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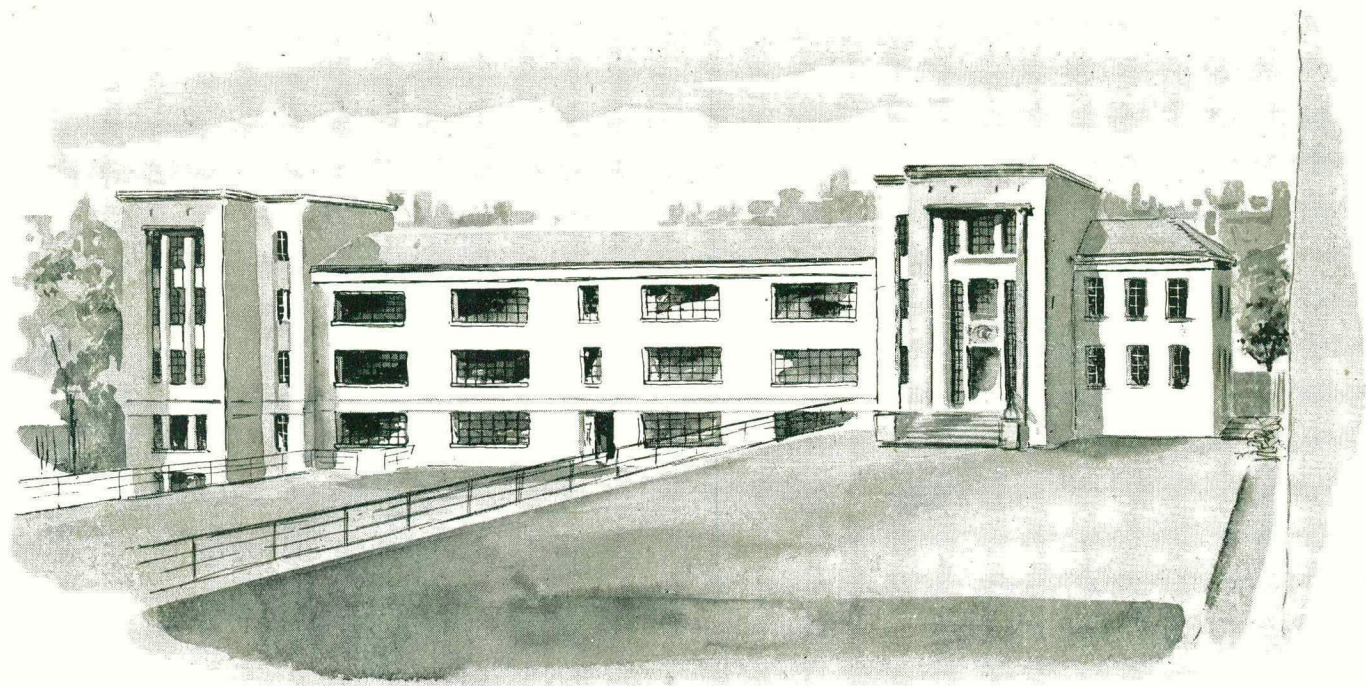


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Foreword

(F. G. Phillips)

THIS War Memorial issue of the *Sydneian* is designed to commemorate the services of Old Sydneians who took part in the War of 1939-1945. Although it is not yet possible to state accurately the number of those who enlisted, the School was represented in every branch of the Services and in every theatre of war.

The Memorial Block, which is to be erected will serve as a fitting and permanent tribute to those who gave their lives.

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The half-tone drawing of the proposed Memorial Building is the work of a recent Old Sydneian, Mr. Graham Bryce.

Recollections

Do most men retain a clear picture of their first entry into a great school?

I must confess that my own recollections of my schooldays are now rather dim. But then I entered the Grammar School in 1874 and that cannot be considered only yesterday.

It was Michaelmas term and I was for the time being placed in 2B. Education had not then lost its traditional basis and Latin was taught from the beginning, Greek a little later. My father had taught me before I entered the school and I particularly remember his teaching me Latin Grammar from an old Eton Grammar all in Latin.

After the Christmas holidays in January 1875, I was moved into 3B. In that year I shared the Junior Knox prize in the Lower School with Banjo Patterson. Reggie Allen took the Senior Knox and was head of the school. He, by the way, was gifted with a wonderful memory and, secure in its fortunate possession, he felt himself relieved from the necessity of overwork. He could devote himself to cricket. He was an excellent bat and, afterwards, he played in Intercolonial cricket.

Another boy who was to gain deserved celebrity was Hubert Murray. Even at school he had the reputation of being outstanding in scholarship. When, later, he went to Oxford he became a Demy of Magdalen. He was a first class classical scholar. On his return to Sydney he practised for some time at the Bar. He was a law reporter in the Equity Court and afterwards he turned to a very different jurisdiction and became a Crown Prosecutor. But his outstanding success was not in the field of law. His fame rests on his rule in

Papua where he was Lieutenant-Governor. He was a powerful athlete. The legend was, I can't vouch for its authenticity, that he won the heavy-weight championship on the day he had his "Viva" for his first in Greats. I remember that he sculled himself from Drummoyne along the Parramatta River to Clontarf, Middle Harbour, where a Bar picnic was held in honour of a newly-appointed judge. This festivity did not prevent him from sculling back to his home in Drummoyne. When he first went to England he told us he found that, although he had been well grounded, he had not read the same number of Latin and Greek authors as had candidates from English schools. However he soon remedied that and he won the scholarship at Magdalen.

I think we were fortunate in my time in having good teachers in the masters A. B. Weigall had got together. Those I met were Edwin Bean, father of Dr. Bean, Charlie Francis and Meyrick. The two former had but recently been brought by the Head from England. *Causa pietatis*, I must not omit to mention "Snuffy" Nelson, who tried, but failed, to teach me copper-plate handwriting: nor "Chook" Fowler, who did not inspire me to become a draftsman. It was not for me to worry him and, instead of drawing pots and pans during his period, I read a book or prepared for to-morrow's lesson.

The great master of the school was its Head. He inspired awe, respect and love. Of his control of the school and how as a young man he reorganised it and brought it up to be the premier school in the Colony I need hardly write. But I shall never forget his kindly interest in me. I was, I believe, a very shy and diffident small boy. It was one of his great human gifts to win the confidence of such creatures. He took a dim view of my writing and spelling and insisted that I be submitted to more of "Snuffy" Nelson's art. He himself

gave me dictation lessons in the lunch hour. The custom of most of us was to take sandwiches and not to go home or lunch out. Later in my life, the Head taught me Latin and Greek verse, an art of which he himself was, I think, a master.

In my early days at the school I was elected secretary of the Debating Society. I did not myself debate, nor did I sing or recite. The evenings were devoted alternately to debates and to concerts. I remember our drill sergeant, Sergeant Hodge, when not A.W.L. amused us with a set piece sung in basso profundo.

In the Upper School, some of my contemporaries were Tom Rolin, Laurens Armstrong, A. B. Piddington, Frank Leverrier, G. and J. Fairfax, A. W. Allen and P. W. Street.

In the Upper School I became a prefect and one of the editors of the "Sydneyian." Editing had its privileges. It enabled us to seclude ourselves in the Reception Room. This room was the first on the left-hand side of the entrance from Stanley Street. Its more legitimate and profitable use was the receipt every quarter of fees by the Secretary. Graver if not less profitable uses were for interviews by the Head of parents and for the admonishing of offenders—either with words or cane. Canings in my time were of three qualities—that in the privacy of the reception room; for worse offences in the face of the victim's form and, for offences greater still, in the assembly hall before the whole school. The sergeant searched the malefactor for copy books secreted "down south," the silent superiority of absorbent rubber sheeting for such posterior purposes then being unknown to schoolboys.

Greek and Latin were not the only subjects, French, as taught by a Frenchman, was always an amusing interlude. After translating La Fontaine's Fables, we

were taught to sing the Marseillaise. But whatever advantage may be derived from modern education, I believe the system in which we were brought to maturity was a good one. In my days I consider we were taught to learn. We were not caponized to pass exams. None of us conceived of a University as a high technical school designed to equip its students for bread and butter callings and no more. The professions were still learned and we were taught to believe that it was their learning that gave them their title to distinction. At school and at the University learning seemed to be pursued for learning's sake, and culture and ethics were regarded as following by consequence.

Was this all an illusion? After a long professional life in which I have been an interested spectator of many changes, I think that it was no illusion. Success in passing examinations does not make good citizens or lay the foundation for the development of character, for honesty of purpose, or for a determination "to play the game." The word "clever" is now more in use than the words "cultured" or "learned." But it has a sinister meaning. "Poor B. was not clever enough." That means he failed to get away with his dishonesty and avoid gaol. I remain a believer in the old classical training. Indeed I am certain that everyone, especially every professional man, should have a background of learning in what are called "useless subjects" and that money-making is not the goal of education.

—G. E. RICH.

From the Far East an Australian writes in praise of Spitfires and their pilots: "One of their lieutenants has the D.F.C. and the Oxford accent, but watch him handle his Spitfire. We hold our breaths again and again as he gives his machine the works. The Japs who survive will remember for a long time their meetings with these very gallant gentlemen."

War and Peace

WITHIN almost a generation the world has experienced two wars of such magnitude and far-reaching effect as to be classified as World Wars (1914-18, 1939-1945). At the end of World War I it did seem at the time that the nations generally would be able to adopt measures avoiding many of the difficulties that between them are now the subject of so much argument and discussion.

However, the Treaty of Versailles was much criticised during the intervening period between the two wars. It has been maintained that if the statesmen of 1919 had been more farseeing, and if perhaps a greater tolerance had been shown in the framing of this Treaty, the recent war might not have resulted; but without entering into any lengthy argument for or against the criticism that has been levelled at the Treaty of Versailles, it would appear that events from 1930 onwards made the recent war inevitable. One is forced to the conclusion also that appeasement does not of itself prevent war.

There could have been no more suitable atmosphere for the signing of a Peace which, it was hoped, would end war. The Palace of Versailles, in exterior architecture, interior layout and decoration, would seem to anyone who has been privileged to visit Versailles to create the correct setting and atmosphere for such an event.

But in 1939 the Nations were again to become involved in a conflict and struggle that before ending was to draw in all major Powers and, in effect, to be more far-reaching than the war of 1914-1918. Destruction and devastation in some countries has been on an almost unbelievable scale; the loss of life

as the result of fighting and internment has far exceeded the loss of life in World War I; in fact, it seems that the result of the recent war has been almost to undermine some of the pillars of our civilization. At present there is, further, no unanimity amongst the Nations as to how the damage of war can be repaired.

Pages could be written for the case against war; the experience of two wars of world-wide incidence proves conclusively that much which is devastating and detrimental to humanity results from war.

From our experience of two wars and, in particular, of the last war, can we find anything helpful and constructive? If diligent search is made there are factors and also qualities evident in the sailor, soldier or airman which, if applied in peace time to individual, community and national life, would certainly make a valuable contribution towards overcoming the unsettled state of affairs which exists to-day. So we can say that war, in its result, need not necessarily be entirely destructive. Our difficulty to-day is that experience which would be helpful is not a universal guide.

Mention of a few of the qualities evident in the Services will indicate how the return to peace can be helped and made more real if the qualities mentioned are practised individually and collectively by those who have soldiered in the war.

Loyalty to King and country is not lacking in the Australian when the emergency arises. Do you not think that loyalty in its highest sense would be a contribution which might with advantage be made to our peace-time endeavours?

Then discipline, so essential to make perfect the fighting machine, so essential in that each then knows what to expect of his fellow in emergency—but not the kind of discipline that some would perhaps have

us believe—discipline and self-discipline would surely be helpful factors in our post-war problems.

The sense of Duty is an essential quality that helps to make effective a unit of the Services. In everyday life we are rather ready to sidestep duty when applied to somebody or something not immediately—so we imagine—our own concern.

In war, initiative and self-reliance have prompted many a gallant deed that has often saved a considerable number of lives and in many instances has cost the individual his own life. In individuals and a Nation, initiative and self-reliance, if effective, are attributes making for strength and independence of the right type, and especially desirable in these times.

Co-operation seems to be much needed in getting us down to the real business of peace, while adaptability (if conscientiously applied) will overcome many of the present-day problems. Again, in the Services these essential characteristics were much in evidence.

And so, briefly it will be evident that there can emerge from war something to help us in peace. It is not suggested that the characteristics and qualities mentioned above have no place in our life to-day, but rather perhaps that we by application should intensify our efforts to bring about an understanding in our community and national life that will bring peace and prosperity to all.

The same responsibility will ultimately rest upon those now at the School as is upon those who have passed through our School, to see that we all do our part in bringing about a state of affairs more settled than exists at this time.

We remember our Old Boys who died in the recent war. They did not falter; this surely is the incentive to those who live on.

C. A. CALLAGHAN.

A.G.H., Toowoomba

(First New Guinea Campaign)

When this soldier returned, no salute was flung
By acclaiming music—only pain's tumbrel,
The ambulance, swung through the Hospital gate
For the AWA driver, worn from her night
Drive on the ranges, to grumble at wait
For the orderlies. Then the lantern light
Yellowed the stubbled face, and the glazed
Eyes blinked as they gazed from the blanket fold,
Where the muddled hat and the case-card told
Of action's calvaries louder than any tongue.

He lies curled in the snow-soft sheets,
And the ward is a world of stillness, a cool
End to the heats of travellings endless;
His torrents of motion are tranced to a pool
Unstirred and windless. Unreal as a ghost
Becomes the stumbling from the staging-post
At Efogi; the walking wounded in file
To Menari; the falling, and the blurred pain
Of inched crawling on the trail; the mile
Of bearing by boongs, the ship, and the jarring train.

In his dozings he sees from a haven of calm
The shell-beheaded palm once more,
And the twilight jungle where vines intertwined,
Where the floor was mined with foxholes hiding
Death's fingers, where Nips went sliding behind
Red-fungused trees and the darkness wore
The phosphor of sudden braveries.
That anguish is spent, all campaigning done,
And his wound is a pass to unmoving content
Of a stone in the grass, a surfer asleep in the sun.

In the desert and Syrian hills he had known
Hard fighting, but never mere living grown
To such endurance of dragging pain
In malarial flesh, corrosive nagging
Of tropical rain, nerves choked in the mesh
Of fears . . . Yet still the spirit invoked
Fulfilment of courage lying deep,
Unknown till the rod of the Aaron hour
Struck on the rock, and summoned a power
Gushing to greatness.

He fought, unresting. Now let him sleep.

T. Inglis Moore.

Brig.-General J. M. Antill writing from France,
3/10/1916.

You and the present boys will be proud to know that wherever one meets them the Old Boys have worthily maintained the traditions and name of the old School. I see them in all places, from the ranks to very high and responsible positions, and am filled with pride at what they have done and are doing.

Tell the youngsters their turn will surely come to "carry on" and that they have a great example to emulate and live up to.

A very considerable number of the Old Boys can never see Australia again, but they have done their duty and would not have it otherwise.

Air Force Experiences

AFTER about a year growing a tiny feather day by day the laws of supply and demand finally deposited me at a coastal fighter operational training unit. It was a cold-blooded choice really, and the required number was drafted irrespective of individual social engagements.

Catfort, situated north of Hull, was the scene of operations—both our's and Jerries'. He paid us social calls at any hour of the night. He also had a very nasty habit of joining our circuit area on pupils' "solo" nights.

The instructors were nearly all "Battle of Britain" men and really knew their job. They all had nicknames and I was allotted to "Sinbad." This gentleman was a flight-lieutenant in charge of a flight. His first operational tour consisted of many "strikes" in Blenheims.

Naturally he was a sailor. His father owned a shipping line and sent him to sea to harden up a little.

"Sinbad" was very thorough and an excellent instructor, although he loathed the job and eagerly awaited the day when he would be drafted to "ops" again.

The day arrived when I was sufficiently proficient on Blenheims for graduation to the Beaufighter flight.

After a few circuits standing behind my instructor, he stopped the engines and checked me as to cockpit drill. He enquired how I felt and I replied "Quite timid," to which he added, "Take her round a couple of times, old boy. Open your throttles slowly, keep her straight and watch your speed coming in. You'll like her, old boy; she flies like a bird. Oh, by the way, Ronnie, don't be too long and I'll drive you up to tea."

This last remark gave me a new lease of confidence, a commodity I was continually obtaining on lease-lend.

My engines increased from a purr to a deafening roar and I was in the air. 'Twas like a mad dog. I was merely taking a ride between two great engines, each turning out seventeen hundred and fifty horsepower.

After the customary frights I took my place beside the "Battle of Britain" wizard and we drove to tea. He turned and remarked, "Wipe the sweat from your brow, Ronnie. You'll worship that machine in a few weeks. She'll give you 275 knots on the deck."

Those instructors were grand. They were a very select group. Jerry had graded them by consistent pruning and then a final selection was made by R.A.F. Training Command.

So to a squadron. A fully-fledged Beaufighter pilot with one hundred and eighty flying hours.

In retrospect, "a piece of cake" to any Hun with an ounce of flying ability and a reasonable shot.

How any pilot lives through his first half-dozen trips is a mystery to most folk. Quoting an old C.O., "He must have the weather, the energy, providence and the Lord all on his side."

I cut my teeth, making very timid trips along the coastline between St. Nazaire and the Skaggerack." It is amazing the number of "sprags" and the number of times any particular "sprag" was allowed to return from that coastline, quite terrified but unharmed.

Old "Watty," our C.O., used to say: "Lads, if you get cornered, push everything forward and those friends beside you (two Bristol Hercules) will bring you back to Blighty."

Like a seasonal bird it became my lot to migrate, so I set forth for Egypt.

It was a beautiful morning in June when I passed over the Cornish coast. 'Twas quite uneventful, and after a good view of Northern Spain and the whole length of Portugal, we found ourselves at Gib.

My navigator was an uncanny fellow. If one flew his courses one invariably got from A to B without incident. I named him "Homer"—not after the ancient, but a specific pigeon we had on the previous squadron.

We were able to eat our first orange for a year on arrival at Gib.

Next morning I'm afraid we were ten minutes late on "take off." Sandy, my golden Labrador pup, had wandered and simply had to be found.

The trip as far as Cape Bon was uneventful, but from there to Malta we were troubled by ME109 aircraft. However, we "made" the little island without embarrassment and left at dawn the following morning for Egypt.

It seems quite amusing now that my navigator was supplied with a Mercator's chart and the only map I could obtain was a *Daily Telegraph* map of the Mediterranean.

After joining 272 Squadron here I really learnt what the wonderful R.A.F. was made of.

Although many frights and moments of extreme anxiety were thrust upon me, I can look back on five years of life filled to capacity with adventure, excitement and wonderful associations.

My comrades who have been fortunate in surviving the gamble and those who made the supreme sacrifice I hold in the greatest admiration.

Such associations make one so very humble and yet so very proud.

—RONALD RANKIN.

Exegi Monumentum Aere Perrenius

(Horace Odes III 30.)

OLD SYDNEIANS who served in the recent war must not be supposed, individually, to think of their service as demanding commemoration, or as a cause of complacency in themselves for having done their duty. But the School must feel that they played a noble part, bringing an ever-living honour to it and their country. All will agree who constitute the School, that pride in the achievements of those who served, grief for those who fell, and thanksgiving for all who returned, should be perpetuated in suitable fashion.

There are not a few alive to-day who recall the unveiling of the tablet in memory of the Old Sydneians who fell in the South African War, and there are many more who readily think of the Memorial of the First World War. As boys, we must often have gazed at the Memorials in the Big School Room, perhaps wondering what manner of men they all were thus recorded, what acts of bravery and deeds of self-sacrifice they had performed, and, before that, what part they had played in the life of the School. Those were perhaps just fleeting thoughts, but they were not without an inspiration, a sort of Divine prompting and an intimate appeal that laid on us a charge to keep faith and be true to our cause. Even then we knew we must play for the side.

Such memorials have their counterpart in every school, are scrupulously preserved and regarded with pride, but the emotional appeal cannot be fully developed through such a form, and so there are other memorials superior, such as the Scottish War Memorial on the rock of Edinburgh Castle or as school chapels, things which in their nature constitute a part of a

national or school life. Wisdom therefore has directed that the proposed Sydney Grammar School Memorial shall take the form of a building that will be a portion of the School. By this means the spirit of the School will be more surely preserved, more intimately associated with the lives of our successors, will bring into their everyday routine the record of service, loyalty, sacrifice and courage to serve as a perpetual fount of inspiration.

No explicit description of the School's war effort need be offered. Throughout the British Empire the Old Boys of Great Public Schools have given due testimony of their piety and fidelity, their determination to act as becomes men of their training. We have our special reason to be proud of Sydney Grammar School. On the sea and the land and in the air Old Sydneians served in various capacities, and within the opportunities of the tasks that fell to them they showed that they could quit them like men, be strong, in things of small or great renown, but all part of a scheme dependent on the proper performance of diverse responsibilities within a single purpose. Those fated not to return, but to make the complete sacrifice, have rendered the task of commemoration more solemn, and have imposed a continuance of duty as a privilege of survival. To all such and to future generations there is a clear message in the Memorial—a call to service, citizenship and courage. The key to it all is perhaps the last element. Courage certainly was the impelling force of those commemorated, whether they knew it or not. As Dr. Johnson has written in reference to it, "Unless a man has that virtue he has no security for preserving any other."

An incident of the First War is perhaps worthy of mention here as illustrative of courage and endurance with the curious gaiety that is often inseparable from

both those qualities. A soldier, always a matter of concern to his regional medical officer because of his frail physique and general lack of robustness, nevertheless had managed to stick it out with his unit through long and arduous years of campaigning. Finally, in a battalion engagement he was severely wounded. As he lay on a stretcher near the aid post, pale, shocked and obviously near death, the medical officer asked him if the pain he was suffering was very severe. "Only when I laugh," was the reply. Happily, he recovered and will doubtless have given much further proof of his worth in ordinary citizenship since then.

This is but a single instance. There were many similar examples, as all who saw active service, and especially those who belonged to medical units, know from personal experience. It was courage that enabled these men to accept danger, privation, suffering, even death, with a calm philosophy that carried them through the horrors of war and enabled them to emerge triumphant from the challenge to their manhood.

Surely the future should hold some hope as the result of all this, both in the effect on those who survived and on posterity.

A memorial must be more than a mere architectural design bearing names and dates. To stand the test of time and carry with itself a natural expression of what is best in its purpose, to make the glory of the past an influence on the future, to encourage emulation in the development of laudable qualities, it must have a spiritual significance. Precept and example from the past will provide it with a soul. Successive generations of youth will bring to it all the other attributes of life. The boys themselves will have their contribution to make and will learn from it a proud

humility as inheritors of the past and a new courage as men responsible for the future. Thus it can help them to say with truth: "Fair is our lot and goodly is our heritage."

For the sake of the future and not only of the past, let us now raise a memorial more enduring than brass—lest we forget:

"Bless and praise we famous men—
Men of little showing—
For their work continueth,
And their work continueth,
Broad and deep continueth,
Great beyond their knowing."

W. P. MACCALLUM, C.B.E.

The story refers to a former captain of the School and winner of the Military Cross. When asked about the deed that won it he said the facts were these: Before the attack the rum ration was delivered to him for distribution. But he did not distribute it; instead he addressed the men. "When you land in the Hun trench the rum is yours." Thus he spake and tied the bottle to his belt with all the security man could devise. He and the men charged, his attention throughout being turned to the protection of the rum. The men took the trench and he was there to deliver the rum.—From a soldier's letter.

I am writing in order to correct any false impression which may have been formed consequent on the recent publication of my name in casualty lists as being "missing," when I am really safe once more in England and waiting for my next copy of *The Sydneian* to arrive. I have missed the last issue or two as I was enjoying the hospitality of the French Underground Movement and my mail was *not* forwarded to me during that time.—From an airman's letter.

Of War Memorials

AT the River of the Dog north of Beirut the hills come down to the seashore, making a defile which from ancient times has been the gateway of Syria for armies marching by that way. And it has been the custom, since the dawn of history, for conquerors there to commemorate their victories by inscriptions carved in the rock face. Ancient stelae, some defaced by time, set forth the names and exploits of Rameses II, of Nebuchadnezzar, of Greeks and Assyrians, of a Roman emperor and a Mameluk sultan, of Napoleon III.

In 1918, after Sir Harry Chauvel (Old Sydneian and Australia's greatest soldier) had captured Damascus and Aleppo, a new tablet was cut in that rock. Unlike the earlier ones, it contains no individual's name, but records the achievements of the Desert Mounted Corps, including the Australian Light Horse. And that good example was followed in the latest inscription made in 1941, when Australian troops again took part in the conquest of Syria.

Many Australian soldiers looked at those stones, impressed by their story of struggle and warfare throughout thirty centuries at the crossroads of the world. They are one form of war memorial, the same in purpose as the monuments which all over the world mark historic battlefields. Somewhat related are the great monuments expressive of triumph, such as Titus' Arch and the Arc de Triomphe, redeemed from vainglory by their beauty. But memorials of victory do not all proclaim only triumph. They may also express deliverance and gratitude. The church bells of England have rung for great victories, and congregations have sung the "Te Deum."

When that great soldier Joshua had, by the timely aid of the Lord, secured the crossing of the Jordan to continue his advance on Jericho, he gave orders for a monument of twelve stones to mark the site: "That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What mean ye by these stones?' then shall you answer them, 'That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord' and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel forever."

A memorial which fulfils its purpose should evoke a question and suggest an answer. It should speak of deeds and remind of inheritance.

