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# Our New Headmaster



MR. PAUL RADFORD, M.A. (Oxon.)

THE announcement of the appointment of Mr. Paul Radford, M.A. (Oxon.), B.A. (Melb.), as our new Headmaster has been received with general satisfaction, not only by those connected with the Hutchins School, but also by others engaged in educational work throughout the State. Mr. Radford, who is 40 years of age, is a son of the late Rt. Rev. L. B. Radford, D.D., former Bishop of Goulburn, N.S.W. His scholastic record is an imposing one. He was educated at Geelong Grammar School, where he won the Grant Michaelis and Cuthbertson Scholarships, as well as an open scholarship which took him to Trinity College, Melbourne University. At the Melbourne University he won the Cuthbertson, an Open and the A.M. of Classical Philology. He then proceeded to New College, Oxford, where he obtained his B.A. and afterwards his M.A. After leaving Oxford Mr. Radford taught for several years at the two famous English schools of Wellington and Eton Colleges. He then returned to Australia and was appointed Classical Master at the Church of England Grammar School, North Sydney. From 1935 he has been Senior Classical Master at Scotch College, Melbourne.

Mr. Radford has also taken an active interest in sport. At Geelong Grammar he was a member of the First Cricket and Football teams, and at Trinity College,



# The Hutchins School Song

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

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

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

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

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

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and A. Malan State A. Maran State A. M. S. Your Melbourne, was Captain of Athletics and Vice-Captain of both Cricket and Football teams. At Scotch College he has been Secretary of the General Sports Committee and Coach in Football and Athletics.

From 1934-44 Mr. Radford occupied the position of Lecturer in Education (Method of Teaching) for the degree of B.Ed. at the Melbourne University, and has been Examiner in Latin, Greek, and Roman History for the Intermediate and Leaving Examinations. In addition he has found time to devote to social services for boys' clubs.

Mr. Radford married Miss Winifred Kent Hughes, daughter of the late Dr. Kent Hughes, Melbourne. There are three children, a daughter aged 10 and two sons aged eight and six respectively. Mrs. Radford holds the degree of M.Sc. (Melb.).

The following are extracts from two testimonials received from members of the Professorial Staff of the Melbourne University:

"I know of no one who is so well qualified by reason of training, character and personality to take charge of a Public School."

"Mr. Radford is a man of quietly confident bearing, of fine strength and simplicity of character, high ideals, real enthusiasm for his calling, pleasing ease and distinction of manner and speech, a man of the type to inspire boys, parents and staff with confidence, affection and respect."

V. I. Chambers, Chairman, Board of Management

# Resignation of Mr. V. S. Murphy

TT was with sincere regret and with a sense of loss to the School that we learned that Mr. V. S. Murphy was to leave us at the end of this year. Mr. Murphy has been appointed Headmaster of Hale School, Perth.

Mr. Murphy was appointed Headmaster of the Hutchins School in April, 1942, and since his appointment has rendered sterling and loyal service to the School. His tenure of office has been during a most difficult period owing to staff difficulties during the War. In consequence of these difficulties Mr. Murphy has been called upon to do a great deal of extra teaching which he has carried out unselfishly. His initiative and resourcefulness in meeting difficulties have been of the greatest assistance to the Board of Management. The School's scholastic results have been very satisfactory, and in the field of sport the Hutchins School has more than held its own. Mr. Murphy's relations with the Board of Management have always been most cordial and amicable and he has always worked loyally and in harmony with the Board. He has wholeheartedly devoted himself to the general welfare and advancement of Hutchins and has made a real contribution to the School's progress. His keen interest in sport has been an inspiration to the boys and he has done much to promote school sport in this State.

Mrs. Murphy has been a splendid helpmate and has become deservedly popular with both boys and the parents.

We are sincerely sorry to lose both Mr. and Mrs. Murphy and their children. Their son Leith has won many swimming contests for the School. They are returning to their home State of West Australia, and we trust that Mr. Murphy will be equally successful at Hale School and we wish him and his family every happiness in the future.

> V. I. Chambers. Chairman, Board of Management

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# Exchanges

 $W^E$  have to acknowledge receipt of magazines from the following schools since June, 1945, and apologise if any have been inadvertently omitted:

Tasmania: The Friends' School, Hobart.

Victoria: Trinity Grammar School, Kew (2); Scotch College, Hawthorn; Caulfield Grammar School; Geelong College: Melbourne Church of England Grammar School.

New South Wales: Sydney Church of England Grammar School; Cranbrook School, Bellevue Hill; Sydney Grammar School; The Armidale School.

Oueensland: Southport School.

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

West Australia: Guildford Grammar School (2).

Overseas: Bedford Road Collegiate Institute, Saskatoon, Canada.

# School Notes

N August 3rd, the occasion of the 99th Anniversary of the Foundation of the School, the boys were addressed by Dr. W. Giblin, who gave some spirited reminiscences of the '80's. His amusing anecdotes were much appreciated. On the following Sunday the Anniversary Service at the Cathedral was largely attended, the preacher being Rev. Ian J. B. Macdonald, an Old Boy and a Chaplain of the Forces.

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On Monday, August 13th, the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by the Bishop to several of our boys, who received their first Communion on the following Sunday.

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The announcement of "VP Day" on August 15th was received with tremendous enthusiasm by the School at Assembly. The boys very quickly found their way to the scenes of rejoicing and added their contribution-assisted, no doubt, by some of the masters. The following day also was observed as a public holiday, when Thanksgiving Services were attended.

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During the term the School has been addressed by several distinguished visitors. On August 23rd Rev. K. W. Prentice. from Uganda, gave an interesting address on his work on the mission fields in Central Africa. Mr. Morawitz, representing Czecho-Slovakia at the United Nations "International Week," spoke on October 9th of the rehabilitation problems facing his country. Lieut. Ray Vincent, former Secretary of the Old Boys' Association, gave on October 16th a vivid account of his experiences as a prisoner of war in the East Indies, whilst on November 2nd Ven. Archdeacon North Ash, Home Secretary for A.B.M., spoke on future plans for the development of the missions in Papua and adjacent territories.

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We are indebted once more to the Vacuum Oil Co. for a display of films. Those shown included pictures of industrial undertakings, air and motor transport and topical items. All were greatly appreciated by the boys.

The "Food for Britain" Appeal resulted in the gift by the School of about 180 articles of tinned foods, etc., supplemented by a sum of money which was used to purchase similar articles. This contribution helped to swell the gifts from Hobart which were shipped to Sydney by H.M.S. "Duke of York."

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This has been one of our most successful years in outside competitions in French. Since our last Magazine appeared there have been two more competitions arranged by "Le Courrier Australien." In the-first, R. Wilson-Haffenden obtained first prize and A. J. Hay third; and in the last. J. D. H. Muir obtained first prize.

We have been taking "Le Courrier" now for two years. In that time there have been six competitions open to all schools in Australia. We have secured prizes in each competition, which is surely a record. The most recent prize-winner, Muir, received a letter from the Editor in which he compliments the School in these words:

"Si les petits camarades des autres écoles d'Australie voulaient bien faire le meme effort que nous observons à Hutchins School, nous aurions vite la plus intéressante Page des Jeunes qui soit!"

In the annual oral tests arranged by the Alliance Francaise of Hobart we did exceptionally well. Nine of our boys were prize-winners. In their respective divisions A. D. Dargaville and A. J. Hay secured first prizes; R. Wilson-Haffenden and G. O. Morris secured second prizes; Ross Smith, E. A. Parkes, J. Renney, Roger Smith, D. Thomas secured equal third prizes. These results show a keenness and enthusiasm which promise well for the future.

The School acknowledges with gratitude the gift of books for the Library by Mr. and Mrs. Percy Walch in memory of their son Stuart. A similar gift has been made by Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Harvey as a memorial to their son Ian. It has been proposed to have special book-plates printed to mark the intention of these tributes. The

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School feels that this is a particularly fitting manner in which to record the sacrifice of its Old Boys, for the Library is always available for the use of all boys.

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The Parents'Association has again made valuable donations to the School. An electric urn for use in the Library for suppers after dances, parties, etc., has been presented, together with a set of book shelves for magazines and periodicals. A further gift which it is hoped will profoundly influence the cultural side of the School is that of an amplifier. This beautiful instrument, built to order by Mr. Chas. Drewitt, is capable of highfidelity reproduction of gramophone records as well as broadcasts and public address amplification. It is hoped to inaugurate in the near future classes in musical appreciation. The School is indeed grateful to the Parents' Association for these gifts.

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# Staff Notes

TT is with very sincere regret that we say farewell to the Headmaster, who has won the esteem and affection of each member of the Staff. During his threeand-a-half years with us we have enjoyed the happiest relations with him, thanks largely to his geniality, tact and straight dealing. No matter was too small to receive his full attention, and we feel that it was principally due to his influence that the difficulties of the war years were overcome without any sign of friction. We congratulate him on his new appointment and wish him, Mrs. Murphy and their children every happiness and continued success in their home State. At morning tea recently Mr. Erwin, on behalf of the teaching staff, presented Mr. Murphy with a framed etching of the School and expressed the regrets and good wishes of all the members of the Staff on his departure.

We take this opportunity of assuring his successor, Mr. Paul Radford, of our loyal support and feel sure that during his tenure of office we shall enjoy the same happy relations as existed with Mr. Murphy.

Other resignations are those of Mrs. J. McLean (Miss E. Upchurch) and Messrs. C. MacGregor, A. J. Hobman and G. M. Brammall. We are grateful to Mrs. McLean for having continued her work in the Junior School till the end of the year, after her marriage in August, and wish her every happiness in her new life. Mr. MacGregor has been on the Staff for the past five years, and as Housemaster and Scoutmaster will be missed by his associates, as well as for his assistance on the sports field. Mr. Hobman, as Fourth Form and Rowing Master, and Mr. Brammall in the Junior School, have served the School well, and we join in wishing these three gentlemen every success in their new spheres.

It was good to welcome back Capt. E. W. H. Stephens after his four years' war service, and next year we hope to have Lieut. C. A. S. Viney and Flight-Sergt. A. B. Hearn back with us, both having recently been discharged from the armed services. We also welcome Mr. John Hunter, formerly of the Launceston Church Grammar School, who will take up duties in the Middle School. At the time of going to press appointments of Senior English Master, Second Science Master, and Assistant Master in the Junior School have not been made.

We extend our sincere congratulations to Mr. R. C. Gates, who has been elected one of the Rhodes Scholars for this year. Our thanks are due to him as well as to Mr. C. Bennett and Rev. A. F. Thomas for their assistance in the teaching of Economics, History and English in the latter part of the year.

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# Hail !

School House: Day, J. A.; Hand, C. S. Stephens House: Cooper, J. W.; McDonald, I. B.; Pitt, D.

Buckland House: Croft, B. D.

Sub-Primary: Blee, G. W.; Ellis, G.; Lane, D. J.; Uhr-Henry, J. F.; Walch, F. A. C.

# and Farewell!

School House: Hallam, R. A.; Seaton, P. G.

Stephens House: Baker, A. S. (1941); Barnett, R. A. (1942).

Buckland House: Reid, A. L. (1941). Sub-Primary: Guttridge, R. E. (1945).





### THE QUARTZ CLOCK

A STRONOMY is the oldest of the sciences, and the most ancient occupation of the astronomer was the measurement of time. But the method of telling the time of day was for many centuries very incorrect and was not regarded of much importance until the invention of accurate clocks.

The original clocks were crude instruments and it was not until 1656 that Huygens made the first pendulum clock. From that date until 1938 the pendulum and the hairspring remained the only effective means of controlling a timepiece.

The pendulum is capable of high accuracy, provided that a number of conditions are observed. For instance, the arc through which it swings must always be the same. Its temperature must remain constant lest the rod expand or contract. It must hang in a vacuum so that the varying density of the air shall not alter its weight. But even when these conditions are fulfilled, certain disadvantages remain. It is not possible to find a frictionless suspension, and pendulum-rods have a tendency to become slightly longer as the years go on. However, in spite of these conditions and drawbacks, the best astronomical clocks keep time to within about a hundredth of a second per day. This seems to represent the limit of the performance of the finest pendulum clocks.

There was brought into use in the year 1938 an entirely new type of time-keeper known as the quartz clock. Its performance is perhaps ten times better than that of the best clocks hitherto in use. It times itself, not by a pendulum vibrating once a second, but by a piece of quartz or rock-crystal vibrating many thousand times a second.

If an electric field is applied across the face of a quartz crystal, the crystal expands or contracts, and in the same way the expansion or contraction of the crystal induces an electric field. The quartz crystal has its own natural period of mechanical vibration, just as a tuning fork has. It is possible to include a quartz crystal in a wireless valve circuit, so that the electric impulses generated by the quartz as it vibrates at its natural period control the oscillations of the circuit. These in turn give an oscillating field which keeps the quartz vibrating.

This arrangement, then, gives us a quartz crystal and an electric current oscillating at a fixed speed. These oscillations are used to time the clock, and by altering the thickness of the quartz its natural vibration-speed is altered. The quartz used for the clock vibrates 100.000 times a second. An ingenious apparatus, called a multivibrator, has been invented to slow this frequency, and the vibrations are passed in succession through two or more of these multivibrators. In this way the crystal can be made to produce a circuit oscillating at the comparatively low rate of 1,000 times a second. This is slow enough to drive a wheel-motor which in turn drives the clock.

