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## Editorial.

For several reasons it was found impossible to bring out the terminal issue of the *Mitre* for Easter term last. Consequently as this issue will contain the news of two terms' doings, it will be of larger dimensions than usual. The present issue completes the second year of publication, and opens the third. It still lacks what the editorial staff hopes will some day become a prominent feature, that is, original contributions from the pens of present boys.

## School Notes.

*Numbers.*—We note with delight the continued and consistent progress of the school numbers. This progress can be clearly gauged from the table below:—

|                        | Boarders. | Day Boys. | Total. |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| February, 1917 . . . . | 10.       | 49        | 59     |
| December, 1917 . . . . | 15        | 48        | 63     |
| February, 1918 . . . . | 21        | 58        | 78     |
| December, 1918 . . . . | 28        | 62        | 90     |
| February, 1919 . . . . | 29        | 64        | 93     |
| August, 1919 . . . . . | 37        | 60        | 97     |

These figures amply justify the optimism with which we view the future, and we are living in almost daily expectation of our half holiday, which we have been promised when the school roll records an attendance of 100.

Those who have left the school since the last issue of the *Mitre* are:—

H. Noyes, V. Humphrey, J. Leach, A. Montgomery,  
P. Montgomery, C. Rawll, C. Hudson, J. Oldham, E.

Hudleston, G. Bone, J. Riddle, G. Jeffrey, J. Wall, E. Harrison, L. Harrison, G. Tuckfield, K. Laing, C. Coombs, L. Moxon and Moysey.

And we welcome in their places:

Shaw, B. Mason, A. Lee, J. Drummond, D. Jones, D. Lovegrove, G. Rooney, M. Lord, R. Wann, Humphrey, Lodge, R. Carlton (re-entered), G. John, Bland, G. Connor, M. Bussell, Mitchell, E. Evans, Athey, Giles, G. Sounness, I. Sounness, Moysey, Stewart, Bowes, Peneluna, Foreman.

*Staff.*—In December last Mr. W. F. Preshaw, who was Sports and House Master during 1917 and 1918, left us to take a position at the Church of England Grammar School at Corio, Victoria. This school is better known as Geelong Grammar School, and is one of the leading schools of Australia. We heartily congratulate Mr. Preshaw upon his appointment, and wish him every success. Mr. Preshaw retains a lively interest in, and affection for, Christ Church, with several members of which he corresponds regularly. In a recent letter to the Headmaster, Mr. Preshaw mentioned that he had been very ill again, but at the time of writing had recovered. We sympathise with him very much as his health has given him much trouble ever since his operation in December, 1917. We hope now that he will have no further trouble. A photograph of Mr. Preshaw appeared in our issue of May, 1918.

In place of Mr. Preshaw, Mr. K. Burton and Mr. J. V. Brown joined the staff in February last. Owing to circumstances Mr. Burton was unable to continue with us beyond Easter term, consequently Mr. Banger took his place at the beginning of the present term.

*School Prefects.*—The Prefects this year are:—Todd (Head Prefect), Calthrop, Ross, Christison, Lynn, Balme, May.

We all extend our heartfelt sympathy to Norman, Dick and Bobbie Giles, on the death of their father.

Also to Miss Brine on the death of her brother Archie. We were sorry to learn of the death from influenza of Mr. H. Scaddan, nephew of the Hon J. Scaddan, M.L.A. Mr. Scaddan used occasionally to umpire for us at our football matches on Claremont Oval, which he did for us on the Wednesday immediately preceding his death.



THE SCHOOL DINING-ROOM.

### The School's Warden.

On Lady Day, 25th March, the Venerable Archdeacon Hudleston, M.A., was formally installed at the Chapel of S.S. Mary and George, Guildford Grammar School, as the first Warden of the Council for Church of England Schools. On the 28th the Warden visited Christ Church officially and preached at the school service in the afternoon. At his request the school was granted a whole holiday on the following Monday.

### Our Prisoners of War.

We are glad to welcome back to Claremont Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Matheson, our two prisoners of war. They are both deeply grateful to the boys of the school for the part they played in helping to alleviate the discomfort of their enforced stay in Germany. Mr. McKenzie visited the school just before Easter, in company with his mother, but as many of the boys were away on compulsory parade that afternoon, Mr. McKenzie did not tell us of his experiences. We hope that he will be able to find time to do so on some future occasion. Mr. Matheson visited us on the afternoon of Thursday, 31st July, when he told us many interesting things. He also brought with him some things, pipes, money, pictures, etc., which he had obtained while in exile.

Following is a short account of some of the happenings to Mr. Matheson. He went into camp at Blackboy on 19th July, 1915, as a member of the 32nd Battalion, embarked in September for South Australia, where he joined the Australian Mining Corps, left Australia February 20th, 1916, by the Ulysses, but owing to an accident to the transport at Fremantle, he spent another three weeks at Blackboy. On leaving W.A. he went straight to Egypt whence he was transhipped for Marseilles. On reaching France, he was sent to Hazelbruik, then he became a member of the 2nd Tunneling Corps, being sent to Kemmel, about May 20th, 1916. Taken prisoner on July 10th, 1917, at Nieuport, taken to Termonde where he was kept for nine weeks on starvation diet, in order to support the German lie that the armies of their enemies were near to starvation.

An unsuccessful attempt to escape brought him 14 days' solitary confinement, after which he was sent to Lager Dulmann. This was the beginning of his hospital career. He was then sent to Lager Letchfeld for 10 weeks, after which he was drafted on to various farms, 8 in all. For his assistance (?) on the farms he received

the munificent weekly recompense of 3 marks. From one farm he made another attempt at escape, but was caught near the Austrian border. For this his punishment consisted in doing 3½ days in a civilian gaol, after which he was placed in the military cells; for the first 24 hours he was given nothing to eat; then every 24 hours he received about half a pound of bread, and a quart of water. Then he was taken to another farm from which he eventually ran away. While here he received 3 days' punishment for refusing to work as late as the German hands.

The last farm he was on was run by an old woman named Marie. Here he stayed for four months. When his food parcels began to arrive he offered some to the women, but they refused, fearing it to be poisoned. When they saw that it had no ill effects upon their prisoner, they ate nearly all of the next two parcels, so he never offered them any more, but in future kept it locked up.

