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Editorial.

Since the last issue of *The Mitre*, many things have happened, and great progress has been made in connection with the Christ Church School Old Boys' Association. The most noticeable and one of the most agreeable facts to chronicle is that, our membership roll has lengthened considerably, and is still growing at a most satisfactory rate. Many fellows who stood out at the first have at last come to understand that the Association is not some crank scheme like as not to crumple to ruin at any moment, but that it is a firm body of old Christchurchmen banded together with the resolute and enthusiastic intention of standing by and keeping in touch with one another as much as possible throughout the battle and strife of life. They have realised the nature of its manifold benefits and advantages. They have come to see that out in the world to make a friend who can honestly be called a friend is a most difficult thing. They now understand that it is always the fellows who competed together in the classroom and on the sports ground in their early days make those friends between whom will always exist that rare spirit of frank camaraderie and open-hearted comradeship which betokens real pals—good chums. And best of all, they have found at last that the only sure way of retaining all these old comrades through life is by means of a properly-managed Old Boys' Association. And so they have joined us.

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A movement is afoot to next year reduce the subscription to the Association to half-a-crown yearly. The reasons for this step are several. The primary one is that country members will not be compelled to pay for various

benefits and privileges which they unfortunately and unavoidably are unable to enjoy. These mostly consist of the socials, dances and re-unions which are held at different times throughout the year at Claremont. Under the proposed scheme, however, other members of the Association who can and do attend these very enjoyable functions will pay for admittance. Thus things will be made much fairer and squarer for all. This matter, as we have already intimated, is under discussion, and we invite correspondence from all members who wish to express their views and opinions either for or against. It will be discussed fully at the next general meeting of the Association, when it is intended to decide the question definitely.

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During the past eventful year the Association has been very active. Working on our principle of as frequently as possible "bringing 'em all together again," several successful socials and dances have been held, of which a more detailed account appears elsewhere. It is intended to hold many more of these during the coming year.

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Once again we appeal to members of the Association to supply us with information about themselves and other Old Boys, so that we may have plenty of fresh material for our personal pages. As we stated in our last issue, we intend to make a feature of them, but as it is quite impossible for us to know what every member is doing or intends doing, we must appeal to everyone to help us all they can by supplying the necessary particulars. Now then!

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Don't do things solely because other people do them, but on the other hand, don't do things just for originality's sake. Do what YOU honestly think is right, and do it well, and let the neighbors say what they will.

Pro Rege et Patria.

Fellows! Do not forget these old schoolmates of ours who are serving with the Empire's forces on sea or land. Write to them—and write often.

No. 1201, Corporal A. R. B. COX,
No. 3 Coy., Headquarters,
Australian Mining Corps,
Royal Engineers, France.

No. 2356, Trooper A. O. GAZE,
No. 1 Signalling Squadron,
Anzac Mounted Division.
A.I.F.
On Service Abroad.

Midshipman C. A. R. SADLEIR,
H.M.A.S. Australia,
c/o G.P.O., London.

I. SALMON G. A. C. WILLIAMS
R. CROFTS E. HOGAN

(Note.—We do not know the addresses of the four last-named. Will anybody with the information kindly forward same to the Secretary?—Ed.)

Personalia.

There was a good gathering of Old Boys at the school sports on November 2. Three Old Boys' races were on the programme, and for each there were good entries. The events were 100 yards, 220 yards, and 1 mile. Keith Piesse won the first two events, and Eric Gomme

the mile; Keith Whitlock ran second to Piesse in each race, and Paterson was second to pass the tape in the mile. We extend our congratulations to the winners. Piesse, who had a double victory, is a gunner with the A.G.A., and is at present stationed at Fort Forrest on Home Service duty.

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We are glad to report the completion of the Roll of Honor, which stands as a small tribute to those seven Old Boys whose names appear elsewhere. All our old school-fellows, we are glad to report, are well. Not one has suffered any illness or received so much as a scratch. May it be so at the end.

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Since last issue, we have learnt that Midshipman Geoffrey Williams was in the Jutland battle, when Germany received such a nasty licking. Bravo Willy!

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Derf Cox is making a name for himself. He has for some time past been a corporal in the Mining Corps but by last mail news came through that he was in England. He was selected for one of the officer's schools, and is now in "Blighty" studying for his commission. Derf will be in England till March, and the best wishes of all Old Boys are with him for success.

