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HEADMASTER'S FOREWORD.

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“Would that mine enemy had written a book!” It must surely be some unkind fate which reminds me of such a terrific sentence, as I begin these prefatory remarks, and, were there no other considerations, I should certainly accept the stern rebuke, and give my enemy no handle against me. Unfortunately, there are other considerations; it is customary for the Headmaster to contribute a foreword to “The Mitre” and “What custom wills, in all things should we do it.”

That is all very well as far as it goes, but there are still difficulties to be faced. Custom may force a man to take up his pen, but it cannot make him think, and I confess that I am at a loss to know exactly for whom I am writing this foreword, or even what I am to say. That being being so, I can do naught but seek to give

“To airy nothings

A local habitation (in the “Mitre”) and a name (Foreword)!”

But enough of this “tragical mirth.”—We may divide the world, if there is not already enough division in it, into two broad classes—optimists and pessimists. A schoolboy of average intelligence would probably tell you that an optimist was a cheerful person who always looked on the bright side of things, and made the world a place worth living in. A pessimist, on the other hand, would be to him a veritable bugbear—a person who always looked on the dark side of things, and endeavoured to drive mirth from off the face of the earth. It is well that a schoolboy should think so; it is well that he should range himself on the side of the optimists; that to him life should appear bright.

Time enough for him to think deeply, and, if he see need, to change his views, when school days are over. But those who are no longer at school have, many of them, come to think differently. With them optimism (of a kind) is not the *sine qua non* of life; there are times when the pessimist come off with flying colours. And that is not because they are opposed to optimism in toto, but because they have learned further to subdivide the classes; because, to speak paradoxically, they know that some optimism is thoroughly bad, and some pessimism extremely good. There are, for example, those unthinking optimists who view the world through rose-coloured spectacles; those people who either do not see the evil in the world around them, or else refuse to face the facts of life, and who, therefore, pass rejoicing on their way, deaf to the world's cry of pain, blind to its sorrows. We will none of these. In the opposite scale there are those pessimists whose eyes have not been closed. They have not invented evil merely to indulge "the luxury of grief"; they have not adopted a serious countenance as a mere pose, but they have seen the evil around them, and, heart-struck with the world's injuries, have grappled with the world's problems. Their labours have borne abundant fruit. But perhaps there is something in them, too. Noble men they have been, but their preoccupation with evil has narrowed their vision, left them without hope, and shut them off from the sight of that

"One far-off divine event

To which the whole creation moves."

It would be an interesting task to look into the world's literature, and to ask ourselves the question: Who among the great thinkers have rendered the greater service to humanity—optimists or pessimists? Great names would be found on both sides, but perhaps we should favour that robust optimism which has not refused to face the facts, but which, after seeing all the sorrow, all the evil that there is, can yet exclaim—

"God's in His Heaven,

All's right with the world."

Shallow optimists the thinking man will at once pass by; but he will also pass by, though with respect for his earnestness, the dark pessimist of the Swiftian type, who in his endeavours to raise humanity to his ideal, leaves us with nothing but a feeling of despair. And passing these over, the thinking man will, as we hinted above, probably find himself attracted by the healthy and robust optimism of Browning. Knowing full well the power of evil that lay round him, he was yet the poet of hopefulness, of aspiration, of struggle and manly endeavour; and at the end of his life, when looking back over the past, he could manfully say of himself that he was

"One who never turned his back but marched breast forward,
Never doubted clouds would break,
Never dreamt though right were worsted, wrong could triumph,
Held, we fell to rise, are baffled to fight better,
Sleep to wake."

And now, bathetic—I had almost said pathetic—though it be, let us turn for a moment (and blame Old Custom again) from the almost infinitely great to the almost infinitely small—from literary giants to a Headmaster. This latter, at all events, must number himself among the optimists; a Headmaster who was a pessimist would be an anomaly. Browning's is the philosophy for him. He must have faith in his school: in dark days he must never doubt that the clouds will break; "baffled" he must "get up and begin again," and "fight better." Now, I have faith in Christ Church School. As yet we are a small school, but that only means that we can grow. There is no room for doubt here. We have many things in our favour. The School is fortunate in its situation. Extending right down to the Bay, we have one on the picked positions in Claremont—healthy and picturesque. As a primary and a secondary school we can now train boys from the kindergarten to the University stage, and we want to show parents that the work done at Christ Church School is worthy of the highest confidence. The school cannot work miracles, but, given the material, we believe we can turn it to the best use.

And now, to conclude, just a word to the boys, for upon them ultimately depends the success of the school. Boys, those responsible for your training will do their part—you must do yours. By your work and conduct now and in the years to come; you can be the best advertisement which the school has. You can learn to work hard and to play hard, to value schoolboy friendships, to be honest in word and act. "Knowledge is power"—remember that; but remember too, that knowledge of itself is insufficient. It is not given to you all to shine in scholarship or sport. It is no great matter; you can but make the best use of the ability you are endowed with. But in your schooldays it is given to you to develop character, and when you have gone forth from your school, so bear your part in the battle of life.

"That Nature might stand up
And say to all the world 'This was a man!'"

IN MEMORIAM.

WILLIAM HERBERT HOPE.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of Mr. W. H. Hope. Mr. Hope was always interested in Christ Church School, being a Member of the School Council, and the father of Mrs. Noake. He was, too, a prominent Churchman, and both the School and the Church will be the poorer for his loss. His courteous manner had endeared him to a large circle of friends, and the large funeral gathering testified to his many estimable qualities. Wreaths were sent by the masters, matron and boys of the school, and the Headmaster and the Senior Prefect (Drummond) attended the funeral. We offer our deepest sympathy to Mr. Hope's friends and relatives in the sad loss they have sustained.



School Notes.



Numbers.—Beginning with 94 names on the roll, we have gradually increased our number to 101, of whom 47 are boarders. While this enrolment, especially in regard to boarders, must be pronounced satisfactory, we want to see it increase each term. More boarders can be accommodated, and in a big residential area like Claremont there is no reason why our day-boy enrolment should not be doubled.

Health.—The health of the school has been uniformly good, and save for one or two mild colds there has been nothing to cause the matron any anxiety.

Holidays.—Instead of the usual mid-term holiday, leave away was given from Maundy Thursday to Tuesday in Easter week. Those who remained at school had a thoroughly enjoyable holiday. On Good Friday we attended service at Christ Church. Saturday opened with a treacherous sky, but all cares were at an end when, with our popular and energetic matron and the master on duty, we set off in the afternoon to embark for Point Walter. After a pleasant run across the river, we had tea at the Point, and then returned to sleep the sleep of the just. On Easter Day we all attended the Holy Communion service at Christ Church. Easter Monday was a gala day. The weather was beautiful, and the Matron kindly provided the necessary victuals for a picnic to Point Resolution, where we journeyed in cabs. But all good things must come to an end, and, after a glorious day's outing, we started on the homeward journey after tea.

On the morning of Anzac Day we assembled as usual, but, as the Cadets were called out on parade, we were left to carry on work with a sadly diminished school. After the Headmaster had read prayers, Mr. Coogan gave the boys a short but thoughtful address on Anzac Day and its meaning. In the afternoon the whole school attended an impressive Anzac Memorial Service in the Park.

On May-day a half-holiday was given to see the Inter-school's boatace, but school assembled on Saturday, May 5th, to make up for the time lost.

Visitor.—During the term we were paid a visit by the Rev. E. Hawley, Superintendent of Methodist Schools in the F.M.S. The object of Mr. Hawley's visit was two-fold: firstly, he came to see some of our F.M.S. boys, whose parents he knew; secondly, he wished to say a few words to the boys. In a delightfully simple and attractive address, Mr. Hawley reminded the boys of the products of the Malay States, and told them something of the nature of the country, and what the educational authorities were doing there. Mr. Hawley was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. After dining at school, he was shown over Romsey by the Headmaster, and was charmed with the ideal view of the bay.

Acknowledgments.—We desire to extend our warmest thanks to the Rev. L. W. Parry, M.A., Principal of the Theological College, for being so kind as to draw up a set of School Prayers for use at morning and afternoon school; and also to Mr. R. H. Sudlow, an enthusiastic supporter of the School, for his generosity in giving the Cricket XI. a pair of wicket-keeping gloves.