The daily round is interesting from an onlooker's point of view. Rise at 4 a.m., work for 2 hours. Breakfast, consisting of black bread thrown into one big bowl of coffee, made from some substitute; each was provided with a spoon and helped himself from the common bowl. Work till 9.30 a.m., when they were given a piece of black bread, some cheese and a litre of beer. Work till 12.30 p.m. Dinner consisted of a watery soup, and a mash, made from potato mixed with a little grease. This was the substantial meal of the day. Work till 4 p.m. followed by a piece of black bread, with cheese and litre of beer. Then work was continued till dark. Before retiring for the night a bowl of milk and potatoes were supplied. So you can see that food parcels were indeed welcome.

We are glad that Mr. Matheson is safe back with his wife and family, and that he has quite recovered from German starvation fare.

The Headmaster has since received the following little note which we publish because credit should always be given where due:

"Vaucluse Street,  
"Claremont, 31/7/1919.

"Dear Mr. Noake,

"No diary could be complete without mentioning the Australian Red Cross, who carried out your wishes so faithfully. Miss Chomley's department was wonderful. I cannot find words to express my admiration and gratitude.

"A. J. MATHESON."

### The Games Ground.

The levelling of the games ground was finished in January, and the whole field has now been planted with couch, which has taken firm hold and is growing quickly. The cost to date has been £250. Apart from Mr. Henn's loan of £175, the receipts total £125, of which £50 is reserved for wickets. Everybody must now work hard to raise funds to repay Mr. Henn. The fete which was to have been held in March last, was unavoidably postponed. It will, however, eventuate early in Michaelmas term, when it is hoped that a large amount will reward the efforts of the ladies and others who are working most energetically. To keep faith with our former promise, half the net proceeds will be handed over to the Returned Soldiers' Association.

In addition to this effort the Headmaster appeals to fathers and friends of the School for direct donations in order to work off the debt as quickly as possible.

Donations and promises to date are 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. Sandover, Esq. . . . .            | 2  | 2  | 0  |
| R. A. Christison, Esq. . . . .       | 1  | 1  | 6  |
| Mrs. A. E. Smith . . . . .           | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| A. H. Drake-Brockman, Esq. . . . .   | 10 | 0  | 0  |

|                                   | £ | s. | d. |
|-----------------------------------|---|----|----|
| S. McConnell Brown, Esq. . . . .  | 2 | 2  | 0  |
| T. F. Duncan, Esq. . . . .        | 2 | 2  | 0  |
| S. C. Noake, Esq. . . . .         | 5 | 0  | 0  |
| A. S. Boys, Esq. . . . .          | 1 | 1  | 0  |
| J. Adamson Esq. . . . .           | 1 | 0  | 0  |
| W. J. Waldie Forbes, Esq. . . . . | 1 | 1  | 0  |
| J. M. Hill, Esq. . . . .          | 3 | 3  | 0  |
| S. Wann, Esq. . . . .             | 0 | 10 | 6  |
| A. Norrie, Esq. . . . .           | 1 | 0  | 0  |
| F. W. B. Stevens, Esq. . . . .    | 0 | 10 | 6  |
| G. S. Beresford, Esq. . . . .     | 1 | 1  | 0  |
| W. John, Esq. . . . .             | 1 | 1  | 0  |
| T. S. Merfield, Esq. . . . .      | 2 | 2  | 0  |
| S. Prior, Esq. . . . .            | 2 | 2  | 0  |
| Hon. R. J. Lynn . . . . .         | 5 | 5  | 0  |
| E. C. Riddle, Esq. . . . .        | 1 | 1  | 0  |
| G. F. Moore, Esq. . . . .         | 2 | 2  | 0  |
| T. Robertson, Esq. . . . .        | 1 | 1  | 0  |

Total at 14/8/19 . . . . .£125 0 6

\* For wickets.

### A Trip to Rottnest.

The boys of the Junior Form are looking forward to the trip to Rottnest, kindly arranged by the Headmaster. The object of the trip is to keep us from going rusty during the holidays, particularly in mathematics. The mornings will be given to lessons, the afternoons and evenings to amusements of various kinds. We are to leave on Monday, 25th August, and return from the island on the following Monday week—a fortnight in all. We have obtained two semi-detached cottages (the old ministerial cottages) to accommodate the party, which will be a fairly large one.

Mr. F. Stevens, of Claremont, has very kindly made arrangements for a boat to convey us to the island. We hope to publish in next issue a full account of the trip.

### Old Boys' Association Notes.

For the summer months the Association seems to most of the members, to have gone into recess. Although we have had no socials and dances, chiefly because of the heat of summer, making such functions almost impossible, I would like to point out to the members that there is no need for them to think the Association is not a success or that the committee of the last year was incapable. It is exactly to the contrary. The committee has held several well attended meetings to discuss the question of entertainments suitable to the time of the year. A launch picnic for Monday, 28th January, was decided upon, but owing to the fact that a launch was unobtainable, it had to be put off. Later, in March, the Association played one cricket match against the Present Scholars of the school, and another in connection with the school against Training College. An account of these matches will be found elsewhere.

The third Annual General Meeting was held at the school, Claremont, at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 11th. There was a fair attendance of about 30 Old Boys, but the number should have been nearly double that. Members, and intending members, of the Association are invited to this meeting, chiefly to elect the office-bearers, or "workmen," of the Association for the ensuing year. After that they go away, and leave the work entirely in the hands of the committee. This committee has to be competent, and alive, and wise, but how is a competent, alive and wise committee to be elected at an A.G.M. at which there are only about twenty or thirty supporters, when there ought to be nearly 70; for there are over 120 Old Boys of the school knocking round the world. We have got into touch with many of them, nearly all, in fact, and the secretary is always glad to hear from members and intending members.

The elections at the said meeting resulted in the filing of a very strong committee. The office-bearers for the year 1919-20 are:—

President, S. C. Noake, Esq., B.A.; Vice-Presidents, Canon W. J. McClemons, M.A., Messrs. W. H. Hope, S. R. L. Elliott, A. H. Drake-Brockman, W. T.



