out. The kick failed and we led 3-0. Shortly afterwards, following on a passing rush, originated in the forwards, Harris passed to Gilkes, who beat his man to the corner and scored—6-0—the kick dropping short. Then, before we had been on the field a quarter of an hour a dribbling rush ended on their line and the ball rolled over, Keller and Runge dived and the try was awarded to Keller, 9-0. Again the kick failed. At this stage Ferguson went off and was replaced by Crawford.

Play quietened down considerably for a time, mainly because of better tackling by Toowoomba's backs. Just before half-time their inside centre cut through and passed to the outside centre, who broke strongly through Hilliar's tackle and scored. The kick went wide and at half-time we led 9-3.

After half-time our forwards took command of the game and kept play in Toowoomba's half. We did not have it all our own way; they would have scored several times but for the determined tackling of our backs. In the last twenty minutes of play we scored four times—Harris fielded a kick inside their twenty-five and burst through and scored; then Griffiths, who was playing a very sound game at five-eighths, cut through and ran around the full-back to score. The next score came from our heavier pack; the forwards barged their way up the left wing and when the ball was picked up Harris, after a short run, scored wide out. Score 18-3 in our favour. The final score came from a line-out caused by an attempt at field goal by Hilliar that went astray. The ball rolled out at the corner flag and from the line-out Runge dived over to score our seventh try of the match. Final scores: 21-3 in our favour.

THE SOCIAL SIDE OF THE TRIP TO QUEENSLAND.

DURING the May holidays, for the first time since 1930, a Grammar football team went interstate—to Queensland. We played three matches, winning at Brisbane and Toowoomba and losing at Ipswich. One remarkable thing about our football in Queensland was that we scored eleven tries, but not one goal of any kind was kicked; not to say that we did not try, even a goal from a mark was attempted. We sadly missed Ralph Noble, who dropped out through injury.

But this is not to be football, so let's on with the story. After a hot, noisy and rather inconvenient trip (it was described with rather different words by the members) we arrived. The journey was not uneventful by any means—Runge's boater blew out of the window and was left lying on the line somewhere around Maitland—but space does not permit us to write all that could be said.

In my haste to get on with the story several important facts have been omitted. Our master in charge, coach, honorary organiser and

bank (for withdrawals only) was Mr. Edwards, the captain Plater. When he went back to Sydney Hilliar became captain and Harris took over the vice-captaincy.

At South Brisbane Station we were met by Mr. Rankin, already in Brisbane with the State team, Mr. ("Huck") Finlay, well known to all of us, and several prefects of Brisbane Grammar. From here we were taken to the Brisbane Grammar School and there officially welcomed at afternoon tea.

After a run and a much-needed bath we went to bed. We stayed at an hotel in the city. After playing on Saturday morning, watched by the N.S.W. team, we saw the Queensland-N.S.W. match in the afternoon. Various entertainments were arranged at night, and on Sunday we went for a trip to Bribie Island. Surf was to be had here, but only in limited quantities.

On Monday we went to Ipswich. After lunch and a very enjoyable car trip around the district we played Ipswich Grammar. A visit to the local picture show at night to see what we saw in Brisbane and so to bed. This time we were billeted on kind parents and friends of the school.

Farewell to Plater and Finlay and on to Toowoomba. After a welcome at the station, lunch and a run, we were given the official welcome at the school at afternoon tea. After a night for which we were once more billeted, we were taken for another car trip, then played the match as a curtain-raiser for the N.S.W.-Toowoomba game and at night had free seats at the local picture show, owned by an old Sydneian. Next morning a visit to a butter factory and then home.

What a trip! Just on eight days from Sydney, during which time we travelled for two days, spent a day at Bribie Island and in our spare time played football.

THE SECONDS.

KELLY, last year full-back, now half, ably captained this willing team. There was fair speed in the outside three-quarters, pretty good service from the insides, and enterprise at full-back, which frequently turned an attack. But main strength lay in fastish, breaking forwards, who carried a good deal before them. Many reserves from the Thirds had to be called up, and we select for special praise Croft and Ferguson as the youngest—and not the least able—of a good lot.

Once again the Seconds have finished higher in their competition than the Firsts. No doubt the comparative numerical strength of the School is a factor. But does the advantage of the opposition of the Firsts at practice help this along? Staunch displays were the rule, while in one match the side took complete charge of the game, and sparkling football was given throughout.

The players were:—

- D. Ludowici*.—Forward; strong and capable in all phases. Made some great runs. Improved considerably.
- J. W. Runge*.—A former breakaway who hooked successfully. Tireless, fast and expert.
- D. R. Cope*.—Front row. Worked hard, to very good effect.
- A. G. Mitchell*.—Forward; much improved. Fast and strong in attack.
- J. C. Crawford*.—Forward; speedy and spirited. Led many attacks.
- J. B. Allen*.—Breakaway; our best in the position; alert, fast and thorough.
- B. G. Killen*.—Lock; played best in open and line-out; excellent kick.
- N. C. Davis*.—Breakaway; eager and dashing; exemplary tackler.
- D. H. Kelly*.—Half-back and captain; quick, determined and always "on" it. Kept improving. Very good skipper.
- T. W. Whitton*.—Played five-eighth. Showed skill, resource and velocity. His injuries sadly lamented.
- D. A. Smyth*.—Centre-three. Strong and fast in bursts; good tackler. Little seen owing to injuries. Hopes for next year!
- D. A. North*.—Centre and wing. Slow to start, then fast all the way. Conscientious and came on well.
- D. H. Vanderfield*.—Wing and centre. An ardent trier; off the mark in a great dash, but sometimes lost touch with the movement.
- R. A. Short* and *A. Creagh*.—"Twin" wingers. Vigorous and strong, especially in defence. Fast and dangerous when going their hardest.
- C. K. Gilkes*.—Full-back. An attacker who nobly defended our base. Ran in great arcs round the field. Scored a memorable try in Shore match.
- H. B. Ferguson*.—Fast forward; hard trier; excellent place-kick.
- W. D. Croft*.—First reserve inside back; secure and ready at all points.
- E. S. P. Ferguson*.—Another able "inside"; played well throughout.
- J. R. McDonnell*.—Forward; played to very good effect when in it.
- N. F. Smith*.—An active forward; alas, on the injured list.
- D. Blackwell*.—A robust, all-round forward and good hooker.
- W. S. Tait*, sound forward, and *W. J. Theyer*, *A. S. Duff* and *B. C. Abbott*, useful backs, also served ably.

I.M.E.

THIRDS AND FOURTHS.

THIS year the 3rd XV has again won its competition, sharing it with St. Joseph's and Shore. Five competition matches only were played, as St. Ignatius' were forced to forfeit owing to sickness. Of these four were won and that against Shore was lost. Six other matches were

played, three being won and three lost. The total record of matches was thus 11 played, 7 won, 4 lost.

The 4th XV also played eleven matches, winning 8, drawing 1, and losing 2. The two lost were against St. Joseph's. It is worth noting that Christian Brothers', Waverley, were played three times. Each match resulted in a win, but in each case only by a narrow margin and after a good game. We also had three excellent games against Shore. The first two resulted in 6-3 wins, while the third was a 9 all draw.

As is always the case, the composition of the team differed greatly during the season. In all about fifty different players represented the School in the two teams. It is possible to mention only a few of these. In the Thirds the most thrustful backs were Champion and Lipman. It is pleasing to note that one of these is in the third form, while the other is a fourth-former. If they stay at School, as too many of our promising footballers do not, they should have a bright future in the game. Theyer and McConnell were reliable "links," and Raine at half was worth many times his weight. It would be hardly fair to individualise among the forwards. In the crucial match against St. Joseph's they one and all rucked magnificently and kept possession of the ball throughout the match. However, mention must be made of Silvester, who played football for the first time this season. He commenced as a raw recruit in the Sevens, and moved up team after team to finish the season by playing the last four matches in the Thirds, one of the best forwards in the team. Weekes, until his retirement, and Theyer proved able captains.

In the Fourths the mainstays of the backs were Perry and Chapman, while in a forward pack which changed much the most promising appeared to be Cunneen, Alcock, Mann and Crawford. Raine, until his promotion to the Thirds, and Perry were excellent skippers.

Sincere thanks are due to Numa Dezarnaulds and Les. Floyd, who refereed almost all our home matches.

H.McC.

FIFTHS, SIXTHS AND UNDER 15 FIRSTS.

THE Fifths had a pleasing season, playing nine matches, winning six and losing three. Owing to injuries, influenza and measles in more exclusive circles, most of the team were promoted, two or three as high as the Thirds. In the earlier matches the back-line was particularly good, with Price (Captain), Abbott and Coogan outstanding. Later the forwards, under Rothfield's leadership, took most of the honours, with Cunningham and Hooten playing fine breakaway games. The best matches were the clear-cut victories against Shore and King's.

The Sixths played six matches, won four and lost two—quite a

good record, especially as this team, the lowest of the Tuesday and Thursday practices, suffered most from the prevailing illnesses.

The Under 15 Firsts had a mixed record, with one brilliant patch in their defeat of Shore 9—8. This was the hardest schoolboy game I have seen. That day Ferguson and Crofts played extremely well, but the fast centre, Champion, was playing with a higher team. Throughout the season these three boys played with the Seconds and Thirds, though eligible by age for the Under 15's. Soden was an excellent captain. The forwards were weighty, but several were too slow to make much use of their dimensions. Hall, Barton, Edwards and Dovey played some exceptionally fine games. The back-line had to be reorganised several times, and, on the whole, did very well. We were sorry to lose Wood for the last four or five matches. He was a very sound full-back. Buckle was an honest, hard-working half. Estelle did well when taken from breakaway to centre. Fox ran and tackled well, but his handling was bad. The other backs performed creditably. Team spirit was most evident.

D.F.J.

THE HIGH, THE MIDDLE, AND THE LOW.

No season opened more propitiously than this of 1939 and none, perhaps, ended so disastrously, 'flu, measles and mumps taking such heavy toll that our twenty-one teams—a record for Grammar—shrank to fourteen.

Sickness made such inroads that promotion was rapid and it was not uncommon for a player to go up as many as four teams during the season.

The High, the Middle, and the Low extends a hearty welcome to Mr. Dudley Jones, who comes to us with a fine football record from Wolaroi College. The 5th, 6th and under 15 teams owe much to his enthusiasm and knowledge of the game—above all to his enthusiasm, a virtue so necessary for one whose work lies among the lower fifteens.

To Mr. Les Webster, late of Scots staff and an Old Sydneian, we extend the hand of welcome. He has not been with us long, but long enough to show us what excellent help the "All Age" teams may expect next season. He is a worthy successor to Mr. "Ted" Pilkington, to whom we regretfully say farewell.

Mr. Pilkington has been all that a junior coach should be; keen, sympathetic and hard-working. We feel that Rugby School is indeed fortunate to get him. Rugby, the home of the game we all love so well!

How goes the inscription on the famous wall-plate?—"This marks the spot where (So-and-so), with a fine disregard for the rules, first took the ball in his arms and ran with it." Something like that.

The birth of Rugby it was, but a very different game from that we now play at Weigall. Who has not read the famous description in "Tom Brown's Schooldays" of the match, in which School House plays the whole School? If such there be, go mark him well; lend him the book and stand over him while he reads it.

This season we spent all our Saturday mornings cheering on the Lower School "A." What a fine little team it was and how keen was everyone, from Sadler, the energetic little rake, to Gough, the pocket-size full-back.

The pack was promising, but rather slow until it warmed up. Bill Farnsworth—plain "Bill" to you!—was the outstanding forward—a player with football brains. He will go far. Thompson, Paton and Walker iv have the right idea and will be well in the picture next year.

The backs to a man were excellent. Killip, behind the scrum, and Walker v, at five-eighths, combined well on most occasions. Walker v is a good man now and will be better next season. The most improved back was Carfrae, the right-wing, who, beginning the game this season, rapidly developed into a prolific try-getter. His pace and weight were of great value. Tingwell has a nice turn of speed and was seldom out of position at in-centre. Crocker, the left-wing, has plenty of pace and improved from Saturday to Saturday. After Cooke he is probably the team's best tackle. Always going low, he rarely missed his man. And he can take the dumps, too. And last the captain, Ken Cooke, who was three men in one and everything that a leader should be. Fast and straight at out-centre with a devastating cut-in, he scored more points than any other player. And as he learned the game he fed his flying wingers with pass after pass. He goes to the Under 15 team with Mr. Jones next season.

This side had its own little following, among whom none was keener than Mr. Alec Carfrae, whose advice to the forwards at "lemons" was most helpful. To Messrs. Walker and Killip, too, we say "thank you" for their interest in us.

And who will forget the last match against "the Brothers" at Weigall? Captain Taylor's stentorian exhortations to the forwards to "get into it," and our own feeble croakings?

The 5ths, 6ths and U. 15 I were all under the aegis of Mr. Jones, who has reported on them in another place. This is the first time that we have produced a 6th XV from "A" Division since the "age system" was adopted here. And they held together in spite of what the journalists call "seasonable ailments" almost unto the end. Bravo!

Pride of place in "B" Division must go to Mr. Taylor's All Age 1sts, who won all their school matches save that against S.J.C. and the challenge game against the U. 15 I. Paton and Dennett were promoted to the ranks of the "High" division. The former is a half of ability; the latter an excellent breakaway. Barton was the pick of the early forwards and was quickly included in a senior team. Chirlian,

Whitting and Wilken were in the picture, and we note Brown's five "converts" against C.B.C. Hughes also was handy (or should we say "footy"?) with the boot, converting in all about eight tries and landing two "penalties."

Dennett, Paton and Tuton, successively and successfully, led the side.

The All Age 2nds were also with Mr. Taylor, who in the early part of the season received a good deal of assistance from Old Sydneian Col Elliott. In the later weeks much help was given by Mr. Lord, an Old Armdalian, to whom also go our best thanks.

This side began life as the School 7ths, but Mr. McConnell quickly decided that "B" Division was the place for them. They were mostly elderly beginners and if they did not win many games they had lots of fun. Their captain, Hay, developed into quite a good player, and Rex Baker, who only began this season, hurled his massive frame into all that was going. The evergreen Snape was as nippy as ever behind "the pigs" and, although a Sixth Form lad, thinks it no shame to play with the Middles.

The All Age 3rds, under their capable leader, Gulliford, were a fair side and did their best to carry out what Mr. Pilkington wished them to do.

They won three of their matches. Among the scorers appear the names of Monson, Scott, Hughes, Switzer, Macpherson, Joyce, Higgins, Clare and Gulliford, practically all of whom went up into the A.A.II or even to the A.A.I. Switzer was a sterling player, while Clare and Gulliford were above the average and deserved their promotion.

The All Age 4ths were well led by Carroll, but did not play many matches; as the record says, "the team faded away." The names of Macdonald, Arnott and Willcox appear.

And, believe it or not, there was once an All Age 5ths!

In the first half of the season Mr. Pilkington received considerable assistance from Old Sydneian "Moaner" Menzies. We were sorry when business took him away from us and overjoyed to have him back for the last week.

The Under 14 1sts were not quite so good nor so successful as this team usually is. It won six, drew two, and lost three. Not so bad, you will say; but compare this result with those of bygone U. 14 I's, when Bruce Hilliar and Barney Finlay were young. They scarcely knew what it was to lose a game.

The side was taken over by Mr. Taylor towards the end of the season in addition to his All Age I and II. Downes was a good half and a satisfactory captain. Through sickness he left the team for the last few games, his place behind the pack being capably taken by "Winky" Harris. Big John Goddard developed into a hard-running centre who scored many points, while Foster and Phippard showed promise. Bell, Webster, Burnham and Smyth caught the critic's eye.

The adoption late in the season of the wily kick into touch from inside the home "twenty-five" was a great improvement.

