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**Editorial.**

**DISCIPLINE AND THE AUTHENTIC TRADITION.**

There are periodic outbursts against the great public schools. We are criticized for our worship of sport, for our contempt for learning and on many other grounds; and recently we have been criticized because more old public school boys do not enter public life.

What do we try to do in the great public schools? What is our aim? Firstly we foster the authentic tradition of our race, and secondly we try to do two things which seem at first sight to be utterly opposed, to impose discipline and to foster individuality. On a successful discipline depends the formation of habits which will lead a boy to the mastery of himself, for we know that the worth of the State will be as the worth of its individual citizens. We set up a standard of decency and cleanliness, beneath which we hope our boys, when they become men, will be unwilling to fall.

We have been more successful in inculcating habits of behaviour than in inculcating habits of thought; but it must be remembered that the inculcation of the second presents great difficulties.

At no time in our history has discipline in thought been so much needed as at the present. If we can build firmly a knowledge of the authentic tradition of our race, we may safely trust the future of our country to its future citizens. If we teach them the great truth, that Burke cried aloud in an age that is very like our own, we have justified our existence.

We foster the tradition. We show our English state is not a mechanism that can be taken to pieces and re-assembled, that it is not a machine that can be scrapped to make room for the latest foreign model. The state, the body politic, we English have evolved is superior to that evolved even by the Greeks. Without a knowledge of our constitution, the evolution of the constitutions of the two greatest republics in the world, that of America and France, is unintelligible.

We are an organism, living and breathing, and no inanimate machine. Like a great tree, our Empire, with its peculiarly English institutions, of which the great public school is one, flourishes. Some of the institutions, through the years, wither and decay and fall away, but through the great heart of our race, the sap, the authentic tradition, flows surely, fed from the roots that are firmly embedded in that small northern isle.

That authentic tradition we, as great public schools, try to illumine and make intelligible: we strive to inculcate a patriotism founded not on sentiment but on a knowledge that will guard the roots against the axe of either Utopian or fanatic.

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## HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

Your Excellency, My Lord, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—

In presenting this, the 37th Annual Report of the School, it is with great pleasure and satisfaction that I have the honour to do so in the presence of your Excellency, the representative of His Majesty King George. Our King is my ideal of an educational standard which we should strive to attain. He stands as the head and the ideal of the chivalry of our Empire, the type of man we call the English gentleman, but who, with the growth of our Empire, has outgrown that name, whose main characteristics are courage, honesty, unselfishness in action and ability to understand and sympathise with the desires and needs of others. Where is there a ruler in the world who, compared with our King, is so able and desirous to understand and sympathise with the interests of those who form such a diverse and complicated thing as a modern civilisation?

His Majesty and our Princes—men of culture, wide learning and wide sympathy—are fine examples of what education should do for a man, and I cannot but feel that in our educational policy we are falling away from that ideal. The tendency of our time is specialisation wherein every man must be a specialist at his work. This, in itself, is probably a good thing, as the better a man understands his work the better both in quantity and quality he can help to produce for the community, but it brings with it difficulties that we should be meeting by education. The younger we start specialising, the narrower the outlook of the man is likely to be, and the more likely we are to develop the spirit of strife among the varied interests that are represented. We have done away with child labour, but we take the child and educate him to fit him for a "job." It is the fitting him for work that we have allowed to dominate our courses of study, rather than the giving as broad a foundation of interest as possible. Moreover, as we become more skilful

and specialised in industry and commerce, the working hours of the individual should in all probability decrease. Even at the present time few work for more than one-third of the day, which leaves a man many hours of recreation, which he should be capable of using to his own advantage and that of the community. If there is one thing more than anything else which, to my mind, points to the fact that something is wrong with our educational system as a whole, it is that we are becoming a civilisation which must be amused and is incapable of amusing itself as individuals. It is this problem of the education of man for his leisure that should be more prominent in the early part of our educational courses.

I do not think we could do without examinations unless we could do away with the lazy boy. It is necessary to have subjects to develop the boy's powers of thought, expression and accurate reasoning, but with the great widening in our knowledge of History, Geography and the many Sciences, we could do a great deal to give to our boys a broader outlook and sympathy with the interests of others, by giving a wider foundation before beginning specialisation.

As we become more and more cramped by our tendencies to early specialisation, we tend to lose that sympathy which comes from culture and learning, and greater and greater becomes the need of the work to be done by the Boarding School, which gives to its members a common interest and sympathy to those of different talents or temperament, so all-important if our specialists are not to become selfish and isolated in their own departments. No one can live the community life of the boarding school, under its common rule and discipline, without realising and living a life where his needs and his desires do not always come before those of his neighbour. This, I think, may become a great factor in saving our specialists of the future from becoming warring factions and help them to keep bound together to form a united civilisation with a breadth of view and common interest.

He is the happy man, and the most useful for the happiness of society, who can understand and sympathise with the aspirations, the desires, the difficulties and the problems faced by his fellowmen. To such a man there is no bitterness in disagreement, no hurt feelings at difference in action. He possesses the power to join together rather than to cut asunder. This should be one of the prominent ideals of our educational system, an ideal we see so well demonstrated by His Majesty and his representatives.

During the year we received official visits from his Excellency, the Governor, and the Minister for Education, both of which were greatly appreciated, especially that of the former, as he gave the School a whole holiday in honour of the visit.

In reviewing the work of the past year, my first thought is one of thankfulness to the staff, our matrons and prefects. Loyal co-operation, harmony, and efficiency have made our life as a community a happy one throughout the year. The general rise in the standard of the work of the forms reflects great credit on the energy and perseverance of the teaching staff.

The public examination results of last year were poor, but a good deal of allowance must be made for the conditions affecting our candidates. In the Intermediate Certificate, the candidates were very much upset by a change of place of examination in the middle of exams., due to an outbreak of scarlet fever in the school. On our school estimate, twelve should have passed, but only eight obtained their Intermediate Certificates. In the Leaving Certificate, which was also affected by the epidemic, we were credited with five passes.

This year we are, I think, sure of better things; we certainly have the best Leaving and Intermediate Certificate forms for the past five years as far as quality goes, although in numbers they are not so large. We have a fair chance of getting into double figures in our Leaving passes, and should have some good passes in the dozen we are likely to get in the Intermediate. In this connection I should like to express my gratitude to and appreciation of the work done by Mr. Killip, Headmaster of the High School, in his organisation of the public examinations as a whole, and particularly for his practical sympathy shown to those candidates for whom he made special arrangements in order that they might sit for their examinations. The standard of the 6B form is not a high one, owing to the fact that last year's Intermediate Certificate was not good and that several boys left at the end of the year, but, notwithstanding, they have done something to live down the reputation of 6B as a haven of rest. The Fourth form has shown distinct promise, and if they improve next year as they have this, they will be a very good Intermediate form. Unfortunately, we shall be losing some of their number at the end of the year. With the decline in numbers of the School, naturally there has been less talent shown in the lower forms.

The competition for the first place in the 6th Form, Captain of the School, has been very keen; any of the three, Vernon, Anderson iii or Wright, could have filled the position with honour and held their own in standard with the majority of those in past years. It is therefore all the more to Vernon's credit that he established a clear lead over the other two. In 6B, 5th and 4th forms the competition has been so keen that we have dropped the idea of form prizes, as it was impossible to give a clear judgment of merit between Yates and Taylor in the Fifth, and Harvey, Blaxland and James in the Fourth form.

The staff has been greatly strengthened this year by the presence of Mr. Rupp, and he has made a great improvement in the standard of the Latin throughout the School, as well as in the attitude in which the subject is regarded. It has been of really great value to the school to have an Old Boy return to us on the staff, especially one who in his school days was as prominent as Mr. Rupp, who in 1927 was winner of the Rawson Cup, Senior Prefect, Captain of Football and Athletics, and played for the school at cricket.

At the beginning of the third term we were glad to welcome Mr. Thomson, who has come to take charge of the English throughout the school. He brings to us some years of experience and I think that he has already begun to lift English out of its dreariness as purely an examination subject. It has

to be an examination subject, but if with this work he can instill an appreciation of good literature, which is his ambition, he will have rendered a lasting service to the boys under his charge.

I am sorry that we shall be losing the services of Mr. Harrison on the staff next year. A Rhodes scholar, fresh from Oxford, has a value beyond his work in form, and I think Mr. Harrison will leave behind, as a result of his two years' residence, something that has been of real value to us as a school.

Among our Old Boys, W. C. Wentworth, and his brother, G. N. Wentworth, have returned from Oxford, both with creditable degrees, and the former represented Oxford in athletics. At the Sydney University, A. R. Rupp and D. H. Dwyer obtained their degrees as Bachelors of Arts at the end of last year, and we have now nine Old Boys still at the University. Our Old Boys are to be found in all spheres of life, the professions, art or commerce, but Mr. M. Maxwell has added to their list. We note with interest his work in the photography of big game. Several of his photographs have been sent to us in book form for the library, and we feel that his work cannot but be of great value to the scientific study of animal life.

I am pleased to be able to record that the Sydney University Law School is establishing a lectureship to perpetuate the memory of our Old Boy, Geoffrey Hyman, whose tragic death was recorded in the Armidalian last year.

In chapel we have had fewer visitors than usual and we missed the usual visit of the clergy, as Synod was held this year at Tamworth. However, we have had visits from Archdeacon Forster, Mr. West, the Chairman of the Australian Board of Missions, Mr. Needham, and the Bishop of the Diocese, when on November 27th he confirmed 17 boys.

In sport, we have had a fairly successful year. In cricket, the 1st XI. won the New England A grade competition, a fine achievement for a school team, brought about, not by just one or two boys of exceptional merit, but by good team work and a fine determination by all batsmen to right the situation if things had gone wrong before. Mr. Hunt's work with the team has been invaluable, and he was splendidly backed by Wyllie, who proved a very capable captain both on and off the field.

The team made a trip to Sydney and played Newington, Grammar, Shore and Kings. They were unfortunate in having wet wickets for their first experience on turf, and only showed up well in the match against Sydney Grammar School, which was a draw. School 9 for 200, Grammar 9 for 191. However, they showed that with practice on the turf they would be capable of holding their own with the Sydney schools. The lower grades have also done well, the under 16 team winning their competition, and some good form being shown among the under 15 and 14 teams.

The shooting team spent a week of the September holidays in Sydney to practice for the G.P.S. shooting, and the results were very gratifying. In the Rawson Cup, 200 and 500 yards, we came second, in the N.R.A. Shield, 500 yds., we were sixth, in the Buchanan Shield, first section applicational at 300 yds., we were first, but in the snap shooting, at which we had done

well in practice, we came sixth, in the final aggregate we were fourth. It is the best result the school has had in the G.P.S. shooting, and Mr. Palmer has found in it a reward for the indefatigable work that he has put into the shooting of the school for some years past. We owe a debt of gratitude to Major Walker, of Scot's College, and Captain Lumsdaine, of Sydney Grammar School, who looked after the needs of our team and advised them in practice on the range and in the actual competition shooting. It is the kind of sporting co-operation that one expects among the masters of G.P. Schools, but it is none the less pleasing to record.

In the G.P.S. athletics we came last, a position we have not held for some years, but nevertheless our standard as a team was not really low, as we won the senior and second division of the athletic sports of the local schools' competition.

In football we met with defeat everywhere, both in the G.P.S. matches and in the local schools' competition, but the team gave some very good displays of determination to play to the finish, and few of the games were runaway victories for our opponents.

The Cadet Corps has carried through its year's training successfully and its work is very much above the standard of senior cadets of a few years ago. We had the honour of forming the Guard of Honour to his Excellency at his official reception when he came to Armidale for the Show early in the year, and the ceremonial work of the Guard was very creditable. The fives have given place to the bugles in the band, and their work is improving.

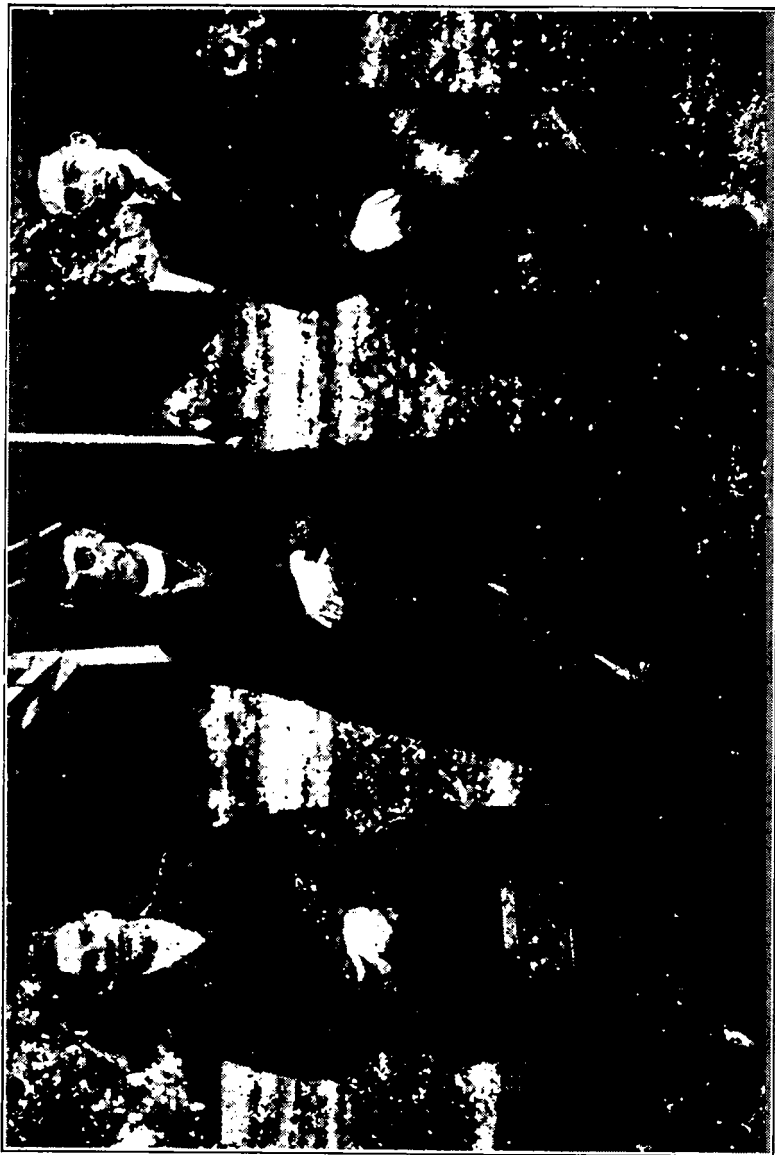
In looking back over the year, I cannot but feel that in work, play and general tone the school has done something to fulfil the hopes of its founders, but our efficiency to a certain extent is dependent on numbers, and I appeal to Old Boys and parents to do their best to keep our numbers up during the difficult year we are about to face.