Mr. M. S. BROOKING,  
Chairman of Committee, O.B.A., 1919.

Loton, A. Daffen, J. Jennings, A. E. Boys, J. de Castilla (sen.), J. S. Battye; Chaplain, P. W. Daimpre, and the Rev. W. H. Watson; Secretary, Mr. J. E. D. Battye; Assistant Secretary, Mr. J. de Castilla (jun.); Treasurer, Mr. K. Piesse; Chairman, Mr. M. S. Brooking; Committee, Messrs. I. Jacoby, B. Wardell-Johnson, J. C. Rooney, T. Parker, L. Woodroffe.

The committee, anxious to get to work, held a meeting on the 6th May. Much business was done, and a programme for the ensuing year was drawn up. It was decided to hold the Annual Dinner in the School Dining Hall, on Saturday, 21st June.

The attention of members is drawn to the fact that subscriptions (3/6 per annum) for the current year are now due. All Old Boys are earnestly requested to forward the same to the Secretary (Public Library, Perth) as soon as possible.

### The Annual Old Boys' Dinner.

The Third Annual Dinner of the O.B.A. was held on the evening of Saturday, June 21st. For the occasion Mr. Noake lent the School Dining Hall to the Association, who would like to thank Mr. Noake for this, and the many other little things which he has done to assist the Old Boys. The catering and decorating was left in the hands of the Matron, Miss Backhouse, who, with the assistance of the maids, took great pains in decorating the room and the tables.

There were present at the dinner about thirty Old Boys, and also Messrs. de Castilla (sen.), Brown and Watson (vice-presidents), while Mr. S. C. Noake, President of the Association, occupied the chair. The guests of the evening were Mrs. Watson, Misses Ross, Brine, and Backhouse, and the present six school Prefects. Apologies were received from Messrs. Hope, Battye (sen.), and Boys (sen.), vice-presidents of the Association, who were unable to attend.

Mrs. Noakes was unable to be present on account of illness.

At the conclusion of a most appetising repast, Mr. Noake opened a lengthy toast list, with a toast to "The King," and followed this toast with one to the "Army and Navy." Mr. de Castilla (sen.), then proposed the toast to the "Old Boys' Association," to which Mr. M.

S. Brooking (Chairman of the Committee) replied. The next toast, "The School," was proposed by Mr. J. E. D. Battye (Secretary of the Association), and replied to by R. Todd, Head Prefect. Mr. T. Parker's toast to "The Visitors," was replied to by Miss Brine, and the toast to "The Ladies" was proposed by Mr. J. de Castilla (jun.), and replied to by Miss Backhouse. Mr. Jacoby moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the chairman, and proposed the toast to "The Chairman." Mr. Noake, in reply to Mr. Jacoby, said how pleased he was to fill the position of chairman for the evening, and also President of the Association. He thanked all Old Boys for the assistance they had given him from time to time; and said that as the new school cricket grounds would probably be ready for play next season, he thought it would be suitable to the occasion if the first match played on the new grounds was between the Old Boys and the Present Boys.

After dinner the assembly adjourned to the Prep-room, where an extraordinary general meeting was held. Mr. Rooney's resignation from the committee was put to the meeting and accepted, Mr. Whitlock being elected to fill the vacancy. The question of a memorial to Private Algy Withnell was discussed, and it was decided to raise a special fund to provide the money necessary to cover all expenses, and that further arrangements should be left in the hands of the Committee. Two guineas were donated on the spot, and further donations were promised.

When the meeting was closed, a euchre tournament was held in the Dining Hall. The winners of the tournament were Mr. J. Howe and Mrs. Watson. After a tasty supper the assembly dispersed, each one quite satisfied that his evening had been most enjoyably spent.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Backhouse for the great assistance she was to them, and they feel assured that the tremendous success of the evening was in a large measure due to her untiring efforts on their behalf.

### The "Withnell" Memorial.

A little has been said previously concerning the "Withnell" memorial. At the extraordinary meeting held after the dinner, it was decided to leave all arrangements to the discretion of the Committee. At the same time the "Withnell Memorial Fund" was started, over two guineas being collected then and there.

At a recent Committee meeting it was decided that the memorial should take the form of an elongated engraved brass tablet, upon a heavy polished jarrah base. The tablet will be inserted in one of the school walls, most likely in the Dining Hall. An enlarged photograph of Algy Withnell is now being prepared, this to be framed in heavy polished jarrah, and to be hung over the brass tablet.

All the necessary arrangements are now being made so that no further delay may take place. All subscriptions for this excellent undertaking should be marked, for the "Withnell Memorial Fund," and should be sent to the Secretary, Public Library, James-street, Perth. Anything from 1/- to £1/1/- and over is always welcome.

### Old Boys' Annual Dance.

The Third Annual Dance of the Christ Church Old Boys' Association was held in the Princess Hall, Claremont, on the evening of Tuesday, 29th July. There was a large attendance, comprised of Old Boys and their friends, though we are sorry to say that the number of Old Boys was very much smaller than we expected.

As was done last year, a Ladies' Committee was formed, under Mrs. Noake, to carry out the supper arrangements. The efforts of this Committee were splendid, and the supper set before us was *nulli secundus*. The Association Committee would like to take this opportunity of heartily thanking the ladies for the splendid success they made of their portion of the entertainment.

The Hall was decorated in fern, palms and kangaroo paws, with a splashing of the School colour, navy blue. The floor was in splendid condition, and this, combined with Mrs. Millar's music, greatly assisted towards the success of the evening. There is no doubt that the 'flu affected the attendance very greatly, "to the extent of about £6," as a methodical committeeman put it. Arrangement were made for a late train to Perth, and it is a pity that more people did not avail themselves of this facility, Dancing continued until about 1 a.m., and a very happy crowd it was that reluctantly stopped then.

