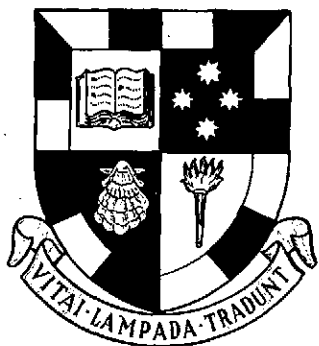


THE TORCH-BEARER.



W. D. Williams

SEPTEMBER 1, 1935

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. C. E. BURGESS, M.A.

Mr. G. P. CAMPBELL, B.A.

D. M. MacDERMOTT (O.B.U.).

A. E. M. GEDDES.

D. J. RICHARDS.

H. G. SHAW.

C. M. SWIRLES.

A. L. YUILLE.

Supplement to "The Torch-Bearer," September 1, 1935.



MINIATURE RIFLE TEAM, 1935.

[Photo. by Sidney Riley.]

THE
TORCH-BEARER.

THE MAGAZINE OF
THE SYDNEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL

No. 2.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1935.

Vol. XXXIX.

CONTENTS.

	Page		Page
School Notes	98	The Humorists' Club	128
In Memoriam	99	Lunch with Caecar	129
Chapel Notes	104	Cuttings from the Classics	131
The Crusader Union	105	Elegy Written in the Main School Courtyard	133
Miller's Point Boys' Club	105	Horace Odes I., xv.	134
Natural History Society	106	Lays of Modern Parramatta	135
Debating	106	Horace's Epitaph	135
Book Review	108	"Corrections"	136
Free Verse	109	Paddy	137
Art Exhibition	110	Journalism Considered as a Fine Art	137
Rifle Shooting	112	G.P.S. Regatta, 1935	141
Cadet Notes	113	Tennis	146
1st Waverton Boy Scouts	117	Football	147
Exhibition of Handcraft	119	Old Boys' Notes	154
A Visit to the R.M.C.	120	Kalendar—Term III., 1925	165
Galilee to Jerusalem in 1935	121	Exchanges	166
Byng	125		
The Armidale Trip	126		

SCHOOL NOTES.

On the Belgian National Day, 22nd July, Professor E. R. Holme was honoured by the King of the Belgians by the bestowal of the Order of Leopold, as a token of regard for the work the Professor has done in establishing in the University that peculiarly Belgian institution, the carillon. This is a large peal of bells, many in number, on which tunes are played by a carillonist who works at a keyboard. Many of the old Belgian cities have famous carillons. The presentation of the Order was made by the Belgian Consul-General. Professor Holme was formerly on the staff of the School, and has for many years been a member of the School Council. We tender him our congratulations upon this notable distinction which he has received. It is of further interest to note that one of the official carillonists at the University is a recent Old Boy, J. R. Ellis.

* * * * *

On Friday, August 9th, Canon Pilcher of Toronto, an authority on Church music, spoke to the School in Chapel. He discussed briefly the varied origins of the Church service and the music associated with different parts of it. He showed us why certain ways of chanting the responses were appropriate and why others were inappropriate, and emphasized that the observance of ordinary speech rhythm lay behind all good, plain chant. He showed us the merits and defects of our own singing, and taught us a hymn which was quite new to us.

* * * * *

On the 17th June, D. L. Dey was appointed second Prefect. The following Prefects were also made : R. U. Bourke, J. C. Church, R. A. G. Holmes, E. B. J. Smith, F. W. Walton, and S. St. V. Welch. Also L. W. Middleton and B. E. Swire were appointed Sub-Prefects.

* * * * *

On Friday, August 9th, Professor Roberts, of Sydney University, delivered a most interesting lecture on Abyssinia. In view of the political situation, the lecture was very valuable, for the country in question is one of which most people know very little.

* * * * *

The influenza epidemic which devastated Sydney took its toll of us, and for a few weeks the Slip was rather heavily marked with absences. Up to the date of going to press we have successfully defied the Mump and the Measle.

Three members of the staff returned to duty after absence this term : Miss Mackey, after her accident; Mr. Clark, from a trip to Europe and the Holy Land; and Mr. Burgess, after illness.

* * * * *

At the end of the midwinter holidays, about forty members of the staffs of the schools in Sydney which are members of the Headmasters' Conference met to confer at Knox Grammar School. The subject of the conference was the teaching of English, but some general aspects of education were discussed, and teachers of Science and other subjects were able to air their views on the teaching of English and its relation to the other parts of the school curriculum. It was not intended that all the time should be spent in formal conference, and meetings of a more social nature were arranged for the afternoons. The more energetic played golf and tennis, while some went on expeditions to Koala Park and Cowan Creek. There was a good deal of discussion informally of matters affecting schools like our own, and those who attended were able to meet others in the same profession, both socially and in discussion of their technical problems.

* * * * *

Early in July we received notice from Dr. A. J. Corfe, of Glen Innes, that his father, Mr. C. C. Corfe, died at Peterborough, in England, at the age of eighty-eight. In March, 1907, Mr. and Mrs. Hodges went to England for a holiday. Mr. Hodges' place was taken by Mr. C. C. Corfe, scholar of Jesus College, Cambridge, a Blue, and formerly Headmaster of Christ's College, New Zealand, and of Toowoomba Grammar School, Queensland, and Mr. Corfe retained the position till April, 1908. His son, Dr. Corfe, says that he retained his faculties and continued to live an active life up to the end.

IN MEMORIAM.

Vitai lampada tradiderunt.

LANGFORD ARTHUR BAKER, 1859-1935.

Entered into rest 15th July, 1935.

Possibly few of the boys of the present generation will recognise the name at the head of this paragraph as that of a former Master of the School; but to many, scattered throughout New South Wales and

Queensland, and belonging to every school generation from its beginnings up to the year 1927, there will be recalled one who figured prominently in the life of the School—a man of fine presence and with a nature kindly, cheerful, and not easily perturbed.

In *The Torch-Bearer* of September, 1927, on the eve of Mr. Baker's retirement from the staff, was given an account of his career, but it may be of interest to repeat in a little more detail that account.

Born in 1859 in County Cork, he was educated at Middleton College, South-West Ireland, a district where, to quote from the article referred to, "the inhabitants are more English in speech and sentiment than the English themselves." When one is told that he and his brothers used to walk five miles in and five miles out every day to school, in hail, snow, or fine weather, we can appreciate the difficulties in the way of education overcome by those small boys.

Coming out to Australia in the ship *Peterborough* with other members of his family, he reached Sydney in January, 1878, at a time of serious drought and bush fires, and the family straightway left for Bathurst; and many and interesting were the stories of their journey over the Blue Mountains, which seemed to be ablaze from end to end with bush fires.

In Bathurst he took up work in the profession to which he devoted the rest of his active life, being appointed to the staff of All Saints' College, established not many years before by Rev. E. Bean.

Leaving Bathurst, he was tutor for a time in, or near, the Riverina, but later joined his brother, Mr. H. C. Baker, in a school founded in Goulburn by Dr. R. N. Morris, a name well known for very many years in the New South Wales educational world.

Shortly afterwards he accepted a post at Newington College, and about this time he matriculated at Sydney University, and had considerable success in examinations for two years of his course, but for private reasons was unable to go on and take his degree in Arts.

In 1883 he was invited to take charge of a small school—St. Leonard's Grammar School—in a building still standing near the corner of Blue's Point Road and Lavender Street, known as the Presbyterian School Hall; and it is an interesting fact that here he found a man from his own native county of Cork.

The S.C.E.G.S. had been established in 1889, and the Headmaster, Mr. E. I. Robson, invited Mr. Baker to join his staff, which he did in

July, 1890, succeeding Mr. A. J. Kelynack, one of the original staff of the School. Most, if not all, of Mr. Baker's boys accompanied him.

The details of his career given above would be incomplete without some reference to activities in the field, especially in football, in Bathurst, in Goulburn, and later as a member of the University. This was in the 'eighties, a period when Rugby was at its height as a sport—not as a competition—as is shown by a few names, those more or less contemporary with Mr. Baker—Leo. Neill, H. H. Lee, J. Wood of Newcastle, P. B. Colquhoun, H. P. Abbott, and one who afterwards was a Master of the School, "Jupp" Elphinstone—the days of the Wallaroos, Arforas, Burwood, and Redfern teams.

When he joined the School, Mr. Baker thus came not as a novice, but as one well experienced in dealing with boys and the happenings of school life, and a wide appreciation of the many sides of that life.

His teaching work lay, for well nigh forty years, mainly in "Middle School," among boys of 13-16 years of age, leading the eager ones, encouraging the triers, and, when necessary, urging the recalcitrants.

In a number of *The Torch-Bearer* of early days occur some verses over the initials "F. G. S." Whether referring to Mr. Baker or not, the first verse well describes him:—

"He's a man of easy temper,
And withal of even mind;
Though he's pretty fair with 30's
When he feels that way inclined."

Opportunity for service, however, in a public school, is not confined to the class-room, and into many spheres Mr. Baker entered wholeheartedly. We can only make passing mention of his keenness in all forms of sport and in his work as editor of *The Torch-Bearer*; but special reference should be made to his delight in helping in anything pertaining to the musical side of school life, whether as a member of the Glee Club of earlier days, or as a soloist at School concerts, or as a member of the Choir of Chapel since its foundation. Copies of programmes of the concerts referred to always contain one or two solos by Mr. Baker: and who can forget the charm of his baritone voice and the evident enjoyment he showed when singing such old favourites as "Father O'Flynn," "Off to Philadelphia," and the ballads of the time?

One who was present at one of the many Empire Day commemorations

stated that he "had never understood 'Rule, Britannia,' until he had heard Lang Baker sing it."

By his fellow-masters, sharing the same common room, with its rather intimate life day by day, week by week, over so many years, perhaps he will be remembered best for his genial and kindly attitude to all, and not least of those newly joining the staff. He was a very appreciative reader of Dickens, and often referred to the impossibility of reading his works without having one's mind sweetened by the humour and human kindness of so many of his characters.

Mr. Baker was married in July, 1895, at Christ Church, to Mrs. Wren (formerly Miss Laura Kate Edwards), who was the widow of the late Mr. Wren of Bega. Mrs. Baker survives her husband, as do also one son, Brian (an Old Boy), and two daughters, Mrs. H. H. Forsyth and Miss Ruth Baker.

In the larger life of the community, schoolmasters rarely find opportunities of joining to any great extent; but there is one sphere in which Mr. Baker played a fairly prominent part. We refer to his association with the Masonic Order. He was initiated as a member of Lodge Samaritan in July, 1887, and occupied the position of Worshipful Master in 1893, an evidence of the high esteem of his fellow-members. One who succeeded him in that position writes of the great assistance Wor. Bro. Baker rendered to him when in office, and of the great delight that others enjoyed from his musical gifts, saying that by his death the Lodge "lost a true friend and a good citizen."

Mr. Baker was Foundation Chaplain of Lodge Torch-Bearer, and held the position for three years; and was the first, and only, life member of the Lodge.

So he has passed. And none who knew him but will echo the words of a colleague of earlier years, who spoke of him as illustrating well the phrase of the Roman poet, "Integer Vitae"; and those used by yet another, who spoke of Langford Baker as one of the most lovable men, whose gift for friendship was a precious one.

EDWARD JOHN EASTAUGH.

It came as a great shock to hear of the death on 10th June, 1935, of Ted Eastaugh. He was the victim of a sudden and violent attack of pneumonia, and was ill for only a few days. He attended the School

for the six years from 1925 to 1930. During that time he took part with the greatest keenness in most of the worthy activities of the School. Though he did not excel, he was always sound in his work and keenly interested: his intelligence was of a high order. He played games in excellent spirit and with success: when he rowed in the Eight in 1930, he was one of the most stylish oarsmen we have had. He was a prefect, and a keen member of the Corps. His record at the University was similar. He worked soundly, and was in his fifth year of Medicine. At the same time he enjoyed life to the full: it was typical of him that, though he practised in a spirit of sheer enjoyment, he became one of the best exponents of field games in the State. Above all, he was a most charming companion, and a wholesome influence wherever he went. He was simple and unaffected, kindly to youngsters, and the soul of courtesy and consideration to his elders. It seems tragic that one so physically fit and so full of the zest of life should be taken from among us. But he will be remembered.

THE VENERABLE ARCHDEACON DAVIES, B.D., F.R.H.S., Th.Soc.

We regret to record the death on 29th June, 1935, of Archdeacon Davies, Principal of Moore Theological College, and for thirteen years a member of the School Council. Much has been written as a tribute to his scholarship, and to his work for the Diocese of Sydney. This is the place to acknowledge rather his work for the School. He was regular in attendance at Council meetings and at all School functions, and on all occasions he set himself in a wise and thoughtful manner to serve the School to the best of his ability. All who came into contact with him learnt to value his advice and to honour his disinterestedness. He leaves an honoured record of devoted Christian service to many causes.

THE RIGHT REVEREND S. J. KIRKBY.

Bishop Kirkby passed away during the present term. He was not formally connected with the School except during the period of his administration of the Diocese. The School has, however, the most pleasant and grateful memory of his association with it during that period. Though burdened with a multitude of cares, he nevertheless found time for its affairs, and he gave to them the kindly devotion for which the whole Diocese holds him in honour.

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

CHAPEL NOTES.

Sixty-six boys were confirmed by the Archbishop of Sydney in the School Chapel on Friday afternoon, 16th August, 1935.

* * * * *

The preacher at the Open Sunday service on 18th August, 1935, was the Rev. C. T. Parkinson, M.A., Headmaster of The King's School.

* * * * *

On Sunday evening, 4th August, 1935, a special choir of Masters, Old Boys and boys rendered a Choral Evensong. Rev. M. K. Jones, Precentor of St. Andrew's Cathedral, preached the sermon.

* * * * *

The Rev. E. Gunasakera, of India, and Rev. Dr. Pilcher, Canon of Toronto Cathedral, Canada, gave addresses at morning Chapel during term.

* * * * *

A service attended by a large gathering of Old Boys was held in memory of the late Mr. L. A. Baker, to whom reference is made elsewhere.

* * * * *

Addresses during term were given by the Headmaster and Chaplain.

* * * * *

CHAPEL DONATIONS, 1935.

R. Heane, £1/1/-; H. E. Allen, £1/1/-; C. S. Stuart, £1/1/-; C. S. Herbert, £2/2/-; N. R. S. White, £3; W. G. Sherington, £1/1/-; A. H. McI. Maclachlan, £1/1/-.

* * * * *

BAPTISMS.

May 5th, 1935 : William David Sherington.

May 16th, 1935 : Elizabeth Rosalind White.

July 14th, 1935 : Jennifer Mildred Maclachlan.

* * * * *

MARRIAGES.

Heane—Westcott : July 5th, 1935, at the Sydney Church of England Grammar School Chapel, by the Rev. N. a'B. T. Backhouse, Ralph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Heane of Tarana, N.S.W., to Catherine Priscilla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Westcott of Invergowrie, Sodwalls, N.S.W.

Allen—Hyman : July 13th, 1935, at the Sydney Church of England Grammar School Chapel, by the Rev. N. a'B. T. Backhouse, Herbert Edward, son of the late Mr. Samuel James Allen, and of Mrs. Allen of Campbelltown, N.S.W., to Veronica Bridget Alberta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Hyman of Campbelltown, N.S.W.

Stuart—Park : July 20th, 1935, at the Sydney Church of England Grammar School Chapel, by the Rev. N. a'B. T. Backhouse, Charles Syme, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery Stuart of Mosman, N.S.W., to Kathleen Ellen Winifred, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Park of Manly, N.S.W.

THE CRUSADER UNION.

In a Church School such as ours is, one may suppose that where other societies exist there should be one for the spiritual side of one's life. Hence the Crusader Union is not out of place but on the contrary is coming to take a big part in the lives of quite a number of boys. The boy of to-day wants something practical, and it is the practical side of Christianity that the Crusader Union stresses.

One feature of the work this year has been the steady growth of interest among the boys. Since the first meeting of the year the attendance at our Wednesday lunch hour meetings has more than doubled. The boarders have put the day-boys to shame, greatly outnumbering them, but we believe the balance will be more evenly poised by the end of the year. Competition among the three Boarding Houses is keen, with Robson slightly ahead of School.

At the present time we have probably the best Crusader Union among the Sydney schools, but if we do not want to be overtaken by our friendly rivals at Grammar next term we must not stay still. In a movement such as this, to stand still is to go back! If every boy, attending regularly, lives up to the motto of the Crusaders, "Witnesses unto Me," we need have little fear regarding the advance of the movement next term.

Those who would like to know of the outside activities of the Union should see Walton ii.

MILLER'S POINT BOYS' CLUB.

In the middle of the term it was decided to open a new Club at St. Peter's, Woolloomooloo, at the invitation of the Rector of the parish, Rev. C. E. A. Reynolds.

The members of the Club are older than the boys who attended the Miller's Point Club. So far several enjoyable evenings have been spent at the new Club, and representatives of the School have been made welcome. Billiards, bobs, ping-pong, quoits, air-gun shooting, and soccer are the chief games at present.

On Sunday evening, 28th July, the Headmaster, Mr. L. C. Robson, the Chaplain, and a party of over fifty boys from the School attended Evensong at St. Peter's, Woolloomooloo. The senior prefect T. A. Tonkin, and the second prefect, D. L. Dey, read the lessons. The Rector, Wardens, and members of St. Peter's congregation expressed their pleasure at seeing

such a large attendance of members of the School at their Anniversary Service.

All activities in connection with Miller's Point are now undertaken by the 9th Sydney, S.C.E.G.S. Own Scout Group, which originated in the Miller's Point Boys' Club. The time is therefore opportune for the School to seek fresh fields and pastures new, which, strangely enough, are to be found in the Parish of St. Peter, Woolloomooloo.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

This term we have been very unlucky in the matter of lectures. We have tried to arrange for a number of lectures, but have been unsuccessful. However, we have already arranged for a lecture for the beginning of next term.

In the winter term there is never very much collecting to be done, so we have been reading various Natural History magazines and books in our Tuesday afternoon period.

We are trying to arrange an expedition for Saturday, 17th August, as we have had some wonderful weather lately. I think there should be a number of good things to collect. We are thinking of going to The Spit for this expedition.

We are very grateful to the School Council for a grant of three guineas. We have been in great need of some stone boxes and forceps, and this has enabled us to purchase this very necessary apparatus.

Next term we will have a number of expeditions and lectures. The first lecture, probably on "Birds," will be given by Mr. Marshall from the Sydney University. This lecture will be open to boarders as well as those who belong to the Society.

At the end of next term there will be an exhibition of the various things which the boys have collected during the year. There will be two prizes at least, one of 12/6 and one of 7/6 worth of some entomological goods.

