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#### Che Headmaster's Foreword.

#### WHAT BOYS CAN DO IN THE GREAT WAR.

Sometimes, boys, you feel a bit out of it. The recent German offensive makes you want to be up and doing your share; the anniversary of "Anzac" fires you with the longing to emulate such deeds of glory, and yet because you are so young, you are prevented from participating in combatant service. You feel that you ought to be doing something, and I am going to point out to you wherein you may do a great deal.

The continual fighting for nearly four years incurs a great wastage in valuable treasure, and still more valuable human lives. Thousands of the wealth-producers of Australia have gone, never more to return; thousands when they do return will be so maimed as to be incapable of producing as much as before they went to the War. In a very few years you boys will be taking your places among the wealth-producers, and the better equipped you are for this purpose the more valuable will you be to your country. The country will look largely to you to help make good the terrible deficiency caused by the War. You will have, as it were, a double burden to bear: to produce individually a greater amount of wealth, because the wastage by war means a smaller wealth-producing population, and in the aggregate to produce more because of the extra expenditure as a direct outcome of the expenses of war. The better equipped you are the more valuable will you be. Here is something which you can do. Now is your day of preparation; see that you waste none of it, but put yourselves thoroughly into the work of preparation.

But you may ask, "Is there not something we can do, the results of which will be visible even before the clash of arms has finally died away?" Yes; there is, something which will give you a tangible and practical part. The Red Cross Society is doing a wonderful work, and the Australian Red Cross Society, among other things, maintains Australians who are unfortunate enough to be prisoners of war in Germany or other enemy countries. This it does by sending regular parcels of food, clothing and comforts to them. "Without these parcels of food all of them would starve -many of them would die." The words in italics are an extract from a letter written by one who had been a prisoner in Germany, and was recently transferred to Switzerland. It seems almost incredible, but such is the case. The Red Cross requires for this purpose alone a sum of £200,000 for this year. Here, then boys, /is one opoprtunity you have of doing your "bit," in saving one of our brave fellows from starvation, possibly from death, in a strange and hostile land. It is not a matter of sentiment only to our adopted prisoner that we do it, because of our gratitude to him; it is a matter of loyalty also to our country in that we save for it yet another wealth-producer.

On another page in this issue you will find an account of how we hope to raise £50 to enable us to adopt a prisoner of war, so that we may have the privilege of providing him with regular parcels. Now, boys, work hard, all of you, to make a financial success of our fete on June 1st, and you will then have the satisfaction of knowing that you, too, are taking your share in our struggle for liberty and peace.

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In matters of conscience first thoughts are best; in matters of prudence last thoughts are best.

#### Cricket notes.

The cricket season finished at the end of April, and we have every reason to be satisfied with the result. True, nothing very sensational has been done in the matches played, and the play has been of a spasmodic nature. Nevertheless every boy has done his level best. Marked improvement has been shown by many players, and at last several of them have awakened to the fact that it pays better to bat carefully than to indulge in a spectacular display, and lose a wicket cheaply in consequence. Every match was played in a thoroughly sportsmanlike manner. Next season, when we have our new concrete wicket in the School sports ground, better results may be looked for. Taking everything into consideration, the players have done remarkably well. Their fielding has improved, as far as the ground work is concerned, but in the air they are still very erratic. Moreattention must be given to catching practice next season. Running between the wickets is too slow and uncertain. Very often a batsman will, after striking a ball, wait till it almost reaches a fieldsman before he starts to run. Hesitation when running must be discontinued, as several boys have been run out through this bad habit. The results of all matches played during the season 1917-18 are as follows:--

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Oct. 24—Ist XI. v. High School. Lost.

Oct. 24-2nd XI. v. Modern School. Lost.

Oct. 31—Ist XI. v. Modern School. Lost.

Nov. 7-2nd XI. v. Modern School. Lost.

Nov. 10—1st XI. v. Guildford Grammar School. Lost.

Nov. 14-1st XI, v. Christian Brothers' College. Lost.

Nov. 21—1st XI. v. Guildford Preparatory School. Won. Nov. 21—2nd XI. v. Christian Brothers' College. Won.

Nov. 28—Ist XI. v. Christian Brothers' College. Lost.

Nov. 28—2nd XI. v. Scotch College. Lost.