While many memorials were built to commemorate great events and victories, others were primarily meant as monuments to the fallen. Their message is of the sacrifice made by brave men. Piety and a proud sorrow surround them. But the years pass and in time those who mourned have gone. The monument will then cease to have a present purpose, unless it, too, speaks of a nation's heritage and calls generation upon generation to ask: "quid pro tanto retribuemus?"

During the recent war we, in many places, learnt how farflung has been our battleline and how many and distant are those corners of foreign fields which are forever England. Not only in the great cemeteries, but at Beersheba and at Tel El Kebir, at Mersa Matruh and Aleppo we saw the graves of men of British race who had died in earlier wars. When our troops landed on Labaun, off the coast of Borneo, one of the things which stood undamaged by shell fire and bombing was a small monument to a colour-sergeant and ten men of the Royal Marines, killed there in an engagement with pirates a hundred years before.

The men who died in the last war therefore joined a mighty host. There is not only a tradition, but a

continuity in the King's service. The navy which fought in the Pacific and the Mediterranean was the navy which fought at Jutland and under Nelson at Trafalgar, the navy which beat the Spanish Armada. The army which fought in North Africa and Greece, in New Guinea and in Borneo was the same army which fought at Gallipoli, in France and Palestine, and before that in South Africa, the same army which defeated Napoleon at Waterloo, and marched to Blenheim under Marlborough. The air force of the recent war had a forerunner in the Flying Corps with the same empyrean gallantry.

Those of us who were with the second A.I.F. know how powerful was the desire of men to be worthy of their fathers. No doubt many old Sydneians were influenced, consciously or unconsciously, by having seen so often the memorials in the Big School Room. When war came they accepted their task readily. Many of them brought in good measure that great quality in war, leadership—not the detached leadership of higher commanders, but the leadership of the junior officer and the section commander and above all the example of the disciplined and resolute private soldier.

What sentences should appear on a war memorial? Few or none. Its voice does not speak in words and is not confined by an epitaph. If men seek in words a memorial, they may read Pericles' oration for the Athenian dead or Lincoln's address at Gettysburg.

What names should appear on a war memorial? Men who have been in the services, perhaps most people, would answer, only the names of those who have fallen. The practice after the 1914-1918 war of incorporating a complete "roll of honour" seemed often to show some confusion of thought and sentiment. It was a new thing. It seemed appropriate then, when men enlisted voluntarily to serve beyond the seas. It seems inappropriate now, when a whole people were by law set to

appointed tasks and when many women and children in England endured dangers and hardships greater than those of many soldiers.

What form should a war memorial take? In a reaction against crude and numerous masses of stone and bronze, costly and ugly, many people to-day, perhaps most people, would answer that it must be something useful to the living, a hall or a hospital for example. But the more useful such an institution is, the less its real value as a war memorial. Men never ask of a hospital what is its meaning and message. It is valued for the services it gives, not revered for the service it commemorates. And when it is sought to use the impulse to set up a war memorial as a medium for raising money to get some desired local requirement, one begins to wonder whether the war was fought for the relief of ratepayers. No. The war memorials which best awaken both memory and inspiration are simple things with but a single aim. The Cenotaph in Whitehall, the faded and tattered colours hanging in an English cathedral, the small obelisk in the Tobruk cemetery, built by men of the garrison during the siege, with its words, "This is hallowed ground for here lie those who died for their country"—these serve no "useful" purpose.

But the Grammar School has wisely decided to associate, with the decision to erect a true memorial on the walls of a new library, an appeal for funds sufficient to build the library, and with it new classrooms badly needed. A well housed, well stocked and worthy library should be in every school to-day. And however eloquent the lesson of a school's war memorial, it cannot be heard and heeded, unless the school flourishes and has secured for it a future in keeping with its past. Then the school's war memorials can truly proclaim of those whom they commemorate that, "their righteousness hath not been forgotten. With their seed shall continually remain a good inheritance and their children are within the covenant."

— W. J. V. Windeyer.

1918-1941

Not those patient men who knocked and were un-
heeded

where ignorance impeded like a flat panel swung
before the tower-stair to the dark mind of the young:
another moved beside them on the dais, at the desk—
War in a square cap, gowned and grotesque.

This was the master whose tongue did the talking;
then time became a chalking-off of dates upon the
wall—

for no lad chose a calling who heard instead a call,
and just beyond a boy's years (so the lesson ran)
the one work waited fitting for a man.

None grew so tiptoe as to see the plain road, yonder,
at the hour's edge dip under to the leagues of calm
before.

It was odd to break step and shamble from the door,
to plough the broad peace, and be older, and learn
pride
from the day's task met and the morrow still defied.

Distant the guns are, and no wind veering
has brought them into hearing, nor yet in these lands
do they bawl between hills as between a pair of hands;
but there's what we were bred to . . . and strange it is
then

to be lifting our sons up to watch the marching men.

Tattered the bewilderment I pull across my shoulders
and shamed before beholders in this torn shirt,
like a slave to my shoes I wander unalert,
with eyes but no thought in them to mark the way I
tread

and a thought without eyes that runs lost in my head.

—Robert D. FitzGerald.

Acknowledgments to "The Bulletin."

Extracts from Speeches

ANNUAL DINNER OLD SYDNEIANS' UNION
ON 10th SEPTEMBER, 1946.

THE PRESIDENT (MR. NORMAN COWPER)—

A small self-contained kingdom

Although we take pride in the School's great past, and in its very satisfactory present condition, we must still ask ourselves what place there is in a modern democratic and egalitarian community for a school like ours, standing outside the State system. The excellence of the tuition given by the High Schools is beyond question. We have always claimed that sport builds character and develops a sense of fairplay; but there has been a growth in the sporting activities of the State Secondary Schools so that to-day their standards are equal to ours. We, and the other so-called Great Public Schools, must look elsewhere than to scholarship and sport for our justification.

We can, of course, fall back on snobbery. We can make our schools exclusive to the well-to-do classes, and ensure that our boys never soil their precious minds and manners by contact with the rest of the community. This is not a course that will appeal to any Old Sydneian. Our school has never been fashionable. It has never had much attraction for the socially ambitious. And I hope that it will continue to fulfil the terms of its charter from the Parliament of this State by conferring "the advantages of a regular and liberal course of education on all classes and denominations of His Majesty's subjects resident in the Colony of New South Wales without any distinction whatsoever." . . .

Our Great Public Schools will keep an honoured and valued place in the life of this Commonwealth to the extent to which they provide a first-class educa-

tion which is not directed merely or primarily to helping boys to earn a living; to the extent to which they turn out cultured citizens; and to the extent to which they turn out men with public spirit, men with social consciences, men with a strong sense of civic duty and whose strength of character and feeling of responsibility to the community fit them to be its leaders.

How far is the Old School equipped for these ideals? Some people think that the fact that it is a day school, with somewhat cramped quarters in the middle of a great city, handicaps it. I wonder. Mr. Warner points out that the best elements of the English public school tradition are not, in Britain, the prescriptive rights of a few expensive boarding schools; and that the importance of the great day schools, such as St. Paul's, Merchant Taylors, and Dulwich, should never be underestimated.

In my more ardent youth I advocated shifting the School to some fairly distant suburb where it would have more ample room. There were various strong reasons against it, the conclusive one being that this site was granted to the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School and their successors as such trustees, and we would not be free to dispose of it. I am not sure that it would have been a good thing to move.

I think you Old Sydneians will agree with me that the fact that this is a day school and in the centre of a metropolis does not disqualify it from, or even hamper it in, the tasks that lie before it. But what of our physical equipment? We have this main building, with this fine hall. It is built in the plain English Georgian style, by people who understood the rules of proportion, in setting doors and windows in relation to the whole. It is simple, dignified, and mercifully free from the affectations and pretensions of more recent days. It is right, both artistically and prac-

tically, and we could scarcely wish for a better nucleus round which to build a great school. The rest of our buildings leave much to be desired. We have no library worthy of the name. Our science-teaching is inadequately provided for. We have no provision for visual education. We badly need more class-rooms for the Lower School, and a smaller hall than this, which we can use as a debating chamber and a music room, and for epidiastope and films. The School Sergeant and his family deserve better quarters.

This is the first Reunion we have had since Australia and the Empire and its Allies emerged victorious from a long and exacting struggle. In that struggle the Masters and Old Boys of this School played an honourable and, in many cases, a distinguished part.

[We have the names of more than 1,750 Old Sydneians who served and more than 130 who gave their lives.

After the 1914-1918 War the Old Sydneians Union raised a War Memorial Fund, which was devoted partly to the erection of the tangible Memorial which is such an impressive feature of this big schoolroom, and partly, to the extent of some thousands of pounds, to the creation of a School Endowment Fund. This time, after consultation with the Headmaster and the Trustees, the Committee of the Union has decided on a more ambitious project. It has seemed to us that the best way to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Old Sydneians in the late war will be to erect a War Memorial Building which will meet the needs of the school and bring its equipment up to date.

If this appeal succeeds we shall have met all the present needs of the School and equipped it to meet the future. What better testimony could there be to our reverence for the School's great past, to our veneration for the men of high attainments and fine character who have taught in these halls, and to our gratitude to the men from this School who have laid

down their lives in their country's service, than that we should put up a splendid new building which will bring the educational and cultural facilities of the School up to the highest modern standards and enable it to carry on in the future under the best conditions the magnificent work it has done in the past? It is an inspiring conception. Let us resolve to accomplish it.

THE HEADMASTER,—

I was interested a few weeks ago to hear that a representative of another school had somewhat contemptuously referred to the Grammar School as an "old barn." I might have been annoyed, but, on the contrary, I was grateful. For it recalled a truth, which we are apt to forget, that when the high gods visit our earth they do not come appavelled in royal robes or take up their abode in the palaces of kings. According to Greek mythology, Apollo came to dwell among shepherds, while in the Norse mythology Odin disguised himself to live in a fisherman's hut. But when we leave the realms of mythology to pass to the records of authentic history we find that One came greater than Apollo and greater than Odin to be cradled in a manger set within a barn. And from that barn there streamed forth a light to illumine the world, and an influence which has changed the history of mankind. We, for our part, are proud to think that from this "old barn" there has shone forth a light by which men have guided their steps, and there have radiated an influence and an inspiration which in peace and in war have helped to mould the destinies of this country.

It is easy for us all to measure the progress of a man who, by practical efficiency in affairs, has attained a position of wealth and eminence. It is not so easy

to trace the course of Genius on its starry way. What shall we say of those whom we shall not see again in this life, but who, from the influence and inspiration of this School, have gained an intangible but enduring wealth of character and have set their footsteps towards those starry heights to which true men in their best moments aspire. For them the School has become a home of the spirit.

And at times when the noises of the street are stilled and the early shadows of dusk begin to gather within these old walls, we seem to hear them speaking to us. For there is no silence; there is only deafness. Out of the stillness and out of the shadows those voices come. Is it our imagination, or have they caught indeed the strains of some new supernal harmonies? "This," they tell us, "is the place we love, one of the dearest spots in a land where it was good to live. When we were far away and sick for home, our thoughts turned to it; in our dreams we came back to it; in our lives we tried to be worthy of it."

"The fame is quenched that we foresaw,
The head hath missed an earthly wreath."

Here, to-night, we do homage to them and we offer to their memory a tribute that shall be worthy of their sacrifice and love.

Those Who Died

Archer, Rodney B.
Assheton, J. L.
Astill, A. E.
Bell, H. M. R.
Blight, P. H. E.
Brian, A. E.
Burney, H. G.
Burnham, John
Bussell, R. S.
Cameron, E. A.
Campbell, R. H.
Chambers, J. F.
Chapman, A. W. M.
Chatto, H. S.
Christison, I. H.
Clarke, W. P.
Cooke, R. M.
Cormack, Ian C.
Cox, J. F.
Crawford, F. E. M.
Cridland, A. T.
Croft, W. D.
Cudlipp, J.
Delarue, J. E.
Dibbs, G. R.
Dunbar, G. J.
Duncan, J. M.
Edwards, J. G.
Estell, J. E.
Evans, H. S.
Evans, L. C.
Farnsworth, R. E.
Fisher, H. M.
Freeth, J. S.

Garnsey, R. C. R.
Gaulton, Andrew R.
Gengos, W.
Gibson, D. C.
Glassock, C. P.
Godley, C. C.
Gossett, W. B.
Green, Frank L.
Green, Maurice I.
Gregg, Alston
Grenfell, K. H.
Griffin, R. S.
Hall, M.
Hamilton, E. J.
Hardie, Ross
Harper, John C.
Harper, R. M.
Harvey, Raymond O.
Hemsworth, G.
Herberte, J. H. D.
Herring, G. B.
Herron, A. A.
Hildebrandt, C. W.
Hilder, G. H.
Hoskins, J. R.
Hughes, J. L.
Hunt, A. W.
Hutton, K. W.
Jones, J. McD.
Keene, J.
Kenny, B. V.
Killen, R. L.
Klippel, J. O.
Lamb, R. G.

Law, S. J.
Lawrence, G. C.
Leake, R. D.
Lee, J. G.
Lees, S. E.
Lesnie, N. M.
Littlejohn, T. O.
Ludowici, David
McArthur, G. L.
McClelland, N. D.
McCulloch, E. M.
McIlroy, R. M.
McKay, R. W.
McKendrick, Fletcher
McKenzie, Peter M.
Mason, R. W.
May, J. D.
Megaw, G. S.
Michael, R. D.
Morris, R. L.
Murchison, Leslie N.
Nelson, Morris N.
Nossiter, B. T.
O'Reilly, B. C. T.
Ordell, R.
Page, E. W.
Pain, J. H. F.
Partridge, V. W.
Paterson, D. R.
Payten, D. R.
Peters, K. C.
Pettigrew, J. F.
Plowman, G. F.
Poole, James
Ravel, M. D.

Raymont, J. R.
Ritchie, Elton
Ritchie, M. J.
Roberts, Alfred E.
Robertson, D. M.
Ross, H. W.
Runge, J. W.
Salter, A. E. H.
Saville, D. T.
Scrivener, A. H.
Silvester, F. W.
Skillman, H. T.
Smith, A. L. B.
Smith, K. M.
Smyth, Bruce E.
Spooner, G. B.
Spurway, R. S.
Stoddart, R. B.
Stuart, A. J.
Stuart, A. T.
Tate, Colin
Theyer, W. J.
Thompson, Brian
Thomson, R. R.
Traill, J. Alan
Trumper, S. N.
Watkins, A. M.
Watson, W. P. H.
Weekes, R. W. D.
Williams, Douglas G.
Windeyer, H. F.
Wood, C. Milford
Yeomans, Allan
Yonge, B. D.

The War Memorial

On another page of this issue appears an artist's impression of the building which it is proposed to erect in honour of Masters and Old Boys who served in the War of 1939-1945 and in memory of those who died.

The Old Sydneians' Union, with the approval of the Trustees of the School and the support of the Women's Association, has set out to raise funds necessary to construct and equip the memorial building. The building will occupy the Stanley Street frontage, and will replace the present science rooms, sergeant's lodge and lavatories. It will contain:

1. A large Lower School Hall, which will also be used as a Music Room and Debating Chamber, and for visual education by the use of epidiascope and films.
2. A fine Library designed and equipped according to modern standards, which will be the central feature of the building, and which will hold a record of the names of all those who served and of those who died.
3. Five Science Laboratories and a Science Lecture Theatre.
4. An Office and quarters for the School Sergeant.
5. A Cloak Room.

This is the first occasion for many years when Old Boys and friends of the School have had the opportunity to join together in helping the School in a practical way. None will deny that "Grammar," notwithstanding its proud record of achievement, in these days works at a grave disadvantage through

lack of schoolroom space and through the absence of some of those amenities which should belong to a school which aims to provide teaching adequate to modern needs.

The field of education is always widening, and no school, however well founded its traditions or noble its history, however rich in scholarship amongst its masters or in success amongst its pupils; however great its past contribution to public life, can afford to ignore the fact that it will only keep its place in the community if it adapts itself to the demands of an ever-changing world.

Other schools, sufficiently endowed, in this country, in England and elsewhere, recognising that a school is not merely a collection of classrooms, have been able to build and equip adequate libraries, provide proper scientific facilities, erect and furnish centres for development in music, debating and other arts. Our School, not because it has not wanted to do likewise, but because it is without State aid, or the support of any religious organisation, or any substantial private endowment, has been unable to do these things.

And so when the question of a War Memorial came up for consideration there was general agreement amongst those who were responsible for the decision that Old Boys and friends of the School would be glad to honour those who had served in the War and to remember those who had died, in a gift to the School which would fill a great present need and help it in its work amongst future generations of boys.

The Library will be the central feature of the Memorial Building. If any should think that the Memorial is merely utilitarian in its conception, let it be remembered that in the quiet atmosphere of such a place, with the wisdom of centuries gathered in the

books around its walls, and its meaning and purpose revealed in its design and decoration, to many a boy may come the vision splendid.

The fund grows steadily, and the sum of £10,298 is now in hand or promised. Contributions are invited from all who are interested in the School. This includes Old Sydneians, their parents, sons, and other relatives, parents of present pupils, friends and supporters of the School, and members of the public. Donations may be made in one sum or by instalments. Your cheque should be made payable to Perpetual Trustee Coy. (Ltd.), Treasurers of the Fund, and be posted to

The Hon. Secretary,
Sydney Grammar School
War Memorial Fund,
16 Barrack Street,
Sydney.

Gifts to the Fund will be subject to the concessional rebates provided by the Income Tax Assessment Act in the assessments of donors.

On Thursday afternoon we were all paid—a most complicated business. Ratings are lined up in their various alphabetical groups and when a rating's name is called he steps forward, takes his cap off and holds it in front of him, crown upwards. His money is placed on it and he puts his hand over it and walks away. The Navy always pays in notes—never in silver. So one is paid to the nearest ten shillings.

—From a sailor's letter.

Extracts from Letters

CONTRIBUTIONS to the Memorial Fund are coming from Old Sydneians in all parts of the world. Here are extracts from some of the hundreds of letters sent with cheques:—

"I enclose cheque for £20, my humble contribution to the Fund that you are raising. I owe a great deal more to the old school than that sum represents."

"Until now I've not been able to send anything, and now it is only a small amount. If, later on, I can add a bit, I certainly shall, because I owe a great deal to the School and shall never forget it."

"Personally I can think of no better form of War Memorial. . . . I am very happy at having the privilege of being able to help this worthy cause."

"I am sorry my contribution was so small . . . I think it is an extremely worthy object, and the O.S.U. is to be congratulated on its common sense and farsightedness."

"I am keenly interested in the proposed memorial for several reasons—a desire to see a memorial to the finest young man I ever knew and to his fellow late ex-Sydneians, a desire that the memorial should serve to help educate and train citizens of a type the nation already needs, and, lastly, a desire to acknowledge a debt to my alma mater."

"I hope it is a huge success, both as a memorial to the lads who have gone, and as a useful home for the boys of the future."

"Please find enclosed my order on banker, being the

first of three annual instalments towards the excellent cause which I am sure will inspire a tremendous response from all Old Sydneians, particularly those who, like myself, were fortunate enough to be able to serve in the forces."

"I want to express the hope that the Memorial will get the support it deserves. . . . Most ex-servicemen are in favour of a Memorial which can achieve something all the year round."

SUGGESTED FORM OF BEQUEST.

To those who may contemplate making provision in their Wills for a bequest to the School in memory of a deceased serviceman, the following form of bequest, which has been drafted by a well-known Solicitor who is an Old Sydneian, is recommended

"In memory of my son Lieutenant.....
of the..... Battalion A.I.F. who was killed
in action at..... on..... I give
(free of duties and charges) the sum of £..... to
the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School, and
declare that the receipt of the Secretary to the said
Trustees shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors
therefor. Without imposing any trust I express the
wish that the said sum shall be added to and used for
the purposes of the Sydney Grammar School War
Memorial Fund launched on the tenth day of Sep-
tember, 1946; or, if the said Fund shall have been
closed, shall be used for constructing equipping
and/or maintaining the School buildings as the said
Trustees shall think fit; and that in any case the said
Trustees shall adopt some method of indicating in
permanent form that some part of the School build-
ings or the equipment thereof has been provided
or renovated by "a gift by his parents in memory
of Lieutenant..... killed in action
on....."

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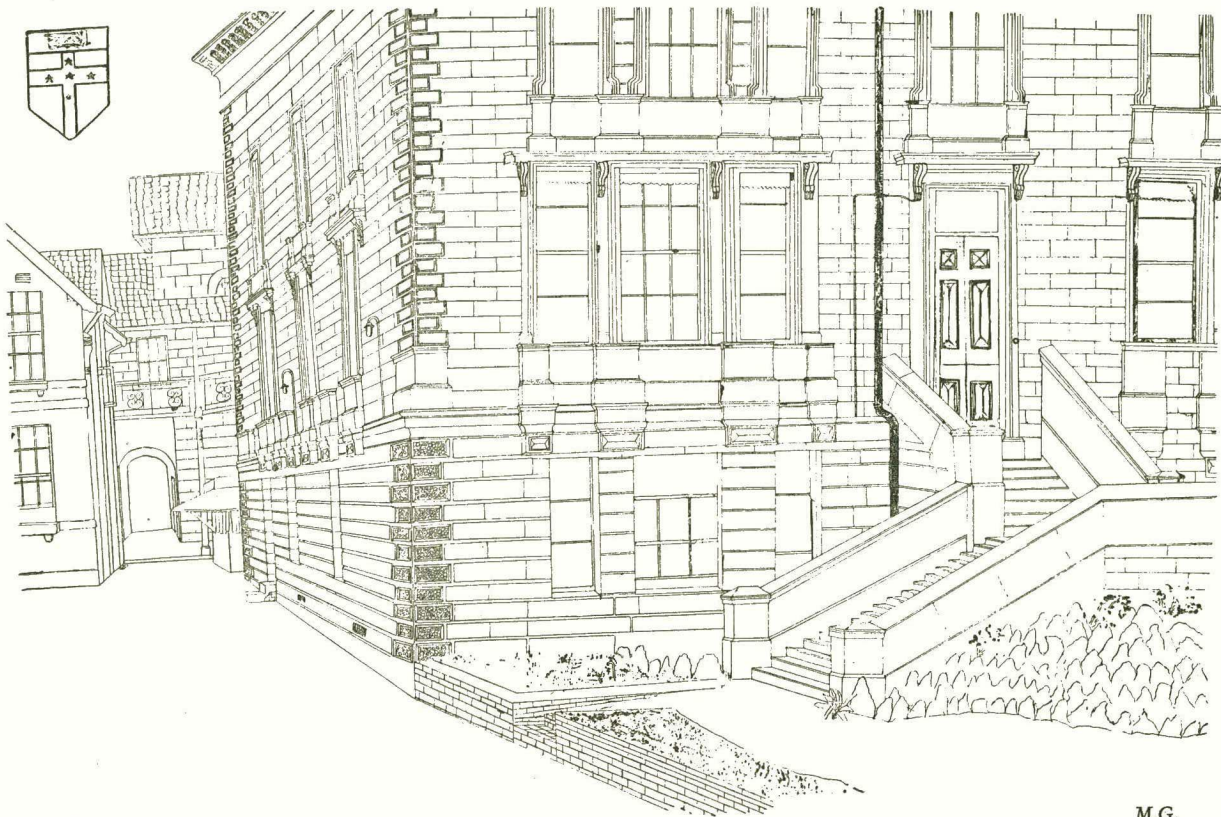
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A Familiar Spot.

M.G.

School Notes

SINCE last Sydneian we have welcomed Mr. Essex to the School. Mr. Dudley departed for England on the Orion in July. Our good wishes follow him.

On the same ship were Doug Keller, Col Windon and Alan Walker, our representatives in the Wallabies. They came to receive an enthusiastic farewell in Assembly.

During second term the whole School lined up to cheer Field Marshal Montgomery as he drove past on his way to Mascot. We hear he was particularly impressed by the Cadet Corps drawn up on the footpath and would have stopped if there had been time.

Last Tuesday of Term was the Dramatic Society's performance at the Maccabean Hall, and most enjoyable it was. The School Orchestra supported the players here and was very active throughout the Term. The Trustees have awarded a Music Scholarship with the object of encouraging music in the School.

The Music Society seems to have languished, but the Choir continues its successful career. We have had the pleasure of hearing it several times in Assembly.

Some very popular lunch-hour concerts have been arranged by Mr. Bellhouse. The enthusiastic but nebulous "fan" club of Miss Joy Solling requested and obtained her second recital. Two enterprising admirers also obtained a photograph of her.

