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The Headmaster's Foreword.

"OUR MISSION BOYS."

In this issue, boys, I wish to put on permanent record some of the reasons actuating us in adopting Michael Kirai, and Arthur Ahmar, our two mission boys.

There are three main principles; first that of OBEDIENCE to our Master's last Command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature"; secondly, that of GRATITUDE, remembering that as the heathen are now to us, so we in the far-off days of St. Paul were to the early missionaries; they were content to suffer and even to die, in order to preach of Jesus to the peoples of the West and of distant Britain, so in our turn remembering what Christianity has done for us, we in love should do the same to others; and thirdly the principle of REPARATION. It is quite right that we should dwell in this fair land of Australia, to develop it and make our homes here, but that places upon us the obligation of helping and raising those whom we have dispossessed, the aborigines of Australia. Doubtless much good has accrued to them from contact with our civilisation, but, alas, many of its evils have also gained a footing, and to counteract these evils we employ the power of Christianity, than which there is none stronger.

We do our little share by supporting Michael Kirai, of New Guinea, and Arthur Ahmar, of the Forrest River Mission, in the hope that both these boys as they grow and are trained will eventually become missionaries to their own people.

The cost of supporting these boys is £5 each per annum, which we raise by offerings at our school service

on Friday afternoons. The amount so far is: Offertories £3 8s. 3d., donations £1, fines box 10s. 4d.; total, £4 18s. 7d.



FORREST RIVER MISSION,

28/8/20.

"Arthur Ahmar is one of our small junior boys having been with us from the early days just after the establishment of the Mission.

"His father is a notorious character and is wanted by the police for an accumulation of offences, ranging from cattle killing to man killing. His son he left in our cave, and has very little to do with him now.

"Arthur practically knows of very little, if any, other influence beyond that of the Mission.

"School Progress.—With the advent of the lady workers the scholastic side of the children's education has been characterised by greater regularity than previously. Although somewhat slow, with the application of diligence and attention, Arthur Ahmar will make progress.

"Manual.—His manual duties take him amongst the 'flocks and herds,' in which capacity his enthusiasm finds ample scope for improvement, and painful criticism respectively. In spite of many little delinquencies, his character is steadily improving.

G. R. FREEMAN, A/Supt., Forrest River Mission.

School Notes.

Numbers.—The enrolment this term has reached the highest yet, being 122; boarders 54, dayboys 68. This is a net increase for the year of 15.

Prefects.—The Prefects this term are: R. Todd (head Prefect), K. Calthrop, R. A. Christison (Senior House Prefect), I. Balme, G. May, G. Lynn, J. Bull, and J. Robertson.

As J. Bull, after 8 years at the School, has left, the Headmaster has appointed H. Hill as a Prefect in his place.

Colours.—Colours have been allotted for 1920 as follows:—Cricket: Todd, Calthrop i., Lynn, Christison, Balme, Drummond, Porter, Bull, Giles i.

Football.—Todd, Calthrop i., Lynn, Christison, Balme, Drummond, Porter, Bull, Giles i., Robertson, Mudge, Walsh i., Athey, Brown ii., Hill i.

Swimming.—Calthrop i., Robertson, Dalton i., Balme, Price.

Athletics.—Christison (1920), Lynn (1919), Todd (1919 and 1920).

Honour Blazer.—The Honour Blazer has been awarded to R. A. Christison as Champion Athlete for 1920. This is the only purely School item, for which the Honour Blazer is awarded. This also entitles Christison to wear the Honour Cap with gold button.

Honour Caps.—The following have qualified for the Honour Cap, with blue button:—Balme, Bull, Calthrop i. As each of these has three distinctions to his credit.

The conditions for the award of various distinctions cannot be finalised as yet. This much, however, may be made known, further conditions being postponed till the circumstances warrant their publication.

Prefect.—Badge on hat and blazer outlined in scarlet.
Cricket.—Permanent member of the first "eleven" after a season's play; XI. on right-hand top corner of pocket.
Football. similar to above, XVIII. on left-hand top corner.
Athletics.—Winner of any open championship event, "Hurdles" on right-hand bottom corner.
Swimming.—Similar to above, "S" on left-hand bottom corner. All these are in gold.

The holder of any three of these (of which Prefect may be one), is entitled to wear the Honour Cap, with blue button.

Speech Night.—The annual distribution of prizes will take place in the Parish Hall at 8 p.m. on Friday, 10th December. We should like to have taken a larger hall, but there is none in Claremont with a stage sufficiently large to permit of the display of gymnastics, which proves always so delightful an attraction. His Grace the Archbishop is to preside, and we are glad that his health and engagements permit of his being present with us once again.

Our Xmas holidays will be longer than usual, as we feel bound to respect the "Royal" command for an extra week's holiday, which we did not take last term.

This will bring our opening day next year to Tuesday, 15th. January.

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VALETE.