DEBATING.

Debating activities during this term have been carried on in two groups. The first group, meeting on Fridays under Mr. Sams, includes the first and second teams, together with several boys mainly of the Sixth Forms. The second group, meeting on Mondays under Mr. Campbell, is

composed mainly of Fifth Form boys, including some of those who attend the short meeting held in the seventh period on Tuesdays. Towards the end of the term competitive debates were held between the two groups, with very satisfactory results.

It is anticipated that at the close of the football season a number of Fifth Form boys will join the Society. Thus the Society should be enabled to maintain its numbers in the third term, even after the Sixth Form boys have withdrawn.

On 5th July an interesting debate was held in the Library between our second team and a second team from Sydney Grammar School. The subject, "That Patriotism should be subordinated to Internationalism," proved rather a difficult topic, and S.G.S. gained the decision by virtue of their having adopted the more practical viewpoint. On this occasion we were represented by Robinson, Walton i., and Neild.

On the same date our first team met a team of Old Boys, viz., R. Speirs, J. Steed and C. B. Hudson. The subject chosen was: "That the advantages of science to the community outweigh its disadvantages." Mr. Jones, who acted as adjudicator, gave his decision in favour of the Old Boys.

In the recent Competition Debates, our first team, consisting of Walton ii., Richards and Bedford, gained two victories and suffered one defeat—a very creditable record considering that the standard of debating in the schools this year was very high.

We opened the Competition against S.G.S. on 14th June, affirming the motion: "That modern publicity methods are harmful." Our opponents were perhaps scarcely up to the usual excellent standard of "Grammar" teams, and we scored by a reasonable margin.

On 12th July, against T.S.C., we affirmed: "That the influence of the Cinema is harmful." The parties argued with varying fortunes, but eventually we gained the decision by a very narrow margin.

The last debate, against S.H.S., on 26th July, centred on the motion: "That the influence exerted by the great powers on backward races is detrimental to the interests of mankind." The debate reached a high standard, the determining factor being the excellent form of our opponents' leader, who established a slight advantage in favour of S.H.S.

This year, for the first time, set debates were deleted entirely from the programme. The general feeling is that the impromptu system has worked so satisfactorily that it should be perpetuated.

BOOK REVIEW.

NORTH AND HILLARD : *A Critical Exegesis*, by *Hans Rumpf*. (Trousers Press, 21/-; plus import duty on Works of Art, 10/6.)

Such a work as this was long overdue. Many scholars have speculated as to the real authorship of *Latin Prose Composition*, for it has long been obvious, even to the most casual observer, not only that the artistic unity of its entity precludes the possibility of a dual authorship, but that the real author was neither "North" nor "Hillard," nor even two persons of similar names, working either in conjunction or separately. Prof. Rumpf, with true Teutonic scholarship, if he has not solved the vexed question of authorship, has at least done much to clear the ground, and that, by the only possible means, the critical examination of internal evidence.

The earliest extant copy of the work, inscribed "Ma(rsh ?) LI(VA ?)," was discovered in a waste paper basket near Berry's Bay in 1891. This contained six of the total 299 pages, but the importance of the discovery was shortly nullified by the further discovery of ten thousand unsold copies in the cellars of Messrs. Dummock & Sons. After some difficult negotiations, lasting nearly ten years, Rumpf managed to obtain several of these, which proved upon examination to be virtually identical. Adopting the postulate that things which are equal to the same thing are equal to one another, he selected one of these almost at random, and the final results of his critical analysis of that text are embodied in the present monumental work.

Lack of space prevents a detailed discussion of his critical methods and conclusions, but those who are anxious to have the question of authorship settled will find the internal evidence admirably summarised in Appendix VI.A. : "North, the centre of the Arctic Circle."

"From a close examination of the text, and especially the 'we' passages," says Rumpf, "it may be deduced as follows:—The author was at one time a member of some primitive patriarchal community (*cf.*, The land was ruled by a good king), from which he was subsequently exiled, possibly owing to a rash prophecy (We shall not be conquered by the enemy), which was almost immediately disproved by the event (We have been conquered by the enemy). The real occasion of his banishment can hardly be determined with certainty. Possibly fratricide (Having killed his brother, he fled into the woods), or barmicide (We have prepared a feast costing 500,000 sesterces), or even anti-Gallic propensities (Having murdered the Gaul, he hid in the woods) may have proved his downfall.

He had apparently received a liberal education, and possessed an adequate working knowledge of geography (Gaul is separated from Britain by the sea), zoology (Oxen feed on grass and lions on flesh), and natural science (There are some things which are unpleasant to smell).

“At one period he may have been connected with the teaching profession [*cf.* (a) Boys, obey your masters, (b) We are so tired that we cannot work, (c) If only we had kept silence we should not now be suffering such misfortunes], but was guilty of at least one grave breach of scholastic etiquette (He spoke to me about your House in your presence). The strain of teaching (Learning is easier than teaching) seems to have undermined his constitution. He began to suffer from amnesia [*cf.* (a) I have lost the book which I bought for my brother, (b) Whose son are you? (c) Am I your father?], and the disease was aggravated by intemperate habits (What city do I see?). Finally, under the influence of one Caius, a degenerate son of the then reigning monarch, he became secretive (You and I will hide this from our friends) and solitary in his habits (We have many friends whom we do not often see), and eventually a political fanatic (I killed him because he wished to become king).

“His closing years were marked by an ever-increasing lethargy [(a) We were so tired that we remained in the plain, (b) I used to learn more quickly than I can learn now]. In this state he evidently fell a victim to the blandishments of some quack advertiser (We have been compelled to buy many things which do not seem useful), but finally, after the collapse of his own domicile, he found shelter with his old friend Caius, and sought consolation in the maxims of the Stoic philosophy [(a) To complain is useless, (b) A man who is contented with little is worthy of a happy life].”

Such is a brief sketch of North, the Man, and from this slight example of Prof. Rumpf's brilliant exegesis it will be seen that this is a work which should be placed, both definitely and indefinitely, on the shelf of every scholar.

(The above is an adaptation of an original review by L.N.C.B. of Shrewsbury School.)

FREE VERSE.

By D. P. C.

In these days of hats like squashed cabbages, a new form of poetry called “free verse” has unobtrusively grown up. It is a most interesting pastime to try to decipher a piece of this, in some cases, extremely free

verse, and a great deal of practice is needed to discover what is meant.

Now, for the special benefit of those who intend to make a name for themselves by writing, I will unfold the magic formula.

- (1) Think of something to say. (It must be very extraordinary.)
- (2) Write it down in prose in positively awful language.
- (3) Divide it into groups of about eight words, and arrange these groups one under the other.
- (4) [This is the very essence of the business.] Cross out all capital letters and punctuation.

The product is free verse.

Having done a service to mankind by laying bare the facts, I feel justified in revolutionizing the world by my own poetry. I quote a verse :

A dewy rose
I knelt to smell;
It pricked my nose,
And that right well.

It irks me to thus replace Tennyson in the sphere of poetry, but mental superiority is bound to triumph!

ART EXHIBITION.

(By J. F. E. Monckton.)

This was held in Form I. Room at the end of last term. The exhibits were mostly from the Prep., though it is hoped that greater interest will be aroused in the Main School later on, Mr. Fischer having kindly promised his co-operation.

Holliday, of the Upper Fourths, contributed a good memory drawing of a horse galloping; and Briggs, of the Lower Fourths, showed excellent talent in a landscape copy in watercolours.

The exhibits from the Prep. were numerous and varied, the response being most satisfactory. B. R. Jordan (IIC.) showed much promise in his two coloured poster designs, and in a watercolour drawing of a ship. Pencil drawings by J. R. Jones (IIC.) were all distinctly good. B. N. Read (IIC.) produced two excellent watercolour drawings. The pencil work of R. E. Scarrell (IIA.), geometrical drawing of J. S. Hall (IIB.), maps by R. E. Needham (IIB.) and J. M. Linton (IID.), and a painting

on glass by J. A. and R. C. Eaton (I.A.) all deserve special mention. IIC. appears to abound in budding artists, and even Form I. has many promising beginners, J. A. Stuart's drawings of ships being noticeable. Messrs. J. C. Pope and I. F. Jones very kindly judged the exhibition.

The importance of clean, direct line drawing cannot be stressed too strongly. Pencil points are often too thick, and lines too heavily drawn. In colour work the laying on of flat washes correctly is essential. The difficulty of doing this well, however, should not be underestimated. The main essentials are a good sized brush,—kept full of pure colour—rapidity, and a super-abundant supply of well mixed colour on palate. The tendency should be to float the colour on, rather than to paint it in. Good, strong paper is necessary, and this should be kept at a slope until colour is quite dry. The brush should move down and across, never up. Finishing off requires great care. The brush should be drained on to a rag, and colour can be gradually sucked up by the brush until it has ceased to collect. The brush should not be dipped in the water during the process. Beginners should persevere with flat-wash practice, until they can fill up large spaces, so that the colour is absolutely uniform throughout there being no sign of where the wash was begun or ended.

Learning to paint and draw requires untiring energy and determination, even to the talented. Many beginners are so disgusted by first efforts that they throw up the sponge, concluding that they have no talent. This is often the result of their having chosen too difficult a subject. Messes are inevitable at first, but it is far easier to rectify the messing up of a simple subject than it is of a difficult one. The beginner must not be discouraged by his first attempts. If he perseveres, he should keep comparing later efforts with earlier ones, and he should thereby receive all the encouragement he requires. Viewing work by skilled artists is often a great source of discouragement to beginners, who quite forget that such work is the outcome of years of striving and determination—as undoubtedly could be shown by an exhibition of the same artists' first efforts. Such artists surely point to the goal at which we should aim. I saw some of J. M. W. Turner's watercolours, painted when he was about eighteen, and truly they were nothing to write home about! And yet we know what he became. H. M. Bateman and other well-known artists have asserted that it takes at least ten years to learn to draw properly.

It is much hoped that these notes will be of use and encouragement to those interested, and that, consequently, Art in the School will find a higher place than it has at present.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

On June 1st and 3rd, certain members of the Corps took part in the Annual Prize Meeting of the Australian Militia Rifle Clubs' Union (1935) held at Long Bay Range. The School was represented both in individual and team matches. Although no practices took place before the meeting, the scores were much better than last year.

In the "Merris" (7 rounds application at 300 yards), the "A" Team won, for the first time. S.G.S. was second.

In the "Pozières" (10 rounds snap at 300 yards), the "A" Team came fourth. L. Middleton and L. Greenwell both scored possibles, and Ward a possible in the "B" Team.

The "A" Team was unplaced in the "Lone Pine" and "Bullecourt" matches. R. Robinson scored a possible in the "Lone Pine" match.

In the Fairfax Aggregate (totals of Anzac, Mena, Mont St. Quentin, and Lagingcourt matches), Cpl. L. W. Middleton with 138 tied for second place; he was only 3 points behind the winner. He also scored a possible in the continuous (300 yards).

The Australian Natives' Association gives a medal each year for the best Cadet in each State. The medal is awarded on the aggregate scored in 100 yards grouping, and application (200 yards), application and snap, and 300 yards application. The results were as follows:—Smith (Newington), 158; Robinson (S.C.E.G.S.), 157; Middleton (S.C.E.G.S.), 155.

In the Earl Roberts eliminating contest, the results were as follows:—Newington, 1st, 278; S.G.S., 2nd, 271; S.C.E.G.S., 3rd, 255. Epps, Morrison, Robinson and Middleton represented the School. Epps shot particularly well, scoring a possible in the rapid, with a total of 73.

The School was represented in the Monthly Shoot by an "A" and "B" Team, but the results were not up to the usual standard. The only person worthy of note is Ward, who shot quite well, scoring 70 points out of 80 in the "B" Team.

"MERRIS" (Silver Challenge Bugle).

300 Yards, 7 Shots. Possible, 35.

"A" TEAM.

Cpl. D. Crombie	28
Cpl. L. Greenwell (Captain)	31
Sgt. R. Epps	31
Cpl. P. Green	30
Sgt. B. Swire	27
Cpl. L. Middleton	33

Total, 180

S.C.E.G.S., 1st	180 points
S.G.S., 2nd	175 "

"POZIERES."

10 Rounds Snap, 300 Yards.

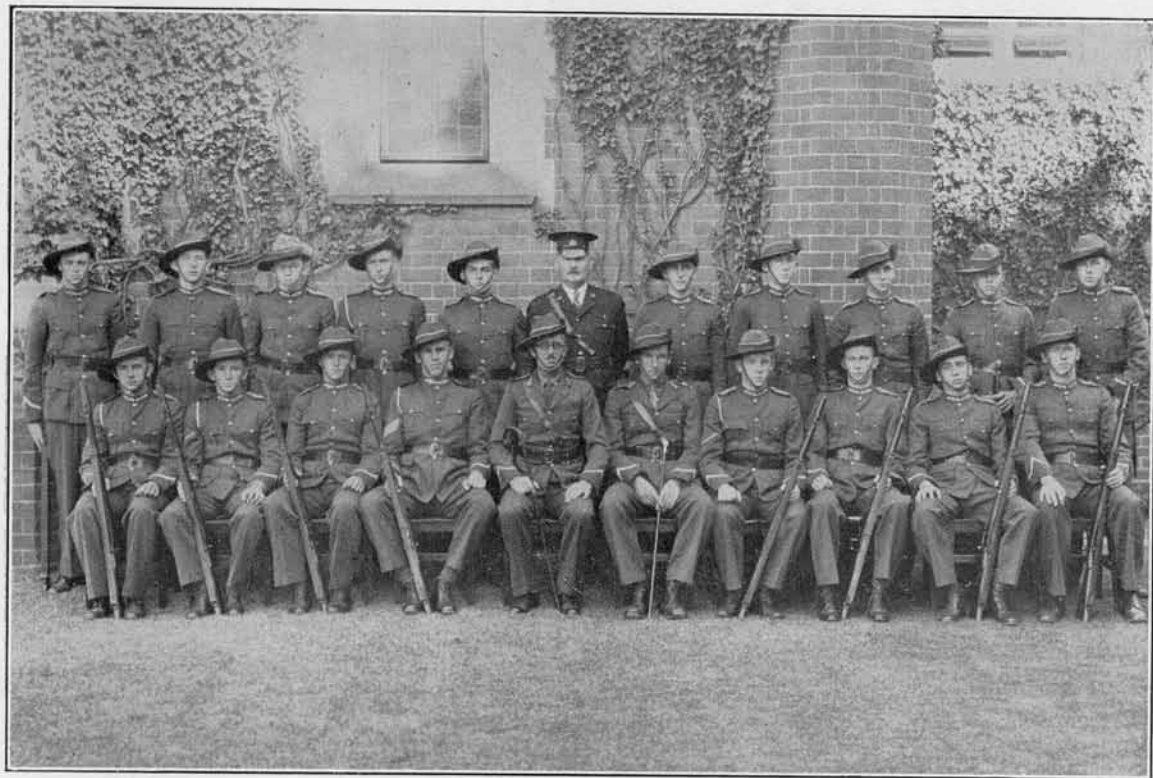
Possible, 20.

Cpl. P. Green	16
Cpl. L. Middleton	20
Cpl. L. Greenwell (Captain)	20
Sgt. B. Swire	10
Cpl. B. Morrison	14
Sgt. R. Robinson	12

Total, 92

S.C.E.G.S., 4th	92 points
-----------------------	-----------

Supplement to "The Torch-Bearer," September 1, 1935.



THE DRILL SQUAD, 1935.

[Photo. by Sidney Riley.]

"LONE PINE."

7 Shots, 500 Yards. Possible, 35.

Cpl. P. Green	29
Cpl. R. Dey	32
Cpl. L. Greenwell (Captain)	31
Cpl. D. Crombie	22
Sgt. R. Robinson	35
Cpl. L. Middleton	30
Sgt. F. Ward	26
Sgt. R. Epps	33
Sgt. B. Swire	30
Cpl. B. Toose	27
C.S.M. J. Hipsley	28
Cpl. B. Morrison	27

350

Each Saturday practice for the G.P.S. Competition has been carried out consistently during the last term, several members showing great promise, and a strong team is expected.

As usual, Camp will be held during the last week of the holidays at Maroubra Bay Hotel.

CADET NOTES.**Inspection of the Corps.**

Brigadier J. L. Hardie, D.S.O., O.B.E., commanding 1 Div., inspected the Corps on 27th August. A Platoon Competition and the Ceremonial Parade were held at Northbridge on that date.

Old Boys.

It was with the greatest sorrow that we learned of the death of E. J. Eastaugh. Ted Eastaugh was one of the Platoon Commanders in the Corps when, on the cessation of compulsory training, it was re-established in 1930 on a voluntary basis. He was always enthusiastic about our Cadets, and will be remembered by many recent boys since, as an S.U.R. N.C.O., he often helped us in camp or at N.C.O. examinations.

We are grateful for the assistance given A. Coy. by Sgt. B. A. Selby (S.U.R.) in the training of the I.S.L. Platoon.

We are glad to hear of the successes of those who recently took the N.C.O. exams in the S.U.R.

The number of Old Boys in the Militia appears to be increasing. Certainly there are a great many giving voluntary service in various parts of the country.

Examinations.

On 2nd July the Brigade Major, Maj. D. Stuart, O.B.E., Indian Army, visited the Corps and examined candidates for commissions as Cdt.-Lieuts. or for promotion to the rank of Warrant Officer, Class II. Nine passed for commissions and two for W.O.

The exam. of candidates for promotion to the rank of Sergeant was held on 7th May. Of the fifteen who passed seven were promoted.

Rifle Shooting.

This term, in addition to miniature range practice on Tuesdays, open range shooting on Saturdays, and the firing of the rifle course, Cadets have taken part in—

(a) **Militia Forces' Annual Competitions** in June, in which our team won the "Merris," the trophy being a silver challenge bugle; and also one of our boys came third in the Fairfax Aggregate.

(b) **A.N.A. Cadet Competition**: Second place.

(c) **Earl Roberts Imperial Cadet Trophy Competition** (elimination shoot): Third place.

(d) **Militia Forces' Monthly Competition**: Unplaced.

Full particulars appear in Shooting Notes.

The results of the Rifle Course appear at the end of these notes.

N.C.O. Classes.

The first three parades were given up to the training of candidates for commissions in Company Drill and Weapon Training. Additional classes were held on subsequent parades as refresher courses.

Training.

At the beginning of this term the platoons of A Coy. were re-arranged as usual, and the syllabus of work was changed accordingly.

