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**The Headmaster's Foreword.**

At last! The very day we opened School last term we were compelled to look for extra accommodation owing to the large increase in the number of boarders. This was obtained temporarily by leasing a house in Victoria Parade to serve chiefly as a residence for the Headmaster and his family, and partly to provide sleeping accommodation for some half-dozen boys. As we opened with 42 boarders, and advice was being received that others were intending to come, it was apparent that the immediate relief afforded by this arrangement would soon be exhausted. Consequently steps were taken to see if it were possible for the original plan to be forwarded by acquiring the late Mr. Higham's property, "Nanutarra," which had been in the market for some years. At last the School possesses this fine property, consisting of a large two-storeyed house, together with about 2½ acres of ground. This will provide accommodation for about 20 boarders, as well as a residence for the Headmaster. But, best of all, it affords us what we have so long needed, ready access to the water. We shall appreciate the advantage of this towards the end of next term, and during the hot term of next year. Half the pleasure of a swim is lost when one contemplates a walk back uphill in the hot sun. Now, however, we shall be able to have a swim before breakfast and again after afternoon school on hot days, without the great loss of time involved in going to and from the local baths. Later on will come facilities for rowing. There is also a lawn suitable for tennis, and this will be available for this purpose at definite times to our budding "Brooks." We congratulate ourselves on this evidence of the growth of the School, and we feel

thankful to the Council for Church of England Schools for providing us with these splendid facilities.

In the next issue of *The Mitre* we hope to include a couple of pictures of the new property.

THANKS.—The Headmaster and Mrs. Noake take this opportunity of thanking their friends and the boys of the School for their kind expressions of sympathy during Mrs. Noake's illness, and the subsequent loss of their son.

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### School Notes.

*Numbers.*—The School still continues to maintain its upward gradient, both in the number of boarders and in the total enrolment. With respect to the former, it is remarkable how the terminal graph retains the same gradient. In February we opened with 107, 42 boarders and 65 day boys, and we now have 46 boarders and 72 day boys, a total of 118. From present indications next term will open with well over 50 boarders. A month ago we should have viewed this with some feelings of alarm, but all anxiety as to where these extra numbers are to be put has been removed by the purchase of the new property by the Council.

*Staff.*—The School staff has been considerably strengthened this term by the arrival of Captain G. W. Dundas, late of the XXth Hussars. Captain Dundas served in France during the Great War, and was invalided out in 1915. Since then he has been engaged in teaching in various leading schools in the Eastern States, notably at the Hutchins' School, Hobart.

Mr. Makeham, son of Rev. G. Makeham, O.B.E., Rector of St. Mary's, West Perth, and an old boy of the Headmaster's at the High School, Perth, has been with us for two terms, but is, unfortunately for us, leaving at the end of this term for Sydney, where he and his wife will reside.

*Prefects.*—The Prefects this term are: R. Todd (Head Prefect), K. Calthrop, R. A. Christian (Senior House Prefect), I. Balme (who is now No. 1 on the

School Roll), C. May, G. Lynn, J. Bull and J. Robertson.

*The Dancing Class.*—As Mr. Whitlock who took the dancing class last winter term was transferred to Dowerin last May, arrangements were made with Miss Kilminster to come on Saturday evenings from 7 till 9. As we were late in beginning the lessons, the class will continue for a few Saturday evenings during Michaelmas term.

*The Choir.*—A start has been made to form a choir. Captain Dundas, who is a qualified organist, and has had much experience with choirs, has between thirty and forty boys in his charge, and they have made a start by considerably improving the singing at our Friday afternoon services in the Church. Oh! that some kind rich friend might present us with a chapel and an organ! Still—we have hopes. One influential friend at home has already been approached by Captain Dundas, and is interested.

*Health.*—So far this term, and we trust till the end of term, we have been free from any serious illness—coughs and colds are of course common property, as is usual during the winter term. So far the dreaded epidemic has missed us.

### ARRIVALS IN 1920.

*Boarders.*—Andrew, F., Andrew, C., Andrew, W., Bosworth, R. M., Brown, A., Bussell, D., Coyle, W., Daly, J., Dickson, A., Duthoit, J., Francis, J., \*Lee, J., \*Lee, R., \*Lee, D., Lorrigan, P., McLarty, R., Mouan, A., Patterson, W., Pearse, C., Pearse, E., Repton, H., Robins, J. B., Stone, B., Thomas, V., Vallentine, O.

*Day Boys.*—\*Adkins, J., Anderson, R., \*Barrymore, F., Castilla, H., Cavalier, F., Cox, J., Craig, B., Dalton, L., Dalton, S., Dalton H. George, C., Hick, T. D., Hickey, J. L., Ling, R., Martin, J., Melsom, A., Miller, T., Mitchell, W. J., Mountain, P., Mountain, E., Mudge, C., Porter, H., Sheppard, E., Unbehaun, C., Unbehaun, N.

\* Has left since.

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**Boarders' Notes.**

(J. H. R.)

We returned this term with Christison once more as Senior House Prefect, and Captain of our XVIII.

Our members have been greatly increased, and, in order to make our quarters more comfortable, the late Mr. Higham's residence, over-looking Freshwater Bay, has been purchased by the Council.

We all extend a hearty welcome to our new Senior House Master, Captain G. W. Dundas.