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"Teddy" Hogan is still going strong, but it is with deep regret that we have to report the death of his brother, William. He was killed in action. We extend our sincere sympathy to Teddy, and to Mrs. Hogan and family.

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Ian Salmon is still at Blackboy, but expects to sail shortly.

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Two other Old Boys who are going out of our midst are Darrell and Neville Hall. They leave at the end of the year to join their people in Sydney. We wish them the best of luck in their new home, and hope that *The Mitre* will hear from them now and again.

We are glad to be able to publish a photograph of Midshipman Roy Sadleir, taken just before he left Australia. Roy's old dog "Steggles" appears in the photo. Everybody knows the history of "Sad's" career since he started as one of the foundation members of the school. Roy is still on the *Australia*, and enjoying life.



Midshipman C. A. R. SADLEIR, H.M.A.S. Australia.

Another Old Boy who is trying to take a hand in the war is Teddy Haywood, who is stationed on the English training ship, *H.M.S. Worcester*, just off the Kentish coast. Teddy is training for the navy, and writing to another Old Boy, says he likes the life, and hopes the

war will last long enough for him to have a smack at the Germans. Inter alia, he says, that he has lost his old nick-name "Chingy." We hope to hear more of him by next issue.

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Algy Withnell is another Old Boy who was anxious to do his bit, but he has had the hard luck to be rejected for active service by the military authorities. Algy at the time that he volunteered was working in Perth, but he seems to have since disappeared, and we have no knowledge of his whereabouts. We would be grateful to anyone digging him out for us.

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We are glad to be able to report that one of our Vice-Presidents, Mr. W. T. Loton, who has been seriously ill for some time past, is now very much better.

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It was pleasing to see a few of our Old Boys representing their secondary school in the inter-school sports. Frank Broadhurst, who is at the Church of England Grammar School, ran well, and in the open 880 yards was only beaten on the post after leading all the way. At the combined sports of the Modern and High Schools quite a number of past Christ Church boys were competing. In fact, throughout the secondary schools, our Old Boys play a prominent part in the various sports teams; as well as in other sides of the school life. Late though we may be, we offer our congratulations to Parker, Brooking and Laing on having been appointed prefects at their respective schools.

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Two Old Boys who will be returning to this State for Xmas, are "Willie" and Cyril Walker, who are completing their secondary education at St. Peter's College, Adelaide. We hope they won't forget to drop along and see us.

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We were glad to meet T. O. Gaze and Jack Woodroffe when they were both down from the country for the Show. T.O. is getting along well on his father's farm at Trayning, while Jack is managing his brother's farm at Kukerin.

Other Old Boys farming are Neil Stirling, on his father's property at York, and Maurice House, at Gnowangerup.

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Yet another Old Boy leaves Australia. This time he is none other than our popular chairman, Phil Parker. For some time past, Phil has been "swotting" hard, and, of course, with an object in view. He is going to have a



PHIL. PARKER.

shot for the entry examination—and a stiff one it is too!—to the Wellington Military College, India. This exam. takes place at Sandhurst, England, and it was to proceed there that he left Eastwards on Saturday, December

8, per *Katoomba*, for (lucky dog!) he is bound via America. His father and his brother Tom are sailing with him as far as Sydney, from whence he goes alone, through the romantic palm-clad isles of the tropic Pacific, with their white, sandy bays and their blue lagoons, by the *Ventura*, to 'Frisco. Then follows a breathless dash across a mighty continent, teeming with wonders mechanical and geographical, in a sumptuously appointed railway-car, with an occasional short stop here and there on the journey, which will allow him a glimpse or two at some of the famously glorious scenery. Then aboard a mammoth liner of the Atlantic, and perhaps he will experience the nerve-thrills and excitement of running a submarine gauntlet. Then England at last. (We wish we were you Phil!). If he is successful in his exam., as we all sincerely hope, Phil will proceed to Wellington (Madras Presidency), India. There, he will put in some years training before he is finally drafted a full-blown officer to some native regiment. The very best of good luck, Phil, old man!