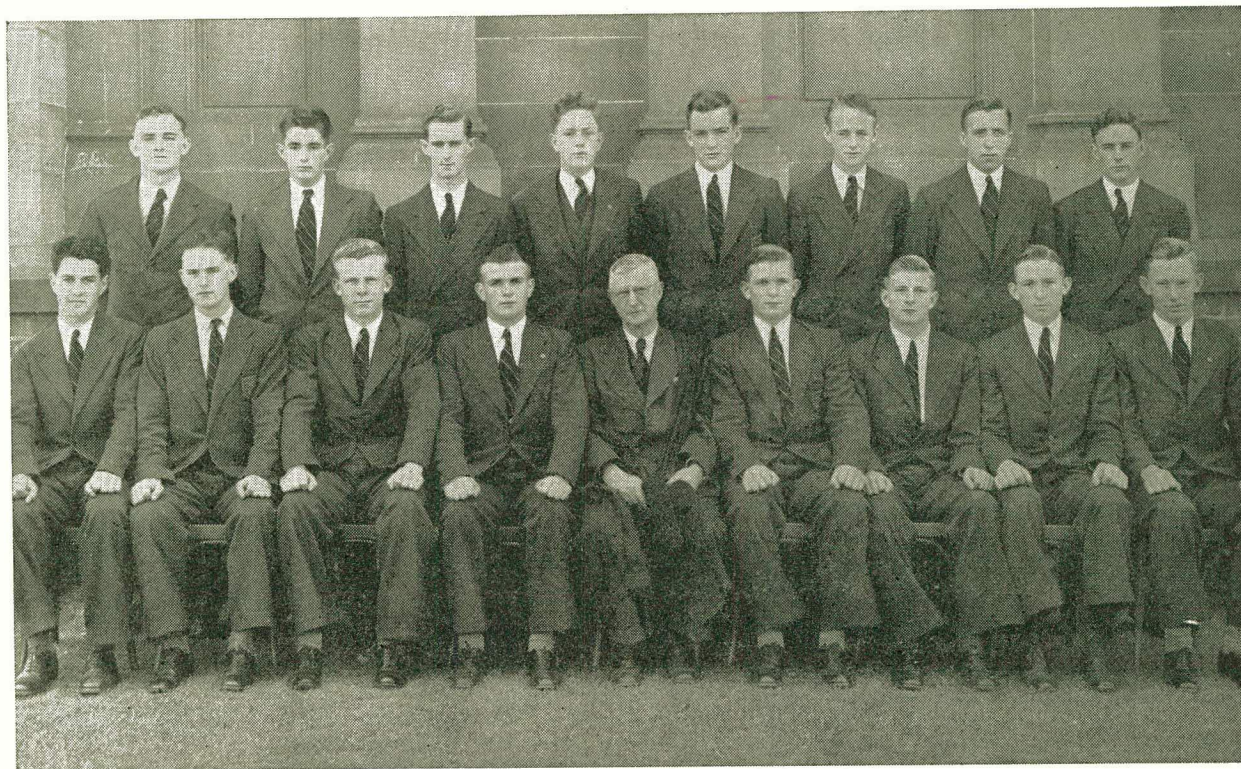
The promised extensions to the Library have materialised. New steel shelving and improved lighting should make this room popular with the idle and the studious.

The weekly War Memorial Fund collection has fallen very gradually but steadily. A special Food for Britain appeal realised £67, which will be used for English schools. We were pleased to hear in this regard from Mr. Dee, who is at Marlborough. In Assembly on August 8, Caldwell, the Prefect of IIR Lower, presented Mr. Norman Cowper with a cheque for £250, on behalf of the School.

We were glad to see several Old Boys at the presentation of the Leaving and Intermediate Certificates. Colours for football, tennis, athletics and shooting have also been presented.

On October 10 Mrs. Smedley and Mrs. Lloyd presented G.P.S. Athletics singlets and the colours, and also the swimming trophies. We were moderately successful the next day and our runners are to be complimented on their fine performance at the Showground.

The XV had a most successful season, giving place to St. Joseph's in the competition. Our G.P.S. representatives were



PREFECTS, 1947.

Back row, left to right.—D. R. Gordon, J. G. Allman, J. G. Barratt, W. E. L. Davies, A. M. Lloyd, R. W. Thomas, P. W. Johnson, K. F. Astridge.

Sitting, left to right.—R. J. Estella, J. G. Parker, R. A. Wells, B. J. Ritchie, F. G. Phillips Esq., B. G. Gapes, D. L. Jones, F. C. Millner, P. H. Tingwell.

Parker, Ritchie, Jones, Steel, Scharkie, Hosking, Millner, Allman, and Evans in Reserves.

The School Sports Day was a great success and the Women's Association is hereby heartily thanked for the services they rendered.

The Boxing Tournament was held in the middle of October, and as usual heroes were revealed in the most unexpected places. Organisation here, as in all sporting departments, was expert, and brought happy results.

The Tennis Team remained undefeated, retaining the Fair-water Cup. Various School tournaments have been played, providing lunch-time amusement for weeks.

Similar success attended the Debating Team and the Society was active. Miss Miller and Phippard were caterers-in-chief, not only here, but when the Lawrence Campbell Oratory Contest was held in the Big School in July. Messrs. Tribe and Robson awarded the palm to Glen-Doepel, of High, and Gallagher, of St. Joseph's, with Scots runner-up. All speakers chose the subject, "Youth in the Modern World," except our own W. E. L. Davies, who took "Features of Australian Life."

The Chess Club has flourished, despite the passive opposition of the long-suffering non-playing members of VI A, who claim Room B is the abbreviation for Babel (Tower of). The club has met with a little success in competitions.

A new series of weekly meetings was begun by the Crusaders under the guidance of Mr. Maclay.

Our other militant body, the Cadet Corps, went into camp late in August at Ingleburn. A march past was held before General Berryman on the Sunday.

The Sixth Form went to a performance of "The Tempest" in August.

Early in the new term the prefects inspected s.s. Empire Star. A scheme for adopting a ship of the Star line has been decided upon. Preposition intentional.

P. W. Johnson was appointed a Prefect during the first term this year. On October 17 the new sub-prefects were announced: Bell, Chegwyn, Engel, J. Fisher, Fookes, MacCallum and Sams.

This year the Old Sydneians' Scholarship was awarded to Bruce Ritchie. Visitors to the school recently included its previous holders, Mike Solling and Bruce Storey. The Old Boys' Back-to-Grammar Day on October 13 was a great success.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Golding will not be well enough to come back this Term. He has felt the strain of work, in which, as we all know, he has never spared himself, and we hope

that he will have fully recovered when work is resumed next year.

Finally, resolution in its brightest form invaded the School, which is now painted cream and green. But Old Sydneians will be glad to hear that Mr. Weigall's famous and venerated notice by the Middle School steps has been spared the all-pervading emerald tint and retains its pristine brown.

—D.M.D.

—B.J.R.

HOUSE NOTES.

THERE have been several changes during the year. At the end of Term I we lost Campbell-Brown, Holcombe, Stewart, Secker and Hewson; at the end of Term II, Cashmere, Mostyn and Rout departed. In their places we have enrolled Anstey, Hall, J. S. Harrison, Hazelton, Levinsky, McMaster and Stephan. We thus conclude the year with 62 boys in attendance.

During Term II Hilton was made a House Prefect.

The House has maintained its record in school sports. Steel played in the 1st XV, and also in the G.P.S. 2nd XV. Johnson was captain of the 2nd XV. Cowan and Castrisos played with the 3rd XV and Atkins, Hall, Hunter, Jones, P., Spencer and Temperley in the Under 15 1sts.

In Cricket we had Hunter in the Seconds and Hall in the Thirds.

Maynard, Steel and Wood represented us in the Senior Athletic Team, with Spencer and Rutherford in the Junior.

In the School Sports the Senior and Junior House races were won by Spencer and Tink, respectively.

In G.P.S. Tennis we were represented by Maynard and Hunter.

Street is a member of the Senior Rifle Team and Cowan of the Junior.

In the recent Boxing Tournament about a dozen House boys performed with credit. Tink, Flanagan and Jones P. won in their divisions.

The Dancing Class, held in conjunction with St. Catherine's School, was directed this year by Miss Penelope Cay. About 20 boarders joined the class, which also included a few day boys.

On 15th October the Women's Association held a musicale at the House. About 80 members of the Association spent a most enjoyable afternoon.

At the end of last Term we held a House Dance. All the boys who attended voted it "a good show." There was good music, a good supper and, above all, a galaxy of feminine beauty.

We are glad to report that at last we are in possession of the

tennis court on the adjoining land, which previously belonged to Mr. Searle. Our thanks to the House Board and to the Trustees for the purchase of this long-coveted territory.

We have 10 Leaving Certificate and 12 Intermediate Certificate boys. We wish them all the best of luck.

Among Old Boys who have visited us recently are Geoff Arnold, Geoff Cook, Chris Chandler, Dick White, Tony Tink, Trevor Sampson, Bob Lamrock, Sol Levi and Ralph Gard.

It was with great regret that the House learned of the illness of Mr. L. L. Robertson, a prominent member of the House Board. We all wish him a sound and speedy recovery.

On 13th November we were privileged to entertain the members of the House Board at dinner. This annual function is much appreciated by the boys, and also, we trust, by our visitors.

—P.W.J.

VALETE.

VI (May).—G. J. Attkins (Junior Athletics, 1944), K. Campbell-Brown (1st Crew, 1947), K. H. Foldi (3rd Crew, 1945; 1st Crew, 1947; Capt. of Boats, 1947); G. W. Donnan (Rifle Team, 1946); R. C. Holcombe (1st Crew, 1946/147); P. E. Hewson, K. N. Macnamara.

VI (August).—J. W. F. Evans (1st Crew, 1946-47, Vice-Capt. (Boats, 1947, Junior Athletics, 1942-43, 2nd XV, 1946, 1st XV, 1947, (G.P.S. Reserve); G. K. Scharkie 2XV, 1946, 1st XV, 1947, G.P.S. 2nd XV, 1947, Swimming, 1947).

V (May).—R. M. Davies, R. A. Hunt, R. E. S. Jones, P. G. Livingstone, L. J. Moore, J. R. Nettheim, A. E. Scott-Holland, P. C. Secker, R. S. Webb.

V (August).—J. A. Collier, E. J. Doran (3rd XV, 1947), G. B. Farrell, M. H. Sainsbury, D. S. Rout, R. L. Taylor.

IV (May).—W. J. Bryant, W. A. Grinsted, J. Hesmondhalgh, J. E. Jeffrey, P. Katsiotis, W. Lindley, Y. C. Marshall, W. M. Stewart.

IV (June).—G. G. Findlay (3rd XI, 1947).

III (August).—J. S. Irving, R. G. Ousby, J. R. Ratcliffe, B. L. Stonham, V. R. Woodward.

II (May).—N. B. Jillett.

II (August).—J. D. Bosisto, J. S. Cashmere, L. G. Davis.

SALVETE.

May.—G. Baines, J. G. Bushby, D. E. Button, R. J. Downie, M. Harrison, J. D. Haslam, M. A. Kennard, C. O. Lindahl, R.



S.G.S. GAMES COMMITTEE, 1947

Standing, left to right.—D. R. Gordon, B. G. Gapes, B. W. Taylor, R. J. Estella, F. C. Millner, J. G. Hart.

Sitting.—Messrs. S. C. Clark, A. R. Bellhouse, H. A. Abbott, C. D. Taylor, W. E. Crocker (Chairman), B. J. Ritchie (Hon. Sec.), Messrs. E. R. Dent, I. M. Edwards, A L. Everingham.

Marshall, G. F. Murrell, F. E. Solomon, R. W. Stephan, J. Wood, J. E. B. Young.

September.—L. W. Banbury, J. A. Button, B. H. Evans, G. L. McMaster, B. H. Minchin, T. G. Torda.

FROM A SYDNEY PAPER IN OCTOBER.

ONE place in Sydney where you never expect to see much courtesy is on a crowded tram where it's every passenger for himself and heaven help the aged and weak. As I stood strap-hanging the other evening, a seat became vacant beside two husky Sydney Grammar School boys. A crowd of men surged forward, but one of the boys forestalled them by pushing his companion into the seat. He then surveyed the standing passengers and began heaving his way to the far end of the tram. He returned with a white-haired woman in tow, and, raising his hat, presented her with the seat.

THE SPORTSMASTER'S NOTES.

BRUCE TAYLOR again annexed the Blashki Memorial Medal for Champion Swimmer of the School, and was awarded his colours as well as an honour badge for breaking his own record of 1946 for the N.S.W.A.S.A. 100 metres in their All Schools' Carnival. Colours went also to D. L. Jones.

Rowing colours were awarded to the Eight whose names Mr. Dent has reported elsewhere. The Head of the River was a great race, and our coaches are to be complimented on the showing of all teams.

We have to thank Mr. A. S. Lloyd for his gift of a fine high-jump stand. It is extremely useful.

To our Board of Trustees our gratitude is also due for the provision of four flights of the latest type of tubular steel hurdles. Thanks to the interest and influence of the Old Sydneian members of the Sports Fund Committee numerous improvements have been carried out at Weigall: new nets have been provided; extra practice wickets laid down; and new turf set in place of the kikuyu grass, which has been uprooted. What we require now, urgently, is a new hundred yards track.

On our return this Term we were dismayed to find that our First Aid expert, George Farrell, had left. His place will be difficult to fill; but we have our eye upon Bob Craig of 4B, and "Jazbo" Clinch.

We must thank sincerely the O.S.U. for their kindness in again providing transport for the rowers from the School to the Shed,

and at Penrith (they have not been presented with the bill yet) from the billets to the river and back—twice a day.

The writer is particularly grateful to all his colleagues who made such a success of the Senior Athletic Sports, but feels particularly indebted to the Starter, Mr. Lenthall; the Announcer, Mr. Bellhouse; the Chief Recorder, Mr. Clifton-Smith; and the Clerk of the Course, Mr. Dent. Most officials are able to get a well-earned respite from time to time, but these three were practically tied to their jobs all day.

Cricket is, at time of writing, away to a good start, with a satisfying win in a practice match against a Varsity team. Mr. Abbott has the XI well in hand, and we are all very happy and hopeful. (We take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Abbott on having secured his cricket blue for the 1946-47 season with the Sydney University XI).

You will note that tennis continues to go forward. No sooner has one tournament ended than another begins. We congratulate Mr. Bellhouse, Don Gordon, the Captain of Tennis, and the teams in their success in the G.P.S. tournament. (You will note the absence of the letters "A.A." That is because the A.A.G.P.S. Committee has not yet got around to deciding whether tennis is, or is not, worthy to be classed as a G.P.S. sport).

We should like to express our gratitude to R. Daly for the unobtrusive manner in which he does good for the School in many ways. No sporting event takes place but finds him busy at his post checking the place-getters and shepherding them to the Recorders' table.

Harry Macdonald is another who has our warm gratitude. He has been most helpful in divers ways. Among other things he was a worthy offside at the "mike" on the day of the sports, and a good sports sub-editor on the Sydneian. And J. H. Levy is still our efficient banking clerk.

These lads show us that there are other ways in which we can help the School apart from on the sports' side.

The Ian Clarke Anderson Memorial was awarded for the first time since its establishment to W. J. Forbes of 2A Lower, a bright little lad, who takes a very full share in the life of the School. The award was made after careful research by the Master of Football, Mr. Edwards, and consultation with the Headmaster and Sportsmaster.

The Boxing tournament commenced at Weigall on Tuesday, 14th October, and continues on 15th and 17th. Mr. Abbott, who knows "more than somewhat" about the noble art, is in charge, and the heavy staff-work is being well carried out by the Hon. Sec., Brian Gapes, and his committee of seasoned fighters.

The Athletic Committee consisted of R. S. Adamson, D. L. Jones, W. R. Marshall, J. G. Engel, P. G. van den Elshout, with R. J. Estella as Honorary Secretary.

The Games Committee for 1947 consists of the Chairman and Sportsmaster, Mr. W. E. Crocker, Mr. E. R. Dent (Rowing and Athletics), Mr. I. M. Edwards (Football), Mr. H. A. Abbott (Cricket and Boxing), Mr. C. D. Taylor (Shooting), and Mr. A. L. Everingham (Swimming, and Hon. Sec. of the Sports Fund Committee).

School representatives are B. J. Ritchie, Senior Prefect and Honorary Secretary (Football and Cricket); R. J. Estella (Athletics); F. Millner (Shooting); B. Hart (Rowing); D. Gordon (Tennis); and B. Gapes (Boxing).

Mr. G. S. Stiles has retired from the position of Coach to the 3rd XI, a very important team to which he has given years of yeoman service. He has our best thanks and our best wishes. Mr. Essex, who has come to us from the Blue Mountains Grammar School, has taken his place. We take great pleasure in placing on record the names of the Junior Football Coaches.

They were a splendid band; without them junior football would have been practically impossible. Here then—

R. J. Chegwyn, A. N. Hazard, B. O. Bell, E. J. Doran, N. N. Alexander, M. H. Sainsbury, T. M. Williams, J. M. MacCallum, B. K. M. Craig, P. J. R. Wakefield, R. G. Blumer, B. Trumper, G. O. Fookes, J. G. Gostelow, K. C. Cato, J. W. Fisher, L. E. Hanlon, S. R. Edwards, Ross Davis, and W. Merriman.

We congratulate Major Taylor and the Captain of Shooting, Frank Millner, on the teams' showing in the recent matches. We are becoming better, and next year we shall be well in the picture.

Classes under the auspices of the Royal Life Saving Society will shortly be under way for Bronze Medallion and Instruction Certificate. We have at least three certificated instructors at the School from Term I.

We should like to see a "learn to swim" inaugurated next year, starting in the Lower School. A young Australian who cannot swim seems a contradiction in terms.

FOOTBALL

FIRST FIFTEEN.

THE Fifteen trained keenly and played soundly, ending the season second equal with Shore.

Our congratulations to St. Joseph's on again being premiers. and jubilee congratulations to Brother Henry on his coaching record of twenty-five years, during which time his Firsts and Sec-

onds between them have won or shared thirty-six premierships. Grammar and all G.P.S. were represented among footballers at a dinner promoted by St. Joseph's Old Boys to mark this famous quarter-century.

The Grammar team, containing only three past "colours," showed some lack of experience in a lapse from form which cost us the first two competition matches. Apart from this, there was no doubt of the team's liking for thorough and quite enterprising football. Much credit is due to junior players who rose through several teams to reach the top; also to Ritchie and Parker, supported by Jones and Scharkie, whose leadership was worthy of the good response the team gave. Marshall and Williams bore the main burden of injuries, both missing four matches. Marshall had done great service in filling the full-back position until Barratt had learnt the game, and then showed outstanding ability in his one match on the wing before being injured in the third match.

The trip to Armidale, the first since 1939, was a welcome break and T.A.S. put up a fine performance on the field. A strong Old Boys' side met our depleted fifteen at the end of the season, but Lewis Tomalin was well in control of the game as ever, and a very enjoyable match ended in a close result.

To Bill Ludowici again, our thanks for his warm interest in the team and for his coaching, to which he brought the pride of the victorious days of old. Other well known Old Boys and footballers, whose special help on coaching days was appreciated, were Johnny Wallace, Doug and Walter Keller, Wally Meagher and Ian Scharkie. Grammar "Wallabies" who were hailed and farewelled at a School Assembly were Doug Keller, Colin Windon and Alan Walker.

It is a special pleasure to record the visit by Mrs. W. R. Dovey, and to thank her for the players' badges which she again made and charmingly presented. It seemed surprising that the wearers were not resoundingly successful when the badges were first worn at the Cricket Ground on the following day. We are glad that the situation was restored by the season's end, when Mr. Norman Cowper, Vice-Chairman of Trustees, honoured us by presenting the colours.

School friends are legion and, warmly acknowledging the presence of many Old Boys, parents and supporters at the matches, our finale in thanks for a hearty season is extended to the members of the Women's Association for the fine cheer they gave all footballers at Weigall.

In all, a good football year. And players who will return again say the best is yet to be.

S.G.S. v. T.S.C. AT SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND, JUNE 21.

LOST 3-22.

THE opposing teams had both had good records in practice games and the match was chosen to precede a N.S.W. v. All Blacks fixture at the S.C.G. Among the twenty thousand spectators were a strong Grammar block in the Sheridan, and a big Scots camp on the Hill.

The Grammar team for this opening match was:—Forwards: Scharkie, Hart, Hosking, Williams, Gapes, Crossle, Parker, Fisher. Backs: Steel, Ritchie, Millner, Jones, Evans, Estella, Marshall.

Jones kicked off for Grammar towards the Randwick end, and our backs moved well but were stopped by good tackling. The first five minutes saw fast play, with Grammar gaining in exchanges of attack. Scots were penalised twice and from his second attempt, Ritchie goaled well. Score: 3-0.

Scots attacked and missed a long shot at goal, Ritchie relieved with a good kick. Play was slowed by two more unsuccessful attempts at goal, one by each side. Grammar forwards were going through in the loose, regaining ground forfeited by lost scrums and line-outs. Evans ran strongly on the left wing and gained good ground several times, but we made no progress elsewhere, though the centres followed well after Ritchie's kicks and were twice first to the ball. Our tackling was firm, and stopped some clever moves by the Scots centres. Eventually, after thirty minutes inconclusive play, Scots equalised with a penalty goal. Half times score: 3-3.

Soon after resuming, Scots had two attempts at goal and went ahead with one goal. Score: 3-6.

For the next twenty minutes neither side scored. Scots won possession in the forwards now with almost unbroken regularity, though their backs could rarely penetrate, except on our right wing. In the loose, our forwards struggled and regained lost ground, with Scharkie, though playing with concussion, usually in the van. Ritchie narrowly missed with several difficult shots at goal, but Scots succeeded with a third penalty. Score: 3-9.

With Scots making attack after attack, the Grammar defence inevitably loosened and in ten minutes Scots scored two tries, one converted, through openings near our scrum. Score: 3-17.

Grammar continued its effort to attack and took play the length of the field, but Scots regained possession and returned the attack. Finally, from a scrum on our line, their forwards scored for a conversion and the concluding result: 3-22.

Rugby Union officials later expressed their pleasure with a good

game. Our congratulations to Scots on such a clear win. They were superior in most set phases of forward play—our backs saw little of the ball. Scharkie, Parker and Hart showed well in our forwards. Evans and Steel were our best backs in attack and Jones and Millner, in defence. In the circumstances, mention should be made of the Grammar supporters whose barracking, however the tide, was heartening throughout.

S.G.S. v. S.C.E.G.S. AT NORTHBRIDGE, FRIDAY, JUNE 27.

LOST 9-14.

BARRATT replaced Marshall, injured, at full-back and Allman had won his way into the front row of a re-arranged scrum.

It was a cold day, with an overcast sky. Shore started the game and took play downfield where they were awarded a penalty, but missed the goal. Grammar attacked and Evans ran strongly to take play to Shore's territory, where it was held for some time until Davey, Shore's right-winger, secured in a blind-side movement and outpaced several tacklers in a long run to score near the corner and himself convert with an equally fine kick. Score: 0-5.

Shore were again first to attack, but Barratt, playing keenly, launched Grammar's three-quarters upfield, our forwards joining in and rushing play to Shore's corner. Here, the defenders were penalised and Ritchie landed a difficult kick. Score: 3-5.

Play swung up and down the field in eager movements, with notable runs by Steel and Evans and keen defence on both sides. Evans beat off several tacklers in one strong run and crossed the line, to be recalled for stepping into touch. Soon after, with play in our twenty-five, Shore's left-winger beat a weak tackle and touched down, making the half-time score, to Shore's advantage, 3-8.

The second half began in a light that was poor even for the players. Jones was now handicapped by an injury to the eye. Gaining our territory, Shore landed a penalty goal. Score: 3-11.

Evans again forced play back to Shore's twenty-five, where Ritchie again goaled from a difficult angle. Score: 6-11.

For some time both packs held each other in midfield. Good tackling by both back-lines prevented decisive penetration. However, after twenty-five minutes of play. Davey, of Shore, again used his speed through an opening and crossed in the corner. Score: 6-14.

Five minutes later, a strong Grammar forward rush took play to Shore's line, where Steel finished it with a determined dive over the line. This gave the final score: 9-14.

It was an even, hard-fought game. Grammar forwards were superior in the scrums and the loose; Shore were quicker in rucks and line-outs. Grammar backs were not as effective in attack as in defence. The three tries by Shore's wingers were the work of smart, fast movement when the opportunities occurred and underlined the difference between the teams. Steel and Evans were again our best backs, with Hosking, Parker, Scharkie, Allman and Hart playing well in the forwards.

S.G.S. v. S.I.C. AT RIVERVIEW, JULY 5.

WON 17-3.

BOTH teams took the field with the incentive of improving on two defeats. Barratt having proved his ability at full-back, Marshall, who had recovered from injury, was able to go to his natural position on the right wing. MacCallum had been promoted to breakaway in a further re-arrangement of the pack.

'View kicked off against a breeze and broke through a sluggish defence to our twenty-five where they goaled from a penalty in the first minute of play. Score: 0-3.

'View forwards were vigorous and quick and their fast breaking blocked our backs. Marshall ran well and Barratt was handy when required in defence. Even numerous attempts from penalties were unsuccessful, however, and this first spell yielded no further points or play worth mention. Half-times score: 0-3.

On resuming, the warmth and speed of Grammar's play increased. Our backs looked dangerous, but the defence was determined. Our first score came after ten minutes when Ritchie kicked an equalising penalty: 3-3.

A good team movement followed: Evans broke ground and the forwards rushed the ball on, heeling for the backs to combine in a sweeping movement which culminated in Marshall scoring on the other wing. Score: 6-3.

'View then attacked, missed a shot from a penalty, but kept pressing till we had to force. From then on, Grammar went clearly ahead. Our forwards were thrusting through and a movement in which several backs handled twice beat the defence and Evans crossed unchallenged in the corner. Score: 9-3.

From a scrum, Ritchie sent a well-judged kick beyond the 'View backs, and Marshall, following fast, beat two tacklers and scored, for Ritchie to convert. Score: 14-3.

Grammar forwards were now winning most of the ball, and the backs ran eagerly against a strong defence. Steel shot through in a typical runaway dash but lacked support. A score soon came, however, when Marshall cleverly gathered a mis-kick which flew

back, made his own opening and cleared the field to score his third try—17-3.

Two more Grammar movements narrowly failed, and the whistle blew with the team attacking at all points.

Riverview had given vigorous enterprising opposition till outlasted. Grammar's second-half recovery yielded four tries in fourteen minutes, the whole team showing a recovery of form, and Marshall racing like a born winger at every chance. Steel was the next best player; Ritchie directed the back line well, and Parker led the van of the re-awakened pack.

It was most unlucky that Marshall injured a leg muscle and could not play again during the season. He had hitherto filled the full-back vacancy creditably by sheer determination. In this game, his first this season on the wing, he demonstrated his outstanding speed and power in attack. His performances, not to mention his promise, won for him an immediate award of colours.