This type of time-keeper has its advantages and its disadvantages. It varies only by a few thousandths of a second per day. which is much better than the best pendulum clocks. Also, it is much easier to test the accuracy of a quartz clock. The fact that the crystal gives 100,000 vibrations per second means that in 100 seconds it has vibrated ten million times. By having three or four clocks, and seeing that their beats synchronize, their timekeeping can be checked to one part in a thousand million within a couple of minutes, whereas a day or so is required to ascertain if two or three pendulum clocks are keeping exact time with each other.

The disadvantage of the quartz clock is that it has so many electrical accessories it always stands in jeopardy of breaking down. Those who have tested both clocks say that for long runs they are about on a level, but for short runs the quartz instrument is a good deal more accurate.

### **RELIGION AND SCIENCE**

It is often said that science is opposed to religion, and that scientific thought at its best is concerned only with material progress and at its worst is an agent for the destruction of civilization.

Dr. T. H. Somervell in a recent book "Knife and Life in India" combats the view that fundamentally there is any opposing principle between the Christian religion and the discoveries of science.

Dr. Somervell is famous as a mountaineer and is one of the five who reached within 1,000 feet of the top of Mount Everest. He is also an eminent surgeon and gave up a lucrative practice in England to devote his life to alleviating the sufferings of the depressed classes in India.

He says that it has always seemed unfortunate to him that for so many people there exists an imagined antagonism between science and religion. Such antagonism has never seemed to him to exist. But the assumption of it is actually responsible for many atheistic writings and for that useless religion called Humanism which is becoming so popular to-day.

He thanks God that it is his business not to fight science with his religion, but to use science as the chief means of its propagation. And quite rational, too, science is limited to the investigation of the material world and its behaviour as far as such is predictable. Science by its very nature is limited and must be limited. It has been described as "a net to catch certain fish and let other fish through." There is at present a vast range of phenomena which science cannot describe and which it is at least possible she will never be able to describe. A few questions of behaviour are being brought under the sway of the science of psychology, but, apart from these, science does not attempt to describe or explain spiritual or Divine things.

Some day a ray like cosmic rays may be found to throw light on character or to analyse beauty or goodness. But this is most unlikely. The values of life, the things of the spirit, the question of immortality and Deity are simply not part of the concern of science — they are the fish that escape the net.

Science, Dr. Somervell avers, is "not knowledge," however wonderful the things she has done. There are forms of "science" largely conjectural which deal with the things of the spirit, and these are usually called religion or theology. But valid judgment in these matters is not scientific in its nature; it is rather a question of personal experience.

The material kind of science when divorced from God or from spiritual values has led the world to the brink of self-annihilation. That is apparently the best it can do in the world of religion. Its test is "to-morroy we die," to which some people have reasonably added, "Let us eat and drink."

There is surely only one way by which the world can be saved, and that is by the science of the soul. This way is not antagonistic to science. It simply fills in the biggest of the gaps which science has left out.

Somervell's book is presented in a clear and readable style, and apart from his views on the relationship between science and religion it makes interesting reading as a description of the life and work of a medical missionary in India.

### ELECTRIC MOTOR-CARS

Dr. George R. Harrison, Dean of the Faculty of Science in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in a recent lecture has pronounced the motor-car "a complex monument to scientific frustration." He calls it a comfortably stuffed wagon loaded down with gadgets designed to make other parts fulfil their function of correcting inadequacies in still more more fundamental gadgets.

He points to the petrol engine. It cannot start itself, therefore another engine must be added, an electric motor. But since this cannot be driven by petrol another source of power is added in the form of a battery. Since the battery must be charged, an electric generator must be included, and as the generator at times delivers too much current a cut-out is necessary. So gadget is added to gadget.

Dr. Harrison thinks it would be much simpler to run the whole car with electric power. Then we could throw away the radiator with its thermostats and antifreeze, the ignition system, the engine, the muffler. the clutch, the transmission and the differential — in fact, almost everything except the chassis and the wheels. We could mount a small motor on each wheel and operate these motors from a central storage battery. Simpler than a street car to start and stop, our new motor would have the additional advantage that in running down hill, energy could be stored in the battery for future climbs.

What stands in the way of such a car? The fact that one pound of petrol will give up on demand somewhat more than twenty times as much energy as one pound of the best and most fully charged storage battery that has yet been made. Dr. Harrison, however, is not discouraged. He wants some inventor to "develop a storage battery which will drive a car 200 miles on one charge, yet weigh no more than half an engine plus 15 gallons of petrol, whereupon the job is done."

He will not believe that the present storage battery is the lightest that will ever be discovered. If anyone else believes this Harrison would like to hear his reasons.

He thinks that the research needed to give us the practical electric car involves fundamental discoveries regarding matter and electricity. And it is possible that the recent advances in the utilization of atomic energy may contribute materially to the object Dr. Harrison has in view.

### THE ATOMIC BOMB

Our readers may possibly think that some mention of the atomic bomb will be made in these jottings, and it is hardly possible for a writer on current events in the scientific world entirely to ignore the subject. However, since the war against Japan ended, so much has been spoken and written on this instrument of death that most people are beginning to be weary of what seems to be almost an interminable discussion. In any case the writer of these notes is interested in science and not in a diabolical invention designed to slay indiscriminately as many of his fellow creatures as possible. In view of the hideous effects of the bomb, we must all agree with the Archbishop of Canterbury when he called it a reminder that war is an unclean thing which none can touch without defilement.

With regard to the future of the atomic bomb, its underlying scientific principle is widely known, and it is futile for any one nation to delude itself by thinking that the details of its mechanical construction can be withheld from the rest of the world. The American scientists have already expressed themselves emphatically on that point. When every nation knows the secret, a would-be aggressor will surely hesitate to use such a dreadful weapon, knowing that it, in turn, may be used against him with equally devastating results. This seems to be the only hope for the future of the world.

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# The Schools' Board Certificate Examination

THE examinations to be conducted by

the newly constituted Schools' Board, commencing in 1946, mark an entirely new departure in the educational system of this State. The examinations will be for candidates of the present Sub-Leaving standard (our Lower VI) and will provide part of the qualification for matriculation. We publish the following list of subjects in which examinations will be held, together with the Board's requirements before a certificate will be issued:

The subjects of the examination shall be-

### Basic Subjects

English (Expression 1 point, Literature 1 point).

- Social Studies (2 points, lower pass 1 point).
- General Science A or B (each 2 points, lower pass 1 point).

Mathematics I (1 point).

or Mathematics II (2 points, lower pass 1 point).

#### **Optional Subjects**

Mathematics III (taken with or after Mathematics II, 1 point).

French, German (each, part A 1 point; part B 1 point).

Latin, Greek (each 2 points, lower pass 1 point).

- Art I (1 point). Art II (2 points, lower pass 1 point).
- Musical Appreciation I (1 point). Musical Appreciation II (2 points, lower pass 1 point).
- Music Practice I (1 point). Music Practice II (2 points, lower pass 1 point). Art of Speech (1 point).
- Home Arts and Crafts I (1 point). Home Arts and Crafts II (2 points, lower pass 1 point).
- Commercial Practice I (1 point). Commercial Practice II (2 points, lower pass 1 point).
- Shorthand I (1 point). Shorthand II (2 points, lower pass 1 point).
- Typing (1 point).
- Metal Work I (1 point). Metal Work II (2 points, lower pass 1 point).
- Woodwork I (1 point). Woodwork II (2 points, lower pass 1 point).
- Woodwork and Sheet Metal Work (1 point).

Applied Electricity (1 point).

- Technical Drawing A (2 points, lower pass 1 point).
- Technical Drawing B (2 points, lower pass 1 point).
- Agricultural Practice (2 points, lower pass 1 point).

. During the first and second years at least sixty per cent, of the normal school time-table of candidates for the Schools' Board Certificates must have been allotted to the Basic subjects, and during the third and fourth years not less than ten per cent. must have been allotted to each of English Expression, English Literature, Social Studies, and to either General Science or Mathematics.

Points shall be awarded either for passes at the External Examination or for passes awarded on the report of the Accrediting Committee. To obtain the Schools' Board Certificate a candidate must pass in English Expression and must gain at least seven points of which not less than four shall be from the Basic group.

A candidate of the External Examination must obtain all the necessary points in one year. Any candidate who enters for examination and fails to obtain the Certificate may enter in a subsequent year.

No candidate may at any one examination enter for subjects carrying more than twelve points in all.

In the case of subjects bearing one point the Board shall award credits and passes and, in the case of subjects bearing more than one point, credits, passes and lower passes.

#### Temporary By-Laws

Candidates may at the December Examinations in 1946 or 1947 or the February Examinations in 1947 or 1948 enter for any one or more of the following alternative basic subjects: History, Geography (instead of Social Studies); Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Biology, Physiology, Geology (instead of General Science). One point shall be awarded for a pass in each of these alternative subjects, but Botany and Biology may not both be counted.

Candidates at the External Examinations in December, 1946, or February, 1947, who do not enter for Mathematics I or Mathematics II or Mathematics III, may enter for Algebra or Geometry or Trigonometry or for any two of these subjects. If one subject is passed, or if a lower pass is gained in two subjects, one point will be awarded in the Basic group, and if a pass is obtained in two subjects, two points will be awarded in the Basic group.

## Library Notes

THE Library Committee wishes to thank Mr. and Mrs. Colin Barnett for the gift of a number of books, including Grotes' History of Greece. Their gift is the more interesting as the books were originally in the private library of the late W. H. Buckland.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Walch have endowed the Library with a sum of money to purchase annually a book or books in memory of their son Stuart. Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Harvey have made a similar gift in memory of their son Ian. These books will have inserted in them special book-plates, which will be a perpetual reminder to the readers of the gallant young men in whose name the books have been given. The School appreciates very much the generous action of Mr. and Mrs. Walch and of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, and commends this form of memorial as one which will not only benefit a great number of boys within the School, but will prove a permanent memorial.

Further purchases have been made on behalf of the Parents'Association. A number of books also has been added to the Junior School Library. The following are the titles of books added to the Memorial Library through the Parents' Association fund:

Non-Fiction: Creative Writing in Australia; Australian Aborigines; Romance of Medicine; How They Do It; With Pennants Flying; Science Year Book; Place, Taste and Tradition in Australian Art; Great Days; Matthew Arnold's Political Works; Physical Education; B.P.; Building Today; Electricity Today; Iron and Steel Today; Photography Today; Maps; Fables from Russia; Enjoyment cf Literature; The Pageant of English Poetry; Mostly Australian; The Island World; Contemporary British Literature.

Fiction: The Four Feathers; Lassie Come Home; Hangman's House; Destiny Bay; Biggles in Borneo,—in the Jungle, flies South, — flies West, — defies the Swastika; Gateway to Adventure; Wat the Fox; The Secret Trails; The House in the War; Kings in Exile; Pegleg and the Fur-Pirates; Capt. Pegleg's War; Pegleg and the Invaders; The Terror of the Noiseless Sound; Battling Through; The Secret Island; A Spot of Bother.

# The Literary and Debating Society

Patron: Mr. W. H. Hudspeth President and Master-in-Charge: Mr.V. S. Murphy Hon. Sec. and Treasurer: M. W. Jennings Assistant Hon. Sec.: J. R. Ward

Committee: Mr. V. S. Murphy, M. W. Jennings, J. R. Ward, P. C. Brothers, A. J. McIntosh, A. H. Harvey

A PART from the regular Senior and Junior house competition only two evenings were arranged with any outside team. The first was a debate against Fahan on the subject "That War is a Great Enemy of the Arts." The School team — McIntosh, Ward and Jennings narrowly defeated the girls. However, Fahan secured a comfortable win in a return debate against the Lower Sixth.

The final Senior house debate on the subject that "Civilization Has Not Really Progressed in the Twentieth Century" was won by Stephens. A. J. McIntosh, as a result of the debate, became Senior Orator for the year.

The three Junior debates were interesting and of a high standard. M. Courtney, of School, narrowly defeated W. J. A. Butler and J. A. Walch to become Junior Orator.

In the third of the Junior debates the committee conducted the entire proceedings. The Secretary, assisted by McIntosh, adjudicated the debate, and Ward acted as Chairman. The experiment proved successful and the results of the two adjudicators were the same.

The Magazine contributions and the Hudspeth Essay Competition entries have been poor. The Junior Essay was won by P. C. Brothers. No award was made in the Senior section.

The activities of the Society this year have been successful, although lack of time has caused a few projected schemes to be abandoned.

The prizewinners for the year are as follows:----

Senior Impromptu Orator: A. J. McIntosh.

Junior Impromptu Orator: M. Courtney and J. Renney (equal).

Senior Orator: A. J. McIntosh.

Junior Orator: M. Courtney.

Hudspeth Essay, Junior: P. C. Brothers.

This year Stephens wins the Debating Society Shield. School came second and Buckland last. Stephens' success was largely due to the good work of A. J. McIntosh.

We wish to thank Mr. Murphy for all he has done for the Society, in adjudicating, acting as President, and carrying many responsibilities, and greatly regret his impending departure.

# The Parents' Association

WITH the declaration of peace, this year means far more than many of us realise. That many boys are returning home, and those now at school are not required for battle areas, is much for which to be thankful. The School is to be congratulated on the manner in which it has maintained its work and standard during the years of war, and, above all, its record in the services.