The Under 14 2nds, 3rds and 4ths owe a debt of gratitude to Old Sydneians Brian Bray and D. G. Irvine, and to Prefect Tom Whitton for their tireless energy and great patience in coaching. Delarue led the 2nds and played well at five-eighths. Joseph and Skone were good, straight-running wingers who will do well next season. Joseph has been promoted to the U. 14 I and we hear good reports of him. Gleeson-White was another who made his way into the senior team. He began only this season, and in the U. 14 IV at that! Inglis, a fine little breakaway, was another elevated to the peerage. Others worthy of note were Harvey iii and Wicks.

An interesting side was the U. 14 III under that versatile little dynamo, Ken Austin, "the human bullet." He was like a bird in his ability to be in at least four places on the field at once. At five-eighths he displayed shrewdness and skill which his unusual speed enabled him to use to the full.

There are some interesting lads in the 3rds and 4ths—it is difficult to distinguish between these teams, the personnel interchanges like a bewildering kaleidoscope—such as "Tiddles" Benson, the vociferous; Abigail, the loquacious; and Paul Derwent, who just loves a gentlemanly little scrap now and then, bless his heart.

And there is Ernie Sharpe, the pride of the 3rd B.P. (and of Mr. Barnes), and the redoubtable Hanley, the pocket Hercules, who began the season as captain of the 4ths and finished as rake for the 2nds.

Eric Johnstone was probably the best of the forwards, while Marshall's wing play deserves mention. Mackerras was an excellent half, quickly promoted.

Until the team disappeared Abigail proved himself a capable and optimistic leader of the U. 14 IV. He could not acknowledge defeat and urged on his troops in facing fearful odds. He was later translated to the 3rds, where he was a useful half-back. In the early days Hanley led the side. Apart from those whom we have already mentioned Ffrench, Welch and McElwaine were scorers. "Mac" was promoted towards the end of the season.

You have heard enough about the Lower School "A," dear reader, so let me introduce Captain Burley and his L.S. "B." During his temporary absence towards the end of the season his team was well led by Dave Wells, who looks a promising lad. Nielsen and Whitridge were the best of the backs and played some useful games with the "A's." Mr. McConnell's eagle eye quickly detected Paton in the forwards and he was promoted to the higher side. Try-getters were found among Emmerson, Nolan ii, Gengos, Sly, Fay, Evans and Smith xiii.

Lower School "C" managed to win one match, that against S.A.C. We will give you one guess as to what happened to the other games.

Benjamin, Greer, Cottey, Woolfe, Sherrington, Williams, Murchison (the last of the Mohicans!), Manuel and Parrott scored. No one, you will be glad to hear, committed the *faux pas* of scoring more than one try during the season. It is not done. Manning was a jolly good captain.

The Midgets (bless 'em!) gave us some anxious moments at the outset, but when they found their little feet they were there when the whips were cracking. The team owes much to Mr. Hill's keen interest in coaching and refereeing, and to the captain, young Gibson, for his energy and selective ability.

Gibson, Nolan iii, Tonkin, Greenaway, Ohlsen, Close i, and Emmerson were among the scorers. Kevin Ohlsen, who began only this season, is, so we are told, a demon tackler.

And now we wish to tell you something! Barry Greer, who appears to have played in every team from the "A's" to the Midgets, is as good a half-back as there is in the Lower School. He is as good as Killip, and that is very good indeed. Yes, and one thing more, Bob Goddard is a very good full-back. Yes, he is.

Our very best thanks to those Old Sydneians who refereed for us on sundry Saturdays; to Messrs. "Jacey" Theyer, Henry Seamonds, Doug. Cohen, George Menzies, Brian Bray, "Roscoe" Jamieson, John Wood, Geof. Irvine, Col. de Saxe, Jack Keane, John Gilchrist, Buttfield and Jagelman (and to any others whose names at this late hour our fevered brain cannot recall). Also to Mr. Lord, an Old Armidalian, who refereed on several mornings.

In the afternoons we were grateful for the services of our *very* old friends, Numa Dezarnaulds and Les Floyd. Nor must we forget Mr. Switzer, who followed the interests of the "All Age" teams on almost every Saturday, even going all the way to Springwood.

We are grateful to all those Masters who took teams for us on Saturday: Messrs. Lenthall, Soden, Walsh, Sams, Holloway, Golding, Austin, Booth, Sheldon and Hopman. And a very big "thank you" to Mr. Barnes, whose kindness made possible our enjoyable trip to Springwood. He also took the Midgets to Beecroft, which makes him one up on our other benefactors.

With their usual kindness, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Deane, of the Blue Mountains Grammar School, entertained the All Age 3rds to a hearty lunch on the occasion of the Springwood visit. (We lost the match, but won the lunch.) The Mountain Boys (not to be confused with the Hill-Billies) came down on Saturday, 12th August, and the Grammar Women's Association provided both teams with lunch. These good ladies are very kind to us and we thank Mrs. Ravel and all of them very heartily. Our thanks also to Mrs. Sharp for the efficient manner in which she laid out and supervised the feast. We lost the match.

(Well, that seems to be all, folks. Station W.E.C. closing down. The time is 2.46 a.m.)

SCHOOL FOOTBALL RECORD.

A DIVISION.

1st XV.

Coaches: Messrs. R. Rankin and I. M. Edwards.

Captain: R. Plater. Vice-Captain: B. Hilliar.

April 29th: v. Bondi Life Savers. Lost. S.G.S. 3 (North try), B.L.S. 17.

May 6th: v. S.C.E.G.S. Draw. S.G.S. 12 (Delohery and Plater tries; Hilliar 2 penalty goals), S.C.E.G.S. 12.

May 10th: v. T.S.C. Lost. S.G.S. 6 (Cowell try, Hilliar penalty goal), T.S.C. 12.

May 22nd: v. Brisbane G.S. (at Brisbane). Won. S.G.S. 3 (Vanderfield try), B.G.S. 0.

May 24th: v. Ipswich Grammar School (at Ipswich). Lost. S.G.S. 9 (Short, Gilkes and Ludowici tries), I.G.S. 20.

May 26th: v. Toowoomba G.S. (at Toowoomba). Won. S.G.S. 21 (Harris 2, Runge, Gilkes, Short, Griffiths, Keller tries), T.G.S. 3.

June 10th: v. C.B.C. (Waverley). Lost. S.G.S. 9 (Finlay and Vanderfield tries; Hilliar a penalty goal), C.B.C. 24.

June 14th: v. Old Boys. Draw. School 11 (North, Finlay tries; Hilliar 1 goal, 1 penalty goal), Old Boys 11 (Theyer, Barbour and Evans tries; Biddulph a goal).

June 17th: v. S.J.C. Lost. S.G.S. 6 (Hilliar 2 penalty goals), S.J.C. 22.

June 24th: v. T.K.S. Lost. S.G.S. 11 (North 2, Cowell tries; Hilliar 1 goal), T.K.S. 17.

Competition.

July 1st: v. S.C.E.G.S. Lost. S.G.S. 11 (North 2 tries; Hilliar 1 goal, 1 penalty goal), S.C.E.G.S. 21.

July 8th: v. T.S.C. Lost. S.G.S. 9 (Munro try; Noble 2 penalty goals), T.S.C. 14.

July 15th: v. N.C. Won. S.G.S. 11 (Keller, Smith tries; Noble 1 goal, 1 penalty goal), N.C. 5.

July 22nd: v. S.J.C. Lost. S.G.S. 9 (Noble 3 penalty goals), S.J.C. 37.

July 29th: v. S.H.S. Draw. S.G.S. 3 (Noble 1 penalty goal), S.H.S. 3.

August 5th: v. T.K.S. Lost. S.G.S. 12 (Noble 4 penalty goals), T.K.S. 31.

August 12th: v. S.I.C. Lost. S.G.S. 15 (North 2 tries; Noble 3 penalty goals), S.I.C. 27.

(Note that in his 6 Competition Matches, Noble kicked 14 penalty goals.)

2nd XV.

Coach: Mr. I. M. Edwards. Captain: D. Kelly.

April 29th: v. Barker. Lost. S.G.S. 3 (Short try), Barker 17.

May 6th: v. S.C.E.G.S. Lost. S.G.S. 0, S.C.E.G.S. 3.

May 10th: v. T.S.C. Won. S.G.S. 11 (Short, Smith tries; Killen 1 goal, 1 penalty goal), S.C.E.G.S. 6.

June 10th: v. C.B.C. (Waverley). Lost. S.G.S. 14 (D. North, Theyer, Turkington tries; H. Ferguson 1 goal, 1 penalty goal), C.B.C. 22.

June 14th: v. Old Boys. Lost. School 11 (Davis, North ii tries; Ferguson 1 goal, 1 penalty goal), Old Boys 25.

June 17th: v. S.J.C. Lost. S.G.S. 0, S.J.C. 26.

June 24th: v. T.K.S. Won. S.G.S. 20 (Allen 2, Ludowici, North tries; Ferguson 4 goals), T.K.S. 12.

Competition.

July 1st: v. S.C.E.G.S. Lost. S.G.S. 9 (Gilkes try; Noble 2 penalty goals), S.C.E.G.S. 12.

July 8th: v. T.S.C. Won. S.G.S. 6 (Vanderfield try; H. Ferguson penalty goal), T.S.C. 5.

July 15th: v. N.C. Won. S.G.S. 48 (Ludowici 4, Killen 2, Creagh, Short, North, Runge, Mitchell tries; Killen 6 goals, H. Ferguson 1 penalty), N.C. 3.

July 22nd: v. S.J.C. Lost. S.G.S. 3 (North try), S.J.C. 29.

July 29th: v. S.H.S. Won. S.G.S. 8 (Cope, S. Ferguson tries; S. Ferguson goal), S.H.S. 3.

August 5th: v. T.K.S. Draw. S.G.S. 8 (Crawford, Allen tries; Gilkes goal), T.K.S. 8.

August 12th: v. S.I.C. Won. S.G.S. 21 (Kelly, Short, Allen tries; Killen 3 goals, 2 penalty goals), S.I.C. 3.

3rd XV.

Coach: Mr. H. G. McConnell. Captain: W. Theyer.

April 29th: v. S.G.S. 4th XV. Won. 22 to 3.

May 6th: v. S.C.E.G.S. Lost. S.G.S. 5 (Ferguson try; Herring goal), S.C.E.G.S. 14.

May 10th: v. T.S.C. Won. S.G.S. 18 (Duff, Croft, Davis, Bruce tries; E. Ferguson converted 3 goals), T.S.C. 0.

June 10th: v. C.B.C. (Waverley). Lost. S.G.S. 14 (Hoeter, Blackwell, Crawford, E. Ferguson tries; E. Ferguson goal), C.B.C. 17.

June 17th: v. S.J.C. Lost. S.G.S. 0, S.J.C. 22.

June 24th: v. T.K.S. Won. S.G.S. 46 (Champion 4, Duff 2, Coogan 2, Lipman, Gerrand, Blackwell tries; McConnell 5 goals, 1 penalty goal), T.K.S. 0.

Competition.

July 1st: v. S.C.E.G.S. Lost. S.G.S. 5 (Duff try; McConnell goal), S.C.E.G.S. 14.

July 8th: v. T.S.C. Won. S.G.S. 30 (Coogan 2, McConnell, Hoeter, Duff, Lipman, Champion tries; Theyer 2 goals, 1 penalty goal, McConnell 1 goal), T.S.C. 8.

July 15th: v. N.C. Won. S.G.S. 52 (Champion 4, Chapman 2, Duff 2, Lipman 2, Weekes, Hoeter, Coogan tries; Theyer 4 goals, McConnell 1 goal, 1 penalty goal), N.C. 3.

July 22nd: v. S.J.C. Won. S.G.S. 13 (Champion 2, Creagh tries; E. Ferguson 2 goals), S.J.C. 8.

July 29th: v. C.B.C. Won. S.G.S. 25 (Duff 2, Theyer 2, Greenwell, Lipman tries; Theyer 2 goals, 1 penalty goal), C.B.C. 9.

August 5th: v. T.K.S. Won. S.G.S. 27 (Lipman 3, Champion 2, Hoeter tries; Ferguson 2 goals, 1 penalty goal, McConnell goal), T.K.S. 8.

August 12th: v. S.I.C. Won. (S.I.C. forfeited.)

4th XV.

Coach: Mr. H. G. McConnell. Captain: Perry i.

April 29th: v. S.G.S. 3rd XV. Lost. 4th XV 3, 3rd XV 22.

May 6th: v. S.C.E.G.S. Won. S.G.S. 6 (Raine try; McConnell penalty goal), S.C.E.G.S. 3.

June 10th: v. C.B.C. Won. S.G.S. 25 (Mann 3, Raine, Chapman, Cunningham i, Hooton ii tries; Druce 2 goals), C.B.C. 17.

June 17th: v. S.J.C. Lost. S.G.S. 0, S.J.C. 42.

June 24th: v. T.K.S. Won. S.G.S. 33 (Lenthall 3, Bruce 2, Joyce, Perry, Dunbar, Chapman tries; Druce 3 goals), T.K.S. 11.

Competition.

July 1st: v. S.C.E.G.S. Won. S.G.S. 6 (Alcock, Hoeter tries), S.C.E.G.S. 3.

July 8th: v. T.S.C. Won. S.G.S. 19 (Abbott 3, Crawford, Alcock tries; Abbott 2 goals), T.S.C. 11.

July 15th: v. C.B.C. Won. S.G.S. 12 (Cunneen 2, Joyce, Chapman tries), C.B.C. 8.

July 22nd: v. S.J.C. Lost. S.G.S. 5 (Coogan try; Chapman goal), S.J.C. 29.

July 29th: v. C.B.C. Won. S.G.S. 24 (Spy 2, Joyce, Bond, Alcock, Goulston tries; Chapman 3 goals), C.B.C. 11.

August 5th: v. T.K.S. Won. S.G.S. 11 (Coogan try; Chapman 1 goal, 2 penalty goals), T.K.S. 9.

August 12th: v. S.C.E.G.S. Draw. S.G.S. 9 (Raine, Soden, Chapman tries), S.C.E.G.S. 9.

5th XV.

Coach: Mr. D. Jones. Captain: Rothfield.

May 6th: v. S.C.E.G.S. Won. S.G.S. 8 (Hooton ii, Price tries; Price goal), S.C.E.G.S. 0.

June 10th: v. C.B.C. (Waverley). Won. S.G.S. 25 (Greenwell, Egan, Cuningham ii, Silvester, Phippard, Johnston, Coogan tries; Coogan, Price goals), C.B.C. 3.

June 17th: v. St. Aloysius'. Won. S.G.S. 12 (Alcock 2, Rothfield, Crawford tries), S.A.C. 9.

June 24th: v. T.K.S. Won. S.G.S. 15 (Cuneen 2, Cuningham, Alcock tries; Abbott penalty goal), T.K.S. 0.

July 1st: v. S.C.E.G.S. Won. S.G.S. 25 (White 2, Lenthall 2, Abbott 2, Cuningham tries; Abbott, Cuneen goals), S.C.E.G.S. 3.

July 15th: v. C.B.C. Lost. S.G.S. 8 (Cuningham, Hooton tries; Price goal), C.B.C. 25.

July 22nd: v. S.J.C. Lost. S.G.S. 0, S.J.C. 50.

July 29th: v. C.B.C. Lost. S.G.S. 8 (Crisp, Boddy tries; Fegent goal), C.B.C. 17.

August 5th: v. T.K.S. Won. S.G.S. 34 (Clarence 2, Phippard 2, Cuningham, Farrar, Lenthall tries; Boddy and Youdale goals).

6th XV.

Coach: Mr. D. Jones. Captain: Donovan.

April 29th: v. C.B.C. (Waverley). Lost. S.G.S. 3 (McLeod try), C.B.C. 8.