S.G.S. v. S.J.C. AT WEIGALL, JULY 12.

WON 21-9.

OUR sympathy was with Frank Crossle, in his recent sad loss of his father.

Grammar had shown a return to form in the last match, but St. Joseph's had won all previous matches so well as to look the strongest team of the year. They took the field without their regular full-back; Grammar were without Marshall and Crossle, the replacements being Bekdober and Guest. MacCallum played under a disability.

The weather was bright and a large crowd was present when St. Joseph's kicked off towards the far end. Grammar were penalised early, but the kick failed and Grammar returned play to half-way. From a scrum, our backs moved well till Bedkober, running with dash, was stopped near the line. Grammar were here awarded two penalties in close succession, but missed narrowly in two good shots at goal.

After fifteen minutes of hard, even play, St. Joseph's winning a scrum in our territory, Morgan, their half and captain, engineered a quick, clever blind-side movement in which he himself handled twice and their left-winger went over in the corner. It was St. Joseph's play at its best. There was no goal. Score: 0-3.

Both teams were on the attack and play surged strongly about half-way, Ritchie and Jones frequently gaining with good kicks but keen defence denying openings. The Grammar play was virile and heartening all the time. Barratt made a highlight when he

gathered forty yards out and, shaping quickly for a field-goal, sent an excellent kick just outside the top of the post.

We were now exploiting enemy territory with persistent attacks. Time and again the backs raced for the line, Jones or Evans leading, only to fail by a pass astray. Three more attempts at goal by Ritchie missed by small margins. Grammar were ending the first half with complete superiority when Steel moved from a scrum and, with Bedkoher in support, cleverly tricked the defence and scored, for Ritchie to convert. Half-time score: 5-3.

On resuming, Grammar attacked twice but were driven back by a penalty and a St. Joseph attack reached our line when Allman, acting smartly, scored a good half-back try in the corner, after five minutes' play. Score: 5-6.

Hard, unyielding play followed with the form even in both backs and forwards. After another five minutes, Ritchie, whose general play was excellent, and who had missed an attempt from half-way when the ball rebounded from the bar, had his reward from a successful penalty kick from far out. Grammar led again, 8-6.

St. Joseph's then swung the attack with vigorous forward play and smooth supporting. After two minutes and from in front of our posts, they easily kicked a penalty goal and led once more, 8-9.

The swing of the play was exciting. Grammar returned to the offensive, and condition began to tell. The forwards, showing stronger urge, dominated their heavier opponents and won a big share of the ball throughout the last quarter of the game. And Ritchie's judicious kicks from five-eighth were like levers in the opposing defence. After eight minutes, Bedkoher, gathering one kick, smartly beat his opponent and, in danger of being forced out, in-passed to Steel, to Scharkie, who playing inspired football throughout, now repulsed several tacklers to finish a vigorous combined rally. Ritchie then goaled from the corner and Grammar led again, 13-9.

Amid great enthusiasm Grammar attacked again, showing their best paces now in the open play. After five more minutes Bedkoher, following fast on a rather deep kick by Jones, caught the bounce and swerved past a tackle to score between the posts. Ritchie goaled and Grammar's lead went to 18-9.

St. Joseph's struggled desperately, but Grammar were fast and easy in their stride. After again a five minute period, when the forwards had swept play to the far line, Steel found an opening after a quick heel and outwitted the defence again to score his second try. Score: 21-9.

With two minutes left, Grammar attacked again and St. Jos-

eph's countered. Kicking high on our twenty-five, St. Joseph's tried to storm our line, but the ball was taken in mid-air by two Grammar forwards and a relieving kick brought the final bell.

This was a great match by two attacking teams who also set themselves grimly to defence with each swift turn of the play. St. Joseph's disciplined close forward game and quick backing-up and smooth passing were an ever-present danger, but our three-quarters, particularly, tackled surely, man by man. And Grammar called the tune of the game. Our forwards, at first lively and determined, were superior in vital thrust and fast pursuit, and the front row were smarter against skilled hooking. All forwards, collectively and individually, played a grand game of assault and, thanks to their condition, left their opponents further and further behind. In the backs, Steel was a sure link and an inspiration in attack and defence; Ritchie's generalship was both sound and enterprising; Millner's tackling was deadly; Jones was swift to find and use every opening; Evans and Bedkober were always at full speed; Barratt at full-back fielded and returned with the easy style of a cricketer. Altogether, the team more than justified every early promise it had given, and the victory largely redeemed the earlier two defeats.

S.G.S. v. N.C. AT WEIGALL, JULY 19.

WON 12-5.

THE opposing teams were equal at this stage with four points. For this match, Bedkober had established himself as the required winger; Guest played vice Williams, injured; Hosking, having already played everywhere else except hooker, now became back.

Newington defended the pavilion end and Grammar forwards attacked but were driven back by a penalty. Newington attacked but lost the ball in a fast movement, and Ritchie regained good ground with a line-kick. Bedkober went ahead in a typical fast dash, but was brought down near the line and penalised for holding the ball. Grammar attacked again and, after fifteen minutes' play, Jones in-passed to Hart who swerved in-field, passed to Allman, to Hosking, to Scharkie, to Evans on the wing, who outpaced the last line of defence to cross in the corner. Score: 3-0.

Play was even for five minutes till Newington, penalised twice, enabled Ritchie to land two goals from thirty-five yards. Score: 9-0.

For the next fifteen minutes, Grammar dominated the game, in enemy ground. Close defence, however, stopped deep penetration by our backs. The highlights of this period were two

runs in-field by Evans, who brushed aside many tacklers before being stopped, and a third penalty goal by Ritchie, this time from forty-five yards. The half ended with Grammar apparently in charge of the situation and the score at 12-0.

After the spell, Grammar attacked again to the far line, where Parker crossed and grounded, to be recalled for a scrum. A determined Newington rush put Grammar in grave danger as a scrum went down against our goal-post, but another infringement by Newington relieved. The opposing forwards were gaining more possession now, but our defence kept them in control. Barratt was playing grandly and comparing well with Knibbs, his better known opposite number.

From play in neutral ground, Steel led a fast Grammar attack and Newington, in difficulties in the corner, were penalised for throwing into touch. Ritchie's kick bounced back from the up-right, and Grammar, following, regained possession, but a dropped pass by an unmarked player prevented the score.

Again Newington attacked but missed two shots at goal from penalties. The game was rugged, with Grammar defending quickly and strongly against heavier and skilled forwards who were gaining nearly all the ball. Grammar's long lead could evidently not be overtaken, however, and the defence, constantly pressed, held till right on time when Newington kicked high and, gaining possession near our line, scored between the posts and converted. Final score: 12-5.

The final half of the game saw entirely successful play by Grammar. Scoring, however, was difficult against a well-organised defence. During the second half the weight of the opposing forwards told its tale and Grammar found few opportunities to attack: the home defence was then equal to the occasion. Altogether, the victory was the reward of the usual clean vigorous play, though won this time mainly in the first half.

S.G.S. v. S.H.S. AT WEIGALL, JULY 26.

WON 6-3.

THERE was no change in the team. Grammar attacked the pavilion end in fast combined movements. Evans twice ran strongly, to be forced by a faster opponent into touch; Bedkober was nearly through on the right wing; Crossle led a strong forward push which was held just short of the line. The remainder of the first half was slightly to High's advantage. Grammar packed solidly and won most scrums, and the backs ran fast; but High defended tightly and won ground in open attack with faster movement by their forwards, to be checked in turn by the

Grammar defence. Several attempts at penalty goals also were missed by both sides, and a rather desultory first half ended with the score at 0-0.

The second half started at greater speed. Winning a clear advantage of ground in turn, each side capitalised with a penalty goal in the first ten minutes. Score: 3-3.

High now won the majority of scrums for a short spell, but Grammar regained control there; and then constantly attacked. Play was sharp, with High backs tackling keenly from close up, and mistakes by our three-quarters ending other promising runs. High also attacked keenly when they obtained possession, but Grammar defence was always there.

The position became exciting as time went on and the best efforts at scoring tries and even kicking goals were continually checked or failed. Ritchie and Jones made good openings and Evans ran strongly as always, but High's anticipation and tackling were very good. Smee, their full-back, was extremely sound and solid, stopping one dive for the line, on the corner flag.

Eventually, condition and speed told. On High's twenty-five, Steel saw his chance after a quick heel and, drawing the defence on the blind side, passed to Bedkober, whose quick swerve took Grammar across for the only try of the match. Both sides were keenly attacking and countering when the bell went three minutes later. Final score: 6-3.

Of our backs, those mentioned were prominent in attack and all defended well. Of the forwards, our best were Parker, from breakaway, and Hosking in the rucks, though all played soundly: the front row, with Hart in the centre, capitalised our strong packing by gaining much of the ball. This round brought Grammar up to third place in the competition, two points behind the equal leaders, St. Joseph's and Shore.

S.G.S. v. T.K.S. AT WEIGALL, AUGUST 2.

WON 19-6.

MARSHALL and Williams were still injured and Bedkober injured in the previous match, was replaced by Harvey.

King's kicked off towards the far end and immediately won possession, but were forced back by a penalty. From a line-out at half-way, Grammar backs moved with speed and Millner, cutting through smartly, passed to Jones, to Evans, who scored in the corner after two minutes of play. Score: 3-0.

Hard play followed in a battle between two strong packs. Grammar lost ground from penalties and Kings, attacking fast, scored a forward try in the far right corner. Score: 3-3.

Play continued to be even, though opened now more for back movements by both sides. Grammar defence was as good as ever but a lack of smoothness in passing spoilt some possible scores. After a fifteen minutes' spell, Grammar were penalised close up and Kings kicked an easy goal. Score: 3-6.

Grammar now won the upper hand, a particularly fast forward rush, with Hosking and Allman the main agents, taking play seventy yards towards our goal in one movement. Here, we were awarded two penalties and Ritchie goaled from the second attempt as the half-time bell was ringing. Honours were rather even for the half, and the score was 6-6.

The second half saw King's heavier forwards gaining an advantage from scrums but the Grammar pack was livelier in the loose. Both sides attacked and counter-attacked, both defending well when required. After fifteen minutes the pace of the Grammar backs took us through, Jones gaining forty yards and Evans combining well to score his second try, for Ritchie to convert. Score: 11-6.

Grammar attacks now became predominant, the three-quarters being quick to seize any opening that showed. Jones and Evans, particularly, were dangerous, outstripping Kings' cover defence. Then Millner cut through brilliantly and, racing down with two supporters, completely deceived the full-back with a dummy and himself scored between the posts. Ritchie goaled. Score: 16-6.

Within five minutes, Jones found his chance and, receiving in another fast passing movement, made his own opening and raced away to score wide out. The game soon ended with the score: 19-6.

This game produced some of the best back play of the season, all running brightly and well. The forwards were outweighed and beaten in the scrums but shone elsewhere, Scharkie being perhaps the best in an excellent pack.

The win enabled us to draw level with Shore, who were beaten on this day by St. Joseph's.

CRITIQUE OF THE TEAM.

The following players were awarded colours:

J. Hart (4th XV, 1946): Hooker. A good ball-winner and an all-round, keen, solid forward.

G. K. Scharkie (3rd XV, 1946): Front row. An enlivening player; expert in his scrum position and dashing and tireless, in rucks and open attack. G.P.S. 2nd XV.

J. G. Allman (3rd XV, 1946): Front row. Speedy and efficient in all phases of forward play.

N. A. Hosking (5th XV, 1946): Second row. Our strongest rucker and best line-out forward; exceedingly thorough in all close play. G.P.S. 3rd XV.

T. M. Williams (Colts' XV, 1946): Second row. Burly and bustling; strong in all close work and dribbling rushes.

F. C. Crossle (3rd XV, 1946): Lock. Effective in scrum and line-out; showed strength in rucks and initiated bursts into the open.

D. S. Guest (3rd XV, 1946): Second row or lock. Tall and reliable; useful in scrum, line-out and ruck.

J. G. Parker (2nd XV, 1946): Vice-captain and breakaway. Very fast and sure to the tackle; expert and nippy in attack; led the forwards keenly. G.P.S. 1st XV and School Honour Badge.

J. M. MacCallum (Colts' XV, 1946): Breakaway. Watchful and quick in attack and defence; always improving.

P. S. Steel (2nd XV, 1946): Half back. Thoroughly reliable at passing the ball and stopping a rush; ran with good judgment and great dash, making excellent openings; defended widely from his base. G.P.S. 2nd XV.

B. J. Ritchie (Colours, 1945-6): Captain and five-eighth. Had every quality except speed; played excellently for his three-quarters, using every opening and kicking most usefully; valuable goal-kicker; captained finely. Captain G.P.S. 2nd XV and School Honour Badge.

F. C. Millner (Colours, 1946): Inside-centre. A steady link in attack, with an occasional swift cut-through; alert and deadly in defence. G.P.S. 3rd XV.

D. L. Jones (Colours, 1946): Outside-centre. Fast and tireless: strong and nimble in attack; always thrusting; kicked usefully; defended tenaciously from touch to touch. G.P.S. 2nd XV.

J. W. Evans (2nd XV, 1946): Winger. Rugged, determined and quite fast; made many grand individual runs and was learning to combine very well.

W. R. Marshall (Colts' XV, 1946): Full-back and winger. A very strong tackler at full-back and showed all the qualities of a champion winger.

N. W. Bedkoher (3rd XV, 1946): Winger. Moved with instant, whole-hearted dash and a natural swift swerve; defended well; rose admirably to the "big" occasions.

J. G. Barratt (new player): Full-back. Handled, kicked and tackled well; improved rapidly, passing all tests with credit.

Competition matches were played also by B. G. Gapes and R. J. Estella (two each) and J. W. Fisher and P. W. Harvey (one each). Fisher played particularly well.

RESULTS OF ALL MATCHES.

Practice.

- 19th April.—v. T.S.C. At Weigall. Drawn 3-3.
26th April.—v. S.C.E.G.S. At Weigall. Won 8-6.
3rd May.—v. S.J.C. At Hunter's Hill. Lost 14-17.
8th May.—v. Wesley College XV. At Weigall. Won 12-3.
31st May.—v. T.A.S. At Armidale. Won 17-14.
7th June.—v. C.B.C. At Weigall. Won 22-11.
14th June.—v. T.K.S. At Parramatta. Won 22-6.
6th August.—v. Old Sydneians. At Weigall. Lost 11-13.

Competition.

- 21st June.—v. T.S.C. At Sydney Cricket Ground. Lost 3-22.
28th June.—v. S.C.E.G.S. At Northbridge. Lost 9-14.
5th July.—v. S.I.C. At Riverview. Won 17-3.
12th July.—v. S.J.C. At Weigall. Won 21-9.
19th July.—v. N.C. At Weigall. Won 12-5.
26th July.—v. S.H.S. At Weigall. Won 6-3.
2nd August.—v. T.K.S. At Weigall. Won 19-6.

SECOND FIFTEEN.

THIS year's team, stronger than usual in the forwards, met with moderate success. Most matches, especially in the competition fixtures, were evenly contested. The captaincy changed hands several times throughout the season. We regret that Don Gordon, as happened last year, suffered a fractured collar-bone, this time, however, just as the team was settling down under his popular leadership. Subsequently Peter Johnson was chosen captain, and Brian Gapes vice-captain.

RESULTS.

Practice Matches.

S.G.S. v. T.S.C. Lost 0-19.

Our condition was found wanting, while several players were definitely unsuited to their positions.

S.G.S. v. S.C.E.G.S. Lost 0-12.

A slightly improved team, but lacking penetration.

S.G.S. v. S.J.C. Lost 3-24 (Tait a try).

Poor defence and not enough possession of the ball.

S.G.S. v. N.S.H.S. Drawn 0-0.

Played on a very slippery field. Best display yet.

S.G.S. v. C.B.C. Drawn 3-3 (Harvey a try).

We started with great promise, especially in the backs, but disappointed as the game progressed.

S.G.S. v. K.S. Lost 3-6 (Scotton a try).

A very even game, giving hopes of a successful season.

G.P.S. COMPETITION.

S.G.S. v. T.S.C. Won 14-8 (Merriman, Bedkober, Davis tries, Lloyd a try and a goal).

After a few minutes' play, Merriman side-stepped and dum-mied from half-way to score between the posts. Otherwise the game was very even, with our breakaway Davis and MacCallum excelling. Bedkober played a sterling game on the wing.

S.G.S. v. S.C.E.G.S. Lost 5-11 (Lloyd a try and a goal).

Our defence in the first half was weak, enabling Shore to lead 11-0. The remainder of play was even, though once again we lacked penetrative ability. We missed Bedkober's determined running and sure tackling.

S.G.S. v. S.T.C. Won 24-6 (Estella 2, Merriman 1, Tait 1, Johnson 1, Thomas 1, tries; Lloyd, 3 goals).

A close game until half-time, after which our backs handled better, with the result that we had a comfortable win.

S.G.S. v. S.J.C. Lost 6-12 (Doust a try, Lloyd a penalty goal).

After about ten minutes' play we lost Don Gordon, the score being 6-0 in our favour. Peter Johnson came out of the forwards, who thereafter battled gamely.

S.G.S. v. N.C. Won 6-5 (Harvey, Davis, tries).

An extremely hard-fought and even game, with Newington scoring right on the bell.

S.G.S. v. S.H.S. Lost 0-23.

Heaviest defeat of the season, on a rather slippery field. Superior rucking and backing-up on High's part accounted for their easy win.

S.G.S. v. T.K.S. Drawn 3-3 (Fisher a try).

Our win-lose sequence established in the previous competition games could not be maintained in its entirety. However, we were very satisfied with the result of this our last match.

—K.P.H.

S.G.S. 3rd XV, 1947.

Coach: H. H. Girvan.

Captain: K. F. Astridge. Vice-Captain: P. Tingwell.

FROM the match results this year's 3rds appear to be weaker than former teams. Match results, however, are not the only indication of a team's capabilities, and the team at times played good football. The backs were rather slow, and therefore unable to make good use of the ball when in possession. The forwards worked

hard in every game and kept on the ball in true Grammar style.

Once again we visited Bathurst to play All Saints' College, and had an excellent time, the snow adding interest to the trip.

The following players represented in the team during the season: K. F. Astridge, B. O. O. Bell, J. D. Castrisos, R. J. Chegwyn, A. R. Cowan, R. Davis, C. W. Douglass, D. C. Einfeld, G. O. Fookes, A. N. Hazard, H. B. Herron, W. J. Latimer, P. Mayjor, J. M. Parkes, P. Swift, P. Tingwell, and A. B. Trumper.

Versus Scots (21st June).—Lost 0-19.

Versus Shore (27th June).—Lost 3-11 (Mulhearn try).

Versus Riverview (5th July).—Won 11-6 (Astridge 2, Scotton, tries; Chegwyn goal).

Versus St. Joseph's (12th July).—Lost 3-28 (Latimer, penalty goal).

Versus Newington (19th July).—Won 9-6 (Tingwell, Einfeld, tries; Latimer penalty goal).

Versus All Saints' (26th July).—Won 42-0. (Shared by all).

Versus Kings (2nd August).—Won 8-3 (Tingwell, Einfeld tries; Latimer goal).

Won 4; lost 3. Points for, 76; against, 73.

—H|H.G.

THE HIGH, THE MIDDLE AND THE LOW.

THE 1st, 2nd, and 3rd XV's were again under the guidance of Messrs. Edwards, Hardie and Girvan, who have reported fully on their teams in another place.

The 5ths, 6ths, and 7ths were fortunate indeed to secure the services of Mr. Carr, yet another New Zealander to join us. We extend to him a hearty welcome to the fellowship of football.

We have had on the whole a satisfactory season, but on Wednesdays and Fridays suffered from a dearth of *coaches* as distinct from supervisors. However, we received excellent service from senior boys, most of whom were members of last year's Colts A XV.

Some day the School will realise how much it owes to these young enthusiasts, the schoolboy coaches. To undertake this onerous task means attendance at "grounds" on four afternoons per week, and Saturday mornings, to say nothing of their own game in the afternoon with one of the senior fifteens.

The maximum number of matches in which any team could engage was thirteen, and of these the 4ths under the aegis of Mr. Girvan won four, drew three, and lost six.

Many of their best men were quickly promoted to the 3rds or even higher.

P. Wakefield, Castrisos, Chinn, Douglass, and Gibson were prominent, and Hanlon's boot was an asset: he converted five tries in the N.C. game. B. Nix proved a capable skipper for the greater part of the season, after the advancement of Wakefield, Scotton and Castrisos.

W. Freeman's 5ths won five of their games, losing men to the 4ths quite early in the season. Outstanding were Blumer, Barratt, Cobb and L. Paton, of whom his captain reported: "The credit of the win goes to Lindsay Paton, who played wing instead of in his usual place in the front row of the scrum. He once ran seventy-five yards through the entire S.J.C. team to score a magnificent try." Bravo! (And well-written gallant captain: the true journalistic touch).

Others who added points were Ball, Treloar, Burke, Gostelow and Paton with their kicks at goal.

This side distinguished itself above all others by defeating the S.J.C. 5ths twice—15 to nil and 11 to 8.

The 6ths won but two games and drew one, but at least their players did try, and are an example to the many Upper and Middle School boys who do not play at all.

We note among the scorers: Pinhey, Walter, Levinski, Sainsbury, R. Paton (2 "penalties" against Scots). Prince was a capable and resourceful leader.

The 7th XV, which last year we described as a thing of shreds and patches, is an enthusiastic and polyglot collection of lads who for reasons good and sufficient were unable to attend any practices.

They won a match; they drew a match, and they lost three. A stout effort.

Francis, Savage, Jeremy and Rofe all added something to the score, and we note with pleasure Cureton's three tries against Kings, who notched a one-point victory: 13 to 14.

Bull and Walter shared captaincy honours.

Turning now to B Division, which contains the "age" teams, we observe with dismay that Colts A lost eight games. This looks bad, but on closer investigation proved to be "not so bad"; for, apart from two "beltings" administered by S.J.C. (22-3 and 20-6), the margins of defeat were small.

The team owes a great deal to the keen coaching of Messrs. Roger Adcock and Bruce Storey, Old Sydneians both. "Roger" was at the time a temporary member of the staff, and was instrumental in bringing to practice several 1st grade players, some of whom are now in England with the "Wallabies."

Storey, G. P.	5	5	0
Rowe, E. S.; Rowe, D. K.; Rowe, R. S.	5	5	0
Phillips, Dr. Leigh	10	0	0
Clements, H. I.	2	0	0
Madsen, J. A.	5	5	0
Scott, Lee	2	2	0
Alldis, V. R.	2	2	0
Vickery, Dr. D. G. R.	10	0	0
Fenwick, J. F.—additional donation	10	10	0
Windon, H. C.	1	1	0
Kaleski, J.	5	5	0
Thomas, Stewart	10	6	
Wilson, W. Bowie	5	5	0
Farrar, Dr. F. M., Senr.	5	5	0
Pura, C. G.	1	1	0
Pratten, J. E.	25	0	0
Marr, James	2	10	0
Holland, Brigadier A. C. S.	5	5	0
Legge, B. S.	2	2	0
Crowley, Lawrence	1	1	0
Donovan, Dr. C. O.	5	0	0
Inglis, Dr. Keith	50	0	0

Total

£10,297 10 8

Sydney Grammar School War Memorial Fund

DONATIONS

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	8,147	13	7
Ralston, Colonel A. W.	2	2	0
Kirkwood, Dr. Noel	3	3	0
Wing, W. J.	3	3	0
Plomley, R. C.	20	0	0
Cudlipp, R. A.	12	10	0
Cudlipp, Mrs. E. L.	12	10	0
Cudlipp, W. J.	12	10	0
Hooper, Mrs. K. H.	12	10	0
"In memory of Jock Cudlipp—from his family."			
Rogers, Dr. F. C.	20	0	0
Campbell, A. W. E.	5	0	0
Macpherson, A. G.	10	0	0
Stoyles, Lieutenant-Colonel A. M.	5	5	0
Marks, Walter M.	5	5	0
Sommerlad, E. L.	1	1	0
Lloyd, Alan S.	21	0	0
MacCallum, Dr. W. P.	25	0	0
Whiddon, H. G.	100	0	0
Chisholm, Lieutenant-Colonel C. J.	25	0	0
Storey, Norman J.	5	5	0
Harris, Dr. R. G. S.	10	10	0
Herring, G. K.	10	10	0
Nathan, L. G.	2	2	0
Small, C. N.	1	1	0
Money, Dr. R. A.	10	10	0
Crouch, H. W.—additional donation	100	0	0
Graham, J. K.	1	1	0
Moss, David	5	0	0
Pfeiffer, J. E.	1	1	0

Howes, J. H.	2	2	0
Howes, J. N.	2	2	0
Howes, R. N.	2	2	0
Newman, R. L.	2	2	0
Hill, A. J.	5	5	0
Cunningham, L. S. K.	2	2	6
Holland, R. A. B.	1	1	0
Robertson, C. M.)			
Robertson, I. A.)	25	0	0
"In memory of Douglas McIntosh Robertson"			
Green, J. N.	10	10	0
Green, David	10	10	0
Green, Lionel	5	5	0
Baker, Arthur F. C.	1	1	0
Hoskins, E. J.	5	5	0
Kelly, T. H.	25	0	0
Crane, W.	2	2	0
Tompson, R. C.	1	1	0
Goulston, Dr. Stanley	3	3	0
Archer, G. A.	1	1	0
Smith, P. V.—"In memory of his brother, Keith Morden (Jim) Smith"	2	2	0
Vanderfield & Reid Ltd.	25	0	0
Pinnington, Mrs. Elsie—"In memory of her nephew, Keith Morden (Jim) Smith"	2	2	0
McGilvray, Alan	5	0	0
Woolf, M. I. L.	2	2	0
McCullagh, S. F.—additional donation	1	1	0
Brown, Thomas C.	5	5	0
McBryde, K. J.	5	5	0
Krone, Lionel	4	4	0
Abrahams, J. J.	1	1	6
Swinbourne, A.	2	2	0
Guest, G. W.	2	2	0
Bell, Bryce	1	1	0
McGee, A. A.	1	1	0
Ferguson, K. A.	3	3	0
Lee, Gordon J.	3	3	0
Whitton, G.	5	5	0
Whitton, T. W.	5	5	0
Cowper, W. H.	2	2	0
Donaldson, R. P.	5	5	0
Lee, R. M.	2	2	0
Pollock, W. R.	2	2	0

Young, I. R.	5	5	0
Dawson, Dr. A. L.	10	10	0
Mackillop, J. C.	1	1	0
Mackillop, Hugh H.	1	1	0
Mackillop, J. A.	1	1	0
Mackillop, F. C., Jnr.	1	1	0
Joyce, N. B.	5	5	0
Walsh, C. H. S.	1	1	0
Morris, Dr. E. S.	10	0	0
Morris, G. R.	5	0	0
Macdonald, R. D.	2	2	0
Moller, J. J.	2	2	0
Barnes, W. H.	3	3	0
Lee, Dr. E. B.	2	2	0
Sydney Grammar School War Memorial Fund Ball Committee	442	8	2
Boys of Sydney Grammar School Commonwealth Government 2% Bonds, due 1949	400	0	0
Corlis, C. R. £5 0 0			
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Hales, I. B.	5	5	0
McLean, W.	2	2	6
McDowells Limited	100	0	0
Murray-Prior, E. S.	1	1	0
Hill, A. C. E. £1 1 0			
Exchange on Fiji cheque 2 4			
	1	3	4
Boys of Sydney Grammar School—additional	250	0	0
Wearne, G. R. G.	5	5	0
Watson, N. H.	2	0	0
Bray, G.; Francis, I.; Gleeson-White, M.; Kelly, W.; Killen, D.; Vickery, R.—Contribution from some "Old Sydneians" at Wesley College, University of Sydney	5	5	0
Levick, Dr. C. B.	10	10	0
Levick, B. B.	10	10	0
Gilchrist, J. A.	5	5	0
Scott, Dr. H. M.	10	10	0
Marshall, S. J.	20	0	0
Rothfield, Dr. N. J.	2	2	0
Garnsey, Rev. D. A.	1	1	0
Ritchie, H. A.	10	0	0
Mullens, F. H.—additional donation	10	0	0

Bruce Storey was five-eights for Varsity (which is a good jump from our 1sts last year).