Dec. 5—Miniature XI. v. Guildford Preparatory School. Won.

Dec. 5—Ist XI. v. Guildford Preparatory School. Won.

Feb. 23-3rd XI. v. Christian Brothers' College. Won. Feb. 27-Ist XI. v. High School. Won.

Mar. 6-Miniature XI. v. Guildford Preparatory School. Drawn.

Mar. 6-2nd XI. v. Scotch College. Lost.

Mar. 9-Ist XI. v. St. Matthew's Sunday School, Guildford. Won. ~

Mar. 13-3rd XI. v. Christian Brothers' College. Lost.

Mar. 13-No. 2 3rd XI. v. High School. Lost.

Mar. 16-1st XI. v. Old Boys. Won.

Mar. 20-Ist XI. v. Scotch College. Lost.

Mar. 20-3rd XI. v. Christian Brothers' College. Lost.

Mar. 20-Miniature XI, v. High School. Won.

Mar. 27-Ist XI. v. Guildford Preparatory School. Lost. April 3-Miniature XI. v. Guildford Preparatory School. Lost.

April 10-Miniature XI. v. High School. Won. April 17-2nd XI. v. Guildford Grammar School Cadets. Drawn.

April 20-Ist XI. v. St. Matthew's Sunday School, Guildford.

Matches Played, 28—Won, II; Lost, 15; Drawn, 2.

Calthrop i. has batted well this season, and has greatly improved in his all-round play. He has lost the nervousness that was so noticeable last season. As wicketkeeper he has proved a worthy successor to Ross.

Captain Todd's bowling has proved that he excels in this department of the game. All through he has been very consistent.

Stansfeld's batting improved towards the close of the season, and with care he should do well in the future.

Noyes has batted well, and is commencing to understand the fine points of the game. At times his bowling has been deadly. At mid-on he fielded like a professional.

Ross is as game as ever, and has done some good fielding and batting. In a few years he should develop into a first-rate cricketer.

Greenway has fielded well as usual. When he is more fully developed he should be a good batsman.

Christison has done very little, and has proved a disappointment. He is a trier, but doesn't seem to be able to strike any sort of form. We hope for better things from him next season.

Balme is another player who has proved very erratic. He must be more vigorous if he wants to succeed in the grand old game.

Leach has played with the 1st XI. this year, and has proved one of the solid type. He is still quite a young player, and much is hoped from him in coming seasons.

Montgomery i. is a player who should do well later on. He is a good fieldsman, but is clumsy at the wickets.

Lynn has done fairly well. His bowling is puzzling, and he should practise this consistently next season.

The cricket captains for the season have been: Stansfeld, Todd, Bull, Lynn, Rushton, Hill ii., and Lukey. >

Bone, Giles i., and Leach proved the best bowlers in the "Under 13" XI. Our bowling is much better than our batting, and it is to be hoped that all players will wield the willow better next season.

Advice to all players: Practice regularly!!!

The following are the batting and bowling averages of the 1st XI. for the season 1917-18:-

Batting.—Calthrop i., 13.5; Stansfeld, 8; Greenway, 7.5 per innings.

Bowling.-Noyes, 4.9; Todd, 5.3; Stansfeld, 6; per wicket.

Highest individual score: Calthrop i. 61 (retired).

#### Football Notes.

At a meeting held at the School on the 25th April, the following boys were elected for the season, viz:-

1st XVIII.—Todd (captain), Stansfeld (vice-capt.). 2nd XVIII.—Leach (captain), Balme (vice-captain). 3rd XVIII.—Rushton (captain), Hill ii. (vice-capt.). Practice has been commenced, and everyone seems eager for the fray. System must be introduced if the best results are to be obtained. Good kicking, high marking, and fast running are three essentials in the Australian game, and these must be thoroughly practised by every boy. The first match will take place after the holidays, so every player will have every opportunity to get into form.

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#### Swimming.

The Annual Swimming Carnival was held | at the Claremont Baths on Wednesday morning, March 13th in ideal weather. A large number of parents, relatives and friends of the boys were present, and thoroughly enjoyed watching the different events. Great excitement prevailed throughout, as most of the races were close, and in some cases the results were in doubt till the last stroke. The swimming on the whole was uniformly good, and showed a marked improvement since last year's carnival. Rounds of applause greeted Stansfeld, who again this year won the School Championship. The win was very popular, and he received congratulations all round for his splendid swimming. He also won the 100 Yards Handicap (13-15), and in this race he proved his speed by conceding 25 seconds and winning easily. The high neat dive of Ross was very much admired, and was most graceful.

