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**The Headmaster's Foreword.**

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL.

In the issue of December, 1918, my foreword dealt with the future development of the school; in this issue just over one year later, I deal with the same theme, but if possible in a more optimistic strain, in view of the progress of the school during the year just closed.

The policy of development of Christ Church has been prominently before the Governing Council on several occasions during the year, at first with respect to additional accommodation, but quite recently the vital question of our standard was very earnestly considered. This was a matter which required the most careful consideration, upon various grounds, financial, opportunity for extension, and increased usefulness of the School.

There is no doubt that there exists in this locality, not only plenty of room, but also a strong local need for a good Church of England School, able to provide a boy with the fullest secondary education, so that he may be able to pass at once from Christ Church to the University, without finding it necessary to spend two or three years in some other School. Christ Church is to be equipped to be able to do this.

It is very comforting to all, Headmaster, Staff, Boys and Parents to know that the School standard has been finally settled. By this definite and vigorous action the Council for Church of England Schools has increased the usefulness of Christ Church.

To a certain degree the prosperity of the School depends upon the Council, to the extent of

equipping it with facilities to do the utmost of which any School is capable, but the real progress of the School rests upon you boys. You have now a school of which you have no cause to be ashamed, a School of which, as the years pass on, you should become more and more proud, a School which is rapidly climbing to its place, but yet whose glory rests upon yourselves, and your attitude towards it should be such that in after years you should be able to look back and say with pride, "This is my School."

### School Notes.

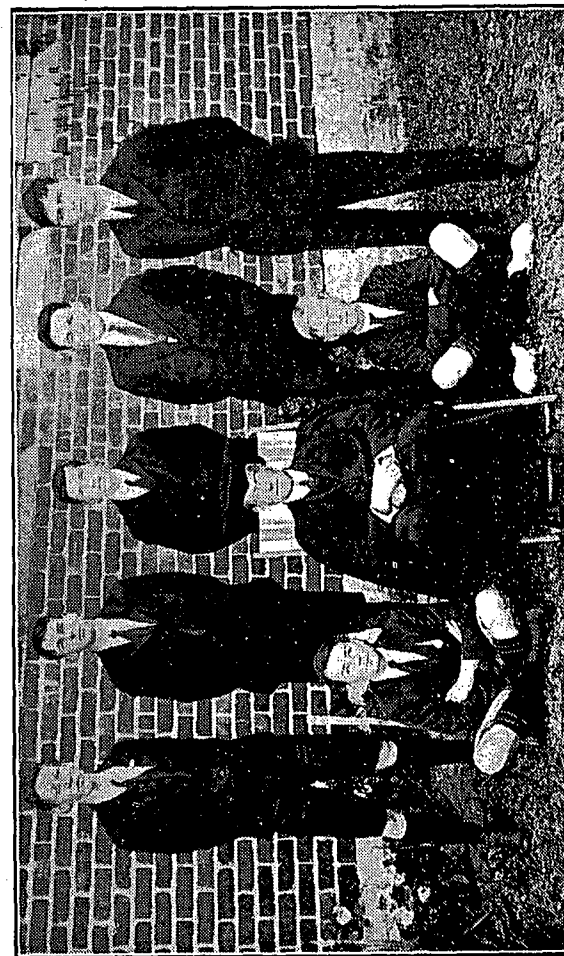
*Enrolment.*—The School numbers continue to maintain themselves though we were disappointed in not reaching the coveted "century" before the end of 1919.

We have, however, now more than reached this happy position. The number of boarders on the books is 42, and the total enrolment 112.

*Junior Exam.*—Although last year four boys sat for the Junior Exam. they did so for a preliminary trial, although they had a sporting chance of getting through. The armistice, though a joyful thing in itself, was unsettling in the midst of examination, and in our opinion, some of the papers set were unduly stiff for Junior candidates.

Last November, however, we made our first serious attempt with 10 candidates for the ordinary Junior and 4 for the Commercial Junior Exam. In addition to these 14, four others (two for each exam.) also sat, deeming the experience a good thing, even though they did not pass in sufficient subjects to gain the respective certificates this year. They were all pleased with the questions, in the various papers; and we gained the high percentage, of 7 certificates, while Bussell and Carlton just missed the Commercial Certificate by one subject each. Lynn and Eaton were unfortunate in falling ill within a fortnight before the examination.

The successful candidates were: Todd, May i., Cal-



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throp i., Giles i., Hill i., Balme and Bull. We congratulate these boys very heartily.

*The School Staff.*—Changes have taken place in the teaching staff. After having been on the Staff for three years, Rev. W. H. Watson, Th.L., has left to take up parish work. Mr. Watson has done good and successful work at Christ Church, both as master and as Chaplain, and our best wish to him is that he will do equally as good and successful work in his parish at Merredin. We wish both Mr. and Mrs. Watson the best of good fortune.

Mr. H. W. Banger, who has been with us for two terms, left to join his uncle in the pearling industry at Broome. We trust that many pearls will come his way.

*Prefects.*—There has been no change in the personnel of the Prefects who are R. Todd (Head Prefect), K. Calthorp, R. Ross, A. Christison, R. G. Lynn, I. H. Balme, and C. May.

*Confirmation.*—For some time past Mr. Watson has been taking classes for Confirmation, and some boys have been attending. We had hoped that His Grace the Archbishop would have performed the rite at a School Service, but owing to His Grace's illness at Geraldton, we had to forego this privilege. Our Rector Rev. Canon McClemons, however, kindly permitted the boys to be brought to the Bishop at the Parish Confirmation by the Lord Bishop of Bunbury on Tuesday, 9th December.

*Show Essay.*—Once again we have to congratulate Giles i. upon winning first prize given by the Royal Agricultural Society for the Show Essay. Fortunately for other competitors in years to come there is an age limit.

*Xmas Holidays.*—Michaelmas term was longer than usual, being 14 weeks instead of 13. This extra week was put in to make up for the week lost last term owing to our closing a week early, because of a threatened outbreak of influenza. Fortunately the School escaped.