Our annual football match against the Day Boys was played on the Show Grounds on July 29th. It resulted in a win for the Day Boys, the scores being Day Boys 7.7, and Boarders 3.7. We had an excellent umpire in our coach, Mr. Beere.

We have managed, so far, to escape the influenza which is becoming bad again, and we are hoping to see the end of the term in our present good health.

All are looking forward to the approaching holidays, and we hope to return next term, with further additions to our numbers.

**"They Say."**

That Cally's a(maisi)ng antics are admired when he comes to school in the morning.

That Tommy has shown a decided preference to "boots" before shoes.

That Harry enjoyed "Floradora" very much.

That Robbie has decided to join the Order of St. Boni(e)face.

That Skinny is growing into a (wack)ing big boy.

That Box is often seen looking for "beetles."

That Ted sometimes has a "leer" on his face.

That Date is well versed in the arts of the timber industry.

That Birdie is often seen star gazing—will somebody please ask what ails(er) him.

That Dicky is an excellent captain.

That Squeak will "drink life to the lees."

That Mr. Beere is an excellent umpire.

That Birdie has acquired a taste for "old fruit."

That Balmey and Birdie were much admired for their elegant goal umpiring against Guildford Prep.

That Liz is fond of arguments.

That Charlie's cartoons are high-class (like 6B.).

**Sixth Form Notes.**

By "Junius."

Giles has not been "wacked" this term yet.

According to our "Head," Hill is the only one working in geometry F (or) Sure.

Balmy is feeling forlorn again.

A certain member of our firm has discovered that there is an "Ailsa" Craig lighthouse in Scotland.

Giles and Hill intend collecting "Beetles and Flora" during the holidays.

Calthrop's geography is improving, he asserts that Maiz(i)e is the most important product of W.A.

Todd's favourite poem is Wordsworth's "To a Daisy."

Sixth's spirits are kept up by the twitterings of Birdie.

Charles May Ma(y)kes excellent cartoons.

**Football Notes.**

About half-way through the season we were fortunate in securing the Show Grounds for practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Prior to this we had had to be content with the Claremont Oval. Practice there, however, was not a success, as a new cricket pitch, surrounded by a wire fence, curtailed the available space by one half. In this restricted space, play was necessarily somewhat cramped, and it was with joy that we hailed the announcement that in future the Show Ground would be our practice ground.

Once we had secured a good practice ground play improved immensely, blind kicking gave place to more scientific passing, both hand and foot. Hand passing, indeed, has become rather overdone, and it would be well for some members of the team to remember that a good long kick to the forward line is far superior to a species of ping-pong, lasting for some minutes, in the centre of the field. A few faults need rectifying, before the team can hope to win many matches. One of the most glaring is the tendency of the forwards to crowd the centre, when the truth of the old adage "Too many cooks spoil the broth," becomes apparent.

If forwards would only keep in their places, well out of the centre, and feed the goal-sneak, the number of goals scored would be doubled or trebled. The centres should also remember that their place is midway between the goals, NOT in the full-forward line.

If only these faults were looked to, the team would be a power to be reckoned with. The play of the 1st XVIII. in matches has been rather disappointing. Opponents have been treated as if it were a game of croquet that was in progress, rather than football. It must be remembered that football is essentially a strenuous game, demanding the whole of one's energy.

The junior teams, especially the under 12 giants, have done well; these latter covering themselves with glory in a match against Guildford Preparatory School. Their combination and play might with advantage have been copied by their seniors. Altogether, considering the difficulty of securing practice, we may well be proud of our football achievements. Next year, what with better practising facilities, and the talent in the junior teams, it will be a disappointment if the 1st XVIII. does not gain many a victory to wipe out the defeats they have suffered this year. Appended is a list of the matches played this season:—

#### 1st XVIII.

June 5th.—v. P.H.S., at King's Park. Lost. (P.H.S., 9.18; C.C.S., 6.3). Best players:—For P.H.S., Bremner; for C.C.S.: Todd, Calthrop.

June 19th.—v. C.E.G.S., at Guildford. Lost. (C.E.G.S., 20.14; C.C.S., 1.1). Best players:—For C.E.G.S.: Cook, Green; for C.C.S.: Calthrop, Todd, Drummond.  
June 23rd.—v. P.M.S., at Modern School. Lost. (P.M.S., 12.14; C.C.S., 1.4). Best players:—For C.C.S.: Todd, Calthrop, Porter.

Three matches were played between the 1st XVIII., supplemented by some emergencies and the under 15 team, of whom half play in the 1st XVIII. The first two matches were won by the under 15 team, the third by the 1st XVIII.

The annual match. Boarders v. Day Boys took place on July 29th, and resulted in a win for the latter. 7.9—3.7. Best players:—Day Boys: Calthrop, Todd, Giles, Porter; Boarders: Walsh, Christison, Balme, Robertson.

#### Under 15.

June 26th.—v. Guildford United, at Guildford. Won. C.C.S., 6.8; G.U., 2.4). Best players:—For G.U.: Percy; for C.C.S.: Mudge, Giles, Drummond.