No. 1 Plat. spent four parades in the first half of the term in revising its musketry, and in preliminary firing on the Miniature Range. The Range Day on 16th July was followed by a course in minor tactics extending over four parades, on two of which we went to Ball's Head and had practical lessons in the use of ground and cover. We are particularly indebted to Major Pulling, a distinguished Old Boy who is at present on furlough from the Indian Army, who was kind enough to suggest an outline of the work and to conduct one parade himself.

No. 2 Plat. has been going through an intensive course of Rifle Training under S.S.M. Button, and afterwards under S.S.M. Aitken.

Marked progress has been made, and the Plat. as a whole has been introduced to those more advanced parts of musketry known as Fire Discipline Training. They should reap the benefit of this instruction when we come to Fire Battle Practices during the Annual Camp. In addition, several practices were fired on the Miniature Range.

No. 3 Plat. has been instructed throughout the term in Lewis Gun work by Capt. Burrell and Cdt.-Lieut. E. B. Smith. The men have received a thorough grounding in stripping and assembling, and in Elementary Handling, and the standard attained in the shoot on 16th July was very creditable. Since then the training has been continued, and they have had one lesson in Advanced Handling, which involves taking up a position with the gun in relation to ground and circumstances.

The three platoons of B Coy. have been engaged as usual in Squad Drill, Arms Drill, and Elementary Rifle Training, and have made considerable progress with their recruit training. Indeed it is probable that in this work they can do better than A Coy. Their steadiness and cohesion have also materially improved. The Miniature Range has been in constant use, and every cadet has fired at least twice.

On 13th August, B Coy. held an Inter-Platoon Section Competition in Rifle Training. The best section was chosen from each platoon, and the three were then judged by Major Stuart, the B.M. Marks were awarded for the manner in which the section commander gave instruction and the proficiency of the section. Result : No. 5 Sec., 1st.

The last two training parades of the term were spent in practising Close Order Drill and in a rehearsal for the Ceremonial and Platoon Competition at Northbridge on the last parade of the term.

Tactical Course.

In the second half of the term a course of three lectures was arranged for C/Lieutenants and senior N.C.O.'s on minor tactics and field operations. The first lecture was on Protection, the second on Defence, and the third on Attack. The course has now been suspended, and will be resumed early next term. It is hoped to conclude it with a tactical exercise without troops one Sunday morning.

Visit to the R.M.C.

On Tuesday, 30th July, the S.M. and a party of twelve cadets under Sjt. R. J. Ellis visited the Royal Military College at Victoria Barracks at the invitation of the Commandant. We had a most interesting and instructive morning's programme, which began with a normal lesson in physical training, and concluded with a ceremonial march past with the

Colour, the Commandant taking the salute. The whole visit was an eye-opener to our cadets as to how things can and should be done, and set a standard for us to work up to.

General.

The full benefit of the new uniform adopted at the commencement of this year is now being felt. The improvement is really considerable, and not only does the new cloth keep its shape better and give a smarter appearance, but also it does not show up grease stains to the same extent as the old.

During the two terms also greater emphasis than hitherto has been laid on turn-out and bearing. The results have really been most marked, both on the parade ground and while cadets are travelling. All are now beginning to take a pride in their appearance: they feel proud to wear the uniform of the Corps, and recognise that they have something to live up to.

In conclusion, it is not out of place to stress here the importance of cadet training in the general plan of Australian defence. The work of the Corps does undoubtedly tend to develop powers of leadership and discipline, and should create in the individual self-confidence, initiative, and the ability to exercise authority. But the matter does not end here. We are part of a larger whole. The military forces of the Commonwealth are extremely small, and, in the event of a national emergency, would have to be very greatly and very quickly expanded. These increased forces would require several thousand junior leaders, who cannot be improvised from nothing in a short time. This is the practical object which this Corps and others like it have in view. We are a small body and we cannot do much, but every little will help, and, if our cadets forget everything else, they will still retain whatever power of command they may have acquired on the School parade ground, and the rest of their work will come more easily to them.

NUMBER OF PARADES.

1 Ceremonial, 1 Exam., 10 Training.

STRENGTH.

6 Officers, Sgt.-Major, 43 N.C.O.'s, 128 Cdt. Total, 178.
Increase, 6. Decrease, 8.

EXAMINATIONS AND PROMOTIONS.

Omission.—Passed for Cpl. 5 Mar. 35: Cdt. R. A. Pedlingham. (Appointed L/Cpl. 6 Mar. 35.)

Passed for Sgt. 7 May 35: Cpls. D. C. Pope, F. H. Ward, L/Cpls. R. G. Epps,

H. G. Shaw, Cpl. D. B. Morrison (last 3-equal), Cpl. P. B. Toose, L/Sgt. R. G. Robinson (all promoted Sgt. 7 May 35), L/Cpl. J. D. Whiteman, Cpls. F. W. Walton, S. St. V. Welch, L/Cpl. F. J. Young, Cpl. L. W. Middleton, L/Cpls. C. M. Swirles, R. M. Dey, J. W. Burns (L/Cpls. promoted Cpl. 7 May 35).

Promoted Cpl. : L/Cpls. D. A. Crombie, 1 May 35; A. Forsythe, 2 July 35.

Promoted L/Cpl. : Cdts. H. C. Bradhurst, J. Barnes, 9 May 35; J. Williams, H. W. Stokes, 2 July 35; P. H. Wallman, 16 July 35.

Passed for Cdt.-Lieut. 2 July 35 : C.S.M. J. W. Hipsley, Sgts. F. H. Ward, N. C. Stokes, B. H. Travers, C.S.M. J. W. Walton, Sgts. D. B. Morrison, R. J. Ellis, R. G. Robinson, J. C. Church.

Passed for W.O., Class II., 2 July 35 : Sgts. R. G. Robinson, J. C. Church.

POSTINGS.

H.Q.—Q.M. : Cpl. D. A. Crombie. Orderly Sgt. : Sgt. R. G. Epps. 2nds i/c.—A Coy., Cdt.-Lieut. E. B. Smith; B Coy., Cdt.-Lieut. T. A. Tonkin.

Pl. Cmdrs.—A Coy. : Sgts. F. H. Ward, N. C. Stokes, C.S.M. J. W. Walton, Sgt. R. J. Ellis. B Coy. : C.S.M. J. W. Hipsley, Sgts. B. H. Travers, D. B. Morrison.

C.S.M.'s.—A Coy. : Sgt. J. C. Church. B Coy. : Sgt. R. G. Robinson.

Pl. Sgts.—A Coy. : Sgts. R. A. Holmes, B. E. Swire, R. U. Bourke. B Coy. : Sgts. D. C. Pope, H. G. Shaw, P. B. Toose.

RESULTS OF RIFLE COURSE.

Possibles.—Grouping : Capt. Mander Jones, Cdt.-Lieuts. Tonkin and Smith, C.S.M. J. W. Hipsley, Sgts. Morrison, Robinson, Holmes, Epps, Cpls. D. L. Dey, Welch, Marsh, Middleton, Green, Crombie, Whiteman, Forsythe, L/Cpls. Edwards, Wood, Bradhurst, Cdts. R. M. Dey, Fitzherbert, Greenwell, Hume, Marshall, Mundell, Muston, Pringle, J. E. Williams, Woodward.

100 Yds. : Capt. Mander Jones, Cdt.-Lt. Tonkin, C.S.M. Hipsley, Sgts. Ward, Morrison, Robinson, Bourke, Pope, Epps, Toose, Cpls. Welch, Marsh, Middleton, Green, L/Cpls. Self and Tooth, Cdts. Blaxland, Coote, Deakins, R. M. Dey, Garland, Minnett, Muston, Pringle, Greenwell, Harding, Hume, Ludowici, Swinbourne, W. T. Waterhouse, T. W. Wise.

200 Yds. : Cpls. Marsh, Middleton, L/Cpl. Bradhurst, Cdts. Ludowici, Minnett, H. G. Wise.

300 Yds. : Sgts. Robinson, Church, Bourke, Cpl. Green, L/Cpl. Bradhurst, Cdts. Hayley, Hume, Ludowici, Tilbury.

Best Shots (including Grouping)—Possible, 75 : Cpl. Middleton, Cdt. Ludowici, 75; Cpl. Marsh, L/Cpl. Bradhurst, Cdt. Hume, 74; Cdt. Minnett, 73.

1st WAVERTON, S.C.E.G.S., BOY SCOUTS.

The strength of the Troop is now twenty-four. It is advisable that boys should join the Troop as soon as they are eleven years old; they will then have three years' Scouting at a time when they will most enjoy the games and the camp life. At fourteen years Scouts usually pass on to the Cadet Corps, but it is hoped that they will not lose their interest in

Scouting. Some of the Scouts who have become Cadets still take part in camps, and all old members of the Troop are always welcome at any Scout function. There is to be a hike in the holidays from Springwood to Richmond, which will take place at the beginning of the holidays; it will last three days, and one objective is a visit to Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

Mr. R. Gilfillan is now Acting Scoutmaster until Mr. H. W. Grigg is able to return to the Troop. Mr. Gilfillan is the first Old Boy of the School to be in charge of the 1st Waverton, S.C.E.G.S., Boy Scout Troop.

Mr. R. J. Hoare, a Rover Scout of Woolwich, has kindly offered his services to the Troop, and is acting as an instructor in handicraft work. As an old sailor of the Royal Navy, he is an expert in rope work and many other useful arts. The Troop has a set of handicraft tools, which are now in continual use.

An enjoyable hike took place on Saturday, 27th July, from Thornleigh through Pennant Hills Training Camp to Turramurra via a bush track of several miles along the banks of the Lane Cove River. It was a beautiful afternoon. Twenty Scouters and Scouts of the Troop were divided into three parties, which left at half-hour intervals, and followed signs made by the first party. The middle party got slightly off the track in the last half-mile, and, in order to get its bearings in the thick bush, crossed the river and climbed a steep hill, from which the camp fire lighted by the first party was able to be seen. Signals were exchanged, and the middle party tried to re-cross the river, but owing to the intense darkness which had fallen had great difficulty in finding a crossing. Eventually S/M. R. Gilfillan and his terrier made contact, and found a crossing from the other side of the river. This experience gave an opportunity for real Scouting, and it was good to hear members of the party singing Scout songs when it seemed possible that they would have to spend the night in the bush.

* * * * *

The annual general meeting of the Group took place on the evening of August 3rd in the School Library. The meeting was well attended. The following committee was elected:—

President : R. J. Sands, Esq.

Vice-President : G. E. Browne, Esq.

Hon. Secretary : A. Sands, Esq.

Hon. Treasurer : A. Coward, Esq.

Committeemen : Messrs. J. Alexander, W. N. Harding, C. E. Howie, C. V. Janes, Ivo Kerr, M. A. Saunders, and C. H. Taylor.

Mr. W. N. Harding having been elected as an Alderman of the Sydney Council, found it necessary to resign from the secretaryship. Mr. Harding has done most valuable work as Hon. Secretary of the Group Committee, and has helped to lay the foundations of the 1st Waverton Group very securely. He has earned the gratitude of the School for his splendid service. We are glad that he is able to continue as a member of the Committee.

The annual general meeting was followed by a screening of moving pictures in the School Dining Hall. This was attended by several hundred boys and parents and friends of the Scouts. Our thanks for a most enjoyable evening are due to Mr. Gregory and Mr. Pedlingham, who generously supplied the scenic and Boat Race films.

EXHIBITION OF HANDCRAFT.

By J. F. E. M.

This was held in Form I. Room during the third week in August. It is hoped that such an exhibition will be opened at least once a year to stimulate an interest in what should be an important branch of our School life.

This time there was no judging, and consequently no prizes were awarded, but the standard of work did not appear to suffer thereby. On the contrary, the work was considerably better than it was at the previous show.

Mr. I. F. Jones kindly lent several models of fighting men of different periods in history. In addition to their being excellently made, they were most instructive and interesting. An inlaid chess board by Mr. Chambers shows what a combination of knowledge and skill can do. Such work by experts should prove a valuable incentive to keen beginners.

The main School produced some excellent work. A monoplane by L. Webber of L.IVA. attracted well deserved attention. D. A. Williams of L.IVC. showed a very well made stool with upholstered top. Inlaid trays by R. Tindal, M. Morell, P. Haley, and H. Jackson were distinctly good. Shirley's inkstand was an excellent piece of work. Troops cast in lead were quite a novel form of exhibit; these were the work of Briggs, who also showed a cleverly made launch. J. McMasters, G. Martin, M. Cameron, and others showed good work.

What can be done by even young boys was testified by many models exhibited by the Prep. School. Perhaps the best of these were : House and canoe by J. Oliver; fancy stool by R. Needham; giant monoplane by J. A. Eaton; book-shelf by R. C. Eaton; "bobs" board by A. Parsonson; steamer and box scene by J. Isles; book-stand by Turnidge; H.M.S. *Rodney* by S. P. Morley; monoplane by Malfroy; and a destroyer by Fotheringham.

Work, too, of much promise was shown by S. Robertson, D. B. Mackie, D. Rhodes, L. Meikle, Mardy, P. Freeburn, J. Bracey, and E. Merewether. D. F. McKinnon must be congratulated on his miniature dismantled *Endeavour*.

A VISIT TO THE R.M.C.

On July 30th a School party, composed of Captain Mander-Jones, the Serjeant-Major and members of the Corps, left the School to attend a demonstration of a normal morning's work at the Royal Military College, which is at present situated at Victoria Barracks.

The first part of the demonstration was given in the gymnasium by a squad of fourteen cadets. The physical fitness of the cadets, of which we were soon left in no doubt, is best demonstrated by a description of one of the numerous exercises which they perform. This consisted in the whole squad taking up a position some distance from a smooth wooden partition, which must have stood twelve feet high. Thereupon, at a word from the instructor, each one proceeded singly at this obstacle with a short, deliberate run in an effort to clamber over it. It stands to the credit of the College that, although the exercise was repeated several times, there were very few failures.

The third and fourth year cadets now showed us a few points in horsemanship, while in their neat uniforms they circled the exercise-ground at a steady canter. They are not trick riders, but they showed a thorough familiarity with their animals, which, together with a correctness of deportment, presented an imposing picture. Turning in the saddle, adjusting dress at a steady canter, and leaping on and off the horse are but a few of the practical exercises they are taught to do in this field.

Rifle training followed, doubtless under the critical eye of the S.M.; and several photographs, which appeared in the evening papers, were

secured by the Press. Lovers of concerted action (i.e., anything from Hollywood ballets to House rowing) would be delighted at the apparent ease and regularity with which these lads handle their rifles.

Next there was an exhibition of artillery drill. This was impressive; if unintelligible to our ignorant eyes; and, as a last impression, the whole corps took part in an imposing march past which, from our vantage post on the verandah of the College, looked very fine indeed.

Whether we learnt the obvious moral of all this, of course, I leave to those concerned, but what every member of the party will, I am sure, agree, is that we spent a very enjoyable morning.

GALILEE TO JERUSALEM IN 1935.

By J. C.

It was on a bright star-lit night, about ten o'clock, that we went up to the flat roof of the Hotel Tiberias, in the city of Tiberias, to get a view of the Sea of Galilee. By night that ancient lake of so many memories and stories of our childhood was particularly beautiful and charming. To the north one could just distinguish the line of snow on Mount Hermon, which, in the daylight, is so dazzlingly white and lovely. The dark waters of the lake below, the hills on the opposite and eastern shore, eight miles away, could be seen dimly under the stars, those brilliant stars of the Northern Hemisphere, among which we easily picked out the Plough and the North Pole Star. We thought of what had happened on and around that lake, over 1900 years ago, when Jesus Himself walked along those peaceful shores and climbed those round-topped hills.

In the morning we took a motor drive along the western shore of the lake, going northwards past the sites of Bethsaida and Magdala to Capernaum. There are now no traces of these once flourishing towns, but at Capernaum they are excavating and have already uncovered the ancient Synagogue in which our Lord doubtless preached. We got out of the car and ascended the Mount of the Beatitudes. On this mount, or hill there is now a hospice, or rest-house for travellers, a fine, modern building, which looks down upon Capernaum, about one mile distant, and over the whole length and breadth of the lake, which from north to south measures about fourteen miles. We had a fine, extensive view on this clear, winter morning—it was the 10th of January. To the north again

the great, gleaming Mount Hermon rose high on the skyline amid the mountains of Lebanon. At the north end of the lake, near Capernaum, the River Jordan flows in, and a rounded hill right opposite us, on the east side, was pointed out as the place where Christ fed the five thousand. Further south, still on the opposite side from us, we saw the place—a long, narrow gully on the hillside—where the Gergesene swine ran down into the sea and were choked. To us it seemed strangely unreal that we, in the year 1935, were looking at those places where Christ had lived and laboured so many centuries ago.

We stayed in Tiberias at a fine hotel kept by Germans. Everything was so modern and up-to-date there, forming a strange contrast with the hovels of houses and shops in the town of Tiberias. The official language now is English, but all notices and signs are also printed in Hebrew and in Arabic. All around the Sea of Galilee the language still spoken is Aramaic, which, in fact, was the tongue spoken by our Lord Himself. We saw fishermen in their boats, and some small boys fishing at the lakeside. They catch a kind of fish here called Peter's fish. A long concrete promenade is now being built along the water's edge.

Next morning we took the 'bus up to Jerusalem, nearly one hundred miles, and the 'bus fare was 250 mils, or 5/- English money. It seemed queer to watch the passengers writing out their luggage labels in Hebrew and Arabic. We had the usual crowd of picture postcard vendors around us. At last we got away. Behind us sat a lady who was talking English. We ventured to ask her where she hailed from. She said, "Oh! I come from Sydney, in Australia." Great was our astonishment. She was going to Nazareth in the 'bus, and she was carrying her copy of the New Testament everywhere she went in the Holy Land. In that 'bus we were a motley crew—Arabs, Jews and Christians. We heard several languages that day—Arabic, Yiddish, English and German. It was a most interesting experience. The 'bus started up the long slopes, giving us a splendid view of the Sea of Galilee, until we reached the sea level, for, as you know, the lake is about six hundred feet below the level of the Mediterranean. By the roadside a post informed us that we were now at sea level. Soon we came to a very old, dilapidated town, Cana of Galilee, where the miracle of turning the water into wine was performed. Then on again we went until we reached Nazareth, set high among the hills. There we got out and paid a visit to the carpenter's shop where Jesus learned His trade, and to Mary's Well, which, by the way, is now fitted with a nice brass tap, and where several women were drawing water just as in the olden days.