The Association has endeavoured to assist the School as much as possible, and it is to be hoped that the modern heating system has proved beneficial to masters and boys. Much interest has been taken in the Library, too, and, as well as providing shelves and many books, additional funds are still available for this purpose.

Recently an electric urn was purchased for the School by the Association, which also donated additional school prizes and trophies. Another gift to the School is an amplifying system. As well as serving other purposes, it will give the boys an opportunity of appreciating good music. In this connection our thanks are due to Mr. O. H. Biggs for his keen interest in the matter. These additional facilities mean much to the School, and to the boys encouragement, which is good for all of them.

While congratulations are extended to Mr. Murphy on his transfer to Western Australia, it is regretted that he is leaving the School. What he has done for the boys is appreciated and will not be forgotten. He and Mrs. Murphy have taken much interest in the activities of the Association, which thanks them for their cooperation and support. They leave behind many happy memories and take with them all good wishes for the future happiness and success of the family.

A very warm welcome awaits Mr. Murphy's successor (Mr. Paul Radford), who is assured all possible assistance from the Association.

The services of masters are appreciated, and this opportunity is taken to thank them; also Matron, Bursar, members of the Board, Old Boys' Association, and parents who are ever ready to take an active interest in the School. For all we wish happy holidays, including the boys, who have our good wishes for their success, particularly those who are starting on a life's career. What the School means to them is not fully realised until they no longer take their places in the classrooms. E. G. J.

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# Confirmation

THE following boys received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the hands of the Bishop in August:

M. J. Best, P. C. Brothers, R. D. Cuthbert, R. J. Everett, B. J. Foster, C. E. Hirst, C. J. Johnson, D. E. Kirby, C. L. Mackey, D. F. Millington, G. O. Morris, J. D. H. Muir, A. L. Reid, N. Round, G. Salter, G. T. Stilwell, D. W. Strutt, J. W. Strutt, C. P. Tanner, R. H. Vernon, K. W. H. Wood, J. Wright.

Rifle	Shooting
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THIS year the House competition was held on the School range and was won by School in both divisions. With two optional sighters and eight scoring shots, D. F. Clark with 38 secured the highest individual score.

#### "A"

School House	 	146 points
Buckland House	 	141 points
Stephens House	 	136 points

### "B"

School House	 	125 points
Buckland House		120 points
Stephens House	 	120 points

The School is indebted to D. F. Clark for establishing a Perpetual Cup for House Rifle Shooting. Such a gesture on the eve of Clark leaving school fills a need in the School and is greatly appreciated. The School says "Thank you, Clark."



PREFECTS, 1945 Back row: D. K. Dargaville, R. S. Hodgson, A. D. Dargaville, J. R. Ward. Front row: D. F. Clark, C. A. H. Payne (Senior Prefect), The Headmaster, D. A. Burton, T. J. Muller



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O.C. Detachment: Capt. W. T. Crosby C.S.M.: W.O. ii R. Smith
C.Q.M.S.: S/Sgt. G. W. R. Sansom
O.C. No. 1 Platoon: Cdt.-Lieut. J. R. Ward Platoon Sergeant: Sgt. I. N. Hawker
O.C. No. 2 Platoon: Cdt.-Lieut. C. A. H. Payne Platoon Sergeant: Sgt. D. F. Clark
O.C. No. 3 Platoon: Cdt.-Lieut. R. S. Hodgson Platoon Sergeant: Sgt. M. W. Jennings

Discharges: C.Q.M.S. T. J. Muller. Promotion: Cpl. Sansom to be S/Sgt. Enrolment: Cdt. Pitt. Home Training.—The normal  $1\frac{1}{4}$  hours training has been kept up each Friday afternoon as usual. On such parades No. 1 Platoon does work on the Vickers machine gun or 3in. mortar; No. 2 Platoon, the 10-line field switchboard and D mk. V telephone, also ambulance work; and No. 3 Platoon the Bren L.M.G. or other first-year training.

At the end of June the Company had an open range day at Sandy Bay, with quite good results. Lately we have been shooting on the miniature range at the Barracks, in the Empire-wide competition. From the reports from the Barracks we have not done very badly, so there is a chance of being near the top.



#### CADET OFFICERS AND N.C.O.'s, 1945

Back row: Sgt. M. W. Jennings, L/Cpl. N. W. Johnson, Cpl. R. E. C. Stopp, L/Cpl. R. Wilson-Haffenden, L/Cpl. E. A. Parkes. Middle row: L/Cpl. B. A. Clark, L/Cpl. H. G. Swan, Cpl. D. K. Dargaville, Cpl. D. A. Burton, Cpl. J. C. McPhee, Cpl. B. Sampson. Front row: Sgt. I. N. Hawker, C.S.M. R. Smith, Cdt.-Lieut, J. R. Ward, Cdt.-Lieut. C. A. Payne, Cdt.-Lieut R. S. Hodgson, C.Q.M.S. G. W. R. Sanson, Sgt. D. F. Clark

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Camp.—The annual camp was held at the Convalescent Depot at Evandale. This site is an ideal place for such a camp as ours. Great benefit was obtained from the training done during the period of the camp - 31st August to 10th September.

Weapons such as the .303 rifle, Vickers M.G., Owen, Sten, Austen, E.Y. rifle, 3in. mortar and 2lb. tank attack gun were demonstrated on the second day in camp. The rest of the training, consisting of advanced work on the year's syllabus, was carried out mainly by the officers and N.C.O.'s.

The second last day in camp saw an inter-detachment marching competition. Each detachment provided a platoon of one officer, one sergeant and 27 other ranks. Out of the Hobart State High School, Queenstown Junior Technical School and St. Patrick's College, Launceston, we emerged the proud winners. Capt. W. T. Crosby.—It is with regret that we say farewell to our O.C., Capt. Crosby, who has nobly filled the position of detachment commander for this year. He came to us when we were in a bad way, but now he has brought us back to our former state of being a very good company. We are very grateful for what he has done for us, and the time he has spent with us. So we thank our able O.C. and sorrowfully say farewell.

Capt. A. B. White. — Yet another change; and it is this time Capt. White, who is giving up his position as Staff Officer for Cadets. Everyone has admired and liked him, and we will be sorry to lose a friend and officer such as he. His position will be taken over by Capt. Cree, and we wish both Capt. White and Capt. Cree success in their new jobs.

# Scout Notes

#### THE HUTCHINS SCHOOL (3rd Hobart) TROOP (Founded 1911)

S.M.: Mr. C. MacGregor

A.S.M.: Mr. F. J. E. Johnson

#### T.L. (Acting): A. D. Dargaville

Bulldogs:Eagles:Swifts:P.L.: JohnsonP.L.: SheltonP.L.: HeckscherSec.: MurphySec.: CrippsSec.: Page-Hanify

Strength. — The full strength of 24 Scouts has been maintained throughout the year, and the energy and enthusiasm of the A.S.M. have set a fine example by which the troop has definitely profited, and have enabled the S.M. to give a little more attention to his duties as Acting District Commissioner.

Parades. — The attendance at some parades has been rather disappointing, but a large section of the troop has shown great keenness and some very good work has been done. On Saturday afternoons we have visited Mt. Wellington, Mt. Nelson, Bellerive and other places of interest, but one feature of these outings which used to provide a great deal of interest and amusement — the efforts of good, bad, indifferent and often very ingenious camp cooks — seems to have faded out of the picture.

Camps.—The troop attended the district week-end camp at Bellerive from 2nd to 5th October, and did a very good job, the Swift Patrol, under 2nd Page-Hanify, showing very good form. We hope to hold the annual summer vacation camp early in January.

District Sports.—The Hobart District Scouts Athletic Sports were held at the North Hobart Oval on Saturday, 19th October, when the Hutchins Troop won the competition for the third year in succession. Unfortunately, P.L. Shelton, our champion runner, was ill, but A. D. Dargaville won the open 100, 220 and 440 yards 'events. P.L. Johnson won the open broad jump and P.L. Heckscher the 220 yards under 16. Competition was very keen and the result of the competition was not decided until the last event had been judged.

We were very glad, indeed, to say "Welcome home!" to one of our old friends, the Rev. John May, a former A.S.M. in the troop, who was taken prisoner while on duty as chaplain with the garrison at Rabaul, and spent the intervening years in a prison camp in Japan.

We are delighted to welcome back to the School staff our old Scouter, Captain "Cubby" Stephens, who has had six years of soldiering. We hope to see quite a lot of him in our scouting activities next year. It is with much regret that we say farewell to our present S.M., who has been with the troop for nearly five years. To him, as to all other Scouts and scouters of the troop, past and present, we say—

"Good Scouting!"

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# House Notes

### BUCKLAND HOUSE

Colours: Maroon and White House Master: Mr. A. J. Hobman House Captain: M. W. Jennings Vice-Captain: P. S. Young Captain of Cricket, Tennis and Debating: M. W. Jennings Captain of Cross-Country. P. S. Young Captain of Cross-Country. P. S. Young Captain of Swimming: B. J. Foster Captain of Swimming: B. J. Foster Captain of Athletics: J. T. Shelton Captain of Rowing: R. Smith Captain of Football: R. S. Milles

THIS year the House has not been at its best. The enthusiasm was patchy and the true House spirit was lacking. We had the necessary talent, but failed to use it effectively. School, in winning the Bethune Shield, displayed a fine spirit and thoroughly deserves its win. Tim Muller, as the House Captain, was outstanding in all he undertook. He set the example and the boys followed. We congratulate them on their many convincing performances.

We had several good individual performers in the House. Robert Vernon was the tennis and under 16 athletics champion. Barry Foster was the open swimming champion. Peter Young was equal open champion in athletics with Tim Muller, and John Shelton in the under age events broke several interschool records. As individuals the boys of the House were successful, but as a team they failed.

The "A" House football matches were full of spirit and determination, and the House team combined magnificently. If the same spirit had been put into the cross-country and the standard athletics, who knows what might have happened? Bucks filled her rightful position in a few of the contests, but a greater effort in other directions might have shown better results.

Next year the House should be strong. It remains to be seen whether the old spirit will return. The boys who are leaving wish the House the best of luck, and hope the shield will be won for the Centenary year.

### SCHOOL HOUSE

Colours: Light Blue and Dark Blue

House Master: Mr. C. MacGregor

House Captain: T. J. Muller

Vice-Captain: R. S. Hodgson

Captain of Athletics, Cricket and Tennis: .T. J. Muller

Captain of Football and Cross-Country: R. S. Hodgson

Captain of Rowing and Rifles: D. F. Clark

Captain of Rowing: D. F. Clark

Captain of Swimming: D. McDermott

Captain of Debating: J. R. Ward

A FTER holding second place until June, School secured a number of successes and managed to win the Bethune Shield for the Champion House.

In "A" cricket we finished second, while in the "B," after being defeated by Bucks, we showed our true form by winning against Stephs., owing mainly to a sparkling 43 by Hodgson. Congratulations to Stephens on winning the Cricket Shield.

School House rowing crews succeeded in winning both races. The "B" crew won easily, but the "A" crew, which included three of the First crew, won by only a narrow margin from Stephens, whom we congratulate on a splendid race. School thus won the Rowing Cup.

In the rifle shooting School were first in both divisions.

Tennis saw us win the "B," but Bucks proved too strong in the "A," but, as they were last in the "B," School won the Charles Davis Cup for Tennis. We congratulate Vernon (Bucks) on being Tennis Champion for 1945.

In the "A" football we had two enjoyable but strenuous matches and were a little amazed at our success, as Bucks and Stephs both fielded strong and heavy teams. However, in the "B" we had a solid team, which played good football to win the contest.

With the completion of the football the cross-country proved as eventful, with School getting first, second and sixth in the "A" and first, third and fourth in the "B," and so securing first position in both. Our congratulations go to J. Smith for his win in the House and Inter-School races, and to M. Courtney for his win in the "B."

In standard athletics we were first in both divisions, with Stephs. in second place.

The House Captains would like to thank all members of the House for their keenness and co-operation during the year. Finally, we thank Bucks and Stephs. for the sporting manner in which the competitions were conducted.

### **STEPHENS HOUSE**

Colours: Blue, Black and Gold House Master: Mr. E. W. H. Stephens House Captain: R. E. C. Stopp Vice-Captain: C. A. H. Payne

Captain of Cricket and Swimming: R. E. C. Stopp Captain of Tennis, Football and Cross-Country: C. C. A. Butler

Captain of Rowing: D. A. Burton

Captain of Athletics: J. Donovan

Captain of Rifle Shooting: C. A. H. Payne Captain of Debating: A. J. McIntosh

OUR congratulations go to School House on winning the J. W. Bethune Shield for the year.

In the "A" House competition School House was much too strong, winning six of the nine events. We won only two, the swimming and the cricket, gaining second place in three events. This gave us second place in the "A" competition.

In the "B" House we gained only one first in the swimming, with a draw in the cricket. We gained four seconds, this giving us second place in the "B" competition.

The sporting spirit which prevailed in School House was largely responsible for their success. We regret to say that in Stephens this spirit was lacking in some instances. Let us hope that in the coming year there will be an improvement in this respect.

## Colours, 1945

#### Swimming-

- I—Foster, R. Stopp, Chapman, Baker, D. Hodgson, Coates, McDermott, J. Strutt, Burn.
- II—Harris, J. Fisher, L. Murphy, Jack, Knight, Jolley, Golding, D. Strutt.