#### Under 14.

June 9th.—v. G.P.S., at Guildford. Lost. (G.P.S., C.C.S.: Best players:—For G.P.S.: Merfield; for C.C.S., Drummond, Walsh, Turner.  
July 28th.—v. G.P.S., at Claremont. Won. C.C.S., 9.11; G.P.S. 6.4). Best players:—For G.P.S.: Merfield, Dempster; for C.C.S.: Drummond, Walsh, Hamilton.

#### Under 12.

June 3rd.—v. G.P.S., at Claremont. Won. (C.C.S., 12.13; G.P.S., 3 points). Best players:—For S.P.S.: Unmack; for C.C.S.: Calthrop iii., George, Bowes.

### FOOTBALL CHARACTERS.

TODD.—(Ruck). Has captained the team well. Never knows when he is beaten, but trusts rather too much to his own ability to break through, instead of passing. Very good mark and kick.

CALTHROP i. (Centre Half-Back).—Vice-captain. Knows how to use his weight and speed. Will be greatly missed in the back line next year. Good kick but only a fair mark.

ROBERTSON (Full Back Left and Full Forward).—Has plenty of weight but seems unwilling to use it. Has done good service, especially forward. Fair mark and kick.

- MAY i. (Goalkeeper).—Must learn when to leave his goals and when to stay. His improved greatly. Fair mark and kick.
- BULL (Full Back Right).—Rather clumsy and inclined to let his man get in front of him. Tries hard. Fair mark and kick.
- ATHEY (Left Half-Back).—Rather slow, but bucks in well. Good mark, fair kick.
- BROWN ii. (Right Half-Back).—A good steady player, though rather slow. Poor mark, fair kick.
- MUDGE (Left Wing).—Has the makings of a good player. Is inclined to leave his man unmarked. Good mark and kick.
- BALME (Centre).—Is inclined to take things too easily. Good mark, splendid long kick.
- CHRISTISON (Ruck).—Has played well during the year, though he is rather light for the ruck. Another good mark and kick.
- GILES i. (Rover).—Has filled the position well. Is rather too fond of handball. Good mark and kick.
- JONES (Right Full Back).—A good solid player who uses his weight to the best advantage. Fair mark, good kick.
- DRUMMOND (Left Half Forward).—A clever and unselfish player, but inclined to become excited. Good mark and kick.
- PORTER (Centre Half Forward).—Very useful in the forward line. Can always be depended on to give a lead. Marking and kicking both good.
- LYNN (Right Half Forward).—Takes full advantage of his speed, but should practice combination a little more. Fair mark. Kicking rather erratic.
- HULL i. (Right Wing).—Inclined to fumble the ball but compensates for this by his willingness. Marking and kicking only fair.
- LOVEGROVE (Right Full Forward).—Usually makes good use of the ball when he gets it. Fair mark and kick.
- WALSH (Centre Full Forward).—A tricky little player. Rather inclined to hold the ball too long. Fair mark and kick.

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#### The Day Boys v. Boarders Match.

Played on the Show Grounds, on 29th July, 1920.

(S. B. P.)

Everything was entirely in favour of a good game at the commencement of the play. Both sides had their full

teams and the ground was in excellent condition. The first ten minutes' play was very fast, and at the end of that time the first score of the game was made by Christison, for the Boarders. This was followed, after an interval of about three minutes, by a goal, scored by Lynn. Later Giles ii. secured a goal, and at quarter time the scores were Boarders 1.2, Day Boys 1.1.

In the second quarter, goals were secured for the Day Boys by Giles i. and Mudge, and for the Boarders by Hamilton. At half-time the Day Boys had gained the lead, the scores being 4.3 and 2.5.

During the third portion of the game, Christison secured a goal for the Boarders, by a brilliant long angle shot, and Ewing and Calthrop scored for the Day Boys. At the next interval the Day Boys were 5.5, to the Boarders 3.7.

In the final quarter, Lee i. and Porter gained goals for the former, and the game, which had been decidedly interesting and exciting from the point of view of the spectators, came to a close, the scores being 7.7 to 3.7, and the Day Boys coming out victorious.

During the game admirable combination was displayed by both teams. Giles i. and Calthrop being particularly prominent for the Day Boys. Todd played his usual good game, and Lynn, Christison, Robertson, Drummond, Balme, Porter and Mudge played excellently.

Of the Boarders, both Lynn and Drummond hit the post, and of the Day Boys, Calthrop.

Mr. Beere umpired splendidly, and to the complete satisfaction of both teams.

Altogether it was a most exciting and enjoyable match, and the return match, to be played on August 12th, is being looked forward to, with keen expectation by all.

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#### The Games Ground.

The grass on the field has grown splendidly during the summer, especially on the western half, which was practically trenched ground. When the warm weather

sets in again in a month or two, the few bare patches which still remain will soon be covered.

The soil for the wickets was spread by the members of the First XI. during last term. This was very heavy work and took some time. At the same time grass was planted, but owing to the very hot spell of weather, the couch evidently died, as very little of it is showing up. This will be remedied by replanting early in September. We give in this issue a picture of the ground as it appears from Claremont Avenue. Mention was made in our last issue of the repayment of Mr. Henn's loan. This involved an advance, by Mr. Lynn, of about £40. Consequently the Headmaster will very gratefully receive any further donations towards this amount in order to reimburse Mr. Lynn. Will those parents or friends who have not yet helped towards this object please accept this as an invitation to do so.