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## GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

His Excellency thanked the Headmaster for the assurance that the aims and ideals of The Armidale School were loyalty and service. He said he had read that the work of schools was not judged so much by what was remembered when a man left, but rather by what he was and did. The Armidale School, he said, had come out of the test very well. He instanced Col. White and Col. Bruxner in public life, the late Major Dangar, and the late Clive Maxwell and, last, the late Geoffrey Hyman, of whom any school might be proud. "Altogether I think you have a wonderful record for a school not yet 40 years old," said Sir Philip. "You are doing a great work in guiding and helping the boys to find their position in the world. This is a difficult time for schools as well as for all institutions and individuals. Every age is an age of transition, but this age is one of particularly swift transition. Progress is seen in periods of stagnation and sudden spurts, and unless I am very much mistaken you boys who are leaving school are in for one of the sudden spurts. I do not think there is any





**PREFECTS, 1932.**

P. E. Pileher. (Senior),

The Headmaster

F. G. White



**MONITORS, 1932.**

STANDING: C. S. Kirk, D. V. Wiltshire, R. A. Coventry, K. A. Anderson, H. E. Bellfield.  
SITTING: N. F. Mottershead, N. Westcott, The Headmaster, E. P. W. Marr, O. H. Alsop.

chance of getting out of our troubles without a lot of hard thinking to get out again. I read recently that the three needs for to-day are more world unity, the necessity for human personality against the machine, and the need for a wider fellowship. These conform to the chief tenets of Christianity, unity, personality, and love. I think that the more we learn to think along those lines, and to look at problems along those lines, the better we will get on."

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## PRIZE LIST, 1931

### FORM VIA.

Captain of School (Higinbotham Prize) . . . . .	Vernon
Blaxland Memorial Prize—Maths. and Science . . . . .	Vernon
Blomfield Memorial Prize—History . . . . .	Tait
Divinity . . . . .	Tait
Languages . . . . .	Wright
Second in Form . . . . .	Anderson 3

### FORM VIB.

Divinity . . . . .	Moyes 1
Mathematics . . . . .	Moyes 1
Languages . . . . .	Belfield
Blomfield Memorial Prize—History . . . . .	Belfield
Physics and Mechanics . . . . .	Crawford
Chemistry . . . . .	Marriott
Economics and Ancient History . . . . .	Witten

### FORM V.

Divinity . . . . .	Yates
Languages . . . . .	Yates
Blomfield Memorial Prize—History . . . . .	Yates
Mathematics . . . . .	Taylor
Physics . . . . .	Taylor
Chemistry . . . . .	Connah
French and Latin, Second Prize . . . . .	Gauld

### FORM IV.

Divinity . . . . .	Moyes 2
Languages . . . . .	James
Blomfield Memorial Prize—History . . . . .	Kennaway
Mathematics . . . . .	Blaxland
Science . . . . .	Harvey

### REMOVE.

Divinity . . . . .	Geering
Blomfield Memorial Prize—History . . . . .	Geering
Languages and Mathematics . . . . .	Geering
Second in Form . . . . .	Mackenzie 2

### FORM III.

Form Prize, presented by Mrs. F. F. White . . . . .	Croaker
Second in Form . . . . .	Tooth

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## SPECIAL PRIZES.

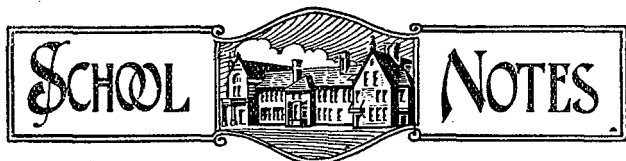
Writing Prizes, presented by Mrs. Forster . . . Perry, White 2.  
 Armidalian Prize . . . . . Westcott  
 Rawson Cup . . . . . Tait

**SUCCESSFUL LEAVING CERTIFICATE  
 CANDIDATES, 1931.**

	English.	Latin.	French.	Maths I.	Maths. II.	History.	Anc. History.	Physics.	Chemistry.	Economics.	Mechanics
H. K. Anderson . . . . .	B		B	H2	H2			A	B		A
S. A. Ashton . . . . .	B	B	B	B	B	B					
R. E. Barnard . . . . .				A	B				L	B	
P. G. Tait . . . . .	B			B		B	B				
C. W. V. Vernon . . . . .	B		B	H2	H2			A	B		B
N. Westcott . . . . .	B	B	B	B							
O. D. Wright . . . . .	A	B	B	A	A	B		B			

**SUCCESSFUL INTERMEDIATE CANDIDATES,  
 CANDIDATES, 1931.**

	English.	History.	Geography.	Maths I.	Maths. II.	Latin.	French.	Physics.	Chemistry.	Bus. Princ.
J. C. L. Allnutt . . . . .	B			B	A		B	A	B	
K. A. Anderson . . . . .	A				B		B	B	B	
H. B. Bell . . . . .	A	A	A		B					A
G. R. Connah . . . . .	B			B	B	B	B	B	B	
R. A. Gould . . . . .	B	B	B	A	B	B	B			
R. L. Harriss . . . . .	B	B	A		B					
A. Massey . . . . .	B	B	B							B
E. A. Rich . . . . .	B				B		B	B	B	A
K. L. Taylor . . . . .	A			A	A	A	B	A	B	
C. F. Thompson . . . . .	A			B	B		B	B	B	
W. E. West . . . . .	B			B	B			B	B	B
W. M. Wylie . . . . .	B			B	B			B	B	B
W. G. Yates . . . . .	A	B	B	B	A	A	B			



The School year of 1931 ended on December 17. On this occasion we were honoured by a visit from His Excellency Sir Phillip Game, who very kindly consented to distribute the prizes. Preceding the prize-giving, His Excellency inspected the Guard of Honour, and was later entertained at lunch by the Old Boys.

School assembled this year on February 10, after the Christmas vacation of nearly nine weeks.

The School was represented at the King's School Centenary Celebrations by the Headmaster, Col. M. F. Bruxner, Col. A. W. Hyman, and Mr. E. W. Marriott.

We experienced a change in the Staff at the beginning of the year. Mr. W. N. L. Harrison left us to study law. We wish him every success. Mr. T. H. D. Kitley joined the staff. Mid-term commenced on Wednesday, March 23, and we returned on Tuesday, 29th. On April 19th we entertained the members of the Synod to lunch.

On April 22, Colonel Bruxner paid us a flying visit, and delivered a short address.

The majority of the School on Friday, the 29th, attended a performance of "Twelfth Night," by N.E.G.S., which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On May 12th we broke up for the mid-winter holidays, and enjoyed a much-needed rest of nearly a month, till June 7th. The 1st XV. returned on June 4 to practice for the Sydney trip.

The School extends its deepest sympathy to Mr. T. H. D. Kitley on hearing of the death of his sister, Miss Margaret Kitley.

On the first football trip, the team was entertained by the Old Boys' Union at the annual dinner at Adams' Hotel. The function was a most enjoyable one. Speeches were made by Col. Hyman, Col. Bruxner, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Wharton, and Mr. Henchman.

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## VALETE.

P. G. Tait.—Entered Feb., 1925. Left Dec., 1931. Monitor 1930. Senior Prefect 1931. 2nd XV. 1930, 2nd XI. 1929, 1st XI. 1928-30-31. Half colours 1930. Full colours 1931. 2nd XV. 1930. 1st XV. 1931. Half colours 1931. A.A.A.G.P.S. team. 1931. House colours 1930-31. Rawson Cup 1931. Successful Intermediate Certificate Candidate 1928. Successful Leaving Certificate candidate 1931. Secretary School Club. Member of School Club, Tuck Shop, Library (Librarian. 1931), House Committees, Form VIA., Tyrell House.

- J. M. Pilcher.**—Entered Feb., 1929. Left Dec., 1931. Monitor 1930. Prefect 1931. 2nd IV. 1930, 1st IV. 1931. 1st XI. 1930-31. Half colours 1930. Full colours 1931. 1st XV. 1930-31. Vice-captain 1931. Full colours 1930-31. A.A.A.G.P.S. team 1930-31. Captain Athletice 1931. Half colours 1930. Shooting team 1930-31. Half colours 1930-31. Member of School Club, Football, Cricket, Shooting, Library, Tuck Shop Committees. House Captain 1931. Form VIA. White House.
- R. E. Barnard.**—Entered Feb., 1927. Left Dec., 1931. Monitor 1930. Prefect 1931. 1st IV. 1930-31. Captain 1931. Half colours 1931. 1st XI. 1931. Full colours 1931. 1st XV. 1931. Full colours 1931. Shooting team 1931. Half colours 1931. Successful Intermediate candidate 1928. Successful Leaving candidate 1930-31. Member of Library and Tuck Shop Committees. House Captain 1931. Form VIA. Abbott House.
- A. J. Croft.**—Entered Feb., 1924. Left Sept., 1931. Monitor 1930. Prefect 1931. 1st IV. 1931. 1st XI. 1928-9-30-31. Full colours 1930-31. Vice-captain 1931. 1st XV. 1930-31. Full colours 1930-31. Captain 1931. Successful Intermediate candidate 1928. Member of School Club, Cricket, Football, Tennis, Library, Tuck Shop Committees. House Captain 1931. Form VIA. Abbott House.
- Wyllie, W. M.**—Entered Feb., 1922. Left Dec., 1931. Monitor 1931. 1st XI. 1929-30-31. Half colours 1930. Full colours 1930-31. Captain 1931. 1st XV. 1930-31. Full colours 1931. Successful Intermediate Certificate candidate 1931. Member of School Club, Cricket, House Committee (Sec.). Form V. Tyrell House.
- Wright, O. D.**—Entered Feb., 1927. Left Dec., 1931. Monitor 1931. 2nd XI. 1931. 2nd XV. 1931. Shooting team 1930-31. Half colours 1930-31. Captain 1931. A.A.A.G.P.S. team 1930-31. Half colours 1930-31. Member of School Club, Library, Shooting and Armidalian Committees House colours 1931. Successful Intermediate candidate 1929. Successful Leaving candidate 1931. Form VIA. Tyrell House.
- Collett, F. J.**—Entered Feb., 1928. Left Dec., 1931. Monitor 1931. 2nd XI. 1930. 1st XI. 1931. Full colours 1931. 1st IV. 1931. 1st XV. 1931. Half colours 1931. A.A.A.G.P.S. team 1931. Member of Tennis Committee. Successful Intermediate candidate 1930. Form VIB. Tyrell House.
- Newcombe, R. A.**—Entered School Aug., 1929. Left Dec., 1931. Monitor 1931. 2nd XV. 1930. 1st XV. 1931. Full colours 1931. 2nd XI. 1930. Successful Intermediate candidate 1929. Abbott House Committee. Form VIA. Abbott House.
- Raynith, F. P.**—Entered Feb., 1926. Left Dec., 1931. Monitor 1931. 2nd XI. 1930. 1st XI. 1931. Full colours 1931. 1st XV. 1931. Half colours 1931. Successful Intermediate candidate 1929. House colours 1931. Form VIA. Tyrell House.
- Anderson, H. K.**—Entered Feb., 1930. Left Dec., 1931. 1st XV. 1930-31. Half colours 1930. Full colours 1931. 1st XI. 1931. Half colours 1931. Shooting team 1930-31. Half colours 1930-31. A.A.A.G.P.S. team 1931. Half colours 1931. Cox Cup (aeq.) 1931. Shooting, Football, House Committees. Successful Leaving candidate 1931. Half colours 1930-31. Form VIA. White House.

- Vernon, C. W. V.—Entered Feb., 1928. Left Dec., 1931. 2nd XI. 1931. 2nd XV. 1930. 1st XV. 1931. Half colours 1931. Shooting team 1930-31. Half colours 1930-31. Successful Intermediate candidate 1929. Successful Leaving candidate 1931. Form VIA. Tyrell House.
- Wilson, R.S.—Entered Feb., 1926. Left Dec., 1931. 2nd XV. 1931. 2nd IV. 1931. Shooting team 1930-31. Half colours 1930-31. A.A.A.G.P.S. team 1931. Successful Intermediate candidate 1929. House colours 1931. Form VIA. White House.
- Ashton, S. A.—Entered June, 1930. Left Dec., 1931. 1st IV. 1931. Half colours 1931. Successful Leaving candidate 1931. Form VIA. Abbott House.
- Mills, G. M.—Entered Feb., 1929. Left Dec., 1931. 1st XV. 1931. Half colours 1931. Form VIB. White House.
- Wansey, G. E.—Entered Feb., 1929. Left Dec., 1931. 2nd XV. 1931. 1st XV. 1931. A.A.A.G.P.S. team 1931. House colours 1931. Form IV. Abbott House.
- Yates, W. G.—Entered Feb., 1928. Left Dec., 1931. 2nd XI. 1931. Successful Intermediate candidate 1931. Shooting team 1931. Half colours 1931. Form V. Tyrell House.
- Thompson, C. F.—Entered Feb., 1930. Left Dec., 1931. Successful Intermediate candidate 1931. Form V. White House.
- Thompson, R. J.—Entered Feb., 1930. Left May, 1931. A.A.A. G.P.S. team 1931. Form IV. Tyrell House.
- West, W. E.—Entered Feb., 1929. Left Dec., 1931. Successful Intermediate candidate 1931. Form V. Tyrell House.
- Holtsbaum, G.—Entered Feb., 1931. Left Dec., 1931. Form IV. White House.
- Helps, C. F.—Entered Feb., 1930. Left Dec., 1931. Form IV. Abbott House.
- Capper, B. E. G.—Entered Feb., 1927. Left Dec., 1931. Form Remove. Tyrell House.
- Harris, H. V.—Entered Feb., 1928. Left Dec., 1931. Form Remove. Abbott House.
- Perry, J.—Entered Feb., 1930. Left Dec., 1931. Form IV. Abbott House.
- Cropper, D. C.—Entered Feb., 1930. Left Dec., 1931. Form Remove. Abbott House.
- Tooth, P. N.—Entered Feb., 1930. Left Dec., 1931. Form III. White House.

