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The Headmaster's Foreword.

THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL.

Gradually, but surely, Christ Church School is working its way up into the more advanced realms of school life. This year we entered candidates for the University Junior Certificate Examinations; for next year we have already twelve candidates in preparation. Form VIB. will appear next year with boys beginning their preparation for the University Leaving Certificate Examination in 1920, in which year also, will come into being the highest form of the School, VIA. We are also adding to our sporting activities and the increasing age of the older boys enables us to compete against older teams from other schools. Soon we hope Christ Church will be recognised as one of the secondary schools of the State, and will be privileged to compete against the other schools in the various Inter-Schools Events. To take a worthy place in these, of course, means that we must have a reasonable number of big boys. As Headmaster, I appeal to parents to assist the School by leaving their boys here until they pass out at the Leaving Certificate. I know, of course, that many parents like to let their boys finish up at a school where they will meet and compete with a large number of boys of their own age.

Christ Church will never have a large number of big boys unless parents help by leaving their boys at the School. If all the boys at present growing up in the School remain, a year or two should see quite a good number of big boys at Christ Church sufficient to enable the

School to make a worthy stand against other institutions.

If the School numbers keep up the present rate of increase, extra accommodation will soon be needed. When this time arrives it is hoped that we may get to the river and this will open up to us increased facilities for rowing and other aquatic activities.

School Notes.

Enrolment.—The School numbers are steadily on the increase. This time last year there were 15 boarders and 48 day boys, a total of 63; we opened in February with 21 boarders and 58 day boys, a total of 79, and we close the year with 31 boys in the house and 59 day boys, a total of 90.

This means an increase of 14 per cent. during the current year, and an increase over the corresponding period of last year of no less than 42 per cent. This growth is most gratifying to all who have worked hard to place the School on a sound footing, and especially so to the Diocesan Trustees, particularly the Archdeacon of Perth, Mr. W. H. Hope and Mr. W. T. Loton, who gave much anxious thought and care to the School in the dark days of 1916 and 1917.

We welcome among the boarders for a few weeks the three Duncan brothers, during the temporary absence of their parents in the Eastern States.

Departures and Arrivals.—We bade farewell last term to J. Stansfield, A. Critchley, S. Heath, and we welcome, E. Jennings, H. Jennings, J. Robertson, J. Barwick, T. Lovegrove.

The following boys will probably leave the School at the end of this term:—H. Noyes (Prefect), A. Montgomery, C. Rawll, J. Oldham, J. Wall, N. Giles. To them we wish good luck wherever they may go.

Prefects.—Two vacancies occurred owing to the departure of J. Stansfield and S. Heath. The Prefects

at present are: R. Todd (Head Prefect), H. Noyes, A. Christison, R. Ross, K. Calthrop, and G. Lynn.

Junior Exam.—We have made a beginning with the secondary portion of our curriculum and presented four candidates for the University Junior Exam. held in November. Our four representatives, were R. Todd, K. Calthrop, N. Giles, and C. May. These four worked well during the year, and we hope for the best. They will all richly deserve their good fortune if they succeed in gaining the Certificate. Next year VIB, which will correspond to the First Year Leaving Certificate will make its appearance. VIA. will come along in 1920.

During November, Colin Maclagan had to undergo an operation for appendicitis. The operation was entirely successful, and "Mac" is well on the way to getting about again.

Congratulations to Norman Giles for winning the Show Prize Essay of one guinea in open competition. Well done, Norman, and Christ Church to the fore, again!

The Re-classification.—After a term and a half's working under the new classification, we find it an immense improvement on the former methods. The result is apparent already in the improved standard attained. The yearly examination is just completed, but we have to go to press too early to announce the results in this issue; for the same reason the list of prize-winners is also held over.

Annual Display.—Owing to an unfortunate mistake over the letting of the Parish Hall, we are compelled to hold the Speech Day on the afternoon of Thursday, 12th December, at 4 p.m., instead of 8 p.m., as originally intended. The Lieut.-Governor Sir Edward Stone, K.C.M.G., is to preside, and Mrs. H. B. Lefroy has kindly promised to present the Certificates. This year we follow the course adopted by us in 1915, and are contenting ourselves with certificates in lieu of prizes, the cost of which is to be given to the Church Huts' Fund.

Holidays.—Unless the signing of Peace eventuates in the meantime, and extra holidays are therefore allowed,