Below is a list of those who have already subscribed:

Rev. P. U. Henn . . . . .	25 0 0
*S. R. L. Elliot, Esq. . . . .	50 0 0
G. P. Marrie, Esq. . . . .	1 1 0
H. de Castilla, Esq. . . . .	1 1 0
S. C. Noake, Esq. . . . .	5 0 0
Mrs. J. D. Christison . . . . .	10 0
A Sandover, Esq. . . . .	2 2 0
R. A. Christison, Esq. . . . .	1 1 6
Mrs. A. S. Smith . . . . .	1 0 0
A. H. Drake-Brockman, Esq. . . . .	10 0 0
S. McConnell Brown, Esq. . . . .	2 0 0
T. F. Duncan, Esq. . . . .	2 2 0
J. Adamson, Esq. . . . .	1 1 0
W. J. Waldie-Forbes, Esq. . . . .	1 1 0
J. M. Hill, Esq. . . . .	3 3 0
E. Wann, Esq. . . . .	10 6
A. Norrie, Esq. . . . .	1 0 0
F. H. Stevens, Esq. . . . .	10 6
G. D. S. Beresford, Esq. . . . .	1 1 0
W. C. John, Esq. . . . .	1 1 0
T. S. Merfield, Esq. . . . .	2 2 0
Mrs. J. Prior . . . . .	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

P. T. Hamilton, Esq. . . . .	1 0 0
Mrs. W. Evans . . . . .	2 2 0
Mrs. G. M. May . . . . .	10 0
Total . . . . .	<u>127 11 6</u>

\* For wickets.

At the end of last year there was still owing a balance of £133 16s. 6d., half of which Mr. Lynn generously undertook to raise. The School Council contributed the other half, amounting to £66 18s. 3d. The result of Mr. Lynn's effort is as follows:—

T. Robertson, Esq. (2nd Don.) . . . . .	1 1 0
H. V. Calthrop, Esq. . . . .	1 1 0
G. P. Marrie, Esq. (2nd Don.) . . . . .	1 1 0
S. 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. (2nd Donation) . . . . .	4 0 0
A. N. Lord, Esq. . . . .	1 1 0
S. McC. Brown Esq. (2nd Donation) . . . . .	2 2 0
S. H. Sudlow, Esq. . . . .	0 10 6
W. G. John, Esq. (2nd Donation) . . . . .	2 2 0
M. B. Drummond, Esq. . . . .	1 1 0
Hon. R. J. Lynn (2nd Donation) . . . . .	5 5 0
Akroyd Stewart, Esq. . . . .	2 2 0
Hon. R. J. Lynn (Advance) . . . . .	40 6 9
	<u>£66 18 3</u>

The expenditure to date on the wickets is as follows:

Purchase of Moora Soil . . . . .	30 0 0
Less Rebate as Donation from E. M. Riley, Esq. . . . .	6 0 0
	<u>24 0 0</u>
Railage, etc on Soil . . . . .	7 16 0
Sundry Expenses . . . . .	0 18 4
Edwards & Co., Base to Wickets . . . . .	12 0 0
Cartage, Soil . . . . .	1 17 6
Balance in hand . . . . .	3 8 2
	<u>£50 0 0</u>

From this it appears that Mr. Lynn advanced the necessary sum of £40 6s. 9d. in order to square the account, and the Headmaster would be glad of any donations towards returning this amount to Mr. Lynn.

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**A Visit to H.M.A.S. "Sydney."**  
(R.S.L.)

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On Tuesday, July 7th, by the kind invitation of Capt. Cayley, Commander of H.M.A.S. Sydney, Captain Dundas took some forty boys to inspect the ship.

The Sydney is perhaps the only boat in the Australian Navy that has been in action against Germany.

On arrival at the ship we broke up into five parties, each under the command of a seaman.

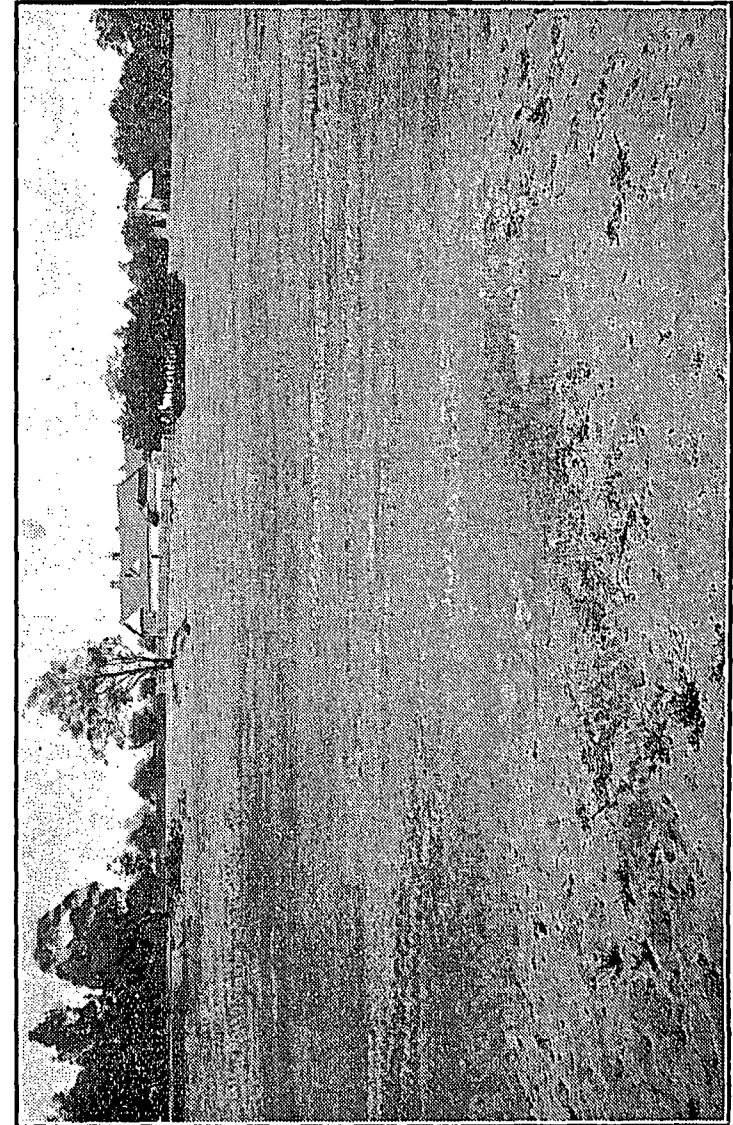
The party which I was with was under the command of a wireless operator, and he showed us every place in the ship.