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### SALVETE.

Barratt, P. E. H.; Blaxland, C. G. ii.; Bucknell, R. E. i.; Campbell, R. B.; Capel, D.; Clark, J. J.; Gordon, J. F.; Harrichs, J. H. C.; Kettle, R. E. W.; Loveridge, G. B.; Robinson, P. E.; Sanderson, W. J.; Sandilands, J. D. (re-entered); Sheppard, A. J.; Simson, E. R.; Stewart, D. F.; Taylor, W. L. ii.; Thornton, J. C.; Turnbull, P.; Wilson, D. G. ii.; Witten, J. ii.; Barrie, E. C.; Bucknell, B. W. ii.; Deaton, J. G.; Johnstone, J. G.; Larcher, C. V.; Nash, J. F. L.; Wheeler, J. G.; Austin, R. B.; Godfrey, D. D. H.; Forsythe, K. ii.; Denniss, I. W.; Harriss, A. W. ii.; Johnstone, J. L. i.; Pearson, H. S.; Randall, R. McC; Richardson, S. iii.; Swinton, C. N. ii.; Coventry, D. M. v.; Blumfield, M. N.



At the beginning of the year Witten i and Lancaster were appointed to the position of Chapel-wardens, which responsibility was aptly carried out by Kirk and Wiltshire during the previous year. and are very efficient in their duties.

The customary Corporate Communion at the beginning of the first term was celebrated by Bishop Moyes, the Headmaster being absent.

On April 23rd, St. George's Day, Bishop Radford, of Goulburn, gave an interesting address in the Chapel on the life of St. George, which we thoroughly enjoyed.

During Lent a special Offering was taken up each Thursday, which amounted to £5/13/, and was donated to the Seamen's Mission.

The organist, Mr. Denniss, being away for a few days, caused the choir much responsibility in the leading of the hymns, chants, etc., but nevertheless they rallied to the task in a masterly fashion.

On the last night of the term, Mr. Denniss gave an organ recital at the Cathedral at which, on the kind invitation of Mr. Denniss, the choir put in an appearance. The programme was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We have quite a good collection of chants for the psalms now, specially our own chant, composed and played by Mr. Denniss for the 23rd Psalm. Also, changes have been made in the chants for the canticles at Evensong.

A tablet which was removed from Herbert Park Church has recently been erected in the Chapel. The tablet is to the memory of Captain H. D. E. Ralfe, an Old Boy of the School, who was killed during the war.

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### LIBRARY NOTES.

A doubt sometimes crosses the minds of the members of the committee as to whether our job is worth while. Are our efforts to keep the library in a serviceable condition appreciated by the boys? Is the library used to such an extent as to necessitate a librarian and committee? I think that both these questions may be answered without any hesitancy by "Yes." One has only to glance down the pages of the Lending Library Book to see how popular this section of the library is among all classes in the school, for not only are the lists of readers long, but also show that both Seniors and Juniors appreciate the efforts made to keep it supplied with the latest novels.



Our Reference Library is now a fine asset to the school. Most of the shelves on the walls have been filled with the best and most suitable reference books on all the work included in the school curriculum, as far as a small school can, and at present there are about 1400 volumes. Many of the boys, particularly the seniors, take advantage of it, but still we would like to see a greater advantage taken of it, as there are some really good books in it which at present are just collecting dust.

The row of the English poets in the reference section, arranged in chronological order, is not complete up to date, but we hope to be able to make additions to it shortly, as soon as there is sufficient money. Some years ago there was a custom here that when a boy, mostly a senior, left the school, he presented the library with a book. Nowadays that custom is no longer carried out, but if it could be started again, it would be very much appreciated by those boys remaining at the school, and the new boys also, of course. It does not matter whether the book will find its place in the Lending or Reference Library. All will be welcomed by the committee.

Recently a slight change has been made in the Library. All the novels in the lending section that are written by Australian authors, or about Australia have been placed in the Australian section of the Reference Library. This change has been made chiefly for the convenience of G.B. who have been studying Australian literature lately.

The committee desires to thank Mr. Thomson for the enthusiasm with which he has taken the charge of the Library since the beginning of the year, and for the improvements which he has already effected.

The following books have been added to the library:—Humanity Uprooted. Seeing Red. The Complete Plays of John Galsworthy, Androcles and the Lion by Bernard Shaw. Australian Milestones, Ultima, Thule, Flynn of the Island. Lassiter's Last Ride, The Bishop Murder Case. Introduction to the Study of Eugenics. The Work, Wealth, and Happiness of Mankind (by H. G. Wells). The Economic Life of Soviet Russia. —E.P.W.M.

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## OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following, and apologise for any omissions:—Lux, The Haileyburian, The Royal Military College Magazine, The Frensham Chronicle, The Walaroi College Magazine, The College Times, The Pilgrim, The Southportonian, The Record, The Cranbrookian, The Waitaikian, The Scotch Collegian, The Excelsior, The Leys Fortnightly, The Mill Hill Magazine, The Marlburian, The Carthusian, The Taylorian, The Hawkesbury Agricultural College Journal. The Cliftonian, The Harrowian, The Cygnet Magazine, The Glennie Gazette, The Swan, The Hutchins' School Magazine, The Nelsonian, The Ascham Charivari, The Corian, The Newingtonian, The Brisbane Grammar School Magazine, The Barker College Magazine, The King's School Magazine, The Sydneian, The St. Peter's College Magazine, The Melbourneian, The Christian Brothers' College Magazine, The New England Girls' School Chronicle, The Torchbearer, The St. Joseph's College Magazine, The Laubala Chronicle.



The following are the minutes of the School Club meeting, held on Monday, March 7, 1932:—Present: The Headmaster, Mr. Mottershead, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Rupp, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Kitley, Pilcher, Westcott, Kirk, Coventry i, Mottershead, and Anderson i.

Business: General.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The dates of the house cricket were then read by Kirk.

Abbott v. Tyrrell: Tuesday, Feb. 23, and Thursday, Feb. 25.  
 Tyrrell v. White: Monday, Feb. 29, and Thursday, March 3.  
 Abbott v. White: Monday, March 7, and Tuesday, March 8.  
 Carried.

Mr. Hunt proposed, seconded by Mr. Mottershead, the following dates for the House tennis fixtures:—Friday, March 18; Monday, March 21; Tuesday, March 22.—Carried.

Mr. Mottershead proposed that the School should not enter a First IV. into the tennis competition unless it could be represented by the proper IV. Non-competition matches should be played as much as possible by those who are available.

The motion was seconded by Westcott, and carried.

The headmaster proposed, seconded by Mr. Kitley, that Mr. Rupp should be master-in-charge of tennis.—Carried.

Mr. Palmer proposed, seconded by Mr. Rupp, that Anderson i be Secretary.—Carried.

The meeting was then declared closed.

The minutes of the School Club meeting, held on Monday, June 20, 1932, are as follow:—

Present: The Headmaster, Mr. Mottershead, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Rupp, Mr. Thompson, Pilcher, Westcott, Kirk, Mottershead, Coventry i, and Anderson i.

Business: General.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Kirk proposed the following dates:—Old Boys v. School, July 30; Steeplechase, August 6; Heat Day, August 13; Sports Day, August 20; House Sports, August 27.

The motion was seconded by Pilcher.—Carried.

The Headmaster, in answer to Mr. Mottershead's question concerning the purchasing of cricket material, proposed that the matter should be settled between the treasurer (Mr. Palmer) and Mr. Mottershead:

Seconded by Kirk, and carried.

The meeting was then declared closed.



## ELEGY WRITTEN IN A CLASSROOM.

Inside yon open door with number white  
 There budding scholars tediously write.  
 There the stern faced master skilled to "cake"  
 A list of all offenders' names doth take.  
 His voice is heard to thunder through the school  
 Crying out "You blockhead" or "You fool";  
 And as he nears the blackboard with his chalk  
 The bravest of the daring dare not talk  
 The master pausing says "I'd like to mention,"  
 That any talking heard will mean detention.  
 The bell is heard, each pupil heaves a sigh;  
 At last the dreaded period is by.

—Pythagoras (4th Form).

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## THE GHOST.

The man lazily undressed himself, found his pyjamas, and got into bed. He had had a strenuous day, and his eyes closed drowsily. In a few minutes he was in a sleep, well earned, after his tiring, sedentary day in the office.

A soft noise broke the airy stillness. It grew louder. The man stirred restlessly in his sleep. The noise continued, and the man opened his slowly. They rested on a hideous object swooping, close to his face. A being which omitted an eerie sound in that large room. The man stared at it in terror.

Somewhere in the distance a clock could be heard striking on a harsh bell, twelve notes. The man shivered. It was the hour that ghosts and vampires walk abroad, and graves disgorge their ghastly inhabitants. The man heard an owl on the dead tree outside the window give vent to its feelings in horrible notes. Again the man shivered.

The thin unnatural sound brought his mind back to the spectre which was hovering above his bed. A mouse ran across the ceiling and started scratching near the wall, and again the owl hooted three times. Was he dreaming or was he awake? Was this thing sent to plague him by another world, or was it imagination—it was not imagination, as he felt the thing brush his face. He made a wild snatch at it, opened his hand in a pale moonbeam, and found—a mosquito!!!

## CATS—AS—CATS—CAN.

It's a funny thing about cats. It's a kind of hide, hidden by whiskers. We have never yet met a cat that has not needed a shave—of course we have not yet made the acquaintance of the celebrated Barber's cat. Barber is the masculine of bar-maid—just as "Carmen" is the masculine of "Lady-drivers." The cat family is even bigger than the Smith family. There are common or garden cats, Persian cats, Pole cats, Tigers, Lynx, Persian Lynx, Siamese Lynx, Golf Lynx, Missing Lynx . . . the Missing Lynx has not yet been discovered. Which is a pity as it means that we have to roll our sleeves up. The first cat was a kitten, and the first kitten was a cat—later on. The first Persian cat was Scheherazade, who had a thousand and one tales. This is 992 more than the Cat-o'-Nine-Tails. She it was who originated the cat's habit of lying about. She used to lie about her husband. We once owned a Blue Persian—that is to say—a very melancholy cat. We used to call her Sian, because she never used to purr. She always seemed at a loose end—she used to chase her tail. Every day she grew more and more disconsolate, so we decided she needed a play-thing. As it is customary to stimulate cranky babies with a rattle, we accordingly set out to purchase a cattle to amuse it. At our request for one cattle the Barber immediately exploded: "Cattle is plural." After the mess had been cleared up, we rejoined: "That's very singular." and stalked out. It's a shame," he exploded—he was such a good Tonsorial artist (i.e., one who pleases the tonsils—hence a purveyor of Spiritous Liquors). We shan't know what to do with our dole ticket now. However, to get back to our kitten—maybe we'd better not; the poor thing languaged and died.

The mention of dead kittens naturally brings us to Pole Cat. The Pole Cat is not a dead cat—nor does it dwell in Arctic Regions. Do not be misled by first impressions. We do not mean to infer that a Pole Cat smells. This is a popular fallacy. They mustn't smell—otherwise they would never associate with one another. Pole Cats make excellent watch-dogs. No burglar will dare approach your house when one is on the premises.

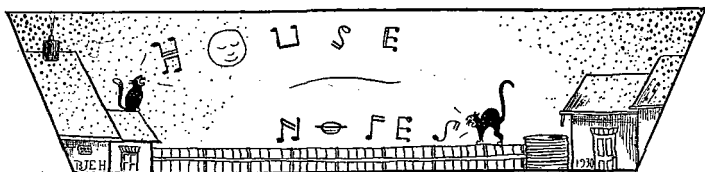
Then there is the lion—which is short for Leopold. In Africa lions are a pest—just like rabbits in Australia. In fact we are told that they are so dense over there that they are almost impossible to read between.

Another foreign cat is the Siamese cat. It is no relation to the Siamese Twins. The animal is quite mild, and wouldn't hurt a flea. This is because it is a vegetarian. It lives on potatoes and peas. All cats are very highly strung. This does not mean that they are like tennis rackets inside—albeit rackets are strung with cat-gut. The latter is ranked as one of the two main products of cat; the other being pyjamas. We have all heard of the Cat's Pyjamas. However, all this has nothing to do with their height of string. By "highly strung" I mean "very hard to deceive." We found this out. . . . We have nevertheless, evolved a method of stringing a cat. It's like this—"and the Oldest Inhabitant spat

reflectively into the fire." We noticed that our cat was very fond of licking our shoes—as a matter of fact he once licked all the holes off our best Gent's. Brogues. Therefore we hit upon this marvellous scheme. We hit upon it with such gusto that we nearly put our fist through it. We are not referring to the cat. Our scheme is as follows:—We unearth our rubber gloves and prick a hole in the tip of each finger. Then we fill each glove up with whitewash and strap them on the end of our Billy-goat. After which we drag our cat out by the scruf of the neck to witness the deed, and milk the gloves into a pail. We pour the contents into a saucer and place it before our cat, who, thinking it is milk, eagerly pounces upon it, and laps it up. When he looks up, licking his chops, our white-washiverous feline quadruped sees us tying the last lace of our sand-shoes, which we have deftly substituted for our Gent's. Brogues. Thereupon he proceeds to our chair by the fire and commences to lick our feet—thus cleaning our sand-shoes for us. As he finds white-wash extremely difficult to keep down for any length of time, a thorough job is invariably assured. Patent applied for.