### Personal.

Roy Sadlier's sister recently arrived in W.A. after five years' residence in London, and it was with great pleasure that one of our number was able to have a chat with her about everything in general, and Roy in particular. "Sad." has been getting on famously since he left the Naval College, and after 18 months' service on the "Australia," he was temporarily transferred to second-in-command of a mine-sweeper. He now holds the rank of Sub-Lieutenant, and his position carries with it the fine sum of £400 per annum. No appointments to mine-sweepers are permanent, and we hope that Sub-Lieutenant, R. Sadlier was returned to the "Australia" before she left Plymouth for Australia.

Recently we received a photo. of Darrell Hall in uniform. He enlisted and was able to put in a few weeks at Liverpool Camp, N.S.W., before the signing of the Armistice. Both he and his brother, Neville, are doing well in the East.

We are all pleased to welcome back Charlie Groom who was on the ill-fated "Boonah." He managed to escape the 'flu, and is now studying wool-classing for all he is worth.

A recent visitor to Perth was Neil Stirling, of York. He drove down in his father's car, arriving in



the capital during the "busy week" of the motor thieves. One day, while Neil was transacting some business in the G.P.O., an attempt was made to steal his car. Coming out of the Post Office in time to see the car being driven away, Neil gave chase. Jumping on the foot-board, he began to deal out a few left hooks and upper cuts with extreme liberality. One of the thieves decamped miraculously quickly, but the other did not escape before Neil had wiped the road with him.

It was with great interest we read in a recent "West Australian" a long account of Sub-Lieutenant Geoffrey Williams' part in the surrender of the German Fleet. "Willy," who has seen a good deal of war service, is aboard one of the Imperial warships, the H.M.S. Barham.

Phil. Parker continues to work hard at the Military College, Quetta, India. One of his easier and more pleasant ways of working is hunting, and as Phil. has won his spurs he is in almost every hunt. Up at Quetta they hunt jackals, and have many exciting gallops—leaping streams, jumping hedges, etc. The College itself is a fine looking building, while the cadets share small bungalows which are situated close at hand. Each cadet has his own room, and his own man servant. These men-servants will do almost everything for the cadets, and Phil. mentioned in a recent letter that his "bearer" had offered to dress him. Phil. has acquitted himself well in sport, and has won his colours for soccer. But the main thing is that he loves the life, and on the whole has enjoyed good health. When last he wrote he was dreading the final exams. before being drafted out into his regiment. He says that with a bit of luck he may get into one of the Gurka regiments which are better than the others. Most people imagine that all India must be blazing hot, but to show that this is a totally wrong idea, Phil said in one of his letters that they have had snow fights up there!

Two more of our Old Boys have been elected Prefects at their respective schools. Jim Battye is a

Prefect at High School, and Tom Parker was elected a Prefect at Modern School last year, but decided not to return to school this year. He is taking book-keeping and accountancy at a Business College, and leaves towards the end of the year to take up a clerical position in Burma.

The last we heard of Gunner Frank Mansbridge, who left here with the Field Artillery, was that he was having a fairly long furlough in London with his father, Col. Mansbridge. Frank saw a good deal of the fighting towards the end of the war. He was slightly gassed, but recovered quickly. According to a recent letter, he expects to return to the West very shortly. His "world tour" has no doubt done him much good, for he tells us that he measures over six feet high, and weighs 13 stone. So he's no chicken, I chat you!

Midshipman "Teddy" Hayward is now on board the H.M.S. Caradoc, which is stationed in the Mediterranean and Black Seas. He is looking forward to a lively time with the Bolsheviks who are trying to make things hum in that vicinity.

Our late secretary, Jack Rooney, has got a job on the staff of the Wheat Scheme. His sphere of action is at Geraldton, and he seems to like the position very much. Jack expects to remain at Geraldton until well into the summer. He has recently been in Perth for a short spell.

The secretary has received the following letter from Ken Napier. You'll all remember "Nape," the classy left wing of past days:—

"No. 56377,  
"Private K. C. Napier,  
"A. Company,  
"11th Battalion,  
"A.I.F.

"The Secretary, O.B.A.,

"Dear Sir,

"I am writing you a short note on what has happened up to date. From the day we left Fremantle until we landed in England, we had an excellent time, the weather being splen-

did. At Freetown, we had to coal ship, and I can tell you it was a lovely job, I don't think. By the time we were four days' sail from Home, we were well within the War Zone, and quite prepared for any "tin fish" which might pop his nose out of the water. When about two hours out from England, we heard that the Armistice had been signed, so we came to the conclusion that we had just come for a holiday. When we landed they packed us off into a camp, and there we remained for about 6 weeks. Then we were sent over to France.

"We left camp on the 24th January and embarked at Southampton. After an excellent passage, we disembarked at Le Havre. It took us eight hours to come across, the Channel being as calm as the old Swan River on one of her lazy days. After disembarking we were marched straight to some goods yards, the first thing to meet our eyes being a long line of cattle trucks. We were detailed off, 28 to each truck. Every truck was fitted with a stove, so it did not take us long to make a fire, and I can tell you, it was cold. We set to, and made ourselves as comfortable as possible for the journey. The train moved off with the deuce of a jolt, and talk about a rough passage!—I have never been bumped about so much in all my life.

"Our first stop was at a small village called Abancort, about 30 kilos from Amiens. We got off here, were put into a detail camp, and had a pretty good time—nothing to do but eat and sleep. After two days here, we moved off in the same old trucks, the country for miles around being covered with snow. The most important towns we passed were Amiens, Doullins, Arras, Mons, Valenciennes, and Charleroi. After passing most of the devastated area at night time—just our rotten luck—we arrived at Charleroi and were marched up to a Reinforcement Camp.

"This Peace-soldiering would always do me—we only have one hour's parade a day, and for the rest of the time you can do as you please. I have one hour's French lesson every day, and I'm sorry I didn't pay more attention to French while I was at school. That's about all I have to write about. Hoping to be with you all very shortly.

"I remain,  
"One of your school mates,

"KEN."

Since the above notes were written, further word has been received concerning our Naval representatives. Roy Sadlier, after a few months on the mine-sweeper, was transferred to a submarine. From there he was

transferred to the submarine store-ship "Platypus" which recently arrived at Sydney. We hope that Roy will have a chance to "slip over West" and have a look at us all. Also, "Teddy" Hayward is now on his way here, and his mother expects him to arrive any time. We must give "Teddy" a suitable welcome home, and it would be fitting to the occasion if Roy Sadlier could be here and welcomed home at the same time. Association members will hear more later.

