



## A.C.S. O.B.A. ANNUAL REPORT, 1957 - 1958

Gentlemen,

The year under review, 1957 - 1958, has been a quiet one. There were no "fireworks"; but lack of bustle does not always imply absence of activities as this report will show. Your Committee, therefore, takes pleasure in presenting to you this Annual Report and Statement of Accounts duly audited.

### Officials for 1956 - 1957

We had hoped that the Annual General Meeting could be held in the new Auditorium at Coleman Street but the inability of the original Contractors to continue further than the completion of the block for classrooms deprived us of that pleasure. We were nevertheless able to hold our meeting in the combined classrooms on the top floor. There on Friday, March 8th, 1957, members present elected the following to form the General Committee for 1957 - 1958:

President : Mr. Chen Jan Jee  
(re-elected)

Vice-Presidents : Mr. Thio Chan Bee, C.B.E.  
J.P. (ex-officio)  
Mr. Yong Ngim Djin  
(re-elected)  
Mr. Ang Kheng Leng

Hon. Secretary : Mr. Chan Siew Jiang  
(re-elected)

Asst. Secretary : Mr. Foo Kee Seng  
(re-elected)

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Quek Khye Kee  
(re-elected)

Asst. Treasurer: Mr. Chee Keng Lim

Committee

Members : Mr. Tan Boon Chiang  
(re-elected)  
Mr. Keng Ban Ee  
(re-elected)  
Mr. Loh Heng Kee  
Mr. Goh Teck Phuan  
Dr. Ong Swee Law

Auditor : Mr. Cecil Wong  
(re-elected)

### Committee Meetings

One Emergency and five Ordinary Meetings were held during the year. At the first Committee Meeting held on 16th April, 1957, Mr. Goh Teck Phuan was elected Chairman of the Games Sub-Committee, Mr. Foo Kee Seng, Chairman of the Literary and Social Sub-Committee and Mr. Loh Heng Kee, Chairman of a Sub-Committee to consider the advisability of erecting a club-house on top of the present Methodist Headquarters. Matters discussed at these meetings covered a varied field, a great deal of which concerned both Past and Present boys.

### Secondary School Entrance Examination

Your Committee was not in favour of a common examination at the end of Primary Six. It recommended a common examination at the end of Form Three.

### Admission Of Students From Other Schools Into A.C.S. P.S.C.

By the approval of your Committee your President was included in the Committee set up by the School to select outside students who wished to join the P.S.C. in A.C.S.

### A Service Station At Barker Road

Your Committee felt that the construction of such a station would increase the traffic problems then existing and accordingly voiced its objections through their representatives in the Board of Governors.

### A.C.S. Building Project

Since we last reported the Fund had increased by \$72,871.59. Total of donations promised or paid therefore amounted to \$528,552.61.

After a set back of nearly a year work in Coleman Street was resumed. This was made possible through the good offices of two of our Old Boys. It is hoped that the project will be completed by the end of 1958.

Plans for the P.S.C. and Science Block in Barker Road would soon be completed and passed. Tenders would be called for and the first phase (servants' quarters and the new tiffin shed) would be constructed. The School needed \$200,000/- more to complete it.

### Board of Governors

The Committee re-elected en bloc your representatives for 1955 - 1956. They were Mr. Chen Jan Jee (ex-officio), Dr. Ong Swee Law, Mr. Tan Boon Chiang, Mr. Ang Kheng Leng (first alternate) and Mr. Chan Siew Jiang (second alternate). Your Committee favoured a larger representation and has already started negotiations.

### Mr. Tan Boon Chiang's Report on Board Of Governors

The Committee was represented on the School Board of Governors by three representa-

tives who were able to express the views of the Committee touching upon various aspects of the administration of the School. During the year under review the representatives attended in all a total of five meetings of the Board and contributed actively in discussions and assisted in the determinations of a variety of matters amongst the most important of which were the School Building Fund and project, improvements and innovations in the curriculum appointments of the school staff and the establishment of a private secondary school named the Methodist Boys' Afternoon School.

The Committee considers that its representation on the School Board is of the utmost importance and it will continue in the ensuing year to assist actively in the administration of the School on behalf of the Old Boys who have done so much for it.

### Reunion Dinner

On the invitation of your Association Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Hinch will be revisiting the Old School and will be guests of the Association at a Reunion Dinner on Founder's Day, Saturday, March 1st, 1958. Your Committee hopes that members will make the occasion a very special one by coming to the dinner and singing with one voice:—

“Our hearts, our hopes, our aims are one,  
No discord e'er will sever,  
We'll stand together for the cause,  
Of A.C.S. for ever”.