#### Cricket-

- I—Muller, Jennings, Wilson-Haffenden, Swan, Gaul, D. K. Dargaville, Chapman, C. C. Butler, Milles, R. Stopp, Abbott, J. Donovan.
- II—McPhee, Bennison, Harvey, Ikin, Burn, Hawker.

### Rowing-

- I-D. Clark, Ward, Ross Smith, R. S. Hodgson, F. Thompson.
- II—I. Marshall, D. Hodgson, Haddon-Cave, Burton, Courtney.

#### Athletics----

- I—Muller, J. Donovan, P. Young, R. S. Hodgson, D. K. Dargaville, A. D. Dargaville, Ward, Shelton, Vernon.
- II—B. Barnett, Wilson Haffenden, Cloudsdale, Terry, G. Renney, P. Mitchell, I. Madden, N. Johnson, Rush, Hallam.

### Football-

- I—Muller, R. S. Hodgson, C. C. Butler, J. Donovan, Wilson-Haffenden, R. Stopp, Ward, P. Young, Vernon, Sampson, Barnett, D. K. Dargaville, Hawker, Courtney, Jennings, R. Smith, N. Johnson, I. Marshall, Hammond.
- II—Milles, Payne, Burn, Gaul, Ikin, D. Clark, T. Young, Rush, N. McCreary, McDermott, Swan, Seaton, Pearson, Shelton, G. Marshall, McPhee, J. T. Renney, Foster.

#### Cross-Country-

I—J. Smith, R. S. Hodgson, P. Young, C. C. Butler.

II—Rush, Swan.

#### Tennis—

I—Muller, C. C. Butler, Jennings, Coupe.

#### HONOUR BADGES

Muller, Jennings, D. K. Dargaville, C. C. Butler, R. Stopp, Ward, R. S. Hodgson, P. S. Young, J. Donovan.



A FTER the severe defeat by St. Virgil's in the early part of the season when the School team was lacking in experience, the boys settled down to more purposeful training. As the season advanced improved form in all departments of the game was evident. The lads became accustomed to playing in their positions and so performed to greater advantage.

#### Hutchins v. Friends

The School won the toss and kicked with the breeze. Repeated attacks gave the forwards opportunities and a big lead was established. Hutchins, 8.5; Friends, 1.1.

The second quarter was in Friends' favour, but Ward's fine play at full-back frustrated many attacks. Half-time: Hutchins, 8.6; Friends, 3.5.

The third quarter was hard fought, but the School increased its lead by over four goals. Three-quarter time scores: Hutchins 12.8; Friends, 3.5.

Play was even in the final quarter with both teams showing signs of a hard game. Final scores:

Hutchins, 13 goals 11 behinds (89 pts.) Friends, 3 goals 8 behinds (26 pts.).

Hodgson on the wing, Ward full-back, and Stopp at centre half-forward were best for the School, whilst Muller, Wilson-Haffenden, Butler and Courtney played useful games. Young and Jennings were best in the ruck.

#### Hutchins v. Friends

The second encounter was played at the Clare Street Ground a few weeks later. The School was well served by the same boys as in the first match, with Donovan, Dargaville and Barnett also frequently conspicuous. The various quarter scores were:

Hutchins 3.5 6.7 10.8 11.10 Friends 0.0 0.2 1.3 2.5

#### Hutchins v. St. Virgil's

Play was very fast with the ball travelling from one back-line to the other. The forwards were well guarded and got little chance for anything but hurried kicks for goal. First quarter scores: St.Virgil's, 0.4; Hutchins, 0.3.

In the early part of the second quarter the School established a lead of 10 points, but St. Virgil's rallied and at half-time still had a lead of one point with St. Virgil's 3.6, Hutchins 3.5.

The third quarter was a keen struggle for supremacy and closed with St. Virgil's holding a four-point advantage. Scores: St. Virgil's, 6.9; Hutchins, 6.5.

Excitement increased when Hutchins took the lead early in the last quarter. St. Virgil's battled on and reduced the lead, then brought the scores level with three minutes to play. A pass to an unguarded forward produced a goal to St. Virgil's and following the bounce another behind was scored. Final scores:

St.Virgil's, 8 goals 12 behinds (60 pts.) Hutchins, 8 goals 5 behinds (53 pts.).

For the School, Butler, Dargaville, Sampson and Ward were strong in defence. Donovan very capably nullified the efforts of Shirley, the speedy St. Virgil's captain, in the centre; whilst Wilson-Haffenden, Stopp, Muller and Young acquitted themselves very well in a hard match.

We congratulate St.Virgil's on winning the Southern and State premierships.

The School finished the season by a win over State High School with the scores:

Hutchins, 7.8; State High School, 4.7.

#### HOUSE MATCHES

By winning the Centenary Shield this year to make ten wins out of the thirteen-

Stephens House was second in both

On the whole, the trials were disappoint-

ing. Apart from a few enthusiasts who

trained hard and continuously and re-

peated their trials several times, boys

seemed generally to be content if they

recorded one trial for each event. A large

number did not put in an appearance

until late in the season and then found

that they were unable to complete the

number of trials necessary to obtain an

(3.5). School (8.8) defeated Stephens (3.4).

becomes the permanent holders.

Buckland (9.4) defeated Stephens (1.6). "B"

year duration of the Shield, School House

"A"

School (12.11) defeated Buckland

School (9.11) defeated Buckland (1.7).

School (8.8) defeated Stephens (2.8). Stephens (4.8) defeated Buckland (3.11).

# Standard Athletics

SCHOOL House had a comparatively easy win in both sections of the Standard Athletic competitions this year, mainly owing to the more corporate spirit in the House, as well as to the efforts of Muller, the House Captain, and his assistants in rounding up the "slackers."

The best quotients obtained were:----Johnson, N., 137; Shelton, 134; Stranger, 132; Muller, 124.

It was gratifying, however, to see a very definite improvement in the performances of several of the younger boys. In addition to taking a large share in the recording of trials, the Headmaster, as usual, gave a lot of time to the coaching of boys in all field events, and much of the improvement noted is due to his persistent efforts to raise the general standard of athletics in the School.

## Cross-Country

### HOUSE EVENTS

IN the Junior race over about 1<sup>‡</sup> miles twenty-four competitors started. M. Courtney won the event in the good time of 7 min. 54 secs. D. Strutt was about 120 yards away second, whilst Heckscher filled third place 60 yards further back.

School House was first and Stephens second.

In the open event J. A. Smith, who had been running well with the New Town Harriers, won by about 240 yards from R. S. Hodgson, who defeated P. S. Young by a yard. Smith also ran good time in covering the course (about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles) in 19 min. 51 secs.

School House won the event from

Stephens, whilst Buckland failed to start a full team.

#### INTER-SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Leading from the start, J. A. Smith, the School champion, easily won the event in the good time of 29 min. 3 3-5 sees. Hodgson and Young, after being in third and fourth positions early, weakened in the last  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles and were passed by three runners from the Friends' School. The Friends' School won the teams race with places third, fourth and fifth, which was a slightly better result than the School's first, sixth and seventh.

Congratulations to the Friends' School on their team's good win of the Clark Shield. The Hutchins School Magazine



THE second half of the season opened with the School leading St. Virgil's by three points in the Southern competition, With two matches to play our position seemed good. The match against Friends' School was full of interest. The team secured a good lead on the first innings thanks to steady batting by Jennings, Wilson, Gaul and Swan, and to fine bowling by Dargaville. Our second innings was declared closed at 5 for 96. Prospects of an outright win seemed bright when two wickets fell cheaply, but a fine partnership by Gunn and Walker prevented the bowlers from pressing home their advantage. St. Virgil's, with an outright win over Clemes College, had now reduced our lead to two points.

The last match was played on 17th and 24th November against Clemes College at Clare Street. Our batsmen failed to take advantage of a perfect wicket and the side was out for 83. Clemes replied with 106. In our second innings we fared a little better in scoring 121, though the batsmen. with the exception of Muller and Gaul, failed to take advantage of the batsman's wicket. Clemes made a spirited bid for victory, and when the first wicket fell with 70 on the board our prospects were very poor indeed. The running out of Archer when he had made 51 was the turning point. Muller had brought back Dargaville and Gaul, bowling from the opposite ends to those at which they had opened. Their bowling was so steady and accurate that the remaining batsmen could do little and the side was dismissed for 96 - two runs short of the total required. By its outright win the School clinched the Southern premiership, with St. Virgil's in second place. A match for the State premiership is being played against Church Grammar School in Launceston at the time of going to press.

#### **Results of Matches**

Hutchins v. The Friends' School, at T.C.A. Ground on 27th October and 10th November.—F.S.: 1st innings, 49 (Dargaville, 7 for 21; Gaul, 3 for 18); 2nd innings, 6 for 110 (Dargaville, 2 for 26; Butler, 2 for 30). Hutchins: 1st innings, 130 (Gaul, 31 n.o.; Jennings, 24; Swan, 21); 2nd innings, 5 for 96 declared (Jennings, 41). Hutchins won on the 1st innings.

Hutchins v. Clemes College, at Clare Street on 17th and 24th November.— C.C.: 1st innings, 106 (Gaul, 5 for 36; Dargaville, 4 for 40); 2nd innings, 96 (Dargaville, 4 for 23; Gaul, 4 for 28). Hutchins: 1st innings, 83 (Wilson, 16; Muller, 15; Butler, 15); 2nd innings, 121 (Muller, 34; Gaul, 29 n.o.). Hutchins won outright.

The Second Eleven has shown great keenness and many members have effected great improvement. Two easy wins were scored over the Friends' School, whilst a very interesting two-day match against the Hobart State High School resulted in a loss on the first innings. Fine innings were played by Bennison, McPhee, McLaren and Harvey, whilst Bennison, Ikin and Harvey did well with the ball. Of the newcomers to the team Courtney showed most promise.

The lower grades have not been as well catered for this term, but several good performances have been recorded. A series of form matches has also been played.

In the "B" House competition there were some surprising fluctuations of form. In the first match Stephens House (2 for

sections.

athletic quotient.



#### THE CRICKET ELEVEN, SOUTHERN PREMIERS, 1945

Back row: H. G. Swan, J. Donovan, W. T. Gaul, C. C. A. Butler, R. E. C. Stopp. Front row: D. H. Chapman, D. K. Dargaville, T. J. Muller (Capt.), The Headmaster, M. W. Jennings, R. Wilson-Haffenden, R. S. Milles

45) easily defeated Buckland House (40). In the second match Buckland (70) defeated School House (52). In the third match, however, School decisively defeated Stephens House by 165 runs to 60. The three Houses thus finished equal in the "B" House competition. As a result of the year's cricket Stephens House won the Henric Nicholas Shield for House Cricket.

### AVERAGES

#### (excluding State Premiership match)

#### Batting Bowling

		Innings	Not Out	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average	*			Wickets	Runs	Average	
Gaul	 					20.4	Dargavi	ille	****	40	265	6.62	
Muller	 	11	1	61*	157	15.7	Gaul			23	186	8.09	
Butler	 	10	2	39*	124	15.5	Butler			13	136	10,46	
	;	*Not '	Out										

# Tennis

A LTHOUGH the School could only manage third place in the inter-school competition there are signs of greater interest in this sport. Vernon, owing to illhealth, was not available for the matches. Muller was elected captain of the team.

### St.Virgil's v. Hutchins

Murray and Gillon defeated Muller and Jennings, 6-1, 6-4.

Fish and Hiscutt defeated Butler and Coupe, 6-2, 6-4.

Murray defeated Muller, 6-0, 6-3. Gillon defeated Jennings, 6-1, 6-4.

Fish defeated Butler, 6-4, 6-5.

Hiscutt defeated Coupe, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.

St.Virgil's: 6 rubbers, 12 sets, 73 games. Hutchins: 0 rubbers, 1 set, 42 games.

### Friends v. Hutchins

Peacock and Traill defeated Muller and Butler, 6—1, 6—2.

Gourlay and Miller defeated Jennings and Coupe, 6-1, 4-6, 8-6.

Peacock defeated Muller, 6-1, 6-3. Traill lost to Butler, 6-1, 5-6, 5-7.

Miller lost to Jennings, 2-6, 1-6.

Gourlay lost to Coupe, 4-6, 6-4, 2-6.

The Friends' School: 3 rubbers, 8 sets, 73 games.

Hutchins: 3 rubbers, 7 sets, 62 games. Hutchins v. Clemes

Muller and Butler defeated Archer and Pearce, 6-4, 6-3.

Jennings and Coupe defeated Pearce and Forster, 6-0, 6-1.

Muller lost to Archer, 6-3, 0-6, 9-11.

Butler lost to Pearce, 0—6, 6—5, 2—6. Jennings defeated Pearce, 6—3, 6—1. Coupe defeated Forster, 3—6, 6—0, 6—2.

Hutchins: 4 rubbers, 10 sets, 74 games. Clemes: 2 rubbers, 5 sets, 57 games.

We congratulate St. Virgil's College on winning the Southern premiership.

### HOUSE COMPETITION

In the "A" division School defeated Stephens comfortably but lost to Buckland, which defeated Stephens by the small margin of two games in eight rubbers. By winning the "B" division and Stephens defeating Buckland, School House became the holders of the Charles Davis Cup for this year.

#### SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the Junior School Championship, A. F. Park, after defeating Burrows in the semi-final, defeated K. Smith in the final, 6-4, 6-2.

Park was too steady for his opponents and earned his title.

Before leaving Hobart for Queensland, Mr. and Mrs. G. Sheil presented to the School a Board for the name of the winner of a Middle School Championship to be established in the School. We are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Sheil for their kind thought in providing a much needed stimulus to the game of tennis in the middle part of the School. From twentyfour entrants C. Johnson emerged the winner and has his name on the new Board. Congratulations, Chris.!

Semi-finals: Strutt defeated Murphy, 6-1, 6-1; C. Johnson defeated C. Johnston, 6-0, 6-0.

Final: C. Johnson defeated Strutt, 6-4, 6-2.

In the final Johnson played his shots with greater purpose than did Strutt. He frequently forced Strutt out of position and then took advantage of the opening. Strutt did best when hitting the ball hard. Both lads will need to improve their backhand shots a great deal.

The Open Championship provided some very close matches, as can be judged by the fact that all the last three matches went to three sets.

Semi-finals: Vernon defeated Muller, 5-6, 6-3, 6-3; Butler defeated Jennings, 6-3, 5-6, 11-9.

Final: Vernon defeated Butler, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

In the semi-final Vernon found Muller off form in the first set and established a 5-2 lead. Then Muller struck form and by strong driving and neat net work retrieved the set. He then lapsed and Vernon's greater steadiness gave him the next two sets and the match. Butler had an even encounter with Jennings and only prevailed at 11-9 in the third set.

In the final, Butler, taking advantage of Vernon's nervousness, secured the first set; but then Vernon, taking the offensive and working into the net, "volleyed" himself to be School Champion for 1945. Congratulations, Vernon!





### HOUSE ROWING

THE House Regatta was held on 9th October over the Sandy Bay course after a strenuous rush to get boats into condition. As other sports interfered, a rather interrupted three weeks training for the half-mile race resulted, but all crews showed good form on the day.

The course this year was unusually satisfactory and the day was a good one for rowing, a very light westerly breeze blowing.

### The "A" House Race

The crews got away to a good start with Stephens in the lead. School, however, who had three of the Head-of-the-River crew, then took the lead and held it throughout, finishing with a sharp sprint half a length ahead of Stephens and Buckland half a length further back. The crews comprised:

School: R. S. Hodgson (bow), J. R. Ward (2), D. N. Hodgson (3), D. F. Clark (stroke), M. Courtney (cox.).

Stephens: G. Marshall (bow), B. Sampson (2), D. A. Burton (3), R. E. C. Stopp (stroke), A. Hay (cox.).

Buckland: P. S. Young (bow), D. Haddon-Cave (2), R. Smith (3), I. G. Marshall (stroke), E. Thompson (cox.).

### The "B" House Race

School had no difficulty right from the start in winning the "B" race by three lengths from Buckland, with Stephens third. The crews were:

School: P. C. Brothers (bow), J. E. Agnew (2), D. N. McDermott (3), A. F. Calvert (stroke), M. Courtney (cox.).

Buckland: D. H. Chapman (bow), A. Harvey (2), B. Foster (3), I. Crisp (stroke), C. Thompson (cox.).

Stephens: P. Tanner (bow), G. Renney (2), J. McPhee (3), E. A. Parkes (stroke), A. Hay (cox.).

We would like to thank Mr. Johnson for his valuable help in doing the riggers and replacing broken parts.

It is hoped that two crews from the School will be able to participate in the

New Norfolk Regatta on Boxing Day, and we wish them good luck. This race should give crews good experience for the Headof-the-River races next year.

The Captain of Rowing wishes to thank all the rowers for their co-operation during the year.

# House Points

RETTER organisation and greater keenness on the part of its members were responsible for School House gaining a decisive victory in the House Competition in both divisions. School House are thus the winners of the Bethune Shield for 1945.

		"A"	
	School	Stephens	Buckland
Swimming	2	18	10
Cricket	10	18	2
Athletics	18	2	10
Football	18	2	10
Cross-Country	18	10	0
Rowing	18	10	2
Tennis	10	2	18
Std. Athletics	18	10	2
Rifle Shooting	18	2	10
Totals	130	74	64 <sup>.</sup>

		"B"	
	School	Stephens	Buckland
Swimming	6	12	1
Cricket	6	6	6
Athletics	6	1	12
Football	12	6	1
Cross-Country	12	6	1
Rowing	12	1	6
Tennis	12	6	1
Std. Athletics	12	6	1
Rifle Shooting	12	3	3
Totals	90	47	32

Grand Totals 220 points School \*\*\*\*\* 121 points Stephens ..... Buckland ..... 96 points

# A Review of the Year's Sport

THE year 1945 has been an eventful one in the Public Schools of Southern Tasmania. Though cricket, football, rowing and tennis have often been of a higher standard, it is in swimming and running that some outstanding achievements have been recorded.

As the distances of the swimming races were changed with the transfer of the carnivals to Amateur House (tepid pool) the records are not of long standing, but it is doubtful if the schools have ever had an open event swimmer to equal G. Brimfield (St. Virgil's College), who holds all the open freestyle records. This year, though not at his best in health at the time of the sports, he reduced his 200 metre record to 2 min. 56 3-5 secs. M. Coates (Hutchins), in covering 33 metres Backstroke in 27 secs., set new figures for the open event, but his performance falls short of that of G. Sheil who, in a similar event last vear under 16, established 25 4-5 secs.

In the 33 metres freestyle under 13, L. Murphy (Hutchins) performed excellently to reduce his own record to 23 3-5 secs.

The Hutchins composite team, though having no open representative of outstanding quality, reduced the record for that event to 2 min. 31 1-5 secs.

In athletics the open record (103-5 secs.) for the 100 yards which was held by several prominent athletes of the past, was reduced this year by A. Shirley (St. Virgil's College) to 10 2-5 secs. Shirley also set the new figures 22 4-5 secs. for the 220 vards.

In the 100 yards under 16 J. T. Shelton (Hutchins) equalled the 100 yards record (11 secs.), but the same runner in the under 15 event, in running similar time broke the record by 2-5 sec. In the 220 vards under 15 Shelton also created the new figures of 24 3-5 secs.

Though the above performances are outstanding, perhaps the most noteworthy event in 1945 is the closing of Clemes College. Founded in 1900, the college has played a prominent part in the Public School life of Southern Tasmania. Though recently it has not gained many premierships it, under the inspiration and guidance of the Headmaster (Mr. W. H. Clemes) and Sportsmaster (Mr. M. Upchurch) "played the game" in the true Public School spirit. Vale, Clemes College!

With the merging of Clemes College with The Friends' School the year 1946 will bring various changes in the sport of the Public Schools. In cricket and football there will be only one fixture each Saturday and one school will enjoy a bye. Cricket matches will take place on Fridays from 2 till 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m., and should bad weather on those days prevent four hours play then four hours will be allowed on Tuesday or Wednesday of the following week. A change in the athletics will be that each of the three schools may have two representatives in the individual events. In 1946 the cricket matches will all be played before Easter, and the athletics will be held in November.

For the School, 1946, besides bringing a new Headmaster, will bring the return of the pre-war Sportsmaster (Mr. C. A. S. Viney), who will resume his former duties. With the return of Mr. A. B. Hearn and the appointment of new men, the sporting side of the School should be well catered for in the future.

W. J. G.

SOME MORE HOWLERS

Spes praedae militem delectat-A thing of booty delights the soldier.

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Angelcyum - The name given to the

country what is now called England, during the period of Alfred the Great's reign from 700 to 1150 or their abouts.



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### RESISTANCE

JEAN came down from the hills and the mist lay in the valleys like a great billowing sheet. Far below, the hoarse mutter of a train beat rhythmically with the crunch of his broken boots on the road. Ahead, an old bridge blurred into the greyness. The air breathed moisture and desolation of spirit, loaded with hidden forces that towered into the low clouds, vague yet stark, unseen, but in the very core of being.

A burst of rain threw itself in his face like gravel and the wind tore at him as he rounded the spur. He shivered and drew the threadbare coat more tightly across his chest. His hand touched and rested for a moment on the bulky package hidden next to his skin. Its pressure gave him a fierce joy and warmth, and the smell of oil was in his nostrils and he heard the excited shouting of men, broken by the crackle of rifles and the hiss of escaping steam. Then, like the slow flow of leaping flames and splintered woodwork.

. . . His pace quickened. The great shambling figure drew itself up and strode down from the hills.

A whistle sounded hollowly, and far off a dog howled in the early morning. He looked at his watch. Gold it was, with a knob on the side to set free the second hand that ticked round the face slowly, inevitably. . . . The Englishman had given it to him and translated the maker's name, London, on the dial. It had belonged to the friend who had failed to pass the machine-gun on the south side. . . . He remembered the night he had brought the Englishman down. There had been much laughing and joking and an expedition with a spade to the corner of the garden, and the return with an earth-daubed bottle of old wine that was being kept for Jeanne's marriage. Jeanne, slender, upright and radiant, had given him the toast: "A la France, à la Grande Bretagne, et à la Paix," and the Englishman's teeth

had gleamed white in the candle-light. He had been a high officer, too, with many bombers under his control. He had said, "No, not much longer now," and he had much information to take back. Jean had never heard what became of him

In the east the sky was paling and the mist was thinner now. He could see the dark patch of trees that hid Jeanne's house and he thought of her thin, wasted body and cursed, and then forgot her cough and smiled, seeing her eyes and her hair. He remembered that day she had gone to the city with him to see if her cousin, the clerk, could arrange to exempt him from the call-up for the labour camp. When they got into the train there were two German soldiers, and one was very drunk. The one who was not so drunk stood up, because he had only that morning been ordered to be polite to all French citizens except Jews, and offered her his seat by the window. Jean laughed now to think of his face, bewildered and hurt, as Jeanne glanced at him with curled lip and contemptuously sat down with her back to him. He didn't understand. What had he done wrong? And the drunk soldier had tried to handle her and she had slapped his face so that it was red where her hand had been. This was three days before he had gone up into the hills, for when they reached the city her cousin, the clerk, had disappeared - nobody knew where.

He struck the railway a few metres from the little school-house and walked beside the embankment, keeping a watchful eye for tripwires. There was the signal that he had so often changed to help his sister's husband. He had been in the army at the outbreak of war and was immediately sent north. He had written several letters home to his proud parents, who could not read them without help. Then his letters stopped and the old man, his father, had shaken his head and said things must be bad for his son not to write. Four days later the Germans drove into the valley. The old man had shaken his fists at them and so was among the first to be shot in reprisals. He had been forced to dig his own grave, he whose rheumatism was his family's first care, and then was shot so that he fell into it. God! where was the sentry? His brotherin-law had had a good job here. His own parents had been pleased that their only daughter should marry so well. It was a pity she had died so young; no, by heavens, she had at least been spared this! Some day, perhaps, he would apply for the job; maybe he would become stationmaster, after the war. . . . There won't be any after the war for you, he told himself, and yet - there he was, the murderous swine, beside the train. He crept behind the guard-house, waiting . . .

The wind cried in the bare poplars and the mist scaled grey over the countryside. Ahead, the four gleaming rails ran on, narrowing and converging like fate, inevitable events, long foretold, nearing the consummation of reality. The vague form of the station stood indistinct against the grey like a scene from Monet. But Jean had never heard of Monet and his hands were ripping and tearing at the packages...

The girl in the thin dress stood in the doorway with her basket, hesitant to face the knife-edge of the wind that pressed ice-cold fingers to her thin body. Behind her was the comfortless house, in front the hours of waiting in the queue of grey, worn figures. A fit of coughing tore at her lungs, and when finally she leaned exhausted against the doorpost there was red on her white handkerchief. Slowly, sonorously, came the grumbling roar from the head of the valley, so distant as to be almost peaceful, soothing. Silence drifted back like snow. . . . She turned her face to the hills and her blue eyes were troubled.

Alastair McIntosh, Upper Sixth

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### MY WORST HALF-HOUR

It is a generally accepted fact here at school that whenever there is trouble I am sure to be somewhere in the middle of it. Perhaps this explains my unfortunate position of being the unluckiest chap in the school. I don't know, but I am certain I for one would not like to disprove this theory. Whatever the case may be, I am sure that Fate "had it in for me" on Wednesday, the 15th of August, 1945. I suppose, before starting this anecdote, that it would be a good thing if I admitted

here and now that all this story which I am about to relate now is quite true. If you think that you are about to read some dreadful account, forget your thoughts. This story is commonplace, and could have happened to anyone — that is the ignominy of it!

It was on the above-mentioned date that Japan ceased hostilities against the Allied forces. The news reached Hobart at 9 o'clock in the morning and . . . but what's the use of continuing? Everyone knows the joy and gaiety of that memorable day. It is sufficient to say that at about an hour-and-a-half after we heard the news, I fell off a lorry in Macquarie Street, my next recollection being that of regaining consciousness in the outpatients' section of the Royal Hobart Hosbital.

I "came to" with rather mixed feelings; from what I gather, my words were not the traditional "Where am I?" but 'It would have to be me!" Rather an undramatic opening sentence, perhaps but what else could I have said under the circumstances?

[We would suggest "It would have to be I!"-Ed.].

