

St. George
District Amateur Athletic Club



[Affiliated to the A.A.A. of N.S.W.]

FOUNDED 1921.

15TH ANNUAL REPORT
- AND -
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1936

Honorary Secretary :
B. C. BUTTON

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E. L. GILES

ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OFFICE BEARERS

For Year Ending 29th February, 1936

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PATRON: J. J. Walsh

PRESIDENT: H. A. Taylor

SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENTS

Ald. S. Binder, W. Button, A. Gainsford

VICE-PRESIDENTS

J.A.Harris, G. Hasler, W. Townsend, Snr., F. Williams, M. Shanny,
W. Hasler, Alderman Earl

DELEGATES TO A. A. A. OF N. S. W.

A. K. Marsh and H. A. Bennett

CAPTAINS

Track: W. Mackenzie
Distance: H. Gibbons

VICE-CAPTAINS

B. C. Dickinson
G. Keep

HON. AUDITORS

Ald. S. Binder
J. A. Harris

TIMETAKERS

M. J. Moroney, F. Williams,
C. Gould, W. Ahern

JUDGES

W. Townsend, A. Gainsford,
F. Bell, E. Pope, E. Mumford.

POINT SCORERS

Track: E. Giles
Distance: W. Ahern

STARTERS

Starter: H. A. Bennett
Deputy Starter: E. Giles

HON. HANDICAPPERS

Distance: W. Townsend

Sprints: H. Bennett
Field Games: W. Townsend Snr.

LOCAL SECRETARY

W. Ahern

LIFE MEMBERS

A. Gainsford, W. J. Hasler

CHAIRMAN

A. Gainsford

HON. TREASURER: E. E. Giles

HON. SECRETARY: B. C. Button

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Presented to members at the Annual General meeting of the Club, held at Barter's Hall, Hurstville, on Thursday the 16th April, 1936.

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GENTLEMEN:

Leading officials of your Club are of the unanimous opinion that this season has proved the most successful since our inception in 1921. This fact alone speaks volumes, particularly as in some respects it has been a difficult period through which we have passed. Fortunately, during recent years, our Club has gradually been built up on such a solid foundation that the standard we have now attained ranks us amongst the three strongest athletic clubs in N. S. W., and one of the most powerful in Australia.

Our happy position is to a large extent due, in my opinion, to the friendly feeling which exists between our members, and it is with a deep sense of satisfaction that I say we are renowned in this respect amongst our Associated Clubs. With the continuance of this spirit, I am confident that during the coming year we can anticipate a further advancement, and after commencing this report in such an optimistic tone, I am now pleased to submit a more detailed resume of our activities.

MEMBERSHIP: The short season at Hurstville Oval prevented us from contacting as much as usual with all our members, the result being that a number are unfinancial. Nevertheless our actual financial membership is 54, compared with 48 in 1935 and 50 in 1934. The total membership, including unfinancial members, is 78 and we should reach the 100 mark during the next summer season.

REVIEW OF DISTANCE SEASON

We were once again successful in winning the 10,000 metres cross country Teams Race Championship, which is regarded as the Blue Riband event of the distance season, but in the other championships our performances were not quite up to our usual standard. The Novice Cross Country Championship was won by the strong Randwick-Kensington team, our own combination being well back. Claude Stark was the first St. George man to finish, in 6th position. South Sydney are to be congratulated on winning the Teams' Race in the 10 and 15 miles Championships, and deserve these successes after the hard training their representatives had. In the 10 Miles event A. Gainsford, in 7th position, was the first St. George runner to finish, and full credit must once again be given to this "fair headed wonder" as he was once classed, for another outstanding season, being easily the Club's most consistent distance runner. H. Gibbons was another individual whose performances were sufficiently good to gain him inclusion in the N. S. W. team at the Australian Cross Country Championship, and he also had the distinction of being nominated Captain of the home team. Jim Townsend proved a useful man to the Club, but has still to strike the consistent form which capable judges are confident is within his reach. G. Keep did not take the distance season too seriously. In the coming season we have Jack

Beaumont and Owen Bond competing for us, and they should help considerably towards building up a team which can confidently face the Championship events.