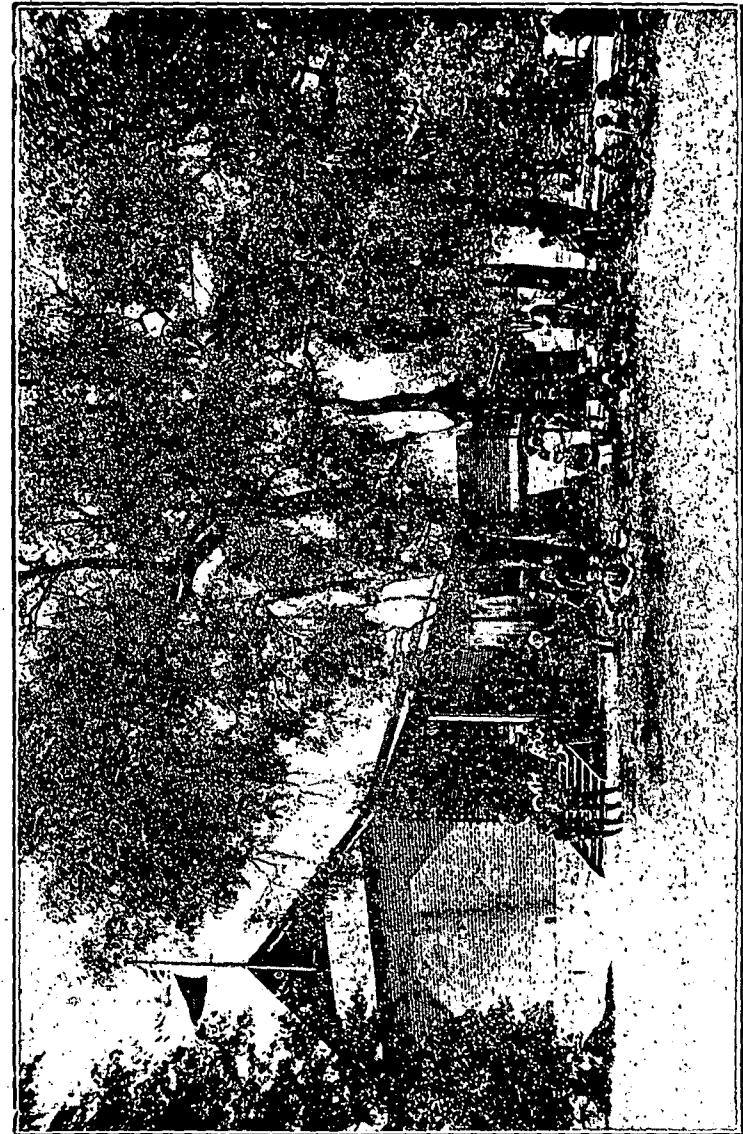
Easter Term will begin on Tuesday, 11th February, 1919, at 9 a.m. After such a long spell as the Xmas holidays afford, we are only too ready to be punctual on the first day of term in the New Year. We always like to make a good start.

During the term we had a half-holiday on Show Day, the mid-term synchronised (more or less) with Proclamation Day, and of course we had Tuesday and Wednesday, 12th and 13th November in order to celebrate the Armistice.

Swimming.—This term besides cricket we have had a considerable amount of swimming practice. Mr. Powell-Smith has kindly consented to look after this department of our activities, and has already given us some instruction in the noble art of saving life. Early next term he will make provision for some of us to be examined for our elementary and proficiency certificates. We challenged the High School Junior Swimming Club to a friendly contest on Saturday, 7th December, at Claremont baths. In each event, each school entered four competitors, and 5, 3, 2, 1 points were allotted for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place respectively, the school securing the highest aggregate being the winner.

The results were as under:—

- 50 Yards (under 15): Manford (H.S.), 1; Blackman (H.S.), 2; Paterson (H.S.), 3; Ross (Ch.), 4. Time, 29 1-5sec.
- 50 Yards (under 13): Hudson (Ch.), 1; Blackman (H.S.), 2; Draper (H.S.), 3; Maxwell (H.S.), 4. Time, 38 1-5sec.
- 50 Yards (under 11): Milner (H.S.), 1; Law (H.S.), 2; Moore (Ch.), 3; Duncan (Ch.), 4. Time, 53 2-5sec.
- 100 Yards (under 14): J. Curlewis (H.S.), 1; Paterson (H.S.), 2; Sutton (H.S.), 3; Hudson (Ch.), 4. Time, 1min. 28sec.
- 50 Yards (under 12): Hill (Ch.), 1; Breen (H.S.), 2; Owston (H.S.), 3; B. Curlewis (H.S.), 4. Time, 48sec.
- 25 Yards (under 10): Moore (Ch.), 1; Duncan (Ch.), 2; Blackall (Ch.), 3; T. Officer (H.S.), 4. Time, 30sec.
- 50 Yards (under 14): Sutton (H.S.), 1; Patterson (H.S.), 2; Bone (Ch.), 3; Montgomery (Ch.), 4. Time, 38 3-5sec.
- 50 Yards Breast Stroke (under 15): Lord (Ch.), 1; Joel (H.S.), 2; Forbes (Ch.), 3. Time, 47 3-5sec.



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50 Yards Breast Stroke (under 13): Officer (H.S.), 1; Hantke (H.S.), 2; Maxwell (H.S.), 3; Rushton (Ch.), 4. Time, 55 2-5sec.

200 Yards (under 15): Manford (H.S.), 1; Ross (Ch.), 2; Stevens (Ch.), 3; J. Curlewis (H.S.), 4. Time, 3min. 18sec.

High School proved the winner, the scores being: High School 68 points; Christ Church, 41 points.

Our Illustrations.—We publish this term the photograph of J. C. Rooney, the Secretary of C.C.S. O.B.A., since its inception. Jack has worked hard for the Association, in which he is most enthusiastic, and its success is largely due to his efforts. Our other illustrations are of the boarders and the Matron with her babies. These two photographs were taken by Mr. Jennings, who kindly defrayed the cost of preparing the blocks for printing.

Navy Exam.—Our representative, John Bull, was successful in the preliminary medical exam. in Perth, and also passed the Educational test. He proceeded to Adelaide in November, for the second medical test, and for the personal interview. Everyone was keenly disappointed at learning that John was unsuccessful at the second medical test. John, however, took his disappointment as ever does his great namesake.

The Ipoh Cup.