The captain, Paul Mulhearn, was all that a leader of such a side should be—capable, resourceful, and at his best when things looked darkest. Fagan showed that he was one of the best five-eights in the School.

Consistent scorers were Fagan (persistent and consistent kicker of goals—especially “penalties” in which he revels), Cureton, Mulhearn, Randall, “Blue” Turner, Bellamy, Bain, McElwain, Spencer, Fisher, Hunter, Jones, Ireland, Stoddart.

In all Fagan kicked some twelve goals.

Colts B and the 15 C’s share the golden star which marks the honour of the greatest number of matches won, excluding the first three teams. Ten games out of thirteen is the count. Well done: the captains, E. Jones and D. C. Anderson have good reason to be proud. And so have the coaches.

Henry Ludowici kicked six goals against Chatswood, and three against Riverview. Musto’s boot was also to prove useful (three goals versus King’s). In a team where all were good it is difficult and indeed unnecessary to pick out stars; but among those who flashed over the line or hoisted terrific goals were: “Ludo” (three tries at Parramatta, two at ‘View, one at Shore, and two at Chatswood), Jones, Stoddart, Weatherdon, Cureton, Turner, Murray, Bain, Wakefield, Benjamin, Leadley and Barnett.

Several of the team were quickly promoted, and their names have appeared above.

Our remarks on the B XV are equally applicable to the C’s. In a tribe of warriors we can but name the giants. Outstanding scorers were the captain, D. C. Anderson, Spencer (three tries against Scots and three against Shore), Mitchell (two against Waverley, three again versus the Queen’s Park boys, two against Scots and two at Shore), P. Jones (three tries against Shore), Atkins, Farrell, Davis, Humphries, Younger, Over and Cureton (how that man does get around!)

Murray proved a great lander of goals with two at North-bridge, three at Queen’s Park, and at Hunter’s Hill, and no less than five in the second game against Shore, when the side ran out victors to the tune of 34 to 9. To make up for that they lost to S.J.C. twice: 18 to nil and 25 to 9.

An interesting game was played against the Blue Mountains Grammar School, whom we narrowly defeated 17-16. Our best thanks go to the S.G.S. Women’s Association for providing lunch to the hardy Mountaineers.

The D's were well up with their seniors, winning nine games and drawing one, and so losing the same number as suffered by B and C.

Addison proved himself an earnest and efficient skipper of this good side. We note with interest Piercy's five tries at North-bridge and four more against Shore at Weigall (and we thought that it was at "B.P." only that he excelled).

Naylor proved useful with his kicks at goal, and others who caught the critic's eye were Mark, Stannard, Benjamin, Addicoat, and Addison.

And, yes, there *was* an "E" division of the 15 year old teams, and it won a match, too.

Elliott was the captain, and the victory was over King's, when Windon (cousin of the Old Sydneian now with the "Wallabies") scored three tries, and Blumer two. And, here among the scorers is our old College chum, Bartlett, the pride of the 4th B.P. (lower division).

The Junior Colts A, better known as the Under 14 1sts, won seven games; but like the Colts A, many of their defeats were but small—6-8 for example, versus S.I.C.

The side was very green at the beginning of the season, and did well to defeat Scots in the initial game by 8 to 3; but how disunited they really were was revealed by the crushing defeat at S.J.C. How well they had recovered was shown when they met the Hill lads in the "comp." match, when the figures were 28 to 6: still a defeat, but, considering the superior weight and training of their opponents, a good improvement.

Clifton was a good captain—and five-eights, and Bell a patient and conscientious coach.

It seemed to us that more use should have been made of the fast three-quarter line which included well-known athletes, such as Pearson, Barden, and Carrick. Pegler was indefatigable behind the pack, while Tink was outstanding among the forwards. Others of whom we should hear next year in the Colts A XV are Jones, Terry, Johnson (who is better known as a swimmer), Butchart, Gilkes, White, and Dezarnaulds, who as breakaway is reminiscent of his father, "Cam.", and his uncle, Numa, both of whom played in the same position.

We were delighted to note what we thought "a splendid victoree" (40-5) until we read at the bottom of the report—"played the wrong team." Could anything be more futile, ridiculous, and—unpardonable?

Eight defeats for the "B" team does not make pleasant reading.

The Fact is that the 14A's and B's are the Lower School A and B of the previous year, and these Lower School fifteens practice only *once* a week. How can they possibly make any sort of a showing against schools that practise from two to five days a week! Mr. Girvan was so concerned this season for L.S. A. and B that he gave them an extra run on Monday. We are grateful to him for this additional effort.

14B's are very fortunate to have had such a conscientious and reliable captain as our young friend, Ian Mackay (he will note that I have spelled his name correctly. This is a sore point). He did all that was humanly possible to pull the side together. Enthusiastic coaching was supplied by Trumper and Hazard, to whom thanks are due.

Scorers, not including those promoted early to the A team, were J. D. McPhee, Rosenberg, McKeown, Lyddieth, Farren, Craig, Willcock and Harvey. Whenever goals were to be kicked, Rosenberg obliged. A promising colt, this lad.

In the fourth place of honour are the 14C's with eight wins. We applaud loudly Nettheim's four tries against Scots, whom we narrowly defeated 16-14, and Aitken's four against T.K.S. Points were scored by, amongst others, Aitken, Colville, Cadsky, Pickworth, and Keach. McKenna led the team.

Kellion's 14D won five and drew two out of ten. Prominent scorers were: I. Irving, Kellion, Stuble, Lowe, Savery (we should have had him earlier), Howard, Wragg, Hill, and Figtree.

One win and four defeats is the 14E effort. Captain: Isaacs. Scorers: Captain did not consider it necessary to record their names, except in the case of Hill, who scored against Mowbray.

Lower School A suffered severely from insufficient practice and coaching, as we have already stated. The side won only two matches.

That bright little personality, D. Heath, led the team and was a real inspiration to his men. Mr. Girvan coached enthusiastically and crammed as much as anyone could into one practice. Some of the losses were "near misses," as for example the game versus Scots, when Russell (2) and North scored, and Rutherford goaled; and the King's game which we lost 0 to 3. Among the good men we note Mason, Hearn, Rutherford, Russell, who scored all the points with three tries when we defeated Waverley by nine points to nil.

The B team won four out of the nine games played. Wedderburn was the captain for the greater part of the time and was followed by Ian North (who has three old Sydneian brothers) and Vinson.

The side defeated Scots and King's twice each, but lost to Shore and S.J.C. (twice each) and to S.I.C.

Consistent scorers were: Forbes, Wedderburn, North, Peries, Chadwick, Symonds, Meillon and Davis. Goals were notched by Mason, Meillon (3), North and Thomas.

This side also was coached by Mr. Girvan.

With one win out of seven games, L.S.C. is not exactly in the championship class, but no doubt they had lots of fun.. Keldie led his team to victory over Waverley, assisted by three tries from Forbes, two from Meillon and one from Rutherford. All were promoted, as you have noted.

Button scored a try against Shore, and that, dear reader, was all that happened.

L.S.D. played only three games, which was just as well. (Why? Ask the captain, who is a good man and true. His name?—Hirstmann.)

Since there is an "F" team reported, there is, or there was, one may suppose reasonably, an "E" fifteen. But who they were and what they did, no man knoweth and nothing showeth.

Lower School F won two out of three engagements, and that, we are sure you will agree, is a pretty stout effort. True, they did take a terrible "lashing" from Waverley, but that was just by the way.

The captain is a very bright young fellow of some twelve springs, one Miskle, who once at Stanmore severely reprimanded us when we stated that we intended to barrack for Newington in the "Firsts" game, because it was our old school. ("Dash it sir, you are a Master at Grammar!")

Both victories were at the expense of our old friends, Edgecliff. The scores are much too big. There must surely have been some terrible heavyweights in the Grammar side. Scorers? Davis (2), Crouch, Wagner, Sharam (3), Joseph, Single, G. Marks (3), Gostelow, Gould and W. Marks. And Miskle kicks three goals.

L.S.C. and D, and, we presume, E (if any) were coached by Mr. Hardie, mentor of the School 2nd XV.

And now, after long years of writing these notes (why ever did we begin?) we come wearily once more to those delightful sprites—the Grammar Midgets.

R. S. Lin is the very efficient captain; he is the vice-prefect of 2A X. Heath, captain of L.S.A., is the prefect. This for your information.

Six won and three drawn is a good effort. These fellows are great travellers; the tours are personally conducted by Mr. Stevenson, who takes a great interest in the side and is deservedly popular with his men.

In addition to the usual G.P.S., they meet Coogee and Mosman Preps.; Edgecliff and Beecroft; and when the small boys of those excellent institutions see what grand midgets we have, no doubt they make up their minds at once to come to Grammar, and that, as they say in "1066," is "*a good thing*."

In conclusion, our best thanks to Messrs. Webster, Maclay, Dudley, Clarke and Abbott for coaching and for supervising teams on Wednesdays and Fridays, and for travelling far afield Saturday after Saturday.

—W.E.C.

THE BOXING TOURNAMENT, 1947.

It was a memorable occasion. We are now firmly convinced that it was just such a joust that Shakespeare had in mind when he put into the mouth of his Soldier-King:

"Then imitate the action of the tiger;
Stiffen the sinews, summon up the blood;
Disguise fair nature with hard-favoured rage,
Then lend the eye a terrible aspect."

And would it not have delighted the romantic heart of Scott to see and hear the MacCallum himself in dreadful fray with hammer-blows and wild Gaelic cries?

The Tournament this year produced nearly one hundred entries and thirty-four fighters contested the finals at Weigall before the largest audience ever seen at any boxing function on that ground.

It was the general opinion that the standard of the boys was higher than ever. This was particularly evident in the "Open," when N. Hosking met F. Crossle at catch-weights for the School Championship and the Warburton Cup. This bout was by no means the one-sided affair that it so often has been in the past.

Special awards were made by Tommy Hanley, whose good work in preparation of the boxers was up to his usual high standard; by Mr. Mick Lacey and by Mr. H. Gardiner. We thank them.

Outstanding encounters were the narrow defeat of W. Leadley by A. Hazard and the slashing draw between D. Selby and B. Johnson.

Many old friends were present among the audience, some of them good fighters of the days that are gone. We noted, among

others, Mr. Hyam Marks, Drs. Scrivener and Frank Farrar, Messrs. Andy McEvoy, Bill Dovey (Junior), Gordon Brady, Bob Crichton-Browne, Bill Ludowici, B. C. Caldwell and the President of the Old Sydneians' Union and Trustee of the School, Mr. Norman Cowper.

A special offer of thanks is extended to those who worked hard to make the function so successful. We mention gratefully the School Sergeant and Mr. Lenthall for conducting the weighing-in; Dr. J. C. (Tim) Lamrock for examining all intending competitors; Mr. Abbott, for supervising the grading and general organisation; Mr. Soden, for ringside announcing; Messrs. Taylor and Austin for time-taking; Mr. Mick Lacey for refereeing; and groundsman "Matt" for an excellently prepared ring. And our Honorary M.O.'s, Drs. Taylor, Scrivener and Frank Farrar.

FINAL RESULTS OF BOXING TOURNAMENT.

(17th October, 1947)

Open.—N. Hosking.

Class A.—T. Flanagan.

Class B.—Div. 1.—J. MacCallum.

Div. 2.—A. Hazard.

Div. 3.—D. Selby-B. Johnson (draw).

Div. 4.—S. Edwards.

Class C.—Div. 1.—W. Merriman.

Div. 2.—D. Tink.

Div. 3.—P. Jones.

Div. 4.—B. McGowan.

Class D.—Div. 1.—J. Piercy.

Div. 3.—D. Ralph.

Class E.—Div. 1.—J. Blumer.

Div. 2.—I. Chadwick.

Class F.—Div. 1.—H. Dunn.

Class G.—Div. 1.—B. Storey.

Div. 2.—N. Davis.

Class H.—Div. 1.—J. Gunn.

Div. 2.—A. Cox.

Special Prize.—G. Kellion.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Best Loser.—J. McKenna; presented by T. Hanley.

Bravest Loser.—G. Fraser; presented by T. Hanley.

Gamest Loser.—W. Leadley; presented by M. Lacey.

Best Boxer.—W. Merriman; presented by H. Gardiner.



ATHLETIC TEAM.

Back Row—P. S. Steel, R. K. Maynard, J. W. Wood, H. R. Scrivener, B. W. Trumper, J. L. F. Rofe.

Front Row—D. J. R. Sommerlad, J. G. Engel, R. E. Estella (Capt.), E. R. Dent, Esq., R. S. Adamson (Vice-Capt.),
F. C. Millner, J. G. Allman.

S.G.S. ATHLETIC MEETING.

THIS year's sports meeting was held on Saturday, the 16th of August. With the co-operation of the Women's Association, whom we all thank for their splendid catering, and the Masters of the School, the day was a great success. We believe that it is the best Saturday sports meeting at Weigall yet held, and we thank all those visitors who made it so, hoping that next year their interest in the school will find them once more at our athletic meeting.

Although the tracks were very poor, caused by the heavy football season which had just finished, the sprint times were up to normal and the distance races were fair, although there was a wind striking the runners most of the day.

—R.J.E.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards.—R. J. Estella 1, F. C. Millner 2, B. C. Kinna 3.

220 Yards.—R. J. Estella 1, C. W. Douglass 2, J. W. Evans 3.

440 Yards.—R. J. Estella 1, F. C. Millner 2, C. W. Douglass 3.

880 Yards.—J. L. F. Rofe 1, J. G. Allman 2, D. Sommerlad 3.

Mile.—J. L. F. Rofe 1, D. Sommerlad 2, J. G. Allman 3.

Hurdles.—J. G. Engel.

Broad Jump.—R. J. Estella 1, C. W. Douglass 2, R. W. Maynard 3.

High Jump.—J. G. Engel 1, F. C. Millner 2, N. M. Gardiner 3.

Shot Putt.—J. G. Engel 1, H. R. Scrivener 2, A. R. Cowan 3.

All-Age 100.—T. Barden 1, R. S. Bain 2, J. C. Carrick 3.

Champion Athlete.—R. J. Estella.

OPEN NOVICES.

440 Yards.—A. S. Treloar 1, B. R. Craig 2, J. G. Parker 3.

880 Yards.—D. Sommerlad 1, P. Steele 2, N. A. Hosking 3.

OPEN HANDICAPS.

100 Yards.—D. Sommerlad 1, R. Maynard 2, A. M. Lloyd 3.

220 Yards.—A. M. Lloyd 1, A. S. Treloar 2, D. A. Phippard 3.

UNDER 17 CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards.—P. van den Elshout 1, B. W. Cobb 2, P. J. Mulhearn 3.

220 Yards.—P. van den Elshout 1, P. J. Mulhearn 2, A. M. Lloyd 3.

440 Yards.—P. J. Mulhearn 1, R. M. Herbert 2, P. W. Eastaway 3.

Champion Athlete.—P. G. van den Elshout.

UNDER 16 CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards.—B. Trumper 1, J. C. Spencer and A. P. Chinn 2.

220 Yards.—B. Trumper 1, A. P. Chinn 2, F. M. Stoddart 3.

880 Yards.—W. Leadley 1, N. Alexander 2, J. Hawkins 3.
Hurdles.—J. C. Spencer 1, D. C. Anderson 2, J. Rutherford 3.
Broad Jump.—B. Trumper 1, J. Rutherford 2, R. S. Bain 3.
High Jump.—B. M. Benjamin 1, J. Rutherford 2, F. M. Stoddart 3.
Shot Putt.—T. E. Hanlon 1, N. M. Alexander 2, H. C. Ludowici 3.
Champion Athlete.—B. Trumper.

UNDER 16 NOVICE.

880 Yards.—G. Green 1, J. W. Gamble 2, W. Parkinson 3.

UNDER 16 HANDICAPS.

100 Yards.—B. Bellamy 1, A. P. Chinn 2, G. Green 3.
 220 Yards.—G. Green 1, H. C. Ludowici 2, B. Parker 3.

UNDER 15 CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards.—R. S. Bain 1, T. Barden 2, E. A. Day 3.
 220 Yards.—T. Barden 1, J. Williams 2, B. Pearson 3.
Hurdles.—R. S. Bain 1, J. Pickworth 2.
Broad Jump.—R. S. Bain 1, H. F. Godfrey 2, E. A. Day 3.
High Jump.—H. F. Godfrey 1, J. H. Randall and M. W. Voelcker 2.
Champion Athlete.—R. S. Bain.

UNDER 15 HANDICAPS.

100 Yards.—R. S. Bain 1, T. Barden 2, B. Pearson 3.
 220 Yards.—R. S. Bain 1, B. Pearson 2.

UNDER 14 CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards.—J. C. Carrick, B. Larmour 2, D. Bennison 3.
 220 Yards.—J. C. Carrick 1, R. Kerr, 2, R. J. Downie 3.
Broad Jump.—R. J. Downie 1, A. McKeown 2, G. A. Kench and R. G. Hardie 3.
High Jump.—L. O. Rossell 1, R. J. Downie 2, D. McKeown 3.
Champion Athlete.—J. C. Carrick.

UNDER 14 HANDICAPS.

100 Yards.—W. J. Forbes 1, J. Pickworth 2, R. Kerr and B. Lamson 3.
 220 Yards.—R. Kerr 1, J. Pickworth 2, A. D. McKeown 3.

UNDER 13 CHAMPIONSHIPS.

100 Yards.—I. Mackay 1, C. E. Dezarnaulds 2, W. R. Digby 3.
 220 Yards.—I. Mackay 1, C. E. Dezarnaulds 2, W. R. Digby 3.
High Jump.—B. G. Storey 1, G. P. Carleton 2, J. H. Wilson 3.
Broad Jump.—C. E. Dezarnaulds 1, W. R. Digby 2, P. A. Hill 3.
Champion Athlete.—C. E. Dezarnaulds.

UNDER 13 HANDICAPS.

100 Yards.—G. P. Carleton 1, I. Mackay 2, K. R. Marks 3.

220 Yards.—G. P. Carleton 1, I. Mackay 2, W. K. Digby 3.

UNDER 12 CHAMPIONSHIP.

75 Yards.—A. R. Convery 1, G. Marks 2, N. Davis 3.

UNDER 12 HANDICAP.

75 Yards.—A. R. Convery 1, A. M. Cox 2, W. M. Marks 3.

MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS—HANDICAPS.

House Race, Senior.—J. C. Spencer 1, R. Maynard 2, P. Jones 3.

House Race, Junior.—D. Tink 1, D. Carney 2, M. W. Voelcker 3.

Siamese Race, Senior.—J. R. Alexander and W. Leadley.

Siamese Race, Junior.—R. Hickson and P. Young.

Mile Handicap.—R. G. Wragge 1, W. N. Merriman, J. N. Farrow.

RELAY RACES.

Second Form.—2B 1, 2A- 2, 2R^U 3.

Third Form.—3A^U 1, 3A- 2, 3C 3.

Fourth Form.—4C 1, 4B 2, 4A 3.

Fifth Form.—5B 1, 5A- 2, 5C 3.

Sixth Form.—6B 1, 6C² 2, 6A 3.

JUNIOR ATHLETIC SPORTS.

23RD APRIL, 1947.

THE meeting passed off with its usual success. Entries were numerous, and times were good.

The whole weight of the organisation fell upon the broad and capable shoulders of Mr. K. P. Hardie, who is to be congratulated on the smooth running of a well-balanced programme.

Masters, Prefects and boys worked hard to make the meeting the best ever; and our Mr. Lenthall sped the runners on their way with faultless starts. There was no shadow of complaint about the starting gun. Everyone heard this one. We have reverted to our good old sawn-off shot gun, which has a roar like a cannon in the Indian Mutiny, and a kick like an army mule.

With their usual neat-handed efficiency the Women's Association provided afternoon tea. We thank them each and all.

—W. E. C.

UNDER 14.6.

Champion Athlete under 14½.—T. Barden.

100 Yards.—T. Barden 1, J. Williams 2. 11 1-10 secs.

220 Yards.—J. Williams 1, T. Barden 2, B. Pearson. 26½ secs.

Broad Jump.—T. Barden 1, M. McMartin 2, B. Butchart 3.
15ft. 5ins.

High Jump.—H. F. Godfrey 1, I. Humphreys 2, M. Voelcker 3.
4ft. 9ins.

90 Yards Hurdles.—B. Butchart 1, I. Humphreys 2, N. McMartin 3. 14 7-10 secs.

UNDER 13.6.

Champion Athlete.—P. W. Hearn (11 points).

100 Yards.—J. C. Carrick 1, C. J. Joyce 2, B. Lamour 3. 12 secs.

220 Yards.—J. C. Carrick 1, C. J. Joyce 2, I. Mackay 3. 28 1-5 secs.

Broad Jump.—C. E. Dezarnaulds 1, P. W. Hearn 2, P. J. North 3. 14ft. 3ins.

High Jump.—P. W. Hearn 1, J. Russell 2, I. H. Chadwick 3.
4ft. 5½ins.

75 Yards Hurdles.—J. Pickworth 1, P. W. Hearn 2, I. H. Chadwick 3. 12 4-5 secs.

UNDER 12.6.

Champion Athlete.—W. R. Digby (15 points).

75 Yards.—W. R. Digby 1, T. H. Symonds 2, W. R. King 3.
10 secs.

100 Yards.—W. R. Digby 1, T. H. Symonds 2, K. R. Marks 3.
12 9-10 secs.

220 Yards.—W. R. Digby 1, W. R. King 2, T. H. Symonds 3.
30 9-10 secs.

High Jump.—B. Storey and R. Hart 1, T. H. Symonds 3.
3ft. 7½ins.

UNDER 11.6.

Champion Athlete.—N. Davis.

50 Yards.—N. Davis 1, Crouch J. G. 2, G. Marks 3. 7 secs.

75 Yards.—N. Davis 1, A. R. Convery 2. 10 2-5 secs.

UNDER 10.6.

Champion Athletes.—A. Finlay and J. Davidson (8 pts. each).

50 Yards.—J. Davidson 1, A. Finlay 2, A. Cox 3. 7 2-5 secs.

75 Yards.—A. Finlay 1, J. Davidson 2, A. Cox 3. 11 secs.

UNDER 9.6.

Champion Athlete.—W. M. Marks (10 points).

50 Yards.—W. M. Marks 1, C. Graham 2, P. Kelsey 3. 7 2-5 secs.

75 Yards.—W. M. Marks 1, C. Graham 2, P. Kelsey 3. 11 2-5 secs.

ALL-AGE 100 YARDS HANDICAP.

J. C. Carrick (4 yds.) 1, G. Over (scr.) 2, W. R. Digby (7 yds.) 3. 11½ secs.

SIAMESE RACE.

2R^U.—R. Hickson and P. Young.

Open.—E. Barnes and T. Mitchell.