We first went to one of the large guns, and were shown everything of interest; in turn we went to view the searchlights, captain's bridge, and the control tower, which we found highly interesting.

After seeing everything on deck, we were taken through the mess rooms, and the kitchen. Here we had the good luck to see the evening meal being prepared, but the most interesting part was yet to come: the wireless room. The party went into the wireless room, and our friend kindly sent out a message for us, after first disconnecting the aerials.

This room is a very interesting place, having huge sound proof doors so that no one on the outside of the room can hear the message that is being received or sent. When we came out of the room, it was some minutes before we could hear distinctly, owing to the tremendous buzzing noise the wireless had made.

After leaving the wireless room we were taken over the engines and the stoke hold. On the way back to the deck we saw one of the ship's pianos, and some merriment



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was caused by some members of the party trying to play it.

We had a most delightful time on board, and we would like to thank Captain Dundas for his kindness in taking charge of the party.

The Sydney left the following day, and this wireless message was despatched:—

“ Captain Cayley, H.M.A.S. “Sydney,”—

“ Boys Christ Church School send greetings and thanks to captain, officers and men of H.M.A.S. Sydney.”

The next day the following radio was received:—

“ Radio, H.M.A.S: Sydney, in the Bight:—

“ Captain Dundas, Claremont,

“ Please thank boys for their kind message. I hope to see many of them on board when I next come to Fremantle. Captain Cayley.”

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#### Fourth Annual General Meeting of Old Boys.

The Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Old Boys' Association was held at the School on Friday, March 12th. An apology was received from Mr. Noake President of the Association, who, owing to illness, was unable to be present. The chair was occupied by Mr. Brooking, Chairman of the Association. In declaring the meeting open, Mr. Brooking deplored the fact that there were not more Old Boys present.

The report of the retiring Secretary, Mr. Battye, was read and accepted. This report is printed elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Piesse, the retiring Treasurer, then read his statement of the year's transactions, and also the report of the Association's Auditor, Mr. Samson, both of which were accepted. Mr. Samson's advice re the formation of a finance committee was taken, and it was decided to form a finance committee of the Secretary, Assistant-Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman.

The election of Office-bearers for the year 1920-21 resulted as follows:—

President, S. C. Noake, Esq., B.A.; Vice-Presidents, Canon W. J. McClemons, M.A., A. H. Drake-Brockman, Esq., W. H. Hope, Esq., J.P., S. McC. Brown, Esq., M.L.A., J. V. Brown, Esq.; S. R. L. Elliott, Esq. and F. M. Sydney, Esq.; Hon. Secretary, J. E. D. Battye, Esq.; Assistant-Secretary, J. C. Rooney, Esq.; Hon. rTreasurer, K. R. W. Piesse, Esq.; Chairman, M. S. Brooking, Esq.; Hon. Auditor, Mr. Samson; Committee: Messrs. Whitlock, Adamson, Groom, Jacoby, and Gloucester.

The question of subscription for membership to the Association was discussed, and it was decided to raise it from 3/6 to 5/- per annum. The Secretary was instructed to inquire into the questions of the “Mitre” and also a badge for the O.B.A. After a discussion about the Withnell Memorial, the meeting was closed.

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#### Old Boys' Dinner.

The fourth annual Old Boys' dinner was held under the auspices of the O.B.A. on Saturday, June 12th. The Committee was very disappointed at the small number of Old Boys present. Out of over one hundred Old Boys who received notification of this important event, only about forty turned up. This was a most disheartening number, especially to the School Matron, who had done so much for us.

As in previous years, Miss Backhouse gave the Committee her very capable assistance. Her efforts entirely were responsible for the most inviting repast placed upon the tables, which were daintily decorated with the School colors. The School dining room, kindly lent for the occasion by the headmaster, Mr. Noake, was hung with the School colors, the lights being decked with fern.