### O.B.A. Club House

At the last Annual General Meeting held on Friday, 8th March, 1957, your Secretary confirmed that Bishop Amstutz had offered the O.B.A. the floor above the present Methodist Headquarters when the Methodist Church decided to renovate it. Your Committee elected Mr. Loh Heng Kee to head a Sub-Committee to go into the feasibility of building a club-house and its maintenance. Your Committee was not in favour of the Sub-Committee's proposal that the present subscriptions should be raised in order to run the club-house. However, members agreed with Mr. Yong's proposal that the O.B.A. should raise the money for the club-house and build four rooms in it for rental in order to upkeep the building.

### Founder's Day Dinner

This was again an unqualified success. More than one thousand persons had Chinese Dinner

and the pleasure of hearing the Chief Minister, Mr. Lim Yew Hock, respond to the Toast to the Guests, proposed by Mr. Tan Boon Chiang. The band of the 12th Company Boys' Brigade played selections before the dinner and the School Choir rendered a few numbers during the dinner. Credit for the success of the evening must go to the Chairman of the dinner Sub-Committee, Mr. Yong Ngim Djin, and your Committee was not slow in expressing its gratitude.

### Sports

Five events for Old Boys were included in the programme for the 43rd Annual Sports of the School, which after two postponements on account of Asian Flu, were "happily" held on Saturday, June 8, 1957. Winners of the individual events were:— Chan Onn Leng (100 Yards Open); Boey Chwee Kim (Obstacle Race) and Choo Siew Hong (100 Yards Handicap). Goh Keng Wah's team won the 4 x 110 yards relay and the A.C.S. O.B.A. team comprising Goh Keng Wah, Tan Soo Hian, Maurice Nicholas and Chan Onn Leng repeated their previous success by winning the Inter-O.B.A. 4x110 yards Relay for the Tan Chin Tuan Cup. Continuing this winning mood the Old Boys went on to beat the Present Boys in the annual Cricket match for the T. W. Hinch Challenge Cup and also in the annual Past vs. Present Soccer. In Hockey Old Boys would soon have an opportunity to prove their mettle as your Association was already affiliated to the S.H.A. They, however, had not proved their superiority in their annual match against the Present Boys as the match ended in a draw. As Old Boys grew older and present prospective swimmers left the country, support for Old Boys' Events in the Swimming Carnival dwindled more and more.

Mr. Goh Teck Phuan reported that an Inter-O.B.A. League for all games would soon be organised amongst O.B.A.'s of individual schools.

### Membership

Returns up to 31st December 1957 showed an increase of 90. Of these 52 are Life Members, 2 Septennials and 36 Annuals. The present strength is therefore, 1,406. All of these who joined before the closing date for the publication of the A.C.S. Magazine had had their names included in the last issue, Vol. XXVI. Errors and Omissions were not intentional. For these apologies are now made.

### Finance

In spite of a smaller increase in membership than in 1956 the position is sound as a perusal of the audited account will prove. It is herewith attached.

### Acknowledgments

Your Committee cannot sufficiently thank Mr. and Mrs. Chen Jan Jee for their hospitality at all Committee Meetings for the last three years Mr. Chen has served the Association as President. The atmosphere at such meetings has always been informal, cordial and homely.

For the General Committee  
of the A.C.S. O.B.A.

(Sd.) CHAN SIEW JIANG,  
Hon. Secretary.

Singapore, 12th February 1958.

## ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL, SINGAPORE

### BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The following members comprise the Board of Governors of the School for the year 1958:—

Bishop H. B. Amstutz (Chairman)  
Mr. Thio Chan Bee (Principal)  
Rev. J. H. H. Berckman  
Dr. Ho Seng Ong  
Rev. J. V. Ayaduray  
Mr. Tan Boon Chiang

Mr. Cecil Wong  
Dr. Ong Swee Law  
Rev. E. S. Lau  
Mr. Ee Soon Howe  
Mr. Yong Ngim Djin  
Rev. M. T. Fang

# ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION SINGAPORE

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1957

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
To Stationery	-	By Member's subscriptions 1957	\$ 627.00
" Trophies	-	" Bank Interest 1957	128.57
" Miscellaneous	-		
" Balance — being excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	507.17		
	<u>\$ 755.57</u>		<u>\$ 755.57</u>

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1957

LIABILITIES		ASSET	
ACCUMULATED FUND		CASH	
Balance at 1st January 1957	-	In Hand	\$ 72.94
Add — Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	507.17	In Bank	4,914.43
	<u>\$ 4,987.37</u>		<u>\$ 4,987.37</u>

I have examined the above Balance Sheet and the accompanying Income and Expenditure Account with the books, vouchers and other documentary evidence produced and hereby certify the same to be correctly stated in accordance therewith.

(Sd.) CECIL WONG,  
*Hon. Auditor.*

(Sd.) QUEK KHYE KEE,  
*Hon. Treasurer.*