K. P. H.

IN preparation for the G.P.S. Sports we had our usual meetings, firstly, with Botany Harriers and, secondly, with Shore, Scots and University. There were no outstanding performances at these two carnivals, except for Estella's 100 yards in 10 seconds, which equalled Clapin's record, his 220 yards in 22.6 seconds against Botany, and Engel's new record of 6ft. in the high jump at Northbridge. These performances were very good indeed.

The next meeting, not so much a School activity, was the Schoolboy championships, where we did not do as well as usual. Estella had an easy win in the open 120 yards, Engel in jumping 5ft. 11in. broke the existing U. 17 record by 1¼in., and Steel won the open mile. The relay team was narrowly beaten by King's, but made amends the next week. Our only other placegetter was Maynard, who jumped well to gain third place in the open broad jump.

G.P.S. SPORTS.

The newspapers had given us equal chances with Scots and Shore, and these predictions turned out to be very accurate.

We were some points behind Scots and Shore until the Open Relay, and our victory in that event gave us a five-point lead. However, we gained only four points more, and the Shield has left us and gone to live at Bellevue Hill. We congratulate Scots on being the best team, and Shore for being runners-up. The final scores were very close, with Scots 86, Shore 83 and Grammar 79, one point ahead of King's.

Individual placegetters are as follow:—

R. J. Estella: 2nd in both the Open Sprints.

R. S. Adamson: 1st in the Open Hurdles and 2nd in the Division 100 yards.

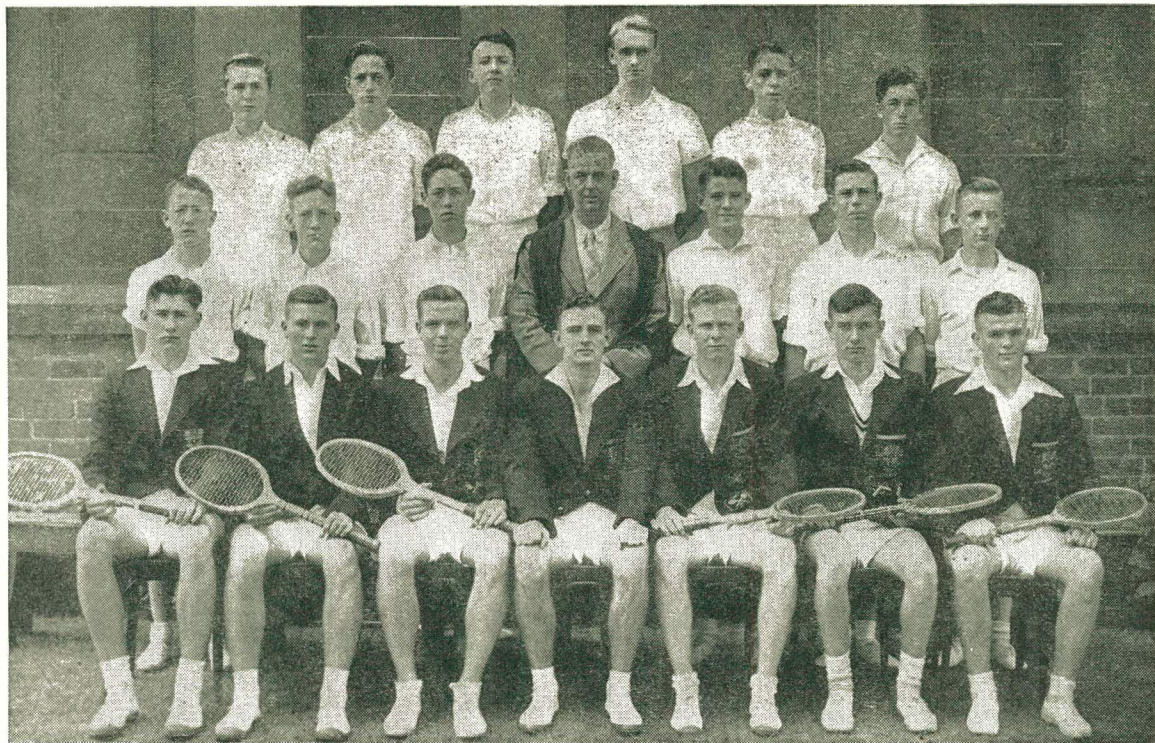
J. G. Engel: 1st in the Open High Jump.

Open Relay Team: F. C. Millner, D. L. Jones, R. S. Adamson, 1st in the Open Relay.

J. G. Allman: 2nd in the Division 880 yards.

D. J. R. Sommerlad: 2nd in the Division Mile.

The Juniors were fourth with 84½ points, and we are looking



G.P.S. TENNIS PREMIERS, 1947

Back Row.—Junior B.: G. Green, D. Gray, M. Farley (Capt.), J. MacCallum, C. Savage, I. Hunter.

Middle Row.—Junior A.: D. Storey, I. Bruce, C. Callaway, A. Bellhouse, Esq., D. Sams, I. Campbell, W. Fisher.

Front Row.—Senior A.: W. R. Marshall, D. N. Aitken, R. B. Maynard, D. R. Gordon (Capt.), R. A. Wells (V.-Capt.), J. W. Burke, B. J. Ritchie.

for some good performances in future years. Leadley, Carrick and Barden show promise.

Placegetters were as follow:—

W. Leadley: 1st, U. 16 880 yards Chamionship.

R. Bain: 3rd, U. 16 100 yards Division.

B. Benjamin: 3rd, U. 16 High Jump.

T. Barden: 3rd, U. 15 100 yards Championship; 3rd., U. 15 220 yards Championship.

J. Carrick: 1st, U. 14 100 yards Championship; 1st, U. 15 220 yards Championship.

P. Hearn: 2nd, U. 15 High Jump.

R. Kerr: 3rd, U. 15 100 yards Division.

—R.S.A.

TENNIS.

TENNIS has been very successful this year, as all three teams became G.P.S. Premiers; a very creditable effort. Several other matches have been played, viz. against Sydney Technical High, in which we won eight sets to nil.

Gordon and Wells (d) Hicks and Smith 6-1, 6-1.

Ritchie and Maynard (d) Bruck and Denman, 6-4, 6-4.

Ritchie and Maynard (d) Hicks and Smith 6-1, 6-0.

Gordon and Wells (d) Bruck and Denman 6-3, 6-2.

In the G.P.S. match D. Gordon (captain) injured his back and Burke was substituted. In spite of this early set back R. Wells kept the team together and we defeated Shore 15 sets to 7.

In the afternoon we met Kings and after some hard singles tussles they led by 7 sets to 5. However, our doubles pairs proved too good and won 9 sets to 1—thus giving us 16 sets to 8 after a very hard fought match. Scores in the finish were:—

Wells (L) 4-6, 6-8.

Maynard (L) 3-6, 3-6.

Aitken (L) 2-6, 4-6.

Marshall (D) 3-6, 6-2.

Burke (W) 6-4, 6-3.

Ritchie (W) 6-4, 6-2.

and in the doubles—

Wells and Burke (W) 1-6, 7-5, 6-2, 6-1.

Maynard and Aitken (W) 6-4, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.

Ritchie and Marshall (W) 6-4, 6-2, 7-5, 6-3.

The Junior A, captained by Sams, defeated Scots in the final, 8 sets to 4, and Junior B, captained by Farley, also defeated Scots by 8 sets to 4. The teams were—

Junior A.—Sams (captain), Fisher, Callaway, Campbell, Storey, Bruce.

Junior B.—Farley (captain), Hunter, Gray, Green, Savage, MacCallum.

On Wednesday, 24th September the team visited M.L.C., Burwood. All boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and I am led to believe, all girls did the same.

Mr. Bellhouse has proved himself a great leader.

Colours were awarded to Gordon (captain), Wells, Aitken, Maynard, Ritchie, Marshall and Burke. An honour badge was awarded to Wells for the way he captained the team on the day of the G.P.S.

Once again we thank the Sergeant who is always putting himself out to help us, and without whose help we should be greatly handicapped.

The school tournaments are being played and the results so far are:—

Open Doubles (Rawson Cup).—D. Gordon and R. Wells.

Under 16 Singles.—D. Sams.

Under 16 Doubles.—W. Fisher and Callaway.

Under 14 Doubles.—Lin and Wood.

Our appreciation and thanks are sent to Slazengers for their film of the Davis Cup which was shown earlier in the year. Coaching articles from our former coach, Mr. Robertson, and also Mr. Bellhouse, have proved very useful and a good help to the lads.

Stop Press: We defeated Shore in the Fairwater Cup match.

—D.R.G.

RIFLE CLUB NOTES.

THE annual G.P.S. rifle competition was held at Long Bay range on September 16th and 17th. This year the team were able to use the M.R.C. U hut and thus were spared the long daily trek from their homes. For this privilege we are greatly indebted to Col. G. E. McDonald, Chairman, Militia Rifle Clubs' Union. Catering arrangements were excellently carried out by Mr. M. Swan, of Malabar, and altogether the camp was a most pleasant affair. We carried out numerous practices during the seven-day camp, and results gave us reasonable hopes of success.

Generally, however, the teams did not reach their practice scores in the competition, the chief points of which were as follows:—

Rawson Cup.—Two stages of seven shots at each stage. 300 yds. and 500 yds. Won by Scots College, S.G.S. fourth. A

"breakdown" of a rifle during the first stage brought the School total down considerably. At the time of this occurrence we were leaving the field by four points.

N.R.A. Shield.—10 shots at 500 yds. Some very indifferent shooting by most of the team, whose scores were at least 6 points lower than their practices. Match won by T.K.S.

Buchanan Shield.—Some good shooting at both snap and rapid and we finished a creditable third to Shore and Kings.

Second Teams Competition.—Some steady shooting. We finished third to Shore and Kings, both of which schools produced excellent juniors for this match.

The following are to be congratulated: F. C. Millner, an enthusiastic captain and coach of the team, who has throughout the year shown great interest in the shooting. Being a member of the 1st XI and 1st XV his opportunities for practice at the range have been limited.

R. A. Wells for a possible. 10 bulls in Buchanan Shield. Rapid Practice.

I. M. Mardardy for an excellent 33 in the Rawson Cup, including 6 consecutive bulls.

H. Grieve for fine coaching and example in Second Teams' match.

The Club sends its sincere thanks to Mr. Greet and Jacques Spira for their keen interest, advice and assistance throughout the shooting year. We were very glad to welcome them to Long Bay Range on several occasions.

Thanks, too, to Mr. Cowdery, who gave us much assistance during the final practice week. The teams were splendid fellows, and it was a pleasure to be associated with them. Those who will leave School at the end of the year we cordially invite to visit us during Shooting Week in 1948.

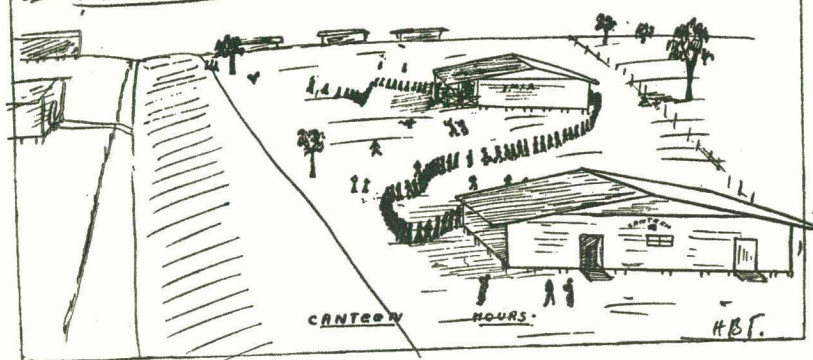
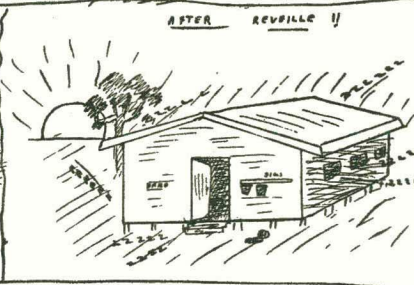
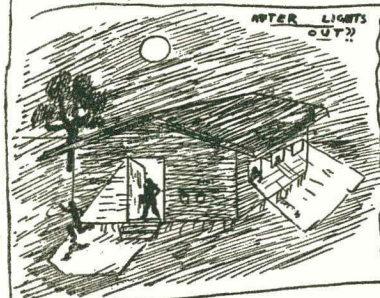
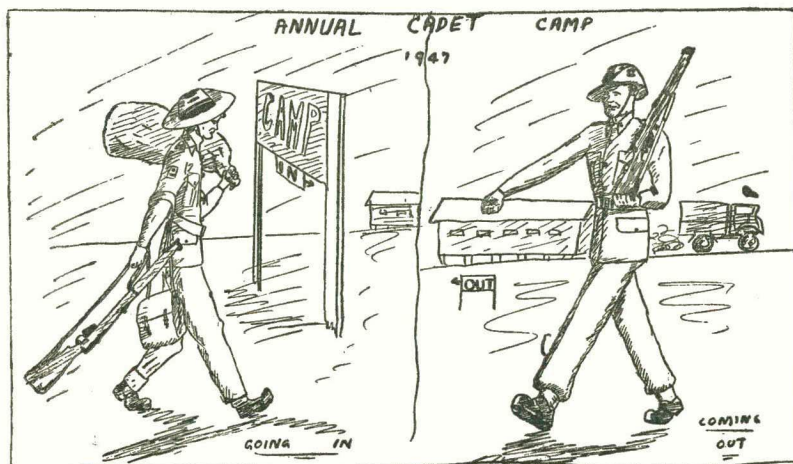
We are indebted to S.G.S. Women's Association for valued assistance in providing the "necessary" for additional comforts for the team. Many thanks.

—C.D.T.

G.P.S. SHOOTING COMPETITION.

THIS year twenty members of the Rifle Club were selected to camp at the range for final practices and selection of teams. Many members of the club, however, shot throughout the year on Saturday mornings, and they are to be congratulated for the enthusiasm they displayed, and for the spirit in which they practised.

All members of the Rifle Club sincerely thank Major Taylor



for the assistance and time which he has given to the boys throughout the year. The success of the camp was entirely due to his efforts, nothing escaped his attention concerning our well being. Even hot showers were made available for us, and they were made still hotter by the stoking of Hamish Grieve.

Mr. Cowdery is also thanked for his assistance during camp.

The teams selected to represent the school in the G.P.S. Competitions were as follows:—

A. Team.—Allman (v.-capt.), Blumer, Colvin, Mardardy, Millner (Capt.), Street, Tingwell, Wells.

B Team.—Birch, Clarke, Cowan, Dobbys, Edwards, Greene (capt.), Johnson, Pogson, Wakefield.

Dobbys and Birch also shot with the A team in various matches.

Some details of the scores are given below:—

	Rawson Cup		N.R.A. Shield	Rapid	Snap	Total
Wells	29	27	29	30	20	135
Millner	23	29	37	24	16	129
Allman	28	25	30	20	24	127
Blumer	28	23	42	26	8	127
Colvin	26	29	35	21	16	127
Mardardy	33	27	33	—	—	93
McLeod	19	28	40	—	—	87
Street	—	—	45	14	12	71
Tingwell	—	—	—	20	20	40
Birch	—	—	—	19	8	27
Dobbys	28	27	—	—	—	55

—F.C.M.

SENIOR CADETS.

THE annual camp was held from 18th-27th August at Ingleburn Camp. This area will now be used for all camps of senior cadets, and it is a well-appointed camp area and much better than Walgrove.

There was a good deal of rain and our training programme was of necessity altered to meet the weather conditions. As a result some field exercises were abandoned. However, camp life was strenuous enough and the detachment may well be proud of the high standard of efficiency reached. The annual musketry course was fired at Anzac Range and consisted of three application practices and one snap practice. Light machine practices included the Bren and the Austin. The "best twelve" results were obtained by (possible 125):—L/Cpl. Wakefield 110, Cadet Edwards 104, L/Cpl. Blumer 103, Cpl. Grieve 99, Cadet May-

blom 96, Cadet Stewart 95, Sgt. Lloyd 94, L/Cpl. Street 92, Cadet Merriman 88, Cadet Birch 88, L/Cpl. Hanlon 88, Cadet A. M. Jones 88.

Visitors' day was on Sunday, 24th August, and we were glad to welcome a large number of parents and friends to the camp. During the afternoon there was an inspection by the G.O.C. Eastern Command, Lieut.-General Berryman, and this was followed by a march past of 1,800 cadets. The school detachment led one battalion and their turn out and bearing generally was excellent. The General commented on their smartness and steadiness during the parade.

On the following Tuesday the Minister for the Army visited the camp and a ceremonial parade was held. On this occasion the school was the leading company of the parade.

A word of praise is due to the drum band. This party of ten, nearly all self-taught, is really a first-class show and gave the detachment splendid support. In addition, the band assisted other detachments in their marching, changing the guard, and was always ready to turn out at shortest notice. Cdt./Lt. F. G. Millner has been an enthusiastic mentor and it is rumoured that on one ceremonial occasion he suitably disguised himself as a bugler and performed well.

Night operations, although curtailed by rain, produced some surprising situations and results. Last year at Walgrove we failed to gain contact with the enemy. This year apparently we gained and held contact until the year's supply of blank ammunition had been fired. The signallers, under Sgt. Graham, were equipped with "walkie-talkie" sets and were able to give our commanders details of the enemy, also of Cranbrook School patrols, as well as dance music and details of various social functions being held around Sydney.

Altogether a very successful camp, although more cadets should attend. This year over forty were not present for various reasons.

—C.D.T.

THE CADET BAND

THE Cadet Corps was well supplied with martial music this year, the band being expanded to 15 enthusiastic active members, and thus all available equipment was brought into use.

This is the biggest band the corps has had for some years, and the bandsmen are to be congratulated on their enthusiasm and the excellent results achieved.

The successful technique of the Drum Major in "swinging the

mace" aroused interest in several circles, and the home-made mace, although serving the purpose well, was considered not good enough for the band's efforts.

The Women's Association has very kindly offered to purchase a proper mace for the band and this gesture is fully appreciated by the band members and the cadet corps.

The band in camp consisted of:—

Drum-Major Barnett.

Drummers: Cpl. Chinn, Jones, Taylor, O'Sullivan, Altass, Lynton, and Jefferson.

Base Drum, Gamble. Tenor Drum, Hunter Cymbals, Alexander. Buglers, Stewart, Craig and Cohen.

—F.C.M.

THE SCHOOL CHOIR.

THE Choir has continued to progress throughout the year, adding to its repertoire a few hymns and seven new part-songs, including "King Arthur" and "O Who Will O'er the Downs." A most interesting addition was "The Woods and Banks," the music for which was specially composed for us by David Morgan.

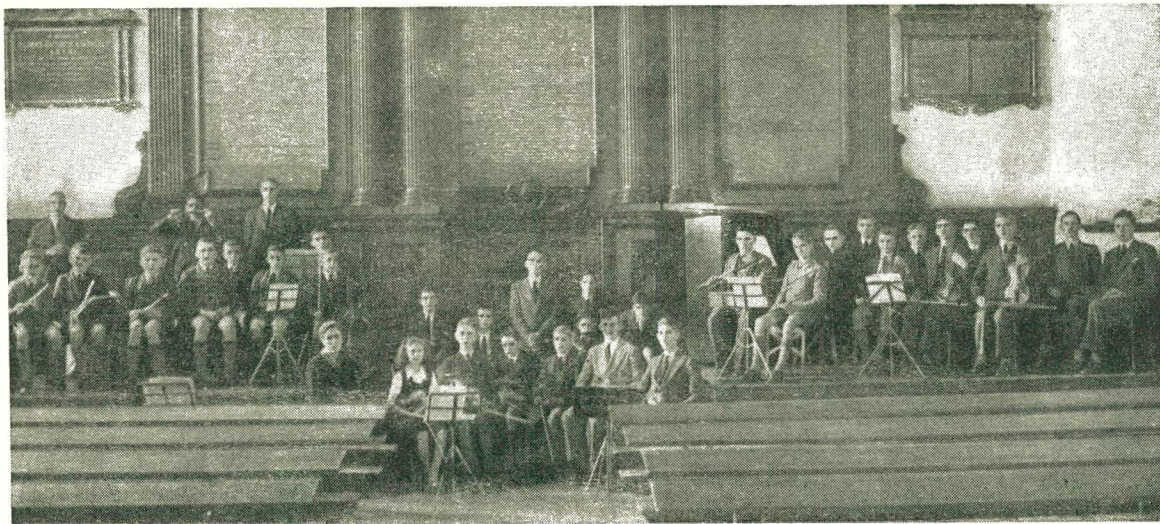
The first major performance of the year was a broadcast over the National network in April. We were not entirely content with the result—tension had mounted during the delays in recording the items—but considering that the Choir had been practising together for only two months, the programme was satisfactory.

The Choir gave two brackets at the concert on June the 20th, by the North Shore Choral Society and Orchestra—all three bodies under the baton of Mr. A. R. Bellhouse—in aid of the War Memorial Fund. The programme was much enjoyed by those present, and it is to be hoped that, in future years, the School will have the pleasure of hearing more concerts by these societies. Incidentally, the School appears to have become a recruiting ground for the Choral Society, for it numbers amongst its members Bill Duly, Murray Mardardy, David Hurley and Mr. Booth. At the same concert, two of our choir members, Barkla and Davies, gave three pianoforte duets.

In addition to these concerts, the Choir has often, at the invitation of the Headmaster, sung a few numbers in Assembly.

The Choir is indebted for the invaluable assistance rendered by Messrs. Booth, Clifton-Smith and Maclay, who have greatly strengthened the bass and tenor sections.

We are in the happy position to report that in both tenor and bass sections there will be a strong nucleus ready for the choir



THE ORCHESTRA, 1947.

Left.—D. S. Hunter, G. D. Lynton, J. H. Plowman, A. D. McCredie, G. G. Marks, B. G. Storey, D. Ferguson, W. H. Stacey, D. Bradney, I. H. Keir, P. W. Weiss.

Centre.—B. H. Hirstman, B. O. Bell, Mr. F. C. Hancock (Conductor), E. J. Golding, R. N. Joseph, L. Bishop, Mrs. E. R. Davies, Miss F. Hancock, A. N. Davies, I. J. Elliott, G. R. Mobberley, G. L. Over, B. L. James.

Right.—W. H. Rees, C. P. Wentzel, R. J. T. Holland, H. J. Fry, M. G. Engleheart, B. C. Barker, P. Faes, P. C. Stannard, J. A. Collyer, R. C. Knock, W. E. L. Davies.

next year, as the majority of the seniors are in the fifth form.

We lost several of last year's juniors, whose voices made the inevitable change, but many of them have reappeared as tenors and basses. Despite this loss, the juniors have improved, both in numbers, for we now have over sixty juniors, and in quality, and their voices are such that if an attempt is made to learn more ambitious works, such as those of Gilbert and Sullivan, no difficulty would be found in supplying soprano and contralto leads.

Finally, our thanks must be recorded to that fiery conductor, Mr. Bellhouse, whose efforts are alone responsible for the quality and success of the singing.

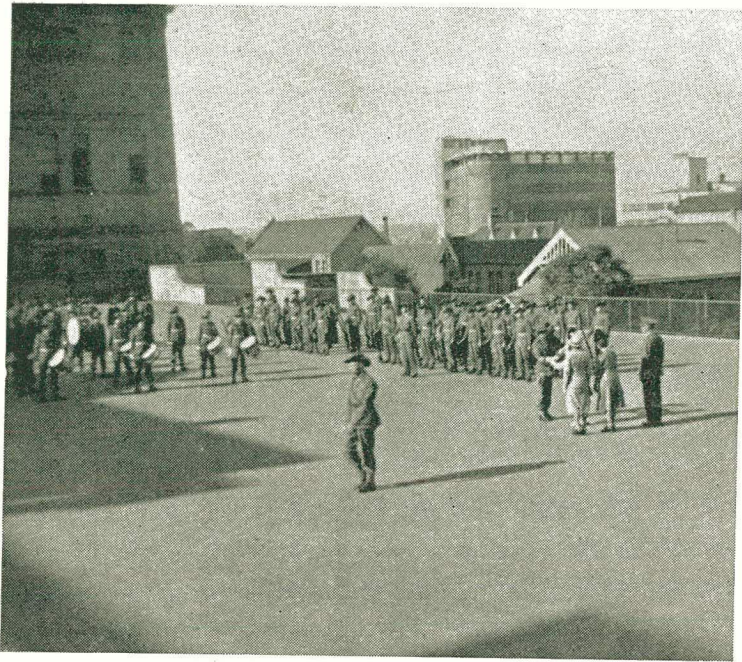
—G.H.J., J.H.T.

THE ORCHESTRA.

THE first appearance of the orchestra this year was on the last day of the first term, when a short programme was played in the hall prior to the closing of the School for the May holidays. From all accounts the music was greatly appreciated by the boys present. Our major effort, however, was at the annual Dramatic Society's performance on August 12th, when we played twelve numbers between the various plays, which we hope added somewhat to the enjoyment of what must have been one of the best dramatic shows for some time.

But in the eyes of the members of the orchestra, the piece de resistance this term was undoubtedly our visit to Ravenswood M.L.C. at Gordon, where we gave our first "public" concert on August 14th. To quote the Headmaster at the next assembly—"The orchestra appears to have excelled themselves in every respect." We have certainly never played so well, and we were very impressed with the attentiveness of the audience. A delightful afternoon tea was served by the Prefects at the conclusion of the programme, followed by personally conducted tours of the buildings and grounds. And we have been invited to come again! Mr. Hancock is, we believe, arranging other concerts for us this term, and in anticipation of similar treats, we are practising diligently at rehearsals every Thursday.