Presentations.—On leaving the school after six year's service, the late headmaster was presented with a handsome dressing case and a pipe, as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the boys. Mr. Noake feelingly replied. At present Mr. Noake is on the staff of the C.E.G.S., Brisbane, and we wish him every success in his new sphere, and also our heart-felt sympathy in the recent illness of Mrs. Noake, and the death of his father-in-law, Mr. Hope.

A presentation was also made to Mr. J. V. Brown, who left last year to join the Staff of the High School. Always a popular and earnest master, Mr. Brown will be much missed. He has paid the school one or two visits this term, and we are always glad to see him.

Canon McClemens.—It is with regret that we learn that the Canon, an energetic worker for the school, has been in very bad health for the past few months, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Our Future Boatshed.—"To be, or not to be—that is the question." Just before going to press, we learn that Christ Church School may before long be rejoicing in the

possession of a rowing shed and a four. Now that we have access to the water, such a shed will supply a long-felt want in providing us with a dressing shed. Various gentlemen, whose names at present we are not at liberty to mention, have most kindly offered assistance, and we hope, before long, to have a crew on the river.

Honour Badges.—The honour badges came to hand this term, and were received by those boys to whom they have been awarded, namely Calthrop i, Giles i, Drummond and Lynn. The badges were designed by Miss Ross, and are most artistic. Honour badges are awarded to boys who gain their colours in four branches of sport.

Honour Caps.—Honour caps will in future be awarded to boys gaining their colours in three branches of sport.

Congratulations.—Congratulations to Brown, Connor, Evans i and Giles i on their appointment as prefects; to Unbehaun ii and Lord on being awarded their swimming colours; to Drummond, Giles i and Williams on gaining their Tennis colours; to Brown and Lovegrove on being awarded honour caps, and to Giles i, Robins and Rooney on gaining their cricket colours.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

At the University School Certificate Examinations held last November, five of our boys sat for the Leaving Certificate Examination, of whom three gained certificates, while five out of an entry of nineteen passed the Junior. This was the first year that any of our boys had reached the Leaving Stage, so the School has every reason to be proud of its success. There shall be no looking back now, and we feel sure that our percentage of passes will always remain high.

Appended is a summary of the results:—

Leaving Certificate.

	Eng.	Maths	H'try	Bio.	D'ing
H. N. Giles	P	P	P		
H. M. Hill	P	P	P	P	P
C. W. May	P	P	P		P
K. E. Calthrop passed in English and History.					

Junior Certificate.

	Eng.	Maths.	H'try	French	Geo'phy	Bio.	Phys	D'wing
F. Andrew	P	P	P	P	P	P		
G. Connor	P	P	P		P		P	P
W. Evans	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
J. R. Giles	P		P		P		P	P

Commercial Junior.

J. H. Robertson passed in English, Geography, History, Commercial Arithmetic, Elementary Commercial Methods, Bookkeeping.

SPEECH DAY, 1921.

We regret that owing to pressure on our space it has been found necessary to hold over the account of the Annual Speech Day until the next issue.

VALETE.

The following boys left the school at the end of last year.—

Todd, R. A. P., Entered school 1915. Head Prefect 1917-21, Captain of Romsey, 1921. 1st XVIII, 1916-21; vice-capt. 1917, captain 1918-21. 1st XI, 1917-21. Captain 1917-20. Vice-Captain 1921. Champion Athlete, 1919, 1921. Passed Perth Junior, 1919. Left in Form VIA.

Calthrop, K. E., entered school 1912. Captain of Highbury, 1921-22. Prefect 1916-22. 1st XVIII, 1916-21, vice-capt. 1918-21. 1st XI, 1916-22, vice-capt. 1917-20. Captain, 1921-22. Tennis Team, 1920-22. Passed Perth Junior, 1919. Left in Form VIA.

Giles, H. N., Entered school 1914. Captain Romsey, 1922. Prefect 1921-22. 1st XI, 1916-22. 1st XVIII, 1916-21. Champion swimmer, 1922. Tennis four, 1921. Passed Perth Junior, 1919. Matriculated 1921. Left in Form VIA.

Hill, H. M., Entered school 1915. Prefect 1921. 1st XI, 1919-21. 1st XVIII, 1919-21. Passed Perth Junior, 1919, passed Perth Leaving, 1921. Left in Form VIA.

Porter, H. S., Entered school, 1920. Prefect, 1921. 1st XI, 1920-21. 1st XVIII, 1920-21. Tennis Four, 1920-21. Left in Form VA.

Robertson, J. H., Entered school 1919. Prefect 1920-21. 1st XI 1921. 1st XVIII, 1919-21. Passed Perth Junior 1921. Left in Form VA.

May, C. W., Entered school 1914. Prefect 1920-21. 1st XVIII, 1919-21. Passed Perth Junior, 1919. Passed Perth Leaving, 1921. Left in Form VIA.

Watson-Williams, F., Entered school 1912. 1st XI, 1921. Tennis Four, 1921. Left in Form VA.

Walsh, J., Entered school 1917. 1st XI, 1921. 1st XVIII, 1917-21. Left in Form VA.

Hamilton, R., Entered school 1917. Prefect 1921. 1st XI, 1921. 1st XVIII, 1921. Left in Form VA.

Coyle, W., Entered school 1920. 1st XVIII, 1921. Left in Form VB.

Dempster, F., Entered school 1921. 1st XVIII, 1921. Left in Form Remove.

Blechynden, E., Entered school 1921. 1st XVIII, 1921. Left in Form VB.

Lee, J. V., Entered school 1919. Left in Form VA.

Walsh, F., Entered school, 1917. Left in Form VA.

Repton, H., Entered school 1920. Left in Form VA.

Ouston, D., Entered school 1921. Left in Form VA.

Barrymore, F., Entered school 1920. Left in Form Remove.

Stuart, A., Entered school 1919. Left in Form V.B.

Paget, M., Entered school 1919. Left in Form Remove.

Patterson, W., Entered school 1920. Left in Form V.B.

Cook, O., Entered school 1921. Left in Form II.

Adkins, C., Entered school 1920. Left in Form Remove.

Andrew, F., Entered school 1920. Passed Perth Junior, 1921. Left in Form V.A.

Andrew, C., Entered school 1920. Left in Form VB.

Sharkey, B., Entered school 1919. Left in Form IV.A.

Lorrigan, B., Entered school 1920. Left in Form Remove.
 Meecham, P., Entered school 1921. Left in Form II.
 Pearse, C., Entered school 1921. Left in Form IVB.
 Pearse, E., Entered school 1921. Left in Form IVB.

SALVETE.

The following boys have entered the School this term:—

Form v.: *Durkin, F.; Rooney, G.

Form iv.: Cormack, G.; Gregor, J.; Hales, G.; Wardell-Johnson, W.

Form iii.: *Fitzgerald, *Hamilton, E.; Miley, R.; *Shepherdson, L.

Form ii.: Bowers, G.; *Gwmer, B.; McGlew, C.; *Shepherdson, C.; *Shipard, J.; Steel, D.; Young, W.

Junior School: Collett, N.; Lynn, T.; *Maisey, E.; Milne; *Woodhouse, C.

* Signifies a Boarder. (In addition D. Hick, Craig, and Laurie, who were day boys last year, have come in as boarders).

LIBRARY NOTES.

Sports and outdoor amusement have quite naturally filled in much of the time this term, consequently reading has not been indulged in to any extent, but most of the school have patronised the library to some extent. Next term we expect a heavier toll upon our wealth (!) of literature. However, we have had some re-inforcements during term and hope to meet the onslaught somewhat more successfully each month of the winter term.

During the last week of term, a Book Evening was held, resulting in an addition of almost one hundred books. We thank all who helped.

Todd was kind enough to add nine to the library roll, and McLagan eleven. What we want more particularly are illustrated books for the younger boys, whose choice at present is somewhat limited.



Section Notes.



QUEENSLEA NOTES.

It is usually considered "bad form" for winners to exhibit excessive jubilation over the defeat of all rivals, and therefore these notes are written in a spirit of thankfulness, for the superior sporting abilities of the section, mingled with deepest commiseration for the unfortunate sections which must be classed as "also rans."

In every branch of athletic activity the Brown section is pre-eminent; Browns and Brownies have all been most enthusiastic and are, I think, very sorry for the poor fellows who do not belong to US.

