

"The Old Boy"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you are well aware, the School is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee. Many functions are being arranged in celebration of the event. At these functions many Old Boys will have the opportunity to meet each other, and to see the great strides that the School has made since it was founded in 1910.

The Old Boys' Association has always supported the School in many different ways, and I trust this will continue in the future. The School is building up a tradition that we can all be proud of; a tradition that you helped to make. In keeping with this your Committee, some 18 months ago, decided to donate to the School portraits of the various Headmasters of the School. One of the founder, Canon McClemons, has already been completed. It is our wish to complete the remainder. Each portrait costs us \$200 and we cannot do it all at once, the funds are not available. If you would like to donate towards a portrait of the Headmaster of your time, the Committee will be pleased to receive same, and apply it towards the cost of that particular painting.

The Committee is working hard towards keeping your Association a strong one, but we cannot do this without your support. We are a little perturbed about the lack of members becoming financial and keeping financial. Surely with a School which has now been going for some 60 years, we should be able to claim more than 200 financial members. We agree that at times we do not contact you all, members are not advised on what is going on, but we appeal to you to contact any member of the Committee, either directly or through the School, and any information you require will be gladly given.

The Committee would like to hear of any items of information about Old Boys outside the State so that contact can be made with them, for the benefit of themselves and any other Old Boy passing through. It is in this way that we can keep the threads of the School and the Association going.

DALE BOYS,
President.

ANNUAL DINNER

This was held on the 17th April at the Regency Room, Cottesloe. Ninety members attended the function and an enjoyable fellowship was had by all attending. Your Committee work very hard to make this, the main function of the Association, successful. However, there appears to be a lack of members turning up to these dinners. Surely out of a membership of over 600 the Committee could expect a turn up over 150? The next annual dinner will be held on the night before the Head of the River. Do you think that you could make your plans now, so that you will be able to attend?

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

At the annual dinner a special event

took place. It was the granting of a life membership to the immediate past Secretary, William Raymond Crooke. Ray attended the school from 1928 till 1934. After the war he helped to re-organise the Old Boys under the Chairmanship of Mr. Ken Sudlow. From that point in 1947 Ray has always held office in one official capacity or another. He was the Association's President in 1960-62, and in his years of presidency the Old Boys magazine came into being. On receiving his life membership, Ray spoke of many of the highlights that the Old Boys had been associated with in the development of the School, and he urged all members to keep up their interest in the progress both of the Association and the School.

GOLF DAY

This will be held on August 18th at Karrinyup. In the past this day, on which we play the Parents' Association, has been poorly attended, and in an effort to get a good field the Committee have arranged that not only do the Old Boys play the Parents but also the Old Boys of Hale School. Be sure to come along and help out to make this day a very successful one.

WALKABOUT

Congratulations to Ian Parker, Robert Hutton, Howard Read and Charles Nicholson, who have all recently become engaged.

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The Eggleston brothers, all overseas, are doing well. Roland is still with Radio Free Europe in Munich as a political commentator and Reuter's representative; Deryck, has just passed his Dental Surgeon Fellowship in London, and Alan, also in the U.K., is assistant to the House Surgeon at Bournemouth's Royal Victoria Hospital.

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Richard Porter is to be congratulated on his selection in this year's King's Cup Crew — an auspicious start to the year after his setback in 1969 as a result of his motor scooter accident.

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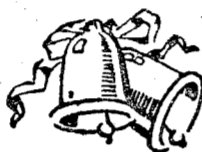
The football talents of Geoff Laurent and Rex Townsend have carried them to the top. Geoff is currently playing for Claremont and Rex for East Fremantle.



We feel that we are missing out on a lot of interesting news concerning Old Boys activities.

Walkabout is a bit thin — can you help?

WEDDINGS



The Headmaster and the School Council have granted permission for Old Boys to be married in the School Chapel. Old Boys wishing to use the Chapel for their marriages should write to the Headmaster for details.

HOCKEY CLUB

The hockey season for 1970 has begun and although not many games have been played, the overall impression that one gains is that the Club will not lose any ground it has gained in the past.

There have, as usual, been very few acquisitions from last year's school leavers. However, those whom we have gained are more than pulling their weight in the Club and should be valuable members in the future.