He and Lord were the best of eight competitors, and as the judges were undecided as to whom the prize should be allotted, these competitors were requested to dive again, and Ross was declared the winner. He also won the "Under 14" School Championship, and swam well. Adding further to his laurels he annexed the 50 Yards Handicap (12-13). The "Under 12" School Championship was won by Hudson, who swam well; he was

also first at the finish of the 50 Yards Handicap (11-12). At the conclusion of the events, Mr. Preshaw apologised for the absence of the Headmaster, Mr. S. C. Noake, B.A., who was confined to bed through illness, and having thanked the assemblage for their presence, he introduced Mrs. George Bone, and asked her to present the prizes to the successful competitors.



Mr. W. F. PRESHAW, Sports Master.

This she did, amid much enthusiasm, and the function was brought to a close by the boys giving cheers for Mrs. Bone, Messrs. Noake and Preshaw, and the Rev. W. H. Watson. After singing "The National Anthem," the assemblage dispersed. Mr. George Bone kindly donated the gold medal for the School Championship.

The following are the results:-

50 Yards Handicap (under 11)	Hill ii., I; Rushton, 2.
50 Yards Breast Stroke (Open)	Lord, 1; Forbes, 2.
Long Dive (over 12)	Stevens, I; Ross, 2.
30 Yards Handicap (8-10)	Cramond, I; Riddle, 2.
Long Dive (under 12)	Rushton, I; Hudson, 2.
School Championship, 100 Yards	
(Open)	Stansfold T. Doss a

Stansfeld, I; Ross, 2. 50 Yards Handicap (12-13)... Ross. I: Bone. 2. Neat Dive Ross, I; Lord. 2. 50 Yards Championship (under 12) Hudson, I: Leach, 2. 100 Yards Handicap (13-15) Stansfeld, I; Maclagan, 2. 100 Yards Championship (under 14) Ross, 1; Stevens, 2. 30 Yards Breast Stroke (8-10) Cramond, I; Lefroy, 2. 30 Yards Novices' Race Leach, 1; Giles i., 2. 50 Yards Handicap (11-12) ... ... Hudson, I; Duncan iii., 2.

Messrs. P. V. Ross and King acted as Judges, the Rev. W. H. Watson as Marshal, Mr. G. Bone as Course Steward, and Mr. W. F. Preshaw as Starter.

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#### School Notes.

The present School numbers are: 23 boarders and 50 day-boys; a total of 83. We hope to reach the century during the year.

The following boys entered the School this term:—B. Merifield, C. Cohn, R. Hamilton, E. Harrison, R. Perks, I. Robertson, N. Brown, K. Hogan, P. Marrie, J. Lyon, E. Ling, B. Sharkey, H. Braham, D. Braham, K. Laing, C. Coombes, H. Norrie, and L. Moxon.

The following boys re-entered the School this term:—R. Gibson, G. Tuckfield, W. Evans. The only boy to leave the School at 'Xmas was Cedric Evans, who came from Victoria for a couple of years. He returned to the East last 'Xmas, and is now attending Trinity Grammar School at Kew.

Fred. Williams has been compelled to relinquish his studies for a year, on account of ill-health, and is going

to the Nor'-West for change of air. We hope the change will prove beneficial.

Several new books have been added to the library this term, and we now possess 290 volumes. New table games will be purchased next term, which will help to pass away many an hour during the winter months.

Reith Ross has gone to Sydney for a few weeks. We hope to have him back for part of the football season.

The School's Warden.—We offer our heartiest congratulations to the Ven. Archdeacon Hudleston, M.A., upon his election as first Warden of the Council of Management for Church of England Schools in the Province. The appointment is for five years.

The School Matron.—We welcome this term our new school matron, Miss Backhouse, who has had a great deal of experience with young people in connection with the Fresh-Air League. We hope that Miss Backhouse will grow old, but not too quickly, in the service of the School.

Honour Caps.—Headmasters' Honour Caps for cricket up to the end of 1917, were awarded during the term to R. Todd (batting average), J. Stansfeld (bowling average), and H. Noyes (great improvement).