Mr. Jack Jennings, Editor and Proprietor of the "Times of Malaya," whose two small sons are at the School, has very generously offered a Silver Cup for annual competition. This will be known as the Ipoh Cup, and will be held for one year by the School Champion Athlete, which proud title will be competed for at the Annual Sports Meeting. The conditions of award will be announced later. The Cup will remain at the School, and the name of the winner will be inscribed on it from year to year. Our best thanks are due to Mr. Jennings for so fine a gift. An article by Mr. Jennings appears elsewhere in this issue.

New Fees.

At the last Annual Meeting of the Council of Management of Church of England Schools it was decided to revise the scale of fees for Christ Church School.

Present boys will still continue at the old rates, but the fees for all newcomers will be as follows:—

BOARDERS.

	Board & Tuition.	Stationery.	Games.	Laundry.	Library	Total.
	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.
Under 13 years ..	18 5 0	7 6	7 6	1 5 0	5 0	20 10 0
13 years and over ..	21 5 0	7 6	7 6	1 5 0	5 0	23 10 0

WEEKLY BOARDERS.

Under 13 years ..	16 0 0	7 6	7 6	1 5 0	5 0	18 5 0
13 years and over ..	18 0 0	7 6	7 6	1 5 0	5 0	20 5 0

DAY BOYS:

	Tuition.	Stationery.	Games.	Total.
	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.
Under 13 years ..	4 10 0	7 6	7 6	5 5 0
13 years and over ..	5 10 0	7 6	7 6	6 5 0

Day Boarders £3 10s. per term in addition.

In the case of brothers who are boarders a reduction of 10 per cent. is allowed off the fees for tuition and board.

A reduction of 25 per cent. to sons of clergy.

The Old Boys' Association Notes.

The office-bearers of the Association are:—President, S. C. Noake, Esq., B.A.; Vice-Presidents: Canon W. J. McClemons, M.A.; Messrs. W. F. Preshaw, W. T. Loton, A. H. Drake-Brockman, S. R. L. Elliott, W. H. Hope, A. Daffen, Chaplain, P. W. Daimpre, and the Rev. W. H. Watson; Chairman of Committee, M. S. Brooking; Committee: Messrs. Boys, Battye, Kendall, R. Wardell-Johnson, and Whitlock; Treasurer, K. R. W. Piesse; Secretary, J. C. Rooney; Assistant Secretary, T. C. Parker.

The membership fee is 3s. 6d. per annum, and subscriptions for the current year are now long overdue. All Old Boys are earnestly asked to forward the same to the Secretary at once.

The Association is still very much alive, and our membership is increasing slowly, but our numbers could be larger, and we want all Old Boys to rally round and



J. C. ROONEY,
Hon. Secretary O.B.A.

help us along. Remember union is strength, and there is much we can do to help both the old school and ourselves if we are only strong enough.

We are all overjoyed to know that the war is ended, but now that it is, there are several matters which require our attention. Firstly, we must not forget our old comrades when they come home again, and give them

a right royal welcome. Then we must turn our attention to the matter of erecting a permanent Roll of Honour.

Also the School needs assistance. At present a fine sports field is being prepared between Miss Parnell's grounds and the school building, but this is going to cost a large sum of money, and the School is appealing for help. Recognising what the sports ground will be to the School, the Association has promised a donation whenever Mr. Noake desires it. We wish to make this donation as large as possible, and we ask all our members and Old Boys to help us do so. By all joining and paying your subscription you will help us.

Since our last issue we have held another social, namely a dance, on October 10th, in aid of the Blouse Week Fund. This makes a total of three socials to date, and a fourth one is to be held about the middle of January. The form that this social will take has not been finally decided upon, but the Committee meet in a few days to settle the matter, when all Old Boys will receive full particulars by circular.

The Old Boys cricket match will also be held before the end of the current season, and the date will be fixed when the School re-opens next February. Thursday, December 12th, is also of interest to Old Boys, as the Annual Display and Prize-giving takes place then.

A suggestion has been made that we should form an Old Boys' tennis team, and it is most probable that this suggestion will be carried into practice early in the year. We have several good players in the Association, and there is no reason why we should not do well.

Personal.

Perhaps the first thought that enters one's mind when commencing to write about the doings of our old comrades, is, when are we going to see all our old school mates who have been away fighting, and also what is going to happen, both to those who fought and to those who, through no fault of their own, did not reach the fighting lines before the cessation of hostilities.

Our Honour Roll contains the names now of eighteen old Christ Church boys, who enlisted for active service, and most of these saw service. The remainder either reached England or the Recruiting office.

The latest additions to the Honour Roll are the names of Phil. Parker, Mervyn Brooking, and Jack Rooney, but these two last boys had the bad luck to get no farther than the recruiting office, as a couple of weeks after they enlisted, and before they reached camp the armistice was signed. We hope that in the general joy prevailing now that war is over, they will forget their disappointment.

Lin Cox was another unfortunate who did not advance far in his military career. After being in camp for a couple of months, and gaining corporal's stripes, he was demobilised recently.

Charlie Groom, perhaps, has reason to feel disappointed, as he left for the front with W3 about a month ago, and is now on his way home again. It was indeed bad luck not even to see England after leaving the West.

We recently heard from Ken. Napier, who left with W2 Reinforcements. At the time of writing he was very well, and in the Bay of Biscay. He is now, of course, in England. We hope, however, that he will nevertheless enjoy himself and see some of the world.

Frank Mansbridge, after being taken all over England by his father, went over to France with the artillery, and was in time to have a final smack at the Hun.

Perhaps Ray Sadlier, of all our Old Boys, has had the finest experience in this war. After serving on board the "Australia" for two years, he was no doubt on board when she led the van of the battleships escorting the 20 surrendering German battleships. "Teddy" Hayward, who is now a fellow "Middy" with Sad., was, we expect, on board too. How we envy them.