RESUME OF STATE LONG DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS:

5 Miles Novice C.C.C.: 1st J. Reid (Botany) 27m. 32s.
2nd R. Brady (R.-K.) 28m. 20s.
3rd M. Hickson (R.-K.) 28m. 25s.

First St. George runner to finish - C. Stark (6th), 28m. 53s.
Winning team - Randwick-Kensington (20 pts.); Botany (37 pts.) 2nd.
St. George team placed fourth.

10,000 Metres C.C.C.: 1st J. Sheaves (W. S.) 35m. 4s.
2nd C. Patterson (Bot.) 36m. 21s.
3rd H. Gibbons (St.G.) 36m. 28s. (first St. George man to finish)

Winning team - St. George (61 pts.) (H. Gibbons, 3rd; J. Townsend, 6th; G. Keep, 9th; R. Sleight, 13th; A. Gainsford, 14th; A. Straney, 16th); Botany (68) 2nd; Western Suburbs (73) 3rd.

10 Miles Championship: 1st J. Sheaves (W. S.) 53m. 41.8s.
2nd D. Farnhill (Manly) 55m. 30s.
3rd S. Millington (Myer Park) 55m. 43s.

First St. George runner to finish - A. Gainsford (7th) 56m. 29s.
Winning team - South Sydney (67); Western Suburbs (72) 2nd; St. George (73) 3rd.

15 Miles Championship: 1st R. Bateman (S. S.) 1h. 24m. 32s.
2nd B. Doyle (S. S.) 1h. 27m. 24s.
3rd S. McAlister (S.S.) 1h. 27m. 31s.

First St. George runner to finish - A. Gainsford (4th) 1h. 30m. 5s.
Winning team - South Sydney (10 pts.); Botany (27) 2nd. St. George not represented in teams' race.

AUSTRALIAN CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP: (held at Parramatta Park):

1st J. Sheaves (N.S.W.) 32m. 20s.
2nd C. Patterson (N.S.W.) 32m. 49s.
3rd F. Colman (Vic.) 32m. 55s.
4th W. Weightman (Vic.) 33m. 6s.
5th S. Millington (N.S.W.) 33m. 24s.
6th A. Young (Q'land) 33m. 36s.

Winning team - New South Wales (J. Sheaves, 1; C. Patterson, 2; S. Millington, 5; J. Patterson, 11), 19 points; Victoria (22) 2nd; Queensland (41) 3rd.
H. Gibbons (St. George) Captain of the N. S. W. team finished 16th.
Time 35m. 35s.

CLUB DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Novice 5 Miles C. C. C.:
1st R. Young

Senior 5 Miles C. C. C.:
1st A. Gainsford
2nd R. Sleight
3rd A. Straney
Time: 28m. 44s.

<u>10,000 Metres C. C. C.:</u>	1st H. Gibbons 36m. 28s.
	2nd J. Townsend 37m. 15s.
	3rd G. A. Keep 37m. 31s.
<u>10 Miles C. C. C.:</u>	1st A. Gainsford 56m. 29s.
	2nd H. Gibbons 58m. 45s.
	3rd R. Sleigh 59m. 40s.
<u>15 Miles C. C. C.:</u>	1st A. Gainsford 1h. 30m. 5s.

NEW ZEALAND VISITORS: A team of six runners from New Zealand competed in the Australian Cross Country Championship, also in a special 10 Miles test race against N. S. W. in conjunction with the State 10 Miles Championship. In the former, Australia (14 points) defeated New Zealand (22 points), whilst in the latter, N. S. W. (18 points) beat New Zealand (18 points), the State team having the first man home, which decided the issue. Three of the New Zealand team were billeted by Harry Gibbons, Allan Marsh and myself, and the Association extended their special thanks to our Club for its assistance in this respect.

CHALLENGE MATCHES: St. George v. Wests: - This fixture proved a social as well as athletic success, and once again our representatives were victorious. We furnished the first four men home which gave our representatives an unassailable lead. RESULTS: 1st, H. Gibbons, 22m.48s.; 2nd, J. Townsend, 23m.5s.; 3rd, R. Sleigh, 23m.14s.; 4th, A. Straney, 23m.18s.; 5th, W. Liddle (W.S.), 23m.26s. First four from St. George.