Able captained by the Head Prefect, with Brown as his coadjutor, the Romsey section was decisively beaten by 81 runs and the second time by 28 runs, while the Highbury crowd were spifflicated, as Claude says, by 21 runs and the second time by 30 runs.

Lovegrove is another outstanding personality—his swimming, diving and cricket points helping our total very considerably.

The final numbers,—Queenslea, 238½, Highbury, 144½; Romsey, 112, call for no further comments. "We are the people."

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HIGHBURY.

Here we are again, but how are the mighty fallen? From last years' section, we have lost Calthrop (Capt.), Hill, Robertson, Lynn, Owston. Although we are a few points behind Queenslea, we hope to have passed them by the end of the football term.

This term we have played three section cricket matches, won one, and lost two, as we could not play the second one with Romsey we were forced to give the half points, although we would have undoubtedly received the full amount.

Our team was really the best, but lack of experience and nervousness accounted for some of the failures, we had bad luck in not beating (?) Queenslea.

So far in the tennis we have played Queenslea, winning two of the seven points, and none against Romsey, as far as the match has been played. Last year we boasted a tennis four, and not one of the sections could hold a candle to us, and now we are forced to hide our light under a bushel, not one of the last year's team survives.

We greatly miss Calthrop i who left at mid-term, and Giles is now our new captain.

The other sections all think that they know a great deal about themselves, we shall show them that they do not when at the Break-up we are leading by several points.

We look forward to the running, in which we shall undoubtedly gain most points, although our crack runners have nearly all disappeared. Still, we have a good enough team to run the other sections off their legs.

We shall see next term, however, if our premonitions are not correct. The points at the end of this term are as follows:—Queenslea, 238½; Highbury, 144½; Romsey, 11£.

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ROMSEY.

In the term—the first of a new year—we still retain our reputation as the best of the Sections. Even although we have lost several of our last year members, we still have the services of Prior and Hickey for Cricket and Boney Stone for Football.

In cricket, Queenslea managed to defeat us in the first innings, but were rather dubious when we suggested a second innings, while Highbury found an excuse in the wet weather for not playing us.

Although so successful in cricket, we have done even better in Tennis and up to the present not one point has been lost.

We feel it our duty to remind the other Sections that, if they intend to keep within a few hundred points of us, it will be necessary for them to put on a spurt next term.

PREFECT'S JOTTINGS.

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At the beginning of the term we found ourselves in the highly lamentable position of being but five—the reduction caused by the departure into other paths of life of six of our members—Todd (head Prefect), May, Robertson, Hill, Porter and Hamilton.

During the course of the first few weeks we were strengthened by the addition of Brown and Connor, but alas! only to be reduced once again by the loss of Calthrop i and Giles i—the former having only returned for the Matriculation Exam., and the latter, until he joined the staff of Elder, Smith's.

In the last weeks of the term Evans i and Giles were exalted above their previous station in life by inclusion among our ranks. To all these novices we extend our heartiest welcome, saying now with Wordsworth that "We are seven"—to wit: Drummond, Wright, Prior, Brown, Connor, Evans and Giles.

We hear from reliable sources that Giles the elder is mis-managing Elders', while in his spare time he interests himself in the school, particularly the thrice blessed "Romsey" section.

Calthrop has entered his father's firm and is at present wondering whether he likes "Commercial Travelling." We are of the opinion, however, that he liked Christ Church with its accompanying luxuries more so.

One of our members—a youth but lately raised to the "seats above the thunder"—of Falstaffian appearance, recently told our scandalised Headmaster in one of his essays, that his friend Falstaff—we were, at the time, assiduously studying 1 Henry IV—"was a tavern haunter who consumed gallons of sack and a boon companion of Prince Henry's." This was designated by the one in authority as "barbarous cannibalism" on the part of the erring youth. Those who are more intimately acquainted with him, however, merely regard it as another of his vandalic tendencies.

We all have our preferences. Those of Connor and Evans are Maths. and Physics—dull, uninteresting, unimaginative, materialistic. Were their rampant enthusiasm

devoted to something useful—with profuse apologies to Mr. Burnside—they might go far.

But why belittle this harmless mania? Others of us prefer more delightful occupations!

One of our number has left off attending the Technical School, owing to the inability of his boon companion to attend the classes. It would be impossible for him to be divided from the latter for such an extensive period as two hours.

STAFF.

At the end of last year Mr. H. S. Thompson, M.A., formerly Acting-Professor of English in the University of W.A., and for some years Senior English and Classical Master at the Church of England Grammar School, Guildford, was appointed to the Headmastership. The other vacancies on the Staff were filled by Mr. C. D. R. Coogan, B.A., D.S.O., M.S.M., and Mr. B. A. Wheeler. After passing through Oriel College, Oxford, Mr. Coogan taught for many years both as an Assistant-master and as a Headmaster, in English Board Schools, and we have been fortunate in securing his services as Housemaster. Mr. Wheeler, who was formerly with the Education Department, comes to us with excellent credentials, and with a reputation for hard work and patience with backward boys. With their thorough experience of teaching, these gentlemen should considerably strengthen the School Staff, and we trust that their connection with the School will be a long and happy one.

We are glad, too, to have with us three members of last year's Staff. In Mr. K. W. Burnside, B.Sc., the Senior Mathematical, Science, and Commercial Master, we have a master whose activities extend to many branches of school life besides teaching, and whose influence for good is felt outside the class-room. Mr. Beere, who has again taken charge of the Senior History forms, has also proved himself a capable and extremely enthusiastic Sportsmaster; and Miss Ross, aided by Mr Wheeler, presides at "Romsey," in addition to showing examination forms how easy it is to pass in Biology, Geography and Drawing.

SIXTH FORM NOTES.

This form now consists of seven hair-brained industrious youths, who in due time hope to sit for that gem of learning, the leaving certificate. They are Evans, Wright, Prior, Connor, Giles i, Turner and Fulton; and of these Evans and Wright are taking the Leaving this year and Prior the Matriculation, while the remainder will sit next year.

Even we, for all our learning, are not perfect, and every one of us has his foibles and fads, but it is amazing what extremes can be found in so small a number.

We possess some budding experimentalists, notably Evans and Connor, who seem to spend all their time in constructing new and infernal machines for such mysterious enterprises as "the finding of the latent heat of vaporisation of steam," or something similar. We are glad to harbour genius, but when genius makes itself offensive, in ways known only to physicists, we, the stoical and unprogressive, are inclined to object. "Snips" is invariably warned for the last time in every lesson that the punishment for talking is "so and so." Nevertheless, he continues talking and the warnings continue intermittently.

"Jack" calmly informs his masters that any error in his work is due to a mistake on his part.

"Sel's mathematical powers are easily seen to be extraordinary, as he has to take many things for granted, notably that $x=1$. But in this case Connor also shares the misfortune. However, "Sel" boasts of being "an industrious Journalist, and prolific playwright," which makes up for much. "Rupe's" chief pastime seems to be inventing words, the like of which has never been heard of before. He informs his patient companions that he will "Zonk them on the Konkapuch" or "Bozonka." His clever abbreviations of words in the history book often cost him dear.

One of our members has contracted the "comma mania" in his essays, and also forgets to write them in "English." We, however, try to discourage him in this, as it is bad for the rest of the school to know, but so far to no effect. This genius at English is no less a genius

at history, for he informed his admirably patient teacher that he knew all the dates, but did not know what happened on them. Again, he explains his history notes, as being the history book with a few additional explanatory remarks.

FIFTH FORM NOTES.

The illustrious Fifth Form consists of twenty-two members, and all hope to pass the Junior Examination at the end of the year. Of course, we may be optimistic.

We hold our own on the sport's field, as well as in the class-rooms. We have six in the first eleven, runner-up for champion swimmer, and two in the Tennis four; while next term we shall have our share in the football team.

One boy came into the English class, looking very happy, and said that he had written a good essay, but, to his amazement, he was told by the master that he did not know how to write an essay. Bad luck, Geoff, we wish you better luck next time.

One boy is about to be the possessor of a huge fortune. We hope he will donate some of it to the school when he possesses it. Another one is somewhat like a girl, because when anyone sees him, he is doing his hair and we suppose, admiring his handsome countenance. He is rather "ratty" on this subject.

Our last year's Captain of the School is very soon going to England. We wish him the best of luck in whatever he may take up.