At the invitation of the Headmaster, Mr. S. R. L. Elliott was present and handed the caps to the recipients. After saying a few encouraging words to the boys, Mr. Elliott concluded by offering a bat and a ball respectively, for batting and bowling performances.

Prefects—Congratulations to Dick Todd on his election as Head Prefect. The other Prefects are H. Noyes, J. Stansfets, K. Calthrop, R. Ross.

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Quoth Edison: "Genius is not inspiration. It's perspiration." And he ought to know.

#### For King and Country.

Lest we forget our old Schoolmates who are fighting our battles oversea.

No. 1201. Corporal A. R. B. COX,

No. 3 Coy.. Headquarters (present address),

Australian Mining Corps,

Royal Engineers, France.

No. 2356. Trooper A. O. GAZE,

No. 1 Signalling Squadron,
Anzac Mounted Division,
A.I.F., Abroad.

Midshipman C. A. R. SADLEIR,

H.M.A.S. Australia, C/o G.P.O., London.

Midshipman G. A. C. WILLIAMS,
Imperial Navy.

Pte. L. COX
Blackboy Hill.

Pte. K. NAPIER

W2 Reinforcements,

Blackboy Hill.

No. 2832, Pte. E. HOGAN,

B Coy., 44th Battalion,

A.I.F., Abroad.

Pte. R. CROFTS Gunner F. MANSBRIDGE
N. H. PORTER Pte. I. SALMOND

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

#### Che Forthcoming Red Cross Effort.

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In response to the urgent need of the Red Cross for additional funds, the School held a meeting on Monday, April 15th. Mrs. Pike, secretary of Claremont Red Cross, Miss Potts, and Miss Backhouse (the School matron), spoke to the boys, and the outcome was a decision that the School should adopt a prisoner of war.

The Australian Red Cross Commissioners estimate that £200,000 will be required this year for prisoners of war alone. This huge sum of money is expended in sending regular parcels of food, clothing and comforts to the Australian prisoners in Germany and elsewhere.

For the support of our prisoner of war we shall need to raise £50, or more if possible, and this we hope to do by means of a "Continental" to be held in the School grounds on Saturday, 1st June, in the afternoon. One of the features will be a Popular Boy Competition, which is already in full swing. Owing to the absence in the Hills for health reasons of Mrs. Noake, the School matron is taking control of all arrangements.

In the evening an entertainment is being organised by Mr. Preshaw, to be held at the Parish Hall. It is hoped that these efforts will result in the full fifty pounds being realised.

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#### The School Games Ground.

Education of the young consists in much more than the mere acquisition of facts and the training of the reasoning faculty. No school worthy of the name is content with this; but insist that those entrusted to it shall in addition be trained morally and physically. No better method to attain these ends can be devised than the systematic use of organised school games.

Under due control no one will dispute the immense improvement that accrues to a boy's physique through his regular participation in such games. At the same time he learns, unconsciously perhaps, but none the less assuredly, the virtues of self-control, self-discipline, and self-sacrifice.

A glance at the cricket notes will show that good headway has been made, in spite of the great handicap we have suffered from in having no regular playing field attached to the School, where odd minutes might well be spent in practice.

True, we have a large field at the School, but this has not been in good enough condition for games. At the suggestion of Rev. P. U. Henn, Headmaster of the Guildford Grammar School, and a member of the Committee of Management of Christ Church, backed up by practical support of a generous nature, we are on the way to getting this field made into a first-class games ground, which will do away with the necessity of hiring the Claremont Oval for match purposes.

This will involve levelling, reticulating and sowing, and will of course cost money. When the advantages of having our games ground at our very door are considered, not even the most critical person could regard this expense as unnecessary, nor the appeal for funds to carry the idea into effect as unwarranted.

The ground is to be widened by removing the cypress hedge and moving the dividing fence back a distance of 30 feet. This will give us a rectangular playing field approximately 450 feet long by 260 feet broad.

Following the custom of large schools elsewhere, schools much more wealthy than Christ Church, a subscription list has been opened, and all well-wishes of the School are cordially invited to subscribe liberally to the fund which will be held in trust for the purpose by the Secretary of the School's Council. Promises of assistance to be rendered at a later date will also be gratefully acknowledged.

The list of subscriptions promised will be published in each issue of the MITRE.