Soon we set out again southward to the Holy City. Now the 'bus began to negotiate many hairpin bends, and finally landed us safely on the Plain of Jezreel or Esdraelon. The road here for about twenty miles is practically flat, and the new pipe line carrying oil from Iraq to Haifa (near Mount Carmel) is laid across this plain from east to west. Many new towns and villages along the road, we were informed, are Jewish settlements in Palestine, all started since the Great War. Of course, the old cities and villages mentioned in the Old Testament, or even in the New Testament, have now utterly vanished, or new towns have been built over the ruins of the old. We passed Shechem, or Nablus as it is now named, and saw Jacob's Well. The 'bus now had many long climbs up many hills, but at last in the afternoon we had the greatest of thrills, when the spires, mosques and buildings of Jerusalem appeared before us on the top of a long hill. Soon we entered the suburbs, mostly new buildings, and drew up at the 'bus station or terminus, just outside the Damascus Gate on the north side of Jerusalem. The little policemen directing the traffic here stand on small platforms with wooden railings, and the traffic seems to need delicate handling, as it is composed of modern cars and 'buses, as well as camels, goats, and ancient-looking carts. The roads everywhere are excellent. A little to the east of the Damascus Gate, by which one enters the old city of Jerusalem, we saw the spot which is now reckoned to be Calvary, "a green hill, without a city wall," where Christ was crucified; and just behind the hill we went to see the Garden Tomb, cut out in the rock of the hillside. We were led into a cave containing three sepulchres or rock graves; the one on the left was the place where the Body of Jesus was laid, and it had a special head-rest, which is reserved for rich people only. So we gazed long and thoughtfully at this sacred spot. It seemed so difficult to realise that there the Resurrection had taken place on that far off Easter morn. The stone which had covered the entrance of the tomb, and had been rolled away, is no longer to be seen, as it is now kept in the house of Caiaphas in Jerusalem. The entrance doorway into the tomb has now been enlarged and made higher for the convenience of tourists.

The most palatial new buildings in the suburbs of Jerusalem, to the west of the Jaffa Gate, are the Y.M.C.A. Building, containing hundreds of rooms, and the Hotel David, also a huge and luxurious place. The Railway Station and the Scottish Hospice and Church are also near the Jaffa Gate, south-west of the ancient city itself. At the Jaffa Gate there is the huge hole in the wall made by Kaiser Wilhelm; he intended to enter the Holy City at the head of his conquering army, but in actual fact it

was General Allenby who entered there, and he, it is said, dismounted and entered on foot.

From Jaffa Gate, where there is a 'bus stand, we took a 'bus to Bethlehem, five miles to the south, and, passing Rachel's Tomb by the wayside, arrived at the door of the Church of the Nativity. We were led to a grotto under the church, and there before us was the Star of Bethlehem, a golden shape of a star, placed on the floor of the cave. This was the spot where the Child Jesus was born, and a yard or two behind us was another little recess in the rock where the manger stood. Yes, and again it seemed too strange to believe! We walked later along the streets of Bethlehem to see the queer little windowless shops, where the merchants sit on the ground in the midst of their wares. At one place a little Moslem girl ran up to us with hand outstretched, saying "Buck-sheesh," to which, having been warned, we replied, "Imshi," and she went at once.

Another day we made up a party to go by motor car to Jericho. We set off about 8.30 a.m., and, passing round Jerusalem to the north, went by Solomon's Quarries and the British Soldiers' Cemetery to the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane. From the Mount one has a magnificent view of the whole of Jerusalem, Zion Hill, Stephen's Gate, and also the site of Solomon's Temple, which is now occupied by a Mahometan mosque. We slipped along to Bethany and the Inn of the Good Samaritan, and down to Jericho, on excellent concrete roads. We remembered Bethany as the village where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. The guide pointed to an old wall which, he said, was all that was left of the house of Martha and Mary. The road down here is very steep, and we descend 1200 feet below sea level. Jericho is now a few ruins, but much excavation work is now in hand here and the archaeologists are making many interesting discoveries. On we drove to the banks of the River Jordan, and were shown the spot where John the Baptist baptized Jesus. A few miles onward to the south we reached the Dead Sea. At the hotel and tearooms, built here a few years ago, we got out of the car and walked down the pebbly beach to the water's edge. With cupped hand we stooped to drink the water, so clear and pure did it look. But we very quickly spat it all out again. Such a horrible taste! They say that there is thirty per cent. of chemicals in solution in that water, sodium chloride mostly, but also potash, bromide, calcium chloride, and magnesium chloride. I am sure there were many more! We had to retire to the tearooms to try and wash away that awful taste. We sat there on the wide verandah watching a youth who was having a swim in the sea; his

head and knees were clean out of the water, as if he were sitting on a lifebelt. They say you can't drown, you can't swim under water, and that there are no fish in that dense liquid, also the birds avoid flying over it. So for a time we contemplated that strange water and the Mountains of Moab on the other side of it, and we looked away north up that mysterious long trench, cut down into the earth's surface more than a thousand feet below the rest of Palestine, then back to Jerusalem.

BYNG.

On the Main Western Road about three miles from Orange there is a sign-post pointing off the highway along a narrow road, which reads: "To Byng—Cornish Settlement—5 Miles."

The road leads over hilly grassed country, with stock scattered through the paddocks, and the first knowledge that I was nearing the settlement was a large house standing back from the road, and a little further on, across a creek, a church poked its spire up out of some pines:

Following the road I passed the church, simple in its neatness, and ascended a slope over which clumps of briar were dotted everywhere, and as I reached the top I came upon what I had rather expected to see.

Very close to the road was a small, cleanly whitewashed cottage, a verandah with ferns in various coloured pots hanging from the beams, and a tidy little garden in front. I had been advised to call at this quaint little house, and well worth while I found it to be. Its owner was John Martin, son of Thomas Martin, one of the early Cornish settlers to come over the Blue Mountains, and as a youth make his home in this strange little spot.

John Martin was now a miner, working a shaft by himself, and producing enough gold to keep his family. As his wife showed me over the cottage with evident pride, I was struck particularly with the extreme cleanliness and the simple pieces of furniture which made up the living room. An immense open fireplace was at one end, where, apparently, a good deal of cooking was also done, while directly above it on the wall hung the usual ancestral portrait. She told me that the settlement had first started in 1847, when a number of Cornish people had decided to come out and settle by themselves.

Some distance from the little clump of houses was a large rock standing on the slope of a hill, which was called the "Bethel Rock," and a tablet of marble placed there by the Royal Australian Historical Society

explained that on the rock the first sermon was preached west of the Blue Mountains by one Parson Tom. One could easily picture him standing on the rock and preaching to his congregation seated on the slope below.

A little way off were three old dark-coloured tombstones, each with a big tree standing at the head, and the sandstone had been so beaten by the weather that the inscriptions were scarcely discernable.

Having made my way back to the little village, which now did not even boast a general store, I continued my wandering. Ducks, geese, and fowls were everywhere, dogs lay sunning themselves, and, as I went on, I saw the animals which complete any farm picture—pigs.

On the right were the remains of an inn and general store, which had flourished when Byng had exported quantities of copper. Its walls were excessively thick, being composed of bricks, mortar and mud over all, the work of convicts from Bathurst.

Beside this was another cottage, similar to the others, small, squat, with a large chimney protruding from the roof out of which wound lazy wisps of smoke.

As I stood contemplating these strange little abodes, a tall and gaunt young chap walked up to me and greeted me with a nod of the head and " 'Day, mate!" After talking to him for some time, his replies being mostly monosyllables, I questioned him about the preacher and the Bethel Rock. "Haven't you heard tell o' Parson Tom?" said he; and when I replied that I had not, he didn't offer to say any more and just looked at the ground.

Turning around, I noticed that the sun was sinking down behind the hills, and I found it necessary to make tracks for home, leaving this quaint little place and meditating about the simple life people are content to lead with apparent enjoyment.

THE ARMIDALE TRIP.

We met at eight o'clock on Thursday, 8th June, at Central Railway Station in the best of spirits. The reports we had heard about the extreme cold and the probability of a bad attack of 'flu did not seem to have affected our cheerfulness in the slightest. We were packed into two compartments, eight in each and the prospect of getting some sleep later on did not seem too bright. However, we decided to let the future take care of itself, and began amusing ourselves in various ways. Some played

cards, some read magazines, while two or three, who felt that the missing of a night's homework might make all the difference in the big exam. in November, sat in the corner and studied diligently. I had better mention now that there were refreshment rooms at intervals of about every two hours, and each one of them received a lot of customers from our party. If the reader imagines the word "refreshments" inserted about every six lines in this narrative, he will have the story in much fuller detail.

As it was growing late, we were faced with the problem of how eight were going to stretch out in one compartment. We solved it this way : we took the cushions off the seats, putting one lot on the floor and one in the corridor. Two lay on each seat two on the floor, and two in the corridor. Nobody wanted to go in the corridor, but I jumped at the chance. It was by far the best place, until the guard came round at two o'clock and made us put the cushions back. Fortunately we had a debater in the team. He chased up the guard and completely overwhelmed him with his verbosity. As a result, the guard said we could take the cushions off as soon as he went away.

We arrived at Armidale about eleven o'clock, and were taken to the School in the local charabanc. We had a look round the School, and were much impressed. The main block, containing the classrooms on the ground floor, the dormitories upstairs, and the headmaster's residence at one end, is a fine building. Just to the right of the main block is the Junior House, and to the left the Chapel. The Chapel is naturally much smaller than ours, but it is not lacking in any other respect. We attended the Chapel service on Saturday morning, and, although there are only about 110 in the School, they all sang and made the service go with a swing. In front of the School there are a couple of football fields, the whole piece being about the size of the lower grounds at Northbridge. At the back there are the cricket oval and the football field (two separate grounds).

We slept like logs on Friday night, and woke up (or rather were awakened)—I think we would have slept all the morning—to see a cloudless sky and the sunshine streaming through the window. A few of us went into the town in the morning and found that it is indeed a city of churches and schools.

We played the match in the afternoon, and it was a very enjoyable game.

Our train was due to leave at eight o'clock, so we had to go shortly after tea. We departed in the charabanc to the accompaniment of the T.A.S. war cry and a rousing cheer. We had been treated extremely well, our hosts doing all they could for us and making us very comfortable.

We were sorry that we had not been able to visit N.E.G.S., for everyone had wanted to see the school buildings and grounds.

The trip home was more enjoyable. It was not so cold, and everyone was so tired that they had to sleep. We arrived home at about eleven o'clock on Sunday morning after a thoroughly good time, with a very high opinion of T.A.S.

THE HUMORISTS' CLUB.

By A. L. Y.

In these days of mass production, when books are turned out by the hundred thousand, it can readily be seen that some controlling influence is a very necessary thing to prevent the boon of literature from becoming a curse.

In England there has already been formed a Detection Club, which is working daily to improve the quality of detective fiction. Every member of this club, and its members include people like G. K. Chesterton and Dorothy Sayers, is made to swear that he will never sully his pages with the introduction thereto of death rays, ghosts, hypnotism, super criminals, trap-doors, etc.

This club is doing excellent work in the field of detective fiction, but it seems to me that there is a pressing need for some steadying force in other branches of literature. For this reason, I intend to form the Humorists' Club, whose ideal will be to improve the quality of present-day humour, which, I am afraid, is in many cases, and in one instance particularly, going to the dogs. Members of this club will be solemnly made to swear that they, "by their own example, and by their influence over others," will seek to eliminate from the pages of humorous fiction all jokes concerning Irishmen, Scotsmen, golfers, country yokels, mothers-in-law, back-seat drivers, and, worst of all (and in this part of the swearing-in ceremony the applicant will solemnly spit on his hand) school boys!

Too long has the unhappy schoolboy been the subject of vile ridicule. From the days of King Alfred he has been continually scored off in so-called humorous literature. Usually the joke takes the form of some elementary question by the master, to which the boy gives a ridiculous answer. No doubt this is very amusing to adults, especially masters, but to sensible people it is pitiful. This craze for schoolboy jokes has gone so far that, in Melbourne, the backs of tram tickets are disfigured

with schoolboy howlers. Thus is the coming generation held up to the ridicule of its elders.

However, the time has now come for us schoolboys to act. Why should we not retaliate with jokes about masters, crude, biting jokes which would amply repay them for the amusement they have obtained at our expense? This is one of the things which the Humorists' Club will set itself to do, and it is expected that every patriotic Shore boy will avail himself of this unique chance of turning the tables on masters. Everyone desirous of becoming a member of the Club should write to "The Secretary, The Humorists' Club, c/o The Editor, *The Torch-Bearer*," enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope, and two shillings to cover the first term's subscription.

N.B.—The Humorists' Club has no relation whatsoever to the "Junior Comrades of Stalin Fellowship" or the "Young Fascists' League."

LUNCH WITH CAESAR.

By R. J. E.

PROLOGUE.

It's not our fault. We study Shakespeare at school. We study him at home. We study Shakespeare in the train. We dream Shakespeare. We live on Shakespeare. We give him no peace nor he us. Is it any wonder then that—

12.18 P.M.

He walks determinedly towards the large doorway muttering "Calpurnia! Calpurnia!" his fair head slightly bowed and his toes turned out at an angle somewhat greater than the prescribed angle of forty-five degrees. He mounts the steps, walks straight towards a second door with 20 painted on it in white figures, still calling Calpurnia. His mind is made up: he goes straight into the room, straight to the nearest table on his right, eagerly opens a case, extracts a brown paper parcel containing sandwiches and a small parcel of white grease-proof paper, and eyes them both hungrily.

* * * * *

12.17 P.M.

A figure clad in grey, bearing several brown paper parcels, makes his way hurriedly along an asphalt path towards a brick archway, with

the song "Come away, come away, death!" on his lips. He stops at a door under the arch, calls out something, and hands over three of the brown paper parcels and some money to the individual who answers his summons. He then resumes his way lighter by two pies, two ham rolls, two apples, and tenpence.

On coming out of the arch he makes a full turn to the left and heads straight for the large doorway, just in time to see a similarly clad figure disappear through it. That, however, does not deter him; he keeps on his way, passes through the doorway, turns half-right, and disappears into Room 20.

* * * * *

12.19 P.M.

A third figure clothed in the fashionable grey suit, wearing tortoise-shell spectacles, exquisitely matching his peppery hair, comes out of a doorway marked 21, chewing chips, and proceeds to the room opposite (which, as one might have guessed, is Room 20) just in time to see a figure carrying some parcels vanish into the room.

* * * * *

ROOM 20.

12.20 P.M.

There are three people in the room. No. 1 is bending over an open suitcase, a brown paper parcel in one hand and a white grease-proof paper parcel in the other.

Person No. 2 is making his way towards the last table but one on the opposite side of the room, with a look of anticipation on his handsome face. As he passes No. 1, his eagle eye catches sight of the white parcel in the other's left hand. With a cry of "What, Lucius, ho!" he seizes the parcel.

The third person has just entered. He precipitates himself towards No. 2 like a Whangam "to secure his property."

There ensues a fierce struggle, and amid cries of "Help me hence, ho!" and "Tear him to pieces!" No. 1 is imprisoned behind the door, which is held in position by persons 2 and 3, who exchange chips and chocolate biscuits.

ENTER A CROWD.

1st Citizen (a little small man) : "Who's there?"

2nd Citizen (a chemist—softly, almost feebly, as faint thrusts come

from the other side of the door) : " 'Tis ———; I know him by his weight!"

Crowd (fedduply) : "U-r-r-r. . . .!"

3rd Citizen (a physicist—seeing the chocolate biscuits) : "Ha!"

4th Citizen (a jumper) : "Ha!"

Citizens 3 and 4 : "Ha! Ha! . . . : Aw, give us a chocolate biscuit."

Person No. 2 (who was a shooting coach the day before) : "Come on my right hand, for this ear is deaf."

[*Citizens 3 and 4* repeat the request.]

Person No. 2 : "Hence home, you idle creatures."

Citizens 3 and 4 (seizing *No. 2's* hand, but not in flattery) : "O see, sir!"

Person No. 2 : "Hence wilt thou lift up a lamp post!"

Crowd : "Bootless Brutus! Bootless Brutus!"

[At this moment there is a fierce thrust from behind the door. *Persons* (2 and 3), chips and chocolate biscuits spread themselves on the floor and *Brutus* comes from behind the door, rage written in black letters an inch deep on his blinking face.]

Brutus : "Peace, freedom and liberty!"

2nd Citizen (handing *Brutus* a couple of chocolate biscuits) : "Eat two, Brute, ay?"

[*Alarums*, cry within—*French! Maths! Maths!*]

[*B.* still holds the floor firmly with both feet.]

Brutus : "Hence, idle fellow, I will follow."

Crowd : "We will be revenged. What's the period?"

[*Exeunt* asking each other whether they have done their *Maths*. homework.]

CUTTINGS FROM THE CLASSICS.

By J. B. B.

Visions of rolling landscape, spread
Before the climber's eyes,
Bring thoughts of heroes long since dead
In far off centuries.

Their spirits move as the winds that blow
Over the boundless seas,
Inspiring bards with the mystic glow
To sing of their histories.

Ulysses bound to the mainmast
Hears the sirens' songs,
And vainly calls on deafened men
To loose the leathern thongs.

And Atalanta, running
Round the course at Thebes,
Sees the golden apples
From the Hesperides.

Horatius at the Tiber bridge,
That leads to the city's gate,
Stands with his gallant helpers
Prepared to meet his fate.

And Jason in the Argo,
In search of the Golden Fleece,
Sails o'er the blue Aegean
By the storied isles of Greece.

From Troy's burning ruins
Out of the smoke and wrack,
Escapes the pious Aeneas
With his father on his back.

Icarus flying skywards,
On his way from Crete,
Soars too near the sungod
And falls at Heaven's feet.

Niobe mourning her children
Weeps ceaselessly all alone,
Till Zeus in his great mercy
Transforms her into stone.

Then fades the light of memory
And dies the flickering flame;
For ceases now the melody
That awakened the past with its fame.

ELEGY WRITTEN IN THE MAIN SCHOOL COURTYARD.

By R. G. E.

The school bell tolls the call, on Chapel day,
And boys must now fall in (if Sol doth shine);
But some are late, and quickly make their way
To gather on the asphalt, each in line.

Now fades the turmoil, for 'tis on the wane,
And all the air a solemn stillness holds,
Save where the sergeant-major waves his cane,
As stragglers he to better habits moulds.

Beneath those stately figs, that pathway's shade,
The masters pass; then forward from the arch,
In file on file, thus passes the parade:
Forth from the quad, with "A" forms first; they march.

But now that bell, to every boy well known,
Yet times there are when welcomed is its tone;
But now each class-room must its lot contain.
Rings out its harsh unwelcome din again—

Far from the madding master's tiresome talk
Their close attention never ought to stray.
Alas! how hard, in saintly paths to walk,
To damp the noisy tenour of their way.

Perhaps in some dull class-room quakes a boy,
For of his homework he has none to show;
Too well he knows Distraction's sweet decoy,
And penalties that masters do bestow.