The next item on the programme is the "Silurida," or Cat Fish, an aquatic member of the "Familia Felinis" (i.e. the well-known "Sinking Feeling"). The Cat Fish always wears a moustache in the approved place on the upper lip, which is just above the mouth or port-hole. (Strictly speaking a port hole is a retired Colonel's mouth after a heavy dinner). Strangely enough, this sub-nasal embellishment does not make him resemble Charlie Chaplin! Cat Fish are very prevalent in Australian waters—in fact their increasing population is causing great alarm in of-fish-ial circles. Also, owing to their partiality for milk they are becoming a serious menace to Cowdom, as they have been seen—just after 6 p.m., let it be said—to spring out of the water, pounce upon the unwary cow without the slightest warning, and drag her down to their noisesome haunts in the murky depths below. They are utterly ruthless and toothless. Re their density. To quote the official report of the Government Census Statistician—"The recent increase in the Cat Fish birth-rate has been alarming. This is just too bad." We dare say readers have often seen notices on banks of rivers and creeks, "Do not drown your kittens here. Use the wash-basin. Trespassers will be prosecuted." Now you know why. By the way our pet cat has a pet aversion. It is water. When threatened with water, it invariably flees. Talking of fleas, it is peculiar how fleas don't seem to take up their abode in cats as frequently as in other animals. Scientists attribute this to the fact that cats lick themselves religiously every day. Of course no flea likes to take a good licking. But that cats lick themselves religiously is a truism—as cats really are very religious creatures. Their religion is known as Catetchism, and is very much akin to Mohammedism—only instead of the Koran they have the Catalogue, which embodies their doctrines. Our knowledge of cats has run out. However, it's no use crying over spilt knowledge.

—"Felix."



## ABBOTT HOUSE.

**Master-in-Charge:** Mr. L. F. R. Palmer.

**House Captain:** Kirk.

**Committee:** Kirk, Wiltshire, Anderson, Alsop.

Owing to the fact that we lost most of our senior members at the end of last year, we have attained no measure of success, being beaten both by Tyrrell and White in the first round of the cricket and tennis.

Our best performers in the Tyrrell House match were Belfield 23, Kirk 20, while Kirk also secured 2 wickets for 60 runs.

In the White House match our chief rungetters were Kirk 36. Alsop 26, while White ii bowled well for four wickets.

Our first tennis team did not do as well as was expected of it, being beaten by Tyrrell and White, though not badly. Tyrrell beat us by three games and White House beat us by one set.

The junior eleven suffered defeat in both matches, but again Tyrrell just beat us, winning by a very few runs.

In the match against Tyrrell our second and third fours performed so well as to win every set, but we again succumbed to the stronger White House fours.

Forsyth i and Parker i were our best performers in the junior fours.

As Witten i and Marsden are both back this year, we hope to do well in the boxing, as these two fought well in the light-weights last year, and Kirk will be our heavyweight entrant.

The athletic season is drawing nigh, but as yet we have discovered nobody with any remarkable prowess in this line of sport. In conclusion, we welcome all new boys who have been appointed to Abbott House, and we wish to thank Mr. Palmer for the interest he has shown in all House affairs.

—C.S.K.

## WHITE HOUSE.

**Master-in-Charge:** A. Mottershead, Esq.

**Captain:** N. F. Mottershead.

**Committee:** N. F. Mottershead, F. G. White, F. N. West.

House Colours for 1931 were awarded to the following:— J. M. Pilcher, N. F. Mottershead, H. K. Anderson, R. S. Wilson, F. G. White, A. Massey, F. N. West, and G. Mills.

Although we have lost some of last year's prominent members, we still have a strong House. We especially miss J. M.

Pilcher, our House Captain, and H. K. Anderson, who contributed in no small measure to the House's success.

At the beginning of the year, Mottershead was appointed House Captain, and the vacancies on the committee were filled by White i and West.

Last year we were successful in winning both the Senior and Junior House Cups.

This year we have so far played off one round of cricket and tennis. In cricket, 1st and 2nd won both their matches.

In our match against Tyrrell, the scoring on both sides was low. We were the victors by only the small margin of 14 runs. Our small total was mainly the result of the good bowling of Salter, of Tyrrell, to whom we extend our hearty congratulations. The best batting performances for White House came from Mottershead 33, Moyes i 28, Coventry iii 21; while the bowling honours were shared by Massey 3 for 26 and Coventry iii 3 for 33.

Against Abbott we scored an easier win. Abbott batted first, and were dismissed for 108. The most successful of our bowlers was Connah, who finished with the excellent figures of 5 for 7. A fine opening innings by Moyes i 86 (retired) put the issue beyond doubt from the start.

The best performers among our juniors were Anderson ii and Gould, who were the mainstay of our 2nd XI.

In tennis we have been moderately successful, as we are coming second in both the senior and junior divisions. In the senior division we lost to Tyrrell, but were successful against Abbott. In the junior division we were successful against both houses.

Lastly, we extend a hearty welcome to all new boys, and hope that they will take a keen interest in the affairs of the House.

## TYRRELL HOUSE

**Master-in-Charge:** Mr. J. A. Hunt.

**House Captain:** P. E. Pilcher.

**Committee:** P. E. Pilcher, N. Westcott, R. A. Coventry.

The House has naturally this year lost some of its more prominent members, including the House Captain, Wyllie, who ably filled that position.

At the beginning of this year, Pilcher was elected House Captain, and Westcott, and Coventry i fill the vacancies on the committee.

White House is to be congratulated on winning the House Cup last year.

The House had had fair success both in cricket and tennis. In the cricket match against Abbott we won, but lost to White House. This match was quite interesting, as Taylor (23) and Sheardon (33) put up a fine stand after the early batsmen failed. Congratulations to Salter on his great bowling—8 wickets for 19.

The House 2nd XI. were beaten in one of their matches, but won the other.

At tennis the first IV. has been successful in winning both their matches so far. The second and third fours were badly beaten in both matches.

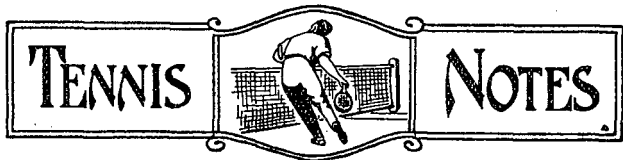
Although our prospects for athletics are none too bright, there is still some young blood to be tried.

In shooting we can rely on the old brigade from last year—Coventry i, Westcott, Tindal, Sheardown—to bring us along.

There were not many representatives for the House in the boxing last year. West i, Coventry iii are to be congratulated on winning their respective weight for the House.

Lastly, the House extends a hearty welcome to all its new members this year.

Congratulations to the following who were awarded House Colours for 1931:—W. M. Wyllie, P. G. Tait, O. D. Wright, F. J. Collett, P. E. Pilcher, F. P. Raysmith. —P.E.P.



**Master-in-Charge:** Mr. Rupp.

**Captain:** Kirk.

**Committee:** Kirk, Pilcher, Mackenzie.

We wish to thank Mr. Rupp for the keen and exhaustive interest he has taken in tennis, as he is wholly responsible for the good condition which No. 1 and No. 2 courts are in.

Massey was decided upon to be the fourth member of the firsts, and these four now constitute a well-balanced four. So far we have had only one match. This was against N.E.G.S., played on May 7, in which we suffered defeat both in the first and seconds, which played at School, and in the thirds and fourths, which played at N.E.G.S.

We hope to be able to arrange some other outside matches.

The School tournament starts next term, and we hope an interest will be taken in it. —C.S.K.





The 1st XI. lost heavily at the end of the year, Wyllie, J. Pilcher, Raysmith, Barnard, Tait, and Collett being unable to return, and as there were not sufficient of the 2nd XI. back to fill the places, the calibre of the team suffered. Nevertheless a good team, at least as far as batsman are concerned, is in the making, but our record since Christmas is not an imposing one. Of ten matches played, we have won two, drawn three, and lost five. Even so we have never been outclassed, except perhaps by a strong team at Gostwyck at the end of the season. The Old Boys administered their customary defeat before Christmas, but thanks to Barnard, who top-scored with 78, we collected 212 runs from them. P. Pilcher has captained the team this year with N. Mottershead as vice-captain. In batting, N. Mottershead and T. Coventry have been outstanding, their second wicket partnership of 196 against Wanderers C.C. being specially meritorious. Mottershead is also to be congratulated on collecting four centuries during the season, and on being selected with Wyllie and Raysmith to represent New England in an inter-district match. In bowling, the brunt of the attack has been borne by J. Salter and T. Coventry, but it is in this department that our chief weakness lies. To make matters worse, Pilcher was not able to take his place at the bowling crease for some time owing to a leg injury. We have, however, several bowlers who should improve with further experience and tuition.

The 2nd XI. had to be entirely re-constituted at the beginning of the year, and although it has not been very successful, has shown steady improvement. Allnutt, Bucknell, Jennings, Alsop, and K. Taylor are improving as batsmen, and Allnutt, Mackenzie, and Alsop show promise as bowlers. In the under age teams there is very good material, and the outlook is distinctly bright. It was unfortunate that their competition did not start until late in the term, but quite a number of friendly matches were played.

We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Cox for entertaining us at Gostwyck, and if our cricket did not come up to our expectations it was not due to any fault of theirs or to the surroundings. Perhaps we may be permitted to hope that we do better next time.

### CRICKET CHARACTERS.

**Wyllie, W. M.** Keeper and captain of side before Christmas. Very sound bat; possesses good shots, particularly drive and on leg-side. Keeping of high standard. Keen and energetic captain. Good judgment in generalship. Selected for representative team.

- Pilcher, J. M.** Good left-hand opening bat; defence good. Possessed good scoring shots to off. Slight improvement on leg-side; fair change bowler; good field.
- Taft, P. G.** Very solid in defence. Watches ball very closely. Good opening bat; possesses good drive; fair shots on leg. Improved in ground and field work.
- Barnard, R. C.** Has very strong and forceful drive, and also sound shots in front of wicket; defence fair. Picks up cleanly and returns well. Safe catch.
- Collett, F. J.** Good, reliable bowler; varies pace excellently. Left-hand bat; style rather cramped. Good fieldsman.
- Raysmith, F. P.** Possesses clean and well-placed shots, good foot-work; defence not exceptionally sound. Safe and reliable field. Selected for representative team.

(The above members of the team left at Christmas).

- Pilcher, P. E. (captain).** Bowls with fair pace, control of length fair, tendency to pitch too short. Solid and reliable bat; inclined to play too cautiously. Possesses good, powerful drive, and strong leg-shots. Safe field. Keen and energetic.
- Mattershead, N. F. (vice-captain).** Batsman possessing good scoring shots in front of wicket and on leg side; driving and placement good; defence sound; pull shots not thoroughly mastered; ground fielding good. Selected for inter-city representative honours.
- Kirk, C. S.** Solid and reliable in defence, but not aggressive enough. Should make more use of attacking strokes; driving good; leg-shots fair. Sound field. Fair change bowler.
- Coventry, F. T.** Opening batsman. Possesses very sound defence, safe and reliable. Good scoring shots in front of wicket; leg-shots fair. Good medium-paced bowler; has fair control of length. Energetic and keen fieldsman.
- Salter, J. D.** Left-hand bowler; keeps consistent length and bowls with good judgment. Considerable improvement in batting, both in defence and attack. Driving fair, but still weak on leg-side. Safe and reliable field.
- Massey, A.** Defence fair; possesses good drive; fairly strong on pull and leg-shots. Medium pace bowler of fair length; varies pace well. Grounding fielding fair; catching not reliable.
- Westcott, R. N.** Left-hand bowler; bowls fair length, but at times inconsistent. Batting weak. Ground work and slip fielding fair.
- West, F. N.** Opening bat; defence good and reliable; not so good in attack. Does not get his shoulder far enough over shot; in consequence too many balls are lifted. Greatly improved field; picking up very good; safe catch. Running between wickets badly judged. Fair slow-bowler.
- Anderson, K. A.** Watches ball closely, but strokes considerably hindered with weak foot-work. Keen and eager. Expect improvement in batting. Field work quite good.

**White, F. G.** Left-hand bat. Defence fair; attack could be improved with freer foot-work; leg-shots good. Fielding good. Right-hand spin bowler of fair length.

**Moyes, G. S.** Keeper. Fairly safe; takes well on off-side, but not on leg. Slow in movement. Should cultivate more determination and less despair. Batting fair; defence and attack considerably improved.

FIRST XI. MATCHES.

v. Inverell; Monday, Dec. 14, 1931. Won by Inverell.

Inverell—1st innings.		School—1st innings.	
L. Parker, b. J. Salter . . . .	10	J. M. Pilcher, b. H. North-	
L. Farrell, b. J. Salter . . . .	18	cote . . . . .	21
C. Ryder, c., b. N. Motters-		P. Tait, b. G. Smith . . . . .	63
head . . . . .	93	N. Mottershead, c., b. G.	
J. Scott, b. F. Coventry . . . .	8	Lowrey . . . . .	7
G. Smith, b. F. Coventry . . . .	27	W. Wyllie, c., b. L. Parker	58
V. Wiltshire, b. A. Massey . . . .	6	F. Raysmith, c., b. G. Low-	
H. Northcote, run out . . . . .	5	rey . . . . .	8
E. Delbridge, run out . . . . .	19	P. E. Pilcher, l.b.w., b. G.	
G. Lowrey, c., b. N. Motters-		Smith . . . . .	27
head . . . . .	2	R. E. Barnard, b. G. Smith	0
R. Brown, c., b. P. Pilcher	18	F. J. Collett, run out . . . .	10
F. Bowden, not out . . . . .	18	T. F. Coventry, not out . . . .	14
Sundries . . . . .	17	A. Massey, b. G. Smith . . . .	0
		J. D. Salter, not out . . . . .	1
T. tal . . . . .	241	Sundries . . . . .	4

Total . . . . . 213

P. Pilcher 1 for 21, J. Salter 2 for 75, J. Pilcher 0 for 17, N. Mottershead 2 for 16, F. Collett 0 for 14, F. Coventry 2 for 62, A. Massey 1 for 20.

Bowling: H. Northcote 1 for 30, G. Lowrey 2 for 29, F. Bowden 0 for 18, G. Smith 4 for 32, J. Scott 0 for 22, L. Farrell 0 for 24, L. Parker 1 for 16, V. Wiltshire 0 for 17, R. Brown 0 for 24.

v. Old Boys; 13/12/31. Won by Old Boys. by 137 runs.

Old Boys—1st innings.