The list at present is as follows:-

Rev. P. U. Henn	1	1	0
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#### Our Magazine.

With this issue the MITRE makes its first appearance under the new Board of Management, appointed for its control. Last year it will be remembered the Magazine was started mainly with the idea of helping the School, who were not at the time quite prepared to make the start themselves. This year the School is larger and its members feel that they would like to have a share in the running of what is the only official paper connected with Christ Church School, Claremont. Accordingly, the matter was thoroughly thrashed out at the Annual General Meeting of the Old Boys' Association, and it was decided that in the best interests of all it would be advisable to appoint a Board of Management of both past and present scholars. This Board consists of two "old" boys and two "present" boys, with the Headmaster as President of the Board. The School representatives, chosen by themselves, are: Todd and Calthrop, while the "old" boys are to elect from their number the editor of the paper, and the business manager is to be the Old Boys Secretary, who this year is Rooney. Unfortunately the editor has not been elected, and owing to such a short time being left to produce the Magazine, the Board decided to go ahead with this issue and produce it on time, and has agreed that Mr. Noake shall take the editor's place with Rooney assisting him with the Old Boys matter.

In this issue the photos, though of interest to all, are from the School, and in next issue "old" boys' photos will predominate, thereafter everything will be divided the Old Boys being responsible for certain pages, and the School for others. With this issue we have increased the size by four pages, and we appeal to all "old"boys, "present" boys, and those connected with the School, to subscribe to the MITRE and make it a huge success. The cost is 1s. per copy, or 3/- per annum. Those who wish the Magazine to be posted to them, are asked to forward their Magazine subscription and address to the business manager—J. C. Rooney, Training College, Claremont.

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#### Christ Church School Old Boys' Association.

#### NOTES.

The new office-bearers of the Association for 1918 are:—President, S. C. Noake, Esq., B.A.; Vice-Presidents: Canon W. J. McClemans, M.A.; Messrs. W. F. Preshaw, W. T. Loton, Brockman, S. Elliott, Hope, A. Daffen, Chaplain, P. W. Daimpre, and the Rev. W. H. Watson; Chairman of Committee, M. S. Brooking; Committee: Messrs. Beys, Battye, Kendall, T. Parker, and Whitlock; Treasurer, K. R. W. Piesse; Secretary, J. C. Rooney.

Since our last issue, in December, the Association has, we might say, been resting on its oars; but now that the Annual General Meeting has been held, it is preparing to enter, in earnest, into the activities of its second year of life.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday, the 5th April, and was fairly well attended. The main business consisted of the Annual Report of the past year's work, the passing of a Constitution, consideration of the future management of the Magazine, and the election of the new office-bearer.

The results of the elections are given above. We are sorry for the delay in announcing the result of the election for the Committee, but an unforeseen hitch occurred in counting preferential votes.

As will be seen, there will be only one new face on the Committee, that of Battye, while the new Chairman is Brooking; Piesse is our new Treasurer, and Rooney was elected to his old position without opposition; Mr. Noake is again our President, while we have added to the number of our Vice-Presidents.

The Secretary's Report dealt with the year's work, but space forbids us to go into it in detail. However, all Old Boys have read the reports of our doings in each MITRE.

The details of the new scheme and Board of Management for the MITRE appears elsewhere.

Perhaps the chief business of the meeting was the passing of a sound and solid constitution for the Association. Unfortunately it is too long to be published in this issue, but we hope to have it in print at a later date. The main clause which concerns our readers at the present time, states that all past students of the School are eligible for membership of the Association on attaining the age of 14 years, and that the membership fee shall be 3s. 6d. per annum.

Now that the new financial year has actually started we are anxious to commence our activities, and to make this year still more successful than last year. We appeal to Old Boys, one and all, to buck up and help us and to send their subscriptions along to either the Secretary or the Treasurer.

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#### The Birthday Social.

An item that will interest all our readers, was the splendid success of the Birthday Social that the C.C.S.

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boys got up, to help defray the expenses of our big fete on June 1st.

The object of the fete is to try and get enough to be able to provide for two prisoners of war for a year, which means £50 for each man.

The social took place at the School on Saturday the 20th of April, when all the boys came and brought many of their friends to swell the funds; especially the older members of their families, as the admission was a halfpenny for each year of their age.