OPEN HANDICAPS: Your Club's open distance handicap was conducted at Hurstville over a four-miles course, and 64 athletes faced the starter. The winner was J. Reid (Bot.) who subsequently won the Novice C. C. C. P. Ferguson (S. S.) was 2nd and B. Doyle (S. S.) 3rd. Our special thanks are due to Mr. E. J. Brooke who once again provided the trophy for the winner of this event. The Winn Memorial Cup was won in great style by Ron Sleigh of your Club and his battle with B. Doyle (S. S.) over the last 100 yards will long be remembered.

REVIEW OF TRACK SEASON

When the track season opened, Hurstville Oval was unavailable, and consequently it appeared likely that our performances would be adversely affected. Actually it proved a blessing in disguise, because instead of commencing racing at Hurstville Oval right from the start, as in previous years, we were able to train at Earl Park each Tuesday and Thursday under the guidance of various coaches. The result was a marked improvement in our general all round strength which was strongly reflected during the Inter-Club Competition, when we were able to field teams in three grades with very few absentees. In the Championships our star performers, viz., MacKenzie, Dickinson and Sheiles, as a whole, were not quite so strong as in previous years, but nevertheless out of five athletes who were selected to represent N. S. W., two were St. George men. In addition B. W. Sheiles and H. Gould were also attached to the team, and each of our four men were amongst the place-getters as will be seen later. Taking the track season as a whole, however, it was indeed gratifying to see the support given by so many men who thereby proved that athletics was their main sport, and not a secondary consideration. With the improved facilities which we have at

our disposal at Hurstville Oval, I am certain that next season will be a revelation, and memories of our second annual carnival before us, we can also anticipate a much improved public support. I will now review the main features of the track season in more detail.

METROPOLITAN INTER-CLUB COMPETITION: In the "A" Grade we performed better than ever before, and were only eliminated by University from the semi-final by the narrow margin of 3 points. University subsequently met Western Suburbs in the final and as they in turn were only beaten by 3 points it shows just how close to premiership honours we were. In "B" Grade we missed the semi-finals by almost as narrow a margin, whilst our "D" Grade representatives, headed by H. Gould, performed excellently and were joint winners of the competition with Randwick-Kensington.

DETAILED RESULTS:

<u>"A" Grade</u>			<u>"B" Grade</u>			<u>"D" Grade</u>		
St. George versus			St. George versus			St. George versus		
Wests	Lost	30 - 63	Easts	Lost	32½ - 48½	R.-Kens.	Lost	19 - 28
Sydney	Won	50 - 24	Uni.	Lost	32 - 56	YMCA	Won	18 - 22
Police	Won	43 - 41	P/Ryd.	Won	41 - 39	Easts	Won	23 - 13
Uni.	Lost	45 - 48	Botany	Won	41½ - 27½	Botany	Won	23 - 12
YMCA	Won	47½ - 29½	Norths	Won	46 - 40	Manly	Won	26 - 12
Norths	Won	42 - 34	Manly	Won on forfeit		Souths	Won	24 - 5
			P/Ryd.	Walkover		Wests	Won	26 - 21
						Baptist	Walkover	
						Norths	Won easily	
Total number of wins			17					
" " of defeats			5					