Now we hope that everybody will have an enjoyable holiday, especially the Sixth Form, who say that they have to work so hard.

CRICKET NOTES.

We were unfortunate at the end of last year in losing four members of the First Eleven, namely, Calthrop i, Giles i, Porter, and Walsh; and we were somewhat hard put to it at the beginning of this term to fill their places. By assiduous practice, however, the team recovered most of its strength, and did far better than had been anticipated. As far as batting is concerned, we are handicapped by possessing as yet only one wicket which has to be used for both practice and matches. This state of affairs will, we hope, be remedied by the end of the year. Fielding has improved vastly throughout the team, the catching and picking-up being good, though the throwing-in is inclined, especially in moments of stress, to become rather erratic.

The junior teams make up for their shortcomings by their enthusiasm. There is one tendency that calls for correction in every one of our teams, namely, to over-rate the bowling capabilities of the opposing team. We are able to claim, without exaggeration, that our bowling is equal to that of any team we have yet encountered; yet those who, at practice, can paste the bowling wherever they please, meekly succumb to easy bowling. Appended are the results of matches played this term.

FIRST ELEVEN.

(Played 8. Won 3, Drew 2, Lost 3.)

v. Scotch College II. at Scotch College, Monday, 20th March
Result:—Lost.

Scores—

S.C.: 118 (Anderson 44, Stott 20).

C.C.S.: 112 (Brown 19, Lovegrove 18).

Bowling: For C.C.S.—Lovegrove, 4 for 23; Drummond, 4 for 32.

v. Perth High School II. at King's Park, Wednesday, 22nd
March.

Result:—Drawn.

Scores—

P.H.S.: 97 (Perkins 32 retired, Lyall 18):

C.C.S.: 6 for 34 (Lovegrove 8 not out, Rooney, 6).

Bowling: for C.C.S., Drummond, 7 for 22; Giles i, 1 for 20.
v. Old Boys' Association on School Oval, Saturday, 25th

March.

Result—Lost.

Scores—

O.B.A.: 74 (Brooking 28, Williams 14) and 34 (Boyes 8, Williams 8).

C.C.S.: 43 (Lovegrove 9), and 2 for 17 (Mr. Thompson 7, Giles i 6).

Bowling: For O.B.A., Gomme, 8 for 21; Hames, 4 for 14; for C.C.S., Mr. Thompson, 11 for 44; Drummond, 7 for 52.

v. Perth High School II. at Claremont, Saturday, 8th April.

Result—Lost.

Scores—

P.H.S.: 64 (Fowler 15, Kelly 13 not out).

C.C.S.: 47 (Wright 14, Connor 7).

Bowling: For C.C.S., Giles i, 4 for 16; Brown, 2 for 4.

v. Master's Team, at School Oval, Monday, 10th April.

Result—Won.

Scores—

Masters: 18 (Mr. Thompson 6, Mr Beere 5), and 5 for 78 (Mr. Beere 42, Mr. Thompson 24).

Bowling: For Masters, Mr. Thompson, 6 for 18; Mr. Burnside, 1 for 0.

For Boys: Drummond, 8 for 34; Giles i, 4 for 26.

UNDER 15.

(Played 4. Lost 4).

v. Perth High School at King's Park, Wednesday, 15th

March.

Result—Lost.

Scores—

P.H.S.: 108 (Parker 48, Smith 13).

C.C.S.: 93 (Lovegrove 46 not out, Mouan 15).

Bowling: For C.C.S., Hales, 3 for 7; Lovegrove, 3 for 45.

v. Scotch College at Scotch College, Monday, 27 March.

Result—Lost.

Scores—

S.C.: 76 (Inverarity 27, Hawkes 7).

C.C.S.: 75 (Hill 32 not out, Lovegrove 15).

Bowling: For C.C.S., Hill, 5 for 23; Lovegrove, 6 for 45.
v. Perth High School at Claremont, Saturday, 22nd April.

Result—Lost.

Scores—

P.H.S.: 51 (Law 19, Marshall 16) and 19 (Marritt 6, Tracy 4).

C.C.S.: 38 (Calthrop ii 9, Durkin 8).

Bowling: For C.C.S., Hales, 8 for 9; Souness i, 4 for 2.

v. Scotch College at Claremont, Monday, 24th April.

Result—Lost.

Scores—

S.C.: 55 (Doncon 29, Stephens 10).

C.C.S.: 18 (Calthrop ii 4, Hill 4) and 20 (Gibson i 7, Hill 3 not out).

Bowling: For C.C.S., Hales, 5 for 12; Lovegrove, 3 for 24.

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UNDER 14.

(Played 4. Drew 1, Lost 3).

v. Guildford Preparatory School at Claremont, Wednesday, 1st March.

Result—Drawn.

Scores—

G.P.S.: 30 (Unmack, 8).

C.C.S.: 24 (Souness i, 8), and 30 (Cormack 9).

Bowling: For C.C.S., Cormack, 4 for 4; Souness, 2 for 8.

v. Perth High School at Claremont, Saturday, 18th March.

Result—Lost.

Scores—

P.H.S.: 47 (Law 32).

C.C.S.: 24 (Souness i 8), and 30 (Cormack 9).

Bowling: For C.C.S., Sudlow i, 6 for 16; Corboy, 2 for 3.

v. Scotch College at Scotch College, Wednesday, 22nd March.

Result—Lost.

Scores—

S.C.: 31 (Rose 12, Gordon 8).

C.C.S.: 12 (Sudlow i 5).

Bowling: For C.C.S., Sudlow i, 5 for 7; Cormack; 5 for 17.

v. Woodbridge House School at Guildford, Wednesday, 19th

April.

Result—Lost.

Scores—

W.H.S.: 63 (Burt i 25, Davies i 11) and 55 (Burt i 21, Lefroy 6).

C.C.S.: 35 (Armstrong 13, Bowes 6).

Bowling: For C.C.S., Cermack, 3 for 8; Sudlow, 4 for 22.

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UNDER 13.

(Played 3. Drew 2, Lost 1.)

v. Guildford Preparatory School at Guildford, Saturday, 18th March.

Result—Lost.

Scores—

G.P.S.: 99 (Hall 26, Unmack ii 21.)

C.C.S.: 14 (Sudlow ii 7, Jennings 4).

Bowling: For C.C.S., Berryman ii, 6 for 26; Sudlow, 2 for 14.

v. Woodbridge House School at Claremont, Wednesday, 5th April.

Result—Drawn.

Scores—

C.C.S.: 86 (Miller 14, Sudlow ii 13).

W.H.S.: 8 for 31 (Malloch 16 not out).

v. Woodbridge House School at Claremont.

Result—Drawn.

Scores—

C.C.S.: 86 (Miller 14, Sudlow ii 13).

G.P.S.: 8 for 31 (Malloch 16, Bunt i 6).

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UNDER 12.

(Played 2. Lost 2.)

v. Guildford Preparatory School at Guildford, Saturday, 18th March.

Result—Lost.

Scores—

C.C.S.: 35 (Berryman ii 10, Gregory 6).

G.P.S.: 4 for 41 (Salmon i 16, Sanderson 8 not out).

v. Perth High School at Claremont.

Result—Lost.

Scores—

P.H.S.: 34 (Hall 18).

C.C.S.: 14 (Gregory 6).

Bowling: For C.C.S., Bowers, 8 for 7; Berryman ii, 2 for 24.

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UNDER 11.

(Played 2. Drew 2.)

v. Woodbridge House School at Guildford, Saturday 8th April.

Result—Drawn.

Scores—

C.C.S.: 32 (Berryman ii 11, Sudlow ii 8).

W.H.S.: 2 for 31 (Hall 8 not out, Withnell 7).

v. Woodbridge House School at Guildford, Wednesday 8th March.

Result—Drawn.

Scores—

W.H.S.: 99 (Hall 26, Lennard ii 21).

C.C.S.: 9 for 14 (Sudlow ii 7).

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Runs	H.S.	N.O.	I'ngs.	Av.
Drummond	95	28*	2	8	15.8
Lovegrove	57	19	1	7	9.5
Connor	7	7	—	1	7
Edwards	7	4*	1	2	7
Rooney	34	15*	1	6	6.8
Robins	19	8	2	5	6.3
Giles i	50	25	—	8	6.3
Mudge	25	10	2	6	6.3
Wright	41	14	—	7	5.9
Brown	43	19	—	8	5.4
Hales	9	9	—	2	4.5
Atkinson	12	5	—	5	3
Calthrop	1	1	—	1	1

* Signifies Not Out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Runs	Wickets	Average
Drummond	137	24	5.7
Giles	36	6	6
Lovegrove	87	9	9.7
Brown	41	4	10.3
Atkinson	63	4	15.8

THE FIRST ELEVEN.