We were about one hundred and twenty, and not a face that was anything but happy in the whole room.

Music was the first thing, then we had quite an exciting Silhouette Competition, and really, if some of the profiles were true to life, we certainly are not oil paintings, nor even charcoal drawings.

Great fun was caused by a charade, which proved two or three of our boys to be very promising actors.

Then came the most important part of the evening fun—supper. The big boys undertook to look after supper; they deserve every credit for performing the task in a very gentlemanly manner. During that time our dining room was a very pretty picture. A little dance, and a few games brought a jolly evening to a close.

The boys were delighted at being able to show a profit of £4 7s. 6d., and we are all hoping that every one will be so generous in helping us, that we will not have to spend any of our money on our Red Cross Day.

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#### Personal.

It is with extreme pride that we point to the lengthening list of names on our Roll of Honour.

To Porter, Mansbridge, L. Cox, and Napier, who have succeeded in passing the doctor, since the beginning

of the year, we extend our heartiest congratulations, and wish them the very best of success in the mission.

"Boof" Porter has joined Colonel Locker-Samson's Corps of Armoured Motor-cars, and he recently left for England to enter into training before joining up with this famous company.

Mansbridge joined up at Blackboy last January, and at the time of writing, he is due to sail with the Artillery. Frank has developed remarkably since he left School, and must now be one of the biggest men in Camp.

Ken. Napier underwent an operation early in the year in order to enlist, and although he was turned down just after, he was passed a little later when he had more fully recovered from the effects of the hospital. Ken. is also due to sail with general reinforcements, and we hope that he will have as successful a career as a soldier as he did as outside-right of the old Christ Church Football Eleven.

We have just heard that "Lin." Cox, who has been in the Bank of Australasia at Wagin, for some time past, has enlisted, and is going to join his brother in France. Lin. comes to Perth soon, and is to enter Blackboy Camp on the 24th May. He is the eleventh Old Boy to pass the doctor. Good luck to him! His brother, Derf, has passed his examinations at the Officers' School, Trinity College, Oxford, and by now, we presume, is a commissioned officer. At the 'Xmas examinations Derf came out third. Congratulations are extended to him on being the first old Christ Church scholar to gain commissioned rank with the Australian Army.

While congratulating those who have enlisted, we would like to extend a little sympathy to T. O. Gaze and Rooney, who had the misfortune to be rejected for

active service. Gaze hopes to pass at a later date, and in the meantime contemplates joining the staff of Messrs. Elder Shenton and Co. Jack Rooney recently joined the staff of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, and is now busy learning all he can about cables.

Of our Old Boys who are already at the Front, we have had little news, but are glad to report that all are well and going strong. "Teddy" Hogan recently went back to the firing-line, after a spell in England.

Last issue we announced that Darrell and Neville Hall were going out of our midst, but Darrell, after spending a few weeks in Sydney, has returned to the West, and taken up his old position on the staff of Messrs. Henry Wills and Co. He intends to remain here for some time yet.

Another Old Boy who is back from the East is Noel Mathieson-Jacoby, who has left the H.M.A.S. *Tingara*. He has decided that his chances of promotion are too poor, and so he has come back to Perth, and is now an operator at the Theatre Royal.

Congratulations to Frank Broadhurst on being appointed a prefect at the Guildford Grammar School. He is the second Old Boy to be appointed at Guildford, Laing already holding the coveted position. The best of success to both of them.

At present in town from the North-West is Douglas Balme, who for many years was a student at Christ Church. During the twelve months he has been away, Balme has altered remarkably, both in physique and appearance. He returns to his station, via Carnarvon, next month.

Another Old Boy who is seeking his fortune up in the North-West is Allen Farquhar.

All Old Boys would here like to take the opportunity of congratulating R. Todd on being elected Head Prefect of the School. We wish him a successful year.

Our old chairman, Phil. Parker, has arrived safely in England, and a cable has just been received from him stating that he has passed his examinations for entrance to one of the Indian Military Colleges Heartiest congratulations. Which college Phil. is to enter in India is not yet known, but he is to put in three months' training in England before he proceeds to that romantic country. On another page, a description of the trip from Sydney to England, via San Francisco, is given. This has been compiled by Tom Parker from Phil.'s letters. Phil was in an air raid, but slept right through it. His address is—C/o. Mrs. John Sargent, c/o. A. J. Healy, Esq., 71 Marlborough Mansion, Finchley-road, London, N.W.