*The School Blazer.*—The headmaster has made arrangements with Bromham & Co., Bay View Terrace, to stock the School blazer, and these may now be purchased there at a cost of 35/- each, complete. A written order must be obtained from the headmaster.

*Speech Day.*—Mrs. C. O. L. Riley, kindly promised to present the prizes for us this year. This event took place in the Parish Hall, Claremont, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 17th. We were very glad to have Mrs. Riley with us, but regret that the Archbishop's health prevented his presiding. An account of the proceeding will appear next issue.

*Church of England Schools' Council.*—The Committee for the School has been greatly strengthened by the appointment of Mr. A. H. Drake-Brockman, and Mr. F. D. North, C.M.G. Both these gentlemen have already displayed great interest in the welfare of Christ Church School and we welcome them on our Board of Management, for their counsel and influence will help greatly in the rapidly growing development of the School.

At the last session of Synod a vacancy on the Council was filled by the election of the Very Rev. E. Foster, M.A., Dean of Perth.

*Navy Exam.*—Last year J. Bull, passed the education test for entrance to the Royal Australian Naval College at Jervis Bay, but unfortunately he was rejected at the final medical examination.

This year we presented three candidates, Lovegrove i., Rushton and Walsh i. Of these Lovegrove and Rushton were among the first fifteen from this State, and presented themselves for the final medical examination at Fremantle. Rushton was stopped here, but Lovegrove successfully passed the inspection, and duly appeared before the interviewing committee.

Lovegrove having satisfied the interviewing committee becomes the second Christ Church boy to enter the Naval College, the other being Sadlier in 1910.

For so young a School we are well represented in

the Navy, our Imperial representative being Geoffrey Williams, who entered the School on its foundation in February, 1910, and passed into the Royal Navy College at Osborne in July 1912. More recently still is Teddy Hayward, an account of whose doings was chronicled last issue.

*Vale.*—An interesting little ceremony took place at Morning Assembly on 3rd, when Berkley Rushton answered his name at roll-call for the last time after five years at the School. Rushton has done well at the School, and was among the first fifteen from W.A. at the Navy Exam. last September. He was very popular among his schoolmates, being elected on various occasions to captain his age cricket and football teams. He has left to go to England with his parents, where his father, Mr. C. B. Rushton, for many years Secretary for Railways in the State, has been appointed Secretary to the Agent-General for W.A.

To mark their estimation of Berkley, the boys presented him with a gold-mounted fountain pen, and in thanking them for their gift. Rushton, in what was his maiden speech, expressed the hope that on his return from England he would find Christ Church the leading Secondary School of the State. To which pious wish we all say ditto!

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### Public Examinations.

This term candidates have been sent in for two Public Examinations, namely, the Entrance Examination for the Royal Australian Naval College, and the Junior Certificate Examination.

The Naval Exam. took place in the last holidays, but it was nearer this term than last, and the results came out this term, and they are most important. This year three candidates were sent up for the examination which shows an increase of two on last year.

Rushton and Lovegrove i. were successful enough, in the written test, to be among the first fifteen in this

State. Then they had to have medical tests, Rushton failing in the second of these, Lovegrove passed these, and went before the Selection Committee or Naval Board, and is now in College at Jervis Bay.

For the Junior Examination this year the School was able to send up eighteen candidates, which shows a marked increase on last year's four. Six of the candidates were for the Commercial Certificate. The following, Todd, Calthrop, Ross, May, Balme, Lynn, Giles, Lord, Eaton, Forbes, Bull and Hill i, took the Junior, while Greenway, Carlton, Robertson, Stevens, Ling, and Bussel took the Commercial Certificate Examination.

The Junior Examinations were again held at the Westralian Farmers' Coy's. Buildings, in Wellington-street. The rooms were cool, and well ventilated, and being at the top of the building there was very little noise.

The examination started on Monday, the 17th of November, and the last paper was on Thursday, the 27th. Most of our candidates finished on the Friday, the boys that took drawing had their last exam. on the next Wednesday.

The subjects taken were: English, History, Geography, Mathematics, French, Commercial Methods and Commercial Arithmetic.

The results of the examination have been noted elsewhere.

Next year we hope to have a leaving form that will mean that candidates will be sent up for the Leaving Certificate Examination in 1921.

J.B.

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### The School Dancing Class.

For the first year since the foundation of the School a dancing class under Mr. Whitlock was formed during the winter term, for those who wished to learn. Some 25 boys joined, and thoroughly enjoyed the weekly lesson, but more particularly the last lesson of all which took the form of a little dance, to which each member of the class

was permitted to invite a girl friend.

This pleasant little episode took place on 27th September, in the school dining-room.

The arrangements were ably carried out by Mrs. Noake, Miss Backhouse, and Mr. Whitlock, assisted by the bigger members of the class, the room being tastefully decorated with coloured streamers, flowers and ferns. A dainty supper was set out in the hall of the Headmaster's quarters. The Misses Ross kindly made the programmes and the members of the class worked up the floor into splendid dancing condition.

At first the unaccustomed presence of so many girls played upon the natural shyness of the boys, but soon the ice was broken by a few of the bolder spirits of the class, and things were soon in full swing. As usual on such occasions the approach of 11 o'clock, the time to stop, was not welcomed.

The success of the dancing was assured by the excellent music by Mrs. Sharkey and Mr. R. Kendall. This is not the only occasion on which Mrs. Sharkey has shown her kindness in playing dance music for us. She did also for the continuous dancing on the night of the Fete, a week later.

This little dance was a great success, and augurs well for the time when the Annual School Ball will be accepted.

J.H.R.

### The Games Ground.

The grass, in planting which we all took a hand just before the winter, is doing splendidly and is beginning to run and form quite thick patches under the influence of the warmer weather we are now getting. For the wicket, we have procured about 12 tons of Moora soil, and we expect the wickets down shortly.