May 6th: v. S.C.E.G.S. Won. S.G.S. 11 (Buckle ii, Cuningham ii, Clarence tries; Buckle ii goal), S.C.E.G.S. 9.

June 10th: v. C.B.C. Won. S.G.S. 18 (Crawford iii, Alcock i, Wheeler tries; Fegent 1 goal and 1 penalty, Youdale 1 field goal), C.B.C. 12.

June 17th: v. Barker College. Won. S.G.S. 11 (Wheeler 2, Shoemsmith tries; Robertson goal), B.C. 3.

June 24th: v. St. Aloysius' College. Won. S.G.S. 20 (Clarence 2, Cooke, Phippard, Wheeler tries; Youdale 1 goal, 1 penalty goal), S.A.C. 3.

July 1st: v. S.C.E.G.S. Lost. S.G.S. 0, S.C.E.G.S. 18.

July 8th: v. S.C.E.G.S. 5th XV. Lost. S.G.S. 0, S.C.E.G.S. 18.

July 15th: v. C.B.C. Cancelled.

July 22nd: v. S.J.C. Lost. S.G.S. 3 (Jones penalty goal), S.J.C. 53.
[Team disbanded.]

Under 15 1st XV.

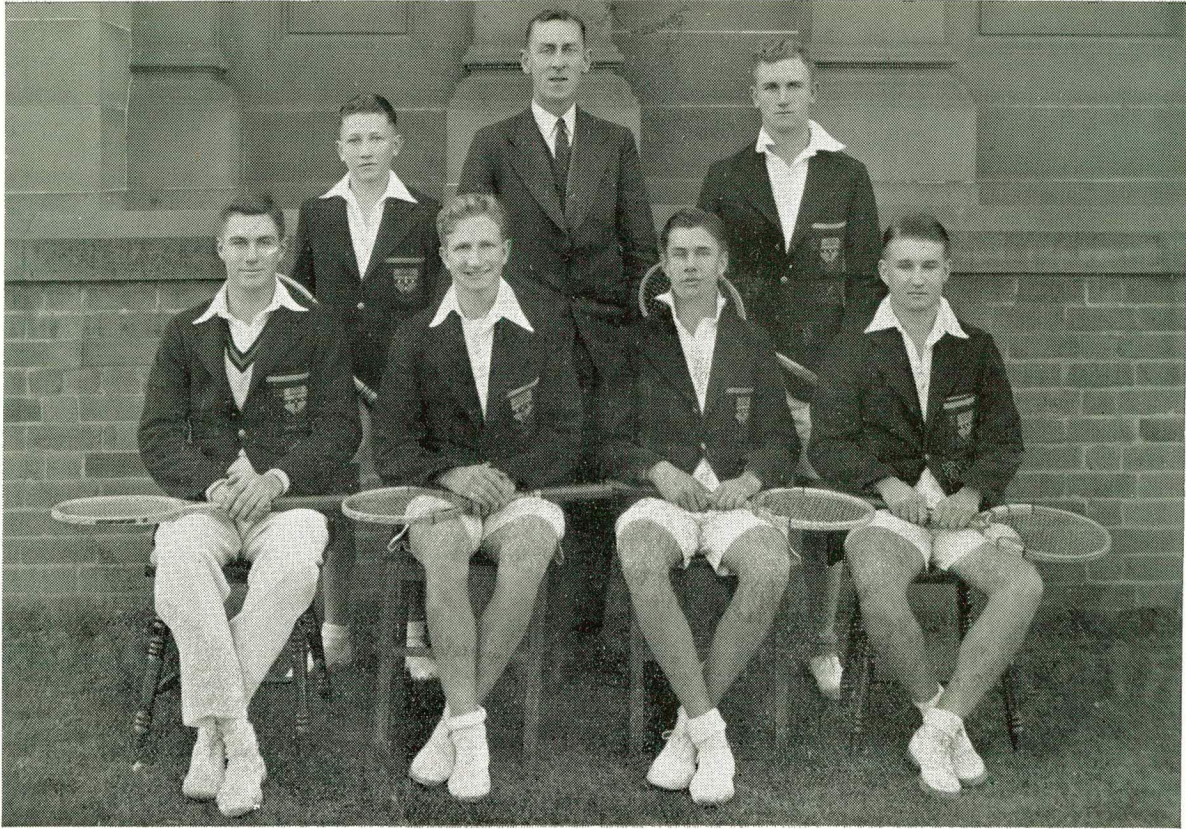
Coach: Mr. D. Jones.

Captain: Soden. Vice-Captain:

April 29th: v. Barker 2nd XV. Won. S.G.S. 24 (Ferguson 2, Croft, Champion, Barbour tries; Ferguson 3 goals, 1 penalty goal), Barker 6.

May 6th: v. S.C.E.G.S. Lost. S.G.S. 6 (McCredie and Champion tries), S.C.E.G.S. 12.

TENNIS TEAM, 1939—G.P.S. PREMIERS



G. Sampson, M. W. Robertson, Esq., J. F. North, B. S. Hilliar, G. R. Silvester, R. R. Barnes (Capt.), L. H. Finlay.

THE THIRD FIFTEEN: JOINT PREMIERS, 1939



Back Row: H. G. McConnell, Esq., E. C. Marshall, D. R. Cunningham, L. G. Gerrand, F. Hoeter, R. C. Abbott, I. R. McKenzie, G. R. Silvester.
Seated: J. D. McConnell, D. G. Blackwell, J. S. Duff, W. J. Theyer, E. S. Ferguson, D. G. Champion, W. S. Tait.
Front: J. F. Todman, E. P. Raine, R. A. Lipman.

June 10th: v. C.B.C. Lost. S.G.S. 13 (Champion 2, Buckle ii tries; Swinbourne 2 goals), C.B.C. 23.

June 17th: v. A.A. 1st XV. Won. U. 15 18 (Champion 3, Edwards 2, Fox tries), A.A. 3.

June 24th: v. T.K.S. Lost. S.G.S. 9 (Dovey, N. D. Smith, Estell tries), T.K.S. 12.

July 1st: v. S.C.E.G.S. Won. S.G.S. 9 (Dovey, Ferguson tries; Ferguson penalty goal), S.C.E.G.S. 8.

July 8th: v. T.S.C. Lost. S.G.S. 3 (McCredie try), T.S.C. 20.

July 15th: v. N.C. Won. S.G.S. 39 (McCredie 2, Steel, Edwards, Hall, Estell, Dovey, Swinbourne, Lawler, Donovan tries; Buckle penalty goal), N.C. 0.

July 22nd: v. S.J.C. Lost. S.G.S. 0, S.J.C. 29.

July 29th: v. B.C. Won. S.G.S. 23 (Edwards 2, Fox, Hall, Grady, Dovey, Estell tries; Swinbourne goal), B.C. 6.

August 5th: v. T.K.S. Lost. S.G.S. 3 (Dovey try), T.K.S. 13.

B DIVISION.

All Age 1st XV.

Coach: Mr. C. D. Taylor. Captains: Dennett and Paton.

April 29th: v. Barker. Won. S.G.S. 14 (Whitting 2, Chirlian, Kellow tries; Barton goal), Barker 0.

May 6th: v. S.C.E.G.S. Won. S.G.S. 8 (Barton, Chirlian tries; Barton converted goal), S.C.E.G.S. 0.

June 10th: v. C.B.C. Won. S.G.S. 55 (Paton 3, Dennett 3, Chirlian 3, Wilken 2, Whitting 2, Tuton 1, Adams 1, Brown 5 goals), C.B.C. 0.

June 17th: v. U. 15 1st XV. Lost. A.A. 3 (Adams try), U. 15 1st XV 18.

June 24th: v. T.K.S. Won. S.G.S. 9 (Keegan, Graham, Hughes tries), T.K.S. 3.

July 1st: v. S.C.E.G.S. Won. S.G.S. 29 (Bolton 3, Paton 2, Wilken tries; Hughes 3 goals and 1 penalty goal, Brown 1 goal), S.C.E.G.S. 0.

July 8th: v. T.S.C. Won. S.G.S. 32 (Whitting 2, Beattie 2, Kellow, Wilken, Crisp, Macdonald tries; Everett field goal, Hughes 2 goals), T.S.C. 0.

July 15th: v. C.B.C. Won. S.G.S. 18 (Macdonald 2, Bolton tries; Hughes 3 goals, 1 penalty goal), C.B.C. 11.

July 22nd: v. S.J.C. Lost. S.G.S. 6 (Everett, Macdonald tries), S.J.C. 21.

July 29th: v. C.B.C. Won. S.G.S. 18 (Chirlian, Wilken, Dennett, Tuton tries; James 2 penalty goals), C.B.C. 14.

August 5th: v. T.K.S. Won. S.G.S. 22 (Bolton 2, Gulliford 2, Wilken, Mills tries; Gulliford 2 converted goals).

August 12th: v. S.I.C. IV. Won. S.G.S. 30 (Fox 4, Gulliford 2, Paton 2 tries; Gulliford 3 converted goals).

All Age 2nd XV.

Coach: Mr. C. D. Taylor. Captain: Hay.

April 29th: v. C.B.C. (Waverley). Lost. S.G.S. 3 (Solomon try), C.B.C. 9.

June 10th: v. S.I.C. 5th XV. Lost. S.G.S. 0, S.I.C. 39.

June 17th: v. Cranbrook. Won. S.G.S. 11 (Houston i, Bassett 2 tries; Jones goal), Cranbrook 0.

June 24th: v. T.K.S. Lost. S.G.S. 12 (Baker, Douglass, Snape 2 tries), T.K.S. 17.

July 1st: v. S.C.E.G.S. Lost. S.G.S. 0, S.C.E.G.S. 16.

July 8th: v. T.S.C. Lost. S.G.S. 0, T.S.C. 62.

July 15th: v. N.C. Lost. S.G.S. 8 (Snape and Jones tries; Jones goal), N.C. 11.

July 22nd: v. S.J.C. Lost. S.G.S. 8 (Arkins, Perry tries; Jones goal), S.J.C. 35.

July 29th: v. C.B.C. Lost. S.G.S. 6 (Arnott, Cameron tries), C.B.C. 17.

August 5th: v. C.B.C. Lost. S.G.S. 0, C.B.C. 28.

August 12th: v. Blue Mountains Grammar School. Lost. S.G.S. 6 (Baker, Hardy tries), B.M.G.S. 13.

All Age 3rd XV.

Coach: Mr. E. L. Pilkington. Captain: Gulliford.

June 10th: v. C.B.C. Lost. S.G.S. 3 (Macdonald a try), C.B.C. 24.

June 17th: v. St. Aloysius'. Won. S.G.S. 8 (Monson, Scott tries; Hughes goal), St. Aloysius' 3.

June 24th: v. Blue Mountains Grammar School. Lost. S.G.S. 3 (Switzer try), B.M.G.S. 19.

July 1st: v. S.C.E.G.S. Won. S.G.S. 9 (Gulliford 3 tries), S.C.E.G.S. 6.

July 15th: v. N.C. Won. S.G.S. 55 (Gulliford 7, Mills 2, Macpherson, Joyce, Higgins tries).

July 22nd: v. S.J.C. Lost. S.G.S. 0, S.J.C. 43.

July 29th: v. Malvern G.S. Lost. S.G.S. 6 (Clare try; Gulliford penalty goal), M.G.S. 21.

August 5th: v. T.K.S. Lost. S.G.S. 0, T.K.S. 31.

All Age 4th XV.

Coach: Mr. E. L. Pilkington. Captain: Carroll.

June 10th: v. C.B.C. Lost. S.G.S. 11 (Macdonald 2, Arnott tries; Wilcox goal), C.B.C. 29.

June 17th: v. Barker. Lost. S.G.S. 8 (Switzer, Higgs tries; Wilcox goal), B.C. 15.

(These games were few and far between—made up of left-overs, but soon the team faded away.)

Under 14 1st XV.

Coach: Mr. C. D. Taylor. Captain: Downes.

April 29th: v. Riverview. Lost. S.G.S. 0, S.I.C., 42.

May 6th: v. S.C.E.G.S. Draw. S.G.S. 6 (N. D. Smith 2 tries), S.C.E.G.S. 6.

June 10th: v. C.B.C. Draw. S.G.S. 6 (Bell try; Smyth penalty goal), C.B.C. 6.

June 17th: v. S.I.C. Won. S.G.S. 32 (N. D. Smith 5, Burnham, Webster, Smyth, Downs, Foster tries; Smyth goal), S.I.C. 0.

June 24th: v. T.K.S. Won. S.G.S. 19 (Goddard 3, Bell, Smyth tries; Smyth 2 goals), T.K.S. 3.

July 1st: v. S.C.E.G.S. Won. S.G.S. 11 (Goddard, Mason, B. Smyth tries; B. Smyth goal), S.C.E.G.S. 0.

July 8th: v. T.S.C. Won. S.G.S. 29 (Goddard 3, Finlay 2, Phippard, Smyth tries; Smyth 4 goals), T.S.C. 12.

July 15th: v. C.B.C. Lost. S.G.S. 0, C.B.C. 8.

July 22nd: v. S.J.C. Lost. S.G.S. 6 (Goddard try; Smyth penalty goal), S.J.C. 21.

July 29th: v. St. Leonards G.S. Won. S.G.S. 39 (Goddard 4, B. Smith 2, Joseph 2, Burnham, Harris tries; B. Smyth, Harris, Crawford goals), S.L.G.S., 0.

August 5th: v. Knox. Won. S.G.S. 33 (Smith 2, Goddard 2, Webster 2, Alcock, Bell, Harris tries; Harris 1, Smith 2 converted goals), Knox 0.

August 12th: v. S.I.C. V. Lost. S.G.S. 6 (Bell try; Crawford iii penalty goal), S.I.C. 10.

Under 14 2nd XV.

Coaches: Mr. D. G. Irvine and Tom Whitton. Captain: Delarue.

May 6th: v. S.C.E.G.S. Won. S.G.S. 6 (Smyth 2 penalty goals), S.C.E.G.S. 0.

June 10th: v. S.I.C. Lost. S.G.S. 6 (Harvey iii and Joseph tries), S.I.C. 17.

June 17th: v. Cranbrook. Lost. S.G.S. 0, C.S. 11.

June 24th: v. T.K.S. Cancelled.

July 1st: v. S.C.E.G.S. Lost. S.G.S. 8 (Joseph, Inglis tries; Harris goal), S.C.E.G.S. 12.

July 8th: v. T.S.C. Won. S.G.S. 9 (Skone, Joseph, Gleeson-White tries), T.S.C. 5.

July 15th: v. C.B.C. Lost. S.G.S. 4 (Wicks field goal), C.B.C. 9.

July 22nd: v. S.J.C. Lost. S.G.S. 0, S.J.C. 28.

July 29th: v. C.B.C. Lost. S.G.S. 0, C.B.C. 3.

August 5th: v. T.K.S. Lost. S.G.S. 0, T.K.S. 33.

August 12th: v. S.G.S. Lower School "A" Challenge match. Lost. U. 14 2nd 6 (Hanley, Harvey iii tries), L.S. "A" 11.

Under 14 3rd XV.

Coaches: Mr. D. G. Irvine and Tom Whitton. Captain: Austin.

May 6th: v. Mowbray House. No match.

June 10th: v. C.B.C. Lost. S.G.S. 0, C.B.C. 19.

June 17th: v. S.I.C. Won. S.G.S. 12 (Johnstone 2, Mills, Austin tries), S.I.C. 0.

June 24th: v. T.K.S. Cancelled.

July 1st: v. S.C.E.G.S. Lost. S.G.S. 9 (Johnstone 2 tries; Quinton penalty goal), S.C.E.G.S. 25.