His crimes are known: such faults the teacher mends;
And so in answer to the tyrant's nod,
Before the class in penitence he bends—
The victim of his master, and the rod.

HORACE ODES I, xv.

By J. L. P.

What time the shepherd bore across the seas
 In fleet of Ida's timber—traitor-guest!
 His hostess Helen, Nereus plung'd the breeze
 Into unwilling rest,
 To chant wild doom : "By evil bird is sped
 Thy homeward way ; Greek hordes will claim their own,
 Confederate to wreck thy marriage-bed
 And Priam's ancient throne.
 Woe! Woe! What deaths for Trojan kin! And thou
 The cause! What reek of sweat on men and froth
 On steed! Pallas prepareth even now
 Shield, helmet, car, and wrath!
 In vain of Venus' wardship proud thou'lt train
 Thy curls; and with the unwarlike lute divide
 Song-melodies that ladies love; in vain
 In lady's chamber hide
 From Gnosian arrow-points, spear's weighty thrust,
 From noise of battle, from the swift pursuit
 Of Ajax : yet—too late, alas!—shall dust
 Thy lecher locks pollute.
 Look sternward : seest thou not Laertes' son,
 Troy's bane? Nor Nestor? Others dog thy flight,
 Nor waver; Teucer of Salamis is one,
 And Sthenelus skill'd in fight
 To rein the horse, to urge the car at need.
 Merion thou wilt descry : lo! all afire
 To catch thee, ruthless Diomed, the seed
 Grown greater than the sire.
 Thou carpet-knight! As buck, a wolf that sees
 Across the valley and forgets to browse,
 Thou'lt flee him, panting breaths flung high. Were these
 To thy light love thy vows?
 Achilles' anger'd fleet will respite Troy
 And Phrygian mothers from the day of doom :
 The years are number'd : Greek fire *shall* destroy
 The homes of Ilium."

LAYS OF MODERN PARRAMATTA.

The Coach Man of the boat crew,
By the eight oars he swore
That Church of England Grammar
Should not be beaten more;
By the Eight Oars he swore it
And called upon his crew,
Pedlingham and Marsh and Dey
(Fit as fiddles all were they),
With Smith as Number Two.

Then up spake the doughty Seagoe,
Stroke of the Eight was he :
"Put Middleton behind my back
To row this race with me ;
With Selff as cox, and Bradhurst, too,
Saint Vincent in the bow,
If we don't go like scalded cats
And win the race, we'll eat our hats,
Ourselves as mugs avow."

With straining oars they race along,
Two hundred yards to go ;
Now Grammar leads by half a length,
But Shore exerting all their strength,
Creep slowly on the foc.

"Curse on you!" quoth the coxswain,
"Why don't you blighters row?
I'll get the Grammar stroke to stop,
And ask him for a tow!
If seven maids with seven mops
To-day were pulling here,
They'd row as far in half an hour
As you in half a year.

"Oh! Father Parramatta,
To whom Australians pray,
Vouchsafe these cows that extra ounce
That wins the race to-day."

The line is crossed, the gun is fired,
The winner—none knows who ;
" 'Tis Shore! 'Tis Shore"—a fathom
bare
That separates the two.

With deepest admiration,
Still is the story told,
How gallantly did Grammar fight
Their title proud to hold.

HORACE'S EPITAPH.**A TRANSLATION.**By **H. G. S.**

I have raised up a monument more lasting than brass,
Loftier than the Pyramids, coffins of kings,
Which neither the rusting shower nor raging Aquilo
Has power to destroy, nor the passion of the years
Yet unnumbered, nor even the flight of jealous Time.
Death shall not claim me all; thou, cruel Goddess of the dead

Shall have but the smaller part; for my renown shall grow,
 Ever girt in posterity's praise, whilst the high priest,
 With the silent Virgin standing by, shall scan with pride
 Our Capitol. I shall be noised abroad e'en to where
 Bounds and roars Aufidus unchained; Daunus, from the poor
 Ennobled, shall read me, ruling o'er his waterless wastes;
 For am I not the first to fit Aeolian verse
 To our Roman rime? And thou, who art Poesy's Muse,
 Grant to me unaffected pride, sought by deservers,
 And wreathe my brow with Delphic laurel, thy known reward.

"CORRECTIONS."

A FRENCH CLASS BALLAD.

By L. N. S.

All corrections must be done—
 The rule applies to everyone;
 They must all be in to-morrow—
 If they're not, t'will cause you sorrow.

They must be in : none must be late;
 'Cos if they are, sad is your fate.
 If you're late once and late again,
 The second time you'll get the cane.

And after that I'll not spare you,
 But every time I'll give you two;
 And if they're late in every day,
 I'll then give you a Saturday.

And if that does not cure your sin,
 Then every day I'll keep you in :
 Until one day I find a cure,
 To make you have them in, for sure.

And then I'll be exceeding glad
 To see the effect my words have had;
 And I shall think you *assez bon*
Et puis j'en serai très content.

PADDY.

By C. M. S.

Paddy is an Irish terrier
Who seldom is, if ever, merrier
Than when doing something naughty,
Which he thinks is rather sporty;

But when brought to book at last,
With hurried look about him cast,
He quickly slips away to hide,
Hoping to escape unspied.

His master, stern, gives speedy chase,
And soon he finds the hiding-place;
Then woe is Paddy, eyes agog,
By now a sadder, wiser dog.

He sees the strap raised high in ire,
And prepares to meet his fate most dire,
But pleading eyes a pardon win,
For slipper torn and other sin.

Then Paddy scampers off relieved
At being thus by luck reprieved;
His tail once more assumes its air,
Proof of its owner's lack of care.

JOURNALISM CONSIDERED AS A FINE ART.

By D. J. R.

(With apologies to various sources.)

ENTER PROLOGUE.

Though many things of mirth, yet few of worth,
Have o'er the mill-pond come from U.S.A.
Since that queer-shaped and talkative piece of earth
Was rashly, by Columbus found, they say:
So if the gentle reader deigns to heed
My lay, to him I will a tale unfold;

But I must add (lest any Yank should read)
 That my remarks no living reference hold.
 A weekly paper's office is the scene,
 An editor the hero of my play,
 His stunts to gain publicity the theme;
 And now to tell the tale without delay.

ACT I. (*and only*).

SCENE : In the office of *Juggins' Weekly*, New York.

Enter Editor of *Juggins' Weekly*.

Ed. : This blanky paper's going to the dogs;
 We've lost our punch, we haven't any "it,"
 And readers say they'll read our tripe no more :
 And every day they send us through the post.
 Letters, all tending to the low opinion
 New York holds of our rag. What ! *Juggins' ?*
 My pop did drive the *Herald* from the streets,
 When it was called a paper.

Office-boy ! ho !

[Enter Office-boy.]

Office-boy : Did you ring, boss ?

Ed. : Go, bid the old man attend me in my office.

Office-boy : The managing director's still at lunch,
 And think you it is safe to worry him ?

Ed. : Thou saucy varlet, get thee gone at once !
 Am I afeared to tell greybeards my mind ?

[Exit hastily Office-boy and enter almost immediately

Managing Director:].

Dir. : You pop-eyed, perishin' pestilence . . .

What mean you to disturb me at my lunch ?

Ed. : O ! Worthiest of employers, I'm distraught,
 And 'tis essential I consult with you.

Dir. : Speak on.

Ed. : Sir, you do know our circulation's dropped
 More thousands than it oughter ; soon methinks,
 In vulgar parlance, we'll be on the rocks.
 We've no more news to fill our paper with :
 We've won the war—but everyone knows that !
 Brazil has only had one revolution

Within the last two weeks, and that was tame.
 No murders, thefts, divorces, strikes or wars
 Disturb the noiseless tenour of our way;
 And, finally, most terrible of all,
 SPEED GORDON ENDS NEXT WEEK—our doom is sealed!
 Now, boss, I sure do guess and calculate
 That what we need is some live-wire suggestion.

Dir. : And how! but who'll produce this bright idea?

Ed. (suddenly) : Stop! stop thy talk! Thine idle prattle hold!
 Bright inspiration grips my mighty mind,
 And soon it must give vent. [Assumes worried expression,
 denoting extreme mental torment.]

Dir. (aside) : Even so great men, great problems try to solve.

Ed. : Eureka! Eureka! Whoopee! [Flourish of trumpets from
 within.]

Now mark you well, and I'll unfold my scheme.

'Tis this : Throughout the land of U.S.A.

We shall announce a competition

To find the best of all our citizens,

And it may be a man or woman or child.

When found, to him, or her, or it, we'll give

Ten thousand dollars. This competition

Will rouse the people's interest so much

That we shall thereby gain publicity.

What think you of it?

Dir. : Truly an excellent suggestion;

But one small fly, methinks, besports itself

In this your ointment. Where do you hope to find

Ten thousand dollars?

Ed. : We'll start subscription lists, and soon collect,

Not ten, but fifty thousand dollars!

Go to it. [Exit Managing Director.]

Now let the *Herald* quake in trepidation,

For we will yet increase our circulation. [Exit.]

Enter EPILOGUE.

Now our editor from New York,

By the great horned toad he swore

That the great house of "Juggins"

Should suffer wrong no more.

By the great horned toad he swore it,

And named the closing-day,
And bade his office-boys go forth
East and west and south and north,
Ay, and on extra pay!

And now the news is broadcast over all that noble land,
The terms, conditions, entrance fee, our editor had planned.
Night sank upon Miami's beach, and on the purple sea :
Such night in U.S.A. ne'er was, and ne'er again shall be.
From New York north to Boston, in Massachusetts State,
And south to Carolina, the couriers rode straight;
Southward from Pennsylvania the messengers went forth,
High on bleak Allegheny's Mount they started for the north;
Proud Tennessee received them, and Alabama too;
And Mrs. Sippi bade them halt, and swallow down a few.
Then soon the whole broad continent has heard of this great plan,
And ere the day, a mighty stream of entry forms began.
From every town they send them in : from men who claim to be
The best of all the citizens in all that fair country.
Then Al. Capone comes to light : "Crikey! Ten thousand bucks!
I've done four years for half as much—I'm on this game, sir. Shucks!"
And back Chicago-way he went to start a Sunday School,
While Huey Long gave promise that he'd no more play the fool.
But the greatest of surprises from the politicians came,
Who said, among some more reforms, that they would do the same.
Then none was for a party, then all were for the State,
And post haste sent their entry forms before the closing date.
A Burglars' Band of Hope and a Reformed Assassins' League
Gained Al. Capone quite a start; but later in the week
A husband left his club at one (a.m.) and homeward went,
And there was greeted by his wife with nought but compliment!
But finally the prize was won—by whom? A mother-in-law
(Posthumously, I scarce need add). What could you ask for more?
By now America was rid of politics and war,
Of the agony of crooning, and the cares of mother-in-law;
And by decree the Yankee tourist never more was seen,
And similarly punished they, of punsters all the cream.
Then comes our brainy editor once more upon the stage,
And, after him, in solemn silence comes his worthy page;
The managing director too, as on that former date,
And down they sit and there discuss this grave, portentous state.

First spoke the gallant editor : "My worthy friends," said he,
"Although this world's a better place than what it useta be,
Yet I'm afraid there are some faults in this idea of mine;
For don't you see, there are no wars, no criminals, no crime,
And, therefore, there is no more need of newspapers, my friends."
Glum silence follows while they think—a plan to make amends.
Then up and spake the editor, that sat at the manager's knee :
"Ah, sir, I've now bethought myself another scheme for thee.
Our old friend, Al. Capone, says that for ten bucks a time
He'll do a bumping-off : and I've a friend in Argentine
Who'll start a little rumpus there for slight remuneration;
And others, too, with similar views, might carry on the notion.
This plan induced the manager to make this last oration :
"Say, kid, this is the toughest scheme of all;
All your ideas, save only this, were made
In envy of the *Herald* and the rest.
This plan alone did seek the common good
Of all the Press; and it's a scheme so tough
That all the journalists of U.S.A.
Might now stand up and say, 'This was a cinch!'"

G.P.S. REGATTA, 1935.

The Regatta took place on May 1st and 4th, too late for the inclusion of the results in the last issue of *The Torch-Bearer*. The three School crews were in good condition. Throughout their training they had a most enjoyable time, and they had the good fortune to encounter no setback. On Wednesday, April 24th, the Eight rowed a particularly good course against St. Andrew's College, winning by two or three lengths. For some days afterwards they fell below their best form. In the heat they started very badly, and did not row well enough to recover the distance which they lost in the first few strokes. However, they deserve the greatest credit for the manner in which they tackled their work between heat and final. They never lost confidence in their ability to win, and, chiefly by calm perseverance, reached their top form by May 4th. They undoubtedly owe their victory to their attitude during these last few days. Seago stroked splendidly in the final. He gave his crew time to get their work on, and kept them going over the middle half-mile with length and steadiness. His finishing effort for the last 300 yards

was splendid, but it need scarcely be said that it would not have been possible had his crew not backed him up as one man. "Grammar" deserve no less praise : there was very little to choose between the two crews.

The Fours rowed very well in heats and finals. Both crews had winning chances and, indeed, the 2nd Four might easily have won with luck on its side.

Conditions for the races were not entirely satisfactory. The Regatta Committee considered it impossible to arrange a date when the tide would be with the crews. Hence the heats were rowed against a strong tide, as well as a firm south-easterly breeze ; the weather for the finals was excellent, with a slight nor'-easter, but on that day also the tide was adverse. It is to be hoped that we shall be able to row with the tide in future years.

The results of the racing were as follow:—

Wednesday, May 1st.

THIRD CREWS' RACE.

First Heat.—Stations : 1, S.; 2, H.; 3, K.; 4, N.

RESULT :

1.	S.H.S.
2.	T.S.C.
3.	T.K.S.
4.	N.C.

Won by $\frac{1}{2}$ length. Time, 6 min. 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

Second Heat.—Stations : 1, E.; 2, I.; 3, J.; 4, G.

RESULT :

1.	S.J.C.
2.	S.C.E.G.S.

(Bow) B. E. Swire, 10.10; (2) N. W. Warren, 11.11; (3) J. F. Watkin, 12.4; (str.) H. W. Pronk, 10.11; (cox) C. S. Spain; (coach) E. Mander Jones, Esq.

3.	S.G.S.
4.	S.I.C.

Won by 3 feet. Time, 6 min. 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

CHAMPIONSHIP EIGHTS.

First Heat.—Stations : 1, K.; 2, H.; 3, I.; 4, S.

RESULT :

1.	T.S.C.
2.	T.K.S.
3.	S.H.S.
4.	S.I.C.

Won by 4 lengths. Time, 9 min. 48 sec.

Second Heat.—Stations : 1, N.; 2, J.; 3, G.; 4, E.

RESULT :

- | | |
|---------|------------|
| 1. | S.G.S. |
| 2. | S.C.E.G.S. |

(Bow) S. St. Vincent Welch, 10.5; (2) E. B. J. Smith, 10.10; (3) D. L. Dey, 12.0; (4) R. A. Pedlingham, 11.1; (5) J. G. M. Marsh, 12.10; (6) L. W. Middleton, 11.11; (7) H. C. Bradhurst, 10.11; (str.) G. E. Seagoe, 10.11; (cox) E. F. Seiff; (coach) L. C. Robson, Esq.

- | | |
|---------|--------|
| 3. | S.J.C. |
| 4. | N.C. |

One length, 1½ lengths, 6 lengths. Time, 9 min. 40 sec.

SECOND CREWS' RACE.

First Heat.—Stations : 1, I.; 2, N.; 3, S.; 4, E.

RESULT :

- | | |
|---------|------------|
| 1. | S.C.E.G.S. |
|---------|------------|

(Bow) J. W. Hipsley, 10.6; (2) J. Barnes, 11.7; (3) H. G. Wise, 11.12; (str.) M. C. Wood, 10.8; (cox) B. R. Sautelle; (coach) J. B. Burrell, Esq.

- | | |
|---------|--------|
| 2. | T.S.C. |
| 3. | S.I.C. |
| 4. | N.C. |

Two lengths. Time, 7 min. 18½ sec.

Second Heat.—Stations : 1, G.; 2, J.; 3, H.; 4, K.

RESULT :

- | | |
|---------|--------|
| 1. | S.J.C. |
| 2. | S.H.S. |
| 3. | S.G.S. |
| 4. | T.K.S. |

One and a half lengths. Time, 7 min. 3½ sec.

Saturday, May 4th.—Finals.

THIRD CREWS' RACE.

Stations : 1, J.; 2, E.; 3, S.; 4, H.

RESULT :

- | | |
|---------|----------------------------------|
| 1. | S.J.C. |
| 2. | S.C.E.G.S. and S.H.S., dead heat |
| 4. | T.S.C. |

Time, 6 min. 33 sec. S.C.E.G.S. led by ¾ length at Putney, and maintained this lead until the last quarter mile. Then St. Joseph's, finishing fast, shot to the front, winning by 1½ lengths.

SECOND CREWS' RACE:

Stations : 1, S.; 2, J.; 3, H.; 4, E.

RESULT :	
1.	S.J.C.
2.	S.H.S.
3.	S.C.E.G.S.
4.	T.S.C.

Time, 6 min. 31½ sec. A very good race from start to finish: a length covered the three leading crews throughout. Won by ½ length, with ½ length between second and third.

CHAMPIONSHIP EIGHTS.

Stations : 1, S.; 2, E.; 3, K.; 4, G.

RESULT :	
1.	S.C.E.G.S.
2.	S.G.S.
3.	T.S.C.
4.	T.K.S.

Time, 8 min. 56½ sec. After 100 yards S.G.S. led S.C.E.G.S. by ½ length, the crews rating 43 and 42 respectively. At Blaxland's, S.G.S., rowing three strokes higher, led S.C.E.G.S. by ½ length, with Scots and King's about a length behind. S.G.S., putting great power into its work, established a lead of ½ length crossing to the Gasworks, and S.C.E.G.S. was two lengths ahead of T.S.C. The two leading crews were putting up a great race, with S.G.S. gradually pulling away. When a mile had been rowed it led by ½ length. After passing Tennyson, S.G.S. increased its rate and drew away again, and, entering the laneway, led S.C.E.G.S., which was still rowing perfect form, by ½ length. At this stage T.S.C. were four lengths back, and T.K.S. two lengths further. With ½ mile to go, and S.G.S. apparently able to maintain the high rating, it appeared that only a superhuman effort would enable S.C.E.G.S. to draw level; but without upsetting the perfect rhythm of the boat, the rate was gradually increased, the full power clapped on, and stroke by stroke it gradually lessened the lead to ½ length, to ¼ length, and then, 200 yards from the finish, it was almost level with S.G.S. The latter got the rate up to 38 in an endeavour to maintain its slight lead, and the crews put up a magnificent fight for the last 100 yards. They were level 50 yards from the finish, when S.C.E.G.S. put in one of the best finishing bursts in the history of the race and crossed the line with 6 ft. to spare. Scots were 6 lengths away, and King's 8 lengths away.