The task of making the ground has been an expensive one, as the accompanying statement will show; we still need a balance of about £130 to repay Mr. Henn. Mr. Lynn and Mr. Hill have interested themselves in

this matter, and the Headmaster is most grateful to these two gentlemen for their spontaneous offer to relieve him of the burden of raising this amount. They have made a proposition to the Council of Management offering to raise half this amount if the Council will subscribe the other half, i.e., £ for £. This is a very generous proposal, and the Council have readily agreed to it. We hope that all will readily help Mr. Hill and Mr. Lynn in raising their half.

Below is a brief statement:—

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
To Loan, Rev. P. A. Henn . . . . .	175	0	0	
.. Sundry Donations . . . . .	122	11	6	
.. Moiety Fete, 4/10/19 . . . . .	37	12	6	
.. Various other sources . . . . .	15	2	11	
.. Advance from School for Engineer ..	8	8	0	

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EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
By Fencing . . . . .	1	0	0	
.. Part Refund, School . . . . .	1	1	0	
.. Contractor, levelling . . . . .	208	18	4	
.. Engineer . . . . .	13	13	0	
.. Repairs, Wicket . . . . .	14	0	0	
.. Purchase grass . . . . .	3	4	0	
.. Sprinkler, etc. . . . .	10	9	4	
.. Reticulation . . . . .	21	8	9	
.. Bank Charge . . . . .		10	0	
.. Balance in hand, Wickets . . . . .	30	0	0	
.. Part Repayment Loan, Rev. P. U. Henn	48	11	0	

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LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Balance Loan, to Rev. P. U. Henn . . . . .	126	8	6	
Refund to School, Engineer's Fee . . . . .	7	7	0	

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The headmaster desires to thank the following, who have responded to Mr. Lynn's appeal:—

	£	s.	d.
T. Robertson, Esq. ....	1	1	0
H. V. Calthrop, Esq....	1	1	0
G. P. Marrie, Esq. ....	1	1	0
J. V. Eaton, Esq. ....	1	1	0
J. Bowes, Esq. ....	1	1	0
J. Connor, Esq. ....	1	1	0
Col. Lovegrove ....	2	2	0
J. M. Hill, Esq. ....	4	0	0
A. N. Lord, Esq. ....	1	1	0
S. McC. Brown, Esq....	2	2	0
E. H. Sudlow, Esq. ....		10	6
W. G. John, Esq. ....	2	2	0
J. M. Drummond, Esq. ....	1	1	0
Hon. R. J. Lynn, M.L.C. ....	5	5	0
Akroyd Stuart, Esq. ....	2	2	0
	<u>£26</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>

Further donations will be thankfully received to reduce the balance. A full list of subscribers will be published in our next issue.

### Old Boys' Association Notes.

Since we last went to print the Association does not seem to have been very active. Many committee meetings have been held, and a fair amount of work got through, but owing to the influenza they were not able to do anything definite.

### SPORTS.

The School Sports were held on October 18th, and although there were a good many Old Boys present we would like to see more of them roll up and take part in the races. The sports are held on a Saturday purposely to permit of parents and old boys being present.

As last year, we had three races. Whitlock won the 100 yards and 220 yards, while Gomme obtained two seconds in the above races and also won the Mile, R. Montgomery being second.

### THEATRE PARTY.

A theatre party was arranged for members of the Association on the night of the Sports. Seats were booked at the Pierrots, and about twelve Old Boys spent a pleasant evening at the entertainment.

### COMMITTEE.

The Committee since last issue has been considerably altered. Messrs. Adamson and Duncan were elected to fill the vacancies caused by the departures of Messrs. Parker and Castilla, and Mr. Whitlock is now acting as Assistant-Secretary. We welcome the two new members and hope they will help to make the Association a success.

### Old Boys' Column.

The following will be interesting to all Old Boys, and will show what has become of some of our former schoolmates:—

Douglas Balme is jack-er-ooing on "Minilya" Station, via Carnarvon. North-West, and from all accounts, appears to be having a fine time.

Ken. Lyall, who also answered the call of the North, was in the city for a short holiday a month or two back. He was looking very well on it, and likes the life.

Many of our Old Boys have found refuge within the precincts of Messrs. Elder, Smith, and Co. Among them are Montgomery, Collison, Pearce, Kendall, Walker, and Hodge. We wish them luck, and hope to see them department managers soon.

Keith Piesse is pushing the pen in a Terrace sweet-shop. He spends his evenings and other spare time in the Osborne-Cottesloe district.

Jack Rooney has returned from Geraldton, and as far as we know, is still at his home in Claremont. He is at present working at O'Grady and Sotin, but hopes to obtain a permanent position at G. Wood, Sons, and Co., Fremantle.

Merv. Brooking, when he isn't swanking about in the firm's car, manages W. Chas. Hodd and Co., William-street. What Merv. doesn't know about rents, houses, titles, and land values isn't worth knowing.

Tom Parker has left Perth to travel to Rangoon, there to take up a position on the Burmese Railways. He left in very high spirits, and we recently received a note from him from Singapore. He is having a splendid trip, the scenery being gorgeous. Tom expects to arrive in Rangoon about the middle of December. India seems to have a peculiar attraction for the Parker family. It has attracted both Phil. and Tom, as it has done several of their relations before them. We wish Tom a very successful career in his new sphere of life.

Frank Mansbridge is back again from the war, and is living again in Claremont. The war does not seem to have affected his growth as he now stands well over six feet.

A. O. Gaze is also back from the front. He only stayed in the city for a few weeks, and then, together with his brother, T.O., who has been working at Elder, Smith's, Fremantle, went down to their farm.

Jack de Castilla has also had a call to the North-West. He has gone up to join the staff of the Western Australian Bank at Broome. He went up on the same boat as Ken. Lyal. Neither of them expect to come down for at least two years.

Jim Battye is to be congratulated for being one of the chosen marksmen for High School. We hope he helped his team to victory.

Trevor Tuckfield is still at Leonora, and we expect by this time he is a full blown electrician.