We are indeed sorry to learn that Mrs. Davies, whom Mr. Hancock has often referred to as the "mother of the orchestra," is leaving for England this term. While we wish her a very happy trip overseas and sojourn in the Old Country, we do hope that she will one day come back and play with us again. We always feel safe when Mrs. Davies is leading the orchestra, and we are grateful for this opportunity of expressing our sincerest thanks for all that she has done for us and for Grammar.



Presentation of Mace to Band.



— Melancholy Jacques —

We are also most grateful to the Trustees for instituting an Orchestral Scholarship at the School next year. This will do much to strengthen the orchestra and help us to build up, in time, a really good ensemble.

—W.E.L.D.

MUSIC SOCIETY.

DURING the year several excellent lunchtime recitals have been given by well-known Sydney artists, and a wide variety of music was rendered to a very appreciative audience. Early in the year, the violinist, Ethel Broadhurst, with Dulcie Holland—better known to us as Mrs. Bellhouse—at the piano, played for us de Beriot's Concerto in E flat. Samuel Pura (flute), Alice Pura (piano), and Dacia Goatby (soprano) gave us a splendid selection of songs. Following this, another good programme, including the Handel Sonata in F, was rendered by Pamela Bradley (violin) and Louis Echlin (piano). The next week, our promising pianist David Barkla, accompanied well-known contralto Joy Solling in a performance of delightful songs, including "Softly Awakes My Heart," and "Habanera," from Carmen. The violinist, James McCusker, accompanied on the piano by the ever-helpful Mrs. Bellhouse, gave us also an excellent programme. We look forward to more lunchtime music from such artists, not only because music forms a pleasant interlude in the day, but also because performances of this kind, and presented in this way, are highly instructive. We thank Mr. Bellhouse for making the recitals possible, and we hope that more boys will avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing this lunchtime music.

—H.A.M.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY NOTES.

ON Tuesday, 12th August, the Society, assisted by the Orchestra, presented a series of five one-act plays and a number of orchestral items, at the Maccabean Hall. The standards of production and acting recovered from their low ebb of last year, and the afternoon was interesting and enjoyable. The direction of the Society and Orchestra was by Mr. Hancock, and Messrs. Carr, Maclay and Adcock assisted in the production, and Mrs. E. R. Davies and Mr. Keeble with the orchestra.

The first play, "The Lady From Abroad," opened very naturally, John Plowman presenting very successfully the part of the slightly old-fashioned but fundamentally imperturbable matron. Indeed the appearance of the actors of the female parts was throughout remarkably well made up. The timing of the reve-

lation of the Lady from Abroad and later those about her was not perfect, but the point of the play was satisfactorily made.

This was followed by the old sketch of "The 'Ole in the Road," with Gittos as a most convincing workman.

"The Ghost of Jerry Bundler," a play that requires a very carefully developed atmosphere, was competently but not brilliantly done. Craig as the waiter, put up a sound performance, and Alexander showed promise. The remainder had not quite the necessary degree of relaxation for an after-dinner scene.

In "Superstition," Clark made such a success of the part of an irritating woman with a one-track mind that Hanlon, as the husband, received more sympathy from the audience than he possibly deserved. Ashhurst as Soames, left little to be desired.

The series terminated with that old favourite, "The Bishop's Candlesticks," declared by a retired ex-President of the Society as he left the hall, to have been the best of the afternoon. Indeed, as a play it is the best, but there was at times a slight woodenness, a lack of simplicity and warm humanity, partly compensated by austerity and restraint of movement in Lockwood's portrayal of the bishop. Davies, as the bishop's sister, gave a sound performance, and the convict (Merriman) was convincingly desperate, famished and amazed. It is regrettable that the gendarmerie were not all in period costume.

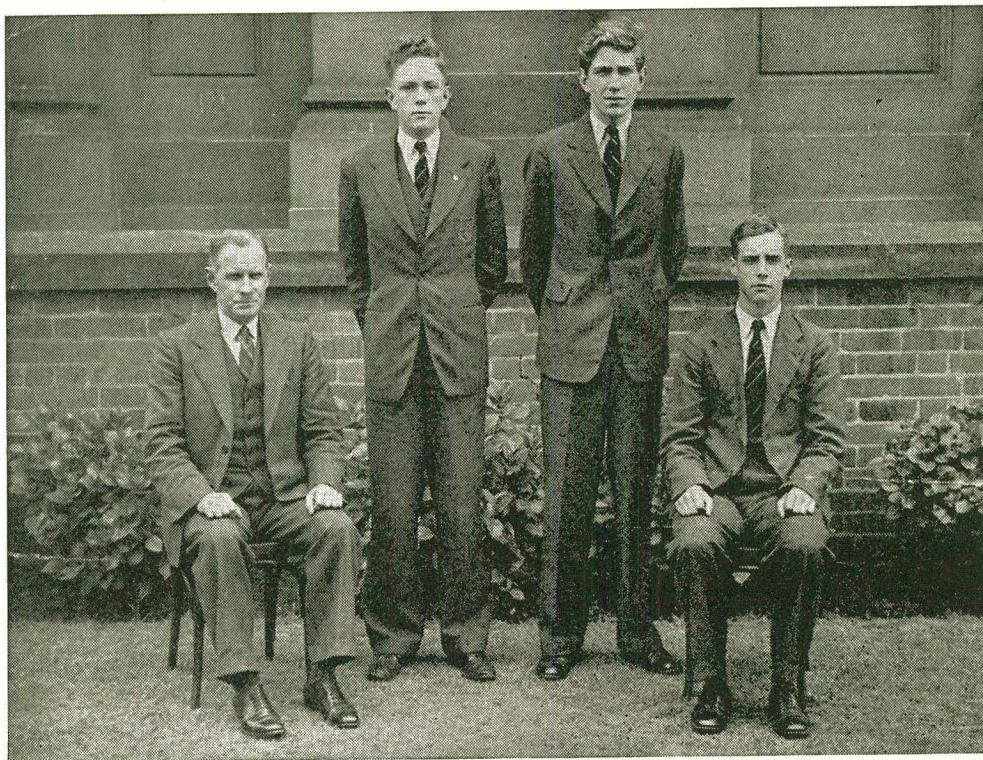
It is an old privilege of theatregoers to talk in the intervals, and in view of this, and the excellence of the performance of the Orchestra, it is perhaps a pity that a separate musical performance could not have been arranged to let us hear them play something besides old favourites.

The Society is to be congratulated on such a serious and generally successful attempt at solving the problems of production, and fully deserves every encouragement from the School in any further undertakings.

—G.F.R.C.

After the Dramatic Society performance eight "Oscars" were awarded to boys who showed particular acting skill. It is generally considered that feminine roles are the more difficult, but the male roles must be treated with equal care, and we feel that all boys showed considerable ability in this regard. We congratulate them, for all worked hard at their parts and attended rehearsals regularly. So difficult was it to choose the best actors that in nearly all cases "Oscars" were shared and the following boys well deserve honourable mention:—

Best all-round performance: J. Plowman.



DEBATING TEAM.

A. S. Sams, Esq., W. E. L. Davies, D. R. M. Donaldson, H. A. Macdonald.

Best male role: D. Lockwood, B. Gittoes.

Best female role: W. Davies, G. Clarke.

Best supporting male role: J. Parker.

Best supporting female role: A. Ashhurst, M. Chapman.

Finally, many thanks are due to Messrs. Hancock, Carr, Maclay, and Adcock for the time they spent and the work they willingly did, and to all those who helped in many different ways towards making this year's performance a success.

—H.A.M.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

As usual, the Debating Society has flourished this year, and a number of boys participated in early debates. Several 5th formers spoke during the term and this augurs well for next year, but we hope still more will participate. The team, consisting of Davies, Donaldson and Macdonald began the season well by defeating Shore, denying the statement that "Australia has made good use of the last 150 years." A debate with Riverview also resulted in victory for us, the subject being that "Youth can look forward to the future with confidence." Grammar being the opposition against High we supported the fact that "The effect of the Cinema is beneficial" and evidently convinced the adjudicator. We met St. Josephs in the final. Here we opposed "That war does more good than harm" and after a good debate, we were successful. Many ardent "Playtime" readers know all the details. This was Grammar's fourth successive year in the final, and we felt it was about time we succeeded. The following evening was spent in a very pleasant debate at the Headmaster's house, and we concluded the season unconquered by defeating our always helpful opponents—the Old Boys. We thank Mr. Cowper for his helpful comments and for his favourable decision. In conclusion we thank Mr. Sams for his vital advice and assistance, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips for their unfailing interest in our progress, Messrs. Phippard and Day, our splendid and tireless "supperers," for providing a further interest to the dates at the School, and all those who helped in any way to make this season a success.

—H.A.M.

CRUSADERS.

CRUSADER meetings, ten in all, have been held regularly throughout the term, in the Thursday lunch-hour. The meetings have always been well attended, the maximum number being about 120 at a talk on the controversial subject, "Evolution versus Cre-

ation." Mr. Maclay screened some more films, with naturally a large attendance (especially of small boys). A house party for boys under 14 was held by the Crusader Union during the May holidays; we were well represented by eleven out of about 25 boys who enjoyed a week at Mt. Victoria. The lunch-hour meetings will continue during Third Term; they are held in H Room on Thursdays, at 12.30, and anyone who wishes to attend is very welcome to do so. The meetings should be of general interest, as a number of speakers are being asked to come and tell us about their particular line of work. Dr. Paul White, well-known Old Sydneian, will also be coming one Thursday. We must thank both Mr. Girvan and Mr. Maclay for their assistance during the past term.

—A.A.D.

CHESS.

AN unusually keen interest was displayed by 4th, 5th and 6th Formers during the year, and the membership of the club now stands at 100. This interest was further stimulated by a visit from the City of Sydney Chess Champion—David Armstrong. Although lunchtime practice was restricted to half an hour by a notice conspicuously displayed on 6A door, the standard of play has been high. The senior tournament was won by J. Armstrong, and the junior by M. Voelcker. The keenness and skill of the competitors in the latter tournament was encouraging. Three teams each of five players competed in the recent inter-school championships, the teams gaining a fourth and two fifth places. A team also entered in the Sydney C Reserve Competition. Finally we wish to thank the Debating Society for providing supper on several of the occasions, when we played at the School.

—J.A.

LETTERS.

WE have pleasure in printing the following letter from one of our oldest Old Boys, as well as extracts from letters received from Mr. Hill and Mr. Dean.

FROM ONE OF OUR OLDEST OLD BOYS.

Dear Mr. Phillips.

I am in receipt of your letter and desire to thank you for your kind congratulations on my long record of years. I might say that during that time I have met many old Grammar boys in many parts of the Colony.

You mention Sir George Rich and Banjo Patterson, but I be-

lieve they were there later. I was at the School during 1872, 3 and 4. There were two Higgins there, and a number of country young men, for instance, 4 Bowmans, 3 Hungerfords, 3 Moores 2 Herborns, and others, including Gilbert Murray.

I would be pleased to drop in one day to see how the Old School has been improved. It is now 75 years since I joined it.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH ANDREWS.

Mr. Hill, writing to Mr. Hancock.

Early last January I was in Bristol and naturally made for St. Mary Redcliffe. What a dream of a church! They were lucky to save it during the blitz. One incendiary bomb did a spot of damage inside, destroying all their music, but the fabric is intact. I can understand why Elizabeth extolled it. But poor old Bristol took an awful beating. Yet you might think it escaped lightly if you could stand in Cologne as I did recently. It is a grim, disgusting sight, this dead heart of a city. Quite near the centre in a once busy street, I could hear a typewriter tapping away on a first floor. In 400 yards of one of the main streets at 3 p.m. I counted just 20 people and four vehicles. Whole blocks are just tenantless heaps of rubble or gaunt shells. It's utterly depressing. In fact, I was glad to leave Germany: life in an atmosphere of hunger, hopelessness and bitterness strips away one's illusions about victory. I'm not becoming pro-German, only pro-human. The sort of life these people are leading two years after cannot be justified on any grounds, except their own folly in beginning the war.

Mr. Dean, writing from Oxford to the Headmaster:

"Do you remember my asking to be excused from going with the boys to see 'Twelfth Night' because I'd seen the play 'murdered' once? I have just spent a week at Leamington Spa, about 12 miles from Stratford and while there, besides seeing the interesting places at Stratford, managed to see five of the plays at the Memorial Theatre. I had never realised until then that Shakespeare's plays can be produced as interestingly and entertainingly as the modern ones. I saw two of the frequently set plays, 'Twelfth Night' and 'Merchant of Venice,' as well as 'Romeo and Juliet,' 'Richard II' and 'The Tempest.' "

2B XI will be interested to hear that Mr. Dean has been playing a good deal of cricket with a touring side called "The Van-

dals." Quite possibly a misleading name. For when the All Blacks were to play a French team, a Paris newspaper published a translation of the New Zealanders' bloodthirsty war cry, but hastened to add that the visitors had proved themselves in England to be "gallant gentlemen," and that therefore no distressing scenes of bloodshed were likely to be witnessed on the playing field.

However, Mr. Dean with a 6 for 15 (and a hat trick), as well as some respectable scores, seems to have inspired respect, if not terror, among his opponents.

Mr. Wilshire has received a letter from a schoolmaster in Denmark expressing appreciation of the fact that certain of the Senior boys were writing to pupils of his.

A request came from a number of German boys in the American zone in Germany that some of our boys should correspond with them. The 6th German Class wrote and received very appreciative replies. One of them draws attention to the fact that Germany is at present devastated and despairing, and looks with concern to the time when the country will have developed into two opposing zones—American and Russian, with entirely different outlooks.

We quote from another letter, giving the English with its faults. It is a confirmation of Mr. Hill's remarks.

"I am nineteen years and weight 112 English pounds (distress of food). I live in a little town with 22,000 inhabitants. Now we have after the tests of certificates one month our summer holidays; it is very hot (35°C. 95° F) and I'm very very lazy. I was for 10 days in the Bavarian mountains, on the highest part of Germany, visited Munich and some beautiful Bavarian lakes and castles. My home town is Stuttgart (458,000 inh.). In war it was bombed and burnt-out, and my mother was killed in the cellar of our house by a night-attack of the R.A.F. in one night of September, 1944. A war is for all people terrible. We have a huge debt. But the perception shall promote to exchange greetings instead of bombs. We must have freedom and peace on earth."

To the Editor, The Sydneian.

Dear Sir,—

I should like to express, per medium of your columns, my sincere gratitude to the School for all it has done for me during the past five years. This year, I am leaving Grammar, and as the end of my

scholastic days approaches, I am becoming quite sentimental and look back upon the past five years recollecting the joys and sorrows which I have experienced.

I have never been a very prominent sporting figure in the School, in fact, I feel that I have rather let the School down in that respect, but anyhow, I have participated in sufficient sport to realise that it is on the playing fields that one makes most friends and learns to give and take in the true Grammar spirit.

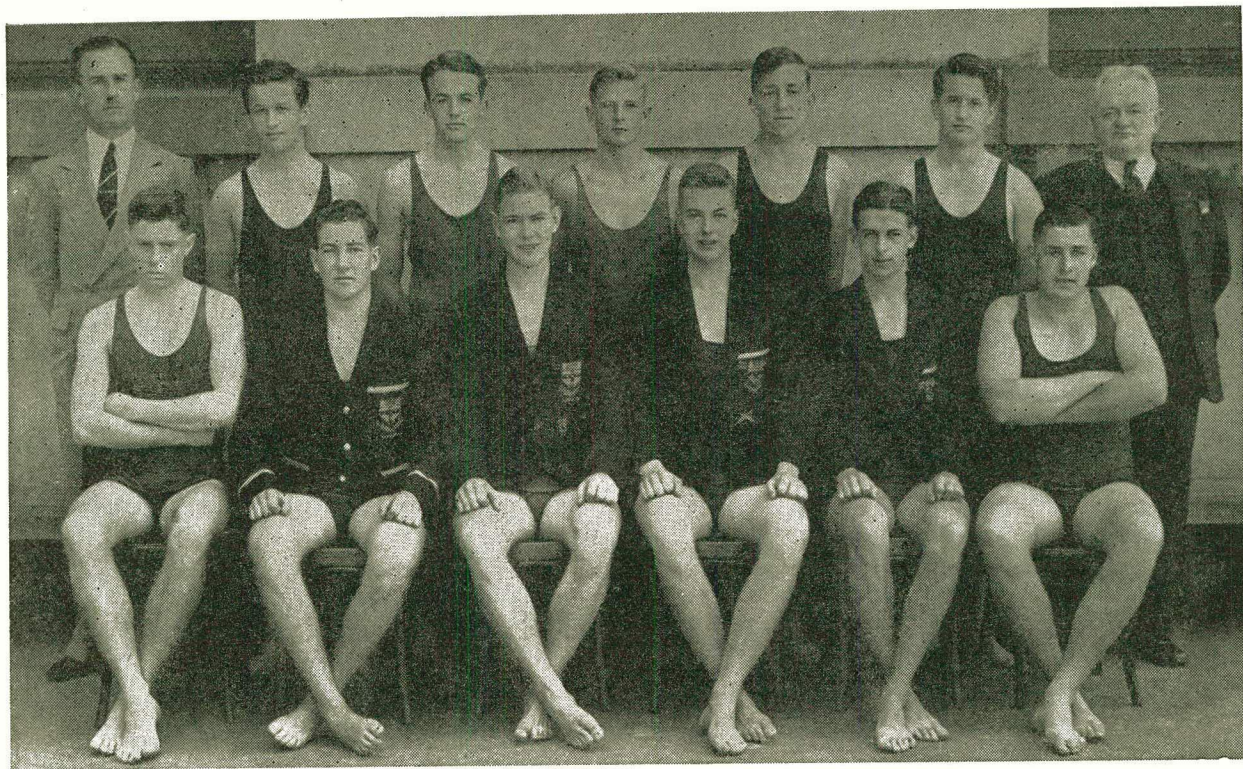
To the Headmaster and to all the other masters, I should like to offer my thanks; also to Miss Miller of the tuckshop, without whose "tick," I should at times have starved.

When I look back, I sometimes feel that these are days which will never come again and so, I hope I may express in this, the last edition of the Sydneian to be published while I am school, my appreciation to all concerned, for the happy moments I have spent at Grammar.

Yours sincerely,

6th FORMER.

*although 1945 → saw a diff.
atmosphere from 1919, there were staff
changes, there seemed to be a flowering
of many indigenous plants.*



SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL SWIMMING TEAMS—1946.

Standing—Junior: I. M. Edwards, Esq., E. Cameron, R. B. Scotton, D. L. Jones (Capt.), G. K. Scharkie, R. Cameron, W. E. Crocker, Esq.
Seated—Senior: I. C. Anderson, J. C. Gourlay, N. F. Taylor (Capt.), B. W. Taylor, F. N. Frazer, P. T. Hotten.



A PAGEANT OF EMPIRE.

O Empire, O unity of peoples, of ideals,
What made thee grow, what turned the wheels
Of time, yet left thee undecayed,
Yet left thee powerful and undismayed?
The answer rises in a whisper from the past,
And grows, thunders its challenge, unsurpassed,
It is the work of humble folk, who dared
To build on friendless shores, themselves unspared,
Who gave of all they had that they might sail,
And take the heritage, where genius had blazed the trail,
And gave their lives in this their foresworn cause,
To die as unknown warriors, on unknown shores.

In every corner of the earth, the Empire has its sons,
From mystic East to modern West, the British Empire runs,
Where waving palm trees greet the breeze along the coral shore,
Or where the dauntless Livingstone and others dared explore,
Where glide the bulky junks and crowded sampans small,
Where brave Newfoundland fishermen gather their daily haul,
Where mighty warships lie at rest within the sheltered bay,
E'en where Scott laid down his life beside his empty sleigh,
In steaming jungles, icy wastes, and blazing desert sands,
From North to South, from East to West, the Empire spreads
its lands.

Wherever men have gone to fight, to live, to work, to die,
There standing all united, the Empire's outposts lie.

To Britain, O what pen could frame, what lips could sound
thy tale,

Unconquered Isle of liberty, thy freedom shall prevail,
Be it in rugged Scotland, or in peaceful sleeping Wales,
Be it in field or factory, how much thy name entails,
Let thy fair cities grow in strength, thy country grow in peace,
But thou, O heart of Empire, let thy kingdom never cease,

While ploughs turn up the fruitful soil, and wheels of commerce turn,
 Thy ships go forth like ships of old, perhaps ne'er to return;
 While still thy heart beats on, O land, while still thy people strive,
 While still traditions of the past rise up, thou art alive.
 Trial and war and trouble will still be overcome,
 For the Empire stands behind thee; call, Britain, it will come.
 —H.A.M.

Sydney Entry.

"CULTURE."

By "ARK," 5a.

THE acquisition of culture is one of the main reasons for general preference of a "gentleman's" education. At the Sydney Grammar School, for instance, where young people are educated at the expense of the health of some thirty or more masters, there is displayed an uncommon interest in many branches of Culture.

There exists a form of self-culture at this fine old school which is indulged in daily from 12.10 p.m. to 1 p.m.; this has been a common practice for nigh on 120 years, and is now, I believe, carried on in all schools throughout Australia.

In order to gratify the desire for culture in the hearts of boys, the High Sponsor of the Arts introduced several young ladies to them at lunch hour concerts, and this so gratified them that they formed a club to promote "The Encouragement of Young Ladies Coming to See Us at Lunch-time."

This evidence of enthusiasm is prominent throughout the whole School; the boys of 5A Lower, for instance, are greatly interested in Horti Culture and they spend most of their time admiring the flowers in the Park. As the famous French philosopher Carr once remarked "You could spend hours watching them."*

To other people the word "Culture" means having a lovely time playing round with funny chemicals and smelly jelly-like masses in test tubes; to them names like "agar agar" and "Orchid-aceal Epiphytes" are household words. However, these are the common, the base, the low born, the untouchables of our society. How infinitely superior is the company in another Science department where the ability to play simultaneous games of chess blind-folded and to discuss sensibly the editorial of the "Tribune" with due regard to the world's grave economic position) is highly rated.

All in all, the cultural outlook at the Sydney Grammar School is very bright, very bright indeed.

*Woodward & Gibson. Prose 23.

AN EXTRACT FROM MEMORIES OF A MOUNTAIN HOLIDAY.

OUR curiosity was aroused, however, by the sound of a very distant chugging motor which appeared to come from far down in the valley.

On and on we trudged along the bush track, prodding here and there with our gum sticks which, although we entered into the spirit of the mountain walk, appeared more of a hindrance than a help. Here and there, as we made our way round each bend, were patches of sand and it became evident that only bullock-drays could have pioneered such an indirect route.

Save for a tyre mark, clearly imprinted on the inconsistent sand, disclosing the presence of a lorry near at hand, the bushland appeared uninhabited.

Finally as we rounded a steep bouldered incline our attention was directed to a small tin shack with a platform of gigantic logs built close by. A man appeared from behind what we could now distinguish to be an old engine which was attached by its rear shaft to a large cable drum.

At the sight of civilization our walking energy increased, and we could now see a small railway line which commenced at the log platform and ran down over the cliff-face to the valley far below.

We introduced ourselves with the typical Aussie "Good day" and while our friend rolled a smoke we sat on a log and yarned about carburettors, winches and logs: mostly about logs. We learnt that we had arrived at a lumberman's camp, and listened intently as our friend, Jim, explained the different stages through which a log travels before being loaded onto the lorry to be taken to the timber yard.

However, our conversation was interrupted by a vigorous clanging of stones in a can (the men's special communication system), for this was the signal, from the men down below, to start the old chev. motor which supplied the power to pull the loaded trolley up the steep grade of the railway line.

Minutes passed, but soon the old engine began to feel the weight of its burden: a whiff of steam appeared and soon a cloud of white fluffy mist was issuing from the much battered and very rusty radiator. At last the logs appeared from over the cliff-face, and the heavy job of unloading began. With much heaving and grunting we managed to transfer these giants to the truck which immediately set off on its long and monotonous drive to the timber yards in Sydney.

As the trolley was now ready to be sent back we were invited

to inspect the lumber camp and to see these giant blue gums in the process of being felled.

At the bottom we found the railway ended in a turntable, thus making the process of loading much simpler. We noticed a large caterpillar tractor which was used to haul the logs from their bush abodes to the slope from which they were rolled onto the trolley. The driver had just finished his tenth cup of tea and was ready to go out for some more logs, so on we clambered and the gear in, the clutch handle pulled out, away we lurched on our mission.

Down water-filled chasms, between trees with only breathtaking clearances we travelled until, without warning, into the undergrowth we plunged to the base of the tree.

The steel rope was quickly produced and fastened to our cargo and off we started, twisting this way and that in an endeavour to pull our way clear. Finally, with a sudden plunge we cannoned forward as the last piece of resistance was overcome.

Such long and heavy logs required careful and minute judgment to negotiate the curved track, and it was only after much difficulty that we arrived back at the trolley.

The day's work over, we climbed the strenuous grade with our friends, and after saying "Good-bye" set off home, glad to have seen portion of yet another typical day in the life of a lumberman and his crew.

Masquerade 6B.

"AUSTRALIA", LAND OF HEART'S DESIRE.

AUSTRALIA is, as yet, undecided as to whether it would like to be known as the "World's Largest Island" or the "World's Smallest Continent." As this controversy has no bearing on whether Grammar will win the next Tiddlewinks competition, we immediately lose interest.

A remarkable aspect of Australian life is that most of the people who don't live in the cities live in the country. This system compares favourably with that operating on the Continent, where those that are left live anywhere the Russians will let them.

Australia has a long and colourful history; but we know little or nothing about the place prior to the stone age (Palaeolithic Age to you, Joe) which was in progress when Captain Cook arrived. Claude Dampier beat him to it by a century; but he could not agree with the boys about the spelling of the word "Kooka burra" and left in a huff encouraged by a few friendly spears and boomerangs. The Dutch are commonly supposed to have discovered Australia in the 16th Century, but there is some argument for

the natives having got there first, together with the Stone Age.