2ND ANNUAL CARNIVAL (Hurstville Oval, 11/2/36): Weather conditions were kinder to us this year, and our carnival attracted the largest crowd ever seen at Hurstville Oval at night time, numbering approximately 5,000. It really was an eye-opener to local residents, and also to athletes of other clubs who visited us, and the officials in charge are to be congratulated on the smooth way the carnival was conducted, a fact which particularly impressed many present including Mr. J. C. Ross, M.L.A. The "Walsh" Cup was won by M. Rowley of Eastern Suburbs, whilst M. Whiddon of North's was the winner of the "K. W. Marsh" trophy for the 880 yards. Our thanks are due to the cyclists for their assistance in making the night such a success, and I know we are all looking forward to the 3rd event of this nature at the beginning of next year, for which special features are already being arranged.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: Held at the Sports Ground on December 8th and 15th. Basil Dickinson was easily the most outstanding athlete for St. George, and was particularly unlucky to be relegated to second place in the broad and hop, step and jump events. In both of these he broke the existing Australian records, only to be beaten by J. Lobban and J. P. Metcalfe respectively. Dickinson's performances this season have been phenomenal, and it was a cruel oversight on the part of the A. A. U. in grading him so that the Olympic selectors were unable to include him in the team for the Olympic Games at Berlin. Public opinion throughout Australia has

condemned their action, but this, of course, will not alter the present unfortunate position. In the N. S. W. broad jump championship Dickinson cleared 24' 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", but was then defeated by Jack Lobban (Uni.) who must be congratulated for his fine jump of 24' 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". In the hop, step and jump Dickinson astounded everyone by clearing 51' 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ ", but here again he was defeated, this time by J. P. Metcalfe, whose performance of 51' 9 $\frac{3}{8}$ " eclipsed the existing world's record of 51' 7" held by C. Nambu (Japan). If any other country in the world had two athletes like Metcalfe and Dickinson, they would be the first to gain inclusion in their teams for the Olympic Games, yet Australia can afford to act otherwise and send representatives whose standards in athletics fall well below those of other countries. W. MacKenzie won the discus throw, and was second in the shot putt, whilst B. W. Sheiles was again below form in the javelin, his throw of 167' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " gaining second place, although on three occasions during the season he exceeded 180' and also retained his Australian title in Hobart. Here are the St. George athletes who were amongst the place-getters in the State Championships:-

Shot Putt:	W. R. MacKenzie (2nd), 42' 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Broad Jump:	B. C. Dickinson (2nd), 24' 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Javelin:	B. W. Sheiles (2nd), 167' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Discus:	W. R. MacKenzie (1st), 122' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Hop, step & jump:	B. C. Dickinson (2nd), 51' 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ "
High Jump (Junior):	F. O'Sullivan (2nd), 5' 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Hop Step & Jump (jnr):	R. Cahill (3rd), 42' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

DUNN SHIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Held at Sports Ground, February 1st and 8th): Once again we exemplified our improvement by finishing in second place to Western Suburbs out of the 9 teams competing. This performance was most heartening and is the best of its kind ever achieved in the history of our Club. Basil Dickinson, W. MacKenzie and B. W. Sheiles were again outstanding in their respective events, but they were ably assisted by men like H. Gould, J. Beaumont and others, as will be seen from the following list of those St. George athletes who occupied places in their respective grades:-
 "A" - 220 Hurdles, B. W. Sheiles, 3rd; 1 Mile, A. Blyth, 2nd; Discus, W. MacKenzie, 1st; Shot Putt, W. MacKenzie, 1st; Broad Jump, B. C. Dickinson, 1st; Hop, step & jump, B. C. Dickinson, 1st; Javelin, B. W. Sheiles, 1st;
 "B" - 120 Hurdles, B. W. Sheiles, 1st; 220 Hurdles, H. Gould, 2nd; 880 yds., G. Keep, 1st; 3 Miles, J. Beaumont, 1st; 1 Mile, A. Blyth, 1st; Discus, A. Blyth, 1st; Broad Jump, H. Gould, 1st; Hop, step & jump, H. Gould, 1st;
 "C" - 880yds., C. Stark, 2nd; 1 Mile, J. Beaumont, 1st; 3 Miles, R. Sleight, 1st; Hop, step & jump, G. Hamilton, 2nd.