- Todd, R. A. P.—Head Prefect 1918-20
 Champion Athlete 1919
 Captain XI. 1918-20
 Captain XVIII. 1918-20—entered 1915
 Junior Certificate 1919
- Christian, R. A.— Prefect 1919-20
 Champion Athlete 1920
 XI. 1918-20
 XVIII. 1917-20—entered 1914
- Bull, J. K.— Prefect 1920
 XI. 1919-20
 XVIII. 1917-20—entered 1914
 Junior Certificate 1919
- Eaton, J. B.— XVIII. 1919—entered 1913
- Athey, T.— XVIII. 1920—entered 1919
- Brockman, J.—Entered 1917
- Pearce, A.— " 1917
- Walters, R.— " 1919
- Barwick, J.— " 1918
- Humphry.— " 1919
- Mason, B.— " 1919
- Penaluna.— " 1919
- Melsome, F.— " 1920
- Hogan, K.— " 1918
- Bussell, D.— " 1920

SALVETE.

- Martin, G. J., Mudge, C., Ling, R., Repton, H. N. H., Dickson, A., Lorrigan, P., Bosworth, R. M., Andrew, F., Andrew, C., Andrew, W., Vallentine, O. R., Daly, J., Duthoit, J. G. C. L., Brown, A. M., Dalton, L., Dalton, S., Dalton, H., Unbehaun, A., Unbehaun, N., Bussell, D., Castilla, H., Francis, O., Millar, T., Shepherd, —, Cox, G., Porter, H. S., Mountain, P., Mountain, —, Anderson, R., Stone, B., McLarty, R., Hick, D., George, C., Thomas, V., Coyle, W., Mouan, A., Pearse, C., Pearce, E., Cavalier, F., Patterson, W. (re-entered), Mitchell, K., Mitchell, —, Hickey, J., Robins, J., Bleckyndon, E., Eaton, J. B. (re-entered), Dalziel, J., Adkins, C., Barrymore, W., Millington, L. G.

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The Headmaster was very glad quite recently to receive a letter from Hugh Everard from Lalla Rookh

Station, via Carlindi Siding, Port Hedland, where he is now working. Among other things he refers to his regret at hearing of the death of Algy Withnell, whom he knew very well; they having been fellow-boarders at school some years ago. An interesting article on station life, by Everard, appears in this issue.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jack Pidgeon, Mrs. Pidgeon, and family, at their sad bereavement in the death of Major Pidgeon. The following appreciation appeared in the "Sunday Times" recently:—

"An all-white Irishman went west when Major Jack Pidgeon succumbed at Mt. Lawley last Sunday morning. He was a well-known railway man, and as Deputy Chief Engineer for Existing Lines was one of the best-liked officers in the service. He, with his second son Bill (killed in action), served overseas with the Australian Engineers in Egypt and France, in command of the 13th Field Co. One of his four surviving sons, John, just twelve months ago showed conspicuous gallantry in saving life on the Swan River, and was awarded the Royal Albert Medal. The late Major Pidgeon was 61 when the end came from a nervous breakdown. His widow was the eldest daughter of the late W. G. Knight, ex-Mayor of Albany."

The Games Ground.

We are glad to report that the grass on the wicket itself is growing splendidly, and there is every prospect that it will be in use for cricket next term. This will greatly relieve the present congestion as the only available wicket is at the Claremont Oval. The use of this has been obtained on Mondays and Wednesdays, but when our own is in use again we shall be able to get in much needed additional practice.

The balance of £42 8s. 9d., due to Mr. Lynn has been reduced by the following donations: C. H. A. Stuart Esq., £5 5s.; H. S. Repton Esq., £1; P. Parker Esq., £1. This now leaving a balance of £35 3s. 9d. due to Mr. Lynn.

Perhaps an entertainment or two may be got up to wipe out this amount.

First Eleven Cricket.

("Scorer.")

The first match of the season was played against Scotch College on their own grounds, and under favourable circumstances. Scotch College opened the batting with Horrocks and Bell. The former made the top score with thirteen before he was at last run out. The team was finally dismissed for 57. Todd secured 4 wickets for 23, Porter 4 for 28, and Balme the remainder.

Our team then went in, but the batting was disappointing, with the exception of Calthrop, who kept the wicket up with a score of 13. Wansborough and Gardiner were their best bowlers, each securing three wickets. Our last wicket finally fell for 32. Scotch again went in and this time Bell made 18, whilst Todd secured 5 for 21, and Balme 4 for 24. The last wicket fell for 69. Then our men went in and when time was up there were two wickets down for 67, Calthrop being 32 not out, Todd not out for 10, and Lynn having been stumped for 10. During the match our fielding was consistently good, but it was very hard luck not being able to finish the 2nd innings, thus being lost on the 1st innings by 25 runs.