One of the most interesting of the Australian Fauna is the Emu; the emu can do everything a bird can do, except fly. The female emu is the Shemu, and lays eggs in sticks of ten at a very high speed, something like a Lancaster, only a Lancaster does it from a very great height.

Next on our list of Australian animals is the Tasmanian Tiger, which isn't really a tiger and is now extinct, so why worry? By far the most interesting of the Australian mammals is the Shiela (from the Gaelic word "Sheelagh," meaning "bit o' fluff"); these fascinating creatures were introduced by the earliest settlers. They were jealously guarded from collectors and wild animals (especially wolves), and multiplied at an amazing rate, now numbering about three and a half million, which is a creditable advance on the mere handful (oh, boy, what a handful) which landed 160 years ago.

Students interested in this absorbing branch of natural history are advised to consult Professor Whopper, who is probably the greatest living Shielanthropologist.

—ALF (Oh! Him!)
(5A Review)

A YOUNG WOMAN'S EXPERIENCE.

MADAME DUBOIS was in a hurry. Yesterday had been a busy day, and to-day showed all signs of being busier; appointments were just banking up. The fortune-telling business certainly was booming.

Her apartment consisted of two rooms, one of which she used for "consultations." This room was quite small and had only one window, which was covered with heavy material. The purpose of this curtain was to keep the room dark; and it succeeded admirably—all sight was reduced to a bare minimum. In the centre of the room was a small occasional table on which stood an antique lamp and a somewhat cloudy crystal ball.

She was hurrying because the doorbell had just rung, heralding the first appointment for the day. She turned down the lamp, then walked swiftly to the door, paused, arranged her shawl, put on one of her business smiles and opened the door, "Why, good-morning, Miss . . . err . . ." She really had no idea of the name of the young woman who stood in front of her, she had too many appointments to bother trying to remember names.

"Smith," came the reply. "You said that you might be able to help me locate Peter. I . . ."

"Why, yes!" said Madame, interrupting. "He has been lost for

ten days; you told me when you rang for the appointment. Come in and I'll see how clear the crystal is to-day, my dear."

"I sincerely hope you can find Peter."

Madame conducted her into the consulting room, where she removed her coat, gloves and put down her umbrella, then took a chair at Madame's bidding.

"I always have to wear my glasses now, or I am liable to miss something in the ball," said the Madame, whilst turning down the lamp as low as it could possibly be without going out. "Now, what can I see, yes, the cloud is lifting, ah—no, but yes. Oh, I can see him now . . ."

"But where is he?" questioned Miss Smith.

"He," said Madame, annoyed at the interruption, "is running along the gutter."

"Good heavens, the poor thing."

"He has lost the woollen jacket you made him, he only has a collar on!" said Madame, peering at the girl over her spectacles, "but, he isn't hungry, don't worry; he has a bone."

"This is too terrible . . ."

"He is saved, here is the dog cart; they are putting him in it."

"Wait a minute," said Miss Smith, suspiciously. "I smell a rat. Just what can you see in that glass?"

"Why, my dear, a dog, of course," said Madame.

"Well, it might interest you to know that I am not looking for a dog. I have never had a dog, but I am looking for my fiance, and here," here she paused for breath, "here, you are telling me about a dog!"

"I am profoundly sorry," said Madame, bubbling apologies. "I have confused you with another girl looking for her dog, Peter. I will readily locate your fiance, but, of course, my fees is three guineas. . . ."

"What!" said Miss Smith shrilly. "I have put myself out to come here. I have paid you three guineas for which I receive a lot of trash about a lost dog in return, and now you have the audacity to ask me for another three guineas."

As she was saying all this, Miss Smith picked up her belongings, and by the time she finished she was at the door, "Good-bye!"

Madame Dubois just shrugged her shoulders. What was one client; there were plenty more fish in the sea.

"JAMES," 4B.

SHILO HOUSE.

It was indeed a lovely afternoon. Spring had transformed the cold, dull and depressing winter into the riotous beauty which

was made up of blossoming flowers and fields that were almost too green in their lushness.

As I drove down the country road, I experienced that supreme happiness which one feels at times, intangible yet apparent.

The house could not be much further on. This countryside was familiar, and through the haze that clouded memories of childhood, I recognised this landmark, and that. Yes, it was just over the hill now. The drive that led to the house passed between two rows of gnarled oaks. I remembered that, because as children we would see in them, funny, twisted, decrepit figures. What imagination children have!

I brought the car to a halt and remained, seated there for a moment, musing, but stepped out and walked over to the gates. They were still the same old iron gates set between two stone pillars. I lifted the heavy catch and pushed. When we were small, it took all our strength to open them. If only Francis were with me now, he would enjoy this day, but I hurried on, eager to see the old house, still hidden by the curve of the drive. What would it be like now, I wondered; neglected through litigation about ownership.

It was set against a background of trees. That first sight of the house is still vivid in my memory and I can see it now as if it were before me. Years ago, Virginia creeper covered the walls and through it could be seen the bright red of the bricks, and the white pillars at each side of the door, stood out against that deep, shiny green. The house was of Georgian architecture, well proportioned and graceful, with those window shutters and slate roof.

But now, little remained of the creeper; it had withered and died from neglect, leaving dead, yellowish suckers still clinging to the walls. The bricks seemed to glare with a red harshness and the white paint of the shutters, doors and columns blistered and peeled from the greyish weathered wood beneath. The tiled portico still remained, but the glass panels above the door had been broken, leaving fantastic jagged shapes in their stead. There was the knocker, shaped like the head of a lion (you used to lift his lower jaw), now green with verdigris that had once been shining brass.

The front door yielded, so I went in. The inside of the house was dank and musty and mildew marred the whiteness of the walls. As I walked from room to room, the intimate association of each came back to me and I remembered the parquetry, Axminsters and cherished Chippendale furniture of my mother, the cheerful log fires that would fill the grate in winter time and cast fantastic dancing shadows on to the walls and ceilings. How we

would sit on the rug before the fire and listen to the stories our father would tell us. Now the room was bare and had no warmth. Even the sunshine outside could not penetrate this house.

But I did not even see this stark room in which I found myself, for my imagination carried me back through the years to the days when Sam, the gardener, would mend our toys if we had broken them (he was so clever with his hands) and Maud would make the cakes we liked so much (she shielded me from boiling jam once). There was Caesar, the dog, a playful, bounding, lovable animal. He had a coat of tight black curls, just like Persian lamb, and was almost as big as we were.

We could not know then what a happy life we had, and that one cannot remain forever in the unreality of childhood. I was saddened when I realised that the happy association of the places of one's early life can never be recaptured, so I left the house, closing the front door after me, and walked slowly back to the car.

REGOR. 6B.

A VISIT TO THE BARBER.

Wonders will never cease! Somehow or other I had succeeded in persuading myself to go to the barber for a haircut. You see price of a haircut had definitely gone UP—a whole threepence—and consequently my hopes of a fairly frequent haircut diminished so greatly that it caused this difficulty of persuading myself to part with the precious 1/9. Not long after my last cut it was very evident that another was necessary—that is, judging by all ordinary standards—but THREE weeks, that was nowhere nearly long enough. Why with a haircut as often as that I would be spending £1/10/- a year on something which WOULD persist in growing every time it was cut back. Something drastic had to be done, short of shaving my head, which would have saved money on haircuts and hair oil, but which would have brought my hat down over my ears.

The only way was to "hang on" until the three weeks had become six. The weeks quickly slipped by, until by the sixth week I looked like the much-maligned proverbial musician. Then I simply HAD to go to the barber.

After that the happenings were the usual ones for a barber's shop with a few special ones added (including the lightening of my pocket). First of all, with their customary roar and whirr, came the clippers, which also had an annoying habit of blowing in my ears, and down my neck. The draught was just strong enough to take all the hairs, short and long, down into my cloth-

ing where they would continue to irritate me for some time, and cause me to scratch and rub as vigorously as a dog in his emergencies. Of course, the man who invites rotten tomatoes, the "hard facts" scientist, would tell me that it was only the cooling fan of the motor in the clippers which caused this violent expulsion of air.

Following the continuous whirr came the intermittent clicking of scissors and comb being applied to that part of my cranium whence with a deft pull now and again the barber could succeed in withdrawing enough hairs to make a small paint brush.

Then the barber waved a cut-throat "razor" in front of my eyes. The object might have been a razor, but the sensation imparted by it was that of the roughest sandpaper being applied to the tenderest part of my skin. With this "razor" he proceeded to shave or scrape off some of the hairs behind each ear; no you quick-witted reader, he was not scraping off the dirt!

The hair was now deemed "cut" and ready for the application of sundry oils, water, talc, D.D.T., etc. At this stage he played a dirty trick on me, the reason for which I did not appreciate for a while—he turned the chair around so that I could not see in the mirror what he was doing. He now proceeded to mix oil and water with my hair. First he applied the oil and then the water, the latter through a fine jet which he held close to my scalp, thereby giving the sensation of sudden immersion in a basin of cold water, all of which was not pleasant as it was a cold day.

The barber's next action was the biggest surprise, in fact, shock to me. I really thought he had drawn a row of sharp-pointed knives over my head in an endeavour to divide my scalp into "thin" strips. On enquiry it turned out that he had only used a steel comb with the intention of getting out all the loose hairs, and, if you ask me, of extracting also some that were not loose.

Having put me through these trials of noises and pains he completed the "hairdo" and gave me the hated bill for 1/9. I muttered a forced "Thank you" to him as he brushed the hairs off the outside of my coat, and simultaneously pushed the ones on the inside further into my skin. That done I paid the bill at the counter and left fully determined to last out six weeks more before having the next haircut.

—ARCTURUS, 6A.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Monarch of the Skies": Shows some power of description, but is obscure.

"Shilo House": Interesting and acceptable.

"Culture": Readers will judge for themselves how favoured they are.

"Visit to Barber": "Hair of All the Ages" finds its due place, not in the paper basket.

"Mountain Holiday": Sees print.

"Australia": A valuable contribution to scientific knowledge.

"Young Woman's Experience": Cheap at the price.

"Pageant of Empire": Have not room for it all; print three stanzas.

"6th Former": We feel sure you speak for many; regret that we had to omit two or three lines; you will understand why.

Various Contributors of School News: Thanks for interesting records of activities.

To the Teams and Others Photographed: Taken at face value, quite a presentable lot.

"Melancholy Jaques": Would probably feel like shooting somebody these days.

"The School": Boys all interested and admiring as you shivered on winter days while drawing it.

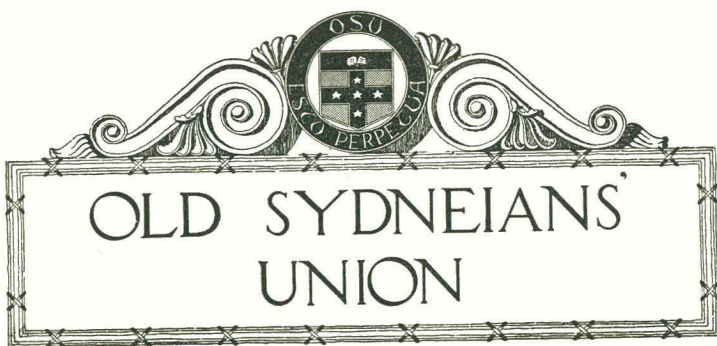
"Gubbo": Very interesting piece of work.

"Landscape": Tree and background delicately done. Sorry we have no space for these last two contributions.

EXCHANGES.

EDITORS acknowledge with thanks the following exchanges:—

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NEWS AND NOTES OF OLD SYDNEIANS.

Sir Leslie Boyce has been elected by the Livery of London to the office of Senior Sheriff of London. He is the first Australian to hold that office.

Gordon Munro recently visited Perth as judge of Aberdeen Angus cattle. One of the members of the Perth Royal Agricultural Society Council is J. G. Pritchard, representative of the O.S.U. in that city. He states that an annual G.P.S. dinner is held there and is well attended by old Grammar boys.

Charles Mackerras, who went to London some time ago to continue his musical training, has been awarded a scholarship by the British Council of Music in conjunction with the Czechoslovakian Government to study orchestral conducting in Prague.

In the October issue of "Reveille," the magazine of the R.S.L., appears a paragraph concerning six brothers Chapman, all Old Sydneians, who served with the forces. They were Robert, Bill, Lindsay, Ken, Dick and Bruce. Robert and Bill were killed and Ken was taken prisoner at the fall of Singapore.

Letters received in response to the War Memorial Fund appeal have brought news of Old Sydneians in all parts of the globe.

From Ba, Fiji, Arthur C. E. Hill writes.

Colin J. Chisholm, Corryong, Victoria, who left school in 1910, states that he lived in England until 1920 and except for war service from 1939-1946, has been a country resident of Victoria. He takes an active part in public affairs and is president of the Corryong Branch of the Graziers' Association.

Roderick Bowie, who is known to younger Old Boys, is in Chengtu, Western China, where he is engaged in mission work.

Len and Russ Palfreyman are in Vancouver, Canada.

George Maxted, who spent nine years at Grammar from 1884, gives his address as Department of the Army, Melbourne. He served on General Birdwood's staff in World War I and on the outbreak of the Second World War was recalled from retirement for military service.

Another resident of Melbourne is Oliver Raymond, who is on the surveying staff of the Department of the Interior, Melbourne. He writes that he sees Lance Cunningham and John Madsen occasionally. The latter is in charge of the technical side of the Brighton Gas Coy.

R. L. (Pup) Raymond is now on the staff of the Rangoon General Hospital, Burma.

J. P. Tivey, general manager of Australian General Electric Co. Ltd., has been elected president of the New South Wales Chamber of Manufactures.

Dr. H. R. H. Grieve has been elected President of the British Medical Association, New South Wales Branch.

The Chief Geologist attached to the Australian Antarctic Expedition is an Old Sydneian, J. Lambert.

J. Lambert is to take charge of Heard Island Base Encampment.

Ken Austin was awarded the Law Institute's prize for displaying most merit at the Intermediate Examination (amongst articulated clerks) in Law for 1946.

Three Old Sydneians are included in the Australian Rugby Union team (the "Wallabies"). They are Doug. Keller, Colin Windon and Alan Walker.

J. H. Gould has been appointed sole selector of the Australian rowing representatives of the Olympic Games.

Alan Michaelis, Old Sydneian representative in Melbourne, has been obliged to resign owing to ill-health. His place has been taken by Eric Booth, whose address is c/o. Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., 16 Bond Street, Melbourne. He will be pleased to hear from Old Sydneians in Victoria.

SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL WAR MEMORIAL FUND BALL YOUNGER SET COMMITTEE.

THE next War Memorial Fund Ball will be held under the auspices of the Old Sydneians' Union at the Trocadero on Tuesday, 23rd March, 1948. The date selected is again just prior to Easter, and it is confidently hoped that the 1948 function will at the least equal the excellent results achieved at this year's ball, which 1,100 people attended and over £430 was netted for the fund.

Subscription to the 1948 Ball will be 17/6 per ticket, and these may be obtained from any member of the Younger Set Committee or from any office-bearer of the Old Sydneians' Union.

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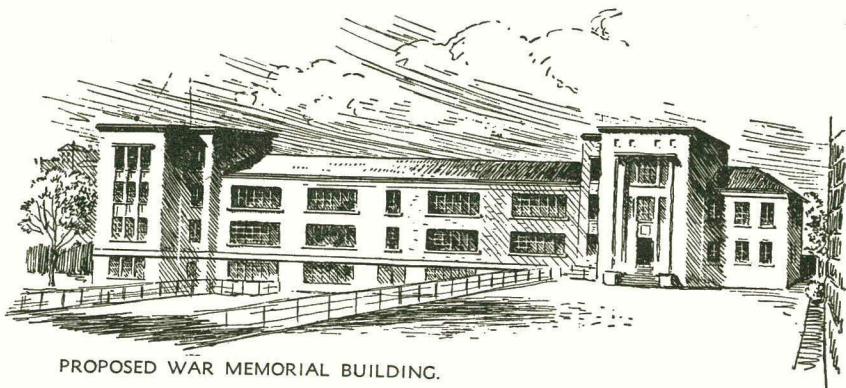
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AT THE TROCADERO BALLROOM

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1948

SUBSCRIPTION, 17/6 — DANCING 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

*Tickets and further information from any member of Younger Set Committee or any
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ANNUAL DINNER.

THE Old Sydneians' Dinner was held in the Big Schoolroom on September 9th, 1947. The President, Mr. Norman Cowper, presided and the official guests were the Headmaster, Mr. F. G. Phillips, and Mr. Richard Windeyer, the oldest living prefect of the School. Mr. Strong, who usually represents Melbourne Grammar School at these functions, was unable to be present.

Unfortunately the attendance was not as large as last year, about one hundred and forty being present. Speeches were made by the President, the Headmaster and Mr. R. Windeyer, and songs were rendered by Mr. Terence Hunt. Those present enjoyed what was a very pleasant reunion.

ANNUAL GOLF MATCH.

THE annual golf match was held at the Australian Golf Club, Kensington, on the same date as the annual dinner, namely September 9th. Over 40 players took part, and although a very strong gale prevented any good scores being recorded, a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. The thanks of the Old Sydneians' Union are due to the president and committee of the Australian Golf Club for so readily making the course available.

The Fourball Par Handicap was won by N. D. Fisher and N. Heath, 3 up.

INTERSTATE ACTIVITIES OF G.P.S. OLD BOYS.

MR. PETER COX, an Old Newingtonian, has written from Brisbane recently, telling of an association of G.P.S. Old Boys in that city which meets regularly and holds social functions, including an annual dinner and dance, bowls and golf matches, and cricket again Victorian Old Boys. Mr. Peter Cox is at Wormald Bros. Pty. Ltd., Edward Street, Brisbane, and will be glad to hear from Old Sydneians who wish to join in any of these activities when in Brisbane.

THE ALPHA CLUB.

THE committee of the Alpha Club has drawn attention to the fact that some members of the Old Sydneians' Union who are not members of the club or of the constituent clubs have been using the club's premises, apparently in the belief that they were entitled, as members of the Union, to do so.

Members of the Union are not entitled to use the premises of the Alpha Club by virtue of such membership, and those who wish to enjoy the privileges of the club should consult the secretary regarding membership.

THE following letter has just been received, we are glad to say, in time for publication:—

M.V. Empire Star,
London,

Sunday, October 26, 1947.

Dear Ritchie,—

This is the letter I half promised to write to you, so will you please accept it as being sent to the whole school.

Your adopted ship sailed at 11.45 from Sydney Cove, where the Prefects had visited us the day before. It was a fine day and the Harbour looked beautiful. After a short stay at the Bank to embark a few belated passengers, we proceeded. Outside

the Heads we discharged the pilot; then went full speed ahead to the southward.

The land was close aboard on the starboard side, so close that the passengers, lounging in deck-chairs, could view the streets and houses as we swiftly passed. Going to sea in such circumstances, with smooth waters, a light breeze and sparkling sunshine, is one of life's keen pleasures, and I think that all aboard felt it to be so on that brilliant afternoon.

We passed the south-east point of Wilson Promontory at 2.30 next day; the weather was still perfect and the passengers enjoying the sight of high land only $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles distant and of the islets which abound in the Cook Straits. But this halcyon period was brief and soon we entered the Australian Bight of foul reputation; the sky was clouded over and a strong wind and rough sea caused the ship to pitch, with the resulting empty seats at the dining-tables.

Conditions did not improve. About six days later we ran into heavy weather, in which the ship pitched violently and shipped heavy seas which broke rails on the forecastle head and damaged the reels on which the mooring wires are wound. But this was soon over because on such a passage the depressions which a ship encounters travel east and the ship passes through them. So we voyaged on, with varying weather, until our arrival at Capetown.

We made our first landfall at Cape Agulhas, which has a very powerful light of three million candle-power. It was clear weather and at dawn the land was clearly in view, rising up mountainously some thousands of feet. In the clear morning, with the sun gilding the tops of the hills, the sight was very beautiful.

We rounded into Table Bay at 10 a.m. and took the pilot on board outside the harbour; then we passed through the entrance between the breakwaters towards our berth and were made fast alongside at 11 a.m. The passengers were delighted at making port after being seabound for so long, and from dawn the rails were lined with people eager to catch their first glimpse of the attractive African city which lies at the foot of the great Table Mountain.

Our purpose, however, in calling at Capetown was quite utilitarian—to refuel the ship and hurry on our way. Harbour regulations were quickly complied with and the business of taking in oil began immediately, so we were able to sail at 5 p.m. The stay ashore was all too short for the passengers, who came aboard laden with purchases they had made in the Capetown shops, which are better supplied with goods than most shops in the world to-day.

After leaving Capetown we found fine weather and only a moderate swell, so that passengers amused themselves with games and dances more enthusiastically than they had done during the first half of the voyage. Soon we were entering the tropics, nearing the Equator. Heat and humidity increased as we went along the coast of West Africa; the swimming pool was opened and became the most popular spot in the ship for the passengers. Now few seemed discontented with their lot, and through the still days and starry nights we came at last to drop anchor in the harbour at Santa Cruz, in the island of Teneriffe, in the Canary Group. I must mention that this harbour was empty of shipping for the first time in all my experience, though I was told that the day before our arrival it had been so full that three ships had to remain outside, waiting for a berth. Things happening thus were fortunate for us as we were in a hurry and, once again, the object of our call was refuelling. Being attended to immediately, we were able to get through quickly and so sailed at 3.45 a.m., passing three ships outside the harbour. They were waiting to enter there in the dawn, which found us on the last lap of our voyage in unexpectedly lovely weather, which was sustained until we came to the Bay of Biscay. Here we had our first presage of the northern winter which we were going to meet, and rain, wind and heavy seas made our passage through the Bay somewhat unpleasant. But we were soon through and the end of the voyage was Tilbury, where we arrived at 3.30 p.m. on Friday, October 24.

I hope you will find this rather bald account of our voyage of some interest and will feel inclined to supplement it with your maps and your imagination.

Yours sincerely,

S. J. PHILLIPS,
Master.

OBITUARIES.

W. R. R. FFRENCH.

W. R. R. Ffrench, formerly of the Nigerian Political Service, died in London since our last issue. He was educated at Sydney Grammar School and was on the staff of Dalgety and Co. Ltd., Sydney, until he enlisted in the 1914-18 war. He was Lieutenant-Colonel, 1st Australian Machine Gun Regiment, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order and Military Cross. In 1925 he married Miss Violet Abercromby Dick, of London, who survives him.

W. E. S. REID.

Walter Edward Stewart Reid, honorary secretary of the New South Wales Bar Association, died in August last from injuries received in a fall while visiting the home of a friend. He was educated at Sydney Grammar School and Sydney University, where he secured the degrees of B.A. and LL.B. He was admitted to the Bar in 1928. He was an authority on Central European history and was a scholar in French and German.

GENERAL JAMES GORDON LEGGE.

The death has occurred in Melbourne at the age of 84 of Lieutenant-General James Gordon Legge, C.B., C.M.G., M.A. Born in London, he was educated at Sydney Grammar and Sydney University, was a schoolteacher, a barrister-at-law, and did military service for his country for 30 years. A veteran of the Boer and 1914-18 wars., he commanded the First and afterwards the Second Division, A.I.F., on Gallipoli and in France. He was Chief of the General Staff in Australia until 1920 and then took command of Duntroon. On his retirement he farmed for 12 years in the Federal Territory. His greatest achievement was on the administrative side of the Australian Army during the organisation of universal military training, for which he won Kitchener's high approval. He published several books on military law and universal training which were textbooks. Two sons, Colonel S. F. Legge and E. Legge, survive him.

CHARLES EDWARD BABER.

June 10, at Pretoria, South Africa, Charles Edward Baber, elder son of the Reverend Charles and Lucy Baber (formerly of All Saints' Church, Petersham), aged 69.

Dear "Sydneyian,"—

Once more we are pleased to be able to join you in an issue that marks the conclusion of a successful year for the School. We wish the boys every success in their coming public examinations and congratulate the sportsmen for their fine achievements—in particular that of the 1st XI.

Old Sydneians at the 'Varsity find cricket one of the most successful means of demonstrating their prowess, no fewer than four of them wielding the willow in flashing style. Downes, Delarue and Newman have each acquitted themselves in no mean manner, while Coppleson's century (n.o.) deserves special mention.

Amongst our oarsmen we find Merv. Finlay is vice-president of

the Boat Club and Don Smyth vice-captain of the same institution. In the 2nd crew, Vic. Middleton and Lin Jauncey can be seen operating to advantage on the business end of an oar.

Much credit is due on the literary side to Dick Barbour for his outstanding work as Editor of "Honi Soit" during the past year—hailed by many to have been the best editorial effort since the paper commenced.

Nor are student politics left untouched, for we note that David Maddison has been elected to the Union Board, a somewhat august body, and further, Finlay from Law and Mackerras from Arts are members of that fractious and vociferous S.R.C. (Students' Representative Council).

Amongst the Faculties we are informed that Maddison and Buckley are vice-presidents of the Medical Society, and rumour has it that the Engineering Association and that in Science do not entirely escape from the ministrations of Old Sydneians.

Finally we have one set of finals to report since the last issue. This was in Medicine, and the following now have M.B., B.S. after their names and will answer the call of "Doctor":—Doug. Joseph, John Clarke, Doug. Brown, H. Freilich, Russell Swan, Harry Kellow, John Tillett, Arnold Tink, Jim Schofield, Colin Reid, Fred Jensen, Brian Dunkley. A fine group, you will no doubt agree, and one of which the School can justly be proud.

Yours,

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