The final points were - Western Suburbs, 189 $\frac{1}{2}$; St. George 103-5/6; Randwick-Kensington, 86 $\frac{1}{2}$; Botany, 72-1/3; Police, 64-1/6; Eastern Suburbs, 61; Northern Suburbs, 39; Sydney, 28 $\frac{1}{2}$; South Sydney, 16.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS AT HOBART: Ten athletes were selected to represent N. S. W. at the Australian Championships in Hobart on the 15th and 18th January. Of these, 5 had their expenses fully paid and the other 5 were sent on a 50/50 basis. St. George had two representatives amongst the first five chosen, viz., B. C. Dickinson and W. R. MacKenzie, whilst B. W. Sheiles and H. Gould were later included in the team which eventually

assumed quite large proportions. The thanks of all athletes are due to the Hon. J. M. Dunningham, M.L.A. for advancing sufficient funds to the Association to enable such a representative team to be sent. W. Ahern and R. Sleigh travelled with the team as visitors and had the distinction of being appointed as officials at the Championship meeting. Amongst our four representatives we succeeded in gaining 2 firsts, 4 seconds and 1 third places which was most creditable. W. R. MacKenzie, in my opinion, was rather below form, although Wilson, the Victorian, showed up well in both the shot putt and discus. B. W. Sheiles once again proved that he is the best javelin thrower in Australia by retaining his title, and proved that the Club's investment in assisting him to make the trip was a sound one. Dickinson, whilst winning the hop, step and jump championship by a comfortable margin, was again unlucky to be defeated in the broad jump event by the very small margin of $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Here are the performances of our men:-

Broad Jump:	B. C. Dickinson (2nd)	23' 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Hop Step & Jump:	B. C. Dickinson (1st)	49' 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (H. Gould 2nd - 47' 0")
Discus Throw:	W. R. MacKenzie (2nd)	118' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Shot Putt:	W. R. MacKenzie (2nd)	42' 7 $\frac{7}{8}$ "
Hammer Throw:	W. R. MacKenzie (3rd)	86' 5"
Javelin Throw:	B. W. Sheiles (1st)	172' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

So you can see that we can feel well satisfied, and once again proved that we have stronger individual performers than most clubs in Australia. It is also interesting to note that the captains of the N. S. W. Cross-country and Track teams were both St. George men, viz., H. Gibbons and W. R. MacKenzie, whilst I also had the pleasure of acting as State Selector for both teams.

CHALLENGE MATCHES: At the beginning of the season we met a team of athletes from the Sydney High School, and although we found no difficulty in defeating them, the main object was to assist them in their preparation for the G. P. S. sports. At the end of the season we met Western Suburbs at Hurstville Oval in the annual challenge match for the Chamber of Commerce Cup and once again they defeated us. Whilst we hope to turn the tables next year, we have every admiration for our friendly rivals and extend our congratulations for the wonderful season which they have experienced.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Unfortunately we were somewhat restricted in our activities at Hurstville Oval this season, and the result was that difficulty was experienced in conducting all our championship events. The hurdles championships and the broad jump were held over and the remainder resulted as under:-

<u>Senior Championships:</u>	100 yards:	J. Mumford, 10.8 secs.
	220 "	J. Mumford, 23.4 "
	440 "	J. Mumford, 54.8 "
	880 "	G. Keep, 2m. 6.4s.
	1 mile:	G. Keep, 4m. 41.4s.
	3 miles:	J. Beaumont, 15m. 45s.
	1 mile walk:	M. J. Moroney, 9m. 36s.
	3 miles "	M. J. Moroney, 29m. 39s.

Broad Jump:	H. Llewellyn, 21' 0"
Hop Step & Jump:	B. C. Dickinson, 47' 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Javelin Throw:	B. W. Sheiles, 182' 3"
Discus Throw:	W. MacKenzie, 128' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Shot Putt:	W. MacKenzie, 39' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

<u>Junior Championships:</u>	100 yards:	J. Barrett, 11.2 secs.
	220 "	J. Barrett, 28.2 "
	440 "	J. Barrett, 55.4 "
	Shot Putt:	J. Barrett, 28' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
	Broad Jump:	J. Barrett, 18' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

As will be seen, Jack Barrett made a clean sweep in the Junior events. This is very often the case when a good all rounder crops up, and Barrett looks the makings of a really classy athlete. The opposition in the junior events this year, however, was weak, due again to the fact that we were unable to recruit our usual number of juniors, with Hurstville Oval unavailable. Mumford was outstanding in the senior running events, winning three titles. This athlete has still to show his best, and I feel confident that in a year or so he will rank as the foremost 440 runner in New South Wales. Also, if he concentrates on learning the turn in the discus throw, he will possibly make Bill MacKenzie look to his laurels. MacKenzie retained both the discus and shot putt titles, his performance in the former being particularly good. Bert Sheiles was an easy winner of the javelin title, and his throw of 182' 3" was a classic effort. Keep ran well to annex the 880 and mile titles, both after hard struggles, and Jack Beaumont scored a popular win in the 3 miles event.