Ken. Lyall is back in Perth for a while, and has paid two or three visits to the school. Ken. is looking well, and has grown into a very big fellow.

Our last news of Mr. Daimpre is that he is married.

#### A LETTER FROM MIDSHIPMAN E. HAYWARD.

"On Active Service,  
H.M.S., Caradoc,  
"C/o. G.P.O.,  
"Malta,  
"9/5/19.

"Dear Mr. Chairman,

"Please excuse my not addressing you by name, but as I am so far adrift in my correspondence with you, I daren't risk using a name for fear it isn't correct. Really I don't wish to insult anyone!

"I was looking through the latest copy of the "Mitre" I possess, namely December 1917, for about the umpteenth time when I came upon a paragraph which shook me as much as a depth charge does the gentle submarine. The two copies I have come to me one from the school, and the other via Arthur Critchley. Upon receipt of this I sent off either seven or nine shillings, I forget which. Part of this was to pay my subscription, and part was to buy a book for the library. I take it that something must have happened to the letters as I have never received an answer. I'm keen to join the O.'B.A., so hope you will put me down, and as soon as pay day comes round, I'll forward the necessary cash for subscription, and also for a book or two for the library. If you consider me on Active Service, spend it all on books for the library.

"Now I'll proceed to let you know something about me with the aid of my log. I'll start where I left off if I can, when I wrote to the Honorable President. Here goes. After going through a gunnery course on Whale Island, the supposed hot-bed of naval discipline, I managed by spinning

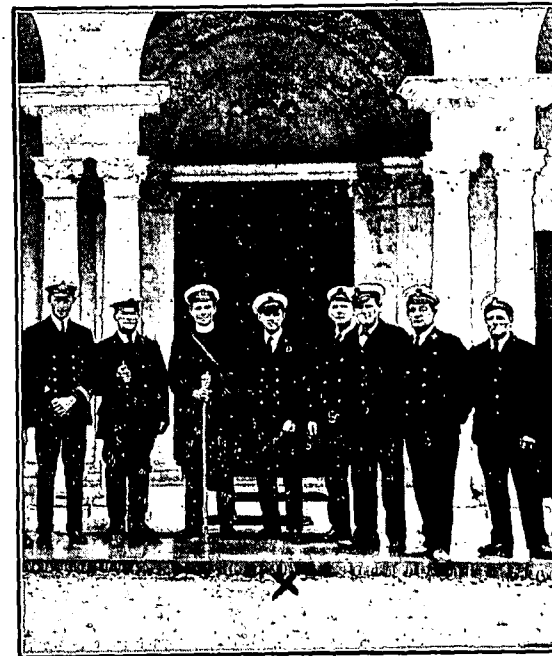
a yarn or two, to get on patrol work, which ended disastrously for me. We successfully hated several U boats and came in for a boiler clean. They found out I had pulled their legs, so I was well and truly hated.

"I joined 'Caradoc,' on 29/1/19 after ten days leave, and was sent off next day on leave until March 8th, when I joined and took up my duties as a gunnery officer in charge of a 6in. gun. We sailed on March 10th, in company with the flagship H.M.S. Cardiff, for Malta. We had an awfully rough passage as far as Cape Finisterre, after which it was moderately calm. We didn't call in at Gibraltar, but pushed on, being joined by another ship of our squadron, H.M.S. Centaur at 4.30 a.m. on March 14th. We arrived at Valletta at 7.45 a.m. on Sunday, March 16th. We spent a week here and then left on our own for Alexandria, at 24 knots, taking General Allenby to Egypt, who was proceeding there with all speed possible in order to deal with the rising in that country. We spent a day here and then went on to Constantinople, at a comfortable 18 knots, which we made on March 7th at about 7.30 p.m. We spent a week at Constantinople. It is a filthy show at the best of times, and awful at the best.

"We sailed on April 3rd. for Odessa, which we reached next morning early. After waiting a week here we went to Yalta, where the summer residence of the Tsar is, to evacuate all British and Allied subjects. The place wasn't worth holding, as it was of no value at all, so we shoved off, and proceeded to Nevorrisk, where we were to relieve the "Grafton," but after spending 36 hours here we were ordered to Theodoria, to take charge of Allied warships there, with further instructions to assist, as much as possible, the Russian Volunteers, who were fighting against the Bolsheviks. We left Nevorrisk at 3 a.m. and proceeded to Theodosia, arriving there at 10.5 a.m. At 5 a.m. next morning we weighed anchor and proceeded along the coast to the most advantageous position possible for communication with the Volunteers, and for firing at the Bolos, which we did from Easter Monday until May 2nd. We were not of course bombarding the whole time. We fired over eight hundred rounds. I was absolutely deaf in my left ear, but am nearly alright again now:

On May 2nd, we were relieved by H.M.S. "Calypso," another of our squadron. While we were up there, H.M.S. "Iron Duke," and "Emperor of India" (same class) came up and pumped 13.5's into the Bolo., which made them feel a little uncomfortable, in fact they were lifted some distance to the rear of the positions they held, and felt rather nervous about returning to them again.

"The Russian Volunteers are a real good crowd. There are just over two thousand of them holding a front of about ten miles against about ten or fourteen thousand Bolo's. Another thing worth mentioning about them is that a Russian Naval captain and his officers in charge of a cruiser, requiring four hundred men to work her, brought



MIDSHIPMAN E. HAYWARD, R.N.R.

Group of Officers of H.M.S. "Caradoc," taken in front of the Russian Imperial Palace, Yalta, Crimea, April 13th, 1919.

his ship across the Black Sea with a mixed crew of people made up as follows, 50 Russian Naval officers and ratings, 70 Army officers, and 110 ex-University students. They did some really splendid work with us—jolly good, what say you? "After leaving Theodosia, on May 3rd, we went to Con-

stantinople once more, and spent a day there and left at 10.30 p.m. for Malta, passed the Dardanelles at about 4 a.m. next morning, and about 6 p.m. on May 6th (same day), passed s.s. "Gorgan," of Fremantle—you know her no doubt. I might mention that while in here (Malta) last time, I saw the 'Melbourne,' the Aussie destroyer and the 'Indarra,' and while at Constantinople, saw a vessel carrying the same name and very much the same as the 'Katoomba,' but as I wasn't near enough to see her port of registry, I couldn't be sure whether it was our 'Katoomba' or not.