This year we have nominated two underage teams to be filled by players still at school. Difficulties are apparent at the moment in organising these teams but we hope that with the school winter sports season, these teams will settle in and become a much needed graft on to a stagnating club.

Old Boys are reminded that their support of the Hockey Club through social membership is much needed. Membership is gained for the small price of two dollars and either John Batty, Tim Russell, James Price, Richard Utting, Allan Ledger or Ian Parker will be only too pleased to sign you up.

FUTURE EVENTS

A Sundowner — keep in touch.

Hockey, Football and Rugby matches will be held against the School in the long week-end in June. All interested in playing should contact a Committee Member.

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The Diamond Jubilee Year

1970 is our sixtieth anniversary and it is fitting that in this year the major occasion should be the dedication of the Chapel. In Second Term we are planning Jubilee Week, which will begin with a service of thanksgiving on Sunday evening, August 10th. During the week there will be a concert and play evening in the chapel, an "Open Day" for Parents and Old Boys, and the Jubilee Dinner.

To mark and record the events of the year there will be special issues of the Chronicle and in December the Jubilee edition of the Mitre. We plan to produce articles and photographs dealing with past events, Old Boys and staff, and to look into the future.

This is the first of such issues. The growth of the School is an interesting study for the enrolment figures indicate the slow development of the State of Western Australia and the lack of appreciation of the importance of secondary education. For instance, it was not till 1911 that Perth Modern School was founded and in the years up to the outbreak of the Second World War only five more five-year High Schools were established. The two World Wars, the Depression of the early 1930's, the changes of Headmaster and the management of Christ Church School are reflected in the figures. The following table makes an interesting study.

| Year | Day Boys | Boarders | Total |
|------|----------|----------|-------|
| 1910 | N.A. | N.A. | 9 |
| 1917 | 48 | 15 | 63 |
| 1920 | 65 | 42 | 107 |
| 1925 | N.A. | N.A. | 103 |
| 1930 | 67 | 23 | 90 |
| 1935 | 88 | 30 | 118 |
| 1940 | 114 | 41 | 155 |
| 1945 | N.A. | N.A. | 278 |
| 1950 | 131 | 132 | 263 |
| 1955 | 232 | 141 | 373 |
| 1960 | 526 | 139 | 665 |
| 1965 | 681 | 145 | 826 |
| 1970 | 700 | 177 | 877 |

The enrolment figures presented in the following manner indicate the growth of secondary education. In Western Australia secondary enrolments have increased four-fold in the past twenty years but at Christ Church the increase has been five and a half times.

| Year | Senior School | Preparatory School | Total |
|------|---------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1950 | 113 (28)* | 150 | 263 |
| 1955 | 204 (41)* | 167 | 371 |
| 1960 | 428 (125)* | 237 | 665 |
| 1965 | 596 (204)* | 230 | 826 |
| 1970 | 607 (215)* | 270 | 877 |

*The figures in brackets are the number of boys in the Senior School in 4th and 5th Years.

The increase in enrolments in the State is partly attributable to the increase in population but is also due to an increase of retention rates, that is, the "holding power" of schools. These undoubtedly reflect the increasing appreciation on the part of the community of the value of education and the improved economic conditions. It may be, too, that the vastly improved secondary school facilities and courses have had their influence.

*See Table I on Page 2

The School was founded on 7th February, 1910, by Canon McClemons, who was Headmaster for the first six years. From 1917-1950 the Council for Church of England Schools was responsible for its management. In October, 1950, the Diocese of Perth decided that the schools, Guildford, St. Hilda's and Christ Church, should each have its own Council. In the twenty years since 1950 the Fellows of the Council have worked untiringly laying down policy, planning and developing the School. There have been three Chairmen only, namely, Mr. J. E. D. Battye, Mr. Justice Clarkson, and Mr. J. H. Lord, all Old Boys. Apart from the buildings, equipment and property the Council approved

a steady improvement in staff — pupil ratio. It is now slightly better than 1:17. It has supported and encouraged the appointment of well qualified and experienced staff and laid down the enrolment of the School under the present organisation of primary and secondary education in this State, namely, 270± in the Preparatory School and 600± in the Senior.

Quite apart from the achievements in games, music, art and crafts and many specialist areas, the Council can take some satisfaction in the academic results of the School for indeed they are the result of its endeavours and forward looking policy. This final table illustrates the academic achievements over the past ten years.