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Home for Xmas from the East: Noel Mathieson Jacoby, and right big and well he looks on naval tucker. Noel had some rather bad (perhaps good, though) luck some time back. He was taken ill with diphtheria just when a draft of men was required from the *Tingira* for the North Sea. Of course, under the circumstances, he was unable to go. Otherwise, he might have seen action—and before he was sixteen years of age! Although he thinks Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney are all great places, he reckons none of them quite come up to good old Perth, when all's said and done. We're with him there!

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Another of the illustrious Mathieson-Jacoby trio very recently returned from a holiday to the Eastern States. This was Ian, alias "Two-ie." He had a great time—and "did in" all his cash having it. But you can't holiday and economise at the same time, can you?

Christ Church School Old Boys' Association.

NOTES.

The office-bearers of the Association are as follows:— President, S. C. Noake, Esq., B.A.; Vice-Presidents: Canon W. J. McClemons, M.A., Messrs. W. T. Loton, F. W. Preshaw, and the Revs. R. J. Smith and W. T. Watson; Chairman of Committee, P. W. Parker; Committee: Messrs. H. Boys, M. Brooking, R. Kendall, G. Mathieson-Jacoby, T. C. Parker and K. Piesse; Treasurer, K. Whitlock; Secretary, J. C. Rooney; Editor of *THE MITRE*, G. Mathieson-Jacoby.

These officers were elected in March, when the Association was founded; G. Mathieson-Jacoby being the only exception. He was elected in July, when the Committee decided to start *The Mitre*. In March also, the following main rules with regard to membership, were drawn up:—

Membership.—All past students of the School who have reached the age of fourteen, or will reach it by October in the financial year, are eligible to become members of the Association.

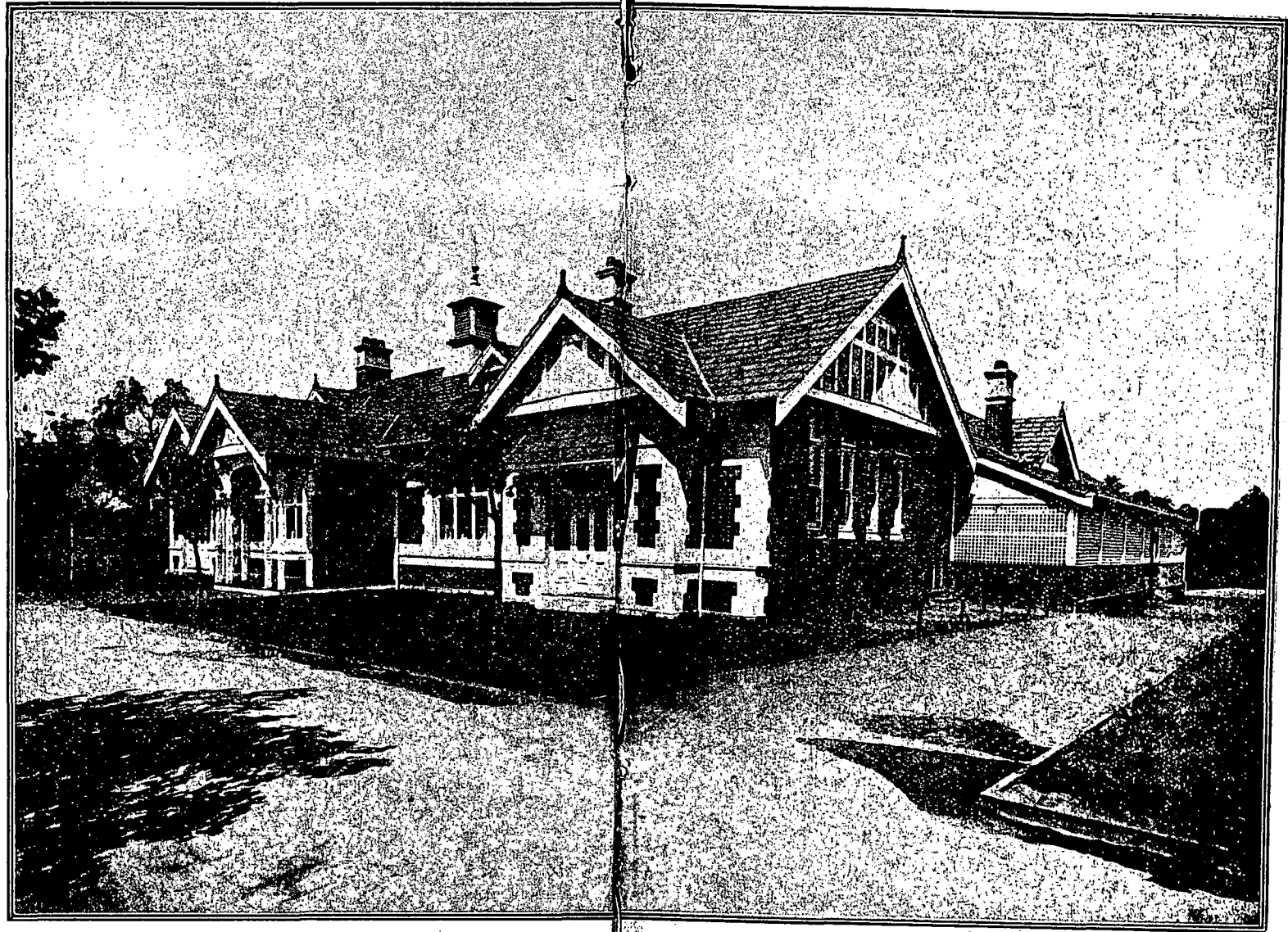
Membership free, Five Shillings (5s.).