Our Association is badly represented in the South-West portion of the State, Ashford, at Bunbury, being the only known Old Boy in that part. He, however, makes up for numbers, as he is a keen supporter of the O.B.A.

All our other old comrades overseas, with the exception of Algy Withnell, who met a soldier's death, are safe and sound, and we hope, will be returning to us at no distant date.

Another Old Boy who tried to do his bit was Barry Johnson. "Bardy" enlisted a couple of months back, but was passed into the ranks of the rejects. Hard luck, Barry, old man.

Pte. Noel Robertson is at present in England, and as far as we know, "Boof" Porter is there too.

Lieut. "Derf" Cox was rather severely injured in the knee last April, but we believe has greatly recovered from his injury. Derf is still with the Miners' Corps.

Several of our Old Boys are finding their way to the North-West, among them are Balme, Everard, Farquhar, and Newton. Recently the Secretary heard from Hugh Everard. He is on De Grey Station, Port Hedland, with Allen Farquhar, and speaks in glowing terms of the station life.

Phil. Parker has arrived in India, and has commenced his studies at Quetta Military College. We wish him the best of success in the future. Results of the entrance examination held in England are now to hand, and show that Phil filled 23rd place out of 100 vacancies. In English, science, French and mathematics he had an average of over 66 per cent.

Another Old Boy to distinguish himself is Frank Broadhurst, who, at the Inter-School sports, tied for coveted position of Champion Athlete. Frank won the mile, half-mile, and quarter-mile in a decisive fashion.

Our late Editor, Geoff. Jacoby, is progressing well with his literary work, and is now on the staff of the "Daily News." He likes his new position very well indeed.

A week or so ago an Old Boy in the person of Percy Philippon, turned up at the School to have a look around the old familiar scenes. Philippon left the School in 1914, and for a while after was at school in

Kalgoorlie. His present address is 68 Bennett-street, Perth.

We recently heard from both Darrell and Neville Hall. They have both settled in N.S.W., and are living with their people at Hunter's Hill. They wished to be remembered to all Old Boys.

A LETTER FROM ONE OF THE CANON'S OLD BOYS.
Claremont, 4/12/18.

J. C. Rooney, Esq., Claremont.

"Dear Sir,—

"As I believe you are compiling a new edition of the "Mitre," and would be glad to receive news of Old Boys, I think perhaps the following may be of use to you.

"Messrs. Elder, Smith and Co., Limited, seem to have a charm for Christ Church Old Boys. Out of a Perth staff of over eighty, there are seven of us there, all doing well. There are Harold Boys, "Pat" Montgomery, Hec. Hodge, Rup. Kendal, "Granny" Collison, Willie Walker, and myself. Who's going to be the future general manager. They say it will not be Collison. He has a stationa(e)ry job. It's very nice to be at business with the same chaps you went to school with.

"We all like the firm very much. Personally I have been there over two and a half years, and have not a single fault to find. It looks as though Christ Church Boys are going to be some of the big business-men of the future. And why shouldn't they. In the matter of learning we can hold our own with chaps from larger schools. I am sure you will all agree with me that we have nothing we need be ashamed of, nay, we ought to be proud of the old School, and the Canon's training. Good old Christ Church."

Yours faithfully,

LES. PEARCE.

From Teddy Hayward, the Headmaster has received the following letter, which will be of interest to many past and present boys:—

C/o. Agent-General for W.A.,
Savoy House, Strand,
London, 31/8/18.

"Dear Mr. Noake,—

"Just a few lines in haste, to let you know that I have finished my training on the "Worcester," and am now a full-blown middy R.N.R.

"The address I've given is not the ship's address, because



THE BOARDERS.

Reading from left to right—

Back Row:

I. Wright, J. Wallace, H. Balme,
A. Christison, E. Bone, Mr. Noake,
T. Duncan, S. Prior, R. Wright,
K. Whitlock, H. Noyes

Middle Row:

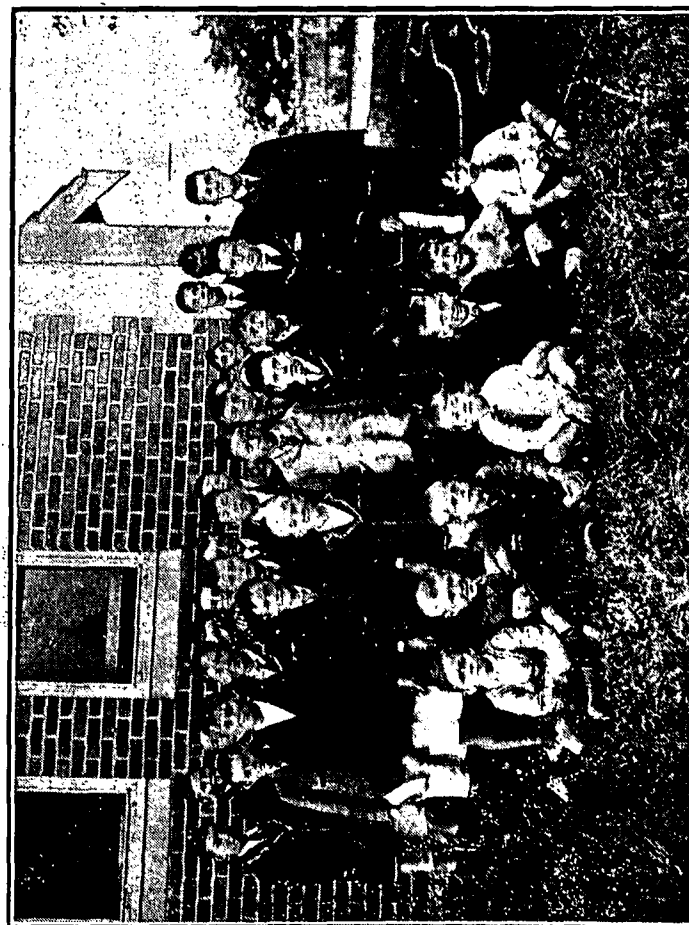
T. Lovegrove, R. Walters, G.
Turner, T. Drummond, K. Laing,
J. Walsh, R. Hamilton, M. Duncau.