*See Table II on Page 2

The matriculation pass rate has been 70 per cent. or better in recent years (State pass rate approximately 49%) and in the ten years, 1960-1969, one in every two boys who matriculated received a Commonwealth University Scholarship.

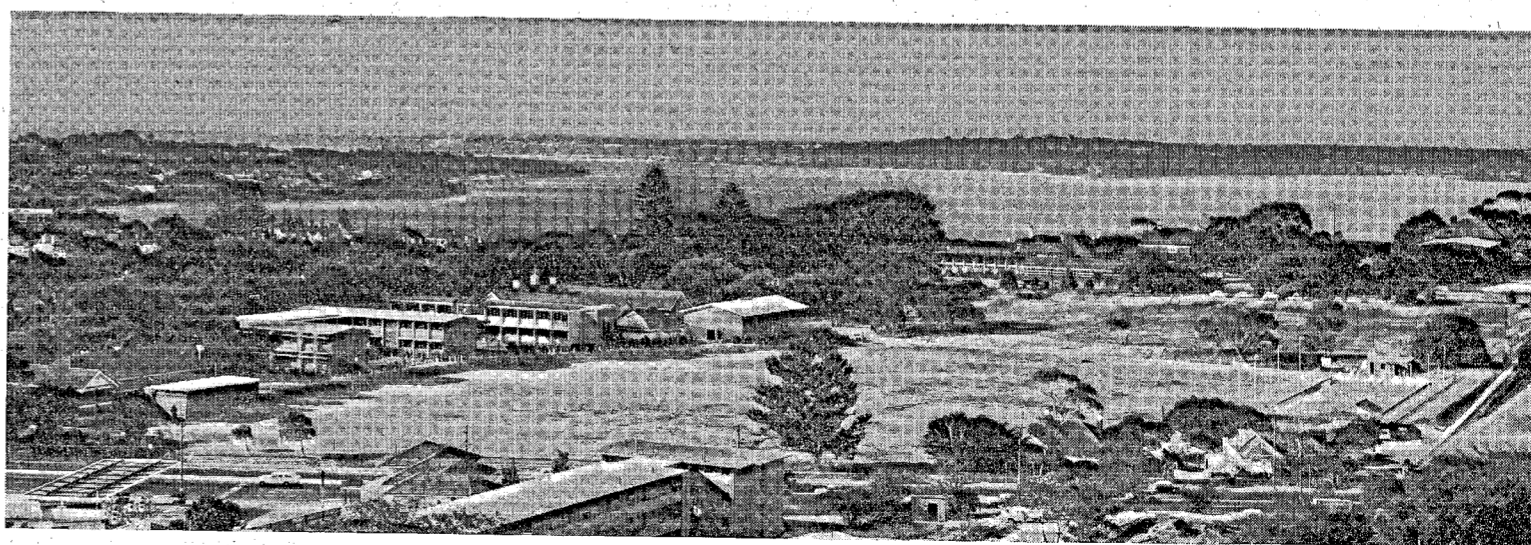
Moreover, in evaluating this record the retention rates of the School must be taken into consideration.

Finally, the excellence of the scholarship can be demonstrated by the fact that boys from Christ Church have been awarded University Exhibitions every year in the past decade. It is the only school to have achieved this. Moreover, 20 Exhibitions are awarded annually and the School's total over the ten years is 28.

I have touched upon matters past and present and this seemed appropriate for the first issue of the Chronicle in the Diamond Jubilee Year. The article might be entitled — "The School Grew Up." In the second issue I hope to write about the Chapel, and in the third term to deal with the master plan and the future.

— The Headmaster.

The School 1970



THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF THE SCHOOL CAN BE READILY SEEN HERE. AT THE EXTREME LEFT CLOSE TO THE HIGHWAY ARE THE MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDINGS WHICH INCORPORATE THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL (SEE PHOTO PAGE 2) RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE SCHOOL SCENE INCLUDE SANDOVER AT THE TOP LEFT OF THE PLAYING FIELDS AND ON THE WESTERN BOUNDARY, THE SWIMMING POOL. THE SCHOOL CHAPEL SURMOUNTED BY ITS SLENDER CROSS IS THE MOST RECENT FEATURE ON THE RIVER BANK.