—(Description abridged from *S.M. Herald*.)

The Saturday morning races, in which four of our crews were entered, yielded no wins for the School. But as ample amends for meeting faster crews, our men have the satisfaction of knowing that they rowed as well in the races as during training. It is hard to maintain style when the

Supplement to "The Torch-Bearer," September 1, 1935.

S.C.E.G.S. EIGHT, 1935 (WINNERS).



BACK ROW : S. St. V. Welch (bow), E. B. J. Smith (2), D. L. Dey (3), R. A. Pedlington (4).
FRONT ROW : H. C. Bradhurst (7), G. E. Seagoe (stroke), L. C. Robson, Esq. (coach), L. W. Middleton (6), J. G. M. Marsh (5).
IN FRONT : E. F. Self (cox).

[Photo. by Sidney Riley.]

opponents are leading, and especially hard for a stroke to remember at such a time the upper limit of his crew's resources. Yet throughout every boat the advice of the coaches was followed at all points, and sixteen young oarsmen passed their initiation with credit in the technique and a good showing in the temperament of boating.

Various friends of the School have greatly assisted us by donations to the rowing funds. These cheques have helped to pay the cost of a new racing eight, and to defray other expenses. Our thanks are due to Mr. W. P. Thomas, Mr. A. Muston, Mr. A. Roche, Mr. R. C. M. Boyce, and Dr. K. St. Vincent Welch. Dr. Stuart Studdy has most generously presented to the Boat Club a new set of oars for next year's crew. We express to him our cordial thanks. This has made it possible to present to this year's crew suitably decorated oars as trophies of their victory. The presentation was made by Mrs. Studdy after dinner on Saturday, 15th June. The Boat Shed appreciates very much their generosity and help.

BOAT CLUB DANCE.

The Rowing Club Dance was held on May 9th. It was a perfect night, and the many guests, among whom were some members of the S.G.S. crews, had a most enjoyable evening. The Major Rennie Trophy was proudly displayed, and its presence created an atmosphere of satisfaction and enjoyment. Good music was provided by the orchestra, and an excellent supper was served in the Dining Hall at the conclusion of the function. Fewer guests were present than at last year's function, and in consequence the balance shown on the balance sheet below is smaller.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	f s. d.		f s. d.
Sale of Tickets (156 at 4/- each)	31 4 0	Orchestra	7 10 0
Ladies' Committee	1 15 6	Attendants	3 0 0
Donation	1 1 0	Refreshments, etc.	5 13 6
		Printing	1 3 8
		Sundries	1 5 0
		Balance	15 8 4
	<u>£34 0 6</u>		<u>£34 0 6</u>

TENNIS.

As part of the celebrations of Foundation Day, a match was played on the School courts against an Old Boys' team. The tennis was interesting and enjoyable, and the result was not decided until the last set had been played. Scores:—

Mr. Eldershaw and Mr. McCracken (S.C.E.G.S.) v. Smith and Merewether (O.B.), 6-3; v. White and MacDermott, 6-4; v. Ross and Wood, 6-1; v. Trebeck and Ward, 6-1.

MacKellar and Gardiner v. White and MacDermott, 3-6; v. Smith and Merewether, 5-6; v. Trebeck and Ward, 6-2; v. Ross and Wood, 6-2.

Swirles and Tilbury v. Ross and Wood, 4-6; v. Trebeck and Ward, 4-6; v. White and MacDermott, 2-6; v. Smith and Merewether, 0-6.

Walkom and Neil v. Trebeck and Ward, 6-3; v. Ross and Wood, 5-6; v. Smith and Merewether, 4-6; v. White and MacDermott, 3-6.

Old Boys, 9 sets 70 games. S.C.E.G.S., 7 sets 72 games.

On Saturday, 15th June, we had a most enjoyable game against the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, at Richmond. The teams were very evenly matched, and we all enjoyed the day very much. Scores:—

Singles.—MacKellar (S.C.E.G.S.) v. N. MacDonald (Capt., H.A.C.), 10-8; v. R. MacDonald, 9-3. Gardiner v. N. MacDonald, 9-6; v. R. MacDonald, 10-8. Tilbury v. Longworth, 8-9; v. Richardson, 9-8. Swirles (Capt.) v. Richardson, 7-9; v. Longworth, 8-10.

Doubles.—MacKellar and Gardiner (S.C.E.G.S.) v. R. MacDonald and N. MacDonald, 6-1, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4; v. Longworth and Richardson, 6-2, 6-3. Swirles and Tilbury v. Longworth and Richardson, 6-8, 1-6, 2-6, 4-6; v. R. MacDonald and N. MacDonald, 1-6, 6-8.

S.C.E.G.S. won by 11 sets 127 games to 9 sets 119 games.

The School Tournament has been progressing very satisfactorily, and already two of the events are almost finished. Competitors have done their best to make the work involved as light as possible, and the remaining events should be finished before the end of third term.

The final of the junior section of the G.P.S. Tournament, in which the School meets S.H.S., has not yet been played. However, the match will take place as soon as arrangements can be made. We are looking forward to playing the Fairwater Cup early next term.

FOOTBALL.

1st XV., 1935.

There were few members of last year's higher teams available: those who were included Tonkin and Dey i. of the 1sts; Bradhurst, Walton i., Walton ii., and Swire of the 2nds; and Findlater, Marsh, and Bourke of the 3rds. Because of this, five of the Junior "A's" became regular members of the 1st XV.

In the trial games, the team showed promise against Grammar School. There was team work of a high order: the forwards rucked well, won the ball from the

scrums, and held their own in the line-outs; the backs handled well, combined cleverly, and tackled hard. Much was expected in the Competition. Unfortunately there was little improvement, either in individual skill or team work. It was not altogether the fault of the team. Nicol received an injury to his knee, which prevented him from playing for three weeks; as he was five-eighth, his absence not only weakened the team at the moment, but made any improvement in team work impossible. The loss of the five-eighth alone would have been serious enough at this stage of team building, but that was not all: several players had influenza, and there were many injuries.

At the beginning of the season, the forwards won the ball from the scrums; they rucked fairly well, and won a good share of the ball from line-outs. Travers was the best line-out forward, for, besides being tall, he handled perfectly. Later he was moved to full-back, and the ball was so seldom won from line-outs that scrums were usually preferred.

As a pack they were never badly beaten. They formed tight rucks, but then did not work hard enough to win the ball quickly. They were best with the ball at the toe; one of their rushes against Riverview was grand. Fully fifty yards the ball was dribbled; then Bradhurst passed to the backs, and Findlater was tackled very close to the line. But efforts like this were very rare—they seemed incapable of playing well right through a game, probably because they were too light.

Bradhurst, Pedlingham, and Tooth were the most prominent forwards in the loose. Bradhurst was the open side breakaway; he tackled very well, and made the most of his chances, scoring tries against King's, Newington, High, and Scots. Pedlingham was often too fast round the scrum; he worked hard, sometimes tackled low, and joined in the attack from the blind side. Tooth always played soundly; in general play he was never far from the ball, and he rucked very well. He was often too slow away from the scrums, but nevertheless made some good tackles as a covering defender.

Dey i. and J. Walton were an efficient second row. Dey i. was good in the rucks, and tackled well; with the ball at the toe he was often prominent, but he kicked too far more than once. J. Walton was at his best in the rucks and scrums; he tackled well, too, close to line-outs and rucks, but was not good in the open.

The front row forwards were F. Walton, R. Dey, and Swire. Dey was the lightest man in the team, but probably the most efficient at his own particular job of hooking. But not only did he hook well—he was always near the ball; he tackled well, and was prominent in the open.

F. Walton and Swire were the best at dribbling. Walton handled well, too; he tackled hard, and was always ready to go down on the ball. He was one of the best forwards. Swire caught the ball well, and sometimes joined in the attack. His tackling was sound.

In only two games did the backs combine well—against Grammar in the trial match and against High School. This was due to bad handling by the inside backs.

Travers shaped well at full-back. He handled and kicked well, and was always in position. He was beaten a few times through rushing at a rolling ball, and once missed a tackle by not playing to the whistle. He was the most

versatile player in the team, and could play well in any position in the backs; but probably he is best at breakaway.

Minnett and Findlater each played well on the wing. Nobody who saw it will ever forget Minnett's try against Grammar. He swerved outside his winger and then outside the full-back, and ran fifty yards to score in the corner. Findlater was tricky in attack, and his tackling improved. He should play very well next year.

Tonkin played at out-centre and on the wing. He tackled well, but sometimes came in too fast and so was easily beaten. In attack he had few opportunities, but was very dangerous provided he had room. He has since played as Captain of the G.P.S. 2nd XV.

Pronk played at inner or outer-centre. He always defended well, and ran very hard and straight. He handled well, but did not always pass well or at the right time. He showed a tendency to run in front of the man with the ball, and so was off-side.

Nicol played very well at first, but did not regain his form after his injury. He ran hard and tackled well, but his handling was uncertain. He is keen and determined, and I'm sure he will overcome this fault next year.

Stokes played well at half-back provided he had room. He made good openings from the base of the scrum, and cleverly worked the blind. The weakness in his game was his passing and gathering from the ground. In general play he worked hard, and was often prominent.

Moore played at five-eighth for the last two games. His handling was very good; he ran hard and dodged well. Despite his lack of weight, he tackled well and worked hard.

Bourke was the utility man. He played at half-back, five-eighth, in centre, and on the wing, and performed fairly well despite his many changes of position.

There were other players: E. B. J. Smith and Busby played at full-back, and so did Welch; Holmes did well in the forwards until he was hurt; and Marsh and Williams also played with the team.

Most of the team should be back next year. If they improve in judgment and play the game thoughtfully, the team in 1936 should be very good.

S.C.E.G.S. v. T.K.S.

Competition match. Played at Northbridge.

King's won the toss, and ran with the wind. From the kick-off King's rushed play into Shore's 25. Off-side play by the Shore forwards gave King's a penalty in a good position. Body kicked the goal, and King's led 3-0. Soon afterwards King's obtained another penalty, which made the score 6-0. The King's forwards continued to dominate the game and kept Shore defending. From a scrum near the 25 line King's worked the blind to score in the corner; the kick failed. The King's backs unwound many good passing movements, and scored two more tries before half-time, making the score 15-0.

At the beginning of the second half Shore forwards outplayed King's, and took play to their 25. From a scrum Pronk broke through and passed to Tonkin, to Minnett, who scored between the posts. Minnett kicked the goal, making the score 15-5. From the kick-off King's were soon attacking, and again scored, after all the backs had handled, making the score 21-5. It was Shore's turn next,

and, after good play by the forwards, Bradhurst cantered over the line to score between the posts. Minnett converted. 21-10. Just before full time King's scored again, the goal being kicked. 26-10.

S.C.E.G.S. v. NEWINGTON.

Competition match. Played at Stanmore.

Shore won the toss, and ran with the wind. From the kick-off the teams looked evenly matched, for each in turn attacked, but faulty handling by both teams and good tackling prevented scoring. Tonkin opened the scoring for Shore with a good penalty. After this the Shore backs settled down and unwound some good movements. Bourke several times looked dangerous, but once hung on too long when a try was certain. Nicol handled badly, partly due to lack of practice and partly to bad passes from Stokes, who was given no room by the Newington breakaways.

In the second half Newington scored a good try after all the backs had handled, the outer-centre making the opening; the kick failed. 3-3. Again Newington attacked, the outer-centre breaking through again and looking sure to score; a good tackle by Pronk stopped the movement. Shore now attacked, and, after a brilliant run by Stokes, Travers crossed in the corner, but was recalled on account of the pass being forward. Shore continued to attack, and, after a scramble near the line, Bradhurst took the ball from one of the Newington players and dived across the line to score. 6-5. At full time the scores were unchanged.

Tooth and Bradhurst were the best of the forwards, while Pronk played well at full-back. Bourke played brightly at intervals, and several times used a short kick well.

S.C.E.G.S. v. S.J.C.

Competition match. Played at Northbridge.

St. Joseph's kicked off with the breeze, and both teams settled down quickly. Pronk made a successful attempt at goal for a penalty, giving Shore an early lead of 3-0. The play was even until Joey's backs obtained near half-way, and, after a good movement, Whelan scored; the try was converted. 3-5. Again Shore's forwards pressed S.J.C., until the latter's backs again got the ball to go over, the try at goal being converted. 3-10. Shore attacked well, and while in St. Joseph's half Pronk scored another penalty, making the score 6-10. Shore again attacked, but St. Joseph's started a movement in their own 25, and Whelan scored after Crippen had made the opening. Crippen soon after this made another opening for Whelan to score his third try, but the kick at goal failed. The Shore forwards, led by Tooth and Bradhurst, forced the play to S.J.C. territory, but the latter defended until their backs scored another try, leaving the score 6-21 at half-time.

In the first ten minutes of the second half the home team did most of the attacking, with our forwards working well. Pronk then kicked his third penalty, bringing the score to 9-21. S.J.C. forwards then took the ball at the toe to near Shore's line, but were stopped by a penalty. S.J.C. again scored after their backs had gathered the ball; they converted the try, making the score 9-26. After obtaining possession from a ruck, S.J.C. backs scored once again, to convert the try, making a final score of 9-31.

S.C.E.G.S. v. ST. IGNATIUS'.

Competition match. Played at Lane Cove.

The game opened with Shore kicking off in what promised to be a fast game. The visitors were soon attacking strongly, and had Riverview on the defence. Riverview opened the scoring by going over in the corner after a short tussle. The kick at goal failed. 3-0. Oxenham, for Riverview, soon after this successfully attempted a penalty. 6-0. The play now became even, and Pronk, on Shore getting a penalty in Riverview's 25, kicked a good goal, making the score 6-3. The score remained the same until half-time.

Early in the second half Tonkin got the ball, after Pronk gathered from the loose, to go over; the kick at goal failed. 6-6. Shore again soon scored. Tonkin gathered the ball, and, after a splendid run from nearly half-way, scored in the corner. Pronk kicked the goal. 11-6. The play was now very keen, and it was Riverview's turn next to score, Oxenham kicking a good goal, making the score 11-11. Riverview again scored soon after the kick-off; Kelly gathered the ball, and, after a good run, passed to the inner-centre, who went over. The kick failed. 14-11. Shore were unlucky in an attempt at penalty by Pronk, the ball hitting the cross-bar. The play until the end was very fast, both teams attacking, but the score was unaltered.

Welch played safely at full-back, while Tonkin and Dey i. also played well.

S.C.E.G.S. v. S.G.S.

Competition match. Played at Sydney Cricket Ground.

Shore kicked off into a light wind, and the players soon settled down. Pronk attempted a penalty in Grammar's 25, but the kick failed. The play was for the most part unattractive, except for Travers' play at full-back, which was very good. Grammar opened the scoring by a try after a hard ruck on Shore's line. Biddulph's kick at goal failed. 3-0. The game was now mainly amongst the forwards, and the score remained unchanged until half-time.

The play in the second half was much keener and more attractive. Shore opened the scoring in this half when Pronk obtained and passed to Minnett, who, after a strong run from Shore's half, scored a good try in the corner; the kick failed. 3-3. Again, after much even play, Pronk made a successful attempt at penalty, which gave Shore a lead of 3-6. Grammar attacked very solidly, and on obtaining a penalty in Shore's 25 equalled the score. Grammar obtained another penalty after much hard play, and led 6-9. The play was now very hard and rather fast. Grammar gathered the ball from the loose and went over as the result of a good back movement. The kick failed, leaving the score at 12-6 until the final bell.

S.C.E.G.S. v. S.H.S.

Competition match. Played at Northbridge.

There was a bleak westerly wind blowing across field as Pronk kicked off for Shore. High soon settled down and started pressing the Shore team strongly, who were relieved by several good kicks by Travers. Shore then attacked and nearly scored, only to be stopped by High's full-back. High opened the scoring with a penalty goal. Soon after, from a line-out, the ball went to Minnett, who

cross-kicked, and Travers scored. The try was converted by Pronk, making the score 5-3, at which it remained until half-time.

After the interval Shore soon started to attack; Nicol broke through, passed to Pronk to Minnett, who scored. Some time after this both Pedlingham and Walton ii. scored, the latter's try being converted. From the kick-off, Moore received from Stokes to score; Tonkin converted the try, making the score 21-3. The next score came after the ball had come from a line-out to Tonkin, who ran well to score; the kick failed. 24-3. Shore were at this stage handling well in the backs, and using some good movements. Moore, after Shore had been attacking well, went over for Tonkin to convert. 29-3. Soon after this a good run by Bradhurst resulted in him scoring, Tonkin again kicking the goal. 34-3. Shore were still attacking when the final bell went.

S.C.E.G.S. v. T.S.C.

Competition match. Played at Bellevue Hill.

Shore kicked off into the sun, and as both teams settled down quickly the play became vigorous. Shore's forwards soon attacked strongly and kept Scots defending. Scots' half-back, Thane, got the ball away quickly to the five-eighth, who punted upfield to follow on and finally score; the kick failed, and Scots led 3-0. Shore's forwards, led by Tooth and Walton ii., displayed some good bursts, which finally resulted in Tooth obtaining near the line to dive over under the posts. Pronk's kick failed. 3-3. Previous to this Minnett broke his arm, and Shore were playing a man short. Scots soon came back to the attack, and, after sending the ball along the three-quarter line, scored in the corner. The kick failed, leaving the score 6-3 at half-time.

During the second half Shore did most of the attacking, with both teams making unsuccessful attempts at penalties. Bradhurst, on receiving the ball near the Scots' line, went over after a short scuffle. Tonkin kicked a good goal, making the score 8-6 in Shore's favour. The play was now fast, and, for the most part, in the centre of the field. The final score came when Scots obtained a penalty in front of the goal near Shore's 25. This made the score 9-8 in Scots' favour, at which it remained until the end of the game.

2nd XV.

The 2nds took a long time to settle down, for at the beginning they had to fill places in the 1sts, and, in addition, many of them were unavailable. Towards the end of the season the backs were combining fairly well, but not well enough, for they did not back up properly. Bourke, Robinson, Pope, and Welch were the best backs in attack and defence. Moore was outstanding in the three games he played in the 2nds.