Note.—The membership fee is payable, if desired, in two equal half-yearly instalments of half-a-crown.

Financial year: April 1st to March 31st.

A few Old Boys availed themselves of the method of paying their subscription half-yearly. To those who have not paid their second half-crown, we would say, "Buck-up and send it along." The first half-year ended on September 31, so that the second half of the membership fee has been due for two months. Therefore, those of you who do owe the Association any cash, please don't forget!

Since August, we are glad to be able to report that the Association has progressed considerably, both in regard to growth and activities. Our numbers have increased, and of the 111 Old Boys who are on the register, approximately one half have joined the Association. Some



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ten or twelve of the one hundred and eleven are too young for membership, while there are about twenty, whose whereabouts we know nothing of. This leaves about eighty, with whom we have got into touch, and including our comrades at the war, who are honorary members, 70 per cent. of these belong to the Association. This result we are proud of, but we are not going to rest until the remaining 30 per cent. join. We appeal to them to think over the matter and consider the advantages membership of the Association offers. We hope the result will be that at the end of the financial year, everybody eligible will have joined.

With regard to our activities, they have been many and varied. We have held two very successful socials, during the last two months, and the committee here takes the opportunity of heartily thanking the ladies and others who did so much for them when these socials were held.

The Roll of Honor which Mr. Adamson so kindly and artistically prepared for us, is completed, and is now ready for hanging. The roll is handsomely executed and contains the names of our seven soldiers and sailors, while at the foot of the design Mr. Adamson has worked in the names of our masters who have become chaplains, Canon W. J. McClemons and the Rev. P. W. Daimpre. The whole is encased in a solid oak frame, and will be on view at the break-up and thereafter at the school. No unveiling ceremony will take place till we have our permanent Honor Board, but we hope to publish a photo of this Honor Roll in a future number. The committee wishes to thank Mr. Adamson very much indeed for his kindness, and for the hard work and valuable time he has put into a very fine piece of work.

At the school sports we were glad to be able to take a prominent part, and to lend a little financial aid to the prize-list.

Our greatest effort, perhaps, has been the production of *The Mitre*, but, before concluding our remarks with a short account of the magazine, we would like to say that

another social, probably in the form of a picnic, will be held before March 31. We also wish to acknowledge, and thank the generous givers of the following donations:— N. F. Preshaw, Esq., £1 1s.; S. C. Noake, Esq., £1 1s. for the magazine fund, and Miss Brine 10s. *The Mitre* has proved a great success. It at once became popular with all Old Boys, as well as with the present scholars. In this, the second, issue we have included several interesting photographs, and one or two features of the first issue have been altered, or improved upon, so we are confident that this number will be still more popular. With regard to the financial side of the magazine, when everything outstanding has been collected, the issue will quite pay its way. To the few Old Boys who have not taken a copy, we ask them to be loyal and fair this time by buying a copy themselves. Also, we ask those who received copies and who have not yet paid for them to do so and, while we're on the subject, not to forget to buy this number and make the magazine a real big thing. Every little helps.