Perhaps there may be some people who could understand just what that half-hour was like. Even from where I was in the hospital ward I could hear the revelry from the streets outside, and that did nothing to alleviate my chagrin. Why should I, out of 250-odd boys from the Hutchins School, and out of 50,000 people who reside in Hobart - why should I be lying here in bed? The injustice of it all . . . and what a beginning to my fifteenth year! (My birthday was on the previous day). Why should it be my temperature and pulse the doctor is taking - and why should my relatives be clustering around my bed? To think that the rest of the school will have the remainder of the day and all of tomorrow free - and won't everyone gloat over that!

I was given a shot of morphine, then, which temporarily made me forget my manifold woes; which was, I think, about the best thing that anyone could have done for me at the time. Yet the fact remains to this very day (I nearly sliced the top off my finger this morning) that Dame Fate and I are never on very amicable terms at all.

#### P. C. Brothers, Lower Sixth

[This essay secured first place in the W. H.. Hudspeth Competition, Junior Division].

### HOSPITAL

FADES the light from the dying rose; The deep red opulence of its shadowed bloom—

As snow, slow drifting-sheds repose

Into the brightness of this little room. The lustrous petals breathe the calm of

evening, Soothing the dark imaginings the mind

conceives; And comes, piercing the heart with unfelt longing,

The sound of summer rain on leaves. Soft falls the crimson stream of life,

Cold, forgotten blood that fired

Deathless thoughts - creative strife

That gushed and welled and then grew

tired, Withered in a world that seems

But a faded rose of dying dreams.

Alastair McIntosh, Upper Sixth

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### "THE FEW"

THE now famous statement by Mr. Churchill concerning the debts of the many to the few was made at the closing stages of England's greatest ordeal of the war — Battle of Britain. However, I did not realise till the other day how few "the few" were.

In the early stages Britain had 300 planes and only 414 pilots to fly them. That was the "strength" of No. 11 Group which was directed from a secret underground command post at Uxbridge, Middlesex. These, as the famous "few," bore the brunt of the battle. The Spitfire, the best plane in the world, was then only in small numbers. Only three of the 18 existing squadrons were equipped with them. Ten other squadrons flew the Hurricanes, which at the time were perhaps not as fast as German fighters, but were more heavily armed. The remaining five squadrons flew obsolete aircraft - Gloster Gladiators, and perhaps Hawker Furies.

Many squadrons were below the prescribed strength of eighteen aircraft each. However, at least a dozen planes could be sent up when it came to "scramble." So twelve planes would break up an attack of 100 bombers and fighters.

I wonder if even Mr. Churchill realised how many the "so many" turned out to be. The many was the world.

J. R. Ward, Upper Sixth

### ROWING - AND ALL THAT

THERE are two types of boys in this school — those who row and those who don't. Non-rowers are generally called cricketers. Cricket is a vile, degenerate sport, so we will ignore it and pass on to better things.

Rowers are such manly, husky fellows, and agile, too. Only the hard-working fellows in the school ever exert themselves to take rowing, for it is a sport which requires much hard manual labour. Only very few take rowing, and then in order to get out of cricket. We find in our crews the cream of Hutchins' youth (and perhaps a little sour milk, too). They all go down to the sheds, even if it means giving up fascinating D.T.'s, and work ceaselessly and fruitlessly on their tubs. Then they take them out and paddle them in the local creek to see how far they will go before being scuttled.

In rowing, there is such endless variety. The bargees sit on the slides and move back and forth in perfect co-ordination, vainly attempting to outstroke their leader and catch crabs and doing all sorts of things which the man in the front doesn't do. We understand that the catching of crabs is an extremely profitable business.

The proceeds go to the insurance of the boats and crews.

Many say that rowing is such a pointless sport, but can you imagine anything so exciting as working one's body to the bone in training just for the one big thrill of the year?

"Thou hadst one aim, one business, one desire, . . ."

Meanwhile, these silly cricketers potter around all the year, winning and losing games so often that no one knows just who are Southern Premiers. The exhilaration that one experiences after a refreshing sprint of a mile or so is unknown to the vulgar "croquet" boy. I can only touch on the finer points of the art of rowing, unfortunately, as the Editor will not allow me several more lines to describe to you the complete details of such a magnificent sport.

Like all sports, rowing has a history. The ancestors who rowed always handed down the noble art to their sons, and thus we have our present-day rowers. These ancestors had such elevated posts as "Galley Slave No. 36" and "Grand Stroke Master." The cox. in those days wielded a whip, whereas he now only subjects the crew to "ear-bashing." In spite of the fact that rowing is such a primitive sport, it has made tremendous strides through the ages — they now have slides and riggers on the conveyances. With such progress they will soon develop cachettes to hide special minute outboard motors. Perhaps it has been done already; perhaps that is how our opponents won the Head-of-the-River.

It is unfortunate, however, that one cannot forever row. However, to keep my wrist muscles in training I find an equally energetic and exciting sport to console me in "Ludo."

Anonymous, Upper Sixth

### A NEAR THING

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WAS awakened by the cry of "Wake up, lazybones!" from my father, who was dressed in his fishing clothes.

"Whassa matter?" I inquired sleepily.

"Have you forgotten we go fishing all day today?" said he, in exasperation.

"Oh, yes!" said I. "I will be ready in a few minutes."

Ah! How invigorating it was to be in the sea air, leaving Palm Island behind and on our way for a fishing trip on the Barrier Reef.

We had been fishing solidly for about two hours when we anchored for dinner; so we all sat up on the bow of the cutter and started to eat.

Suddenly there was a thunderous clap to our right. We looked and saw three whales, one of which was a baby but still much larger than our cutter. The father whale was enjoying himself by flipping his son from his gigantic muscular tail into the air, and the thunderous clap was the huge baby returning to the deep.

We laughed and continued eating, when another "clap" sounded much nearer, but we were not unduly alarmed.

"Well, I suppose we had better continue or we won't have a very good catch before nightfall," said my father; and he rose to his feet.

"Look at these whales!" he shouted suddenly. "We shall be wrecked if the great fools do not veer off."

No one moved. Indeed, we were too frightened to, for it was a truly awesome spectacle to see these great monsters of the deep swimming with incredible speed right at our small boat.

Then, just as we thought there would be a rending crash that would smash our boat into match-sticks, the three monsters dived under and around our boat, rising some fifty yards away. We all breathed in relief. No one said a word for some space of time, for the joy of being still safe and sound was too great and unexpected. . . .

"A near thing!" said my father.

M. C. P. Courtney, Intermediate

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#### "FATE"

"To be or not to be-that is the question."

Hamlet's oft-quoted words tormented my mind as I sat brooding in that dark room. Before me on the table stood the brown bottle, half-filled with deadly fluid.

"To be or not be"—yet there was no question of my fate. My parents were both actors, so my career was practically determined before I entered the world. The gay life of the stage intrigued me for many years, then — well, why bring up the past, unspectacular as it had been? I can only boast a good education, a stainless, untempted character, and a kind, soft heart; otherwise I failed to find the "raison d'etre."

I never inherited the great opportunity given me by both father or mother. I was too shy, far too spoilt and much too delicate. I sat on top of the world for twenty years - that was until the old folk died. With them went the stage, my bread and sustenance, leaving me alone to face the world for the first time. Life outside the theatre bewildered me - everything was new and I had felt brutally cheated of it all. Even the things I had learnt at school had fallen into oblivion. I had no profession. I tried optimistically to keep the old theatre running in spite of increasing debts. Gradually I gave up the struggle. Whether or not my eternal sanctity would compensate the hell I had passed through in the last five years did not concern me. I remained blissfully ignorant of the horrors of war, being classed as a conscientious objector.

My mind was made up. This torture would be put to an abrupt end then and there. With shaking hands I took the bottle, poured the contents into a glass, and with a burst of rare courage gulped down the liquid. I felt it flow down into my stomach. I waited several minutes determinedly. Surely the chemist was wrong when he whispered that death was instantaneous. I anxiously grasped the bottle and read the label — it was pre-war stock, made in Japan. I muttered a curse especially for the benefit of the Nipponese. Why should they find a place in life by turning out this concoction? Somewhere in East Asia lived little yellow fiends much more unworthy of existence than I. Should they be allowed the privileges that I had resolved to deprive myself of? More contemptuous thoughts replaced my resolution that night. Next morning I enlisted in the armed forces of my country.

D. K. Dargaville, Upper Sixth

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### FROM THE TOP OF THE HILL

LEIGH was on leave and he and I had gone out to Pat's place in the country for the week-end. Leigh and I had grown up together. but during the last few years had been separated, so that our meeting brought to mind many memories of our mischievous childhood. So we were excellent companions for the ride we took one morning.

Leigh, Pat and I set out on horse-back to muster sheep. We accomplished our objective quite easily, and being in high spirits very probably caused bewilderment in the mind of both human and animal within hearing (the latter were quite numerous) as we sang "The Open Road" to vent our feelings. In our rummaging round the hills or sheep we roused many hares, which ran off swiftly in their long, effortless stride — they almost floated along.

Having finished our work, we went back over the hill, and home. On the way up we passed some woodmen cutting down the tall white gums which had black bruises of bush-fires on their bare branches, and stood majestic and solitary against the sky. We came up to the top and had to walk over jagged juts of pointed rock, then suddenly viewed the serene, quaint and sleepy township. Houses intermingled with paddocks but were separated by hedges, of sorts.

". . . Once again I see These hedge-rows, hardly hedge-rows, little lines

Of sportive wood run wild."

Up here they blend into a masterpiece of scenery, glorified by a bright sun and clear atmosphere. Down there they only afford a source of worry to their owners, who intend to cut them but who "have left undone those things which they ought to have done"... and gone to have a drink at the inn with some friend instead.

How much better to be up here, above the travails of common life. I am filled with a feeling of freedom and rejoice in the harvest of this view.

On the other side of the village, running beneath an ancient stone bridge, is a rivulet which sings as it dances down the rapids:

"Let me play the fool, With mirth and laughter let old wrinkles come."

The old bridge makes a break in the line of willows which grow along the river bank like a protective screen. Leigh's "A Poet's Song" might have been inspired there.

"Once, in a forest by a lake of jade, Where fairy tales and songs of birds

were made, The poets lived remote from common

Here poetry and music first began."

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Now I absorb the view of the antiquated stone houses which line the main street, the avenue of poplars and gum trees which surround the church. Horses, cows, sheep, fowls, ducks, geese, pigs and goats feed in their respective allotments, while dogs run about carefree in front of the masters, out on the daily task, the common round. . .

"This blessed plot, this earth, this realm . . . . . Age cannot wither her Nor custom stale her infinite variety."

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J. R. Ward, Upper Sixth

#### HOWLERS

The lift pump is very simple to understand the handle is pulled up the water follows it the handle is pushed down and the bottom valve closes and the top valve opens, then the handle is pulled up an the water runs out an you start all over again.

(Intermediate)

The sheep are stretched right across Australia. (Intermediate) SIXTREPASMS

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### As Claudius aptly put it:

"My words fly up, my thoughts remain below"

-and that is why the Sixth Form Spasms do not reflect the true character of the class.

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Faced with the glory of tradition we look down at the end of the year to the Magazine — and knowing that it just wouldn't be the same without us — we set to work on our page of merriment and laughter — or call it what you like.

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The Sixth Form room this year is honoured by quite a gem of a class - in fact, a real museum. Among the more precious specimens we have an overgrown frog and a really magnificent throwback to the prehistoric age - the Ape Man! Moving rapidly among the other exhibits we soon meet with trouble in the pest section - especially with those varieties the Rowlandius and Hawkius - nuisance while you work. One exhibit was mistaken for a motor-bike because it was said to possess handlebars. In comparison with other motor-bikes around the place, we soon saw our mistake: This variety ran too fast to be a scholar's motor-bike. We have a great knight in our midst - such a manly figure — supposed to be descended from the famous companion of Charlemagne. Yes, it's Count Gooforius. Like Lord Marmion, it may be said of him:

"In close fight a champion grim."

But he maintains that Marmion has got nothing on him and modestly asserts that he takes them on only if there are five or more — so as to make the chances even.

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During the year we had a change of masters on the English front. It was really most distressing. We had just got used to that determined voice:

"Er, it's about time we had a showdown"-

and then experienced a movement to the other extreme:

"Well, gentlemen, please tell me any suggestions."

It is denied, however, that we have learnt more Japanese than English this term. Why, we pick up more French than Japanese in English periods — not to mention American.

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#### Echoes from the Lower Sixth

The Lower Sixth possesses an even more varied exhibition than the "Upper" class. It includes a Mongolian madman, a walrus and a tractor fanatic — pigmies and giants. Among the lankier specimens we have an uncommon character. Known locally as the Beast of Belsen, it is noticed that he always manages to be working hard when there is a disturbance — or does he ever work?

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With all our chops and changes in endof-the-year routine we perhaps overlook a momentous occasion — VP day. The less said of our activities on that day the better. Perhaps we could slightly misquote Maurois:

"It was a hard day mixed sometimes with real danger."

Our only mishap was to our friend the walrus, who took a nosedive from a lorry into a bitumen road. It's surprising what some lunatics think they can swim in. We might pardon him, however, by saying that he did it in a disturbed state of mind. To top it all, it's the first time for ages that the Sixth Form has had Fridaymorningitis!