Front Row:

B. Merfield, I. Duncan, F. Walsh,
C. Cohn, D. Adamson.

Sitting:

B. Beresford, J. Barwick, R. Perks,
E. Jennings, J. Wall, G. Jeffrey,
H. Jennings.



I have found that by sending my letters via the Agent-General, I get them quicker.

"I saw Phil Parker and Newnham Porter, about a fortnight ago, and we had a very jolly time together. We had arranged another meet, but in the meantime I received orders to join my ship, so it was a "wash-out."

"While on leave I saw Roy Sadlier, at the opening of Australia House, but unfortunately I wasn't able to speak to him on account of the crowd. He has grown a good deal, and looked a real fine chap in the best of health, unless his looks were deceptive.

"This afternoon I received two copies of the "Mitre," and by Jove! I felt like a ship-wrecked sailor when he sees a boat coming to his rescue. I could have waltzed the skipper up and down the bridge, i.e. the most exposed position in the ship. I see in the December copy that they said that I had hoped that the war would last long enough for me. Well, sir, it has with a vengeance, and yours humbly is well and truly in the "soup" from "Keelson to truck," to put it nautically.

"It is with the greatest regret that I see, in the 'Mitre' the great loss, suffered by our bright young comrade Teddy Hogan.

"When I last saw Phil Parker he expected to receive his sailing orders in about three weeks from then, so that he ought to be soon sailing. I read with great interest the article on big guns by Phil Parker. It is very good indeed, and I should like to add a bit more only I would get heeled, yard-armed, hung, slung and slaughtered "by orders of My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty."

"At present we are in Portsmouth, and I guarantee I've seen things which I never expected to, 'some' guns, ships, etc.

"Well, sir, I shall have to draw to a close.

"Hoping you will remember me to all the masters and boys at the good old School.

"I am, yours sincere ex-pupil,

TED HAYWARD.

Third Annual Sports.

The 3rd Annual Sports were held at Subiaco Oval on Saturday, October 19th. The weather was perfect, and the track was in splendid order. There was a large gathering of the boys' parents, and a number of friends assembled, and all thoroughly enjoyed watching the various events of a long and well varied programme. Great

interest was evinced in the championship events, but perhaps the younger boys races were more exciting. Many of these proved that in a few years Christ Church School will be able to hold its own against the larger schools in the Metropolitan area. For several weeks systematic training had been the order of the day, and the result was apparent to all. Much amusement was caused by the novelty races, and the youthful aspirants acquitted themselves well.

Lieut. Emmott acted as starter, with his usual efficiency, while Messrs. A. N. Lord, G. P. Marrie, F. A. Moore, and A. H. Drake-Brockman acted as judges, and the thanks of the School are tendered to these gentlemen for the important parts they played in a most enjoyable day. At the conclusion of the sports the Headmaster, Mr. S. C. Noake, B.A., in a few well chosen words, expressed pleasure at seeing so large a gathering, and referred to the new games ground now being made at the School. He said he hoped that next year the sports would be held there. He thanked all those who had helped to make the sports so successful, and then introduced Mrs. Noake, and asked her to present the prizes. This she did, and the recipients were loudly applauded as she handed them their well-earned rewards. The following are the results:—

- 100 Yards Handicap (over 14).—Calthrop i., 1; Noyes, 2.
- 100 Yards Handicap (12 and 13).—Bone, 1; Hill i., 2.
- 75 Yards Handicap (under 10).—Hudleston 1; Blackall 2.
- 75 Yards Handicap (under 9).—Duncan i., 1; Beresford 2.
- 100 Yards Handicap (Old Boys).—Broadhurst, 1; Piesse, 2.
- 75 Yards Siamese Handicap (over 13).—Christison and Noyes, 1; Lord and Tuckfield, 2.
- 120 Yards Hurdles (under 14).—Hill i., 1; Montgomery i., 2.
- 75 Yards Handicap (10 and 11).—Lefroy, 1; Calthrop, iii., 2.
- 100 Yards School Championship.—Calthrop i., 1; Noyes, 2.
- 75 Yards Siamese Handicap (under 13).—Drummond and Laing, 1; Lefroy and Merfield, 2.
- 50 Yards Egg and Spoon Handicap (under 11).—Lefroy, 1; Riddle, 2.