- Drummond (Captain).—Has batted well, though not up to expectations. Good bowler, and very safe in the field.
- Brown (Vice-Captain).—Fair but unenterprising batsman, Fielding is not good. Useful change bowler.
- Lovegrove.—Has plenty of scoring strokes, but does not put enough weight into them. Good field and bowler.
- Giles i.—At times has done well with the bat, but is not consistent. Very fair field and good bowler.
- Wright.—Good forceful bat on the off. Has a tendency to step away from leg balls. Good field.
- Mudge.—Has shown great improvement with the bat. At times has kept wickets well.
- Robins.—Is not a good batsman, but tries hard. Fielding good.
- Rooney.—A good bat with plenty of force behind his strokes. Has fielded well.
- Atkinson.—Should not try to score six from each ball. Fielding has greatly improved, and he has on occasions, bowled with marked success.
- Edwards.—Has the makings of a good batsman, though his present style is rather crude. Has developed into a very safe field.
- Connor.—A steady bat, who has improved much. Fielding good.
- Calthrop i.—Is apt to over-rate the ability of the opposing bowler, when at the wickets. Fields only fairly. With practice is capable of becoming a good all-round man.



THE FIRST XI, 1922.

Mudge, Wright, Atkinson, Giles II,
Drummond, Calthrop, Brown,
Hill, Lovegrove, Robins.

THE MASTERS' MATCH.

For the first time, the first eleven this term played the masters, the rest of the team being made up of players out of the second eleven and Dr. Bean, a friend of the Headmaster's. This match was looked forward to very much, because the masters wished to redeem their failure in the match against the Old Boys.

The match was played on the school oval. The master's captain won the toss, and sent the first eleven in to bat. Rooney and Wright opened to the bowling of Mr. Thompson. The latter batsman was bowled before scoring. Then Robins joined Rooney, who made a foolish call and was run out. Brown was the next to go in to bat. Robins scored a single and a boundary off Dr. Bean's first over, and Brown then made one, but was bowled in the Headmaster's next over. Drummond, the next batsman, scored four singles, but fell a victim to the same bowler. Lovegrove was then associated with Robins, these two making a short stand, until Robins was caught off the Headmaster's fifth over. Giles, Mudge, and Edwards respectively went in to add some runs to the score, but the first two fell victims to Dr. Bean and the last to Mr. Thompson before scoring. Calthrop, the next one to bat, made two before being dismissed by the same bowler. Lovegrove meanwhile, was batting very well. Atkinson, the last one to go in, made two, but was bowled by Mr. Burnside. Lovegrove played a very useful innings for 19, the total score being 37. The most successful bowler was Mr. Thompson, who secured 6 wickets for 18 runs.

The masters' opening pair were Mr. Beere and Hill, who faced the bowling of Drummond, but the latter was bowled before scoring. Dr. Bean, who was the next to follow, was also dismissed before making any additional runs. Mr. Thompson then came in determined to stop the rot. Giles took the ball at the other end and cleaned bowled Mr. Beere, who had been successful enough to make 5. Mr. Burnside then joined his captain, who was caught by Edwards off Drummond after compiling 6. Turner, who followed Mr. Burnside, was caught in Giles' next over after making four. Sounness was next associated

with Turner, but they were bowled after making one each. The remaining batsmen failed to add any runs to the score, and the innings closed for 18. The most successful bowlers were Drummond, who procured 7 wickets for 5 runs and Giles, who was successful in getting 3 wickets for 10.

The masters' team were sent in to bat again, and were five wickets down for 76 when time was called. The chief scorers were Mr. Beere, who made 42 and Mr. Thompson, who compiled 24. The match was won by the first eleven on the first innings by 19 runs.

It was a most enjoyable match, the only drawback was that the pitch was not in good order.

PAST v. PRESENT.

Saturday, 25th March, was a day to be remembered by both Old and Present boys, as one of the occasions on which they met to play one of the Annual cricket matches. Unfortunately, the pitch was not in the best condition. The Old Boys' team were Brooking (capt.), Gomme, Calthrop, Boyes, Battye, Porter, Giles, Lynn, Ross, Hames and Williams, while the Present Boys fielded Drummond (capt.), Messrs. Thompson, Beere and Burnside, Brown, Lovegrove, Giles, Rooney, Wright, Mudge and Robins. The Old Boys won the toss and decided to bat. They sent Giles and Lynn to face the bowling of Drummond. The first wicket fell when the score stood at 11, Lynn being caught by Lovegrove off Mr. Thompson's bowling. After about an hour and a half the Old Boys' last wicket fell, and both teams adjourned to the masters' study for afternoon tea.

When the refreshments, kindly provided by the matron, had been satisfactorily disposed of, the Present Boys went in to bat, but were set a bad example by their masters, none of whom contributed materially to the score, the innings closing for 43.

The Present boys were again put in, and were 2 wickets down for 17 when a heavy downpour of rain brought the match to an abrupt conclusion. The best performers with the bat for the Old Boys were Brooking 28 (including two sixers), and Williams, who scored 14,

The bowling analysis was annexed by Gomme, who took 6 wickets for 14; while the most useful of the boys at the wicket was Lovegrove, who notched 9 in fine style.

Mr. Thompson redeemed his batting failure by trundling well, and taking 6 wickets for 31 runs.

Our sincere thanks are due to the Matron who so kindly provided us with a most enjoyable and abundant afternoon tea.

SWIMMING NOTES:

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The annual swimming sports were held in the Claremont baths on Wednesday, 25th February in the presence of a number of parents and friends of the boys. Giles i gained the School Championship with 26 points to his credit, Lovegrove (13 points) being runner-up. The section gaining the greatest number of points was Queenslea, (89½), with Romsey (53½) second, and Highbury, (32) third. The results of the events were:—

100 yds. Open Championship—Giles i (R) 1; Rooney (R) 2; Atkinson, (R), 3.

50 yds. Under 15 Championship:—Lodge (Q), 1; Unbehaun i (Q), 2; Lovegrove (Q), 3; Corboy i (H), 4.

50 yds. Under 12 Handicap:—Berryman ii (H) 1; Unbehaun ii (R), 2; Young (R), 3; Martin (R), 4.

High Dive:—Lovegrove (Q), 1; Giles i (R), 2; Mudge (Q), 3; Corboy i (H), 4.

25 yds. Under 10 Handicap:—McGlew (H), 1; Cantor i (H), 2; Jennings i (Q) 3; Thomas (Q), 4.

100 yds. Under 14 Handicap:—Lord (Q), 1; Cramond (R), 2; Bowes (R), 3.

200 yds. Open Handicap:—Connor (Q), 2; Bowes (R), 3.

200 yds. Open Championship:—Giles i (R), 1; Atkinson (R), 2; Rooney (R), 3.

50 yds. Under 13 Breast Stroke Championship:—Lord (Q), 1; Berryman i (R), 2; Miller (H), 3.

50 yds. Under 11 Handicap:—Unbehaun ii (R), 1; Berryman ii (H), 2; Sudlow ii (Q), 3; Cantor (H), 4.

50 yds. Under 13 Championship:—Lord (Q), 1; Berryman ii (H), 2; Corboy ii (Q), 3; Moore (Q), 4.

50 yds. Open Breast Stroke Championship:—Brown (Q), 1; Giles i (R), 2; Connor (Q), 3; Turner (Q), 4.

50 yds. Under 14, Breast Stroke Championship:—Sudlow i (H), 1; Cramond (R), 2; Berryman i (R), 3; Corboy ii (Q), 4.

Neat Dive:—Lovegrove (Q), 1; Brown (Q), 2; John (H), 3; Giles (R), 4.

50 yds. Open Handicap:—Unbehaun i (Q), 1; Edwards (Q), 2; Atkinson (R), 3; Connor (Q), 4.

50 yds. Under 13 Handicap:—Lord (Q), 1; John (H), 2; Moore (Q), 3; Sounness i (H), 4.