The forwards were lazy at first, but in the last few games they, too, struck form and won the ball from scrums, line-outs, and rucks. Marsh was good in the line-out; Williams and Burns played fairly well as breakaways; and Mayne, Church, and Welch ii. rucked well and worked hard.

v. T.K.S.—Lost, 19-3.
v. S.J.C.—Lost, 29-0.
v. N.C.—Lost, 11-3.
v. S.I.C.—Won, 6-3.

v. S.G.S.—Lost, 14-11.
v. S.H.S.—Won, 20-3.
v. T.S.C.—Won, 25-3.

3rds and 4ths.

These two teams have had a fairly successful season, though their effectiveness has been spoilt by numerous changes necessitated by sickness and minor injuries. Both teams have exhibited the utmost keenness, and one very pleasing feature has been the good team spirit shown throughout the season. Results:—

3rds.

NON-COMPETITION GAMES.

- v. K.G.S. I.—Lost, 0-25.
- v. C.B.W.—Won, 24-15 (Magee, 2 t. and 2 g.; Gardner, 3 t.; Wise and Henning, 1 t. each).
- v. S.J.C.—Lost, 0-22.

COMPETITION GAMES.

- v. T.K.S.—Lost, 3-14 (Creaghe, 1 t.).
- v. N.C.—Won, 28-6 (Gardner, 4 t.; Creaghe, 1 t. and 4 g.; Welch, 1 t.; Crombie, 1 g.).
- v. S.J.C.—Lost, 3-19 (Newell, 1 t.).
- v. S.I.C.—Won, 27-8 (Creaghe, 2 t. and 2 g.; Magee, 1 t. and 1 p.g.; Crombie, 1 t. and 1 g.; Young and Geddes, 1 t. each).
- v. S.G.S.—Won, 18-8 (Newell, 2 t.; Gilet and Self, 1 t. each; Creaghe, 2 g.; Crombie, 1 g.).
- v. T.S.C.—Won, 51-5 (Creaghe, 5 t. and 6 g.; Oppy, 2 t.; Magee, 1 t. and 1 g.; Self, 2 g.; Young, Crombie, and Dreverman, 1 t. each).

4ths.

- v. N.C. III.—Won, 14-10.
- v. S.J.C.—Lost, 3-23 (Hayley, 1 t.).
- v. T.K.S.—Won, 18-9 (Creaghe, 2 t.; Newell, 1 t.; Evans, 1 p.g.; Robinson, 3 g.).
- v. S.J.C.—Lost, 0-24.
- v. S.G.S.—Won, 13-9 (Oppy, 2 t.; Newell, 1 t.; Evans, 2 g.).
- v. S.G.S.—Won, 14-3 (Evans, 1 t., 1 p.g. and 1 g.; Scott and Cummins, 1 t. each).
- v. T.K.S.—Won, 20-0 (Cummins, 2 t.; Farram, 2 t.; Evans, 1 t.; Newell, 1 t. and 1 g.).

5ths and 6ths.

These teams have been affected more than most others by influenza. On very few occasions have they been able to produce two teams. The following is the result of the matches of both XV's:—

- v. T.K.S.—Won, 20-9.
- v. T.K.S.—Won, 8-6.
- v. N.C. 4ths.—Won, 17-0.
- v. T.K.S.—Won, 8-3.
- v. C.B.C.W.—Lost, 6-22.
- v. S.J.C.—Won, 8-0.
- v. S.I.C. 4ths.—Won, 39-0.
- v. N.S.H.S. 3rds.—Draw, 9-9.
- v. T.S.C.—Won, 43-0.
- v. T.G.S.—Lost, 12-17.

Points—For, 170; against, 66.

7ths and 8ths.

The 7th and 8th XV's have enjoyed a somewhat chequered season. The 7th XV., after an unpromising beginning, developed into a good and keen side, and owed much to the enthusiasm of the captain, C. K. Hambly. There were several even matches, and the best performance was a victory over a strong team from Sydney Grammar School. The 8th XV., captained by G. R. Hewson, was less successful, due partly to the difficulty of fielding the same players each week. A number of the backs in both teams showed themselves to be strong runners and determined in attack. The defence was not so good, and the tackling, with a few exceptions, might have been much harder. Ground D. could not have been.

9th XV.

- v. Barker College (8/6/35).—Won, 53-3.
- v. T.K.S. 9ths (15/6/35).—Lost, 3-14.
- v. Christian Brothers, Waverley (22/6/35).—Drew, 5-5.
- v. T.K.S. 9ths (29/6/35).—Lost, 0-14.
- v. S.G.S. under 15 B. (20/7/35).—Lost, 5-29.
- v. S.G.S. 9ths (27/7/35).—Lost, 0-33.
- v. Trinity Grammar School 2nds (3/8/35).—Won, 58-0.

10th XV.

- v. Knox Grammar School (8/6/35).—Lost, 0-45.
- v. S.G.S. under 15 4ths (15/6/35).—Lost, 3-25.
- v. Mowbray House (20/7/35).—Won, 41-0.
- v. S.G.S. 13ths (27/7/35).—Won, 29-0.
- v. Mowbray House (3/8/35).—Lost, 10-27.

11th XV.

- v. T.K.S.—Lost, 0-32.
- v. C.B.C.W.—Won, 24-3.
- v. T.K.S.—Won, 6-5.
- v. N.C.—Lost, 3-24.
- v. S.G.S.—Lost, 3-44.
- v. Tudor House.—Lost, 3-18.

12th XV.

- v. T.K.S.—Won, 9-0.
- v. C.B.C.W.—Lost, 3-60.
- v. T.K.S.—Lost, 3-12.

Under 15 Teams.

The two Under 15 Teams had a very enjoyable season, in spite of hard grounds and a number of minor injuries. Both teams practised and played with great keenness. The organising ability and efficiency of Stokes ii. as captain of the "A" Team and general manager of the group played a very big part in the success of these teams. The results of the "A" Team were better than those of the "B," but injuries, illnesses, and Saturday detentions always fall very heavily on the lower team of a group. In the circumstances, the "B" Team did very well indeed to retain complete keenness to the end of the season. Sound tackling, good rucking, and unusual speed and determination in the outside backs enabled the "A" Team to go through the term without a defeat.

Under 15 "B."

- v. C.B.C.W.—Won, 26-6.
- v. N.C.—Won, 31-3.
- v. T.K.S.—Won, 33-0.
- v. C.B.C.W.—Lost, 15-6.
- v. T.G.S.—Lost, 15-9.
- v. T.K.S.—Won, 48-0.

- v. S.G.S.—Lost, 9-6.
- v. S.I.C.—Lost, 21-3.
- v. S.J.C.—Lost, 15-6.
- v. N.C.—Won, 9-6.
- v. Shore under 14 "A."—Won, 15-3.

"A" Colts.

- v. N.S. High.—Won, 16-13.
- v. Trinity.—Lost, 32-0.
- v. King's.—Won, 17-13.
- v. N.S. High.—Lost, 30-3.
- v. Cranbrook.—Won, 13-3.
- v. King's.—Won, 9-0.
- v. N.S. High.—Lost, 9-0.
- v. Riverview.—Won, 20-5.
- v. Grammar.—Won, 11-5.
- v. Newington.—Won, 27-0.
- v. Junior "B."—Lost, 12-3.
- v. Scots.—Lost, 8-6.

"B" Colts.

- v. Barker College.—Drew, 9-9.
- v. Trinity.—Won, 29-3.
- v. T.K.S.—Won, 12-3.
- v. C.B.C.W.—Won, 14-12.
- v. T.K.S.—Won, 43-0.
- v. S.J.C. "A" Colts.—Lost, 35-0.
- v. Mowbray House.—Lost, 16-8.
- v. Knox College.—Won, 9-3.
- v. S.G.S.—Won, 9-6.
- v. Scots College.—Won, 5-3.

Mr. K. S. Brodie, Captain of the North Sydney Junior Rugby Union Football Club, wishes all players leaving School to know that his club consists of players between the ages of 16 and 21, and that Old Boys of Shore will be welcomed as members. His address is: 1 Clifford Street, Mosman.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

Dr. Norman Little has sold his practice at Yass, and is now on his way to England, where he intends to spend the next two years in research at Liverpool Hospital.

* * * * *

Clement Q. Williams has returned from a six weeks' broadcasting season in New Zealand. Very appreciative reports have been received in Sydney of his reception in New Zealand.

* * * * *

Mr. Norman Walker is now practising at Gundagai.

* * * * *

The air-minded community in Sydney has been very interested in the arrival of A. Thyne Reid's auto-gyro. The authorities have now lifted the ban on this type of machine, and Thyne Reid has made several trial flights.

Captain P. G. (Bill) Taylor has been very active in the air lately. Old Boys were thrilled at the part he played in the safe return to Mascot when misfortune overtook Sir Charles Kingsford Smith and his *Southern Cross*. Captain Taylor has made flights to Central Australia, the Barrier Reef, and other interesting places in his Percival Gull.

* * * * *

Old Boys were pleased to hear of the safe landing of Lieutenant Stuart Campbell after he was reported missing with his seaplane in the wilds of New Guinea. Campbell has made many interesting flights, including the Mawson Expedition.

* * * * *

G. W. Sawtell earlier in the year won the Aero Club blind flying championship, and occupied third place in the Club championship.

* * * * *

During July a number of senior Old Boys received a visit from R. C. (Dick) Wilson (1890-1897), who was in Sydney for a short holiday. He is Chief Consulting Mining Engineer to the State Government of Western Australia.

* * * * *

Readers of these notes have become accustomed to hearing the golfing deeds of H. W. Hattersley, amateur champion of New South Wales. It is therefore almost a relief to record that even Harry succumbs to hazards, this time in the form of an Old Boy, Don. Esplin, in the final of the Australian Club Championship. Harry has been playing most consistent golf this year, and, with another prominent Old Boy golfer, Tom McKay, the present Australian champion, flew to Adelaide recently to compete in the Open Championship.

* * * * *

R. S. Miller, stroke of the 1928 VIII., played five-eighth for N.S.W. in the second and third Rugby Union teams against the Maoris.

* * * * *

On Thursday, 31st July, the members of the Committee of the Old Boys' Union entertained at luncheon, at the Schools' Club, K. N. E. Bradfield (Rhodes Scholar) and R. B. Makinson (Barker College Scholar), prior to their departure for England. The President of the Union, R. C. M. Boyce, wished these two Old Boys luck, and called on Mr. Robson to support his remarks. Mr. Robson said that he looked forward with confidence to the future academic work of Makinson, and felt sure that Bradfield would acquire success in the practical sphere to which he was directing his studies.

The School is well to the fore in the golf world, and it is anticipated that the Old Boys' Day inaugurated this year will in the near future require much organisation to cope with the heavy entry.

* * * * *

R. G. H. Coffin has written to the Secretary asking that members be informed that as from 15th August his name is changed to Raymond George Hamilton.

* * * * *

A letter from Captain L. H. Lemaire, of Melbourne, reads:—"We had our All Schools' Dinner on Tuesday night, July 16th. Ray Boyce's wire unfortunately did not reach us until the 17th. Will you tell him I have sent the telegram on to Sir Harry Chauvel, who very greatly appreciated it? Fifteen of our fellows attended the dinner, at which there were sixty-five present. We received a very charming letter from E. I. Robson, and I have written him only to-day." The names of the Old Boys who attended are J. M. Pitt, B. Pitt, R. K. Scott, F. W. Lindsay, I. W. B. Henderson, S. R. Janes, Ivor Manton, T. J. Hudson, V. D. Watson, O. R. Charlton, E. S. Crane, T. J. West, Barton Browne, R. R. Sinclair, and L. H. Lemaire.

* * * * *

L. Keirath played with Combined Country against Combined Mid-Week Rugby Union team on Bank Holiday.

* * * * *

A letter from Norman King, Bingara, reads:—"I am only too pleased to give you the particulars of the Dinner the Old Boys of this district held here on Regatta night. This is the first dinner of its kind, I believe, ever held in Bingara, and nearly all Great Public Schools were represented. The Rev. S. C. Wiseman, of the Armidale School, presided. Old Boys from the School included F. Tress, R. R. King, F. R. King, D. Hartog, H. H. Miller, J. Y. Warren, Bathgate, and myself. It was decided at the dinner that next year, on Regatta night, a Dinner-Dance would be held. It is thought that this might attract Old Boys from other districts, who have hitherto attended the Moree and Tamworth functions."

* * * * *

Reg. Walker, President of The Commonwealth Club, presided at a luncheon in Adelaide held at the Town Hall on 3rd July to the Acting Prime Minister and Federal members. The luncheon was tendered by The Commonwealth Club, Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Manufacturers, and Stock Owners' Association.

A letter from L. H. Lewington (1907-1913), Perth, W.A., reads:—
 "Congratulations to the old School on winning the Head of the River. I am surprised the different Old Boys' Associations had not been advised of our local N.S.W. G.P.S. Association. D. K. Braddock, an Old Boy, is the present Hon. Secretary. We have eight Old Boys on the roll, and would ask you for a list of any Shore Old Boys you know residing in Western Australia. We have an annual gathering of old G.P.S. chaps, and muster about seventy or eighty fellows. A brother-in-law of mine, W. H. Scott, who went to Shore, and who came over here six years ago, died last September as the result of an accident. He and three brothers were at Shore between 1915 and 1930. The other brothers, Herbert, Jack and Gavin, are in N.S.W."

* * * * *

Schools Clubs Ltd. held their annual Smoke Concert on the night of the Regatta heats, when those present spent an enjoyable evening. Mr. W. M. Charlton officiated at the piano, and other artists included Messrs. Ken. Wilcox, A. M. Anstey, Moulton, Frank Ryan, and George Rees. Mr. Gordon Turnbull acted as M.C.

* * * * *

The annual matches for the Inter-Club Premiership of School Clubs Ltd. resulted in another win for the Old Sydneians' Club team, the Old Newingtonians' Club team being a very close second. Dr. Woods was the most successful of the representatives of our Club.

* * * * *

The younger generation of Old Boys who would like to meet some of their contemporaries may be interested to know that a number of the younger members of the Club have arranged a monthly luncheon, which is held on the first Wednesday of each month. Anyone interested can obtain further information at the Club, or from Mr. G. E. Browne.

* * * * *

L. R. Miller was in town during the middle of July, he being a delegate from the Bodalla district to the Annual Agricultural Bureau of N.S.W. Conference, which was held at Hawkesbury Agricultural College. He was also observed in the midst of the gaiety at the Blaxland Galleries and other of Sydney's palaces of amusement.

* * * * *

Old Boys who have not yet contributed to the Rev. D. Davies Memorial Fund are reminded that it is still open, and are requested to forward their contributions without delay.

E. Allan Uther, who is now practising as a solicitor in Sydney, has reversed the usual order of things by admitting his father, Mr. Allan H. Uther, into partnership with him. His father, who is an Old Sydneian, and President of the Old Launcestonians' Union, was, until recently, N.S.W. Parliamentary Draughtsman. The partnership is carried on under the name of Uther & Uther at 350 George Street, Sydney.

* * * * *

The Sydney University Crew which won the University Championship of Australia included I. G. Esplin (2) and F. A. Page (4).

* * * * *

The following Old Boys were prize winners during the last yachting season:—

The Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron : E. H. Pratten, J. R. Palmer, B. T. Nossiter, P. G. Munce, I. L. Menzies, and N. Wallis.

Royal Prince Albert Yacht Club : J. R. Palmer, E. H. Pratten, I. L. Menzies, N. Wallis, Dr. Hamilton Kirkland, H. D. John, and B. T. Nossiter.

* * * * *

The Mosman Eight, which has met with such success during the recent season, includes five Old Boys : D. I. Baggett (6), W. Buckham (3), W. G. Thomas (7), J. R. Burrell (stroke) and J. Cooper (cox).

* * * * *

D. R. Litchfield writes from Cooma : "With the object of re-establishing the Rugby Union Code in Cooma, a Sydney University team visited Cooma on the 10th-11th August. They met a combined Cooma and G.P.S. Old Boys' team. Cooma won the match on August 10th, 15-9; and the University team won on the 11th, 16-11. The following Old Boys played for the cobined Cooma and G.P.S. Old Boys' team:—I. A. Litchfield, G. H. Litchfield, D. R. Litchfield, and F. D'A. Hixson. Another Old Boy, E. Mitchell, plays with the G.P.S. Old Boys' team."

* * * * *

The 1935 Dance, held at the Palais Royal on 23rd July, was again a very great success. Over fourteen hundred attended, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Owing to the social reporter of these notes being called away to the country, further details of the dance will be held over to the next issue.

* * * * *

W. G. Bevan has commenced business as an estate and real property agent at 9 Dover Road, Rose Bay.

B. M. Arthur, Dubbo correspondent of *The Torch-Bearer*, sends the following notes:—

REG. KEIRATH (Narromine) represented Far Western Union football against the Maoris at Dubbo last month, also against Newcastle in Sydney. He was also picked in Combined Team against Mid-Week Union on August Bank Holiday.

T. M. (MICK) SCOTT, JUNR., is managing "Umagarlee" Station in the Wellington district one of the properties belonging to T. M. Scott & Sons, Ltd. He is deeply interested in the question of pasure improvement, and has already obtained good results with top-dressing and grazing lucerne. He has also been playing polo with the Wellington team against Narromine and Gilgandra this year.

"MIKE" MICHELMORE is well known in the West as the Vacuum Oil Company's representative, and now stirs up the dust in a new Oldsmobile coupé.

RALEIGH BROS. (Jeff. and John), who are farming at Curban, near Gilgandra, are growing good crops, and making wheat growing pay, even at present day values, with the aid of a new Imperial semi-Diesel tractor.

C. A. PENNEFATHER (1904-8) now has headquarters at Dubbo as Resident Engineer-in-Charge of the Western Division of Railway Services.

CECIL PURSER is engaged in the improvement of his property, "Valdamar," on the Macquarie River near Dubbo, with additional lucerne areas and pasture improvement work, in order to maintain in good condition his Border Leicester stud, and to turn off fat lambs in large numbers. He has recently become the proud possessor of another daughter.

Recently a visit was paid to D. K. PHILLIPS, who has a river frontage property, "Weenoona," near Geurie. He is going in for fat lambs, and is mainly concentrating on pasture improvement work.

KERR BROS. (John and Bruce) have recently purchased a property of 3300 acres near Tooraweenah, at the foot of the Warrumbungle Ranges. They are going in for wool growing and fat lamb raising.

V. B. HALL has a property, "Hillside," in the Eumungerie district, for wheat and sheep.

P. PRIDDLE is with his father on property at Hillside, Curban. He is very keen on rifle shooting, and shoots regularly with the Curban Rifle Club.

THE REUNION of the Dubbo G.P.S. Old Boys' Union will again be held on All Schools' Sports night, and it is hoped to make this year's function a big success with a large attendance. R. Booth (King's) is Secretary.

and we will be pleased to hear from any G.P.S. ex-student who would like to attend.