"To continue, we reached Malta at 6.40 p.m. on May 7th and made fast to the master buoy, which corresponds to our number in the squadron (as is always the case). Next morning at 7.30 a.m. we shifted to the dock-yard, where we have been ever since. Everything is in an awful mess aboard the ship at the present time, and the row in the day-time is something awful.

"Now, Mr. Chairman, having finished my yarn, I give you full permission to make use of it if you wish, or as is more likely, consign it with or without sweet words to the W.P.B., only do, if you possibly can, let me have as many back numbers of the 'Mitre,' and if you possibly can let me see one or two of the other copies, as I don't want to lose touch with the good old school if I can possibly help it. I will close now, hoping I haven't bored you beyond existence. Please remember me to the Old Boys I know, and accept the best of wishes from me for the O.B.A.'s success.

"I remain, yours sincerely,  
MIDSHIPMAN TED HAYWARD, R.N.R.

### Life Saving.

During the early part of Easter term, Mr. J. H. Millett, the Secretary of the Royal Life Saving Society, and Mr. Wells, took a great interest in teaching the boys various things in connection with Life-Saving Instruction with the result that Elementary Certificates were gained by Hill i., Hill ii., Maclagan, Rushton, Walsh i., Pearce i., Pearce ii., Giles i., Evans i., Merfield, and Turner, and Proficiency Certificates were gained by Balme, Wallace, Christison, Ross, Stevens, Lord i., Forbes, Robertson. May i., Ling, Athey, and Price.

## Roll of Honour.



The following of our old school-chums enlisted and were passed for active service:—

Lieutenant A. R. B. COX

Trooper A. O. GAZE

Gunner F. MANSBRIDGE

Private A. J. WITHNELL (Fallen)

" K. NAPIER

" E. HOGAN

" N. ROBERTSON

" L. COX

" C. GROOM

" N. H. PORTER

" R. CROFTS

" I. SALMOND

" M. S. BROOKING

" J. C. ROONEY

" P. PARKER

" D. HALL

Sub-Lieutenant C. A. R. SADLEIR

Midshipman G. A. C. WILLIAMS

" E. HAYWARD

Seaman J. SEFTON

Chaplain Canon W. J. McCLEMAN

" Rev. P. W. DAIMPRÉ

### A Few Words about Weevil Extermination.

(By J.C.R.)

As most of the readers of this little magazine are aware, there has been in operation in this State, during the past two years, a State Wheat Marketing Scheme, which controls the buying and the selling of the West's golden harvest. It has, of course, been an easy matter to purchase the wheat from the farmers, but this having been done, it has proved a difficult matter to dispose of the grain owing to the lack of shipping. The biggest portion of our harvest has always been exported to the old world, and as there is no other available market for our large supplies of grain, steps have had to be taken to keep our wheat stacked safely away, until such a time as freight is available to lift it. Accordingly the Wheat Scheme has had erected at Spencer's Brook, Midland Junction, Narrogin, Tambellup, Dowerin, and Geraldton huge open wheat sheds, better known as wheat depots, where all the wheat when purchased from the farmers has been forwarded, and stacked. By far the biggest of these wheat depots is at Spencer's Brook, but many thousands of bags are stacked at each depot. Unfortunately nearly all of these wheat stacks have become infected with weevils, small insects, which eat the heart out of the grain, but no depot has been so badly attacked as that at Geraldton. It became apparent that if nothing was done to stop the ravages of this pest, many hundreds of pounds worth of wheat would be lost at the northern port, so accordingly, it was decided to make an attempt to exterminate the weevils from these sheds.

To gas the stacks seemed to be considered the most thorough method of ridding the wheat of the pest, and to do this, of course, it became necessary to make the sheds airtight. As no work of this nature has been undertaken in the West before, the gassing of the stacks is looked upon as an experiment, the efficacy of which has yet to be proved.

Early in the year a number of carpenters, labourers, and the necessary staff proceeded to the depot, which is situated two miles out of Geraldton at Bluff Point, and a beginning was made with the work. The Wheat Depot at Bluff Point consists of two parallel sheds each 336 yards long, and the method of making these airtight was as follows:—Each shed was divided into sections approximately 80 yards in length, and the wheat in the various sections was then completely covered in with a framework of timber, the whole being close-boarded with 6in. x 1in. jarrah sheeting, so as to make a complete roof and walls around each section. The walls and roof were then covered with Malthoid, a roofing felt which is manufactured in long lengths three feet in width. Each strip of Malthoid was tacked to the jarrah boarding and every piece had to overlap, while the lengths were buried several inches in the ground in order to safe guard the possibility of air escaping from underneath the sheds. The joints caused by the overlapping were all painted over with a specially prepared Malthoid cement paint. Airtight doors and testing apertures were fitted to each section, and the whole then remained a complete airtight enclosure ready for gassing.

To have a good effect on the weevils it was considered necessary that the atmosphere inside the airtight enclosure of wheat, should contain 17 per cent of carbon-dioxide gas, and to bring about this desired result, a small gas plant, consisting of a coke furnace, generator, and pump was erected at the sheds. The plant was connected with the airtight enclosure by means of galvanised iron piping, and at the present time a small staff of competent men is engaged in pumping the gas into the sheds.

It is to be earnestly hoped that this experiment will prove a success, and be the means of ridding the wheat of weevils, as only good, clean wheat up to the required f.a.q. standard can be exported from Western Australia.