July 8th: v. T.S.C. Won. S.G.S. 11 (Johnstone 2, Marshall tries; Bradshaw goal), T.S.C. 9.

July 15th: v. C.B.C. Lost. S.G.S. 0, C.B.C. 30.

July 22nd: v. S.J.C. Lost. S.G.S. 0, S.J.C. 36.

July 29th: v. C.B.C. Lost. S.G.S. 5 (Benson try; Sharpe goal), C.B.C. 14.

August 5th: v. S.A.C. Won. S.G.S. 11 (Hanly, Austin, Abigail tries; Sharpe converted goal), S.A.C. 14.

Under 14 4th XV.

Coaches: Mr. D. G. Irvine and Tom Whitton. Captain: Abigail.

June 10th: v. C.B.C. Won. S.G.S. 11 (Ffrench, Hanly, Welch tries; Ffrench goal), C.B.C. 9.

June 17th: v. Cranbrook. Won. S.G.S. 6 (Mackerras ii, Gleeson-White tries), Cranbrook 3.

June 24th: v. Lower School "C." Won. U. 14 4th XV 30 (Abigail 3, Benson 2, Wheatley 2, Mackerras 2, Davis tries), L.S.C. 5.

July 1st: v. S.C.E.G.S. Lost. S.G.S. 5 (Benson try; Ffrench goal), S.C.E.G.S. 18.

July 8th: v. L.S.B. Lost. U.14's 6 (McElwain 2 tries), L.S.B. 9.

July 15th: v. C.B.C. Lost. S.G.S. 3 (Abigail try), C.B.C. 47.

July 22nd: v. S.J.C. Lost. S.G.S. 0, S.J.C. 21.

C. DIVISION.

Lower School A.

Coach: Mr. McConnell. Captain: Cook.

June 10th: v. C.B.C. (Waverley). Lost. S.G.S. 3 (Thompson try), C.B.C. 25.

June 17th: v. S.I.C. Won. S.G.S. 38 (Tingwell 3, Killip 2, Cook, Paton, Peters, Whitridge, Thompson tries; Cook 4 goals), S.I.C. 0.

June 24th: v. T.K.S. Won. S.G.S. 34 (Tingwell 3, Bell 2, Crocker 2, Cook 2, Thompson tries; Walker iii, Cook 3 goals), T.K.S. 3.

July 1st: v. S.C.E.G.S. Won. S.G.S. 44 (Carfrae 4, Cook 4, Walker iii 2, Peters, Nielsen, Bell, Farnsworth tries: Cook goal), S.C.E.G.S. 0.

July 8th: v. T.S.C. Won. S.G.S. 36 (Carfrae 4, Cook 3, Killip

tries; Cook 2 goals and 1 penalty goal, Walker iii 1 goal and 1 penalty goal), T.S.C. 0.

July 15th: v. St. Leonards Grammar School. Lost. S.G.S. 0, S.L.G.S. 22.

July 22nd: v. S.J.C. Lost. S.G.S. 0; S.J.C. 9.

July 29th: v. C.B.C. Draw. S.G.S. 9 (Cook 2, Carfrae tries), C.B.C. 9.

August 5th: v. T.K.S. Won. S.G.S. 16 (Walker ii 2 tries and 2 converted goals; Sadler, Tingwell tries).

August 12th: v. S.G.S. U. 14 2nd's. Challenge match. Won. L.S. "A" 11 (Thompson, Walker iii, Cook iii tries; Cook converted goal).

Lower School B.

Coach: Mr. McConnell. Captains: Burley and Wells.

June 10th: v. C.B.C. Won. S.G.S. 8 (Tingwell, Carfrae tries; Cook goal), C.B.C. 3.

June 17th: v. S.I.C. Won. S.G.S. 33 (Emerson 3, Carfrae 2, Burley 2, Gough i, Nolan ii, Nielsen, Gengos tries), S.I.C. 3.

June 24th: v. St. Andrew's. Draw. S.G.S. 9 (Emerson 2 tries; Gengos penalty goal), St. Andrew's 9.

July 1st: v. S.C.E.G.S. Won. S.G.S. 75 (Emerson 6, Sly 5, Whitridge 2, Paton 2, Fay 2, Gengos 2, Nolan ii 2, Burley, Nolan i, Nolan iii, Smith xii tries), S.C.E.G.S. 0.

July 8th: v. S.G.S. U. 14 4th XV. Won. L.S. "B" 9 (Paton, Whitridge, Emerson tries), U. 14 6.

July 15th: v. N.C. U. 14 1st XV. Lost. S.G.S. 3 (Whitridge penalty goal), N.C. 61.

July 22nd: v. S.A.C. Draw. S.G.S. 9 (Emerson, Paton tries; Gengos penalty goal), S.A.C. 9.

July 29th: v. B.C. Lost. S.G.S. 0, B.C. 41.

August 5th: v. S.A.C. Won. S.G.S. 15 (Emerson 2, Sly, Nolan iii, Evans tries), S.A.C. 3.

LOWER SCHOOL C.

Coach: Mr. Webster. Captain: Manning.

June 10th: v. C.B.C. Lost. S.G.S. 6 (Benjamin, Greer tries), C.B.C. 15.

July 8th: v. St. Andrew's Choir. Lost. S.G.S. 0, St. Andrew's 45.

July 15th: v. N.C. Lost. S.G.S. 3 (Cottee try), N.C. 6.

July 22nd: v. S.A.C. Won. S.G.S. 15 (Woolfe, Sherington, Williams, Murchison, Manuel tries), S.A.C. 6.

July 29th: v. B.C. Lost. S.G.S. 0, B.C. 48.

August 5th: v. S.A.C. Lost. S.G.S. 3 (Parrott try), S.A.C. 9.

Midgets.

Coach : Mr. Hill. Captain : Gibson.

June 10th : v. C.B.C. Lost. S.G.S. 3 (Greer try), C.B.C. 6.

June 17th : v. S.I.C. Won. S.G.S. 15 (Nolan iii, Tonkin, Gibson, Parrott, Killip tries), S.I.C. 3.

July 8th : v. Beecroft Grammar School. Won. S.G.S. 6 (Greenaway, Olsen tries), B.G.S. 3.

July 15th : v. N.C. Lost. S.G.S. 3 (Emerson try), N.C. 18.

July 22nd : v. S.A.C. Lost. S.G.S. 3 (Close i try), S.A.C. 9.

July 29th : v. B.C. Draw. S.G.S. 3 (Lauchlan try), B.C. 3.

August 5th : v. Beecroft Grammar School. Won. S.G.S. 15 (Close and Law ii each 2 tries, Gibson try), B.G.S. 9.

WE ring down the curtain on an interesting, and often very good, performance. There is no embarrassment of undue applause to anticipate; there have been notably fewer actors for the final—and other—scenes than we would have asked, for the general pleasure. But, all in all, from start to end the play has been the thing.

“Off the field,” though only just, our thanks to Doug. Ferguson, who kept the time again, assisted at the base and donated equipment. To all the kind helpers of the Ladies’ Committee our thanks for the teas and tuck-shop. To Alan Stewart, our thanks for the recently installed tackling-machine, with its future lessening of “points against”; and to Myles Hibble for oranges to the fifteen at half-time.

Dr. Brearley’s hospitality to the team after the Scots match was a fête which the guests will remember, and *inter alia*, showed Plater again as no commonplace orator. Support from the Grammar line was sometimes very heartening, the crowd—old and present boys—on several occasions being moved to sustained cheering throughout a whole second half.

A remarkable proportion of Old Boys were among the good referees appointed to senior fixtures by the Rugby Union.

Alby Stone came to the ground and gave the forwards some invaluable coaching. Paddy Kenny gave some excellent “talks to young footballers by an old one.” The refereeing of A. V. Mayne in the High match also calls for special acknowledgment. From within the School, Mr. Marks’ seasoned advice was always of utmost value.

Mr. Rankin coached the Firsts till sailing with the Australian team. Mr. Edwards then combined Firsts and Seconds.

TENNIS.

THE chief event of last term, decided too late for results to be given in last *Sydneyan*, was the annual G.P.S. Tournament for teams. Our Seniors won the premiership by defeating S.H.S. in the final, thus maintaining our unbroken series of victories in all School games since April, 1937. Our Junior A team was defeated in the semi-final by Newington, this school winning the final from S.H.S. Although drawn in a separate competition for B teams, our Junior B's played in the A section, and did very well indeed. It appears from the play that our Juniors require more match practice, else why should both teams break even in singles and lose every doubles match? Here are our teams:—

Seniors: Barnes, Silvester, Hilliar, Finlay i, Sampson i, North i.

Junior A: K. Walker, North ii, Barbour, Kentish, Youdale, Bassett.

Junior B: White i, Newmann i, Wynter, Bright, Dunshea, D. Brown.

RESULTS.

Senior.

S.H.S. d. T.K.S., 17-121 to 5-84. Shore d. Newington, 18-115 to 0-53. S.G.S. d. Shore, 18-137 to 4-81. S.G.S. d. S.H.S., 18-130 to 6-82.

Junior.

S.G.S. B d. Shore B, 11-77 to 1-47. S.H.S. A d. S.G.S. B, 9-59 to 3-38. We won three singles out of six and lost all doubles.

S.G.S. A d. S.H.S. B 7-56 to 1-38. N.C. d. S.G.S. A 7-56 to 3-30. We won three singles out of six and lost all doubles.

Final: N.C. d. S.H.S., 7-46 to 2-30.

Final G.P.S.—Seniors.

Barnes (G.) v. Clayton (H.), 7-5, 8-6. Silvester v. Foster, 6-4, 4-6. Hilliar v. Sheldon, 6-2, 6-3. Finlay v. Fischer, 4-6, 6-1. Sampson v. Barrett, 6-0, 6-2. North v. Traveller, 3-6, 6-2. Barnes and Silvester v. Clayton and Foster, 7-5, 6-1; v. Sheldon and Fischer, 6-3, 6-1. Hilliar and Finlay v. Sheldon and Fischer, 6-1, 6-2; v. Clayton and Foster, 0-6, 6-2. Sampson and North v. Barrett and Traveller, 2-6, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1.

Grammar, 18 sets, 130 games.

High, 6 sets, 82 games.

The Senior team, along with Dave North, who acted as escort for his elder brother, attended a banquet to round off the term's engagements. The Headmaster and Acting Master of the Lower School were guests of honour. The Captain, Barnes, arranged an enjoyable evening that left nothing to be desired—even the flashlight photographs were taken last on the menu, when each diner looked radiant in his contentment. Following the dinner, Barnes and Silvester, with the Senior Prefect assisting, escorted the team to the "State,"

where Business Manager Barnes gave a remarkable demonstration of his versatility in combining sport with business. At the theatre door, 7.55 p.m.—tickets in VIA room, alas! This lad, unperturbed, invoked ikons of mnemonics, memory images, dreams and mysticisms undreamed, to rattle off, "Rows G and H, 60 to 63, please!" But how? "Easy," said he. "Gram. v. High, 6-0, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3." We were all seated in a flash.

During this term our tournament has proceeded almost to finality. The under 14 doubles went to K. Walker and B. Walker, who defeated Newmann and Munro. The under 16 event was won by K. Walker and Randall from Blackshaw and Busby, whilst at present we are settling the problem of open champions in a special event for semi-finalists plus our senior G.P.S. team, which has broken up for the purpose. Sampson and Youdale, Hilliar and Finlay, Barnes and North i, Noble and Page, Silvester and Sampson i are battling out their claims. Some very fine games were witnessed in the matches played, and we look forward to the struggles of next term, which carry for the winners the Lands Cups and our annual trophies.

Quite a fine showing was made by Runge and Cowell, who went through three rounds before large and enthusiastic galleries. They played well enough to show that less football and more tennis would have assured them a place in our top half-dozen. I believe this is fair comment because I do not object to your holding that had Silvester played less tennis and more football he would have been a star in the latter game. But a State schoolboy finalist in tennis who, in his first football season, gains promotion from our sevenths to our thirds has wasted no time in either sport—and let's leave it at that. I believe this beats the footer record of G. Walker last year. Hilliar, Finlay, North, all starred in both games. And in one match with the leathern ball, in which our team scored three tries in the first half, two of these were brilliantly made by North and Finlay, whilst the third was given away by Hilliar, possibly in order to help retain his position as full-back. I note improvement in the play of Noble, Plater, and Havyatt. Page is more forceful than last term and was unlucky to have just missed our G.P.S. team.

In the junior ranks some grand games were witnessed. That between Holland-Close and Joyce-Mayne, which the former pair won, after being down 1-5, deserved all the applause that disturbed our midday recess. Close played best. Holland, with traditional IVA determination, seemed to enjoy the battle most at its thickest with odds heavily against success. Another excellent match was the Smith-Finlay and Newmann-Munro contest. "Darby the Third" has improved wonderfully in a single season. Blackshaw-Busby v. Ferguson-Perry and Tuton-Dunshea v. Walker-Randall were quite good entertainments. And whenever Sampson i, Youdale, Walker i, Lees, K. White, Barbour, Stephenson, Bassett, Newmann ii, Nolan, Smyth, or Nicholson

appeared, a crowded gallery showed its appreciation. We thank Chapman, who was good enough to donate some used balls for these games.

We have some matches ahead with Shore, Cranbrook, High, and early next term the Felan brothers, perhaps with Vivian McGrath, will give us a treat by displaying their skill. The Fairwater Cup match with Shore will be played in the second week next term.

Finally, a very warm word of encouragement to those little mites from IA and Lower Seconds, who daily seize a chance for "knocking" on the wall-court. Our future players are here and our best wishes go out to them.

M.W.R.



THE year's debating season has been concluded, and the Debating Grail glimmers as distant as ever. Yet more hard work and intensive practice must be undergone before another crusade is begun in the hope of ultimate success. However, to recapitulate the events of the recent competition.

We received encouragement from a successful start. In the first debate against King's, held at Macarthur House, Parramatta, our opposition to the thesis that "Foreign influences on Australia are detrimental to sound national development" proved successful. Budding hopes, however, were neatly nipped by High, when (presumably in justification of projected educational reforms) they convinced the adjudicator that "Our present system of Secondary Education fails to fit youth for contemporary life." The debate was a good one, and, bad luck notwithstanding, we all know that "the debate's the thing." Our last debate against Scots was a very interesting one, and we were successful by a narrow margin.

Throughout the season the team, which consisted of Silvester (leader), MacCallum and Bowie—Barbour replaced MacCallum for the High debate, the latter being incapacitated by the 'flu—was given invaluable practice by a group of very enthusiastic Old Boys. We should like to take this opportunity to thank them—MacCallum, Morris, Rothfield, Maddison and Hill—for forming teams for practice debates, and also to thank Benjamin and the indefatigable "Doug" Ferguson for useful advice and impartial adjudication. Such true School spirit is a source of great help and encouragement to all the Debating Club.

Throughout the term, indeed throughout almost the whole year, the boys of the club, and later the School team, have been under the guidance of Mr. Sams. Through the absence of Mr. Lumsdaine, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Hill on other pressing School duties, the whole burden of coaching the team and adjudicating School debates had been thrown on the shoulders of Mr. Sams. In the light of this consideration the immense increase in the popularity and quality of School debating as a whole is an eloquent testimonial to the determination, patience and skill with which Mr. Sams has accomplished such an outstanding feat. The whole club expresses its gratitude for his unstinted efforts on their behalf.

Two of the competition debates were held at Grammar, and we are indebted to those who contributed towards the success of the after-debate suppers. Mr. Silvester's contribution of sandwiches was greatly appreciated, and thanks are also due to Crawford and Green for the excellent way in which they supervised the preparation and distribution of coffee and cakes.

In the business of the competition the Second Team (a rather vague and all-embracing term) is rather apt to be neglected. However, the oratorical talent and argumentative inclinations of Barbour, Goulston, Davidson, Matheson-Lines and others augurs well for next year.