School Notes.

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT FOR CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOLS.

At the last session of the Diocesan Synod held in October, a bill was passed bringing into being a School Council for the management of Church of England Schools. Christ Church will, of course, come under the control of this Council. Readers of our little Magazine may like to know the personnel of this Council:—

President.—The Archbishop.

Warden.—To be appointed.

Members.—The Bishops of Bunbury and Kalgoorlie, The Archbishop of Perth, Hon. S. Burt; W. H. Hope, Esq.; W. T. Loton, Esq.; Hon. H. B. Lefroy; S. R. L. Elliott, Esq.; Rev. P. U. Henn.

School Terms.—Gradually the private schools of the State are adopting the three-term division of the year. The advantage of this is that brothers and sisters attending different schools will be able to spend all their holidays at home at the same time. Holidays in future will be eight weeks at Xmas, two weeks in May, and three at end of August. Easter term next year begins on Tuesday, February 12th.

School Numbers.—On account of Christ Church not having kept the elder boys from last year, our numbers suffered heavily. We have however, gained a few during the year and our numbers now stand at 15 boarders and 48 day boys. We expect a good increase after Xmas especially as boys will now be prepared for the Junior and Leaving Certificates. We hope to put in six or seven for the Junior Exam. in 1918, and 15 or more in 1919.

The Library.—Last term the number of books was 205, and we hoped to reach 300 by the end of this term. As however the general routine of the school has been considerably upset through sickness, we could not devote the necessary attention to collecting. Nevertheless, we have done very well, and the numbers now stand at 265. This is an exceedingly good result for four month's work.

Confirmation.—On Friday, 7th December, the Archbishop paid a special visit for the purpose of confirming the following boys:—K. Calthrop, J. Stansfield, H. Noyes, C. May, H. Forbes, G. Greenway, S. Prior, and A. Christison. The confirmation took place at the usual Friday afternoon service, and was well attended.

SECOND ANNUAL SPORTS GATHERING.

This very important event took place on the Subiaco Oval on Friday, November 2nd, and attracted a large number of parents and friends. Many of the races were keenly contested, and opinion was freely expressed that the gathering was a grand success.

As last year, the Headmaster invited a number of the fathers to act as a committee of management, and the

success of the gathering was due in no small measure to their efforts. The committee this year included Messrs. A. H. Drake-Brockman, W. H. Evans, H. Armstrong, P. V. Ross, W. F. Preshaw, and Rev. W. H. Watson. Next year we hope to have a larger committee, including representatives of the Old Boys' Association.

We are grateful to Mrs. Riley for kindly presenting the prizes. The music was provided by the Swan Boys' Orphanage Band, and their performance reflects great credit on their conductor, and also on the Orphanage Manager, Rev. J. W. Armstrong.

While on the subject of sports, we noticed two old Christ Church boys representing their respective secondary schools in the inter-school sports. Now that we are making a start at the higher work, we hope that in a few years' time, Christ Church will be entitled to its own representatives in this inter-school meeting. The "blue riband" event of our own sports, the 100 yards School Championship, Open, was won by H. Noyes, with G. Moysey, second. The prizes for this event were given by Mr. W. T. Loton. The following is the full result:—

- 100 Yards Handicap (over 14).—Noyes, 1; Moysey, 2.
- 100 Yards Handicap (12 and 13).—Lynn, 1; Rawll, 2.
- 75 Yards Handicap (10 and 11).—Leach, 1; Rushton, 2.
- 75 Yards Handicap (under 10).—Lefroy, 1; Oldham, 2.
- 100 Yards Old Boys.—Piesse, 1; Whitlock, 2.
- 75 Yards Siamese Handicap (over 13).—Noyes and Christison.
- 120 Yards Hurdles (under 14).—Ross, 1; Stevens, 2.
- 100 Yards School Championship (open).—Noyes, 1; Moysey, 2.
- 50 Yards Egg and Spoon Race (under 11).—Lefroy, 1; Walsh i., 2.
- 75 Yards Siamese Handicap (under 13).—Giles i. and Hill i.
- High Jump (open).—Christison, 1; Moysey, 2.
- Long Jump (open).—Noyes.
- 220 Yards Old Boys (open).—Piesse, 1; Whitlock, 2.
- 100 Yards Championship (under 14).—Lynn, 1; Hill i., 2.