Mr. Noake, President of the Association, capably performed the duties of Chairman. The guests of the evening included Misses Ross and Backhouse, Capt. Dundas, Messrs. Hope, Brown, Beere, Makeham, and

Canon McClemons. Apologies were received from Mesdames Noake and McClemons. At the close of the dinner the usual toasts were honored, and the Old Boys then proceeded to the common room, where a general meeting was held.

Arrangements had been made to hold a euchre tournament after the meeting. However, before the business of had been completed, Canon McClemons entered and informed us of the sad death of Mr. Noake's son, who had been born that same year. A motion of sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Noake was passed, and the meeting was brought to a premature close. A light supper was partaken of, and the guests dispersed.

On behalf of the Old Boys I would like to take this opportunity of conveying to Mr. and Mrs. Noake the sincere sympathy of the Association and the Old Boys generally.

### Annual Report of the Christ Church School Old Boys' Association

For Year ending 29th February, 1920.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,—

I have much pleasure in presenting to you the Third Annual Report of the Christchurch Old Boys' Association, the said report being for the year ending 29th February, 1920.

The Third Annual General Meeting was held at the School on the evening of Friday, April 11th, 1919. The attendance of Old Boys was small, and by no means edifying to those who had done the hard work for the year, namely, the office-bearers of the Association. During the evening the minutes of the previous A.G.M. were read and confirmed, and the constitution was read through and strengthened thus: Clause 6 was altered to read, "That the financial year shall date from March 1st in each year." This alteration made it necessary to alter Clause 9 to read thus: "That the Annual General Meeting be held on the second Friday after March 1st." While I am talking of the Constitution, I would like to say that it is extremely weak on one or two points, which we will discuss later.

The election of office-bearers for the year 1919-20 resulted as follows:—

Mr. Noake was re-elected President.

The following gentlemen were elected.—Vice-Presidents: Canon W. J. McClemons, W. H. Hope, S. Elliott, A. H. Drake-Brockman, W. T. Loton, A. Daffin, Chaplain P. W. Daimpre, J. Jennings, Boys (Sen.), de Castilla (Sen.), J. S. Battye, W. Watson, and J. V. Brown. Secretary: Mr. J. E. D. Battye. Assistant Secretary: Mr. J. de Castilla. Treasurer: Mr. K. R. W. Piesse. Chairman: Mr. M. S. Brooking. Committee: Messrs. I. Jacoby, T. C. Parker, J. Rooney, B. Johnson, and L. Woodroffe.

Following upon the election of office-bearers, came the question of a more lasting Roll of Honour, and also a memorial for an old school pal, the late Private Algy Withnell, who was the only Christchurch boy who died a hero's death, fighting for his God and his Country. Both these matters were left to the discretion of the Committee.

During the year the Committee has changed considerably. Early after his election, Mr. Rooney left the city for Geraldton, and duly tendered his resignation from the Committee. At an extraordinary general meeting held after the Annual Dinner on June 21st Mr. Rooney's resignation was read and accepted, Mr. Whitlock being elected to fill the vacancy. At a Committee Meeting on September 17th, Mr. Castilla tendered his resignation, as he was leaving shortly for Broome. Mr. Castilla's resignation was read and accepted, and Mr. Duncan was elected to fill the vacancy on the Committee. Mr. Whitlock was requested and consented to act as Assistant Secretary for the remainder of the financial year. In November, Mr. T. Parker resigned, on account of his leaving for Rangoon at an early date. Mr. Adamson was elected to fill the vacancy. As will be seen, the personnel of the Committee has changed considerably, this tending to impede rather than accelerate the progress of the Association, although the back-bone of the Committee has been strong right through.

During the year, the Committee has held 12 ordinary meetings and one extraordinary. In considering the following list of attendance, it will be necessary to take into consideration the already mentioned changes in personnel. The total number of meetings was 13, and of these, Mr. Battye attended 13, Mr. Brooking 10, Mr. Piesse 10, Mr. Castilla 8, Mr. Whitlock 8, Mr. Jacoby 7, Mr. Johnson 7, Mr. Parker 5, Mr. Adamson 4, Mr. Woodroffe 2, Mr. Duncan 0, and Mr. Rooney resigned before any Committee Meetings were held.

Throughout the year the Committee has worked hard and well, and above all things in perfect harmony with one

another. They have rendered the Association signal service, and though their actions may not have pleased everybody, I feel certain that the bulk of financial Old Boys are satisfied with their efforts, and, of this I feel more certain, that the Committee itself is quite satisfied. Of course, there were some slackers, as the above list has shown plainly, but in my opinion, the back bone of the Committee is "nulli secundus," and if broken, will not be for the good, the prosperity, or the advancement of the Association along the correct lines.

During the year the Association has held several functions. The Annual Dinner was a success socially, though financially it drained the resources of the Association from the outset. This year it is intended to charge the Old Boys a little in advance of last year, for the taking at that date barely paid the expense of the maids who washed up.

On the 29th July, the Third Annual Dance was held in Princess Hall. In my opinion it was quite as successful as the previous annual dances, again socially, but not financially. We were unfortunate in that the influenza epidemic was then at its height, this accounting for the absence of very many of our friends.

After the School Sports on October 19th, a theatre party was formed of Old Boys, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Two months after, 19th December, a dance and euchre tournament was held in the School Dining Room. This event swelled the funds to the extent of some twenty-five shillings.