On Friday, August 11th, High, the winners of our group, defeated St. Joseph's in the final debate of the competition, held in our own School Hall, before an immense crowd. We extend our heartiest congratulations.

G.R.S.



The revived Dramatic Society is now in its second year; the Headmaster is our Patron, Mr. Mote our President and Producer and Mr. Crocker our Treasurer.

At the last general meeting it was decided to give only one performance this year, since the Society is composed of busy Fifth and Sixth Formers. As it is, the performance has only just escaped clashing with the Leaving Trials, but members have supported rehearsals manfully. Sickness has also caused one or two last-minute changes in the casts.

The performance is set down for Thursday, 31st August, at 8 p.m. Admission prices are as usual: Adults, 1/6; Children, 1/-. Seats may be reserved through Mr. Crocker who is in charge of the booking.

R.H.B.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

THE club has had a fair season so far. The chief events to date have been the June Militia Shoot and the Earl Roberts Match. We won back the Merris Bugle again this year. The team-work was good, but not as good as that of Shore. Unfortunately, in the individual matches our members did not shine. One hundred and eighteen was the best aggregate.

In the Earl Roberts Elimination Match, for the right to represent the State in the Empire Competition, we came second, with Shore 21 points ahead of us. Our snap-shooting let us down badly. The scores were (H.P.S. 80): Egan 72, Wolinski 68, Christian 66, Briennesse 61. Wolinski scored a possible in the 500 yards application, and Briennesse, who has only taken up shooting this year, a possible at the "approach."

We hope to retrieve our fallen fortunes in the G.P.S. shoots.

Our Shooting Camp will be held from September 11th to 20th at Long Bay, and soon we shall have a match with the 30th Battalion.

B.E.E.

LIBRARY NOTES.

ALTHOUGH the Library membership total has shown a slight decrease on last term, it remains at a comfortable level—except on wet days!

At the beginning of term there were two occurrences of note: firstly, the appointment to the Committee of Barbour, whom we congratulate; secondly, the purchase of a number of extremely sturdy chairs, which have shown few scars after a term of hard labour. We were allowed a most substantial discount on the purchase of the chairs by Messrs. Morley Johnson & Co., to whom our sincere thanks are due.

The latest issues of *Life*, *The Illustrated London News*, and, as innovation, *Picture Post*, have made their appearance punctually throughout the term. We acknowledge with thanks Edwards's donation of *Walkabout*. Another gift for which we are most grateful was a University Calendar, presented by Mr. Duncan MacCallum—it will prove a valuable source of information for those proceeding to a Varsity career. Also, at term end, the Historian's *History of the World*, in 25 bulky volumes, from Dr. Vickery.

As the result of a successful experiment made last year, four Fifth-formers—Cuneen i, Farrar ii, Coogan and Goulston—have been added to the strength of the Committee at the end of the term; they will take over the work of the Sixth Form members of the Committee when the latter are absent on Leaving business.

We thank once again all who by their generous support have helped to make the term successful for both the Committee and members of the Library.

N.J.R.

A WAYFARER'S WORD.

(To the *Sydneian*, by way of the Senior Prefect.)

York,
25/6/'39.

Dear Bruce,

During the last fortnight we have been touring, and into the 1,250 miles we have gone have crowded a good deal of interest. This country is so full of strange and unexpected things that one comes to expect something at every turn. We went from Oxford to Gloucester, where Hammond comes from. Not that we were particularly interested in him at that stage: he will come into the picture later at Lord's.

We stayed at an hotel called the New Inn. It has been called that since 1450, for it was built to accommodate the pilgrims that were coming to Gloucester about that time to visit the tomb of Edward II. It must have been soundly built, with its oak beams. We were given a room where the floor sloped, the walls bulged and the ceiling sagged, but they have been doing that for centuries. There is a fine galleried courtyard, where Shakespeare's plays were acted and cock-fighting took place.

In the town we saw a museum devoted to a certain Bishop Hooper, who was burnt at the stake in 1555, and a charred portion of the stake has been preserved in the museum.

On our way into Wales we stopped at Chepstow Castle, now pretty much in ruins. The door-knocker is made of an old leg-iron, and in the courtyard is a huge walnut tree, with a span of 106 feet from side to side. The branches are held up by iron chains and bands and props: how old it is record doesn't say. Talking of trees reminds me that I have seen them in curious places—one growing out of the top of a 40ft. chimney at Tewkesbury, and at Ross two growing against the inside wall of a church. Or rather they had grown there, but had become too big, so they were killed, and the trunks left in for creepers to be trained on. When I saw them for the first time there I tried to recollect hastily what I had had for dinner, but as that provided no explanation I concluded they were real.

There are still a number of evidences of the variety of punishments inflicted in old days. I have seen a number of stocks preserved in the streets of villages; whipping-posts, to which the victims were fastened at the wrists; a ducking-stool, on which a talkative lady was seated, and which was then drawn on a three-wheeled structure well out into the nearest pond or river; a scold's bridle, fastened over the head, and with a rough-edged gag to be placed on the tongue—a chain was attached to lead the lady by, and the constable or beadle led her about the streets and rang a bell to draw attention to her. For the men there were strait-jackets, leg-irons and a number of other devices,

including a red-hot branding iron, which stamped an M (for malefactor) on a person found guilty of a crime.

At Stratford I saw a number of things Shakespeare had used, including his school desk, and he learned to write on it by tracing the letters of his alphabet in sand, which was prevented from falling out by a board at the lower end of the slight slope. Apparently the youngsters at that time knew enough to pull that board slightly away, and the sand slipped down on to the floor. No doubt the birch rod prevented too frequent a repetition of the disaster.

In Hereford Cathedral I saw a library of chained books, some of them going back to 700 A.D. And they were chained because in early days, at any rate, books and honesty were rare.

Two days ago we went along Hadrian's Wall, or rather a good part of it; saw a Roman fort, with the smoke of a Roman fire still marking the wall; saw the great mound of earth showing the line of the fortifications; and at Corbridge the remains of a big Roman station, with storehouses and men's quarters and a temple. In the Museum are preserved the finds they are constantly making in the excavations, for the station was there for over 200 years. Then the Saxons took some of the stones to build a church, and the Normans came later and helped themselves liberally. In the big parish church at Hexham near-by, Roman stones with inscriptions on them have been built into the walls.

Most interesting at the village of Corbridge, near the Roman camp, is an old Norman tower, part of a castle that was built to guard a ford in the river. And at the corners of the tower are still the marks of boiling pitch, poured down by the defenders, who were giving the attackers a hot reception.

Last night I walked into the Market Square of Ripon, where at nine o'clock the wakeman or watchman blew four long blasts on a horn, as has been done for some hundreds of years. He wore the old three-cornered hat and a long coat with blue facings—in addition to others garments. He had then to go the Mayor's house and give that gentleman the benefit of three blasts. Curfew was sounded at the same time from the Cathedral tower, but owing to the noise of motor traffic I couldn't hear that.

And this afternoon I have been to Mother Shipton's cave, and seen near it the dropping well, where water dripping over a rock-face has petrified various objects that have been placed there—gloves, hats, scarves, as well as birds and animals. The time for petrification varies from four months for porous objects to eighteen months for birds and animals.

However, I shan't weary you with more. Best wishes for prefects and boys.

Yours sincerely,

F. G. PHILLIPS.

FROM TWO SMALL GRAMMARIANS.

Dear Sir,

I hope you are well, the family also. As you know by now, we have left Australia and are now in Evian (France) and on the Franco-Suisse border. It is very pretty; there is only a lake that separates France from Switzerland in this part, but coming in the train to Evian, Switzerland was separated only by a road.

Mother and father have returned to Sydney, and John and I are spending a few days here; after which we are going to a small British island named Guernsey. We are staying 2 years at school here and I am sure I shall like it. We are not coming there just as ordinary school pupils, but there they have the same examinations as at Oxford University.

How are the boys at school; I hope there is not too many bad ones.

Well, Sir, I must leave you now, will write again soon; give the rest of the boys my regards, please, Sir.

"Bon Sauté."

Yours sincerely,

PETER AND JOHN ROUSSEAU.

P.S.—The address is: Les Vauxbelets College, Guernsey.



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ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

A TRAVEL STORY.

ONE fine sunny morning we set off from Katoomba for a bush-walk at nine o'clock, with birds twittering, kookaburras laughing, the sun making the leaves of the gum-trees into gold and dispersing the white cotton-wool mists in the valleys, revealing the green pastures and waterways below, where no figure moved and no sound was heard, except the tinkling of a stream, the breeze in the gum-tops and the twittering of the birds, which flew across our path like flashing gems, adding even more brilliance to the bush, already bright with wildflowers and flowering shrubs, in which the birds twittered merrily. . . .

Oh, bother! I've said that before. Let's try another part of the world.

ENGLAND IN SPRING.

With the countryside of England laid out before us like a patchwork quilt we set out down the main road towards an unknown destination one lovely morning from the quaint little thatched cottage in its picturesque and radiant-hued garden where we spent the night.

No, that's wrong. We didn't sleep in the garden. There doesn't seem to be enough punctuation, either. Try again.

IN UNCHARTED JUNGLE.

We broke; camp at daybreak? We set off! down the unbeaten track. A monkey chattered above us. . (Two full stops for luck.) Then suddenly a tiger gleaming; bright appeared through the tree-tops. . . .

Oh, bother! Who wants to read travel stories anyway?

"AND THE RAINS WENT" (VIA).

"BEAUTY."

I saw a peacock on a lawn;
Radiant flowers grew all round;
Roses bloomed and stocks grew tall;
The air was in their fragrance drowned.

The peacock's feathers glowed with fire,
His neck a stream of burnished blue;
His tail was more than artistry,
A miracle divine come true.

Thus All was beauty everywhere ;
 The glory made my heart rejoice . . .
 Then all at once the peacock screamed.
 My dream was shattered—by a voice.

I saw a brown bird in a tree ;
 The gorse was tipped with yellow fire ;
 The grass grew tall, and here and there
 Grew hairbells on their slender wire.

And then the brown bird sang to me
 A melody straight from his heart,
 Of beauty rare and peace on earth :
 Here was loveliness, true art.

“ORPHEUS” (VIA).

MOTHERS MAKE MATTERS MORE MURDEROUS,
 OR
 WHY SHOULD MOTHERS DISLIKE FOOTBALL?

HAVING tried all the mathematical theories, without success, which Grammar masters have managed to instil into me, I decided to apply a little thought to the matter on hand. This is always my last line of attack, and is very sparingly, not to say grudgingly, used, being extremely hard to set in motion. (Probably needs Super Shell. *Sydneian* please claim payment for advt.)

Now I shall proceed to set out my reasoning, and I defy you, dear reader (if any), to fault it.

Football matches are followed keenly and enthusiastically each Saturday by a multitude of fair young damsels, as well as the majority of the male population, and it would be idle to think these good people would bother watching if they didn't thrill to the sight of some sturdy fellow taking a dump on the soft and resilient playing area ; or, after bashing his way through the defence to score the winning try, being carried off on a triumphant stretcher.

Yet these girls are the same people who, in after life, as their mothers have done before them, will attempt, and probably succeed, to prevent young Sonny Junior from participating in this game of thrills and spills, which has given them such enjoyment in their flapper youth.

Now, I ask you, is it fair to the youth of the morrow to allow this selfish attitude to continue ?

What would take football's place during the marrow-chilling, bleak months of future winters ? This thought made my grey matter the most congested parking space in our great city.

Then, like a lightning flash, a leopard's leap, in fact, like a Rankin

dive tackle or Stone's strike for the ball, came the dread thought that this is the real National Emergency to-day.

Imagine the loss of prestige that would follow the realisation by other nations that the British had changed from a mud-stained, muscular bunch of football he-men into a degenerate lot of fireside, dart-playing, and ale-swilling chumps!

How other nations will sneer at us! It will be no good saying loftily, "Sneers, idle sneers. We know not what they mean." We do know.

Now I know some parents will continue to answer Sonny Junior's pleadings in the negative; but if they will remember that they are saving the land from another world war, perhaps they will forget the risks and bring warmth and happiness to the young fellow's heart.

B.S.H. (VIB).

FOOD.

Do you ever stop to think how important is Eating? You read in your Caesar that the Romans chased all over the countryside looking for "frumentum."

But what is happening to eating to-day? Why, we find it is gradually being replaced by drinking! When men are in joyful mood they drink to become merry; sorrowing, they drown their cares in drink. This is becoming both aggravated and aggravating; it must be stopped! Men nowadays make altogether too many pretexts for drinking. They will drink a toast to the King, to success, to themselves, and, I'm sure if the supply of toasts ran short, they would drink even to their creditors or their mothers-in-law. I have hit on a remedy for this. Why shouldn't we eat a toast? Why not seize a sausage or a leg of lamb and greedily bite a lump out of it to someone's health? Yet I, the champion of big dinners, view with even greater distress that day to come when we shall fill up on vitamin tablets. Alas for the day when Grammar boys will race to the tuck shop and urge in the queue to procure a jamtart capsule or a meat pie pill!

"MISH" (VA).

THE NEGLECT AND FATE OF "JACKY."

TO-DAY a great national spirit pervades the Australian people as war threatens daily. Extraordinary measures are being taken in order to ensure that this country may remain theirs, yet not one thought is cast upon the real Australians: the full-blooded blacks from whom we seized this great land and whom we have treated so ill.

At the coming of the white man, as the rich coastal areas were settled, the aboriginal was driven back, and gradually, as the newcomers extended their settlements, he was forced into the parched interior, to

become a nomad, wandering in order to find some little substance in the barren desert. Those of Tasmania were hunted and driven, then collected and transported to the dreary islands of Bass Strait, and soon died out. This same fate, that of extinction, threatens the race on the mainland. They are regarded with so much contempt, so little effort is made to succour them, to help to adapt these primitives to our civilisation.

We can learn from these people. The aborigine is known to be a rapid learner; he makes an excellent stockman and he is the world's best bushman. His primordial habits form a most instructive study. If the blackfellow were given equal status, and, along with it, education, outlook, culture, decent living, and were to become an active member of our community, what might he not do for Australia? The New Zealand Maori is surely a great example of the practicability of treating the black as the equal of his white neighbour.

The few missions which do exist are not sufficient. A more systematic training of the black people must begin in order to fit them to become Australian citizens. The mere prejudice of colour must not blind us to the ultimate fate of the blackfellow, or prevent him from learning in order to compete with us for a real existence upon this earth. No doubt the process would be slow, and for the many who would wish to visit our great cities to further their new education, there would be more content to live at the stations and graze the cattle, instead of spearing them as before.

However, this dream seems too idealistic, for although elsewhere realised, the troubles of "Jacky," the original Australian, do not loom very large before our Australian minds.

"DERK" (VIA).

There is a Grammar School down Sydney way,
Where we get squad-fatigues three times a day;
Holidays we seldom see, never from "detentions" free;
So we are, gradually, fading away!

J.R.L.J. (IVB).

A MARTYR WRITES.

I'VE been leading a dog's life lately, that is, if books can. Aren't they said to be dog-eared? Only this morning, in sudden wrath, I was hurled across the room, and would have found my mark if the target hadn't ducked just in time. I made a very poor landing, and managed to slide into a corner under a desk, where I hoped to recuperate, a ligament in my back having been torn. I made myself as comfortable as I could by leaning against a cardboard case, which had become soft through exposure, and had visions of lasting peace and quiet. But, alas! my ecstasy

was short-lived; I heard somebody yell, "Bell's rung!" and then my owner, having at last found me, carried me off to class.

I'm in Latin now, not being used, but being nearly smothered beneath a colossal book wearing a bright orange cover and written by Bicath and Noal, as far as I can make out. Always was a bit near-sighted. My owner received a "two" for his prose, and has been taking it out on me since the beginning of the period; 'tis indeed a hard life.