C. W. Taylor, c. R. Barnard,		Salter . . . . .	1
b. P. Pilcher . . . . .	55	F. L. Taylor, b. J. Pilcher . . . .	35
G. Smith, c. and b. P. Pilcher	4	A. Hayes, c. R. Barnard, b.	
R. Croft, retired . . . . .	105	N. Mottershead . . . . .	13
B. Cameron, b. F. Coventry	13	R. Mackenzie, b. P. Pilcher	27
G. L. Taylor, retired . . . . .	57	J. W. Sandilands, not out . . . .	0
J. Snape, c. F. Collett, b. J.		Sundries . . . . .	20
Salter . . . . .	19		
K. Hayes, c. J. Pilcher, b. J.		Total . . . . .	349

Bowling: P. Pilcher 3 for 57, J. Salter 2 for 81, J. Pilcher 1 for 39, N. Mottershead 1 for 61, T. Coventry 1 for 46, F. Collett 0 for 45.

School—1st innings.

J. Pilcher, run out . . . . .	14	F. Collett, b. R. Mackenzie .	7
P. Tait, run out . . . . .	16	T. Coventry, c. R. Croft, b.	
N. Mottershead, b. Hayes . .	45	G. Smith . . . . .	2
W. Wyllie, l.b.w., b. J. Snape	9	H. K. Anderson, b. R. Mac-	
F. Raysmith, b. J. Snape . .	14	kenzie . . . . .	0
P. E. Pilcher, c. Taylor, b.		J. Salter, not out . . . . .	1
R. Mackenzie . . . . .	17	Sundries . . . . .	9
R. Barnard, b. R. Mackenzie	78		
		Total . . . . .	212

Bowling: L. Taylor 0 for 16, R. Mackenzie 4 for 66, G. Smith 1 for 35, R. Hayes 1 for 51, J. Snape for 1, G. Taylor 0 for 4.

v. The Wanderers; Feb. 13, 1932. Lost by 35 runs.

Wanderers—1st innings.		T.A.S.—1st innings.	
R. N. Hickson, l.b.w., b.		K. Anderson, l.b.w., b. A.	
Coventry . . . . .	30	Taylor . . . . .	5
V. Chisholm, b. Salter . . . .	1	T. Coventry, c. Buckley, b.	
A. Croft, not out . . . . .	101	Chisholm . . . . .	2
A. Walsh, b. Coventry . . . .	0	C. Kirk, c. Buckley, b. Chis-	
H. Buckley, c. Coventry, b.		holm . . . . .	0
Westcott . . . . .	9	P. E. Pilcher, b. Chisholm .	3
A. Taylor, c. Salter, b.		A. Massey, b. W. Wirth . .	30
Westcott . . . . .	9	J. D. Salter, b. Chisholm .	22
A. Taylor, c. Salter, b.		F. West, c. Wirth, b. Chis-	
Westcott . . . . .	7	holm . . . . .	22
W. Wirth, c. Kirk, b. Salter	3	K. Taylor, c. and b. Croft	5
P. Chisholm, b. Coventry . .	3	N. Westcott, c. Chisholm .	10
Sundry . . . . .	1	R. Jennings, b. Buckley, b.	
		Chisholm . . . . .	5
Total . . . . .	155	J. Allnutt, not out . . . . .	2
		Sundries . . . . .	14

Bowling: P. E. Pilcher 0 for 25, J. D. Salter 2 for 17, T. Coventry 3 for 37, N. Westcott 2 for 32, A. Massey 0 for 32, J. Allnutt 0 for 11.

Total . . . . . 120

Bowling: A. Taylor 1 for 36, P. Chisholm 7 for 38, W. Wirth 1 for 15, A. Croft 1 for 17.

Wanderers—2nd innings.

Walsh, not out . . . . .	15	Bowling: P. E. Pilcher 0 for	
Buckley not out . . . . .	94	12, J. D. Salter 0 for 47, T.	
		Coventry 0 for 35, C. Kirk 0 for	
No wickets for . . . . .	109	15.	

v. Public Service; Feb. 20, 1932. Lost by 51 runs.

Public Service—1st innings.

D. C. Baillie, b. Coventry .	12	E. Cameron, st. Moyes, b.	
A. McShane, b. Coventry .	111	Coventry . . . . .	3
F. W. Milner, st. Moyes, b.		Sundries . . . . .	4
Massey . . . . .	22		
J. W. Salter, run out . . . .	22	Six wickets for . . . . .	222
F. Simpson, b. J. Salter . .	4	L. H. Warner, T. Dunn, J.	
J. Archer, not out . . . . .	44	Kane, and J. Bennie did not	
		bat.	

Bowling: T. Coventry 3 for 65, J. Salter 1 for 55, N. Westcott 0 for 50, A. Massey 1 for 17, C. Kirk 0 for 31.

School—1st innings.

K. Anderson, l.b.w., b. J. Salter . . . . .	1	F. West, b. J. Kane . . . . .	22
C. Kirk, c. Cameron, b. J. Kane . . . . .	5	J. Allnutt, c. J. Archer, b. D. Baillie . . . . .	12
T. Coventry, c. & b. J. Salter . . . . .	51	N. Westcott, c. McShane, b. F. Simpson . . . . .	7
P. E. Pilcher, c. Baillie, b. J. Kane . . . . .	26	I. Mackenzie, c. and b. D. Baillie . . . . .	4
A. Massey, c. Warner, b. D. Simpson . . . . .	2	G. Moyes, not out . . . . .	6
J. Salter, c. & b. J. Salter	27	Sundries . . . . .	2
		<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>171</b>

Bowling: J. W. Salter 3 for 26, D. Kane 3 for 67, D. Simpson 2 for 42, A. McShane 0 for 21, D. C. Baillie 2 for 13.

**v. Public Service; Feb. 27, 1932. Won by P.S. by 57 runs on first innings.**

Public Service—1st innings.		School—1st innings.	
J. Archer, b. J. Salter . . . . .	5	K. Anderson, b. J. W. Salter . . . . .	6
E. Cameron, st. G. Moyes, b. J. Salter . . . . .	0	C. Kirk, b. J. W. Salter . . . . .	1
T. Dun, b. J. Salter . . . . .	1	N. F. Mottershead, b. J. W. Salter . . . . .	4
J. Bennie, c. and b. Salter . . . . .	5	F. Coventry, b. T. Dun . . . . .	23
F. W. Milner, b. Salter . . . . .	24	P. Pilcher, l.b.w., b. J. Archer . . . . .	5
F. Simpson, b. T. Coventry . . . . .	63	A. Massey, st. J. Archer, b. D. Baillie . . . . .	23
D. Baillie, c. G. Moyes, b. A. Massey . . . . .	2	J. Salter, c. Bennie, b. J. Salter . . . . .	58
J. W. Salter, b. T. Coventry . . . . .	73	F. West, b. D. Baillie . . . . .	5
A. McShane, c. F. West, b. T. Coventry . . . . .	25	N. Westcott, b. J. W. Salter . . . . .	1
Short, c. Mackenzie, b. T. Coventry . . . . .	4	G. Moyes, not out . . . . .	0
B. Milner, not out . . . . .	0	I. Mackenzie, b. J. Salter . . . . .	0
Sundry . . . . .	1	Sundries . . . . .	30
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>156</b>

Bowling: T. F. Coventry 4 for 43, J. D. Salter 5 for 32, A. Massey 1 for 58, N. Westcott 0 for 39, N. Mottershead 0 for 1, I. Mackenzie 0 for 29.

Bowling: J. W. Salter 6 for 15, J. Archer 1 for 22, T. Dun 1 for 34, F. Simpson 0 for 26, A. McShane 0 for 18, D. Baillie 2 for 11.

School—2nd innings.

G. Moyes, c. Milner, b. Simpson . . . . .	0	Dun . . . . .	11
C. Kirk, b. Archer . . . . .	0	K. Anderson, run out . . . . .	6
N. Mottershead, c. Dun, b. Simpson . . . . .	1	F. Coventry, not out . . . . .	7
F. West, b. Simpson . . . . .	4	A. Massey, not out . . . . .	4
I. Mackenzie, c. Bennie, b. . . . .		Sundries . . . . .	4
		<b>Six wickets for . . . . .</b>	<b>37</b>

Bowling: Archer 1 for 11, Simpson 3 for 6, Dun 1 for 3, McShane 0 for 12, Baillie 0 for 1.

**v. Walcha; 5/3/32. Lost by 74 runs.**

Walcha—1st innings.	School—1st innings.
D. Donley, l.b.w., b. J. Salter 10	K. Anderson, b. Leadham . . 7
D. Fletcher, run out . . . . 30	P. Pilcher, c. Roper, b. Leadham . . . . . 5
R. Mullens, b. N. Westcott . 18	N. Mottershead, c. Coates, b. Leadham . . . . . 129
C. Roper, st. G. Moyes, b. F. West . . . . . 17	F. Coventry, b. Leadham . 0
T. Coates, c. K. Anderson, b. F. West . . . . . 44	A. Masesy, c. Donley, b. Roper . . . . . 13
T. Leadham, c. J. Salter, b. A. Massey . . . . . 47	C. Kirk, c. Brazel, b. Borthwick . . . . . 0
B. Borthwick, c. F. Coventry, b. J. Salter . . . . . 30	F. West, c. Coates, b. Leadham . . . . . 19
H. Roper, b. F. Coventry . 44	J. Salter, b. Leadham . . . 8
W. Fuller, c. F. West, b. F. Coventry . . . . . 1	G. Moyes, not out . . . . . 12
S. Brazel, c. F. West, b. F. Coventry . . . . . 9	J. Allnutt, l.b.w., b. Leadham . . . . . 1
P. Ewing, not out . . . . . 11	N. Westcott, c. C. Roper, b. Leadham . . . . . 0
Sundries . . . . . 23	Sundries . . . . . 13
Total . . . . . 284	Total . . . . . 207

Bowling: F. Coventry 3 for 47, J. Salter 2 for 50, A. Massey 1 for 63, W. Westcott 1 for 50, F. West 2 for 28, N. Mottershead 0 for 23.

Bowling: H. Roper 0 for 47, Leadham 8 for 41, Fuller 0 for 26, Borthwick 1 for 10, C. Roper 1 for 13, Coates 0 for 29, Donley 0 for 22.

**v. D.L.S.C.; 9/3/32. Drawn.**

School—1st innings.	D.L.S.C.—1st innings.
F. West, c. McCann, b. Britton . . . . . 13	F. Mahony, c. G. Moyes, b. A. Massey . . . . . 12
F. Coventry, b. McCann . . . 3	T. Mahony, b. J. Salter . . . 0
N. Mottershead, l.b.w., b. McCann . . . . . 0	P. Ryan, b. C. Kirk . . . . . 61
P. Pilcher, b. Mahony . . . . 8	D. Craddock, c. N. Westcott, b. F. Coventry . . . . . 13
A. Massey, not out . . . . . 49	L. Hoban, not out . . . . . 24
C. Kirk, c. Ryan, b. Britton 42	F. McCann, not out . . . . . 22
J. Salter, c. Craddock, b. Ryan 0	Sundries . . . . . 5
G. Moyes, b. Britton . . . . . 4	Four wickets for . . . . 137
G. White, c. McCosker, b. Ryan . . . . . 4	
K. Anderson, b. Britton . . . 0	Bowling: F. Coventry 1 for 23, J. Salter 1 for 32, A. Massey 1 for 14, F. West 0 for 19, C. Kirk 1 for 22, N. Westcott 0 for 22.
N. Westcott, not out . . . . . 0	
Sundries . . . . . 14	
Nine wickets for . . . . 137	

Bowling: McCann 2 for 24, Britton 4 for 31, Ryan 2 for 28, Mahony 1 for 14, Hoban 0 for 12, Wilson 0 for 14.

**v. Federals; 12/3/32. Won by 4 wickets and 52 runs.**

Federals—1st innings.	
D. Reid, c. G. Moyes, b. N. Westcott . . . . .	42
F. McCarthy, b. F. Coventry . . . . .	31
W. Hanlon, c. Kirk, b. A. Massey . . . . .	70
G. Bishop, b. C. Kirk . . . . .	10
G. Faint, c. J. Salter, b. N. Westcott . . . . .	1
Rev. Brown, c. Kirk, b. F. West . . . . .	11
J. Norris, c. J. Salter, b. A. Massey . . . . .	27
J. Sewell, c. N. Westcott, b. J. Salter . . . . .	4
P. Hanlon, not out . . . . .	0
Sundries . . . . .	14
Eight wickets for . . . . . 210	
Bowling: F. Coventry 1 for 47, J. Salter 1 for 37, A. Massey 2 for 37, N. Westcott 2 for 41, S. Kirk 1 for 15, F. West 1 for 19.	

School—1st innings.

F. Coventry, c. and b. Hanlon . . . . .	82
F. West, c. Hanlon, b. Sewell . . . . .	2
N. Mottershead, c. Hanlon, b. Golding . . . . .	128
P. Pilcher, run out . . . . .	15
Norris 0 for 41, Rev. Brown 0 for 24, McCarthy 0 for 24.	
A. Massey, not out . . . . .	20
C. Kirk, not out . . . . .	1
Sundries . . . . .	14
Four wickets for . . . . . 262	
Bowling: Golding 1 for 42, Sewell 1 for 61, Hanlon 1 for 56, Sewell 1 for 24, McCarthy 0 for 24.	

**v. Kentucky; 19/3/32. Drawn.**

Kentucky—1st innings.	
C. Taylor, retired . . . . .	76
L. Taylor, c. West, b. J. Salter . . . . .	10
R. Croft, retired . . . . .	77
G. Taylor, b. C. Kirk . . . . .	11
K. Hays, c. F. West, b. J. Salter . . . . .	49
F. Burley, not out . . . . .	30
Sundries . . . . .	6
Five wickets for . . . . . 259	

Bowling: F. Coventry 0 for 47, J. Salter 2 for 44, R. Westcott 0 for 44, P. Pilcher 0 for 12, C. Kirk 0 for 29, F. West 0 for 37.

School—1st innings.	
F. Coventry, c. L. Taylor, b. Townsend . . . . .	36
F. West, c. and b. Hays . . . . .	22
N. Mottershead, l.b.w., b. Burraston . . . . .	37
P. Pilcher, b. Townshend . . . . .	1
A. Massey, b. L. Taylor . . . . .	1
C. Kirk, b. L. Taylor . . . . .	5
J. Salter, c. and b. L. Taylor . . . . .	1
G. Moyes, not out . . . . .	6
G. White, b. Hays . . . . .	4
K. Anderson, not out . . . . .	2
N. Westcott . . . . .	—
Sundries . . . . .	7

Eight wickets for . . . . . 122  
Bowling: Burraston 1 for 10, L. Taylor 3 for 25, Townshend 2 for 34, Hays 2 for 34, G. Taylor 0 for 12.