#### Old Boys' Ericket Match.

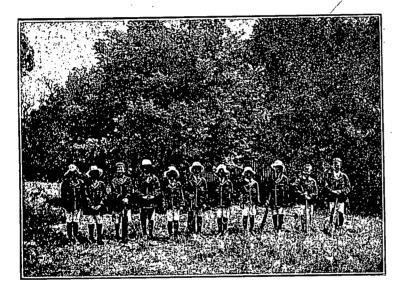
For some time prior to their meeting, members of both the School Eleven and the Old Boys' Association were eagerly looking forward to their annual match, and consequently there was plenty of enthusiasm and friendly rivalry displayed when the teams met on the 16th March. The match was played in beautiful weather and was evenly fought out, but unfortunately the wicket at Claremont Oval was in a shocking state, and the result was low scoring.

Through these columns we would like to appeal to the Council to give Claremont cricketers and the School Elevens a chance by providing a respectable wicket.

The School team consisted of their 1st Eleven, strengthened by Whitlock and Mr. Watson, while the Old Boys' team was drawn from the members residing

The following are the full scores:-

around Perth. Rooney was elected captain of the Old Boys' team, and winning the toss from Todd, the School captain, he decided to bat. The side, however, did not shape too well, and were out for 31; Rooney being the only double figure scorer. The School did a little better, and were able to pass the Old Boys' score, compiling 41, which was due chiefly to the partnership of Noyes and



CHRIST CHURCH "MINIATURE" CRICKET ELEVEN.

Average Age 9 years 4 months.

With a Peep at the School Grounds.

Stansfield, who made 12 and 11 respectively. At a second try the Old Boys put together 54 for the loss of five wickets; Piesse 22, and Brooking 12. The most successful bowler for the School was Whitlock, with 5 wickets for 13, while Piesse did best for the Old Boys, taking 6 wickets for 15.

#### OLD BOYS. First Innings. C. Rooney, Ibw, b Whitlock ..... 12 R Montgomery, ct Calthrop, b Whitlock 1 M. S. Brooking, ct Calthrop, b Noyes .. 4 J. Battye, b Todd ..... I. Paterson, b Whitlock ..... F. Gloster, b Noves ..... Nicholson, run out ..... 0 Sundries ..... Bowling: Whitlock, 5 for 13; Noves, 2 for 15; Stansfield, 0 for 1; Todd 2 for 0. Second Innings. J. C. Rooney, run out .. .. .. .. 3 K. R. W. Piesse, retired ..... 22 M. S. Brooking, b Stansfield ..... 12 R. Montgomery, b Christison ..... 2 I. Jacoby, b Christison ..... 9 J. Battye not out ..... 2 Sundries . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 4 Total, 5 wickets for ..... 54 Bowling: Whitlock, 0 for 18; Stansfield, 1 for 6; Mr. Watson, 0 for 20; Christison, 2 for 6. PRESENT BOYS First Innings. Ross, ct Rooney, b Piesse ..... 0 Calthrop, run out ..... 0 Stansfield, ct Paterson, b Piesse .. .. 11 Noves. run out .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. 12 Mr. Watson, ct Rooney, b Piesse .. .. 1 Whitlock, b Montgomery .. . . . . . 4 Todd, b Piesse ..... 0 Christison, ct Jacoby, b Piesse ..... 1 Greenaway, b Montgomery ..... 1

Leach, ct Rooney, b. Piesse .. .. . 1

Montgomery, not out ..... 0

Total .. .. .. .. 41

Bowling: Piesse, 6 wickets for 15; Montgomery, 2 for 12; Jacoby, 0 for 4.

During the interval between the innings, the School kindly regaled the players with ice-cream, while after the match, both teams were entertained at tea in the School dining-room; and at 7.30 the School held a social in honour of the Old Boys. Games, music and guessing competitions filled in the evening, and all spent a very enjoyable evening with their old school-mates.

In conclusion, the Old Boys, one and all, wish to heartily thank the School staff for the way in which they so lavishly entertained them.

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#### From Australia to England Via America.

.. (Extracts from Phil. Parker's Letters.)