The second match was played against C.E.G.S. on our home ground. The visitors won the toss and decided to bat. Some very creditable scores were made, Kelsall, making top score with 30 and Watts coming second with 23. Our fielding was not good and 12 byes were procured. Balme bowled well and took 3 wickets for 15. Christison 3 for 37, and Todd 2 for 50. Our team went in and Calthrop top scored with 13. Lynn making second with 10. The best Guildford bowlers were Kelsall i. and Smart, and their fielding was better than ours. The respective scores were 128 and 48, which shows a good margin on the part of Guildford.

Our next match was against Modern School on Subiaco Oval. We batted first, and Christison made top score with 13, Todd coming a close second with 12. McCrae was by far the best Modern School bowler, and

took 8 wickets for about 15. We were all out for 36, and then took to the field. Seven wickets fell for 26, and then Neville and Cummins went in. They kept up the wicket, the former making 22, the latter 15, before their side was dismissed for 69. Balme bowled very well indeed, getting 6 for 22. Christison got 4 for 20. Todd did not bowl up to his usual standard, and did not get any wickets. Our fielding was very good, and showed a marked improvement on that of the Guildford match. Praise is due to Lynn and Christison for excellent catches.

The 1st XI. seems to have been singularly unfortunate so far this season, and the coming matches against Modern School, C.E.G.S., Scotch College, and High School are being looked forward to with keen interest and expectation by all its members, as they then hope to retrieve their lost prestige.

**CRICKET CHARACTERS.**

- Todd (captain).—Good bowler; batting fair, but rather cramped; good field.
- Calthrop i. (vice-captain).—Good bat; very fair wicket keeper; ably backs up his captain.
- Christison.—Good fielder and bowls well; batting only fair.
- Balme.—Usually bowls well; batting improving; fair field.
- Lynn.—Rather awkward in the field; batting and bowling fair.
- Bull.—Left in middle of the term. Tries hard. Batting cramped; fielding fair.
- Robertson.—Fair field; should bat a little more carefully.
- Drummond i.—Good all round; needs a little more confidence when opening an innings.
- Giles i.—Fair field, but when batting should hit more freely.
- Hill i.—Fair field; batting fair, but needs to be more careful.
- Porter.—Fair field; batting weak.
- Athey.—Played for half the term. Only fair bat and field, but improving.
- Wright i.—Fair bat; rather clumsy in the field; will improve.
- Ling i.—Played as emergency several times. Fair field and bat.

C.C.S. v. High School Match.

(Scorer:)

On Saturday, November 27th, our 1st XI. played High School at King's Park. From the commencement much excitement was caused by Mr. Lynn, who was present, offering one shilling for every run over twenty made by any batsman of the visiting team. On winning the toss Todd sent High School in to bat and opened the bowling himself. At the beginning everything went favourably for us, and three wickets fell for 8. Then Stone went in and pulled up the score by making 36. In the end they were all out for 90, which showed an improvement on their early play. Todd secured 3 wickets for 21, and Drummond 2 for 3. Whilst Balme and Lynn each got one. Neither the bowling nor fielding was good, and there were several catches missed.

Drummond and Calthrop opened the batting for us, the later was most unfortunate, and was run out for 1. Drummond batted extremely well, and was finally run out by Balme, who top-scored with 32 not out and batted excellently, earning 12 shillings, which Mr. Lynn had promised. When stumps were drawn we were eight down for 112, and everybody concerned was delighted with such a successful ending to the match which had seemed at first to go against us.

Lawn Tennis.

For the first time the School entered a team in the Slazenger Cup competitions. The four members of the team were: Calthrop i., Lynn, Rooney and Porter. Fair play was witnessed on both sides, but owing to the lack of coaching and practice we were beaten in the first round by Scotch College. The results of this game were:—

DOUBLES.

Oxer and Ure (S.C.) beat Calthrop and Lynn (C.C.S.),
6—1, 6—4.
Munro and Webster (S.C.) beat Rooney and Porter
(C.C.S.), 6—5, 6—4.

SINGLES.

Oxer (S.C.) beat Lynn (C.C.S.), 6—4.
Ure (S.C.) beat Calthrop (C.C.S.), 6—0.
Munro (S.C.) beat Rooney (C.C.S.), 6—3.
Webster (S.C.) lost to Porter (C.C.S.), 6—4.

Withnell Memorial.

The question of a memorial to the late Pte. Algy Withnell has, for many months, been a subject of discussion at all Old Boys' meetings. I am glad to say that, thanks to the Canon's generous offer, a definite conclusion has been arrived at.

Enquiries have been made, and it has been ascertained that a suitable tablet will cost £10 10s, including the cost of erection in Christ Church, Claremont. The actual amount at the credit of the memorial account has been made up to £2 2s., not including several promised sums yet to come.

Canon McClemons has offered to finance the erection of the tablet, and we have undertaken to refund the amount as it comes to hand. It is our intention that the tablet will be unveiled shortly after the school resumes work after the Christmas vacation. Any contributions towards the memorial will be gratefully received by the treasurer, Mervyn S. Brooking, Hill View Road, Mt. Lawley, or the secretary, James E. D. Battye, Public Library, Perth.