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Copious tears are already flowing over the pending demise of the last term of the year. Whether these tears are from the geniuses of the illustrious Sixth and occasioned by the rigours of the exams.; or from the masters, whose hearts are distraught at the inevitable separation they are facing from their loved pupils, is an enigma of such magnitude as to baffle elucidation. The fact that this year's form is of reduced size seems to have been overridden by the efforts of its members, and it still bears its former prestige.

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A number of questions intermingle with our daily conversation, and among them are these famous inquiries: "Who is the best ram judge?" "Who are the Form's mimics?" "Who is our best singer?" and other equally easy subjects of the day. The fact that this latter contribution has been published is due to the absence of the VIa censors, who are at present in most cases — in the state of swotting. Good luck to 'em, anyway!

# Intermediate Reflections

AS we draw near the dreaded P.S.C. exam. we are so busy "cramming" work into our heads that we cannot find the time to write for the Magazine. Also, our English (and other subjects, too, so the masters say) is so poor that we are afraid to commit our thoughts to paper lest people learn we have not benefited by the extra Saturday work given lately. However, when the real test comes we expect to surprise ourselves and those masters who "fear for our results in the exam."

Our classroom is generally lacking in chalk and often the B.B. duster is missing.

The problem is to account for their disappearance. Recently a new problem presented itself: How came two B.B. cleaners into our room?

Though work occupies most of our time (?) a few of our classmates distinguish themselves in sport. Gaul has done well with the cricket bat and ball, Smith in distance running, Donovan and Courtney in football, Vernon in tennis, whilst Foster and Coates are the swimming experts of the School.

 $T_0$  conclude, we wish all the best of luck in the exams. and a happy summer holiday.

# Fifth Form Frolics

THIS year has seen many changes in our notorious but famous Form. We were all sorry to lose Mr. Howard at the end of the second term and wish him "all the best" in his new position in N.S.W. We welcome Mr. Stephens, who, after six years of active service, has returned to the School as our Form Master.

The Fifth joined with the rest of the School in contributing "Food for Britain."

Barnett, Hammond and N. Johnson gained their First Football Colours, and Barnett also gained the honour of being the most improved player.

In the Alliance Française competition held recently, Renney gained an equal third in his division for poetry. This is the first time a member of this Form has gained such an honour.

In the seconds' football, seconds' cricket and swimming this Form has been ably represented.

Under Mr. Stephens' guidance we are rapidly becoming budding orators. We will not easily forget the occasion when one of our hopefuls attempted a lecture on the intricacies of a bicycle's mechanism. The lecture, like many cycles, just didn't go. Some of the Boarders want map references from one of our members who wrote "We cooked our lunch on the beach which consisted of steak and onions."

The following recent effort by one of our coming essayists is worthy of record: "A person who is born with wisdom is much better than one who has been teached by a teacher."

Extracts from an appeal to our new Form Master are published below as showing something of the "New Order" visualised by many:

> "Send us more holidays, And from all masters praise, Just let us sit and laze All through the day.

Break all our masters' sticks, Frustrate their knavish tricks, And get them in a fix All through the day."

[The remainder of this composition cannot be published as it would help to usher in an era too utterly idealistic for the present already over-pampered schoolboy.— Editor]. THE Editor has said Magazine notes are

wanted, so, "Up, pens, and at them, boys." What have we to talk about? Oh, yes. When we learnt that Miss Upchurch was to be married some of us decided we would see the knot was tied properly and securely, so we went to the wedding and formed a guard of honour — some big, some small, and some even fat. We also managed to get a little confetti, so we did our best to make it a real wedding for our teacher. Then Miss Upchurch — no, pardon, Mrs. McLean — came back to us for the last term and has kept us up to the mark, so much so that Neil Levis won the McPhee Scholarship. Well done, Neil.

Cricket has occupied our attention this term and we have had some very good games. We congratulate School House on their victory over the other Houses. Burrows greatly helped School House to win by his unexpected collapse in the School v. Bucks match, but he redeemed himself in the other matches. School House has been ably led to victory by their very energetic Captain, A. Park, who, in spite of a visit to hospital and the theatre there, has taken a leading part in all sport and succeeded in carrying off the Tennis Championship Cup amongst his other trophies on Sports Night.

We have been forced to the conclusion that one of our very promising lads is attempting to qualify for the position of Food Controller, because in the Scripture examination when speaking about the length of time that Paul and his companions were without food during the storm, his answer was six months. Had their coupons given out, or were tablets the fashion?!

The final House points for the year resulted as follows:—

School	 11 points
Buckland	 10 points
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Stephens 5 points School House thereby winning the Shield.

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# Kindergarten

WE have spent a very busy term with thirty-six boys, among them five new ones — John Day from South Africa, Geoffrey Friend from Perth, Anthony Walch, Graham Blee and Anthony Chen.

Tommy Vincent has given us a great deal of help in arranging flowers, dusting, and trying to keep our classroom neat and attractive. The boys have been very good with their gifts of flowers when possible all the year. We do appreciate their thought.

On Sports Night trophies were presented to our two champions — Tony Osborne of Form I and Allan Purdy of Form II.

We are learning a little operetta which we hope to put on for our "Break-Up" on December 14th, but an epidemic of measles is causing difficulties. However, our "Cowboys and Indians" will make the best of things.

Santa Claus intends making a visit after the show to meet the boys, so let us give him a good welcome.

# Gladwyn School

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"DEACE upon earth, good will towards men" has a true Christmas message for us this year because so many have their fathers home from overseas to "stay" this year, and our break-up should be extra happy.

The steady year's work was marked by two term functions. In the second term an American Tea was arranged by the Parents' and Friends' Association, and through their excellent organisation and work nearly  $\pounds 40$  was raised for School funds. We congratulate them for their efforts.

At the beginning of the third term a Display of School Work was held in the School. The exhibition was of good standard both in variety and quality. The large number of parents who attended the exhibition were keenly interested and expressed their appreciation of the work.

IIIb, Ia and IIb must be especially congratulated on the splendid show of hand work which they exhibited, under Mrs. Beveridge's supervision.

Next year we hope to be in our new school, and the only sad note to mar an otherwise happy year is having to say farewell to our Headmaster, Mr. V. S. Murphy, and to Mrs. Murphy, who leave Hutchins to return to their native State of Western Australia. We wish them both happiness in their new surroundings.

We are all looking forward to the holidays and, if this weather continues, to many happy days on the beach. The Hutchins School Magazine



**B**EFORE we commence this half-yearly news bulletin we wish to say that no responsibility is accepted for passages appearing or not appearing herein. In response to the former suggestion, it is probable that the quality of the work is due to some act of civil commotion. That certain passages have been omitted is possibly due to heavy censorship by M.C.R. departments. Some statements, however, may be due to the huge demand for individual publicity. We sincerely apologise, however, to all persons to whom the remarks may appear scandalous.

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The following passage is due to one of our junior correspondents, who vouches for the truth of the extract.

In the Green Dorm. one dark night We fixed a trip cord, very tight; In stalked a broad and muscular figure; The rope, it acted like a trigger. The ghostly figure hit the floor With a noise that sounded just like war; He got to his feet and yelled to us, "Downstairs, and hurry, without any fuss." Like sheep to the slaughter we all went, But only one poor boy was bent; And so we all returned to bed, For all our fears of him had fled.

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Unfortunately, we have no room to publish more of these great literary epics — of which there is an abundance. The following ditty is, as we might expect, due to "Punny" Wilson:

For lunch we often have some rabbits, We'd like to know who shot 'em; When asked, of course, Tim doesn't know, For he's thinking of Patti----[Censored]. There have been some horrible pestering fellows around the house this year (reports our publicity agent). For ordinary people we would kindly oblige with a small complimentary paragraph. But for a lunatic who sports coloured ties, super-slacks, slouch hats and, to top it all, wears red pjyamas! What does he think he's trying to do? Ruin our good name? Living in the country, we can classify him as a blear — a real hayseed — and pass him over by saying that he was born that way.

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STOP PRESS! — It has just come to hand that a certain master is reported to have a refrigerator for sale. We boarders also possess one of a different variety. It's called the Red. Dorm. However, the University has first claim on our model. They intend to use it for investigations at absolute zero. The morgue has also put in a claim. It has a huge capacity and is guaranteed to render all stiffs really stiff.

There was a magnificent spectacle on the river the other day. The house prefects took the "Unnamed" out five-and-a-half up. The extra half was only a precautionary measure — he acted as ballast. We must caution him, however, by telling him that he is supposed to help tip boats and not people's hearts.

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Before closing this budget we would like to extend our sympathy to those who are returning next year. Intending boarders are warned of all hazards: We have men with six-guns and lariats who go around deceiving innocent boys with tall stories.. The leader of this band is that great hero of the Kokoda Trail, Colorado Cubby. Now you are warned, so beware! The Hutchins School Magazine



### OBITUARY

WE record with sorrow the passing of the following:—Clyde McCartney Cahill, Thomas W. H. Clarke, Clarence George Corvan, Norman Ernest Eddington, Denis Maxwell Green, Ian George Harvey, Arthur Hay, Arthur Thomas Hoskins, Rev. E. A. Huybers, Kenneth William George Ikin, Robert W. Legge, Peter Morris Low, Hume Townsend Scott Sale, Brian Paton Smith, James Benson Walker.

#### BIRTHS

BOSS-WALKER.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. Boss-Walker: a daughter.

- CLENNETT.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Clennett: a son.
- CORNEY.—To Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Corney: a daughter.

- DOBSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. Dobson: a son.
- EDWARDS.—To Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Edwards: a daughter.
- EDWARDS.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Edwards: a son.
- GIBSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Gibson: a daughter.
- GRAY.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Gray: a daughter.
- HAY.—To Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hay: a son.
- HEWER.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. M. D. Hewer: a son.
- HILL. To Mr. and Mrs. D. Hill: a daughter.
- HOOD.—To Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hood: a son.

- HUDSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hudson: a daughter.
- JONES.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. Jones: a son.
- LITTLE.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Little: a daughter.
- ONSLOW.—To Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Onslow: a daughter.
- REX.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rex: a daughter.
- RICHARDSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Richardson: a son.
- RUDDOCK.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. Ruddock: a daughter.
- TENISWOOD.—To Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Teniswood: a son.
- WILSON.-To Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilson: a son.

#### ENGAGEMENTS

- BRETTINGHAM-MOORE, C. G., to Miss H. B. Hart.
- FREEMAN, E. R., to Miss T. Gardiner.
- GULLINE, M. J., to Miss M. K. Hinchliffe.
- JENNINGS, R. C., to Miss K. A. A. Butler.
- KELLY, T. O., to Miss J. Ireland.
- MOORE, D., to Miss M. Holder.
- NICHOLS, D. J., to Miss R. Sweetnam.
- THOMAS, G. A., to Mrs. M. J. Boyes.
- WARNER, J. H. A., to Miss M. F. Page.

### MARRIAGES

BASTICK, T. W., to Miss J. Parkes.
BULL, L. R., to Miss M. Avery.
HILL, C., to Miss Eva Hurd.
LYONS, R. O., to Miss R. M. Lewis.
McKAY, J. E., to Miss E. Cooke.
McKEAN, D. J., to Miss J. R. Harris.
MATHER, W. B., to Miss C. Carter.
MAXWELL, A. P., to Miss H. M. Parker.
RADCLIFF, R. H., to Miss P. R. Giblin.
RAMSAY, J. M., to Miss J. Burley.
ROBERTSON, R., to Miss I. Barnes.
TEMPLEMAN, J. H., to Miss M. Blanton.
WILLIAMS, L. E., to Miss D. A. Billinge.

### GENERAL

It is with extreme regret that Old Boys learn of the impending departure of the Headmaster, Mr. V. S. Murphy, M.A., and of Mrs. Murphy and family for Perth, W.A. At the same time they extend a hearty welcome to the new Headmaster, Mr. Paul Radford, Mrs. Radford, M.Sc., and their family of three children.

Major H. F. Lovett is in England reviewing and reporting on radar and other technical research work. He has seen active service in the Middle East and New Guinea.

Lieut. K. C. Douġlas (R.A.N.V.R.) has been commended by the King for work in New Britain as a civilian during the invasion of 1942.

Mr. B. H. Bisdee has been appointed a trustee of the Church of England in Tasmania.

Flight-Lieut. H. J. Gray has been awarded the D.F.C. for gallant service as a member of the famous 460 Lancaster Bomber Squadron.

Mr. Robert Kennedy has been elected President of the Tasmanian Branch and State Council of the Australian Legion of Ex-Servicemen and Women.

Mr. E. H. Boyd has the distinction of having obtained his Dip. Ed. at Oxford University.

Mr. John D. L. Hood has been appointed Australian Charge d'Affaires at The Hague and Political Adviser to the Australian Military Mission to Potsdam.

Lieut.-Col. M. S. W. Bisdee is in charge of Army Medical Services in Norway.

Dr. H. D. Drury has qualified for the diploma of L.R.C.P., London.

### 99th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE SCHOOL

#### 3rd August, 1945

At the Annual Meeting of the Association Mr. J. R. Rex was elected President, and Mr. C. T. Butler Vice-President. The retiring President (Dr. C. N. Atkins, M.H.A.) read the Report of the Association for the year, whilst Mr. V. I. Chambers presented the Report on the School on behalf of the Old Boys' representatives on the Board of Management.

The usual Church Services associated with the Anniversary were held in St. David's Cathedral, the preacher at Evensong being Rev. I. J. B. Macdonald.