On Saturday last, the annual cricket match, Old Boys v. Present Boys, was played, and resulted in a win for the Present Boys. However we intend to beat them next year. In the evening a welcome home to returned Old Boys was held in the Parish Hall, Claremont. Although slight impediments occurred early in the evening, these were overcome, and I feel sure that everything went with a swing. This event swelled the funds further, for we have £3 3s. on hand, and have paid all expenses. I would like to point out that this sum should be added to the £1 15s. balance the Treasurer has on hand, for we were unable to include this last function in the balance-sheet for the financial year, as the books closed on the previous Monday.

The question of a suitable memorial for the late Algy Withnell has been discussed by the Committee. It was decided to commence a Memorial Fund, and with the money therefrom to erect a lasting tribute to the memory of our only Christchurch School pal killed on the battlefield. An enlarged photograph of Withnell has been purchased and framed, and it is our wish to erect a brass tablet in the School dining hall, and hang the picture above. To do this

the funds need to be enlarged. Who will help?

I will request those present to pay particular attention to the reading of the Constitution later. In my opinion Clause 5 (re subscriptions) may be altered considerably. I would suggest that the subscription should be raised. Most of us are getting on in years, and an extra few shillings per year for subs. will be neither here nor there to us individually, while to the Association, it will mean much. It is impossible for a committee to run an Old Boys' Association when it has to stop at every proposal and say "where's the money coming from?" Money brings money. If we invest substantially in the Association, advancement is sure, where as up to the present time the Committee has had to take every precaution lest it should land the Association in bankruptcy. The number of financial members by no means compares favourably with the number of Old Boys, and this year it should be the aim of the office-bearers to try and persuade all Old Boys to become financial members.

If this Association can become financially secure, it will be of far more assistance to the School, our Alma Mater. I call upon the Old Boys to stand together to assist their Association, that their Association may assist the School.

I am pleased to see a number of Returned Old Boys with us to-night, and look upon them, as older Old Boys, to give us assistance. In conclusion, I feel safe in saying that the Association is progressing slowly, but surely and steadily, and hope that next year will see a big advancement.

JAMES E. D. BATTYE, Hon. Sec.

### Old Boys' Dance.

The fourth annual dance of the Old Boys' Association was held on Monday, August 2nd, in Princess Hall, Claremont. Dancing commenced at 8 p.m., and continued until the "wee sma' hours" of the morning. Mrs. Miller, as of previous years, gave every satisfaction in supplying us with music. The hall was gaily decorated with palms, ferns, and Chinese lanterns. The supper was catered for by Mr. Edwards, the tables being prettily decked with the School color, blue. Altogether things went with a great swing. From the gallery the hall presented a most spectacular color scheme, the gay frocks of the ladies being toned down by the sombre black and white of the gentlemen's evening attire.

Amongst those present were:—Mesdames Noake, Holt, Manner, Lord, McLaghern; Misses Backhouse, Brine, C. Ross, J. Hodge, N. Walker, Lapsley, M. Stevens, E. Riddle, F. Ledger, E. and D. Ross, G. and F. Lukey, M. Maxwell, T. Rouse, and Dr. and Mrs. Tregonning.

Since its inauguration, in 1917, the Old Boys' dance has been more successful each year. The fourth annual dance eclipsed all its predecessors, and though it has taken its place amongst the big social events of the season, we have hopes of seeing it, in future years, larger, bright and more successful still. Next year's function is already looked forward to by everyone.

#### Old Boys' Association Notes.

The following paragraphs will give all Old Boys a chance of knowing what has become of their old school pals. The Secretary is always anxious to receive letters from ex-students of Christchurch, to hear of their doings, and to let others know through these columns, what news he has of chaps who rushed into class with us when the Canon, standing on the school steps, clapped his hands and called "Time's up!"

Mervyn S. Brooking is at present in the Nor'-West. Tiring of the city, Merv. decided to see a little of his own State, and, joining a shearing team, he left in May last on a six months tour of the sheep stations up north. In a recent letter Merv. related many of the new experiences he had encountered, and on the whole is enjoying the trip immensely.

Kieth R. W. Piesse is to be seen in the Terrace any day about 10 a.m. or 3 p.m.

Jack C. Rooney, still as talkative as ever, pushes pens down Fremantle way. He views with dissent the likelihood of a strike which would include him in the "out-of-workers."

Keith Whitlock has been transferred to the Dowerin branch of the National Bank. Though it did not meet with his favour, we have no doubts that the change will

do Keith good. Still, all Old Boys and many "young girls" will be glad to see Keith's smiling face among us again, when the "heads" decide to bring him back to the city.

Douglas Balme, recently down from the North-West, remained a few days in Perth before proceeding to Yoting, where, together with his brother, he is leading a pastoral life.

Teddy Hayward, with his cap at the approved "Jellicoe angle," and with the typical lordly air and easy gait of a sailor on shore, still monopolises the fair sex of the village. Teddy had quite a long yarn to his namesake, the Prince, during his visit to Fremantle.

Newnham Porter, who was at Birkhamstead O.T.C. for 6 months prior to the Armistice, is now with the Fairfield Engineering and Shipbuilding Co., and is studying to be a marine engineer. He has passed his second year examinations at the Royal Technical College, Glasgow, with a percentage of more than 80 marks, which carries with it a first-class certificate to date.