“33 King Street, Perth.

“1st November, 1920.

“S. C. Noake, Esq.,

“Christchurch School, Claremont.

“My dear Mr. Noake,

“By this mail I have received a letter from my son, Philip W. Parker, saying that he had seen in ‘The Mitre

an appeal for donations to (1) The Withnell Memorial, (2) The Cricket Ground; and he has asked me, in response to this appeal, to forward out of certain money I hold for him, the sum of One Pound to each fund.

"This I have much pleasure in doing, and enclose my cheque for £2 (two pounds), which I would ask you to deal with in their respective channels.

"Yours truly,

"A. L. PARKER."

Mr. Parker adds the following note:—

"I'm a bit proud to think, that at so great a distance, and after so long an absence, a 'paper' appeal has brought this response, which speaks volumes for his interest still in his old school."

We are sure that we also share in Mr. Parker's justifiable pride, not only for the keen and practical interest that both Phil and Tom retain in their school, but for the steady progress they are both making in their professions. They are both worthy as examples of C.C.S. boys in their affection for their old school and in the way in which they carry out the lessons learned at Christ Church.

Recent news of Tom, in Rangoon, is to the effect that he had sat for his Hindustani Colloquial Examination and had passed the same with credit. Bravo, Tom! Keep going.

Old Boys' Notes.

The following paragraphs will give all Old Boys an idea of what some of their school fellows are doing.

J. Rooney is to be seen about the city occasionally. He has been spending most of his time in the hills lately managing the "estate."

Keith Whitlock captains the local cricket team at Dowerin. In a recent letter he said that he did not expect to be down for Christmas. Keith's winning smile was responsible for his being able to collect £30 in one day as subscriptions towards the Dowerin Cricket Club.

Mervyn Brooking is back in Perth again, putting

the miles behind him with the assistance of a very spic and span Indian.

Assisting his cousin on a South-West farm—Teddy Hayward.

Just a few of the inevitables in Hay-street at 5 p.m. each day: Ian Jacoby, and "little" brother "Smiler," Keith Piesse, "Jumbo" Elgee, and "Roger" Ross—all looking in the best of spirits.

Congratulations to F. Broadhurst and E. Gomme, who carried off Old Boys' prizes at the School sports.

When he last wrote Lieut. P. W. Parker expected to go across India to Burma on three months furlough at Xmas. Tom is in Burma, and Mrs. and Miss Parker have gone up to see him. We hope Phil will manage to get across too, as it is many years since he has seen any of his people.

Alan Farquhar was met recently on a pearling lugger on the North-West coast, by Merv. Brooking. Both are foundation scholars of Christchurch.

Any items for this column should be posted to J. E. D. Battye, Public Library, Perth.

Mt. Lawley,

To the Secretary,

C.C.S.O.B.A., Claremont

12.11.20.

Dear Sir,

I received a long breezy and interesting letter from Phil Parker a little time ago, and as his movements are sure to interest many O.B.s I enclose herewith a few extracts which give one the opinion that Phil and Army life in India are very congenial companions.

I hope you find space for same in the next issue of "The Mitre," because I don't suppose Phil can get time to write to everyone, although, judging by his remarks, he has not forgotten his old school pals, as he doesn't forget to mention the Association before closing down, and sends his best wishes to everyone.

Yours faithfully,

M. S. BROOKING.

"C/o. Thos. Cooke and Sons,
"Hornby Street, Bombay.

"Dear Merv.,

"In February I was temporarily transferred from the 1/61st Pioneers to one of our link battalions, the 2/81st, as the latter were too short of officers to carry on. We had a top-hole C.O., providing you did your work well and took an interest in the company, therefore one had only to be careful and everything went swimmingly.

"In the beginning of April I suddenly received a letter from Division telling me to report to Division Headquarters at once in Jamrad (I was in Landi Kotal at the time, some 20 miles up the Kyber). So I packed up and went to Division, where I received orders to go to Rawalpindi, and from there receive further orders about a signalling job. I had to go with eight Cavalry signallers into the districts to check and report on certain lines of signalling communication. Once I pushed off I was practically my own master and had a very interesting tour. I was well off the usual routes and saw purely the native side of life. . . . Throughout the natives were awfully good to me, especially when I happened to strike a village where there were any pensioned Sepoys or N.C.O.'s. For instance, knowing I was to visit a certain village I forewarned the 'tehsildari' (head man of the district) that I would require grass for the horses at that village for several days. When I eventually arrived there I found villagers posted on all the hills and roads leading to the town on the lookout for me. As soon as I arrived they unearthed a chair for me, while a couple of N.C.O.'s on pension unloaded my camels and got my things ready for the night. Then they brought eggs, milk, &c., and did everything to make me comfortable. During the few days I stayed there several old Sepoy N.C.O.'s and Indian officers came to see me and have a yarn; and when I came to leave one old chap insisted on riding out about three miles with me to see me safely on the road to the next village.