Another period has passed, during which I was unmercifully 'sat on, to enable my short owner to see the black-board, and began to despair of ever being able to complete this tale of woe.

It's third period now, and I have at last been called on for my services, which are to enlighten the minds of budding Einsteins concerning the whys and wherefores of trig. bookwork. In doing so my pages are scored beyond all recognition by mazes of computations, and at the end of the period I present a picture of misery, maimed by disfigurements of ink, broken in body through maltreatment, but elated by the hope that through my martyrdom some young mind may have grasped this important morsel of mathematical knowledge for to-day at least. I thank you.

"TAKAHASHY" (VA Lower).

FRAGMENT.

These musty old masses, so scented an element
 Of past, with modern volumes complement;
 Dust, and tattered bindings with gold-lettering of the sixteenth century,
 Leather-backed records bought from bookshop penury;
 A fusty green baize board hangs above the fireplace;
 And a catalogue that's stuck there since Victoria's years of grace.
 Modest in their glory, in a stack on the other wall,
 Are morocco-bound volumes—Gibbon's "Decline and Fall";
 Beside them in due dignity a Shakespearian folio,
 With a broad collection of "Discussions on Malvolio";
 Close by, brood all known works on Darwinism,
 Beneath them, a Harrap's "Philosophy of Schism."
 The next shelf on, as if in brazen spoil,
 Holds an Omnibus of Jacobs and a Complete Conan Doyle;
 The out-of-door section, with "Gardening" by the Duchess of Horton,
 Includes among its walks all of H. V. Morton.
 So right around the shadows, deep and comprehensive,
 Till once more to the classics, with Aristotle pensive:
 —And will these classics sympathise forever?
 —They will for all: they'll shed their warmth for ever.

"Esse" (VIA).

SPRING.

Through winter's greying, dismal light,
 There peeps a ray of soft sunlight;
 The earth is waking up, you see,
 And bringing spring and jollity.

The squirrel's coming out to play,
 Without a worry in his way;
 The birds are singing in the trees,
 While o'er the land comes a mellow breeze.

B.E.C. (IVC1).

ON INFLUENTIAL PAINS.

FEW of us have been able to escape that noxious streptococcus which is known as influenza. Of the thirty-three different brands of germ, I always entertain Master 11 b, and find him a ready, sympathetic, but unfortunately fickle fellow; he abides with me for several days at a time, and usually when I imagine my recovery is complete, he stages a magnificent comeback, and with a blow below the belt brutally bangs me back to bed.

How self-assertively he makes his presence felt! You start shivering like a neurotic icicle, until your teeth threaten to crumble and to be reduced to powder. "Severe abdominal pains" cramp your whole frame and make you feel that every second bone in your body is out of joint. Your hip joints in particular threaten to be drawn together in cramp. Sometimes a lump, which feels like your Adam's apple elevated, mounts in your throat and makes your intermittent hiatus, or, as the plebs call it, your yawning, a task painful and almost insurmountable.

Another prominent symptom is migraine. It is not the static pain of an exploding jack-in-the-box, but rather the swoop of the rocket. At regular intervals a dull, sudden ache threatens to lift the top of your cranium with its lunge. Even when you bend over to pick up the pencil you dropped, a sense of depression follows you, and the rockets come over, too, and hit the "roof of the world" in their descent. Your temperature rises—you feel wretched as a dog, and, though a hot dog, you have shivering shocks. After a while your body heat begins to burn you up; it increases; you begin, in a nightmare inferno, to sweat the disease out of you; sleep comes and goes with weird distortions. The sick-room light recedes, even the foot of the bed looks an interminable distance off. You see by the light of the imagination. The heat enters into your soul; you lie in "restless ecstasy" and a "fitful fever." For about six consecutive meals your diet of extreme luxury is water, water, tea and toast (dry), toast and tea, tea with toast, toast

with tea. But when in these two days you have picked up your tattered strength, thanks to the singular food value of your menu, you begin, having lost weight to the extent of several pounds, to gorge yourself on such devastatingly rich foods as toast and tea or water and toast.

After four to seven days of solitary confinement to a bed of pain, you get up to keep in one room or in a sunny spot, only to find that in your indisposition you have become top-heavy, so that your knees don't support your weight, that is, if you still have knees left. After a few days you're up and about once more, dreading and trying to put off your return to school—not because you have strong objections to the principles of education, but because you shrink from commencing work and trying to pick up the threads where you left off, trying to make up what you have lost—irretrievable time.

But there is no room for despair. This is a personal account from a body and mind diseased. To many it will be no true representation of the hardships of influenza. So try for yourself. Your own experiences are your most valuable. But choose your time so as to miss the next day's English test.

“ESSE” (VIA).

MY BEAUTIFUL: THE BOOK OF BOOKS.

An indispensable possession
 For a man in my position,
 Of inestimable value unmistakable,
 Is my pocket-book, my manual,
 My vade-mecum annual,
 Whose reminders have so often saved my bacon.

You do not know, perhaps,
 How many hanks in seven draps?
 Or the number of hogsheads in a firkin?
 Or someone may ask you
 (Indeed, they very often do),
 Just how long is the average Spanish gherkin?

All your doubts it will allay
 As to which is Primrose Day,
 Or when Lady Day Fire Insurance ceased;
 And you'll know the price of spelter,
 And how to build an Air Raid shelter,
 Or how many years Queen Anne has been deceased.

In fact, it bridges a fair distance
 Across the Lack of Knowledge Isthmus,
 And I hope I'll get another one next Xmas.

“THE KILTIED HAGGIS.”

LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS ABOUT WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE.

‘THERE is no biography so useful or so reliable as autobiography.

Most of us have heard of William Wordsworth, or, as the local yokels called him, “Gaffer Will.” He was a remarkable chap; even as an infant he was singularly modest, for he tells us of the day that he came into the world:—

“. . . Not in utter nakedness,
But trailing clouds of glory . . .”

Another poet, who as a child must have been a little unusual, was Percy B. Shelley. He wrote of his origin:—

“I am the daughter of earth and water,
And the nursling of the sky.”

When Wordsworth grew a little older he was quite well known in the district for his habit of swapping yarns with flowers:—

“The Pansy at my feet
Doth the same tale repeat.”

Older still, he went to a dancing class, and instead of jigging along to the old tune, he used to go to the Woolshed Hop with the local blooms:—

“And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.”

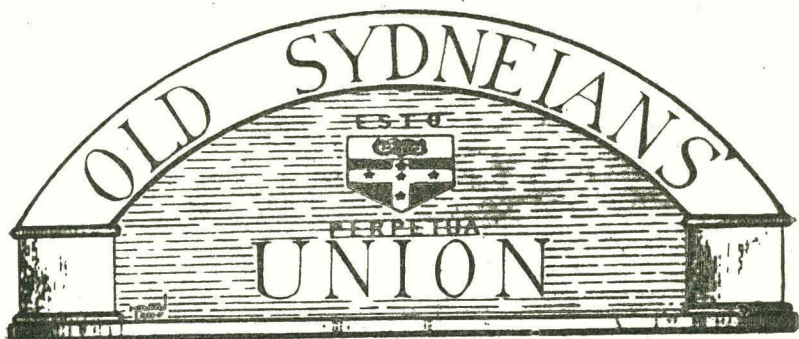
On occasion, having given the village pub. a bit of custom, he would go out into the fields. Tennyson, who also followed this custom, says:—

“To yonder oak within the field
I spoke without restraint.”

During one of these bush rambles Wordsworth was struck with the flaunting stinginess of flowers. He speaks sorrowfully of one as “the meanest flower that blows.”

These few statements, exclusive to *The Sydneian*, will guide your researches along the right track to the inspection of the inner man.

“ESSE” (VIA).



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MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS.

POSSIBLY many members of the Union and Club are unaware of the time and expense expended by those bodies in collecting overdue and outstanding subscriptions. The commencement of the 1939-40 year, unfortunately, sees far too many members in this category, and as the activities of both the Union and Club are entirely dependent on this source of income, the position is to be deplored. A little thought should make members realise the necessity of paying subscriptions promptly to enable Club and Union to carry on satisfactorily, in addition to reducing considerably the overhead now expended on overdue collection.

With most, the lapse is pure forgetfulness, and to them particularly a special appeal is made. Members will appreciate the fact that payment of any reasonable amount on account of long-overdue subscriptions will be acceptable.

From those of you whose conscience is touched by reading this paragraph, a ready response will be appreciated.

THE OLD SYDNEIANS' CLUB.

THE Old Sydneians' Club was founded in 1921. Its objects as set out in the Constitution are to provide facilities which will tend to strengthen the bonds between Old Sydneians; to establish a meeting place, and therefore foster a more intimate relationship between Old Sydneians; to assist the School financially and otherwise, and to safeguard the School's traditions.

All Old Sydneians are eligible for membership, provided they are also members of the Old Sydneians' Union.

At the present time there is no Entrance Fee and the annual rate of subscriptions (in addition to the Union Annual Subscription of 7/6) is:—

Full membership	£1 1 0
Country members	10 6
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The Club was founded mainly for the use of the boys as they leave School and for the younger "Old Boys"; therefore, there is a special concession of free membership for 12 months or more to boys who join up within 12 months of leaving School.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Office, Warwick Building, Hamilton Street, Sydney, or from the O.S.U. representatives at the School.

Old Sydneians' Luncheons are held at 12.50 p.m. on the *First Thursday of every month*, when a short address is given by someone directly in touch with School activities. *All* Old Sydneians (members or not) are eligible and are cordially invited to attend these Luncheons.

The Directors feel that many Old Sydneians residing in the metropolitan area do not appreciate the advantages offered by the Old Sydneians' Club. This Club is one of the constituent Clubs of School Clubs Limited, which provides a comfortable lounge room with writing tables and illustrated papers, etc., three billiard tables, ping pong table, card room, canteen, hot shower, and an excellent dining room where midday luncheon and evening dinner may be obtained.

The monthly luncheons, which have been a feature of the Club activities for some time, continue to bring Old Boys together. These functions deserve increased patronage, and the first Thursday in each month, when they are held, should be set aside by any Old Sydneian available, with the Club as his rendezvous.

Old Sydneians are asked to note that the monthly luncheons are now held in the *Card Room*, instead of the dining room. The card room is much more comfortable, and there is no extraneous noise to interfere with the speaker.

The guests at the June luncheon were Messrs. Ron Ranken and Ian Edwards. Mr. Ranken addressed the members on the prospects for the football season. Mr. Edwards, a recent Rhodes Scholar, received a hearty welcome on his appointment to the staff of the School.

In July Major H. G. Rourke, himself an Old Boy, gave a most interesting address on defence measures in Australia, and the possibilities in Duntroon as a career. Also on this occasion we were glad to welcome as a guest Mr. D. F. Jones, another recent addition to the staff.

For the August luncheon Mr. K. B. Lumsdaine and Mr. E. L. Webster were the guests. Mr. Lumsdaine spoke about School activities in general, with particular reference to Shooting and Debating. Mr. "Les" Webster, an Old Boy of 1916-1920, and well known in G.P.S. circles since, received warm congratulations on his joining the teaching staff.

On September 7th Mr. E. A. Griffin, an Old Sydneian, will be the speaker, his subject being "The Possibilities of Oil in Australia."

Many Old Sydneians do not yet realise what really enjoyable functions these monthly luncheons are. They are assured of comfortable seating accommodation, and will meet many of their School contemporaries and business associates.

NOTES FROM SCHOOL CLUBS LIMITED.

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER.—Since our last issue the Inter-Club Premiership for 1939, between teams of five from each Club, has been decided. The Old Sydneians' Club, represented by E. J. Pallett, T. O. Thomas, N. Wood, F. M. Stedman and L. A. Smith, scored 2,120 points; S.C.E.G.S. Old Boys' Club, represented by H. D. Ainsworth, D. E. Woods, T. C. Walker, R. Ludowici and R. B. Sautelle, 2,081;

and the Old Newingtonians' Union, represented by F. T. Bolton, R. D. Mearns, H. T. Macready, E. P. Allen and K. M. Boyer, 1,995.

E. J. Pallett (O.S.C.) won the Snooker Championship from F. T. Bolton (O.N.U.).

BILLIARDS AND PING PONG EVENINGS.—These have been put back to the fourth Wednesday of the month. Knock-out handicaps in billiards and ping pong are played and prizes given to the winners and runners-up. A light supper is provided.

THEATRE NIGHTS.—Theatre nights have been held as follows: "I Married an Angel" (2), "Around the Clock," "Leaning on Letty," "Carnet de Bal."

Arrangements have now been made so that members may obtain concession prices every Friday night for Continental Talkies at the New Savoy Theatre, Bligh Street.

GOLF.—A Four Ball Best Ball v. Par Golf Match over 18 holes has been arranged for members of the Clubs associated with School Clubs Limited, to take place at The Lakes Golf Club on Thursday, August 10th.

An Inter-Club Golf Premiership between teams of five is also being arranged, but the time and place have yet to be decided. Results will be published in next issue.

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 Trevor A. Turner, 39 Beresford Road, Rose Bay.
 B. E. Hale, 1a Arthur Street, Randwick.
 Anthony T. Wheeler, 22 Henry Street, Gordon.
 Theodor B. Meillon, c/o Perpetual Trustee Co. Ltd., 33 Hunter Street,
 Sydney.
 John C. Maddison, Carson Street, Pymble.
 M. E. Warburton, 182 Phillip Street, Sydney.
 Dr. K. S. MacArthur Brown, "Brislington," George St., Parramatta.
 P. G. Newby, "Selsdon," Macleay Street, Potts Point.

ADDRESSES WANTED.

- A. H. M. Watson, Uardry, Hay, N.S.W.
 Gratten C. Daly, Flat 2, 4 Church Street, Randwick.
 A. W. Rainbow, 4 Perry Street, Wentworthville.
 F. J. Elston, 126 Rose Street, Eastwood.
 W. G. Highfield, 4 Cobbittee Street, Mosman.
 D. J. Sayer, 290 Clovelly Road, Clovelly.
 G. E. Moore, "Tramore," Harnorm Avenue, Gordon.
 E. A. Junghans, 165 Piesley Street, Orange.
 V. R. Meek, Curraghbeena Road, Mosman.
 R. F. Paige, 455 Upper Edward Street, Brisbane, Queensland.
 W. A. Cowper, 94 Elizabeth Bay Road, Elizabeth Bay.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNION.

THE Forty-first Annual General Meeting of the Union took place in the rooms of School Clubs Limited on Wednesday, June 21st, 1939, and was attended by a representative gathering of some forty members.

The President, F. F. Buchanan, took the chair, and in moving that the report be taken as read, said that the Union had continued to progress, and was assisting extensively in the welfare of the School. A debit balance of £37/3/5 in the revenue account was largely explained by expenditure on School activities, including £40 to the Rowing Club, £10/10/- for a dinner to 1938 Old Boys, and the general welfare of Union members by increased social facilities. It was pointed out that Union finances still require adjustment to the loss of the Regatta revenue, which often proved a large figure on the income side.

Although several Union functions had not been as well attended as in previous years, the reunions as a whole had not lacked enthusiasm, and were still instrumental in maintaining and enhancing the keenness and friendship of Old Boys. Several speakers stressed the fact that the happy state of the Union was in no small measure due to the untiring work of the President.

A satisfactory position regarding membership was revealed in the report. During the year 19 Life Members, 6 Life Members by instalments, and 114 Annual Members were enrolled. Life Members, inclusive of 8 Honorary Life Members, now number 466, Life Members by instalments 11, and Annual Members 1,255, making a total Financial Membership of 1,732. This represents an increase of 44 in the total membership of the Union as compared with that on May 31st, 1938, and this encouraging progress has been largely due to the efforts of your Committee in coming into direct contact with the boys who left School at the end of 1938. It is considered that there is still ample scope for increasing our membership roll, and your Committee would again stress the suggestion which has been previously made as to the desirability of members of the Union using their best endeavours to induce any of their old School friends, who are not members, to join without delay, and thus enable the Union to provide even more assistance to the various School activities.