### Swimming.

The School held its fourth Annual Swimming Carnival on Thursday, 6th March, at the Claremont Baths. The results were as follows:—

- 100 Yards Championship (Open).—Ross, 1; Stevens, 2.
- 30 Yards Novices.—Harrison i., 1; Calthrop ii., 2.
- 30 Yards Championship (Under 10).—Lord ii., 1; Duncan i., 2.
- 50 Yards Championship (12-13).—Harrison ii., 1; Walsh i., 2.
- 50 Yards Championship (13-14).—Bone, 1; Duncan iii., 2.
- 30 Yards Championship (10-11).—Cramond, 1; Montgomery, 2.
- 50 Yards Championship (11-12).—Lovegrove ii., 1; Hill ii., 2.
- 100 Yards Championship (12-14).—Duncan iii., and Bone.
- 50 Yards Handicap (Open).—Calthrop i., 1; Christison, 2.
- 30 Yards Handicap (8-10).—Lord ii., 1; Moore, 2.
- 50 Yards Handicap (10-11).—Cramond, 1; Montgomery, 2.
- 50 Yards Handicap (12-13).—Walsh i., 1; Harrison ii., 2.
- 50 Yards Handicap (13-14).—Giles i., 1; Bone, 2.
- 50 Yards Handicap (11-12).—Lovegrove ii., 1; Hill ii., 2.
- 50 Yards Breast Handicap (Open).—Stevens, 1; Forbes, 2.
- 100 Yards Handicap (12-14).—Duncan ii., 1; Giles i., 2.
- 75 Yards Handicap (Under 12).—Hill ii., 1; Lefroy, 2.
- 100 Yards Handicap (Open).—Ross, 1; Stevens, 2.
- Long Dive (Under 12).—Montgomery, 1; Lord ii., 2.
- Long Dive (Open).—Stevens, 1; Robertson, 2.
- High Dive (Open).—Ross, 1; Stevens, 2.
- Low Dive (Open).—Ross, 1; Balme, 2.
- Consolation Handicap.—Hill i., 1.

The Gold Medal given by Mr. G. Bone, for the 100 yards School Championship, was won by Ross, with Stevens second. At the conclusion of the programme, the prizes were handed to the successful competitors by Mrs. R. A. Christison, of "Boodjerakine," Tammin.

The return contest of the season between ourselves and the High School Junior Swimming Club, took place at the Crawley Baths on 22nd February. On previous occasions the High School has won easily, but on this occasion it took them all their time to beat us by the narrow margin of 3 points, the scores being: High School 51, Christ Church 48.

We enjoy these friendly contests to the utmost, and if we keep up the steady progress we have been making, we should bring home a win next term.

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### Cricket Notes.

In reviewing the matches of the first eleven, we must not be despondent because, so far, we have won only four times and been defeated on nine occasions. The First Eleven have not had any successes, but in all five matches their opponents showed the benefit of more practice, experience, and coaching. The Second Eleven, which has won twice and lost twice, contains some promising players. The Third Eleven has had one victory and two defeats, and the Fourth Eleven has had one victory.

With a little more attention and practice, the fielding of all teams should improve; although the majority of catches are held, far too many easy ones are missed.

Several boys have a wrong impression of the art of bowling; it does not consist in delivering the ball with the greatest possible speed; one should aim at length and straightness; above all avoid pitching balls on the leg. Several of the 1st XI. batsmen have an excellent defence, which is the first thing to acquire; they must now set about

making runs, and the way to do this is to hit the loose balls; block the good balls, but hit the leg balls, and the badly pitched ones. A batsman who does not take advantage of bad bowling, is of very little use to his side, even though he may be a good stonewaller.

The following matches have been played:

February 26th.—1st XI. v. Perth Modern School 3rd XI. Lost.

March 12th.—1st XI. v. High School. Lost.

March 19th.—1st XI. v. Guildford Grammar School. Lost.

March 26th.—1st XI. v. Guildford Grammar School. Lost.

April 3rd.—1st XI. v. High School. Lost.

March 5th.—2nd XI. v. Perth Modern School. Lost.

March 19th.—2nd XI. v. High School. Lost.

April 2nd.—2nd XI. v. Guildford Preparatory School. Won.

April 23rd.—2nd XI. v. Guildford Preparatory School. Won.

March 12th.—3rd XI. v. High School. Won.

March 26th.—3rd XI. v. Guildford Preparatory School. Lost.

April 23rd.—3rd XI. v. High School. Lost.

March 19th.—4th XI. v. High School. Won.

Todd, the captain of the first XI. is the mainstay of the bowling, and if he had paid less attention to speed and more to length, he would have done better.

Christison, with practice, should not be unsuccessful as a bowler.

Calthrop i. is the most promising batsman, but he has not been very successful in his scores.

Both the Lovegroves are promising players in all departments of the game; Lovegrove ii. has been consistent in his scoring for the third XI., while Lovegrove i. secured a hat-trick against Guildford Prep. School.

### PAST v. PRESENT.

On Saturday, 15th March, a cricket match between Past and Present boys of the School, was played on the Recreation Grounds, Claremont, the result being a win for the Old Boys. The afternoon was bright and warm. An attempt had been made to secure Subiaco Oval for the match, but as those grounds were already engaged, we



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were forced to play at the aforementioned place. It is hoped that next year we will be able to play this eventful match either upon the new School fields or upon the Subiaco Oval.

The Old Boys batted first, and soon began to give the School plenty of leather-chasing. The best individual scores put up during the afternoon were those of Messrs. Batty and Brooking (27 and 17 respectively) for the Old Boys, while the bowling average also fell to the Old

Boys, Mr. Jacoby obtaining 4 wickets for 9 runs, and Mr. Piesse 2 for 2. After a plucky show of fielding the School team dismissed its opponents for the total of 95 runs.

After a short interval, the School commenced their innings. But the boys were evidently not in their best form, for they were all out in the short space of thirty minutes, for the total of 16 (Calthrop 5, Mr. Brown 4). As there was yet plenty of time, the School team was put in again, and shaped much better. When time was up they had reached 41 for the loss of 7 wickets (Todd and Greenway 6, Ross 5).

The School then entertained the Old Boys at tea, and the rest of the evening was spent at cards. The Old Boys would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Noake for the enjoyable time spent at the School.