Long Jump.—Noyes, 1; Christison, 2.
 High Jump.—Christison and Noyes, equal.
 220 Yards Handicap (Old Boys).—Broadhurst, 1; Whitlock, 2.
 100 Yards Championship (under 14).—Hill i, 1; Hogan 2.
 30 Yards Wheelbarrow (under 10).—Walsh ii. and Adamson, 1; Beresford and Perks, 2.
 50 Yards Sack Handicap (under 11).—Cramond, 1; Walsh ii., 2.
 75 Yards Handicap (under 9, second division).—Bold, 1; Beresford, 2.
 880 Yards Championship.—Todd, 1; Calthrop i., 2.
 Relay Race (Day-boys v. Boarders).—Day-boys, 1; Boarders, 2.
 75 Yards Championship (under 12).—Lefroy, 1; Laing, 2.
 220 Yards Handicap (Open).—Noyes, 1; Calthrop i., 2.
 100 Yards "Jacks" (Open).—Wallace, 1; Eaton, 2.
 75 Yards Handicap (under 8).—Sharkey, 1; Jeffrey, 2.
 50 Yards Wheelbarrow Race (over 10).—Todd and Lynn, 1; Rushton and Drummond, 2.
 Mile Handicap (Old Boys).—Gomme, 1; Patterson, 2.

Our thanks are due to Mr. W. T. Loton for once again providing the Championship Cup.

Cricket.

The cricket season so far has proved most successful. 11 matches have been played, of which 6 have been won, 4 lost, and 1 drawn. Regular practice has been indulged in, and the form shown by some of the players has proved once more how true are the words once spoken by the greatest cricketer the world has ever known—the late Dr. W. G. Grace—when he said to the boys at Eton, "Practice makes good cricketers." At the beginning of this season the old pitch was repaired, and this has helped the practices very much. Every boy who plays the grand old game casts longing eyes on the new games ground, adjoining the School, and wonders, no doubt, when the day will come when the first match will be played there. Doubtless he has visions of making the first School century on its sward. May his dream come true! What a boon that ground will be, and what fine practices and matches will be played on it. Some boys are foolishly

going in for "slogging" in practice. This is a very serious mistake, as they will find out to their cost. Learn to play the game properly, and always remember that the finest batsmen the world has ever seen have not indulged in this foolish practice. The boy who indulges in spectacular displays in practice, usually fails to score in matches, and more often than not, in matches where runs are most needed. Few matches could be arranged for the 1st XI. this term, and with them honours are even. The 2nd XI. did not fare so well, their record being two losses, and a draw. The 3rd XI. has played three matches, of which they won two and lost one, while the IV. XI. (the "miniatures") have played three matches, and won them all.

The following matches have been played with results appended, viz. :—

October 16th.—Under 12 XI. v. High School. Won.
 October 23rd.—Under 14 XI. v. High School. Lost.
 October 30th.—Under 16 XI. v. High School. Won.
 October 30th.—Under 14 XI. v. Guildford Prep. School. Drawn.
 November 6th.—Under 11 XI. v. High School. Won.
 November 20th.—Under 11 XI. v. Guildford Prep. School. Won.
 November 20th.—Under 14 XI. v. Guildford Prep. School. Lost.
 November 27th.—Under 16 XI. v. C.E.G.S. Lost.
 November 27th.—Under 12 XI. v. High School. Won.
 November 27th.—Under 11 XI. v. High School. Won.
 December 4th.—Under 12 XI. v. Guildford Prep. School. Lost.

Giles i. is doing well in bowling this season in the 2nd XI. More will be heard of him as a trundler in years to come.

Hudleston's 50 (retired) was a fine performance against the High School "Miniatures." In the return match he contributed a very useful 19.

Lovegrove is an acquisition, and bowled splendidly in the under 12 match against High School, taking 5 wickets for 7 runs.

Wall opened the season by scoring 27 against High School under 12, and took 4 wickets for 1 run—a very creditable performance.

Lynn is shaping better as a batsman this season. His score of 32 out of a total of 67 against Guildford Preparatory School, was a praiseworthy effort.

Rushton made 19 in the opening match of the season against High School under 12. As a bowler this term he has not been successful.

Lukey has taken 14 wickets in three matches, but has not struck form in batting yet.

Blackall retired in the under 11 match against High School for 22, made in fine hits.

69 was a very good score against Guildford Preparatory School, made by the "Miniatures." Merfield was highest scorer with 13, then followed Lefroy and Lyon with 12 each, and Armstrong notched 10 runs.

The feature of the above match was the batting of Walsh ii. He went in last wicket when 5 runs were required to win. Hill ii. was his partner, and between them they knocked up the required number and 8 to spare. Both were not out. Walsh made 8, and Hill ii. 4. Truly an exciting finish!

Todd and Christison have bowled best for the 1st XI., while Noyes is the only one who has secured double figures (10) this term against Guildford Grammar School.

Blouse Week Social.

On Thursday, the 10th October, we held our third social of the year, when, by means of a very successful dance, we were able to help along the Blouse Week Fund to the extent of £6. The dance was arranged by the Association, and carried out on much the same lines as the previous one, at the Princess Hall, while the ladies of the Claremont Blouse Week Fund provided a very tasty supper. To them our best thanks are due. Everything passed off well, and all enjoyed themselves. During the evening Frank Bladen favoured us with a violin solo, and we must really congratulate him on his playing. It was splendid. Frank is studying with Mr. Richardson.

The Games Ground.