N. S. W. RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS: These events were apportioned amongst clubs conducting special carnivals and we were given the 4 x 880 yards and broad jumps aggregate to decide in conjunction with our own Carnival at Hurstville Oval. Right up to the last few events we were in second position to Western Suburbs, but unfortunately at the end of the season, certain events clashed with our own fixtures at Hurstville Oval, the result being that we were forced to withdraw. It was again obvious, however, that our improved strength in the track season was bearing fruit in this particular series of events.

LEASE OF HURSTVILLE OVAL: After various discussions with the Hurstville Council, we were fortunate in being able to complete a five years' lease of Hurstville Oval. This can be regarded as a most satisfactory accomplishment, as we now have some definite security of tenure which will enable us to develop even more fully. Our thanks are particularly due to Alderman S. Binder, one of our senior vice-presidents, for his generous assistance in all negotiations, also to the other aldermen for the courtesy shown to our representatives during the various discussions. Whilst on the question of Hurstville Oval, the new 330 yards track and altered position of the 100 yards track proved very successful, and here again we must voice our thanks to the Hurstville Council, also to Messrs. Lou Dunbar and Arthur Collins for their willing assistance. The broad jump pit, which was laid down, is regarded by capable judges outside of our own Club, as the second best in New South Wales, and should prove invaluable to our jumpers in the future.

"THE DRAGON KILLER": This quarterly publication was introduced in October last year and proved an instantaneous success. The January issue was even more popular, so much so, that the Club decided to appoint a man to be responsible for the future compilation of this important publication. The task fell to that comparatively new and popular member, Mr. Arthur Shepherd, and I feel certain that after seeing the April number, all members will agree that he has carried out his duties in a most capable manner. The information in the "Dragon Killer" is so complete, that to my mind, the future Annual Reports will only need to be much smaller, as details of actual results etc., will already be in the hands of all members.

MAITLAND VISITS: Our friends at Maitland continue to look to St. George for assistance in building up their club, and it is most pleasing for our members to be able to make week-end visits to their district. As each year goes by the relationships between our clubs grow closer, and at the same time we feel that we are doing something to boost athletics in country districts, a feature which can be commended to other metropolitan clubs. W. Ahern and H. Gibbons were responsible for much of the organisation, and all those who made the two trips brought back glowing reports of the hospitality extended. Incidentally, on Anzac week-end, Basil Dickinson is taking a team of eight or nine St. George athletes to Dubbo, so once again our Club is to the fore in extending a helping hand to young clubs which are forming in country districts.

OBITUARY: It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Harold Bennett's father. The Club was well represented at the funeral, and sympathies were extended to Harold and his family in their time of sorrow.

RELATIONSHIP WITH KINDRED CLUBS: We are pleased to be able to record continued harmonious relationships with all associated clubs, and to those who met with their share of successes we extend our hearty congratulations. To the others we wish more success in the future and trust that our relationship on and off the field will continue for many years as at present. I would also like to record our appreciation of the assistance received from the A. A. A. of N. S. W. through its Honorary Secretary, Mr. Robert Heathwood. Here we have what may really be termed "a sport and a gentleman", and although his adherence to straight forward principles has been responsible for him gaining many enemies, those who know him intimately realise that it is many years since the Association was fortunate to have a man of his calibre as Secretary.