H. Everard is another jackeroo in the North-West, and from all accounts he seems to be enjoying the life.

Ken. Napier is now back again in Perth, and is at present living on the Repatriation Scheme. He hopes to obtain a suitable position shortly.

In a recent letter Sub-Lieut. Teddy Hayward, R.N., informed us that he was at Constantinople, getting a good view of Eastern life. He also stated that his ship had

received orders to proceed to the Mediterranean Sea, where as far as we know, he still is. He was transferred to the H.M.S. Marlborough some time ago, but hopes to return to his own ship very soon. (Since writing the above Teddy has returned to Claremont.)

Jack Daniels recently passed through Perth on his way to Melbourne. After leaving school, Jack went to England to study engineering, and has returned to Australia a full blown mechanic. He paid the school a visit, and after a short stay East he intends to return to Perth.

From all accounts Sub-Lieut. Roy Sadlier, R.A.N., is in Sydney. He came out from England with a flotilla of submarines. We hope to see him in the West before long.

Any news of the doings of Old Boys will be gladly welcomed by the Secretary, Public Library, Perth, who wishes to keep in touch with all old Christ Church chaps.

#### LETTER FROM T. C. PARKER.

To "The Mitre."

I intended this account of my experiences to go into the December issue of *The Mitre*, but as I did not reach Rangoon till the 17th November, it was then too late for that issue.

I shall only touch lightly upon my journey from W.A., because it is Burma that probably interests you considerably more on account of its being a more or less unknown quantity to a great many people.

At Broome, on the North-West coast, I ran across Jock Castilla, and at Penang, a day-and-a-half's journey from Singapore, I met John ("Cumby") Laing—both of them seemed well contented with their jobs, especially "Cumby" Laing, as he had bright prospects of a year's leave in view. Of course I had been prepared, more or less for my debut into Eastern life by calling at Java and Singapore, but I must say that in all three places, and especially Rangoon, I was struck by the mixture of East and West. For instance, at one corner of a street, perhaps, would be some large modern shop, and only a little



distance away, towering into the sky, would be a Pagoda, the very acme of the East as far as Burma is concerned. This instance is only one of many which strike you as queer on arrival.

Rangoon, like many other towns in the East, contains a very mixed population as regards the native element, which is so interesting. I have heard old stagers say that you can spend a life-time finding out the customs, habits, dress, and religions of the various "jhats" or castes and races, and they have to admit that you know comparatively little of that Eastern life which is not visible at first sight. The legends pertaining to Buddha, the God or being-to-be-worshipped by the Burmese people, are many, but the origin of Buddha's greatness was arrived at thus: He was supposed to have cut off his long hair and thrown it high into the air, so high that it never returned to earth; this was the sign that he should be accepted by the Gods as one of them, and so it is that he is worshipped by the non-Christian people of Burma.

One peculiarity about the form of worship is that a worshipper must never go empty-handed to pray; the offerings are in some cases indeed queer—switches of false hair, paper serviettes, candles, etc. But the main and underlying point is that if they go to pray they must offer *something*, no matter what it is.

The dress of the modern young Burman is rather a mixture; he wears the customary "lunge" (a kind of skirt) and flappy loose jacket, but he does his hair, with the aid of much grease, in the latest approved English or American style, and wears coloured silk socks and the best-cut of tan or black shoes. Older and stricter Burmans wear sandals, keep their hair long in a knob on their heads, and have a silk scarf tie round the head. The women stick more to the old customs, but many of them are slaves to the use of powder—a modern luxury which they allow themselves, and which does not suit a dark face. The Burmese are a very lazy, happy-go-lucky sort of people, and always ready for fun; if they

can't do a thing one day or don't want to, they don't worry their heads about it—to-morrow or next week will do. Nearly all servants are, I may mention, natives of India. Rangoon on the whole is quite a pleasant spot, although it is hot at times, but then punkahs and servants make life quite pleasant. It is as healthy a spot as any place I have so far been in, but just at present there is a lot of sickness about on account of the 'flu.

Another great boon up here is your club (a sahib always belongs to at least on club) where you can always find company and comfort.

For the Xmas holidays I went up to Maymyo (3,500 feet above sea level), which is a fashionable hill station, and which has considerable importance attached to it because it shares with Rangoon the honour of being the seat of government for six months in the year. I actually saw no frost whilst I was there, but it was cold enough for me to be jolly glad of all my winter clothes plus a thick overcoat. This fact is, I think, interesting because such scores of people imagine that if you come to the tropics you must necessarily be hot—which, as you see, is not the case.

Although you strike some snags, I think that people here live more in concord than Australia; the reason for this, I think, being that they feel they have to uphold the prestige of the British-Raj in a dark man's country. So far I have few grounds for complaint about the life in general, but my one wish is to have my relations and friends up here too so that they also could enjoy the life and luxury of the East.

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T. C. PARKER,  
c/o Burma Railway's' Offices, Rangoon.

### **Euchre Tournament and Dance.**

On the evening of Wednesday, 10th December, a Euchre Tournament and Dance was held in the School

Dining Room. The event was held under the auspices of the Old Boys' Association, and we would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Noake for the use of the dining room. There were present about thirty Old Boys and their friends, including the President, Mr. Noake, and Mrs. Noake, Miss Backhouse, Miss MacCallum, Mrs. Hayward (mother of "Teddy" Hayward), Miss Joan Hodge, and others. A small charge was made for admission.

The evening was opened with a dance, which was followed by a euchre tournament. The winners were:— For the ladies, Miss Backhouse; and for the gentlemen, Mr. Brooking. These two were afterwards presented with suitable prizes, while a very 'suitable "boobie prize" went to Miss Joan Hodge. The tournament was followed by a light supper and dancing. During the evening Mr. Banger favoured us with a humorous item, and we would like to thank Mr. Prior, who kindly and efficiently officiated at the piano.

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### Jack Pidgeon.

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Many people have read with interest the recent brave action of Mr. Jack Pidgeon, but perhaps very few know that Jack is an old Christ Church boy. It is many years since Jack played "nibs" with his form-mate in the old two-seater desks. For those who may not have read the daily press account, we will briefly outline the deed.