The new games ground is nearly finished as regards levelling, but owing to the undue length of time taken over the work it is not advisable to plant the grass and subject it to the burning heat of February and March. Conse-

quently the planting of the outfield will have to be postponed till the first rains of next year. It is proposed, however, to plant a certain portion where the main wicket will be, in order that it may consolidate. This portion will be about 40 yards square. In the meantime it will do no harm to allow the remainder of the field to settle before planting. Now that the war is over and more shipping space is becoming available, we hope to be able soon to import sufficient Merri Creek or Bulli soil to get the wickets under way. We are able to provide a good wicket, through the generosity of Mr. S. R. L. Elliott, who has given us £50 for this purpose. We hope to receive further liberal donations from others, as it is our desire to enjoy the possession of a games ground equal to that of any other school in W.A. When the present work of levelling and grassing is completed it is the intention to keep the ground fund still open and to add to it by means of donations and entertainments from time to time, so that as funds permit further improvements may be made to the ground, as for example the erection of a grand stand.

However, the immediate object is to raise funds for the payment of the absolute necessities and to pay off the £175 kindly loaned, free of interest, by Rev. P. U. Henn. We hope, therefore that parents and friends will respond liberally to our appeal for donations. The boys' own effort is to eventuate towards the end of Easter term next, when we hope to raise a substantial sum by means of a fete similar to the Red Cross fete held in June last for prisoners of war. We are most thankful for their sake that money will not be needed now for the specific purpose of fulfilling our enemies' obligations to feed prisoners captured by them, but various patriotic funds will still be in need of assistance for some considerable time to come, so we propose to continue our efforts in this direction and combine the two in the forthcoming fete. The net proceeds will be divided equally between some patriotic fund and the School games' ground. We look to the assistance of all to make the fete a huge success.

The list of donations and promises to date is as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
H. de Castilla, Esq.	1	1	0
Rev. P. U. Henn	25	0	0
S. R. L. Elliott, Esq.	50	0	0
G. P. Marrie, Esq.	1	1	0
Mrs. Christison, Clare, S.A.	0	10	0
A. H. Drake-Brockman, Esq.	10	10	0
A. Sandover, Esq.	2	2	0
S. C. Noake, Esq.	5	0	0
A. E. Boys, Esq.	1	1	0

Total at 5/12/18 £96 5 0.

The late Mrs. S. R. L. Elliott.

It is with very great regret that we record the sudden death of Mrs. S. R. L. Elliott, and our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. Elliott and family on their sad bereavement. Mr. Elliott is a member of the Council for Church of England Schools, and has already given token of the great interest he takes in Christ Church School. Mrs. Elliott, with her daughter, had been in London for the last three years, engaged in war work, and her death is the more sad as it followed so quickly upon the signing of the Armistice.

British Malaya.

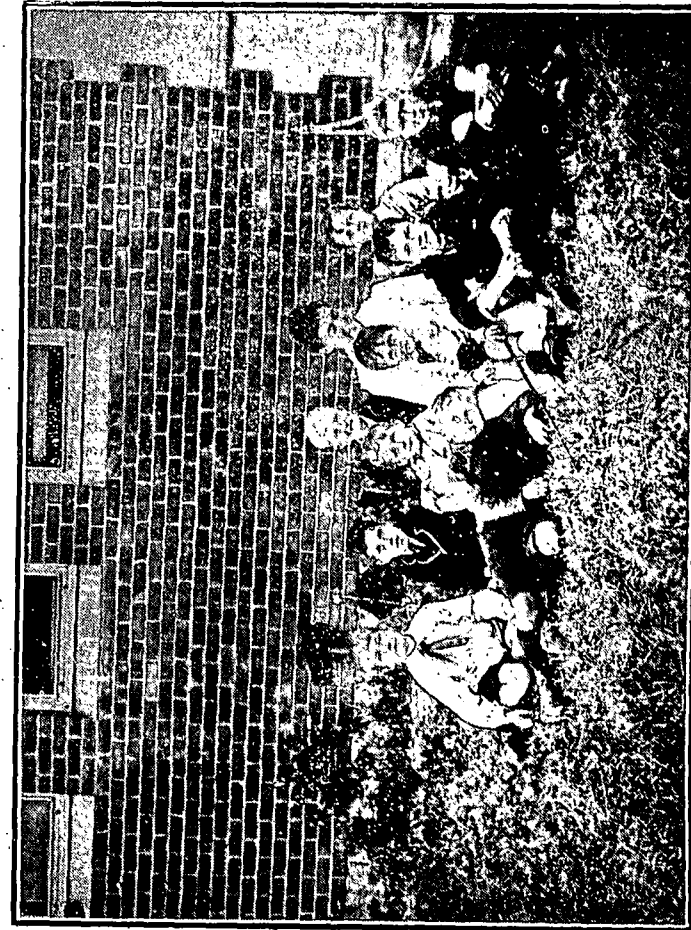
A BRIEF SKETCH.

BOYS,—In a weak moment I promised your headmaster, Mr. Noake, that I would write him something about Malaya for "*The Mitre*," and thus, at this moment, I feel that I am back at School again doing an "impot." What shall I tell you about Malaya? I never could remember any date, except that famous 1066 when a certain William landed on old England's shores and conquered the country, as his pinchbeck namesake of Germany madly dreamed he could also do. Well, to begin, you must not refer to Malaya as *Malay*, like so



THE MATRON AND HER BABIES.

E. Jennings, D. Adamson, F. Walsh,
Miss D. Backhouse (Matron),
B. Beresford, G. Jeffrey, I. Duncan,
J. Barwick, R. Perks, H. Jennings.



many newspapers, including the London *Times*, which should know better, do. No, Malaya, or *British Malaya*, as it is now called, is the name of the country, and its people are the Malays. How did the Malay Peninsula become British you will ask? It is an interesting story. After Sir Stamford Raffles and Captain Francis Light had founded Singapore and Penang respectively, many many years, of course, after Frankie Drake in the *Golden Hind* had sailed past those shores, pirates from the mainland began to prey upon the British shipping using the waters of the Straits of Malacca.