**v. Uralla; 2/4/32. Won by 25 runs on 1st innings.**

Uralla—1st innings.	
C. Cooper, c. Massey, b. Pilcher . . . . .	1
C. Roberts, l.b.w., b. Pilcher . . . . .	0
J. Ryan, b. Coventry . . . . .	4
L. Evans, c. Moyes, b. Kirk . . . . .	20
F. Dorrington, c. Moyes, b. Coventry . . . . .	3
M. Lonergan, c. Anderson, b. Westcott . . . . .	23

W. Cooper, not out . . . . .	14
T. Wildblood, b. Westcott . . . . .	8
D. Piper, b. Westcott . . . . .	0
E. Cooper, c. Anderson, b. Kirk . . . . .	3
A. Cooper, b. Kirk . . . . .	0
Sundries . . . . .	14
Total . . . . . 90	

Bowling: Pilcher 2 for 4, Salter 0 for 12, Coventry 2 for 6, Westcott 3 for 28, Massey 0 for 13, Kirk 3 for 13.

School—1st innings.

F. West, c. Cooper, b. Ryan	11	J. Salter, c. Ryan, b. Evans	9
F. Coventry, c. Cooper, b. Ryan	28	G. Moyes, b. Evans	10
N. Mottershead, c. Cooper, b. Roberts	24	K. Anderson, not out	8
P. Pilcher, b. Dorrington	0	G. White, b. Evans	7
A. Massey, c. Piper, b. Dorrington	2	N. Westcott, c. Piper, b. Ryan	2
C. Kirk, run out	15	Sundries	3
		Total	115

Bowling: Piper 0 for 8, Ryan 4 for 66, Dorrington 2 for 15, Evans 3 for 22.

v. A.H.S.; 9/4/32. Match drawn.

School—1st innings.

F. West, c. Jones, b. I. Johnstone	23
F. Coventry, c. Godfrey, b. Cantello	49
N. Mottershead, c. Little, b. Cattell	65
A. Massey, run out	49
P. Pilcher, b. J. Johnstone	33
C. Kirk, c. Burke, b. Little	9
J. Salter, not out	3
G. Moyes, c. J. Johnstone, b. Little	7
Sundries	7

Seven wickets for . . . 245

Bowling: Reid 0 for 38, Cantello 1 for 68, J. Johnstone 1 for 41, Little 2 for 49, Cattell 1 for 24, I. Johnstone 1 for 18.

A.H.S.—1st innings.

J. Reid, l.b.w., b. Salter	7
S. Burke, not out	43
R. Little, not out	33
Total	83

Bowling: Pilcher 0 for 7, Salter 1 for 21, Coventry 0 for 4, Kirk 0 for 13, Westcott 0 for 17, Masey 0 for 7, West 0 for 14.

v. Gostwyck; 12/4/32. Lost by 143 runs.

Gostwyck—1st innings.

R. Croft, b. Pilcher	4	Coventry	8
C. Taylor, l.b.w., b. Pilcher	7	B. Busby, c. Mottershead, b. Coventry	0
F. Croft, c. Kirk, b. Coventry	34	Sundries	18
L. Taylor, c. Pilcher, b. White	24	Total	205
G. Taylor, b. Salter	20		
C. Cox, c. Pilcher, b. Salter	15		
G. Brett, c. Pilcher, b. Massey	14		
H. Croft, b. Massey	26		
L. Cox, not out	34		
D. Cox, c. Mottershead, b.			

Bowling: Pilcher 2 for 27, Salter 2 for 57, Westcott 0 for 32, Coventry 3 for 19, White 1 for 13, Kirk 0 for 14, Massey 2 for 17.



School—1st innings.

F. West, c. C. Taylor, b. C. Cox . . . . .	1	C. Kirk, b. G. Brett . . . . .	14
F. Coventry, c. G. Cox, b. C. Cox . . . . .	13	J. Salter, c. G. Brett, b. G. Taylor . . . . .	2
N. Mottershead, c. and b. L. Taylor . . . . .	18	G. Moyes, b. G. Brett . . . . .	5
A. Massey, c. G. Taylor, b. L. Taylor . . . . .	1	K. Anderson, b. G. Brett . . . . .	0
P. Pilcher, c. G. Taylor, b. L. Taylor . . . . .	0	F. White, not out . . . . .	3
		N. Westcott, b. C. Cox . . . . .	1
		Sundries . . . . .	4
		<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>62</b>

Bowling: C. Cox 3 for 24, L. Taylor 3 for 12, C. Taylor 0 for 7, G. Taylor 1 for 10, G. Brett 3 for 2.

HOUSE MATCHES.

**Tyrell v. White; 1/3/32. Won by White House by 14 runs.**

White House—1st innings.		Tyrrell House—1st innings.	
R. E. Bucknell, c. P. Pilcher, b. J. Salter . . . . .	11	D. Wilson, b. F. Coventry . . . . .	3
G. S. Moyes, b. J. Salter . . . . .	28	P. E. Pilcher, c. G. Moyes, b. A. Massey . . . . .	26
T. F. Coventry, c. C. Sheardown, b. J. Salter . . . . .	21	J. D. Salter, b. T. Coventry . . . . .	0
N. F. Mottershead, c. P. Pilcher, b. J. Salter . . . . .	33	N. Westcott, b. A. Massey . . . . .	20
A. L. Massey, b. R. A. Coventry . . . . .	13	J. Allnutt, b. T. Coventry . . . . .	3
F. N. West, b. J. Salter . . . . .	2	I. Mackenzie, c. A. Biden, b. F. West . . . . .	1
E. P. W. Marriott, b. J. Salter . . . . .	2	R. Coventry, b. T. Coventry . . . . .	1
G. R. Connah, b. N. Westcott . . . . .	0	W. Taylor, b. T. Coventry . . . . .	23
R. M. Jennings, l.b.w., b. J. Salter . . . . .	1	C. Sheardown, c. F. West, b. A. Massey . . . . .	33
A. Biden, not out . . . . .	0	P. Robinson, not out . . . . .	0
C. H. Harricks, b. J. Salter . . . . .	0	J. Lancaster, b. A. Massey . . . . .	1
Sundries . . . . .	18	Sundries . . . . .	4
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>115</b>

Bowling: T. Coventry 5 for 33, A. Massey 4 for 26, G. Connah 0 for 13, F. West 1 for 24, N. Mottershead 0 for 15.

**White v. Abbott; 7/3/32. Won by White House by 104 runs.**

Abbott House—1st innings.			
S. Kirk, c. G. White, b. G. Connah . . . . .	36	J. Sandilands, c. and b. F. West . . . . .	8
K. Anderson, b. T. Coventry . . . . .	1	D. Wilson ii, c. R. Jennings, b. G. Connah . . . . .	9
D. Wiltshire, run out . . . . .	0	J. Sanderson, not out . . . . .	16
K. Taylor, c. & b. A. Massey . . . . .	26	M. Parker, b. G. Connah . . . . .	0
O. Alsop, b. T. Coventry . . . . .	0	Sundries . . . . .	8
H. Belfield, b. G. Connah . . . . .	0	<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>108</b>
W. White, st. G. Moyes, b. G. Connah . . . . .	2		

White House—1st innings.

R. Bucknell, b. K. Anderson	17	A. Massey, c. W. White, b.	
G. Moyes, not out	86	O. Alsop	8
T. Coventry, c. C. Kirk, b. W.		R. Jennings, not out	4
White	2	F. West, c. O. Alsop, b. W.	
N. Mottershead, c. M. Par-		White	4
ker, b. J. Sanderson	80	E. Marriott, c. K. Anderson,	
G. White, b. C. Kirk	24	b. H. Belfield	0
A. Biden, c. K. Taylor, b. W.		Sundries	16
White	3	Total	212
G. Connah, c. K. Taylor, b.			
W. White	0		

**Abbott House v. Tyrell House; 23/2/32. Won by Tyrell House by 112 runs on first innings.**

Abbott House—1st innings.

C. Kirk, b. R. Coventry	20
K. Anderson, c. W. Taylor,	
b. I. Mackenzie	10
D. Wiltshire, c. P. Pilcher,	
b. J. Salter	1
O. Alsop, b. J. Salter	0
S. Witten, b. J. Salter	0
K. Taylor, b. I. Mackenzie	2
W. White, b. J. Salter	1
H. Belfield, b. J. Salter	23
J. Sandilands, b. N. Westcott	5
J. Sanderson, b. N. Westcott	8
G. Loveridge, not out	0
Sundries	11

Total . . . . . 81

Bowling: B. Coventry 1 for 17, J. Salter 5 for 38, I. Mackenzie 2 for 6, N. Westcott 2 for 9.

Tyrell House—1st innings.

D. Wilson, retired	35
P. Pilcher, run out	52
J. Salter, c. D. Wiltshire, b.	
C. Kirk	12
N. Westcott, b. C. Kirk	16
J. Allnutt, retired	19
R. Coventry, retired	30
I. Mackenzie, retired	19
W. Taylor, b. K. Taylor	0
P. Robinson, c. C. Kirk, b.	
K. Taylor	0
C. Sheardown, not out	1
Sundries	9

Total . . . . . 193

Bowling: K. Anderson 0 for 34, J. Sanderson 0 for 34, C. Kirk 2 for 60, S. Witten 0 for 30, H. Belfield 0 for 8, J. Sandilands 0 for 14, W. White 0 for 3, K. Taylor 2 for 1.

Abbott House—1st innings.

C. Kirk, b. J. Salter	34
K. Anderson, b. J. Salter	7
D. Wiltshire, b. J. Salter	0
O. Alsop, b. J. Salter	16
H. Belfield, b. N. Westcott	19
K. Taylor, not out	15

W. White, not out	16
Sundries	26
Total	133

Bowling: R. Coventry 0 for 26, J. Salter 4 for 33, N. Westcott 1 for 8.

**SECOND XI. MATCHES.**

**v. Dumaresq; February 13. Lost by an innings and 105 runs.**

School batted first, and managed to compile only 31 runs. Bucknell top-scored with eight runs, the next best being Coventry and Belfield with five each. Dumaresq then batted and got 163 in a short time. The best bowlers for School were Witten 3 for 43,

Coventry 2 for 28, Bucknell 2 for 13. In the second innings School could only manage to get 27 runs, of which Bucknell and Wilson got six each.

**v. Dangarsleigh; February 20. Lost by 122 runs.**

School batted first for a total of 105 runs, Jennings top-scoring with 26, Alsop and Taylor with 16 each obtaining the next best scores. Dangarsleigh then batted, and lost only five wickets for a total of 227, when time was called. Laurance was responsible for 105 of these. The most successful bowlers for School were Taylor 3 for 44, and Witten 2 for 23.

**v. Westwood; February 27. Lost by 58 runs.**

Westwood had first use of the wicket, and hit up 135. The wickets were fairly well split up between Coventry 3 for 40, Allnutt 3 for 14, and Belfield 3 for 15. Of School's total of 78, Alsop top scored with 33.

**v. Centrals; March 5. Lost by 56 runs.**

Centrals batted first and compiled 116. The best of School's bowlers were Coventry 3 for 29, Alsop 3 for 11, and Taylor 2 for 17. School then batted, and got 65 runs, of which Jennings and Marriott scored 14 each.

**v. Kelly's Plains; March 12. Lost by 49 runs.**

Kelly's Plains opened and compiled 131. Allnutt 3 for 31, Coventry 3 for 21 were our best bowlers. School then batted, and were dismissed for 82, Jennings top-scoring with 30. Alsop 16 and Coventry 12 were the only others to reach double figures.

**v. Kentucky South; March 19. Match drawn.**

School won the toss and sent Kentucky in to bat. They closed their innings with eight wickets down for 221. The wickets were well split up among School's bowlers. School then batted, and at time had a total of 147. Bucknell (65) and Jennings (52) were the best scorers.

**v. Norths; April 2. Lost by 96 runs.**

Norths had first use of the wicket, and were dismissed for 157. Mackenzie (4 for 18) was School's most successful bowler. School, in their turn, compiled 61. Jennings (10) and Alsop (13) were the only ones to reach double figures.

**v. Tom's Gully; April 9. Won by 19 runs on first innings.**

Tom's Gully batted first and were dismissed for 33, through the fine bowling of Coventry (5 for 6), and Allnutt (4 for 24). School's innings resulted in a total of 52. Allnutt (13) and Marriott (10) being the highest scorers. Tom's Gully batted again, and compiled 109.



As the season is almost finished at the time of going to press, these notes will be very nearly complete. Pilcher was elected captain, Westcott vice-captain, and Kirk was the other member of the committee.

School fielded five teams. The firsts and seconds were in grade football, and the other teams in weight competitions. There were three teams in the latter competition—Sst. 7lbs., 7st. 7lbs., and 6st. 7lbs.

The firsts played in the G.P.S. competition as well as in the local grade. We travelled to Sydney twice, and played two matches each time, one on the Saturday and one on the Monday. We played Sydney High, Shore, Scots', and King's in Sydney; and St. Joseph's and Newington in Armidale.

In our first match with St. Joseph's we were badly defeated, the score being 80—3. St. Joseph's played good football. They had good combination as well as splendid team work. Our defence was deplorable, and the stronger team made good use of our weakness. In the next match with Sydney High, the scores were not quite so unequal. The team had improved, their defence and general team-work was stronger. Although they were beaten 68—6, they played much better football than they did against St. Joseph's. They attacked, pressed, and dominated the play in many parts of the game, but there was no finish to their movements. The game was fought right to the end, but the High School had the advantage in weight and speed. The game was almost as enjoyable as the hospitality of High. They entertained the team at afternoon tea on the completion of the match, and invited the members to their dance held that evening. We are indebted to High for their kindness and hospitality.

Our next opponent was Shore: In the first half they scored 20 points, and in the second half 18. We only managed to compile three. In this match our forwards played good football, although confronted by much heavier opponents. They broke through on many occasions with the ball at the toe. They lacked speed, however, and many good chances were lost. Our backs were slow in moving up in support. Shore backs were fast, and made the best use of their pace, but owing to strong tackling on our part, and faulty handling on theirs, many good movements came to nothing. Our defence on the whole was good, but unfortunately, there were still two or three weak spots. We thank Shore for their kindness in entertaining us on the completion of the match.