It appears that a launch travelling to Point Walter with a University picnic party, of which Jack was a member, on Saturday evening, 22nd November, was suddenly overtaken by a storm. Having weathered the boisterous waves for a few minutes, the launch stopped, owing to spray causing a short circuit in the engine. After a few minutes' battering by the wild waves, the members of the party were startled by faint cries of "Help! Help!" issuing from out of the pitch black curtain of rain and wind which enveloped the maimed craft. Waiting but to remove his coat and shoes, Jack seized the end of a rope,



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and dived to the assistance of the distressed person. The rope proved to be but five or six yards long, so releasing his hold, Jack swam on into the darkness in his effort to locate and rescue the owner of the voice. The fury of the waves made the darkness deeper, and hence nothing was visible to him, but a flash of lightning happened to enable him to see a dark object some distance away floating on the waves. Swimming towards it, Jack found it to be the man he was seeking. In the meantime the disabled launch had got under way, and guided by the combined voices of Jack and the man he had rescued, and also by the flashes of lightning, it eventually reached the two men, and took them on board. The unknown man had already collapsed, and shortly after being taken on board, Jack also collapsed. As far as the latter is concerned, the event here ends, but the words of the rescued man, when he was restored slightly, enabled the launch to locate the upturned yacht which had deposited several others also in the water, and thus a rescue of some ten or eleven men was effected.

We must congratulate Jack upon the prompt execution of a gallant deed. When he set out into the pitch darkness, he was quite aware that his boat would be unable to follow him for some considerable time. Yet undaunted by the driving wind, the torrential rains, and the boisterous sea, Jack swam on, and succeeded in effecting one of the most gallant rescues. His deed was one requiring nerve, courage, and stamina of the first order; and we all hope that it will be fully recognised and rewarded by the proper authorities.

#### Fourth Annual School Sports.

(Contributed by R.C.)

The Fourth Annual Sports gathering of the School was held on Saturday, October 13th. The day dawned bright, but clouded over toward the start. Nevertheless, a fair crowd gathered, and the many bright dresses made a pleasing contrast to the white and blue costume

of the boys. The officers who kindly judged the various events, were Messrs. S. C. Noake, Headmaster, Hon. R. J. Lynn, M.L.C., J. M. Hill, F. E. Shaw, F. A. Moore, and W. H. Evans. The starter was Lieut. Emmott.

One of the most interesting things concerning the sports was the fact that the Ipoh Cup, kindly presented by Mr. Jennings, was to be competed for during the afternoon. There was keen competition amongst the various boys entered. The following boys entered for the Cup:—Calthrop, Christison, Lynn, Todd, Balme, Greenway, Prior, Robertson, and Moss. The winning of this Cup resulted in a draw, the two successful ones being Lynn and Todd. Two copies of the Cup will be made and presented to the winners. Our congratulations are extended to these boys for their good running and the sporting manner in which they won.

Offered by Mr. Loton, and won by G. Lynn, was a handsome Cup to be presented to the champion sprinter. It was a good race, and the winner was closely followed by Calthrop and Todd. The 220 yards open was also won by Lynn, with Todd as runner-up. Great excitement prevailed during the running of the 880 yards race. Again Lynn proved successful in coming a fine second, being closely beaten by Todd, who ran a great race.

It would take too much space to enter into the details of all the races, but all were won and lost in an exceedingly sporting manner. The hurdles were won in fine style by Ross, who also won the high jump, and was runner-up for the Ipoh Cup. Lynn won the long jump, by jumping 17 feet 8 inches.

The chief event of the day was, of course, the mile. Added interest was given because the Ipoh Cup would be won and lost over this race. From among the handicap men Duncan won this race in good style, and from the scratch men, owing to Ross being the first Ipoh Cup competitor to reach the tape, the Cup was a draw.

During the course of the afternoon, afternoon tea was provided. The good things were handed round by

the boys who enjoyed themselves, after the guests were provided for.

At the close of the afternoon the prizes were presented by Mrs. Noake. There was much enthusiasm shown by relatives and friends of the prize-winners, and the afternoon closed with cheers for Mrs. Noake and our Headmaster. Everyone went away conscious that he or she had spent a good afternoon.

Our thanks are rendered to Mrs. Noake for presenting the prizes, Miss Backhouse, who worked with untiring efforts on our behalf, and to the many officials and friends who made the gathering the great success which it surely was.

### The Ipoh Cup.

The longed-for Ipoh Cup has at length arrived being brought by Mrs. Jennings on the last trip of the "Minderoo." Our thanks are due to Mr. Jennings for his gift to the School. It was originally intended to have a small replica of the Cup made each year for the winner of the title of champion athlete to retain for his own possession. The design of the Cup, however, is so elaborate that it cannot be reproduced in Australia; consequently another design capable of reproduction locally, has been chosen for presentation to Lynn and Todd, who tied for the coveted title for 1919. Mr. Sam Elliott, with his usual readiness to encourage boys in their sports asked for permission to defray the cost of the additional Cup. Needless to say there was no hesitation about permission being given.

It will be interesting to record here the conditions under which the title of Champion Athlete is bestowed. All the events are of course championship, and 5, 3, 2, and 1 points are allotted for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places respectively in each of 100 yards, 220 yards, 880 yards, mile, 120 yards hurdles and 3, 2, 1 points for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places respectively in each of the long jump, and high jump.

The points gained this year were as follows:—

	100 yds.	220 yds.	880 yds.	Mile.	Hurdles	High Jump.	Long Jump.	Total
Lynn .. .. .	5	5	3	2	..	..	3	18
Todd .. .. .	2	3	5	3	3	..	2	18
Ross .. .. .	..	..	..	5	5	3	..	13
Calthrop I. ..	3	2	1	..	1	2	..	9
Greenway .. ..	1	1	..	..	2	..	1	5
Robertson .. ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2

Thus Todd and Lynn tied for the title, and each will receive a Cup. To Ross, as runner-up, was presented a silver medal bearing the School badge.