About 8 a.m., some days after the commencement of our voyage, we sighted Pago, one of the islands of the Samoa group, and berthed about 11 a.m. It is a green steep-sided island, the land rising practically straight out of the sea. In general appearance it is rugged, there being some fairly high hills (they are not really mountains) which have very sharp peaks. The wonderful thick vegetation and the abundance of palms are the most striking features. The harbour is a small bay with a narrow entrance, which affords good shelter to ships. On all sides of the harbour the hills rise nearly perpendicular, having only a narrow strip of land between their bases and the shore. Along this strip all the building which, although not striking, is at best comfortable looking, takes place. We took a stroll round the shore and saw some of the native quarters, which are not numerous, but I believe there is a fair population further inland. They have chiefly American naval officers for their 'bosses.' The next stopping place was Honolulu. is of a volcanic nature, in fact, there is a live volcano there still, and it is one of the sights, especially at night but we didn't see that. The island presented a pretty

picture in the early morning: sunlight lighting up isolated green patches. We had our passports examined, and after breakfast went ashore. There were some fairly old and well-built houses—some being built as early as 1849. The Japanese are by far the strongest element there. They are monopolising everything, and absolutely pushing the "whites" out altogether. Looking north up the streets, you see the steep high green hills rising above the town, making a pretty background. We now took a motor and motored through long tortuous valleys to a great precipice known as the Pali. This is on the far side of the island, and is a tremendous height, overlooking plantations thousands of feet below, and the sea beyond. We next went up to the Pacific Heights, which overlook the town and sea to the south, and are beautiful. The houses are quaint looking (nearly cubes); all are bungalows, and mostly wooden. We had lunch at the Moana Hotel (familiar name). It is at this beach that the world-famous surf riding takes place. In a good sea, I believe the surfers come in for nearly a mile, and get up a terrific speed. The board on which they sit, or stand, is about seven or eight feet long, and about 18in. to 2ft. wide. We then resumed the car, and motored round Diamond Point, which is a steep rock; and then proceeded to Manoa Valley, which is the better class residential quarter. After this enjoyable trip, we returned to the boat.

"As we neared San Francisco, there was a dense fog, which continued overnight and until we had landed. The stay here was only a few hours, and being on the platform an hour before time, I stretched my legs a bit—almost missing the train, since they blow no whistles here—the brake-man simply gives a sort of cry, and away she goes. We left on Monday, and by Thursday it was snowing; there was a freezing wind, and the temperature was -20deg., but I got out when the train stopped, since, though the cars are warmed, there is a queer smell from the steam-heating pipes. Our water system in the next car froze, and this delayed us. We were now about 14 hours late. On Friday we reached Marceline.

where it was -15deg., and all water which began to run out anywhere in the open froze in long icicles. I saw a wooden tank there which had burst, and the water had frozen as it ran out, and hung in icicles about 16 feet long. That night we reached Streater, which was fortunate since our provisions were short. we were snow-bound for two days—we had struck the "worst blizzard in the history of the State" as the papers said. Our steam system was cut off, and the cars began to cool off, and one was flooded when a pipe burst. From lunch on Saturday we got free meals, and about time, too, since everything is a la carte and a small breakfast costs about 6s. plus tips—still we are fortunate not to be stranded in the open where we could not get food. On Saturday night our electric supply gave out, and our only lights were a candle at each end of the car. We moved on Sunday night, and soon reached Chicago, where the snow lay in drifts by the footpath from 4ft. to 7ft high. At New York rooms are very costly, and at one place I went to they only had rooms for about 30s, per day each, the cheaper ones being taken. The first thing I did was to have a bath, since I had been unable to get one since I left 'Frisco; the journey took me eight days, and I felt awfully dirty. New York is a great place with queer pastimes, the favourite being little fires: they have from 15 to 30 a day in New York alone, and they publish a list of them in the paper daily.

"Crossing the Atlantic we had about 200 American soldiers on board, and many of them were very nervous—they did not go to bed but lay on seats at the top of the stairs-in case. Others stayed on deck all night, but for me there was a pair of pyjamas and a bunk. Somehow we missed our escort, which we should have picked up about a day out of Liverpool; however, we arrived at our port with all safe. I immediately left for London, where they welcomed me with an air-raid. I heard guns firing, but being tired, I went to bed. Next day I found that I had heard only the "take-cover," and had slept all through."