Before the election of office-bearers took place, the President requested those present to stand in silence for two minutes as a token of respect to the late Patron of the Union, Sir Philip Street.

The retiring President, F. F. Buchanan, was unanimously elected to that position for the next twelve months, a merited tribute to his work for the Union. Dr. C. Blaxland Levick, who for many years has done yeoman service on behalf of the Union in London, was a popular choice as a Vice-President.

The following Committee were elected for the year: H. K. C. Dettmann, C. A. H. Dezarnaulds, A. B. M. Evans, D. C. Ferguson, D. G. Jones, B. V. Kenny, C. J. Lamrock, S. J. Marshall, L. H. Moore, C. D. Morrison, L. L. Robertson, D. Rossell, T. Keith Smith, J. L. Smithers, G. P. Storey, T. O. Thomas.

Sub-Committees subsequently elected, with power to co-opt, were:

Sports Fund: Messrs. Orwell Phillips, A. T. Stewart, L. L. Robertson.

O.S.U. Scholarship: Dr. E. A. Brearley, Messrs. A. B. M. Evans, H. K. C. Dettmann, D. C. Ferguson.

Cricket Matches: Messrs. B. C. Caldwell, S. J. Marshall, H. G. McConnell.

Annual Dinner: Messrs. A. Gorman, S. J. Marshall, L. H. Moore.

Golf Match: Messrs. C. A. H. Dezarnaulds, A. Gorman, G. P. Storey.

Smoke Concert: Messrs. D. Rossell, D. G. Jones, K. S. Williams.

Regatta: Messrs. D. C. Ferguson, B. V. Kenny, C. D. Morrison.

Football Matches: Messrs. D. Rossell, B. V. Kenny, A. B. M. Evans.

"Sydneyian" Editors: Messrs. B. V. Kenny, D. C. Ferguson, A. B. M. Evans.

Annual Dance: Messrs. A. T. Stewart, L. H. Moore, J. Smithers..

Publicity: Messrs. D. G. Jones, L. H. Moore, Orwell Phillips.

School House Board: Messrs. A. E. Kaleski, R. E. Ludowici.,
R. J. Vickers.

Membership: Messrs. Orwell Phillips, A. E. Kaleski, R. S.
Murray-Prior.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CLUB.

THE Eighteenth Annual General Meeting of the Old Sydneians' Club was held after the Union meeting.

The Chairman of Directors, C. A. H. Dezarnaulds, who occupied the chair, pointed out that another year of progress had been recorded, the total membership now being 546. The excess of expenditure over that of revenue for the year was £48/12/5, and this would have been reduced considerably, if not altogether overcome, by members paying their subscriptions promptly.

The chairman pointed out that a policy of greater benefits to Club-members had been successful and was appreciated. Various methods for furthering this policy were considered and referred to the incoming board. Alterations to the Club premises had enhanced considerably the usefulness of the Club, and it was resolved that greater publicity to extend the beneficial scope of the Club be undertaken.

Reference was made to the undoubted value of the dinner to Old Boys who had left School at the end of 1938; some sixty of these were the guests of the Club Directors and Committee of the Union in February, and were addressed by Messrs. F. F. Buchanan and C. A. H. Dezarnaulds on their duty as Old Sydneians, and what they could continue to do for the School and Union. There was a ready response to the appeal, as the majority joined both the Club and the Union immediately. The benefits of this policy should be quickly seen.

It was stressed that during the coming year every effort would be made to increase the membership and improve the financial position of the Club.

The following were elected Directors for the year: C. A. H. Dezarnaulds, D. C. Ferguson, B. V. Kenny, D. Rossell, K. Smithers and T. O. Thomas.

These act in conjunction with the Union representatives on the Board, viz., A. E. Kaleski, R. S. Murray-Prior, D. G. Jones and A. T. Stewart.

Subsequently B. V. Kenny was elected Chairman of Directors, D. G. Jones Vice-Chairman, and T. O. Thomas Treasurer.

The long services of H. S. P. Storey, who had been a Director since the inception of the Club in 1922, and was not submitting his name for re-election, were warmly commended.

FOOTBALL MATCHES.

THE Annual Football Matches against the School took place at the Weigall Ground, on Wednesday, June 14th, 1939, before a respectable roll-up of Old Boys and School supporters.

The Old Boys fielded a sound First XV, consisting of many first-grade players, although A. H. "Albie" Stone stood down at the last minute. The game was fast and open, the School team showing sound defence in keeping the opposition score down. Old Boys made spirited attempts to increase their points in the latter part of the second half, but the defence held, and a good game ended in an 11 points draw. The scores will be found in the School section.

The Old Boys' teams were:—

1st XV: E. T. Biddulph, P. H. Barbour, D. G. Hull, C. Sefton, H. McConnell, F. O'Brien, J. Carson, R. Storey, D. A. Ferguson, A. B. Evans, J. C. Close, C. H. Gerrand, J. Tanner, P. Sara, K. Rayward.

2nd XV: M. de Saxe, W. Hull, Reg. Harris, W. Howell, H. J. McElroy, R. Farnsworth, K. G. Milne, L. Dunbar, N. Dunbar, P. Deck, A. R. Burkitt, G. Cozens, J. Lindsay, P. Turner, C. Burns.

GOLF MATCH.

THURSDAY, May 25th, saw an excellent roll-up of Old Boys at the Concord Golf Club, some seventy players having a thoroughly enjoyable day under ideal conditions. There is no question that this function is increasing in popularity; it is now one of the big events of the Union year.

The competition took the form of a Four Ball Best Ball Match, and the winners were R. Hardy and J. Hardy, who returned a card of 7 up. The trophies for the best nine holes were won by W. Adams and C. Langsworth 3 up, after a tie with D. M. Scott and L. H. Moore and C. A. H. Dezarnaulds and H. B. Herring; that for the best last nine holes by L. A. Fenton and F. R. Humphrey, 5 up.

The following Old Boys took part: T. K. Smith, J. Rossell, F. E. Tilley, H. W. Goldring, C. Dezarnaulds, H. B. Herring, M. Blair, L. Keeler, J. M. Jagelman, C. I. Harris, H. Gorman, J. A. Fuller, T. Peters, P. Campbell-Jones, W. Adams, C. Langsworth, F. F. Buchanan, Dr. E. Ludowici, A. E. Kaleski, T. O. Thomas, E. S. Chapman, E. W. Broughton, K. M. Younger, R. Bardsley, D. M. Scott, L. H. Moore, J. Cox, C. M. Moore, W. R. French, Dr. T. E. Holcombe, G. Dobell, I. B. Fell, A. McGilvray, C. Mitchell, H. Rigney, N. McGilvray, Dr. G. Lindeman, Dr. J. C. Lamrock, A. L. Fenton, F. R. Humphrey,

G. Storey, C. Harrison, A. Gorman, C. Trebeck, Dr. Blakemore, Dr. E. M. Stephen, Dr. E. W. Fairfax, Dr. G. Dansey, B. C. Caldwell, A. Cox, R. E. Ludowici, J. Vicars, G. V. Shaw, A. R. Buckle, Ross Hardy, J. Hardy, Dr. Blashki, C. Edwards, I. Green, R. East, W. H. Eastman, H. Austin, K. Storey, A. Miles, N. Dezarnaulds, E. Brearley, L. Treweeke, W. K. Caldwell, J. Catts, N. Grace.

THE OLD SYDNEIANS' LODGE, No. 639.

U.G.L. of N.S.W.

OFFICERS for 1938-39: D. A. Day, S. F. Heath, F. H. Mullens, K. A. Wells, R. Bullow, H. J. A. Chorley, J. Russell Jones, G. Christie, L. McM. Trimble, A. T. Stewart, G. K. Herring, J. W. Russell French, E. H. Lesnie, K. J. F. Brearley, C. V. Tayles, J. L. Smithers, C. A. H. Dezarnaulds, B. V. Kenny, R. W. Moxham and D. C. Ferguson.

Members joined since last Installation: H. E. Isaacs, P. G. Marich, L. Dobell, W. M. Batten.

The next Installation will be held at the Royal Arch Temple, 12th September, at 6.30 p.m. Supper will later be served in the Big School-room.

All O.S. Masons are cordially invited to the Installation.

ANNUAL BALL.

THE Ball this year was again held at the Trocadero on Tuesday, July 4th, 1939, and although not as successful numerically — there were approximately six hundred present — as some of its predecessors, it was none the less enjoyable and everyone voted it a great night. The unsatisfactory state of the weather and the prevailing influenza epidemic were the contributing factors to the reduced attendance. Alan Stewart, whose pet hobby is this event, and whose work for it has been untiring, again headed the sub-committee in charge, and they received able and energetic assistance from a ladies' committee.

The President of the Union, F. F. Buchanan, entertained a large party at the official table, his guests including the Headmaster and Mrs. Dettmann and representatives of the other G.P.S.

As the Ball next year will be the twentieth, every effort is being made to make it a record function. It will be held at the Trocadero on August 22nd, 1940, and those in charge recommend early booking.

AN OLD BOY IN NEW GUINEA.

H. G. VEREY, an Old Boy of the 1922-26 period, has written two interesting letters to the Secretary, which the *Sydneian* Editors have pleasure in recording. We wish there were more of them!

Bogia Base Camp,
Via Madang, T.N.G.,
May 9th, 1939.

The Secretary,
The Old Sydneians' Union,
Sydney.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed is my cheque for 25/-, being my subscription to the Union for the last year and the current year, as well as including 7/6 for a subscription for B. G. Hall (1926), for the current year, he being the only other O.S. in this district.

Ben Hall's address is Madang, T.N.G., as he is planting up a block of ground down on the Rai Coast and makes his headquarters in Madang. We meet about every six months, when his trips to Madang coincide with mine, and usually start a reunion party. On one occasion we found another O.S., G. J. Bell, in town, and settled down to a long session of "what used to be."

The main topic of conversation these days is the imminence of war and what we will all do when it starts. The majority are firmly convinced that we will be raided in the early stages and there will be parties going bush for the first few months. All the radio owners on the Bogia coast have arranged a system of runners to those without them, and everybody will know within a few hours. My police, fifteen in all, came to me the other day and assured me that there was no need to worry, as they would stick and protect me. The last time there was any need for me to receive protection from native police, when I was attacked in the Sepik valley, they were not much use, being about 300 yards in the rear, fighting a valiant rearguard action in case the natives decided to surround us. I am afraid that I have little faith in native police, and will rely purely upon hiding if anything happens. I hope nothing eventuates, but things look bad.

Nothing ever happens here apart from things concerned with coons and coconuts, so there is nothing to relate.

Wishing the School every success in the football, even to cleaning up St. Joseph's.

Yours faithfully,

H. G. VEREY.

Bogia Base Camp,
Via Madang, T.N.G.,
July 17th, 1939.

The Secretary,
The Old Sydneians' Union,
Sydney.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of May 30th, but to date have not received any *Sydneians*. Ben Hall tells me that he has received some, and I am thinking that there has been some mix-up in the posting of them.

Now that things have settled down in Europe I expect to be in Sydney in November for leave, and hope to be able to see some of the activities of the Union, even to the extent of being able to offer my service, as I shall have eight long months to fill in.

Things have been rather tragic here, with young Elliott's death in Aitape. On looking up my diary, I found that I was in the same village in early 1936, and also had to remonstrate with the natives for having such a dirty place. Apparently I was lucky and got away with it, but Elliott got caught. This is the fourth death in the service when on duty and about the thousandth attack on a patrol. There is not much chance of my being attacked here, although the usual threats are of daily occurrence, as all the natives here are under control, and they all know that I travel with a line of armed (and bad-tempered) police, and that I nearly always have a revolver handy, having been caught once and having had to talk my way out of it.

From now until leave most of the work in this district will be taxing and settling sorcery cases. The local big-wigs have started a heresy hunt, and every complaint seems to be one of sorcery, so much so that I am seriously considering a violent assault on any complainant. The gem came in the other day, when a native complained bitterly that another had "made poison" against him, in that his attempts to kill the other man had failed. It appeared that he had pointed the bone and attended to all the other little somethings without result, but on enquiry it came out that he had forgotten the essential, i.e., the telling of the sorcery being practised to the unfortunate victim. In cases like this even Solomon would be thinking overtime. Cases concerning women are of daily occurrence. I am considering setting up as an authority on the subject. We have a happy life, no detail of a native's life being hidden and no type of complaint being missed. Their way of thinking is weird and wonderful, it being impossible to guess, understand or nut out how they work things out. For example, they have what they call "working moon." One case is of one native getting 10/- a month wages, handing it all over every alternate month to a native getting only 1/-. Next month he gets the other native's shilling, and is very definite on the point that he is getting his full

share of the combined wages. This mark you, is an ultra-sophisticated native who can even do elementary arithmetic. When they get on to transactions relating to pigs Europeans simply give up, and I am getting more and more convinced that they do not know what they are doing themselves. When a piglet is bought the transaction is far from finished should the piglet die. The purchaser has a claim for a refund, but there is a counter-claim for a proportion of the food eaten by the sow whilst it was carrying the piglet. The mysterious part is that there is no claim of this nature if there is no death, and it appears, on the surface, to be an outright sale. However, should it be a sow, there are further payments on both hands when it carries a litter, and these are intermingled with further claims on the progeny. At times there are claims by the owner of the boar, and courts usually end up with a pathetic appeal by the Court for the police to remove all complainants from its hearing. Justice is thus satisfied, and the Court can retire for a beer or a handful of aspirin, depending on how long his patience had lasted. Personally, I usually let them get as far as the word "pig," being due for leave, and consequently liverish to the n th degree. A big trouble is that one is usually ensconced behind a table, and, before one can claw one's way around the said table to get at them, they are well out of reach. The only remedy seems to be to have a spare bottle of ink, or some heavy object, on the table, or not to sit down. Another little thing is the question of names. Every child seems to be given one name by its father, another by its mother, another by the relative who can make the loudest noise, and another for our benefit (and to make things awkward). When one gets to the village the first name thought of is the official one, the others being kept in stock for the next visit, when one gets another name. Everything is lovely until after the fourth patrol, when they have run out of names and they cheerfully give you your own choice, usually one that could not possibly be put down in the census. Why they do this heaven alone knows, but the fact remains that they do.

This is getting a rather lengthy letter, but the brain seems to be functioning to-day and one thing seems to have led to another. One thing more and I can finish.

If you should see Mr. Bonwick you might pass on the news that the uncontrolled area line in the Sepik has been shifted back, and the country in which Ludwig Schmidt found his gold, and into which Dick Glasson has been trying to enter for some time, is now open to prospectors. Six have already gone in, and I have received news that the country is running an ounce a day to a box. What area there is I do not know, but think it is comparatively small, the rumour being that the wash is only 18 inches deep. From what I saw of the area before I doubt this, and think that it is only a short time to its proclamation as a goldfield. The place where gold is said to be in large quantities, the head-waters of the Korosomeri, is not yet opened, neither are the

Sepik slopes of the Hunsteins. The Wewak field is showing signs of cutting out, a number of the smaller men having already gone back to the Wau. There is much talk about "Schaeffers Gold" at the back of Bogadjim, but those who say they definitely know where it is seem to spend all their time in the Madang pub., and the local publican is getting all of it. I am in the same boat as they are, as I know the location of "Fiebig's Gold," at Vanimo, but cannot rake up enough energy to go and look. There is also much talk about oil, and, judging by the things that the oil companies are doing, it seems as if there are all the prospects in the world of a drill going into operation in the near future in the Sepik basin.