"When that job was over I returned to the 2/81st for a couple of weeks before being transferred back to the old 1/61st once more.

"After a couple of days there I was sent down from the field as the Depot was short of officers. I was very sorry as one doesn't get nearly as much work there, and the open-air life suited me down to the ground. Still, I had to go, and there was no good 'grousing' about it.

"Our Depot is in Ferozepore, which is a very poor station with little to do.

"We had a pretty fair number of new recruits there, and I was given the job of putting them through their musketry course. They are all awfully keen and take to the new life well. Some of the lads are jolly smart, too, not only at drill but at learning English, &c. I had a youngster of 4½ months' service in my

office who could talk enough English to understand anything you told him, providing you used simple words and wrote plainly.

"One week end at Ferozepore our adjutant and myself went out after mugger (crocodile). Unfortunately the river was in flood and we couldn't get any decent shots.

"I am once more in Abbottabad—this time on a mountain warfare course. By the way, I received my promotion to full lieutenant last April, and now have seven, or eight years to do before getting my captaincy. (Good luck, Phil.)

"Things are pretty quiet on the frontier at present, but there is a nasty spirit noticeable on the Punjab, and strikes of all kinds are being very cleverly engineered by some people well backed with money."

I am sure everyone will join in and congratulate Phil on his success at obtaining his lieutenantcy, and wish him the best of luck and further success in the future.

Exam. Notes.

("Casey.")

Our representatives at the public examinations this year showed a decrease on last year's figures. The number presented was sixteen, of which thirteen took the ordinary Junior two the Commercial Junior and one the Matriculation. Besides these five took Latin, six French, and one heroic youth sat for Biology.

The candidates worked well and deserve whatever success may attend their efforts. As a compensation for their strenuous efforts (?) the examination boys were given supper after evening preparation, a privilege which was greatly appreciated by them, as it was envied by their less fortunate friends. Metaphorically speaking the Examination centre was under the shadow of our "Alma Mater."

Fortunately, the weather was tolerably cool for the majority of the papers. However, everything comes to an end at last, and now the bane which has hung over us for so long has been lifted. We now are able to enjoy ourselves without fear of wasting our precious (?) time.

Our Head does not seem very sanguine regarding our chances of success. With the characteristic optimism of youth, however, we hope for the best

Fifth Form Jottings.

("Scribe.")

This term has been a nightmare to 5A, the nightmare being the Junior Examinations. Now, thank goodness, the Exams. are over, and 5A has changed from a hive of industry (!!!) to the other extreme.

Thirteen took the ordinary Junior whilst two took the Commercial. We all have hopes, but whether the Examiner will have when he corrects the papers remains to be seen.

We were rather lucky having the Exams. in the Claremont Drill Hall, for although it was rather warm inside, we did not have to go very far.

As for sports, 5A easily holds its own with the other teams.

It has three members in the tennis pair, five in the cricket team, whilst the champion athlete and runner-up belong to the form.

It was unfortunate that the Head could not take us for our examination camp this year, but the moving into our new premises at Romsey prevented this.

As a compensation for our hard work (?) the Exam. boys 5A were granted supper at night, which little privilege we appreciate very much.

During the term one of our members repeatedly came in late, invariably he had just come back from a message.

We had hoped to see all our members back next term; but unfortunately we have to bid good-bye to Christison and Eaton. Good luck to them in whatever they do after they have left us.

Nothing of any note has happened in our precincts

this term, so the Form notes are very short. However, next term we hope things will look up.

"Scribe" wishes everybody a Merry Christmas and happy holidays, and with these few jottings will drop into oblivion for the rest of the term.

School House Notes.

In this boarding house we have over 30 boys, so you can imagine the trouble it is to keep them all in order, especially towards the end of the term. Of course C. Dormitory is the top Dorm of the house. This is where the aristocrats reside.

There are two boys who have one locker, this is called the co-op. locker, and a lot of fun is caused by them both wearing one slipper only. When asked why they don't wear two, they say that they are co-op. slippers. This Dorm is sometimes rather rowdy (?). One boy tries to sing, and this brings forth a chorus of "Oh! Shut up!"

In B. Dormitory they seem to have a craze for silkworms, it is quite a common thing to go into the Dorm. and see several boxes of these worms lying about. In A. Dormitory only one boy resides. Is there any special reason why he was put there? The Common Room is the general meeting room, and also the most rowdy—when filled with over 50 boys. At present we only possess one piano, and this is well patronised during the week end. A camera craze invaded us not long ago, and camera fields were to be seen at all times of the day, and made a general nuisance of themselves by spilling water in the class room where they used to develop their films.

We have some good talkers here, in fact, one ought to put up for Parliament. Lights out is the time they need suppressing, especially on B. Dormitory, where they talk in spite of repeated warnings. One would think that they had talked enough during the day.