Long Dive:—Connor (Q), 1; Lovegrove (Q), 2; Giles (R), 3; Berdry man ii (H), 4.

50 yds. Under 15 Breast Stroke Championship:—Unbehaun i (Q), 1; Evans i (R), 2; Hill (Q), 3; Cavalier (Q), 4.

Life Saving Race:—Giles i and Turner, Lovegrove and Hill, 1; Atkinson and Rooney, 3.

Cork and Spoon Race:—Berryman ii (H), 1; Connor (Q), 2; Lovegrove (Q), 3; Evans i (R), 4.

Sections' Relay Race:—Queenslea, 1; Romsey, 2; Highbury, 3.

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On Saturday 11th March, our under 15 team went to the Crawley Baths to compete with the Perth High School Junior Swimming Club. Our representatives acquitted themselves creditably, gaining 82 points, though High School again carried off the honours, with a total of 98 points. Unbehaun ii managed to break the 25 yards under 10 record, by covering the distance in 19.1.5 secs. The detailed results were:—

50 yds. Under 15:—Breen (H.S.), 1; Lodge (C.C.S.), 2; Ambrose (H.S.), 3; Unbehaun i (C.C.S.), 4.

50 yds. Under 13:—Lord (C.C.S.), 1; Officer (H.S.), 2; Reay (H.S.), 3; Berryman ii (C.C.S.), 4.

50 yds Under 11:—Oliver (H.S.), 1; Unbehaun ii (C.C.S.), 2; Berryman ii (C.C.S.), 3; Forrest, (H.S.), 4.

100 yds. Under 14:—Oliver (H.S.), 1; Sudlow i (C.C.S.), 2; Milner (H.S.), 3; Hales (C.C.S.), 4.

50 yds. Under 12:—Oliver (H.S.), Berryman ii (C.C.S.), 2; Noble (H.S.), 3; Unbehaun ii (C.C.S.), 4.

25 yds. Under 10:—Unbehaun ii (C.C.S.), McGlew (C.C.S.), 2; Cantor (C.C.S.), 3; Marris (H.S.), 4.

50 yds. Under 15. Breast Stroke:—Unbehaun i (C.C.S.), 1; Chase (H.S.), 2; Ambrose (H.S.), 3; Lord (C.C.S.), 4.

High Dive:—Oliver (H.S.), 1; Lovegrove (C.C.S.), 2; Breen, (H.S.), 3; Lord (C.C.S.), 4.

50 yds. Under 14 Breast Stroke:—Oliver (H.S.), 1; Warnock (H.S.), 2; Sudlow i (C.C.S.), 3; Officer (H.S.), 4.

Neat Dive:—Lovegrove (C.C.S.), 1; Marshall (H.S.), Officer (H.S.), 2; Lord (C.C.S.) 3; Thompson (H.S.), 4.

FOR "THE MITRE."

I think you will all remember M. S. Brooking at school generally called "Mero" or Brookie," well he is now working up a fine business for himself and partner in Hay-st., opposite the Bungalow, as Cycle, Motor Cycle, and Motor Repairers. He only started about a year ago opposite The Ritz Hotel, in Hay-st., in a small shop; after a year had passed he found that his enterprise had grown so that he required a larger shop, and also staff to cope with the ever increasing business.

He has been making a name for himself by winning the Petrol Consumption Test, held by the W.A. Motor Cycle Club. He rode his machine, which is a Diamond, to victory by getting 266 2-3 miles to the gallon, this being an average of 30 miles on 9/10 of a pint, which is an Australian record.

The latest thing he has been distinguishing himself in is the Reliability Trial at Easter, which lasted four days. Leaving Perth at 10 a.m. on Friday morning and returning at 4 p.m. on Monday afternoon he covered a distance of about 400 miles. His tool bags were sealed up on Friday morning at 10 a.m., and were still unbroken when he arrived back on Monday afternoon.

I might say that he won the Test by losing only 2 points out of 200 allowed, and his was the only solo machine to come through, this being the same machine as won the Petrol Test. I think that all his school friends wish him good luck in years to come, and trust that he will still forge along and continue to make a name for himself and the firm. I myself wish him every success.

LUCRETIA.

Faithful in heart and sad of brow, true wife,
 Lucretia, whose far-famed modesty
 And chastity not Dian's self surpassed,
 The mould rests lightly o'er thy sleeping form,
 And mourners' tears keep green thy funeral mound.
 Rash ruin others bring upon themselves
 Thro' vice; but thee thy virtue doomed,
 Thy spotless purity and maiden shame
 Which roused the passions—cursed be his name—
 Of him, for whose foul deed Rome's anger burned,
 Until she flung him forth her city gates
 With execrations on his royal head—
 You Tarquin, wretchedest among mankind,
 Whose deed has earned dire immortality,
 Whiles thou, though self-inflicted thy death-wound,
 Hast gained in very truth the martyr's crown,
 Eternal, Star-like, never to be dimmed,
 Death is not death for such as thou, but life;
 And thou art gathered to thy gods above,
 Where Tarquin's leering gaze can never reach,
 But only earthly chants of joy and peace.
 Hail and farewell! daughter of Rome's ideal;
 Far from this world of sin, Lucretia hail!

THE NEW STRATFORD-ATTE-BOWE.

A Nightmare—And a Plea for Sanity in Using "Direct Methods."

(For Educationalists.)

That the direct method of teaching languages (or rather the only language worth while) can be made astonishingly fruitful will be readily admitted by all who pretend to critical ability; and such an admission will be strengthened—if any further strengthening be necessary—by a perusal of the accompanying poem, which emanates from a juvenile pen. The accomplishment of the above-mentioned success makes but one demand, and a very reasonable one at that; out of our very scanty daily allowance of twenty-four hours, at least twenty must be devoted to the teaching

of French Given this we are given everything, and the new method—

“Comes this way sailing
Like a stately ship.”

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The rise of the new system means the immediate fall of the old, indirect one. A second and stronger Samson has tugged at the pillars, and (naturally enough!) the old method is, like Manley—and many another—as dead as a door-nail. Nor can there be any compromise with us direct actionists or direct methodists, call us what you will; our object is nothing less than a war a outrance against the outworn convention and Procrustean Tyranny of an atediluvian age. Gone forever are the days of sound grammar—“firm and irrevocable is my doom: they are banished.” There shall be no more turning of the “gerund-stone”; French shall henceforth be a spoken language, a delight to the brain—and (as the accompanying lines will show) to the eye. Fallen, Mulciber-like, is the old method, never to rise again (this is a facon de parler, for Mulciber, you know, did rise)—quoth the raven “Never more.”]

—From the reveries of a Direct Methodist

This interesting narrative breaks off at this point, so we may safely infer with the schoolboy that there the author “woke up.”

Nons parlons francais a l' ecole
Il est tres bon to hear;
Nons learn as beaucomp in a jour
Comme autres do dans un year.

Nons parle it quand we're on vacances
Nos parents sont surpris;
Notre pere s'ecrie “Que vous etes smart,
Notre frere amazed says “Gee.”

A table nons Sommes quite au fait
Just listen, s'il vous plait,
“Ehl Lovey, passez-moi le sucre
Je want it pour mon the.

“J'aurai un little plus viande;
Here—Bim—would aime du chose;
Et Addy, dit qu'll wants some pain,
(I don't know where—do you?)”

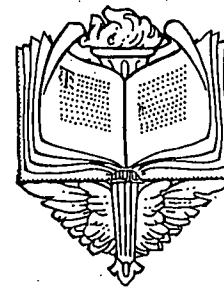
Nons played un football allumette,
Et just got “pipped” sur temps;
Il fut un piece of mauvais chance
Car notre dix-huit was strong.

A cricket nons montramed notre skill
Et won le premiership,
Et bought des pommes pour feter l'onze
Qui donnerent tous-le “pip”!

Notre maitre francais est joli drole,
Il parle avec ses doigts;
Parce que nons can't comprendre ses mots
Il pense we're dull—ma foi!

Mais francais's une telle funny langue,
Ils don't say what they mean;
Les Francais never ring “une belle,”
Et “rain” they call the “queen.”

Le fruit que nons get sur les arbres
(Called “pear”) they pense means “pa,”
Nor do they ever ride about
Comme nons do dans un “car.”



OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION NOTES.