The match against Newington was hard and solid. Play was confined to the forwards for practically the whole game. From scrummages and line-outs Newington got most of the ball, consequently School was defending most of the time. From one good passing rush Mottershead was able to score. The kick failed. Newington managed to put together 19 points, their captain playing an outstanding game. In this game our defence suffered a gruelling test.

The next team we met was Scots'. Our forwards played excellently. Again and again they broke through carrying the ball at the toe. Scots were continually on the defence. They obtained the lion's share of the ball from line-outs, but our backs prevented them attacking. The scores at the end of the first half were 18-3 in our favour. Westcott, Alsop, and Coventry iii scored tries. Mottershead converted these, and later kicked a penalty goal as well. In the second half Scots played better football, utilising the short kick. The game ended in our first win—18-14.

Scots invited us to stay for dinner. Mr. Hunt's carving the leg of beef was a feature of the entertainments, or rather an entertainment in itself.

On the Monday we played King's. They were a very heavy side. King's got much of the ball from the line-outs, and we were continually on the defence. Our forwards again played well, and managed to hold their opponents. Our backs, however, gave bad passes on occasions, and were often caught in possession. We were defeated 36 to nil. King's entertained us at afternoon tea and tea. We thank them for their hospitality.

We have still to play Sydney Grammar on our own ground. The match against St. Ignatius had to be abandoned, as they were unable to travel, and we found it impossible to fit in a match against them when we were in Sydney. We regret this, as we have always found them enjoyable opponents.

In local grade football we have been fairly successful. Armidale High has so far proved too strong for us, but we have to meet them again, and hope to give a good account of ourselves. Our other opponents have been The Armidale Club, a team composed mainly of Old Boys, and Teachers' Training College.

Where possible matches have been arranged for the Second Fifteen. So far their principal opponent has been Armidale High, which team they have been unable to defeat up to the present. The seconds are improving, and we are confidently looking for better football from them in the near future.

The weight teams have played regularly. Of these the 7st. 7lbs. have been the most successful. They have a win to their credit, and on several occasions have been very narrowly defeated. The 6st. 7lbs. have won two games, drawn one, and have been defeated by some very narrow margins.

The season, on the whole, has been a success. Practically every boy in the school is in one team or the other, and considerable enthusiasm has been evinced. Our teams have also shown a steady and consistent improvement.

We take this opportunity of thanking the Headmaster, and members of the staff for their kind interest in football matters generally. We appreciate their assistance and unselfishness in devoting so much of their spare time to coaching and refereeing.

We are indebted to Newington College for the use of their ground for purposes of training, while we were in Sydney. We desire to thank the Old Boys for various individual kindnesses, and the Union for inviting the team to their re-union banquet. There we met many old friends, and made several new ones; our only regret was that we were forced to leave somewhat early, as we had to catch our return train.

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#### REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS.

**6st. 7lbs.**—Backs: Richardson (full-back), R. C. Geering, W. White, J. Allnutt (captain), M. Blomfield, R. Coventry (five-eighth), A. Biden (half-back); forwards: P. Moyes, P. E. Barratt, E. Mackenzie, I. Wood, R. B. Austin, J. G. Deaton, I. W. Dennis, P. L. Marks. Reserve: E. C. Barrie. Coach: L. F. Palmer, Esq.

**7st. 7lbs.**—Backs: D. C. Wilson (full-back), R. M. Marsden, D. L. Kennaway, H. G. Larsson, J. G. Wheeler, K. Forsyth (five-eighth), M. B. Parker (half-back), captain. Forwards: D. B. Ross, G. B. Parker, D. H. Godfrey, C. N. Swinton, A. W. Kempnich, T. L. Stirton, F. J. Croaker, P. F. Nash (reserve).

Coach: A. K. Thomson, Esq.

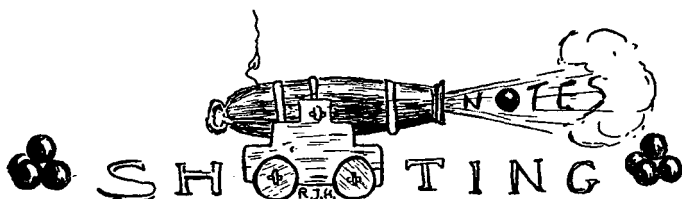
**8st. 7lbs.**—Backs: G. S. Moyes (full-back), I. L. Mackenzie, W. L. Taylor, G. R. Connah, H. S. Pearson, P. E. Robinson, A. R. Tindal (half-back). Forwards: J. M. Crawford, R. H. Cay, R. I. White, M. D. Wright, E. C. Swinton, K. A. James (captain), S. A. Witten, C. G. Blaxland. Reserve: J. A. Lancaster.

Coach: A. R. H. Rupp, Esq.

**Secords.**—Backs: E. L. Anderson (full-back), P. Turnbull, J. H. Harricks, D. V. Wiltshire (captain), J. C. Thornton, W. J. Sanderson, R. E. Buckne'l (half-back). Forwards: R. W. Harvey, R. A. Gauld, H. E. Belfield (vice-captain), J. D. McIntosh, A. B. Forsyth, E. A. Rich, J. F. Blaxland, B. A. Wright.

Coach: T. H. D. Kitley, Esq.

**Firsts.**—Backs: K. A. Anderson (full-back), N. F. Mottershead, J. F. Coventry, F. N. West, J. D. Sandilands, R. N. Westcott (vice-captain), A. Massey (half-back). Forwards: C. S. Kirk, K. L. Taylor, O. H. Alsop, E. P. W. Marriott, R. L. Harris, R. H. Jennings, P. E. Pilcher (captain), F. G. White. Reserve: R. A. Coventry. Coach: J. A. Hunt, Esq.



The committee is faced with rather a task this year in building up a team, as we unfortunately have lost seven of last year's team. However, there seems to be plenty of enthusiasm. This is perhaps due to the fact of last year's team having been more successful than usual. In fact there were more entries than the committee could cope with, and some boys were disappointed at not being tried out. However, although there has been no starting form shown, most boys are improving well.

By the re-institution of the Friday afternoon general assemblies, our practice time was cut rather short, so we have taken up Saturday morning practice instead, which really gives us better light and more time.

At the beginning of the year, we received notice of motion of alterations in G.P.S. Shooting By-Laws, the alterations being:—  
 (a) That the competition for the "Rawson Cup" of shoots at 200 and 500 yards be changed to shoots at 300 and 500 yards.

(b) That the competition for the Buchanan Shield, originally application and snap at 300, be changed to 10 shots rapid fire at fixed target (time allowed one minute) at 200 yards; and snap only at 300 yards, with two sighters.

(c) That instead of the original ordinary service rifles, service pattern rifles (with match barrels) be allowed. We have not had any notification yet of whether these alterations have been accepted or rejected. This last alteration will be rather unfortunate for us, however, as we would not be able to afford to have match barrels fitted this year.

It is to be hoped that we will be able to get in the extra week's practice at Long Bay Range, as conditions there are vastly different from those prevailing here. Last year this innovation proved most successful, as the team displayed a marked improvement on those of former years.

Mr. L. F. R. Palmer has undertaken to look after the team as usual, and very kindly takes as many boys as he can out to the range in his car. This year's committee consists of Coventry (captain), Tindal, and Westcott.

—R.A.C.

**MARCUSWELL MAXWELL.**

In the Library in the shelf set aside for the publications of Old Boys, perhaps the two most striking books are the two volumes of "Big Game Photographs," from the "Times."

Mr. Maxwell is a most successful hunter—with a camera. It should be remembered that it is a more perilous undertaking to shoot a rhino or a gorilla with a camera than with a rifle. The rifle, however, has to be kept handy, and the hunting is usually done in pairs—one man ready to click the camera and the other to press the trigger should the sitter turn ugly.

Mr. Maxwell entered the School in 1903, and was here for five years. He had a distinguished school career. He was Senior Prefect and Captain of the School, and a member of the First XI.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we print the following account of his adventures with the gorilla, and we regret that we cannot print the photographs he secured. I wonder how many of our readers would like to face a gorilla with a Kodak—an old man gorilla weighs 30 stone, goes five feet round the chest, and can do the hundred yards in something like seven seconds.

Last year from March to May, Mr. Marcuswell Maxwell made an expedition to the Belgian Congo on behalf of the "Times" to achieve the conquest of the gorilla by camera.

The hunt for the gorillas was done in the Parc National Albert, which lies between Lake Edward and Lake Kivu, in Belgian Congo, adjacent to the south-west corner of Uganda. There are two large volcanoes that are still active, as well as numerous small volcanic cones. The two highest peaks, Mikeno and Karisimbi, are 14,544 feet and 14,865 feet respectively, and it was around these two that most of the hunting for gorillas was done by Mr. Maxwell and his party. In spite of the constant rain, in this volcanic area, water is scarce, for all the rock is porous lava. A ravine whose bed is a rushing stream at one moment may well be dry in two hours' time. The park is managed by a special scientific commission, composed of scientists nominated by various bodies and approved by King Albert. Since the park is run in the interests of science, permits for the collection of flora and fauna are given only to persons acting on behalf of important scientific institutions. On the other hand, bona fide visitors—even if only attracted by the beauty of the scenery—are generally granted permission to visit the park.

As one ascends the volcanoes, it is most interesting to note how the vegetation alters with the altitude. Starting from the shrubby lava plain thorn bushes are met on the first slopes. Then comes the lower zone of mountain forest, with mixed types of trees, the most typical being a local mahogany. This belt continues to about 700 feet, when the bamboo forest commences and runs up to approximately 9000 feet. About 1,000 feet is the sub-alpine zone, with its characteristic species of heather, lobelia, and senecio. Between 12,500 feet and 14,000 feet the only noticeable plant is a sort of grass, and above this is the snow line and the bare lava.



The first stage done on foot was from Kabale, in the southwest corner of Uganda, to Bunagana on the Congo border. The party had had motor transport to Kabale, but the motors had to be abandoned there, as the country they had to cross was too mountainous and rugged. Porters had to be taken, of course, and seventy sturdy Ankole men were signed on, men who excelled in hillsides, and laughed at their 50lb. loads. They climbed the high dividing range, and then descended on the other side to Lake Bunyoin by many twists and turns. A fleet of canoes had gathered to ferry the party across the lake to the Befundi Rest House, on the western shore. This Rest House, like others in the district, is beautifully built of papyrus and bamboo, and is supplied with excellent vegetable gardens and strawberry beds. The lake is amazingly beautiful, for mountains rise on all sides, sheer out of its transparent waters. Numerous small water-birds and duck make their homes along the lily-fringed shores of its many inlets and islands.

Leaving the Rest House they had again to climb the mountains—this time on the western side, and up to a height of 8000 feet. When they were going down again on the other side, heavy rainfalls made the terrific slopes as slippery as ice, and consequently an involuntary sitting position was often assumed. After this, however, there were only gentle slopes to be crossed to get to Bunagana. This track, as they went along, reverberated behind the Safari, for the country round about there is volcanic, and the ground beneath, porous lava and pumice. At Bunagana they were met by Dr. Derscheid, Administrator of the Parc National, who drove them to Ruchuru in his car. Several days were spent in Ruchuru in making the final preparations for the gorilla hunt.

When all was ready, they motored to a spot 25 miles along the road to Lake Kivu, and there picked up their porters. They set off up into the volcanoes—at first across open foothills, and then into the lower forest, where the mud was almost knee-deep. The first camp, at 9000 feet, was reached after five hours' hard marching. At this camp the evening views were wonderful. Lake Kivu and its hills and islands appearing by some optical illusion to float above the clouds. From now on the bamboos were left behind, and the way led through the upper forest, where the slopes were gentle and the country almost a morass. Their next camp was at 10,000 feet. After a day in camp to recover from malaria, they set out along the slopes of Kardossimlu in quest of gorilla. The patches of stinging-nettle met in the undergrowth often turned the party from its course, for unclad natives cannot face its terrible sting, and even thick trousers often prove no adequate protection. One soon realises that distances here are not measured as the crow flies, but as the nettle lies.

Traces of the gorillas, their nests, and feeding grounds, were in plenty. The hillside looked as though a small avalanche had passed that way. At this altitude the hagenia trees, which are here enormous, lean right out, so that the trunks are almost horizontal. These are covered with vines, and so large dry caves form under them, which the porters put to the best use as sleeping huts.

Two more days of search proved that the gorilla had migrat-

ed to the lower country, where it was warmer and where the young bamboo shoots were now out. However, on the third day a gorilla herd was found, making its way slowly down Mikens; and so next morning the party, thrilled at the prospect of at last seeing their quarry, set out equipped with a rifle and a camera. Having picked up the trail easily, and found where the gorilla had slept, they finally came across them, and managed to approach within 5 yards or so without being seen.

The herd consisted of sixteen, with one old man. The party was spotted by one of them, and the herd began to move slowly down the slope. The party followed them down the slope, but presently the tribe ran through a low tunnel under very thick bush.

One of the party writes: "I could distinctly hear the gorilla family chattering some two or three hundred yards in our advance, and never suspected for a moment that a large male gorilla a short way ahead was meditating our destruction. What now happened I cannot adequately describe, as it all occurred with such incredible swiftness. A shrill scream, 400 to 500 pounds of infuriated gorilla hurling itself at Maxwell (who was a few yards in front of me with the camera), Maxwell hurling himself down the steep slope, missing having his head knocked off by inches. Almost at the same moment I fired into the black mass of gorilla, having no time to raise the rifle to my shoulder. Even as I pulled the trigger the brute was in the act of striking a guide, who was on my left. Where the bullet struck I do not know, but it was sufficient to turn him hurtling down the hillside."

The gorilla had left the herd and hidden himself among small trees about 10 feet above the trail, and at a place where this emerged from the low tunnel into a clearing of some five yards extent. It was a perfect place for an ambush. Luckily for the men they had stopped at some fifteen paces from the tunnel in order to get their bearing, and the impatient gorilla charged them where they stood. During this charge he exhibited a speed, and even more a power of acceleration which can only be described as incredible, for he covered the fifteen yards in well under the second. Where he had hidden, and for two yards on, the ground was churned up to a depth of two inches by the terrific forces imposed on it through his legs and arms, as he launched himself at them.