R.A.C.

Fifth Annual Sports Meeting.

The Fifth Annual Sports Meeting was held on 16th October at the Subiaco Oval, and in beautiful weather. There was a very fair gathering of friends and relatives of the boys at the commencement of the afternoon, as the afternoon wore on the crowd grew to over four hundred people. Lieut. Emmott acted as starter, and Mr. Hope, Mr. Dalton and Mr. Drake-Brockman acted as judges.

One of the most interesting events of the afternoon was the contest for the Champion Athlete Cup. The boys competing in this wore a gold band on their singlets instead of the blue band. Last year the Ipoh Cup was won by Todd and Lynn, with 16 points each.

This year A. Christison won the coveted title of Champion Athlete, and G. Lynn was runner-up. The points being: Christison 26, Lynn 14, Calthrop 12½, Todd 12.

The afternoon tea was again handed round by the boys.

Mrs. Noake kindly presented the prizes to the successful competitors of the afternoon.

The following were the results:—

- 100 Yards Open Handicap.—Hill, 1; H. Porter, 2. 11 4-5sec.
 100 Yards Championship.—Christison, 1; Lynn, 2. 11sec.
 220 Yards Championship.—Christison, 1; Lynn, 2. 23sec.
 Hurdles Championship.—Christison, 1; Lynn, 2. 17 4-5sec.
 High Jump.—Christison, 1; Calthrop, 2. 5ft. 4in. (unfinished).
 Long Jump.—Christison, 1; Lynn, 2. 18ft. 9in.
 880 Yards Championship.—Christison, 1; Todd, 2; Calthrop, 3.
 880 Yards Handicap.—Athey, 1; Drummond, 2. 2:38 1-5.
 One Mile Handicap.—Drummond, 1; Athey, 2; Perks, 3. 5:46 4-5.
 Siamese Handicap.—Mitchell and Cox, 1; Cramond and Stuart, 2.
 Wheelbarrow Handicap.—Drummond and Walsh, 1; Todd and Lynn, 2.

- Under 16, 400 Yards Championship.—Fil, 1; Robertson, 2. 12sec.
 220 Yards Championship.—Bussell, 1; Hill, 2. 24½sec.
 High Jump.—Giles and Porter, 1.
 Under 15, *100 Yards Championship.—Drummond, 1; Rooney, 2.
 100 Yards Handicap.—Robbins, 1; Drummond, 2. 12sec.
 Hurdles Handicap.—Drummond, 1; Blechyndin, 2. 19 4-5sec.
 Under 14, 100 Yards Championship.—Mudge, 1; Cavalier, 2. 13 1-5sec.
 100 Yards Handicap.—Mudge, 1; Gibson, 2. 12 3-5sec.
 880 Yards Handicap.—Mudge, 1; Cavalier, 2. 2:43 4-5sec.
 Under 13.—100 Yards Championship.—Sounness i., 1; Cavalier, 2. 13½sec.
 Under 12, 75 Yards Championship.—Sounness i., 1; Marrie, 2. 9 3-5sec.
 Egg and Spoon.—Sounness i., 1; Marrie, 2.
 Sack.—Lukey, 1; Perks, 2.
 Under 10, 75 Yards Championship.—Martin, 1; Sharkey, 2. 11½sec.
 75 Yards Handicap.—Martin, 1; Dalziel, 2; Smyth, 3.
 Under 8, 50 Yards Handicap.—Jennings ii., 1; Sounness ii., 2. 10sec.
 Handicap Cup, Champion Athlete.—Christison, 1; Lynn, 2.
 Old Boys, 100 Yards Championship.—Broadhurst, 1; Gomme, 2. 10 3-5sec.
 Mile Championship.—Broadhurst, 1; Gomme, 2.
 The Sports Committee desire to tender their best thanks to all who helped to make the fixture the great success it was by reason of their help, donations and presence; to the following donors: Messrs. G. P. Marris £1 1s. H. W. Drummond 10s., J. A. Adamson £1 1s., L. D. Dalton £1 1s., R. H. Sudlow £2 2s., A. Hawley 10s., T. F. Duncan 10s., G. Sheppard 5s., G. W. Dundas 10s., Gregory 5s., Cramond 5s., Castilla 5s., Miller 5s., S. McBrown £1 1s., Bland 5s., Wright 10s., Ling 5s., M. B. Drummond 10s., Price 10s., Vallentine £1 1s., Hickey 4s., Repton £1, Eaton £1 1s., S. A. Brown £1 1s., Unbehaun 8s., Shaw £1 5s., Craig 10s., Christison £2, Watson-Williams 5s., F. A. Moore £1 1s., May 10s. 6d., G. F. Moore £1 5s., Todd 6s., Lord 10s., Armstrong 5s., Andrew £2 2s., Patterson 10s. 6d., Blechyndin 10s. 6d., Robertson 10s. 6d., Bowes £1, T. G. Sounness 10s. 6d., Bertrandt 5s., Mc-

Larty 10s. 6d., Hamilton 11s., Hick 10s. 6d., Rooney 10s., Mesdames Dalziel 5s., Cable 5s., Giles 7s. 6d., Lynn 10s., Fulton 2s. 6d., Athey 5s., Lovegrove 10s., Martin 10s., Hill £1 10s., Nonan £1 1s., Pearse £1 1s., Dickson, £2, Gibson 5s., Smith 5s., George 4s. 6d., Lorrigan 5s., Cavalier 10s., Lodge 10s., Prior 10s., (Total, £46 9s.).