It is a pleasure to state that the Association is doing very well. A new year started on March 1st last, and the progress made since then is most satisfactory. Some 36 Old Boys have become financial members, and there is every prospect of greatly increasing this number in the near future. We are aiming at 100 members this year, and believe that we shall get that number. Great strides were made last year, but this year we hope to do even better. We must, of course, have the full support of the members. It is your duty to remain loyal to your old School; the best way of doing so is to join and support the O.B.A., and we trust that you will do this.

We are looking forward to seeing this year the best the Association has yet had, which of course it must be if we are to record progress.

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The Annual General Meeting was held in the School Dining-room on March 10th. There was a good attendance of Old Boys, the spirit and tone of the meeting being good. The reports submitted by the Secretary and Treasurer are given below. The chief business of the evening was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The results are as follows:—

President: Mr. H. S. Thompson
 Vice-Presidents: Messrs. R. J. Lynn, R. H. Sudlow,
 J. V. Brown, S. C. Noake, S. R. L. Elliott, Canon
 W. J. McClemans, and W. H. Hope.
 Chairman: Mr. E. Gomme.
 Secretary: Mr. L. E. Pearce.
 Assistant Secretary: Mr. A. E. Adamson.
 Treasurer: Mr. M. S. Brooking.
 Committee: Messrs. G. Lynn, R. Kendal, D. Hames,
 R. Ross, and J. E. D. Battye.
 Auditors: Messrs. A. J. Sampson and C. H. Merry.

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Annual Report of the Christ Church School Old Boys' Association, Year Ending February 28th, 1922.

To the Members,—

I beg to present to you the Sixth Annual Report of the Committee of Christ Church School O.B.A.

The past year has been perhaps the best the Association has yet had, socially and perhaps financially. The membership has shown a decided increase, there being some 50 financial members, as against 20 last year. It is pleasing to note the large percentage of country Old Boys who have joined, and amongst these are some of the most enthusiastic of the members.

A number of functions have been held during the year, all more or less successful. The first was the Annual Dinner. This was a great improvement on former years, there being about 60 persons present. Immediately the Dinner was finished a General Meeting was held with a good attendance, and a revised and enlarged constitution passed. Next came the Annual Dance, which was a great success. A number of cricket and football matches were played against the School, and these proved very popular. The last for the year was a river excursion—a fair success socially, but like the Dinner, not so financial. The worst turnout was to the School Annual Sports, but this was largely attributable to the fact that they were held on a week-day.

During the year the Committee has been in close touch with the School Parents' Association in order to be able to do everything within its power to help the School, and particularly to prevent, if possible, the disaster threatening the School at the end of 1921. This affair was the cause of great anxiety to the Committee, it looking for a while as if everything was to be shattered, School and Association as well, but the committeemen determined to hold together to the bitter end. It is now a pleasure to state that the trouble has apparently passed over, and that the School is once more on a sounder footing.

What is perhaps a unique departure for an O.B.A. was considered by the Committee. This was to form, in connection with the Association a social and sports club. Under the guidance of Mr R. H. Sudlow (Secretary of the Parents' Association) and Mr. W. H. Hope (a Vice-President)

this was very fully discussed, and considered to be workable. The great trouble was of course finance, but the Committee was confident that once the club was under way money would be forthcoming. But how was it to be started? Each committeeman set one ideal before him: the club was to be inaugurated. At the present time the matter is at a standstill on account of our not being able to get a suitable club-room. Until this is obtained the club cannot be started. The subject has for a little while been dropped, but it is hoped that the committee to be elected to-night will take up the matter with renewed vigour, and, if possible, carry it through.

Another matter discussed was the formation of a permanent cricket club or team. This, however, was not possible this season, and the subject will be left to the new committee to carry through, if they so desire.

If an Old Boy is out of work or a "new boy" is looking for employment, let him come to the O.B.A., and they can very likely get him an appointment. This has received the attention of the Committee, with the result that a number of influential business men, parents of Old Boys, have promised to do all in their power to find employment for Old Boys.

The Committee has carried on and finalised the project of previous committees to erect a suitable memorial to the late Pt. Algy Withnell. Under the guidance of Canon McClemans a very fine brass tablet has been erected in Christ Church, and unveiled by His Grace the Archbishop.

When Mr. S. C. Noake left last year a presentation was made to him at the School break-up, consisting of a purse containing £50. It is gratifying to know that not far short of half of the sum presented was subscribed by members of the O.B.A.

Another presentation made at the break-up was a cricket bat to the best player in the School for the year, the bat being given by the O.B.A.

The sale of the School magazine "The Mitre" to the Association members during the year has been most satisfactory, some 30 copies of each issue having been disposed of. In all but the last issue a fair amount of Old Boys' news appeared.

One matter which has not received much attention is an Old Boys badge and blazer. Under pressure of other business this was held over, but it is hoped to get the opinion of the meeting to-night as to what should be done, and if possible the new committee can carry out instructions received here to-night. It is certainly recommended that these two things be obtained.

It was at first intended to have the new Constitution which was passed at the last General Meeting, printed in booklet form for sale to the members, but this has not so far been done, as it is recognised that if a club is started Rules will be required, and when these are drawn up the two can be printed together, thus making a great saving in cost.

Now, as regards the conduct and attendance of the committeemen. It is not too much to say that no previous committee has worked so well together as the retiring one. There has been no split, each and every committeeman working for the common good of the Association. With one exception the committee has remained the same as elected at the last A.G.M. The exception was the resignation of Mr. S. Montgomery owing to his leaving the Metropolitan Area for some time. In his stead was elected Mr. D. Hames. Out of fifteen general committee meetings held the following are the individual attendances:—

Mr. Gomme	15	Mr. Kendal	14
Mr. Pearce	15	Mr. Ross	13
Mr. Adamson	15	Mr. Brooking	12
Mr. Lord	14	Mr. Battye	11

Mr. Montgomery 7 out of 8 while he was a committeeman, and Mr. Hames 5 out of 6. In every case where a committeeman absented himself from a meeting he had a good reason, and sent along an apology. The past year has not been gone through on a bed of roses, but it is safe to say that the peace has been kept with every man.

Special praise is due to Mr. A. Adamson for the amount of time and hard work given in the interests of the Association.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking, on behalf of the retiring Committee, all those who have helped us during the year; firstly, our ever-willing friend the

Matron, whose work is to us invaluable, and again the Mothers' Committee of the Dance, headed by Mrs. Farm-
anar. To these ladies can be largely attributed the suc-
cess attending the Dinner and Dance. Mr. R. H. Sudlow
has been only too willing to aid us in every possible way.
He has on more than one occasion helped us out of a tight
corner, and we are very grateful to him, and hope that he
will remain the friend of the incoming committee. There
are others, but as time will not permit of my mentioning
them individually, we offer our hearty thanks to them all.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

L. E. PEARCE, Hon. Sec.

10/3/22.

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**Treasurer's Report Presented to the Members at the Sixth
Annual General Meeting on Friday, 10th March, 1922.**

The Members, Christ Church School Old Boys' Association—

I have much pleasure in placing before you the Treas-
urer's Sixth Annual Report, together with Statement of
Receipts and Payments for the twelve months ended 28th
February, 1922, and Subsidiary Accounts for the various
functions which have been conducted by your Committee
during that period.

Statement of Receipts and Payments—

The Statement of Receipts and Payments shows that at
the 1st March, 1921, a credit balance of £8 3s. 8d. was car-
ried forward from the previous year. The balance standing
to the credit of the Association at the 28th February, 1922,
was £7 11s. 10d., which discloses a difference of 11s. 10d.
You will perceive from the various subsidiary accounts
presented to you this evening, that the Annual Dinner
resulted in a loss of £4 19s. 7d., and that the River Trip
held in January last resulted in an excess of payments over
receipts of £1 9s. 9d. Apart from these losses an amount
of £7 10s. was donated to the Withnell Memorial Fund, and
accounts amounting to some £5 outstanding from the year
1920 were cleared. Taking these facts into consideration,

and bearing in mind that items such as Postages and Print-
ing have increased enormously, the present position is highly
satisfactory.

Annual Dinner—

The Annual Dinner, held 15th June, 1921, socially, was
a great success. Subscriptions and donations thereto, re-
sulted in £4 17s. being received. The expenditure amounted
to £9 16s. 7d., the loss sustained thus amounting to £4
19s. 7d.