The Annual Luncheon, held at 7HT Theatrette, was well attended, opportunity being taken of welcoming home several returned Old Boys. Table and lawn tennis matches were played against the School and the Masters. The Old Boys were successful in winning both of the table tennis matches, whilst they were defeated in the lawn tennis by the Masters and gained a victory against the School.

In the Annual Golf Match held at Rosny the following were the results:— Championship: L. Nettlefold, 81; D. Calvert, 87. Handicap: A. Miller (22), 76; R. E. Richardson (14), 77; J. Purchas (27), 78.

### HUTCHINS OLD BOYS' LODGE

The fifteenth Annual Picnic was given to the children of the Clarendon Home last December. Owing to threatening weather Bro. R. W. K. Chen kindly made his residence at Howrah available, whilst the Chairman of the Hobart Bridge Co. generously allowed the Brethren to transport the children across the bridge without toll. A very happy afternoon was spent, with games on the beach, a treasure hunt, ice cream and the tea with its consequent sense of repletion!

The Annual Cricket Match was held with Lodge Rechab in April and resulted in their turning the tables, proving too

# Old Boys on Active Service

### AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

We extend our hearty congratulations to the following gallant Old Boys who, since our last issue, have received awards for meritorious service.

H. J. Gray, D.F.C.; G. H. R. Marsland, M.B.E.; E. E. Rodwell, M.M.

### EX-PRISONERS OF WAR

Among the returned prisoners of war we are particularly pleased to welcome back Lieut. R. W. Vincent (former Hon. Secretary of this Association for many years), Padré J. L. May, J. H. Templeman, R. M. K. Shoobridge, A. B. Watchorn, C. G. Brettingham-Moore, W. L. Fysh, J. Kennedy, T. R. McLeod, R. G. Piggott, I. K. Smith and M. R. Staunton-Smith. Many others are expected in the near future.

#### RETURNED AND RETURNING OLD BOYS

A hearty welcome is extended to all exprisoners of war and others who have already returned or who expect to return

strong for us this time. We are grateful to the Headmaster for permission to use the Christ College Ground, and to him and Mr. Gerlach for stiffening our side with their batting and bowling.

The Annual Installation was held in July, when Bro. R. W. K. Chen was installed in the Chair of King Solomon by the Grand Master (Most Wor. Bro. H. V. Biggins), assisted by Grand Lodge officers.

Official visits have been exchanged with our daughter Lodge, Old Grammarians, whilst another daughter Lodge, the Old Hobartians has been constituted and was consecrated on Friday, 7th December. The members of our Lodge feel greatly privileged in having been invited to act as sponsors for this new Lodge and trust that many happy associations will thus be formed between us.

As a mark of appreciation of his services to the Lodge, V. Wor. Bro. F. H. Johnstone has been elected an Honorary Life Member.

Our membership now stands at 79, and it is very gratifying to be able to welcome back many of our Brethren who have been away in the service of their country.

soon from the services. It has already been suggested that a monster Old Boys' Smoke Social be held early in 1946 as a welcome back to all Old Boys from the Secondary Schools who served in the 1939-45 war. Further information will be

given later on this proposal.

A reminder is given that all Old Boys who were financial members of the Old Boys' Association at the time of their embarking on active service have been financially carried by the Association for "the duration." To all of such returned and returning, therefore, as well as to those who were not financial members at the time of their departure, an invitation is now extended to rejoin their Association, particularly in view of 1946 being the Centenary Year. (Annual Subscription,  $5/\cdot$ ).

#### EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

### Flight-Lieut. D. Walch:

#### 21st August, 1945.

"An awful lot seems to have happened since Bob Braham and I took off in a Mosquito to do a 'ranger' over Denmark

and Germany. A 'ranger' is an operation where a fighter flies over enemy territory at a very low level — about 100 feet above the ground — looking for enemy aircraft to shoot down. We took off from Norfolk and flew to the west coast of Denmark, then across to Copenhagen, where we turned south for Germany, hit the German coast, flew east along it for a time and headed up to the north of Denmark, flew around there for a time and then started home. We had just left the west coast of Denmark without seeing any enemy aircraft, when suddenly two F.W. 190's appeared. We climbed for the cloud to turn and attack them from behind, but the cloud was too high to reach. Just as we started to dive one of them fired a burst and set the port wing petrol tank and engine on fire. We were then at 2500 feet; the impetus of the cannon shells was enough to turn us over and send us diving straight for the ground - we expected the whole thing to blow up any second. There was no time to get out or do anything --was simply a case of praying while expecting the finish any second. By a magnificent piece of piloting Bob managed to pull her out just in time and crash-land on the beach in about three inches of water. We both tumbled out and ran for our lives. We were so dazed that when I suddenly remembered the maps we wanted were still in the aircraft and went back to get them, I got the wrong ones - have never been so scared, expected her to blow up with me inside any second. We then tried to get away across the sand dunes, but had crashed very close to an army defence post. The soldiers from it very quickly surrounded and captured us when rifle bullets started whistling round us we decided it was better to be a live prisoner than a dead corpse.

"Later we discovered the two F.W.'s had been specially set up to get us and we were prize prisoners — a fine catch for the German air force — and so to Stalag Luft III for nearly a year."

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### Major D. M. Chambers:

#### 18th November, 1945.

"This is by far the largest centre south of Singapore, and at Rabaul I am the senior of five legal officers. The diversity of races and problems which we have to deal with makes it no sinecure....

"Friday proved a very interesting day for me. We had a large parade of Jap war criminals for the purpose of enabling the Indians to identify them. You've never seen such a wicked, evil-looking lot as those Japs were. They ranged from colonels down to privates, and looked every inch the murderers that they are. There were 102 Japs there, and we lined them up on the road in a long line stretching for several hundreds of yards. On each side of the road there were thousands of Indians and Indonesians looking on and yelling at them derisively. Indians who had been ill-treated or had been witnesses of murder then walked along the line and if they identified a Jap the latter had to take two paces out of the ranks. When an Indian recognised a Jap he invariably got hold of him by both ears and just dragged him out of the line. Many of the Indians are Sikhs and are magnificent types - well over six feet tall, with bushy, dark beards. All the Japs with the exception of a handful were identified as criminals, and they were then photographed both full face and profile. All this procedure is necessary because the Indians are going back to their own country immediately and the case against the Japs will mainly depend on documents. A lot of them look like facing a firing squad."

### Ldg. Sig. N. Swan:

#### 19th August, 1945.

"At the moment our ship is steaming up and down the coast of Japan waiting for permission from our C.-in-C. to enter Tokyo Bay. The peace terms will be signed today so we hope to go in tomorrow. We are one of two Australian destroyers with a huge American and British armada of ships waiting for the signal to enter. There are ships all over the ocean - warships, consisting of battleships, huge aircraft carriers, cruisers and their destroyer screens. We are just in front of the British battleships 'King George V' and 'Duke of York'; between them is the 35,000-ton aircraft carrier 'Indefatigable' with her flight deck crowded with planes.

"It's all very thrilling, and everyone is itching to see Tokyo and the humiliated Jap. It's a beautiful day today — Sunday —like a warm summer day in Hobart. We have just come below deck from prayers and thanksgiving service taken by our captain (Capt. Buchanan, D.S.O.) on the quarter-deck. All present were dressed in cleaned pressed khaki shorts and shirts with brown socks. Ron. Pickup — one of our signalmen — played the small organ, and hymns could be heard from other ships moving over the sea; it was very moving. The captain called for two minutes' silence in memory of fallen comrades who were not in our presence to rejoice at peace; all heads were bowed and bare. After that we sang 'Abide With Me' and the National Anthem. Unfortunately, all the ship's company could not attend as the gun crews are on the alert for Jap treachery—we still don't trust them. Our shore parties are all ready to land, armed with automatic weapons. We have been attacked by suicide planes ever since the Jap accepted the surrender terms.

"A couple of hours before church we sank a floating Japanese mine; quite a few have been disposed of in a similar manner the last few days. One of our Bofors guns has two to its credit.

"The 'Napier' looks very well and trim for the entry into Tokyo. Our six 4.7" guns have had the paint scraped and camouflage removed for the first time in the war. All the brass fittings will be polished by today — their war-paint has been removed. As we are the senior destroyer we will lead all the other destroyers of our task force into Tokyo Bay. The Australian Commonwealth Ensign will fly from our foremast and the White Ensign (Victory) at the mainmast. The good fortune and honour of representing Australia has fallen to the destroyers 'Napier' and 'Nizam.'

"We have been at sea now for 42 days, during which period there has not been any mail. However, the time has passed without monotony; the fleet has fuelled under way at sea and were kept going into the Japanese mainland bombing and bombarding. Their suicide attacks were almost in every case unsuccessful.

"Our first job here is to get the prisoners of war out; after that there will be the taking over of Japanese shipping, etc., and the clearing up of all minefields. There's plenty to do yet. We still have not had much time to think of the future, but it's grand just to think of all being home together soon."

# The Centenary of the School

THE Centenary date is now drawing very

Lose and by far the greater part of the work and effort required to make this outstanding event one worthy of the occasion still lies in front of us. Much leeway has to be made up, due, on account of the war, to the "years that the locust has eaten," and only a concerted effort by all Old Boys and others who have the interests of the School at heart can achieve success.

A Central Executive Committee has been formed to direct the drive for the whole Centenary effort, and this Committee consists of two representatives each from the Old Boys' Association, the Board of Management, the Parents' Association and the Old Boys' Lodge. Mr. Rowland Pocock has been co-opted to the Committee in the capacity of collector for the Centenary Chapel Fund, the Building and Development Fund, and the Endowment Fund. A brochure is now in course of preparation dealing with the whole of the Centenary plans, and it is intended that each of the bodies represented on the Executive Committee will have copies of the brochure distributed to all of its members.

As announced in our last issue, it has been decided to mark the Centenary in the following ways:

1. To affix to the wall of the Old Schoolroom a suitably designed and inscribed Memorial Plaque.

2. To lay the foundation stone of the proposed School Chapel, according to the Chapel plans, on Anniversary Day, 3rd August, 1946.

3. To invite subscriptions from all Old Boys and friends of the School towards—

- (a) The Hutchins School Chapel Fund,
- (b) The Hutchins School Centenary Building and Development Fund,
- (c) The Hutchins School Endowment Fund.

The Chapel Fund now stands at approximately £3,500, and it is obvious that very much more must be added to this figure in order that the new buildings can be completed according to the plans already drawn.

The Centenary Building and Development Fund and the Endowment Fund provide alternatives to those desirous of contributing to funds to be used in immediate School improvement and development and for providing increased revenue (Endowment Fund) for the School. There is no doubt an urgent need for the continuous improving of School buildings and facilities, hence the importance of the Building and Development Fund being supported in full measure as being not subsidiary to, but going hand-in-hand with, the Chapel Fund.

#### THE CENTENARY MAGAZINE

#### Preliminary Announcement

With a view to providing a permanent and inexpensive record of the School in the first century of its existence, it is proposed to publish a greatly enlarged form of "The Hutchins School Magazine" in August, 1946. This issue will replace the ordinary June number of that year.

The Old Boys' Association has received the proposal enthusiastically and has undertaken full financial responsibility for it. A Production Committee consisting of the Editor, Messrs. W. M. Hood and B. W. Rait (representing the Old Boys) and Mr. J. C. Tinning (representing the Parents' Association) has been formed to collate all the matter for publication, whilst the distribution, as usual, will be in the hands of the Committee of the Old Boys' Association.

Every effort will be made to ensure that this Centenary Magazine will be worthy of the occasion it commemorates. Consisting of 100 pages, it will contain a variety of articles bearing on the foundation and development of the School, plans for the future, Honour Rolls of three wars, and histories of the various organisations connected with the School. In addition, there will be articles on the four schools affiliated with Hutchins, as well as our sister schools, the Launceston Church Grammar, Collegiate and Broadland House. It is hoped, also, to include several illustrations of historical and topical interest. The cost of production is likely to be high, and the Old Boys' Association has decided that in order to cover expenses it will be necessary to charge 3/6 per copy for the ordinary paper-covered edition. However, to cater for those who prefer a better binding, a "de luxe" edition will be available at 10/6 per copy. These charges will be over and above the ordinary subscription of 5/- per annum to the H.S.O.B.A.

Owing to the high cost of publication it is most probable that no surplus copies will be printed. On the last leaf in this issue, therefore, is printed a detachable order form by means of which copies may be reserved on returning the form to the Bursar with details of the quantity and type of edition required by you. Please assist by prompt lodgment of your order. Subscriptions to "The Hutchins School Centenary Magazine" will be payable in advance.

The Production Committee will welcome suggestions and will be especially glad to receive matter for publication which will be of historical interest. Any valuable documents should be forwarded by registered mail to the Editor, who will be responsible for their safe custody.

> THE EDITOR "The Hutchins School Magazine."

#### A SCHOOL MUSEUM

The forthcoming Centenary has prompted the proposal that a Museum of documents, trophies, photographs, relics, etc., should be established in the School. There must be several homes in Tasmania with similar accumulations which in the aggregate would make a really outstanding and even necessary adjunct to the life and work of the School.

If any of our readers would care to make any suggestions to the Editor he will be glad to make any move in helping to establish such a Museum.



# Subscribers to the Chapel Fund

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