To Mr. and Mrs. F. Turner for their trophy of a tennis racquet, to Mr. C. H. Akroyd Stuart for the 100 Yards School Championship Silver Cup, to the matron and domestic staff of the School for their arrangements with afternoon tea, and to all officials who enabled the lengthy programme to be carried out so punctually.

Below is a statement of receipts and expenditure.



RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Donations	46	9	0
„ Balance defrayed from Sports Fund	16	19	4
	<u>£63</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
By Rent of Subiaco Oval	1	1	0
„ Printing	5	4	3
„ Postages and Exchanges	1	13	6
„ Sundry Expenses, Tips, &c.	4	15	0
„ Nails and Binder Twine		9	9
„ Cabin Tea Rooms—Cakes	6	0	0
„ Milk		7	0
„ Soldiers' Sandwich Supply	2	10	0
„ Golden West—Cordials	1	10	5
„ Hire of Crockery	2	0	3
„ Randall—Cartage	1	0	0
„ E. and A. Kelly—Prizes	10	4	0
„ Levinson & Son—Prizes	26	13	2
	<u>£63</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>

Boarders' v. Day Boys' Match.

(Scorer.)

The annual Boarders—Day Boys' match was played in perfect weather on the 20th November. Todd captained the latter team, for which two of the masters, Mr. Brown and Mr. Beere, were playing. Calthrop won the toss and decided to put the Day Boys in, and Todd faced with Mr. Beere at the other end. Balme opened the bowling for the Boarders, and his first over was a maiden. Drummond followed, and with a full tosser, dismissed Mr. Beere with his first ball. Giles i. batted well and made 8 until finally caught out, on a difficult ball, by Lynn. Porter made 9, but Athey top scored with 11, whilst Hill i. made 6.

Wright i. surprised all by securing 5 wickets for 6, thus making the best average, whilst Drummond bowled very well indeed, and got 2 for 5. Balme and Christison each secured one, and the last wicket fell for a total score of 43. The Boarders' fielding was very good. Calthrop back-stopped very well, and the team backed up in an encouraging manner.

Drummond and Calthrop opened the batting for the Boarders with Todd bowling. Both showed good form, and it was some time before the combination was broken by Calthrop being stumped, after having secured 23. Lynn followed, and was dismissed by Todd for a "duck." Christison came in and made 6 before being caught by Mr. Brown. Drummond's wicket then fell for 11. Lovegrove made 8, and Mitchell and Jones 6 each, the total score being 69. Todd secured most of the wickets for the Day Boys, getting 6 for 31. Mr. Brown, Porter and Williams each got one.

The second innings was not completed, but in it the Day Boys showed better form than in the first. Giles i. batted very carefully and well, and top-scored with 24. Mr. Brown came second with 19, while Porter and Todd were not out for 16 and 7 respectively.

At 5.30 stumps were drawn and the match being decided on the first innings was declared in favour of the Boarders.

Romsey Notes. (Reporter.)

Romsey is the house which has been acquired by the School this term.

We have some eighteen boys sleeping here, besides it being the Headmaster's residence and there is no doubt as to the supremacy of this house in the boarding school.

The curiosity of the occupants of the top dormitory has been considerably aroused by the discovery of lists of names which have been posted on the walls in the earlier part of 1920.

The inhabitants of this same dormitory, with the exception of Hamilton, are continually disturbed during the hours of repose by the prolonged and sonorous outbursts of one of our number whose sleeping capacities are unlimited.

Lately the early-morning swim has been started, much to the delight of the Romsey-ites and some of the schoolhouse residents.

The Prefects' Party.

On November 20th, the matron, Miss Backhouse, gave a party to the Prefects. As this was the first one the Prefects had had, it was looked forward to very much indeed. All the Prefects were allowed to bring a lady friend. Four of the eldest boarders were also invited.

The afternoon was spent in playing games and tennis, for which the latter, Miss Edwards very kindly allowed us the use of her court.

One of the most exciting events of the afternoon was the whistling race, for which Miss Woodhouse and Lynn, and Miss Hodge and Christison tied for first place. The greatest surprise of all was Miss Lear's "stepping off the chain," which she won.



Freshwater Bay from Romsey, the Headmaster's Residence. The white roof on the skyline on the left of the picture is Romsey.