* * * * *

A letter from Thordis R. Ford reads : "I was school teaching—Maths. and Science Master at Mowbray House—until the end of 1931. For the best part of 1933 and 1934 I was doing strenuous work taking the Gospel to isolated children of the State. In the two years, travelling by bicycle, I held five-day missions at each of about 130 public schools—all the schools from Hornsby to Newcastle, then the larger schools of Newcastle district itself, and thence all the way to Singleton. Since then, so far as broken health has permitted, I have done similar work in the Sydney suburbs, preaching the good old Gospel of free salvation through a living faith in Christ crucified and risen."

* * * * *

**Old Boys' Dinner held in Adelaide, South Australia, on Saturday Evening,
4th May, 1935.**

Present : C. V. T. Wells (1902-06), Chairman; Reg. Walker (1890-92), Hon. Secretary; W. H. Sheppard (1904-06), C. H. Mocatta (1904-08), C. S. M. Walker (1912-16), R. L. Richards (1921-24), E. P. Matthews (1926-30).

Correspondence.—Telegram received from Old Boys' Union, Sydney, reading, "Greetings from the Old Boys' Union," was received with acclamations.

Apologies were received from Rev. E. A. North Ash and J. Horn.

All present extend their congratulations to "Shore" on winning the 1935 Boat Race.

The Chairman, C. V. T. Wells, proposed the loyal toast, and also the toast "The School."

W. H. Sheppard very ably proposed the toast of "The Chairman," and C. V. T. Wells suitably responded.

E. P. Matthews was called on to propose the toast of "Our New Member, R. L. Richards," and Richards suitably responded.

It was unanimously resolved that C. S. M. Walker be Chairman for the year 1935-36.

After the dinner the Old Boys proceeded to the home of the retiring Chairman, and were very hospitably entertained.

* * * * *

V. G. Bowden, Trade Commissioner to China, whose office will be in Shanghai, was a pupil at School in 1893.

Congratulations from the School and Old Boys' Union to His Honour Judge Markell on his appointment to the District Court Bench.

* * * * *

H. R. Dawson has commenced practice as a solicitor at Balranald. So far he has not come across any Old Boy in this district, but should be pleased to hear of any.

* * * * *

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

- Abbott, Senator Macartney : C/o Messrs. Abbott, Tout, Creer & Co., Solicitors,
3 Spring Street, Sydney.
- Allan, A. I. : C/o Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd., Port Moresby, Papua.
- Allen, E. N. : 5 Wolfe Street, Newcastle.
- Allport, R. B. : Imperial Service Club, Sydney.
- Arnot, A. G. H. : Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney Ltd., Young.
- Bevan, W. G. : Estate Agent, 9 Dover Road, Rose Bay.
- Brown, H. W. : 29 Redan Street, Mosman.
- Browne, H. B. : No. 2 Grosvenor Road, Lindfield.
- Channon, J. E. G. : "The Maples," Locksley Street, Killara.
- Chapman, E. F. : 82 Milson Road, Cremorne.
- Coates, W. R. : C/o B. Capel, "Derra Derra," Bingara.
- Daniell, D. A. : "Ormiston," Carabella Street, Kirribilli.
- Dawson, H. R. : Solicitor, Balranald.
- Dean, W. R. : "6 Holbrook," Holbrook Avenue, Kirribilli.
- Dobbie, T. G. : Permanent Trustee Co. of N.S.W. Ltd., 25 O'Connell Street, Sydney.
- Ellerman, P. H. : "Moonbria," Jerilderie.
- Elliott, T. W. : P.O. Box 192, Atherton, North Queensland.
- Ellis, J. A. : Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney Ltd., Bowral.
- Ellis, R. L. : "Boolcarrol," Wee Waa.
- Ford, A. R. : Sewerage Construction, Bega.
- Gall, Dr. G. H. : 203 Pittwater Road, Collaroy.
- Gibb, C. M. : "Kamilaroi North," Wallendbeen.
- Giblin, Dr. W. E. : Port Moresby, Papua.
- Hawthorne, K. S. : 12 Fairfax Road, Mosman.
- Hope, C. B. : 3 David Street, Clifton Gardens.
- Hudson, N. B. : Austral Malay Tin Ltd., Taiping, Perak, F.M.S.
- Johnston, Norman : 71 Springfield Avenue, Potts Point.
- Keegan, J. T. : "Leighwood Levels," Golspie, via Taralga.
- Kierath, G. R. : "Ulendah," Garah.
- Kitching, W. A. : "Keera," Bingara.
- Leonard, H. A. : C/o Goobang Shire Council, Parkes.
- Locke, John : Pittwater Road, Narrabeen.
- Lovell, Dr. Bruce T. : C/o Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, U.S.A.
- Mackenzie, A. L. : Milroy Station, Brewarrina.
- Mocatta, B. O. : "Pineleigh," Bungarby, via Cooma.
E.C.3, England.
- McCutcheon, W. : Bank of New South Wales, Armidale.

- Mocatta, B. O. : "Pineleigh," Bungarby, via Cooma.
 Morris, N. G. : Oriental Hotel, Cr. Crown and Campbell Streets, Sydney.
 Myers, Wm. W. Keith : Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney, 18 Birchin Lane,
 Lombard Street, London, E.C.3, England.
 North-Ash, The Rev. E. A. : The Vicarage, Tamworth.
 Orr, G. H. : 4 Gloucester Street, South Brisbane, Queensland.
 Osborne, Percy : St. Ives, 3 Wood Street, Manly.
 Page, I. A. : Wesley College, University of Sydney, Newtown.
 Pitman, B. H. : C/o Standard Bank, Durban, South Africa.
 Pronk, L. : C/o Holland-Australia Line, P.O. Box 549, Rotterdam, Holland.
 Roberts, G. : "Angullong," Orange, N.S.W.
 Sawkins, J. D. : "Mossgiel," Mossgiel, N.S.W.
 Sharp, R. C. : 81 Ben Boyd Road, Neutral Bay.
 Sherriff, M. A. : "Pera," Upper Manilla.
 Shorter, D. A. : "Currawong," Southport, Queensland.
 Sinclair, R. M. : "Kulnura," 18 Thrupp Street, Neutral Bay.
 Smith, Dr. G. C. : Sydney Hospital, Macquarie Street, Sydney.
 Soul, H. V. : 221 Longueville Road, Lane Cove.
 Swire, C. C. : 6 Bromley Avenue, Cremorne.
 Swire, E. M. : 6 Bromley Avenue, Cremorne.
 Thomas, R. S. : "Ulmarra," 1 Ilfracombe Avenue, Burwood.
 Treatt, F. B. : "Mooculta," Bourke.
 Trewheellar, T. A. : No. 2 St. Albans, 89 Raglan Street, Mosman.
 Vance, P. E. : "Roboni," Bogota Avenue, Cremorne.
 Vaughan, G. J. W. : 63 Yeo Street, Neutral Bay.
 Wakelin, F. R. : C/o W. G. Watson & Co. Ltd., 279 Clarence Street, Sydney.
 Walker, C. V. : 26 Shellcove Road, Neutral Bay.
 Ward, H. R. : "Gingie," Walgett.
 Westgarth, G. R. : Bank of New South Wales, Singleton.
 Worrall, R. L. : 21 Teignmouth Avenue, Perivale, Middlesex, England.

BIRTHS.

- Lloyd-Jones (nee Edna Capon) : May 26, at Nurse O'Neil's private hospital, Chatswood, to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lloyd-Jones—a son (John Phillip).
 Sheedy : May 21, at Roslyn private hospital, Lindfield, to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sheedy, Roseville—a daughter.
 Booth (nee Glandfield) : June 29, at Charlemont private hospital, Potts Point, to Mr. and Mrs. James F. Booth—twin sons.
 Ward : May 30, at The Bungalow private hospital, Chatswood, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ward—a daughter (Catherine Mary).
 Taylor (nee Mary Smith) : May 27, at Torquay private hospital, Tenterfield, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Taylor—a son.
 Campbell : March 19, at North Sydney, to Elizabeth, wife of Marsden Campbell—a daughter.
 Moses : May 12, to Clare, the wife of W. F. Moses, of Valais, Willow Tree—a son.
 McDonald : May 19, at Coolinda, Cremorne, to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McDonald—a son.

- Hull** : June 4, to the wife of Allen R. C. Hull, of "The Gonyah," Cremorne—a son.
- Purser** : May 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Purser, Limestone Creek, Blayney—a daughter.
- Smith** : May 27, at Charlemont Hospital, Potts Point, to Constance, wife of Arthur H. Smith, Coondarra, Barraba—a daughter (Kay).
- Macintyre** : May 4, at Glenartney, Quirindi, to Evelyn, wife of Major Peter Macintyre—a son (Angus Donald).
- Stevens** : June 7, to the wife of Garnet Stevens of 6 Wallaroy Crescent, Double Bay—a daughter (Susan Margaret).
- Kelso** : June 29, to the wife of Mr. James Kelso, junr., of 25 William Street, Roseville—a daughter (Alison Hastings).
- Purser** : June, to the wife of Mr. Cecil Purser of Dubbo—a daughter.
- Cowlshaw** : July, at Dubbo, to Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Cowlshaw of Raymond Hill, Dubbo—a daughter.
- Penfold** : August 3, at Pymble, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Penfold of Merivale Road, Pymble—a son (William Frederick).
- Walker** : August, to Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Walker of Bogola Avenue, Cremorne—a daughter.
- Litchfield** : July 14, at Dilbhour private hospital, Sydney, to Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Litchfield—a son (Edwin Stanley).

ENGAGEMENTS.

- The engagement is announced of Jean Laughton, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. McCallum, of Raglan Street, Mosman, to James Elie Hamilton, son of Captain and Mrs. E. T. Pilcher, of Clifton Gardens.
- The engagement is announced of Helen, elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Cecil G. Moxham, of Killara, to John, eldest son of Mrs. F. M. Cadwallader, of Mowbray Road, Chatswood.
- The engagement is announced of Bettina Grace, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Kessell, of Strathfield, to Robert Carl, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Gowing, of Neutral Bay.
- The engagement is announced of Bonnie Scott, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Robinson, of Kempsey, to Lawrence, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Berry, of Berry Avenue, Manly.
- The engagement is announced of Elizabeth Struan, only daughter of the late Doctor William Broad and Mrs. S. I. Broad, of Double Bay, to Edward, second son of the late Robert Fowler and Mrs. F. A. Fowler, of Roseville.
- The engagement is announced of Helen Millicent, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Robinson, of Roseville, to Lloyd Gray Harbutt, Gwandalana, Orange, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Helier Harbutt, of Pymble.
- The engagement is announced of Marjorie Alison, younger daughter of Mrs. A. L. Smith and the late Mr. J. A. Smith, of Killara, to Lawford John, son of Mr. L. J. Richardson, of Manly.
- The engagement is announced of Patricia, daughter of Mr. W. W. Clift and the late Mrs. Clift, of Manly and Breeza, to Loris, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hassall, of Strathspey, Manly.

The engagement is announced of Kathleen Mavis, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Turton, of Mosman, to Albert Norman (Peter), second son of Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Black, of Waverton.

The engagement is announced of Daphne, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bennett, of 22 Roseberry Road, Killara, to Haddon Reginald, only son of Mr. and the late Mrs. A. P. Kemp, of Boononghi, Quirindi.

MARRIAGES.

Cowlishaw—Cadwallader : March 28, at St. John's Presbyterian Church, Wahroonga, by the Rev. A. J. Parker, Reginald T. (Rex) Cowlishaw, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Cowlishaw, to Gwenyth Mabel, elder daughter of Mrs. F. M. Cadwallader and the late Mr. D. Cadwallader, Mowbray Road, Chatswood.

Saddington—Hulme : May 2, at St. Philip's, by Rev. Broadley, Douglas Vernon, son of the late R. V. and Mrs. Saddington, of Wahroonga, to Phyllis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hulme, of Beecroft.

Gregory—Ferguson : May 11, at Cooma, by Rev. Dean Norris, Captain A. W. Gregory, of Hurleyville, Cootamundra, to Monica Harnett, daughter of Mrs. Ferguson and the late Mr. C. A. Ferguson, of Glenfergus, Cooma.

Sapsford—Deane : March 4, at St. Paul's Church, Burwood, by the Rev. G. A. Sanders, assisted by Rev. Canon R. Rook, Wilfred Geoffrey Sapsford, of Merriwa, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sapsford, of Burwood, to Esme Broughton Deane, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Deane, of Burwood.

Davies—Salmon : April 11, at Shore Chapel, by Rev. Nigel Backhouse, Ivor, son of the late Rev. D. Davies and Mrs. Davies, to Lorna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Salmon, of Murwillumbah.

Furner—Ward : April 11, at the Roseville Methodist Church, by the Rev. R. O'Donnell Finigan, Gordon Charles, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Furner, to Doris Kathleen, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ward, of Lindfield.

Lewarne—Hirshman : April 6, at Sydney Church of England Grammar School Chapel, by Rev. N. a'B. T. Backhouse, Ronald N. Lewarne, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lewarne, of Artarmon, to Hazel L., youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. Hirshman, late of Lewisham.

Watt—Massey : February 26, at Pymble, Eric Osborne, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Warrant Watt, of Turramurra, to Sylvia, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Massey, of Narrabri.

Holmes—Parle : June 22, at St. Philip's Church, Church Hill, by the Rev. H. Broadley, Geoffrey Broughton, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Joseph Holmes, of Mosman, to Edna Eileen, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Parle, of Mosman.

OBITUARY.

Eastaugh : July 10, 1935, at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Edward John, dearly beloved son of Professor and Mrs. Eastaugh, of Alexandra Street, Hunter's Hill.

Peach : Henry Francis, suddenly, of Belgrave Street, Kogarah.

Foggon : Mrs. Charles, wife of the Principal of Thornburgh College, Charters Towers, Queensland, and one time Master of Sydney Church of England Grammar School.

KALENDAR—TERM III., 1935.

SEPTEMBER.

9-14. Shooting Camp.	24. Tu.
11. Melbourne O.B.U. Luncheon.	25. W.
17. Tu.: Term begins. Shooting	26. Th.
18. W.: Shooting Matches. [Matches.	27. F.
19. Th.	28. S.: O.B.U., at Northbridge.
20. F.	29. S.: XV. after Trinity. Lodge Torch-Bearer, School Chapel, 7.30.
21. S.: I. Zingari, at Northbridge. St. Matthew's Day.	30. St. Michael and All Angels' Day
22. S.: XIV. after Trinity.	M.
23. M.	

OCTOBER.

1. Tu.	16. W.
2. W.	17. Th.
3. Th.	18. F.: St. Luke's Day.
4. F.: O.B.U. Annual Meeting at [School.	19. S.: N.C., 1st day. (Away.)
5. S.: T.S.C., at Northbridge.	20. S.: XVIII. after Trinity.
6. S.: XVI. after Trinity.	21. M.
7. M.: Yaralla, at Northbridge.	22. Tu.
8. Tu. [Fairwater Cup.	23. W.
9. W.	24. Th.
10. Th.	25. F.
11. F.	26. S.: N.C., 2nd day. (Away.)
12. S.: All Schools' Athletics, S.C.G. G.P.S. Reunion, Dubbo.	27. S.: XIX. after Trinity.
G.P.S. Dance, Blaxland Galleries.	28. M.: St. Simon and St. Jude's Day.
13. S.: XVII. after Trinity.	29. Tu.
14. M.	30. W.
15. Tu.	31. Th.

NOVEMBER.

1. F.: All Saints' Day.	17. S.: XXII. after Trinity.
2. S.: S.I.C., 1st Day. (Away.)	18. M.
3. S.: XX. after Trinity.	19. Tu.: I.C. begins.
4. M.	20. W.
5. Tu.	21. Th.
6. W.: L.C. begins.	22. F.
7. Th.	23. S.: S.H.S., 2nd day. (Away.)
8. F.	24. S.: Sunday next before Advent.
9. S.: S.I.C., 2nd day. (Away.)	25. M. ["Stir Up" Sunday.
10. S.: XXI. after Trinity.	26. Tu.
11. M.	27. W.
12. Tu.	28. Th.
13. W.	29. F.
14. Th.	30. S.: St. Andrew's Day. I. Zin- gari, at Northbridge.
15. F.	
16. S.: S.H.S., 1st day. (Away.)	

DECEMBER.

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. S. : First Sunday in Advent. | 7. S. : Sydney University Veterans. |
| 2. M. | 8. S. : Second Sunday in Advent. |
| 3. Tu. | 9. M. |
| 4. W. | 10. Tu. |
| 5. Th. | 11. W. |
| 6. F. [at Northbridge. | 12. Th. : Speech Day. |

EXCHANGES.

New South Wales.—"The Pauline," "Wesley College Journal," "The Australian Teacher," "The Bush Brother," "The Rally," "The Sydneian," "The King's School Magazine," "The Newingtonian," "The Scotsman," "The Armidalian," "The Magazine of St. Joseph's College," "Our Alma Mater," "The Record," "The Triangle," "The Cranbrookian," "The College Barker," "Hawkesbury College Magazine," "Lux," "Charivari," "The Mitre," "Kambala Chronicle," "N.E.G.S. Magazine," "Excelsior," "Magazine of P.L.C., Pymble," "The Pilgrim," "The Weaver," "The Canberran."

Victoria.—"The Melbournean," "The Scotch Collegian," "The Corian," "Pegasus."

South Australia.—"St. Peter's College Magazine."

Queensland.—"Toowoomba Grammar School Magazine," "The Southportonian," "Rockhampton Grammar School Magazine."

Tasmania.—"Hutchins' School Magazine."

Western Australia.—"The Swan," "The Scotch College Reporter," "The Cygnet."

New Zealand.—"Christ's College Register," "The Wanganui Collegian," "Wellington Girls' College Reporter," "Canterbury Agricultural College Magazine."

Join the
OLD BOYS' UNION and the OLD BOYS' CLUB.

If you have no need of these forms, hand them to
some Old Boy who has not yet joined.

The Secretary,
S.C.E.G.S. Old Boys' Union,
C/o Schools' Clubs Ltd.,
Hamilton Street,
Sydney.

Dear Sir,

Please forward to me an application form for membership of
the Union to the following address:—

Address.....
.....
.....
.....

The Secretary,
S.C.E.G.S. Old Boys' Club.
C/o Schools' Clubs Ltd.,
Hamilton Street,
Sydney.

Dear Sir,

Please forward to me an application form for membership of
the Club to the following address:—

Address.....
.....
.....
.....

Sept. 1, 1935: *THE TORCH-BEARER.*

Sept. 1, 1935. *T H E T O R C H - B E A R E R*.