The results of the various events were as follows:—

#### Open Events.

Mile Championship.—Ross, 1; Todd, 2.  
 Mile Handicap.—Duncan iii., 1; Eaton, 2.  
 880 Yards Championship.—Todd, 1; Lynn, 2.  
 220 Yards Championship.—Lynn, 1; Todd, 2.  
 120 Yards Hurdles.—Ross, 1; Todd, 2.  
 100 Yards Championship.—Lynn, 1; Calthrop i., 2.  
 100 Yards Handicap.—Lynn, 1; Calthrop i., 2.  
 High Jump.—Ross, 1; Calthrop i., 2.  
 Long Jump.—Lynn, 1; Todd, 2.

#### Under 15 years.

100 Yards Championship.—Hill i., 1; Robertson, 2.  
 100 Yards Handicap.—Robertson, 1; Eaton, 2.

#### Under 14 years.

100 Yards Championship.—Drummond i., 1; Lovegrove ii., 2.  
 100 Yards Handicap.—Pearce i., 1; Drummond, 2.  
 120 Yards Hurdles.—Drummond i., 1; Giles ii., 2.  
 50 Yards Wheelbarrow Race.—Drummond i. and Walsh i., 1; Rushton and Giles ii., 2.

#### Under 13 years.

100 Yards Handicap.—Lovegrove ii., 1; Calthrop iii., 2.  
 75 Yards Siamese Race.—Sounness i. and Walsh i., 1;  
 Blackall and Cohn, 2.

#### Under 12 years.

75 Yards Championship.—Sounness, 1; Lovegrove ii., 2.  
 75 Yards Handicap.—Lyon, 1; Hill ii., 2.

50 Yards Egg and Spoon Race.—Jennings i., 1; Armstrong, 2.

50 Yards Sack Race—Lakey, 1; Cramond, 2.

75 Yards Handicap.—(Under 11 years).—Morrie, 1; Sounness i., 2.

75 Yards Handicap (Under 10 years).—Beresford, 1; Bold, 2.

30 Yards Wheelbarrow Race (Under 10 years).—Beresford and Gibson i., 1.

75 Yards Handicap (Under 9 years).—Pearce ii., 2; Starkie, 2.

75 Yards Handicap (Under 8 years).—Jennings ii., 1; Sounness, 2; Pearce ii., 3; Jennings i., 4.

O.B.A. Events (all from scratch).

100 Yards.—Whitlock, 1; Gomme, 2.

220 Yards.—Whitlock, 1; Gomme, 2.

Mile.—Gomme, 1; Montgomery, 2.

The programme consisted of just 60 events, and although a start was not made till 2 o'clock, we finished punctually at 5.30 p.m. This was due very largely to the excellent starting of Lieut. Emmott.

The thanks of the Sports Committee are given to all those, too numerous to mention individually, who by their donations and help contributed to the success of the gathering. We do, however, particularise Mr. F. A. Wedge, of Cottesloe, and Mrs. Hayward, for their donations, Mr. W. T. Loton for once again presenting the Cup for the 100 yards Open Championship, and Mr. M. Wilson, Headmaster of the High School, for again lending us running strings, and other necessary paraphernalia; also Mrs. J. M. Hill, Mrs. W. H. Watson, Miss Backhouse, and the school domestic staff, who energetically assisted Mrs. Noake in arranging the afternoon tea, by no means the least popular item in a long list of events.

### **A Typical Day at Rottnest.**

The beginning of the usual Rottnest day was (as is usual) getting up, we were awakened at six o'clock, and after the usual arguments we usually got up by 6.30.

The bathroom was always crowded, which was an

excuse for some boys not washing. The dormitory in which I slept was next to the bathroom, and so Calthrop, Hill, and myself, who slept in it, usually monopolised the bathroom till Mr. Collison ejected us with his golf clubs.

At seven o'clock the lessons started, and continued till eight or quarter past, nobody grumbled about this part of the day, as it was understood that we should do three hours' work a day.

At quarter past eight the orderlies were called out, and they then served up breakfast, which needless to say was greatly appreciated, it always is among boys. After breakfast usually games were indulged in till school time.

I remember on one occasion Forbes, who had made an atrocious pun, was chased away from the house, and after being pelted with seaweed he climbed a tree, and a photograph was taken of him, all covered with seaweed. I have a copy of this photograph, which makes Forbes appear highly humorous.

Then, after lessons, which ended at 11.30, we waited till lunchtime, 12.15, and then about 1 o'clock we went off for the afternoon.

It is principally about the afternoon that I am writing. There were many things to do in the afternoon, and the main ones were driving, fishing, bird nesting, and exploring the island.

But the best day I ever spent was when we drove to the "west end."

Myself and the three others—Calthrop, Hill, and Carlton—started. Carlton insisted on harnessing the horse, and, after the cart had nearly broken away from the horse we saw something was the matter. After the horse had been harnessed properly Carlton tried to explain in technical terms, but after being counted out, and told that he would be made to walk if he didn't keep quiet, subsided under this dire threat.

Three other persons were out driving on the same day—Stevens, Ross, and Forbes. They were making a noise singing—they usually were making a noise at Rottnest—when their trap capsized, and the three grovelled in the dust, while the horse made itself scarce.

The next day the same trio were out, and while fishing, the horse, who was loose from the trap, made off, leaving the same three coming home pulling the trap after them. It was quite joyful seeing them coming home. They took the wrong road once, and after running down a hill, found they were on the wrong road. They had to pull the trap up the hill again.

One night a member of our dorm, Calthrop, found his bed in little bits. We attributed this to the fractious five who had the dormitory next door to us.

These five often proved fractious at night, as also did someone else, no names mentioned; the person himself knows. Everyone was sorry when this delightful holiday was finished. It is the hope and wish of the boys that this journey may be undertaken next year.

We four would like to thank our Headmaster for his kindness, and the sporting way he carried out the trip.