At a quarter to seven we all left for the beach at "Romsey," where we all made a very merry party at tea.

Much laughter was caused by Mr. Noake calling upon Jack Robertson to make a speech.

At about eight o'clock, several of the boys proceeded round to Cooper's boat shed and hired five boats. We then took on board our respective friends, and a very enjoyable hour was spent on the river.

At about nine o'clock we all came back for supper, and it was a very tired though happy party that at last left for home.

The Matron cannot be given too much praise for the able manner in which she conducted the afternoon and evening, and we owe her many thanks for the enjoyable time we all had.

R.A.C.

Station Life in the North-West.

Station life in the North-West is not what it is thought to be. Certainly it is mostly riding, but a man is kept busy from one week's end to another. It is not as some people think; some think that a squatter and his men just lie down, and watch the wool grown on the sheep's back, but what with mustering cattle and horses for branding, also sheep for ear marking and tailing you are kept fairly busy. The windmills are generally inspected once a week in winter, and twice in summer. Snakes are also very plentiful up here, including death adder, carpet snakes and spinifex snakes. The death-adder is the most deadly variety of all, and averages from 8 inches (and is supposed to have a springing power of 8 feet though I have never seen it spring yet), and I have seen a good number. Carpet snakes up to any length, (harmless) then there is the spinifex snake, averaging up to 2 feet, and very savage when once cornered. The country up here on which I am working is fairly flat, plane country. Spinifex is the main food for sheep, in the gullies, after heavy rain, is found a little grass and weeds, but mostly spinifex.

We are surrounded by a range of mountains on the east, north and west, which is the home of the dingoes. One of the greatest curses up here is the dingoes (wild dogs), they will round up a mob of sheep and kill from eight to a dozen in a night, just tearing them open and leaving them. One of the jobs most liked up here is mustering the cattle, which are generally running on open country, you then have plenty of galloping fun.

Another job of a station hand is keeping the boundary and division fences in good repair. You generally take a nigger boy with you, also a spring cart, and go around the fences repairing and putting new posts in when required. The life affords plenty of excitement and even adventure, what with snakes getting into bed with you, wild cattle and bolting horses. On one station where I was working, one of the men was breaking in the milking cows. They had the cow roped up all right, but she would not lead up to the bails, so one of the men sitting on the stock-yard rails giving advice promptly kicked her on the butt of the tail, she immediately kicked out with both hind feet and kicked him off the rails. In the summer the heat up here is terrific. We start work at 6 o'clock in the morning, have three hours for dinner and knock off just before sundown.

We are sixty miles from Port Hedland, and 17 miles from the railway-line. I will give you an incident of the strength of the sun. One day last week the manager and I went to have a look around for dingoes, and struck a mob of 16 head of cattle, so away we went after them. After rounding them up, I felt my instep stinging, so I jumped down and the stirrup iron had got that hot that it had burnt right through to the skin.

Humour is not lacking to the life. A man came to a station and applied for a job. He got it. A few days after the boss asked him if he could kill a sheep. "Oh, yes," he replied. Away he went down to the killing pen. That night the cook asked the boss if any sheep had been killed. It appears that the man had cut its throat, but had left it where it lay, instead of skinning it and bringing it up to the house. BOOMERANG.

C.C.S. v. Modern School.

("Scorer.")

A return match was played against Modern School at Claremont on the 1st December. On winning the toss Todd decided to field, and Helson and White opened the batting for them, with Christison bowling. In his first over he secured two wickets for no runs, and then Drummond went on and bowled a wicket maiden. In his next over Christison got two more wickets for two runs, the score then going four for none to five for two. There was one run secured off Drummond's next over and Christison's following one secured three for three. Drummond then got one more for six, and Christison was "slopped" for fourteen, and then Todd went on and in his over the last man was run out. Beresford made top score with fifteen, and they were all out for 29. Lynn caught four out, and Drummond and Todd each one. Three were bowled and one run out. Nine wickets had fallen for thirteen and Beresford then pulled the score up to 29. Christison secured seven of the wickets for 19 and Drummond two for 7, both having shown very good form.

Giles i. and Drummond opened for us, but the latter was unfortunately run out for one in the second over. Calthrop made five before he was given out l.b.w., and Lynn scored the same. Giles was finally bowled by Gray after making 13 by very good batting. Athey scored five fours running, and made twenty-two in the one over, before he was finally caught and bowled by Beresford for 30. Todd made 28, Rooney 9, and Jones 7. Our total score was 103. Beresford having secured five wickets, Gray three, and McCrae one.

Modern School had a second innings when they did better, being two down for 29, Drummond having gained both wickets.

The afternoon's play was very satisfactory indeed, for us, and fully made up for our beating of last week. At the commencement we had not been very hopeful as no less than five of the ordinary members of the team were absent, but the emergencies fully justified their choice, and played very satisfactorily.