30 Yards Wheelbarrow (under 10).—Armstrong and Oldham.

120 Yards Hurdles (over 14).—Noyes, 1; Moysey, 2.

50 Yards Sack Race (under 11).—Fulton, 1; Lukey, 2.

75 Yards Hoop Race (under 9).—Bold, 1; Duncan i., 2.

880 Yards Handicap (open).—Todd, 1; Moysey, 2.

75 Yards Championship (under 12).—Lefroy, 1; Drummond, 2.

440 Yards Forms Relay Race.—Form V., 1; Form. IV., 2.

100 Yards "Jacks" Handicap (open).—Stansfeld, 1; Lefroy, 2.

75 Yards Handicap (under 9).—Blackall, 1; Hudleston, 2.

50 Yards Wheelbarrow (over 10).—Todd and Lynn, 1; Moysey and Maclagan, 2.

Mile Old Boys (open).—Gomme, 1; Paterson, 2.

Claremont Boys v. The Rest. (i.) Pass Ball; (ii.) Roll Ball; (iii.) Stick Game).—The Rest.

Space does not permit our naming all those who helped by donations, but to them, one and all, we accord our very best thanks.

Swimming.—On Saturday, 17th November, we accepted a challenge from the High School Junior Swimming Club to a points match at Crawley Baths. We had to give place to the High School, with their 41½ points against our 15½. Claremont boys could not sit down under this, and so we have challenged the High School to a return at Claremont Baths on Saturday, 8th December, when we hope to reverse the position.

This term, partly through the wet weather, partly through sickness, we have not been able to give much attention to our swimming, but hope to rectify this next term, and also to make arrangements for instruction in life-saving.

There are far too many boys attending the school who have not yet learned to swim.

The Xmas Break-up.—This event is to take place in the Parish Hall, Claremont, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 12th December. His Grace the Archbishop, will preside, and the Hon. H. B. Lefroy, Premier, has kindly consented to present the prizes. There will also be a display given

of physical drill, some vocal numbers by the school singing class and recitations by the smaller boys. Prize winners will be published next issue.

Old Boys' Association.—The committee will shortly be deliberating upon a constitution for the O.B.A., and it is hoped to publish their suggestions in the next issue of *The Mitre*, so that all members may think them over, and be ready to debate them at the next annual meeting.

CRICKET NOTES FOR 1917.

During the first term this year, the cricket matches played by the First XI. proved very interesting. 8 matches were arranged, and resulted as follows:—4 won, 3 lost, 1 drawn. On account of prevailing epidemics, the matches this term have not produced good results, in many cases very weak teams have taken the field, the record being, 2 won, 5 lost. The Second XI. played 4 matches in the first term, 3 of which were lost and 1 drawn, and this term, with a depleted team in almost every match, their record is 2 won, 1 lost, 1 drawn. The "Miniatures" (under 10) have played 2 matches, and with them honours are even. All these boys have learnt to play this year, and some very promising players are included in their ranks. Their leg hitting is particularly good, they are keen on the game, and will, no doubt, with increased confidence, render a good account of themselves next season. It has been found impossible so far to arrange any matches for the Third XI., but they will get their opportunity of proving their mettle next term. The captains of the teams are: First XI., R. Todd; Second XI., J. Bull; Third XI., B. Rushton; "Miniature" XI., G. Hill. The results of all matches played during the year are as follows:—

Matches played	25
Won	9
Lost	13
Drawn	3

Two matches against the Old Boys proved that the younger boys could hold their own against their more experienced opponents. Each team won a match, and it is proposed to make this an annual fixture.

MINIATURE CRICKET ELEVEN.

The under 10 eleven played Guildford Preparatory School at Guildford on the 5th of December, their first match this season. The captain, Geoffery Hill, did splendid bowling, 6 wickets for 11 runs, and no did Vaughan Lukey, the vice-captain, who took 5 wickets for 7 runs, as we played 12 men a side. One of our men, Jack Riddle, did very well at batting, making 17 runs when he retired. The Preparatory School made a total of 25 runs, the top score being 8. Our school made 54 runs, and the top score 17. The team was very pleased at winning their first match.