He is now enjoying a week's holiday touring the Lake District, before commencing on his new year at the College.

Phil Parker, who, since his departure from Perth, has been evincing scholastic and sporting fame in England and the Indian Army, has been on field service at Ali Mazjid, and Laudi Kotal, in the Khyber Pass for the greater part of this year. In April he commanded a small detachment of cavalry for several weeks whilst checking "visual communications," all this work being done in rocky, bushy hills many miles from the beaten track. On return to Headquarters he found that he had gained his second "pip," and is now a full lieutenant. During June he was at Abbotabad, where he took a mountain warfare course, and found it all extremely interesting.

Tom, Phil's "little" brother, has settled well into his work with the Burma railways, and out of office hours is

swotting hard at Hindustani, in which subject he hopes to sit for examination in the near future. At present he is acting for one of his senior officers, who is away on sick leave, and has charge of the Cash and Pay Offices.

John Lang is enjoying an extremely wet winter at Penang, Malay States. We would like to hear more of him.

Frank Manford, ever out for new experiences, has gone to South Africa, as cook on a trading boat. Frank was ever with new ideas, and he seems to have the wanderlust very badly.

"Derf" and Mr. S. Cox, since their arrival in this State, have been residing in Claremont. They intend to take up residence in North Perth as soon as possible. They both look the picture of health and happiness, and we all wish them well, and hope that Mrs. Cox will learn to love our great State of great possibilities.

Jock de Castilla, with the W.A. Bank at Broome, is enjoying splendid health. He likes the life immensely, and says the weather has been perfect.

All Old Boys are invited to contribute to this column. Kindly address all correspondence to James E. D. Battye, Public Library, Perth.

" Box 269 G.P.O.,

" Perth, 17th June, 1920.

" S. C. NOAKE, Esq., Claremont.

" Dear Mr. Noake,

" By a recent mail we received advice from our son Philip that he had been promoted to full lieutenant, after 12 months' service.

" The enclosed typed matter is an extract from the official paper, and as an " Old Boy " of Christchurch School I thought you would be interested in the progress he is making in his profession.

" Yours truly,

" A. L. PARKER.

" EXTRACT FROM GAZETTE OF INDIA, NO. 17.

" Saturday, April 24th, 1920.

" PROMOTIONS.—Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants—  
Philip White Parker, attached 1/61st K.G.O.  
Pioneers, dated 15/4/20."

### **The British Regiments in the Great War.**

It is a pity that so little is known in Australia of the feats of British regiments in the Great War. It is only natural that Australian families should be more interested in their own relatives and friends, but they should know what the British Army did, and how it kept up the great tradition, the tradition that has made the Empire what it is. I have had considerable experience as a soldier, off and on since 1886, thirty-four years ago. This is no story of my career, but, simply to show that I know what I am talking about when I talk of soldiers, I may say that I was trained as a cadet at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, served in Regular Infantry, Regular Cavalry, Imperial Yeomanry, Territorials, and on the Staff; and served in Indian Frontier campaigns, in the South African War, and with the B. E.F. in the Great War. I was a brother officer of Sir William Birdwood's in the Punjab, and of Lord Allenby's in England, and most of the Generals in the Great War were my contemporaries; and here the personal element goes out of this yarn, except that Sir Horace Beauchamp, Colonel of the Sandringham troops, was a major in my old regiment, (he was known as the "Bo'sun"), the 20th Hussars, and commanded a squadron of them when I was second in command of another, at Mhow, Central India, in 1897. The other day the "West Australian" had a short paragraph about the loss of the Sandringham troops. On the Gallipoli Peninsula, in 1915, this body of 300 men, under Colonel Sir Horace Beauchamp, pursued some Turks and disappeared. The other day the skeletons of the whole body of men,

not one missing, were found one mile beyond the Turks' position, surrounded by other remains, thus proving that they had all died together, none surrendering or being taken prisoners. These men were all enlisted from the King's estate at Sandringham.

A second case, and one only of many:—

This appeared in the "Orders of the Day of the 5th French Army," on August 20th, 1918, on behalf of 2nd Devonshires (the Shropshires were also mentioned):—

"On May 27, at a time when the British trenches were "being subjected to fierce attacks, they repelled successive "assaults and maintained an unbroken front till a late "hour. The staunchness of this battalion permitted de- "fences south of A to be organised and their occupation "by reinforcements to be completed. Inspired by the "sangfroid of their gallant commander, in the face of "an intense bombardment, the few survivors of the bat- "talion, though isolated and without hope of assistance, "held on to their trenches north of the river and fought "to the last with unhesitating obedience to orders. Thus "the whole battalion—Colonel, 28 officers, and 552 N.C.O.'s "and men—responded with one accord and offered their "lives in ungrudging sacrifice to the sacred cause of the "Allies."

Signed, Berthelot, commanding 5th Army.

There you have it, the old tradition, and older still is the one that the Army does not talk about its own deeds; and these remarks are by a French General; and thus it is that people out here, thoughtlessly, leave the British regiments out of all their ideas of the War, and thus it is that I write these few lines for the "*Mitre*," so that some may read of how in two small isolated cases the old tradition was kept up, as, please God, it will be kept up again, if necessary.

GEORGE W. DUNDAS,  
Captain, late 20th Hussars.