R.G.L.

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### Cricket.

Our cricket can hardly be said to have been altogether successful this term, for which we are scarcely to blame.

We began the term while the influenza epidemic was still raging, and so not wishing to run unnecessary risk by travelling, no outside matches were arranged.

After the athletic sports we arranged a series of competition matches amongst ourselves, but, owing chiefly to the interruption caused by the junior examination taking place, these were not finished.

The exams. being over we did hope to play a great deal more, but it was not to be. The Claremont Oval, which we have used for four years, was denied us. At one time we even asked to be allowed to try to improve the pitch, which was badly in need of attention, but were not granted the necessary permission, and now because the Council wish to put the ground in order for next year and the Claremont team have begun to play on it once a week, we are asked not to use the ground at all.



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However, we are not downhearted. The grass on our own field is growing well, and we hope before long to have the pitch put down. After our Christmas holidays there should be a marked improvement in the ground.

At the time of writing we have played only one match against another school, which we won by twenty runs, on December 3rd, against Guildford Preparatory School, but before the end of the term we hope to be able to add several more successes to our record.

The teams, except for a few changes in the under age elevens, are the same as they were in the first term.

### The School Fete.

We held our second School Fete on October 4th, and everything went off very well, but owing to the weather the financial result was not as good as expected. The takings were divided equally between the R.S.A and our new sports ground, of which we are badly in need.

We cleared just over £75. Great excitement was caused by the Popular Boy Competition, and quite a lot of money was made. There was a great contest between Lynn and Ross, Lynn coming off victorious, the voting being 1,695 for Lynn, and 1,143 for Ross. The stalls were arranged on the lawn in front of the schoolhouse, and made a very pretty picture indeed with the different coloured decorations and electric lights between the trees.

Mrs. Noake, with a band of willing helpers had the Children's Stall, which was very artistically decorated with black and white, and displayed an abundance of articles. The Sweets Stall, presided over by Mrs. Blackall, assisted by a number of willing helpers, was well patronised by visitors and boys, the latter being very anxious for their wants to be supplied, for what boy is there who does not love to spend his money on lollies. The Produce Stall was in the hands of the Matron, assisted by her enthusiastic helpers, and was kept busy, both afternoon and evening, and the result of the efforts were very pleasing.

Mrs. Forbes took charge of the Bran Dip, which to young and old is always a source of great pleasure as one never knows what surprise is in store for them until the contents of the parcel extracted from the dip are disclosed to the eager gaze. The Hoop-la was a great success. Mr. Banger, with a number of boys, did splendidly. Everyone enjoys a sporting chance at the Hoop-la table. Great competition ensued as to who would be the lucky person to claim as a prize the Big Ben alarm-clock.

The Refreshment Stall, with Mrs. Hill at the head of a splendid band of workers, made a huge success.

The dining-room looked quite fairy-like with flowers and fern, the sweet peas being just beautiful.

Very great praise is due to all the Refreshment Stall helpers, for the delightful afternoon and high tea, which everyone felt very much in need of.

Mr. Brown, with a few of the boys, did very well at Clock Golf, in fact the quadrangle was almost like a billiard table. Keen interest was taken in this sport. We should like to thank all mothers and friends for the great help they gave us.

### The Trip to Rottnest.

The trip to Rottnest was arranged by Mr. Noake for boys taking the Junior Examination only, but in addition to them came Mrs. Noake, to look after the commissariat department, and Mr. Collisson, of Guildford, who proved a decided acquisition to the party.

The number of boys comprising the party was 19, and nearly all assembled at the School on Monday morning, the 25th of August. We caught an early train, and arriving at Fremantle did not take long to embark on the boat which Mr. Stevens had kindly arranged to take us over to the Island. On leaving the harbour, we found that the sea was not very calm, and although a number of us were not affected, the majority of the passengers

were not inclined to partake of a meal of eggs and bacon, which was not provided. A few miles out great consternation was caused by the disappearance of Ling, who was afterwards found hanging over the stern admiring the propelled-blades.

After a voyage of about two hours we anchored off the Island and were soon taken ashore in a motor-launch. We then took our luggage to the houses we were to occupy, and found them to be the former Ministerial cottages. These being fairly large and well furnished, easily accommodated all the party.

Mr. Noake, assisted by Mrs. Noake, and Mr. Collisson soon put things in order, and next day the usual routine which was as follows, was begun:—Rise 6.30 a.m., lessons 7-8 a.m., breakfast lessons 9-11, dinner 12 noon, afternoon free, tea 6 p.m., lights out 10 p.m.

Being very anxious to see the Island, we took the first opportunity to do so, much to the displeasure of some of the inhabitants.

After awhile we settled down and among our numerous occupations, cricket, football, swimming, and fishing were chief favourites. This last sport was very popular, and was greatly encouraged by Mr. Collisson who offered prizes of 5/- each to the boys who caught the most and largest fish respectively.

Todd and Greenway were the successful fishermen, and owing to their efforts, and those of other boys, there was always plenty to be had.

We took with us also a number of indoor games as cards, draughts, and during the evenings a number of tournaments were held, and the winners usually received small prizes.

Lesson time was well spent on the whole, but when we were allowed to work on the verandah some of us were rather inclined to pay more attention to passing steamers than to surpassing "stumers."

On Sundays no work was done, and service was held on the two Sundays we were on the Island.

To carry out the rougher domestic duties when over

at Rottneest, orderlies were appointed; each set of orderlies being on duty on different days. To make them work all the harder a prize was offered for the best set.

One brief spasm of excitement was furnished by some of us discovering a wounded seal on the beach. A man on the Island said that he would get it for them, and the skin was next seen at his house. Strange to say it was never seen again.

The Lighthouse and Signal Station were great attractions, and were frequently visited by us. Many of us also wished to go to the west end, but only a few succeeded in getting that far.

At last after two weeks of happiness we had to come home, and when the boat called for us on Monday morning, we all wished that we were staying longer on the Island, but it could not be, so we again boarded the H.M.S.T. "Ivanhoe" and started homeward. On the return trip the sea was perfectly calm, and we all retained our good health, etc., on the voyage.