Mr. W. F. Preshaw, Sports and House Master, at the school, unfortunately had to undergo an operation for appendicitis during November. The operation was entirely successful, and Mr. Preshaw is well in the road to recovery. He left for Melbourne by the Katoomba on the 8th December, and we all hope to see him back next term as well and cheery as usual.

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Our Socials.

Since the inaugural dinner of the 7th July, and since the last issue of *The Mitre*, the Association has held two successful functions, namely, our first annual dance, which took place on Friday, the 14th September, and a social and card evening on November 2.

A very fair number of Old Boys attended the former social, but unfortunately some forgot their dancing shoes, while others failed to bring their lady friends with them. Nevertheless the evening passed off very well, and those present thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The floor of the Parish Hall, in which the dance was held, had been well prepared by a few of the Old Boys and present scholars, under the direction of Miss Brine, and was in fine condition for dancing. A very tasty supper had been prepared by a committee of lady friends, and ample justice was done to it. The lengthy programme was so encored that we were not able to go right through with it. To the supper

committee our heartiest thanks are due, and also to the pianists, and those who helped in other directions.

On the 2nd November, the school sports were held, and we were glad to see a good mustering of Old Boys. The same evening the O.B.A. conducted a very enjoyable and successful social. During the evening there were guessing competitions, music and a euchre tournament. Mr. Preshaw very kindly contributed two comic numbers, which were well received, and caused great amusement. Light refreshments were provided at the close of the evening, and Mr. Noake distributed prizes won during the evening to the following:—Guessing competitions, F. Gloster and J. C. Rooney; euchre tournament, N. Hall.

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The Making of a Big Gun.

(By P. W. Parker.)

During the last century we have seen great changes in all classes of war implements, but few have shown greater changes than modern big guns. A hundred years ago the *Victory*, with her 32-pounder guns, weighing about 3 tons each, was considered a well equipped ship. To-day our men-of-war carry guns weighing 100 tons each, and throwing a shell much heavier in proportion. These guns have to withstand tremendous strains, the pressure ranging from zero to 20 tons per square inch in a fraction of a second. Thus it can be seen that only the very finest metal can be used. The old gun metal was often too full of flaws even for the small pressures they had to withstand in the past days; hence the metal was utterly useless for such work as would be required of it in modern warfare. By repeated experiments it has been found that mild steel hardened with chromiums and manganese and strengthened by nickel, gives a metal which will answer all that is required of it. But in the preparing of the metal the utmost care must be exercised, as even the slightest traces of any other metals, such as copper, etc., make it quite useless.

Now, having an idea of the composition of the metal, let us look for a minute at the different kinds of guns. The old form is the smooth-bored, muzzle loader. This is now changed for the rifled, wire-wound, breach-loading gun. This change has advantages for both manufacturer and gunner. A gun 15 yards long is more accurately bored from both ends, and can be more easily repaired, whilst for the gunner it means ease in loading and thus rapidity of fire. There is less wear on the inner tube and also the danger of premature discharge arising from some discharged smouldering particle firing the new charge is avoided. Then again, the type of shell has changed, the round ball giving place to the elongated projectile. The only trouble with the elongated shell was that it tended to turn broad side on; this, however, was counteracted by causing it to rotate on its axis by cutting grooves called rifles, in the bore of the gun.

Now to return to the gun itself. First there is the "A" inner tube, then the "A" tube, then the wiring, the "B tube," and the "jacket." The main point of interest in this part is the wiring round the "A tube." The British gun is the only gun that has this; the German and other guns consisting simply of the tubes. The advantage of the wiring is this: The actual life of a big gun is about 3 seconds; for only 40 shots may be fired from it before it is beginning to be affected. Now with a German gun the whole gun has to be remade; but with the British the two outer tubes are removed, the wire ripped off, and the gun re-wound with new wire. Then, with the two outer tubes placed on again, it is as good as new. Thus it can easily be seen that in this way much time is saved in the repairing of the guns. Lastly, before any gun is issued and put aboard a ship, it is carefully tested and some extra heavy charges fired from it. Then, if it survives these tests, it is thought fit for the ship and is placed aboard.

The British naval gun has been admitted the best gun of its class, and undoubtedly it will be a great factor in the determining of the War.