The following are the scores of the match:—

## PAST.

|                                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| J. Rooney (capt), b Todd        | 11 |
| H. Boys, b Mr. Burton           | 1  |
| M. Brooking, c and b Mr. Burton | 17 |
| K. Piesse, b Todd               | 4  |
| I. Jacoby, b Todd               | 1  |
| L. Woodroffe, b Todd            | 5  |
| J. Battye, run out              | 28 |
| L. Cox, b Mr. Burton            | 4  |
| K. Whitlock, not out            | 12 |
| C. Groom, b Mr. Burton          | 0  |
| P. Montgomery, b Christison     | 0  |
| Extras                          | 12 |
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| Total                           | 95 |

Bowling for School: Mr. Burton, 4 for 29; Todd, 4 for 42; Christison, 1 for 12.

## PRESENT.

## First Innings.

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Ross, b Piesse                   | 0  |
| Lynn, run out                    | 1  |
| Greenway, b Piesse               | 0  |
| Calthrop i., b Jacoby            | 5  |
| Giles i., c Battye, b Woodroffe  | 1  |
| Mr. Burton, c Brooking, b Jacoby | 1  |
| Todd, c Brooking, b Jacoby       | 0  |
| Mr. Brown, c Boys, b Jacoby      | 4  |
| Christison, c Cox, b Whitlock    | 0  |
| Harrison i., b Whitlock          | 0  |
| Balme, not out                   | 0  |
| Extras                           | 4  |
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| Total                            | 16 |

Bowling for Old Boys: Piesse, 2 for 2; Jacoby, 4 for 9; Whitlock, 2 for 0; Woodroffe, 1 for 1.

## Second Innings.

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Lynn, b Piesse           | 4  |
| Ross, c Boys, b Piesse   | 5  |
| Greenway, l.b.w., b Boys | 6  |
| Calthrop i., retired     | 4  |
| Giles i., b Whitlock     | 3  |
| Todd, c Boys, b Jacoby   | 6  |
| Christian, not out       | 2  |
| Balme, c Groom, b Jacoby | 1  |
| Extras                   | 9  |
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| Total, 7 wickets for     | 40 |

Bowling for Old Boys: Piesse, 2 for 16; Jacoby, 2 for 7; Whitlock, 1 for 4; Boys, 1 for 6.



## COMBINED TEAM v. TRAINING COLLEGE.

It was decided after the above match to form a team composed of Old and Present scholars of Christ Church, to play Training College the following Saturday. The match was played at the Training College, Claremont, the weather conditions being splendid. Our team consisted of Messrs. Rooney, Brooking, Jacoby, Skipworth, Woodroffe, Whitlock and boys of the Old Boys' Association, and Messrs. Brown, Calthrop, Todd and Giles i., of the School.

This team played well together, and having run up a total of 129 for the loss of 8 wickets (Brooking 41 retired, Rooney 31, Calthrop 16), it retired to allow Training College to do its best. When time was called, College had just reached three figures for the loss of three wickets (Quin 35 not out, Webb 21). The match was very interesting to watch, and it is a pity it could not be finished. It is hoped the combined team will have more chance to show its mettle next season.

The following are the scores:—

## COMBINED TEAM

|                                     |    |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| Rooney, c Dixon, b Webb . . . . .   | 31 |
| Calthrop, b Downing . . . . .       | 16 |
| Brooking, retired . . . . .         | 41 |
| Jacoby, c Dixon, b Webb . . . . .   | 4  |
| Woodroffe, b Downing . . . . .      | 2  |
| Whitlock, c Moore, b Quin . . . . . | 9  |
| Brown, c and b Quin . . . . .       | 14 |
| Todd, not out . . . . .             | 1  |
| Giles i., run out . . . . .         | 1  |
| Extras . . . . .                    | 10 |

Total, 8 wickets for . . . . . 129

## TRAINING COLLEGE.

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Birch, run out . . . . . | 19 |
| Quin, not out . . . . .  | 35 |
| Webb, run out . . . . .  | 21 |
| Dixon, not out . . . . . | 18 |
| Extras . . . . .         | 11 |

Total, 3 wickets for . . . . . 104

## Football, 1919.

As with cricket, so with football, we feel the need of a suitable ground close to the School, which would enable us to practice more frequently. We were unable to arrange many matches, and of those arranged several had to be cancelled.

The fixtures were:

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| June 11—Under 14 v. High School. Cancelled.        |
| June 25—Under 15 v. Perth Modern School. Lost.     |
| July 9—Under 12 v. Guildford P.S. Lost.            |
| July 16—Under 14 v. Guildford P.S. Lost.           |
| July 16—1st XVIII. v. 2nd XVIII. P.M.S. Cancelled. |
| July 23—Under 12 v. H.S. Lost.                     |
| August 2—Under 14 v. Guildford United. Won.        |
| August 6—Under 15 v. H.S. Cancelled.               |
| August 23—1st XVIII. v. P.M.S. Cancelled.          |

The last two matches were cancelled because of the increasing prevalence of influenza.

For most of the matches played the weather was most unsatisfactory, and the grounds very wet, which tells against our teams used to sandy soil, which dries more quickly. The teams showed a marked improvement at the end of the season, and should, when we get our own ground, be a force to be reckoned with.



## THE COMPETITION MATCHES.

This season six teams were picked, with Todd, Calthrop, Ross, Greenway, Lynn and Balme as their respective captains. The conditions were that each player paid threepence to enter, and the proceeds were divided among the boys of the winning team. As a team was beaten it dropped out of the competition.

A number of matches were played, ending in the final between Todd's and Calthrop's teams, played on August 6th. This match proved very exciting, and ended in a victory for the former.

## FOOTBALL CHARACTERS.

Todd (captain).—Good mark and kick; inclined to be selfish with the ball. Captains his team well.

Calthrop i. (vice-captain).—Good mark and kick; also selfishly inclined on the field.

Greenway.—Good mark and kick, fast with the ball. One of the most promising members of the team.

Giles i.—Good mark and kick. A very useful member of the team.

Ross.—Fair mark and kick. Uses his weight well.

Lynn.—Has improved since beginning of the season. Rather clumsy with the ball. Poor mark and kick.

Balme.—Fair mark and kick.

Walsh i., Turner, Drummond, Rushton, Merfield, and others are most promising younger members of the team.