We arrived at Fremantle about midday, and from there departed to our respective homes for the last week of the holidays.

We were all immensely pleased with the trip, and feel grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Noake for all they did for our comfort and happiness. Those of us who will be here in 1920 A.D., look forward to another one next year.

The Headmaster asks me to say that except on one or two occasions he was satisfied with the behaviour of the party; and also to take the opportunity of expressing the thanks of us all to Mr. and Mrs. Runciman for their very kind endeavours to make our stay on the Island so enjoyable, and to Mr. F. W. Stevens, of Claremont, for providing our passage from Fremantle to Rottneest and back again.

C.W.M. . .



### A Great Public School in Victoria.

When I left Christ Church School at the end of 1918 to take up an appointment at the Geelong Grammar School, I promised to write an article about this great establishment. Now I shall redeem my promise, and trust my description will prove interesting to all readers of *The Mitre*. Situated on the shores of Corio Bay, six miles on the Melbourne side of Geelong, this school has an ideal position. True, it is rather exposed to the winds and very bleak in winter time, but it is a healthy spot. First of all let me say that there are 268 acres of ground. Think of that! A large tract of this is under cultivation, but this season the crops are poor. I shall never forget my first impression of this place, for everything here is on a large scale. What struck me most was the completeness of everything. There seems to be nothing wanting. The school is built on the lines of the great public schools of England, that is to say, on the house system. Here there are four, all fine double-storied brick buildings, well planned, and very commodious. Everything is right up-to-date. The houses are named Perry, Manifold, Cuthbertson, and Bracebridge Wilson. The first-named is called after the late Bishop Perry of Melbourne, the second after the five Manifold Brothers, who built and donated it to the school council, the third after the late J. L. Cuthbertson, for many years a master on the staff, and the fourth after the late John Bracebridge Wilson, who was headmaster of the school for over 30 years. Perry House forms the centre block, and has a large clock tower. This is where the class rooms are situated, all opening off the cloisters, which surround a spacious quadrangle. Here are beautiful lawns, and a handsome fountain, presented by the late Sir Samuel McCaughey. The secretary's office, museum, and boys' studies open off the cloisters. All the class rooms are spacious and airy, while on their walls are hung photographs of cricket, football, and rowing representatives of the school, dating back to the early seventies. In the dining hall, attached to Perry House, are to be found

photographs of former headmasters. Here all the boys in the Upper School have their meals, the headmaster only being present at dinner. Situated behind the main block is the Bracebridge Wilson hall, a large wooden structure, erected in memory of the old head, and brought out from the old school in Geelong about five years ago, when the present school was opened. This is used as a gymnasium, drill hall, and for entertainments, and seats over 700 people. Adjoining this is the science laboratory, the gift of an old boy, Mr. Austin, and the carpenters' shop. Many boys learn this useful trade, and execute some very fine work. Cuthbertson House was the gift of Old Geelong grammarians, and adjoining this is the assistant-chaplain's cottage. Bracebridge Wilson House was built by the school council, at a cost of about £22,000, and has accommodation for 100 boys. I have been assistant-house master here during this year. The chapel is not completed, but hopes are entertained that it soon will be. It was the gift of the Fawkner family, and contains a magnificent organ, the gift of Messrs. Black Bros., old boys. Electricity is installed throughout the school, and two engineers attend to the power house and steam laundry. The organisation here is wonderful. Everything has been carefully planned and goes like clockwork. There is never any bustle, and punctuality is rigidly observed. The day's work in summer begins at 6.30 a.m., and 7 a.m. in winter. Swimming is compulsory for two terms, and in the Upper School morning study is held from 7.15 till 7.45, the juniors have bat drill, or physical culture exercises. Breakfast at 8 is followed by prayers in the chapel five days a week. School starts at 9.30 and continues till 12.10 p.m., with ten minutes interval. In the afternoon work lasts from 1.30 till 3.30. Study lasts from 6.45 p.m. till 8.30 in the Lower School, and till 9.15 in the Upper. All lights must be out by 9.45 p.m. sharp. In the Upper School private studies are allotted to boys, these are gained by merit. Either in work or sport, and such study is shared by two boys. There is keen competition between the houses in work

and sport. Each year a magnificent trophy, the Bloomfield Shield, is competed for, and held for a year by the winning house. This is presented to the House captain on Speech Day. The Upper and Lower School has each a boat house, containing in all about 20 boats, and adjoining these is the swimming bath, and a shallow pool for beginners. The headmaster's residence adjoins Manifold House, and is a commodious, well designed building. Two picturesque cottages for the use of married masters, a steam laundry, an electric power house, and several cottages, used by the employees on the property, comprise the remaining buildings in this little community, and I must not forget the sanitorium. The matron has been over thirty-five years in the council's employ. There are five asphalt tennis courts, two fives courts, several football grounds, and a magnificently kept cricket oval. A motor boat, the school's property, brings the day boys over from Geelong at 8.30 a.m., and returns at 5 p.m. About 20 racing boats and three pleasure boats comprise the fleet, the latter being made good use of on Saturdays by the boys. Each house has a matron, there is a housekeeper for the Upper School, and a manageress supervises the whole of the domestic arrangements. The social side of school life is catered for by the Debating Society, Operatic Society, composed of senior and junior boys, and the Junior House Dramatic Society. Successful productions of "Snappy," a play written and produced by Mr. R. G. Jennings, house master of Bracebridge Wilson House, and Gilbert and Sullivan's nautical comic opera, produced and conducted by me, have been much appreciated by everyone. The opera is to be repeated at the end of this term, and reserved seats are selling freely. The proceeds are to be devoted to the Memorial Hall. I consider it a privilege to have been connected with such a splendid school, and I shall leave it with many regrets. In years to come I shall always look back with great pleasure to the happy year I spent here.

6th December, 1919.

W. F. PRESHAW.