DONATIONS: Supporters of the Club rallied extremely well to our financial aid this year, and we are indebted to the following for donations towards various events which have been held: Messrs. G. Hasler, S. Wilding, J. J. Walsh, M. Shanny, H. A. Bennett, F. Bell, J. W. Young, J. T. Hinkley, G. Collins, H. Gibbons, Senr., A. Gainsford, W. Hasler, E. J. Brooke, W. S. Brooke, P. Eisen, R. Fraser and K. W. Marsh.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: The Annual Ball, which was held in conjunction with the Brighton Life Saving Club, was socially a huge success. Unfortunately

influenza was responsible for quite a number of absentees, although no financial loss was occasioned. This year we intend forming a very live committee, and it would appear that the result will prove beyond expectations. Other social events included a cricket match against our old friends Western Suburbs, whilst our social week-end visits have already been mentioned.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: You will notice that the Club's finances are again in a very healthy position. Allowing for all accruing income and expenditure our cash position actually shows a credit of £30/3/10 compared with £29/8/2 last year, whilst the balance sheet shows a credit of £58/4/4 as against £55/11/2 last year. Our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. E. Giles, is to be thanked for his efforts during the season, particularly when pressure of business etc., has rendered his position most difficult. Mr. Giles has signified his intention of resigning his position, due to various reasons outside of his control, and I know that I am voicing the opinion of all members in saying that he has been one of the Club's staunchest supporters for many years. We sincerely appreciate his untiring efforts for the benefit of the Club and trust that we shall still continue to see him whenever possible.

CONCLUDING REMARKS: You will notice throughout my report an inference that the coming year is to be one of the most outstanding in the Club's history. Some members may consider that this opinion has been voiced on previous occasions. Perhaps so, and possibly the results have subsequently fully justified this contention. Somehow though, I feel we are on the eve of an athletic revival in the district. We have a fine oval, with a new track and jumping pit, also the promise of better lighting facilities. We have proved that the local residents will rally to our support if given the right type of programme.

We have discovered plenty of new and good talent, and lastly but by no means least, we have good officials. Few clubs can boast of such a string of officials as Messrs. H. Bennett, W. Ahern, A. Gainsford, E. Pope, F. Bell, M. Moroney, W. Townsend, A. Shepherd and others. These men are of vital importance, because the best of athletes are useless without proper supervision. Believe me, athletes are heart-breaking creatures at times, and on several occasions I have had to bring certain individuals to heel. But in doing so, I have usually discovered just what decent fellows I am dealing with. Some people say a Secretary's job is a thankless one, but as long as I am associated with men of the calibre of those in St. George, then I entirely disagree. My advice to all members is to once again choose your officials carefully, and then help them to help you and your Club to attain fresh heights of success in the coming year. If in this report I have omitted to mention or thank certain individuals, then please regard it as an error due to human weakness, as in compiling a report of this nature it is difficult not to unintentionally avoid overlooking someone.

B. C. BUTTON,

Honorary Secretary.

ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR

March 1935 - March 1936 (incl.)

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
To Cash in hand 1/3/35	£37 3 11	By Expenses H'ville Oval and Earl Park	£12 18 -
Annual Subscriptions	14 12 -	Rent of Halls for Meetings	2 8 -
Race Subscriptions	16 7 11	Printing & Stationery accounts	9 3 3
Donations	13 16 -	Maintenance & additions	5 12 -
Sales to Members	1 16 6	Trophy Accounts	48 7 1
Proceeds of Dances etc.	41 11 11	Miscellaneous Expenditure	51 10 10
Miscellaneous Receipts	23 2 11		129 19 2
		Cash in Hand	18 12 -
	<u>£148 11 2</u>		<u>£148 11 2</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Cash in hand	18 12 -	Open Orders issued	2 11 -
Entry fees refund, N.S.W. A.A.A.	6 10 -	Open Orders unissued	1 6 -
Gate receipts H'ville Oval	5 3 10	Dunn Shield Entries to be paid	2 - -
Badges in hand	5 15 -		5 17 -
Assessed value of apparatus	28 - 6	Credit Balance	58 4 4
	<u>£64 1 4</u>		<u>£64 1 4</u>

31st March, 1936.

ERNEST E. GILES,
Honorary Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,
31st March, 1936.

S. H. BINDER.