Don't put me down as one of those people who cannot be stopped when they get at a typewriter; this is one of the rare days when I feel like writing a lot.

I hope to be able to see you when I get south, and until then kindest regards.

Yours faithfully,
H. G. VEREY.

The said BEN HALL also writes from Madang to Tim Dettmann. He is chasing a rainbow fortune in which the chief prismatic colours are copra and rubber, with a boat slipway as a sideline. "Am now also a carpenter among other things and about to build a new bungalow. That yarn of the white man unable to work in the tropics! We have none of the luxuries of life but should ultimately make a fair living out of it and the life suits my super-lazy nature. There are some Grammar lads hereabout, George Verey, Syd. Pasley—and Norm Faden was here a while flying one of Carpenter's 'planes, but he has now faded." He ends by pleading for a School uniform. An excellent idea, Ben, and by good luck the School thought of it some years ago.

GIFTS BY WILL TO THE SCHOOL.

(At the suggestion of Mr. Justice Milner Stephen, we reprint a form of bequest drawn up for *The Sydneian* by Mr. G. H. Leibius in 1922.)

I BEQUEATH the sum of £..... to the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School to be devoted to such purpose or purposes as the Trustees for the time being of the said School shall think fit, AND I DIRECT that the receipt of the Secretary-Treasurer to such Trustees shall be a sufficient acknowledgment of the payment of the said sum.

NOTES AND NEWS OF OLD SYDNEIANS.

WE congratulate DR. E. A. BREARLEY, Vice-Chairman of Trustees and Vice-President of the Old Sydneians' Union, on his appointment as Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of N.S.W. Freemasons.

DR. F. A. MAGUIRE, who is the Pro Grand Master, has recently flown back from England, where he represented the Grand Master, Lord Gowrie, at the Installation of the Duke of Kent as the Grand Master of England.

HASTINGS DEERING, prominent in the motor car world, is touring Europe and the United States on a combined business and pleasure trip.

MAJOR H. G. ROURKE, Staff Corps and Duntroon graduate, who has been an Instructional Officer at Duntroon for some years, is now the Instructor at the newly formed "Command and Staff School" at Victoria Barracks.

DR. MAX SOLLING and DR. TOM STREET, who are both practising in the Maitland district, were recently in Sydney with the Maitland polo team. The former suffered a severe injury to his foot, but is now on the road to recovery.

A. N. ("HUCK") FINLAY, now manager of the Australian Broadcasting Commission in Brisbane, was in Sydney during July, and was an interested spectator at the football match against St. Joseph's College.

The Patron of the Old Sydneians' Union, SIR HARRY CHAUVEL, passed through Sydney last month on his way to Fiji. The President and officials of the Union tendered him a most enjoyable luncheon at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Kirribilli. Our Patron hopes to be present at the next dinner of the Union.

"TONY" WATSON, who is on the land at the well-known property of "Burrabogie," in the Hay district, was in Sydney for the sheep sales in June, and stayed on to attend the Old Sydneians' Ball.

M. G. HAVYATT has graduated as a pilot of the R.A.A.F. at Point Cook, Victoria, and is now attached to the Richmond Aerodrome. We also hear that B. W. GRAHAM has joined the above with the intention of becoming a pilot.

Old Sydneians in town from country districts for the Regatta included NEIL KILLEN, G. R. DIBBS and I. A. JAMIESON. The two former are on station properties and the latter is a student at Hawkesbury College.

JOHN WELLS, son of our Sergeant, is now on the staff of the Trustees, Executors and Agency Co. Ltd., Sydney.

FRANK HAWDON, who is a member of the 30th Battalion (Scottish Regiment), won the Mont St. Quentin Prize at the June meeting of the Militia and Rifle Clubs at Long Bay.

DR. JOHN LOXTON has returned from London with the intention

of commencing practice. He gained the M.C.O.G. (London) and F.R.C.S. (Edin.).

CARSON DONNAN and "TED" INGRAM, of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, have been transferred to Harwood mill, on the Clarence River, and to Broadwater mill, Lismore, respectively.

DR. VICTOR COPPLESON has left on a trip to America, and intends attending the Pan-Pacific Medical Conference in Honolulu.

GORDON WALKER, who left School at the end of last year, is now on the staff of Metters Ltd.

N. L. GREIG is on Waunaway Station, near Condobolin.

ROY JOHNSTON has joined the staff of the Perpetual Trustee Co. Ltd.

DOUG. MURCHISON'S new address is c/o Bennie S. Cohen & Son, A.M.P. Building, Queen Street, Brisbane. He recently returned from an extensive overseas trip, and was stationed at the head office of his firm in London for some time. He expects to be in Brisbane for some considerable time.

R. M. "ROWLEY" MACLEAN, 1928 Senior Prefect, has commenced practice as a solicitor at Bull's Chambers, 28 Martin Place, Sydney. H. K. C. "TIM" DETTMANN is in practice alongside him.

GARRICK WILSON has returned from a six months' trip abroad, which took him over most of the globe.

A recent return to Sydney after much travelling is H. A. TRIEBEL, now settled at the Chief Inspector's Office, Bank of N.S.W.

A live-wire body is the New South Wales G.P.S. Old Boys' Association in Brisbane. Its members get together in large numbers at every opportunity. A report to hand from the Brisbane *Courier* describes at length the annual dance held on June 23rd last. Featured in the "news" are H. S. NETTHEIM (Vice-President), C. N. NETTHEIM (Hon. Secretary) and DICK CLAPIN (Dance Secretary).

The football season draws to a quiet close, the departure of the "Wallaby" team for England and the high pitch of excitement over its selection leaving the remainder of the season a little flat. While hopes were held for the possible selection of at least three Old Boys, A. H. "ALBIE" STONE was the only one to gain the coveted honour. "Albie" has had a long and successful career as an international footballer, and with our congratulations to him go best wishes for a happy trip.

COL. SEFTON, of last year's School team, has done well in his first year of big football, gaining interstate selection. With a little more experience he should go a long way in the game. "JERRY" GERRAND and "FOB" O'BRIEN also represented interstate, the latter captaining the Gordon team, which looks like contesting the finals.

We are happy to congratulate the following, who have all entered into matrimony:—

MILLARD HAGON, married to Mrs. Primrose Carruthers on May 12th last.

JACK BACKHOUSE to Miss Brenda Somerville on May 19th.

JIM GOWING to Miss Mollie Wiesener on June 8th.

DAVID ROSSELL to Miss Gladys Best on May 20th.

DR. HERBERT MAITLAND to Miss Doreen Bennett, in England, on June 28th.

THEO. STOREY to Miss Dora Triggs, of Yass, on June 22nd.

M. L. MACCALLUM to Miss Diana Wentworth on May 23rd.

DR. FRANK BAYLDON to Miss Marjorie Tipper, of Taree, on July 17th.

Also DON MACNAUGHT, who went all the way to Switzerland to win and wed Miss Elizabeth Spetzmann.

And FRANK DUNDAS, of the 1926-27 VIII, who married Miss Cecily Bardou, of Newcastle, on August 5th. NEVILLE WHEELER and JACK HARDY were best man and groomsmen respectively.

Also our hearty congratulations to those who have recently announced their engagement:—

LAURIE LANGDON to Miss Jean Simpson, of Croydon.

COLIN INGLIS to Miss Edna Griffiths, of Orange.

DR. JIM MOLESWORTH to Miss Barbara McGann, of Bellevue Hill.

NORMAN MCGILVRAY to Miss Thelma Knight, of Gulargambone.

CHARLES WHITE to Miss Gwynneth Furner, of Camden.

We record with pleasure the additions to several Old Sydneian families, while feeling that the list is far from complete.

BIRTHS.

While expressing pleasure on the announcing of the following recent new arrivals on this earth, we regret that the School is not likely to gain many pupils among them!!

JOHN WOOD, a daughter on December 1st, 1938.

HUNTER MCPHERSON, a daughter on June 12th, 1939.

H. T. W. CORDEN, a daughter on June 17th.

DAVID L. COWDERY, a daughter on March 8th.

A. CAMPBELL JONES, a daughter on April 30th.

And to BILL MCCALL, M.H.R., a daughter on May 26th.

Also JACKIE PRATTEN, of Yass, a daughter on August 1st.

Not exactly a hopeful list for future School records, but the Women's Association should note!

UNIVERSITY LETTER.

Dear *Sydneian*,

The long second term has now drawn to its close, which, but for cricket, ends our year's sporting activity.

The 'Varsity football team has put up a good showing in the competition; with fewer injuries and more luck the premiership might easily have been theirs. Surprisingly few Sydneians have gained positions in the senior teams.

The Inter-Collegiate and Inter-Faculty football competitions

proved interesting. Andrew's, Paul's and Wesley were joint leaders in the former event, Dentistry narrowly defeated Medicine in the latter. McConnel (Paul's) Rhydderch and Fitzhardinge (Andrew's) were prominent from the Colleges, Davis (Medicine), Close, Eastman and Evans (Engineering) for the Faculties.

Sydney, after five successive victories, was defeated by Melbourne in the Inter-'Varsity Boat Race on the Nepean. Five 'Varsities competed, which added interest to a great race. Congratulations to W. Dill-Macky and A. Burkitt, who have been awarded Rowing Blues.

Rather more interest than usual was shown in the Inter-Faculty rowing this year. Six crews competed, as against two last year. Vet. Science narrowly defeated Engineering by a canvas after a great struggle. Other entrants were Science, Medicine, Economics and Dentistry.

Engineering turned the table on Vet. Science this year in the Inter-Faculty boxing, a single point giving the "greasers" the victory. J. O. Dark gave a good display for the Vet. team. In the 'Varsity Championships Dark was narrowly defeated in his division, Evans, in the heavyweight division, being forced to retire in the third round with a badly cut mouth.

Medicine won the Inter-Faculty athletic title, closely followed by Dentistry. P. Deck (Medicine), E. Sommerlad (Arts), Smyth and Eastman (Engineering) made good showings in their respective events.

Charles Lee, Andy McEvoy (who has just returned from abroad), Cammack and Farrar are keen hockey players.

John Dettmann and Bill Scales were the two Sydneian representatives in the 'Varsity Rifle Eight, which competed in Tasmania, and, like Macdougall, they topped the score. Theo Potts went as emergency and won the Emergencies' Match. All three were in the eight who shot in the Imperial Universities' Match at Liverpool. Theo headed the team's score with 190 out of 200 (two possibles), John being third with 185. Good shooting! The total, 1,439, may prove a winning one.

Jock Telfer is our sole member of the S.R.C., being the Engineering representative. John Close is President of the Engineering Association, and G. A. R. Stuart is on the Union Board. These men are all keen on 'Varsity affairs.

Since the war scare the 'Varsity Regiment has greatly increased its strength. It is also encouraging to know that Mr. Taylor's recruits have willingly joined up to defend Australia's shores.

G.P.S. football is almost over, with Grammar well down in the competition. Don't worry; keep your end up in the true Grammar spirit! We must congratulate St. Joseph's on its fifth successive win; indeed an excellent record.

We wish you every success in the shooting, and we anxiously await a good display in the athletics. Best of luck!

We are, dear *Sydneian*, ever yours, "UNDERGRAD,"

OBITUARY.

JUDGE G. H. FITZHARDINGE.

JUDGE FITZHARDINGE, of the District Court Bench, who for many years had been living in retirement, died at his home at Pennant Hills. He was in his ninety-fourth year.

Grantley Hyde Fitzhardinge was the fourth son of William George Augustus Fitzhardinge, and was born at Waverley in November, 1845. Educated at St. Phillip's Grammar School, St. James's Grammar School, and Sydney Grammar School, he graduated at the Sydney University in 1867, and obtained the degree of M.A. in 1889. He was called to the Bar in 1868. He was appointed a District Court Judge in 1890, and resigned in 1918. From time to time he acted as a Judge of the Supreme Court.

Even in the eventide of his life there was clearly discernible in him something of the once sturdy physique that stood to him in the days when, as Crown Prosecutor, and later as Judge, he either rode on horseback or drove in a sulky on outback circuit.

F. S. C. FINLAY.

FAWCETT SINCLAIR CAMERON FINLAY, who died on Tuesday at Forster, had for many years owned pastoral properties in New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria, and besides acting as cattle judge at numerous shows was considered an expert in tobacco-growing.

At the time of his death he was general manager of tobacco plantations at Mount Buffalo, Victoria.

Born at Stroud House, Stroud, New South Wales, he was the eldest son of the late Dr. Sinclair Finlay.

His widow is the youngest daughter of the late Charles McKenny, of Texas Station, Queensland. He was a brother of Drs. Donald and C. C. Finlay, and Messrs. Mervyn, St. Clair and Arthur Finlay. All six brothers attended the School.

W. L. COHEN.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE COHEN was a practising solicitor for thirty-eight years before his death on July 25th last. He was several years at the Sydney Grammar School, and after leaving in 1890 was employed by S. Hoffnung & Co. Ltd. before taking up Law.

He was a member of the Woollahra Council for some time, and prominent in surf life saving and bowling activities. He was also foundation member of and Past Master of Masonic Lodge Waverley.

W. E. ADAMS.

WALTER EDWARD ADAMS, whose death occurred at his home in Vaucluse recently, retired in 1926 as engineer-in-chief of Sydney Harbour Trust, after twenty-five years' service with the Trust, which he joined at its inception in 1901.

As designing engineer and engineer-in-chief, Mr. Adams was responsible for the planning of all wharves and other works of the port.

Later he was engaged by the Queensland Government to report on an ambitious scheme for the outer harbour at Port Mackay, estimated to cost £900,000; and by the Cairns Harbour Board to report on the construction of new wharfage, dredging and repairs to old structures.

In May, 1936, in compliance with the request of the Marine Board of Mersey, Devonport, Tasmania, he visited that port, and submitted a plan for improvements to Devonport Harbour.

Mr. Adams, who was born in Albury in 1862, was educated at the Sydney Grammar School, and, before joining the Harbour Trust, was attached to the Lands Department, and, between 1885 and 1889, the Southern Pacific Railway Company (U.S.A.).

PROFESSOR. H. E. WHITFIELD.

THE death has occurred in Perth of Emeritus Professor Hubert Edwin Whitfeld, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Western Australia since 1927, at the age of 64.

Professor Whitfeld was educated at Sydney Grammar School and the University of Sydney, where he graduated with Honours. Between 1902 and 1912 he was metallurgist and mine manager on various mines in Western Australia, and in 1913 he was appointed Professor of Mining and Engineering at the University of Western Australia, which position he retained until 1927. During the war he was engaged in munition work for the British Government in England and the United States.

THE STUDENTS' FRIEND.

IN more than the conventional sense of the words, Western Australian University students feel that they have lost a leader through the death of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor H. E. Whitfeld, whose academic career began at the University of Sydney. It was Professor Whitfeld who inspired Perth undergraduates to some surprising variations of an ordinary student life. He believed that pick and shovel work had its educational value; and at his suggestion engineering students made the

university grounds more beautiful by excavating and constructing the lily pond in which the admirably-designed Winthrop Hall is reflected.

It was by his desire that lately students from all departments agreed to work for the university with their hands as well as their brains, and undergraduates spent their spare time, under direction of a committee of works from the engineering school, in making a new floor for one of the university buildings, constructing a swimming pool, improving the shrubberies, and planning a new car barn in front of the grounds. Women students labelled trees and shrubs with botanical details, and took charge of some of the garden beds. Other help in university work was offered in the form of clerical labour and teaching for the adult education movement. Professor Whitfeld saw no conventional limitations to the work of a university for the people, and when he died he was still working out a scheme by which Perth University should establish a youth labour centre, and also give to selected unemployed young men of exceptional gifts a university education.

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