As the sailing ships lay becalmed the swift Malay pirate craft—long, narrow boats, each rowed by two score men—would swoop down upon them, and the westerling sun would see a charred wreck plunge beneath the usually calm waters of the Malacca Straits, whilst the Malay pirates, with their *krises* (long wavy or curved daggers) incarnadined, and their *praus* (boats) heavy with plunder, would pull back to their villages. The pirates grew so daring at last that a squadron of British warships were sent to rout them out, and their two strongholds on the mainland were captured by the British. These we never gave up again, and that is how the British got their first foothold on the Malay Peninsula.

As the years rolled by trade with the hinterland sprang up, and then rich alluvial tin fields were discovered in the State of Perak, where, by the way, your schoolmate Eric was born, and where I have made my home for nearly twelve years. Perak—it is pronounced Pera, as the final "k" in the Malay language is silent—was then ruled, or rather misruled, solely by a Malay Sultan who, when the Chinese tin miners flocked in by thousands, let these people do just as they liked, so long as they paid him heavy tribute on the ore won by them. At first the Chinese coolies worked industriously and peacefully, but later a feud sprang up between two clans. The feud had raged in China between the same two clans, and it now re-opened with greater ferocity on the rich Larut tin field in Perak, developing into a fight for possession of the tin mines. Pitched battles

were fought and hundreds were killed upon both sides, whilst the mines changed hands repeatedly. The then Sultan of Perak did not interfere in the battles, for whichever side held the mines, the temporary owners paid over the tribute, or tax, to him, and the money was all he cared about.

The British settlement of Penang was not a hundred miles away from the scene of this lawlessness, and was naturally affected by the wild doings in Larut, but no action was taken until the Chinese clan ousted from the mines for the time being took its piracy on the waters of the Straits of Malacca so as to secure guns, munitions and money wherewith to go back and continue the fight for the mines of Larut which were a veritable El Dorado in richness. Several British vessels were captured and looted, the crews, of course, being murdered, before Great Britain moved.

Ultimately, the Governor of Singapore, I believe it was Sir Orfeur Cavanagh (a famous name in India); told the Sultan to make an effort to stop the lawlessness in his State, and, as his promises came to nothing, a British military expedition was sent to Perak—the operation of that expedition being known in history as the Perak War. The ownership of the mines was settled and the Sultan promised to be a "good boy" and govern his State better than in the past.

As he seemed to be sincere in his desire for better rule, a British officer (Mr. J. W. W. Birch) was left as his adviser, and Mr. Birch was the first British Resident (a Resident now has the powers of a Governor) of Perak. Barely, however, had the British troops withdrawn when the Sultan went back on all his promises of reform. He retired to the delights (?) of his harem and let his minor chiefs do just as they liked. Briefly he was a passive resister to all the reforms Mr. Birch wished to initiate. His people soon grasped this, and, little realising the might of Mighty Britain, they planned the murder of Mr. Birch.

The British Resident was then living in a small house on the banks of the Perak River, and one morning, whilst he was having his morning swim, a band of miscreants

surrounded him in boats and speared him to death.

This cruel deed brought about the Second Perak War, but the Malays were soon defeated at the capture of the Batu Gajah stockades, and fled to the vastness of the jungle, which is nothing like your Australian bush, but is so impenetrable that a path through it has to be cut with parangs (the Malay equivalent of a hatchet). Some of the rebels fell victims to the tigers and snakes which swarm in the Malayan jungle, but the ringleaders were ultimately hunted down and captured, and were in due course tried and hanged for the murder of Mr. Birch.

Now there commenced a new, and better, era for the Malay Peninsula. Slavery, which was rampant, the slaves being kept in bamboo cages, was put down by the British, roads were built, life and property became safe, and soon men with capital flocked to the country, and, where once there was only impenetrable jungle, towns sprang up, being comparatively soon linked to the sea by railway lines all of one gauge and stretching from one end of the Peninsula to the other.

The tin mines and the Chinese mining coolie, who is most law-abiding and industrious when properly ruled, gave the Federated Malay States their first big step on the road to progress (we still produce more than half the world's tin), and then the rubber "boom" came along and made the country almost one huge rubber plantation. Thus well ruled by a paternal British Government, in whom the Malay Sultans and their people have the utmost confidence, the Federated Malay States is one of the wealthiest countries in the world, the revenue giving a surplus of millions each year.

As a little link with Australia, I may mention that Australian mining men have been attracted to the Federated Malay States, and are to-day working bucket dredges on the Larut tin fields, which were battled for by the Chinese clans already mentioned in the "bad old days" (and are winning big profits). Indeed, to-day the tin dredges often turn up the skeletons of those who fell then as well as their ancient weapons, even up to small bronze cannon.

JACK JENNINGS.

Roll of Honour.



The following of our old comrades enlisted and were passed for Active Service:—

Lieut. A. R. B. COX.

Trooper A. O. GAZE.

Gunner F. MANSBRIDGE.

Private K. NAPIER.

" E. HOGAN.

" N. ROBERTSON.

" L. COX.

" C. GROOM.

" A. J. WITHNELL (Fallen).

" N. H. PORTER.

" R. CROFTS.

" I. SALMOND.

" M. S. BROOKING.

" J. C. ROONEY.

" P. PARKER.

Midshipman C. A. R. SADLEIR.

" G. A. C. WILLIAMS.

" E. HAYWARD.