Several days after when they were camping on higher ground the guides returned and reported gorilla. The herd was making towards Vissoke, but although several hours were spent among this herd, no animals were seen by the party, for the country under Vissoke is thick beyond words. Here the stinging nettle comes into its own, with nine-inch leaves, each equipped with spikes (not hairs) a half-inch long or more. The herd eventually circled back, and was lost to them in the lower bamboo. In this part of the country one runs across many hives of the small bee, which lives underground. The honey of this insect is eagerly sought for by the natives, who are very clever at detecting the small hole which leads into the underground country, in which the comb is found.

During this period the weather was both tantalising and unkind, for daily the sun came out and shone brightly until about 7.30,



**FIRST XV.**

STANDING: J. A. Hunt, Esq., R. A. Coventry, K. Anderson, O. H. Alsop, K. L. Taylor,  
E. P. W. Marriott, R. M. H. Jennings, T. F. Coventry.  
SITTING: R. L. Harriss, C. S. Kirk, P. E. Pilcher (capt.), N. Westcott, N. F. Mottershead.  
IN FRONT: A. Massey, F. West, J. Sandilands, F. G. White.



**SECOND XV.**

**STANDING:** J. A. Hunt, Esq., E. L. Anderson, B. A. Wright, J. H. Harricks, E. Rich, J. Blaxland, P. Turnbull, R. Harvey.

**SITTING:** J. McIntosh, H. E. Belfield, D. V. Wiltshire (capt.), A. Forsyth, R. A. Gauld.

**IN FRONT:** J. Thornton, R. E. Bucknell, J. Sanderson.

when heavy clouds came over. Thus photography was severely handicapped by lack of light, for, leaving camp at dawn, one never got in touch with the gorillas before nine. By mid-day at the latest heavy rain poured down, closing the day's proceedings and ensuring a good soaking on the return to camp.

The way up the valley towards Mikeno first followed an old elephant trail, where going was easy, although after a few hundred yards they were wet through up to their necks. Shortly, however, it branched off on an old and hardly discernible gorilla trail, and thereafter all was hard work. One quickly learnt the folly of rifle slings and trigger guards that curve back instead of running smoothly into the stock.

Usually the gorillas could be heard well ahead, the noise made by some youngster to whom punishment was being administered, giving its position away. At first the gorillas slept in the valley, but after the party had been in touch with them for two or three days they formed the habit of climbing the high slopes to sleep, and descending in the mornings to feed. On the first occasion the leading pygmy spotted a gorilla behind a large clump of bush which we were passing. The guide and Maxwell accordingly crawled into a tunnel which appeared to lead in the right direction, the guide ahead and dragging Maxwell's rifle just in front of his hand while Maxwell brought the camera. A few yards in, a second tunnel joined this at right angles, and here the guide obtained a glimpse of an old man. By now it was useless to attempt to use a rifle. Maxwell was lying on his side. There was no room to kneel. Maxwell attempted to get at his revolver. The gorilla put his head slowly into the tunnel mouth some 25 feet away, looked at them, and slowly withdrew again. Severe and dignified, almost benign, he appeared, but massive beyond their expectations, for this was the first good "close-up" of a male.

Not wishing to follow directly in his wake, they went up a parallel trail until a small mound was reached. From here they got a glimpse of the old brute ambushed behind a bend, waiting for them to come along. For ten minutes or more they watched him, alternately crouching down and craning his head out to glance back along the trail. At last a boy coughed, and the gorilla spotted them. Furious at being outwitted, he was a comical sight, jumping up and down, beating his chest and shrieking—the epitome of rage. He then rushed off, breaking bamboos and bushes in his way like so many twigs, and making noise enough to wake the dead. Since he was now located the party crossed his trail towards a small hillside, when another shriek from a thick bush near at hand disclosed the presence of a second old man. "Truly," said Maxwell, "there is no more terrifying noise than a gorilla's sudden shriek when the animal's close proximity is not suspected." Thereafter all attention was given to this herd, and each day they managed to get a little closer to it before the rain drove them back. They now began to see young males, females, and youngsters through g'asses, and on one occasion watched discipline administered by a mother to a particularly cheeky brat, who had impertinently jumped on father's broad, grey back.

At last luck favoured them. Some 25 yards off from the party

a full-grown lady climbed a large magnolia tree to spy on them, while the herd congregated below. Whenever her attention strayed an old man, whose weight prevented him from climbing up to her high perch, would reach up and pinch her seat until she was all attention again.

One day an old male was seen in a large hagenia tree, and as it promised some fine photographs, the party started off along the mountain side, hoping to get opposite to him while still in the tree. When all the party was assembled on a narrow ledge above a fifty feet sheer drop, a shriek ahead announced that the gorilla had out-maneuvred them, and was guarding the track.

Quickly the camera was erected, and several photographs were taken when he showed himself above the bushes in which he hid. As they waited now for him to come right out, the bushes moved about fifteen feet overhead, and a shriek then gave away the position of a second male. Almost at the same time another shriek disclosed the third old man ahead of them, and slightly below. At the same time three or four females or young males could be seen converging towards the party—one with a youngster on its back.

Realising that they were walking straight into a well-organised attack of the gorillas, the party made their retreat as hastily as possible. Before the word was given to retire, the Batwa pigmy guides had disappeared, and the camera porters were in a blue funk. However, Maxwell's old Wakamba gun-carrier, ex-Sergeant Major, D.C.M. and marksman of the King's African Rifles, was thoroughly enjoying himself, anticipating a battle royal.

As no more gorillas were seen after this, the camp was struck, and farewell bidden to the volcanoes.

In Marcuswell Maxwell's report of the expedition, he makes some rather interesting notes on the gorilla from his own observation:—

"The adult male gorilla stands about 5ft. 6in. high, and weighs up to 450lbs. (32stone or more). His chest and upper stomach are bare, otherwise he carries longish rusty black hair, except on his back, where it is grey. On the other hand the female is a brilliant deep black all over, stands when full-grown about the same as the male, and weighs 250 to 300 lbs. The babies are carried by their mothers pick-a-back. These mothers keep their children well in hand, chastising them severely—a useful habit to the hunter, for on most occasions it was the toto's cry that gave away the position of the band. The animals appear deformed, with quite inadequate legs, but enormous arms and shoulders, and a chest measurement of round about 60 inches in the male. Their intelligence is high, and this renders them more dangerous, for they have the habit of sending on the women folk and themselves lying back to ambush the pursuer from some well-chosen point. This same intelligence on the other hand, tends to reduce the risk in a melee, for they appear to recognise the power of firearms, and will not charge madly when wounded. A shot fired in the air may turn a charging animal unless he is really close. Luckily

impatience often stultifies their cunning, and if one approaches very slowly, or happens to stop thirty feet or so away, the ambusher frequently throws guile to the winds, leaps up, shrieks, beats his chest, and crashes off.

While this animal looks a lumbering beast, and conveys no sense of speed, yet, with his great arms assisting him, his movements are incredibly fast. In reasonably open ground he moves—and charges—on haunches and on the knuckles of his hands, but in thick stuff he uses his arms to clear the obstructions away, and to pull himself ahead, with an action somewhat like that of the swimmer's breast stroke, seizing obstructions such as three-inch bamboo stems and breaking them in one hand, just as a man snaps some twig that blocks his path. His feet and hands are amazingly small in proportion to the vast size of his body, and he has wonderful hearing and eyesight, although he does not appear to use his sense of scent much to detect his enemies.

The band usually sleeps together, the babies with their mothers, and the youngsters often in nests of broken twigs and vines on the very topmost branches of whatever tree may shelter the herd. They feed on the pith of dock and the big wild celery when up on the high slopes during the warm and dry season, and on the early ripening plants and vines, and also the young bamboo shoots, which are a much prized delicacy, during the cold and wet season. They do not drink, but take in all the water they need with their food.

Their usual method of killing is to strike at the head—one blow being quite enough. Thereafter they may pull off an arm or a head before relinquishing their victim. Apart from man, the gorilla appears to have no enemies. So far as I can gather he gives way to the elephant and respects the buffalo. Nothing else can compete with him, lions being unable to come close to do any harm—thanks to his enormous arms."

Marcuswell Maxwell also says that in all the time he was in the thick forest region he saw a clearing as large as six feet square only once. He experienced great difficulties with the camera, for it was very hard to find a solid setting for the tripod, as usually there was no solid ground for several feet down. As well as this the light was hardly ever favourable, there being either dark clouds overhead, or else thick vegetation.

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## OLD BOYS' UNION.

(SYDNEY BRANCH)

The quarterly general meeting of the Armidale School Old Boys' Union was held at Adams' Cafe, Pitt-street, Sydney, on Tuesday evening, the 19th instant. The meeting, although not as well attended as previous gatherings, transacted some important business.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Secretary, tendered his resignation, which was accepted with regret. Mr. J. N. Mair was elected in his stead. Discussion then took place in connection with the Geoffrey Wellesley Hyman Memorial. Colonel A. W. Hyman vacated the chair, Mr. E. Marriott taking the position. After considering the subject from all angles, it was decided that a tablet be erected at the School, suitably engraved and inscribed, and the negotiations concerning this matter were placed in the hands of Colonel Bruxner, who is visiting Armidale this week.

It was decided to hold the next general meeting in approximately three months' time, when the School football team should be in Sydney.

Old Boys are reminded that the new Sydney Secretary of the Union is Mr. J. N. Mair, c/o. Halse, Millett, and Company, Solicitors, 18 Martin Place, Sydney.

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## OLD BOYS NOTES.

Jack Stirton is at present working on his father's property at "Balarang," Weemelah. He represented Moree at cricket at the Inverell Carnival in January. Brother Percy is gaining experience on the famous "Haddon Rig" stud sheep station.

Fred. Dangar is on his father's station, near Warialda. He speaks of having a dull time and plenty of work. Unfortunately he has to undergo an operation shortly.

A. J. ("Pig") Croft is in the Armidale Branch of the Shell Oil Company. He has had a most successful season with the bat at cricket with two centuries to his name. He has also represented New England in each inter-district match.

H. W. ("Albert") Blomfield is at "Turkey Station," Gladstone, Queensland—a cattle station. His only objection to the place is the lack of females.

Bruce Coates is in the Bank of New South Wales at Barraba, and is doing quite well at cricket, having represented the district.

John Bruxner won the Pitt Cobbett prize for the best paper on constitutional law, first year, in the law course. He also tied for fourth place on the list of 86 students.

Guy Smith is practicing as a lawyer in Inverell.

S. R. Park has a property at "Braemar," Manilla, and reports a record lambing last spring. He is very interested in stud Shorthorn cattle. He won several prizes with them at the local show.



We sympathise with E. O. Norton, of "Tiara," Walcha, in the tragic death of his father.

Denis White is working on his father's property, at Muswellbrook.

E. W. ("Boke") Blomfield is on a sheep station at "Hankerfield," Brookstead, Darling Downs, Queensland. He is making strenuous efforts to solve the "sheep and worms" problem.

"Hank" and "Buddy" Blomfield are at present working on their father's (A. L. Blomfield, also an Old Boy) property at "Cheyane," Walcha.

P. G. Blomfield is growing lucerne on "Baleringar," Merriwa.

Our best wishes are extended to the following Old Boys in their recent marriages:—

- ✓ A. W. Robertson to Miss Ena Whatmore.
- ✓ W. C. Chapman to Miss Kathleen Decent.
- ✓ Tom Everett to Miss Nancy Brown.
- ✓ Rod. Mackenzie to Miss Nancy Mitchell.
- ✓ H. F. ("Pig") Croft to Miss Marjorie Evans.

Congratulations to L. D. Park and Ted <sup>Cop</sup>Copeland on their engagements to two sisters—the Misses Marks.

✓ G. C. ("Judy") Cox is jackerooing on Mr. Tait's property, at "Aramac," Longreach, Queensland.

✓ J. K. ("Dummy") Daskein is jackerooing on "Camden," Armidale. He intends playing football with the Armidale team.

A. S. ("Blue") Cameron was in Armidale for the show with a 'plane. Several Old Boys "flew" with him. Brother "Waverly" is in the Royal Air Force in England.

A wedding of interest to old "Armidalians" occurred at "St. Margaret's," Westminster, London, on January 10, was that of Miss Patricia Richards, daughter of K. Richards, of Darling Point, Sydney, and also Cocumbala Station, Cootamundra, who is an Old Boy, to the Earl of Jersey, whose grandfather laid the foundation stone of the School.

B. K. ("Tom") Blomfield is in the Farmers' and Graziers' Wool Store, in Sydney.

B. ("Jack") McCormack is also in another wool store in Sydney.

L. C. E. Blomfield is doing very well at dairying in the Gladstone district of Queensland.

R. C. ("Fatty") Moffatt underwent an operation for appendicitis lately. This will unfortunately keep him from playing football this season.

Congratulations to D. B. Cameron on his engagement to Miss Jean McArthur.

B. H. Croft seems to have settled down to married life on his property near Wollomombi, Armidale.

Bruce Braund has returned from jackerooing in Queensland, and is on "Laura," Armidale, at present.

Dick Holdsworth has taken up flying. He has also become engaged recently.

"Sandy" Mayers is doing very well selling Ford cars up at Cairns. He was also married about 12 months ago.

Dick Allen was the victim of a nasty accident recently, when he fractured his skull at Manilla, which necessitated a specialist from Sydney. We are pleased to hear he has made an excellent recovery.

Fred Baker is one of the leaders of the Toc H. Movement in Newcastle.

L. P. ("Snow") Wilson was married on June 11 to Miss Evelyn Wade. We extend our best wishes to them.

The Old Boys' football match against the School will be played on the school ground at 3 p.m. on July 30. Old Boys who wish to play will please send in their names to Archer Croft, c/o. Shell Oil Company, Faulkner-Street, Armidale.

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### OBITUARY.

Alan D. Hingst died recently as the result of injuries from a cricket ball, while participating in a match at Toronto. Old Boys extend their sincerest sympathies to Mrs. Hingst and her five children, and also to his brothers, W. D. and H. C. Hingst.

We, with deep regret, also have to record the death of R. D. Hickson, as a result of a protracted illness. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family.