Annual Dance—

Our Annual Dance was both socially and financially as
great a success as could be desired. The receipts on this
occasion amounted to £35 16s. 11., and the expenditure to
£27 8s. 11., leaving an excess of receipts over payments of
£8 8s.

River Trip—

The last Social Function held during the financial year
just closed was the river trip. Our total receipts from the
sale of tickets, et cetera, amounted to £6 5s. 6d., while the
expenses came to £7 15s. 3d.—a loss of £1 9s. 9d. River
trips almost invariably result in financial losses, and this
one proved to be no exception.

Membership Fess and Donations—

Our Membership List during this year, I am glad to
say, has been excellent, the total number on the roll being
50, which is the highest number that has as yet been reached.
I hope, however, that during the forthcoming year this
figure will be considerably increased. The donations re-
ceived amounted to £6 15s., and we have to thank the fol-
lowing for their generosity, viz.: Messrs. Noake, Pearce,
Christison, Hope, Preshaw, Clarkson, de Castilla, Jackman,
and Sadlier.

Before bringing these remarks to a close, I wish to
remind all those Old Boys present, that the incoming Treas-
urer will, I am sure, be only too pleased to receive sub-
scriptions at the termination of this evening's proceedings.

H. G. BROOKING, Hon. Treasurer.

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At the first Committee meeting for the year the follow-
ing programme was drawn up:—

March 25th—Cricket match, Past v. Present.

April 29th—Cricket match, Past v. Present.

June 10th—Annual Dinner.

July 10th—Annual Dance.

August 12th—Football Match, Past v. Present.

October—School Annual Sports.

October—Show Week, Theatre Party.

December 2nd—Annual Cricket Match.

1923.

January—River Trip.

February—Card Party.

Full particulars of these functions will be sent by circular to each member a few weeks before same. The first two as above have already taken place, and it is regretted that owing to the short notice at which they were arranged, members were not informed of them officially. You will, however, have notice of all the future programme.

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Since the A.G.M. the following 36 Old Boys have become financial members:—A. E. Adamson, T. Athey, J. E. D. Battye, F. Brady, J. Broadhurst, M. S. Brooking, J. Bull, H. J. Balme, C. P. Collison, A. Critchley, R. A. Christison, R. Carlton, W. Coyle, K. Calthrop, C. J. Elgue, H. N. Giles, D. Hames, J. Howe, E. Harrison, H. Hill, I. Jacoby, R. Kendal, E. Ling, G. Lynn, C. May, C. McLagan, J. Nicholson, P. W. Parker, T. C. Parker, L. E. Pearce, H. Porter, R. Ross, J. H. Robertson, R. Todd, F. Watson Williams, E. Gomme.

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Is your name in the above list? The Association is now rapidly growing, and we want all the support that can be obtained. We look to you to give us that support. If you are not already a member we want you seriously to consider that matter, and send along 5/- subscription.

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The Old Boys' Badge and Blazer have now practically materialised. These have been sanctioned by the School Council. The designs are complete, and will be submitted

to the General Meeting in June and, if passed in order, will be available almost at once.

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Are you a regular subscriber to this Magazine? If not, why not? The rates are 1/6 per copy, or 5/- per annum posted. A single copy is 2nd extra posted. Old Boys should send their orders to the Hon. Secretary.

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It is with regret that we have to record the recent death of Mr. W. H. Hope. Mr. Hope was one who endear himself to all with whom he came in contact, and he leaves behind a large circle of friends to mourn his loss. Amongst these friends is the O.B.A. Mr. Hope had a lively interest in the School and the Association. He was a Vice-President, and on many occasions has given us the benefit of his wide experience. He leaves an example to be followed by all. Mr. Hope was a lover of work—work for the betterment of others. A quiet and unassuming man, he was a worker for both Church and State. We, like many others, are sincerely sorry for his loss, but take example from his untiring spirit whilst he lived.

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All letters, subscriptions, etc., should be addressed to Hon. Secretary, L. E. Pearce, 59 Shenton-road, Claremont.

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We bid farewell to R. Todd, who has left for England. He does not at present know how long he will be away, maybe for good. We wish him a pleasant trip and a prosperous time in the Old Country. He assures us that he will not forget the Old School.

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OLD BOYS' CLUB.

The most important business engaging the attention of the Committee at the present time (apart from the usual annual functions which are detailed elsewhere) is the formation of the Old Boys' Club. It will be remembered that at the beginning of last year this scheme started, and

under the direction of M. R. H. Sudlow and the late W. H. Hope, a certain amount of detail was gone into. The original, and, indeed, the present idea, is to form a social and sporting club. This club would provide a gymnasium, billiard-table, and reading-room. There would also be a cricket and football team. The club would be housed in a proper club-house, and would be managed by a special committee. A nominal entrance fee of, say, 2/6, would be charged each member, and then 3d per week. The club-room would be open certain nights in the week, when some of the managing committee would be there to ensure proper order. Parents would have free access to the rooms so that they could satisfy themselves that everything was all right.

This scheme was presented to the Association by circular and a ballot taken enquiring: "Are you in favour of a club being started?" and "Where do you consider a club-room should be?" The result was practically unanimous for "Yes" and "Claremont." The next step was to see what could be got in Claremont suitable for the purpose. Nothing could be found, and for some time matters were at a standstill. Then came the A.G.M., when it was considered that the committee had not the power to go ahead with the project. However, a resolution was passed giving the necessary authority.

The committee this year has carried on the idea, being faced with the problem of obtaining a club-room. It was recognised that the only satisfactory way was to build one, but how? Where was the money to come from. The funds could and can be obtained to erect the building; it would be other peoples money, but this would have to be paid back. Taking, say, £200 to be required, the sum would have to be paid off at about £87 per annum, or something like 30/- per week—an impossibility under present conditions.

The idea was then evolved that perhaps it would be possible to erect a building on the School grounds. Would the School Council allow it? They might even build for the club. A week or two ago Mr. H. S. Thompson, acting on behalf of the Association, made application to the Council, with rather satisfactory results. The Council, whilst not

being able to build, favoured the scheme, and would give permission for the club-house to be erected on the School grounds, if money could be obtained. Draft plans have been drawn up, and at the present time the committee awaits the estimates from a contractor before going further.

This project has, of course, met with criticism, and even opposition, but that is only to be expected. Some think it to be a wild cat scheme. On the face of things it appears to be a gigantic undertaking for so small an Association, as indeed it is. It must not be thought that the committee is rushing headlong into the affair. They are going very slowly and deliberately. The matter has been in hand some twelve months now, and is gradually being boiled down and getting more defined. The committee is being guided by business men (Parents of Old Boys), who are not likely to let anything rash be done. It is confidently felt that once the club materialises the Old Boys will support it. The great problem before the promoters is how best to obtain the necessary funds from the members without being too great a drain on them. Of course the money could be got as said above and the buildings erected, the committee trusting to luck for money to pay back the loan. But this will not do, and you can rest assured that it will not be done. Although, as stated above, plans are in the hands of contractors, this is only to arrive at a cost, and is in itself incurring no expenditure, or obligations. The promoters are not going to commit themselves (and hence the Association) until they have a definite and altogether satisfactory way of obtaining funds. The committee is not blind to its critics; it cannot afford to be. There are sound reasons against the scheme just as there are for it, and both sides of the question have to be, and are being, considered.

Dances, card parties, billiard tournaments and the like can be held in the rooms once erected, and help to swell the funds, but these are not considered definite enough to start with.

If anyone has an idea for or against, it is hoped that he will voice it to the officers. The committee want the opinions of the members.

The scheme CAN be carried out, and has been done elsewhere. It would be a fine thing here. A huge asset to the Association and the School—an eye-opener to other Associations. It takes time in a scheme such as this, and the promoters intend to stick to it, and leave no stone unturned until completion.

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LETTERS FROM OLD BOYS.

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H.M.S. PLATYPUS,
GEELONG,
24th Jan., 1921.

Dear Brooking.—

Many thanks for your letter and the two "Mitres" which you were good enough to send me. I have been over to W.A. for my Xmas leave and am sorry I did not see you. I had a good look at the school and was astounded at the improvements made and the number of boys now at the school—the football ground pleased me mightily and made me think of the sand patch you and I had to play on! On enquiry—from outside sources—I was told that the standard of the boys was high and all that might be desired. T'other day we had rather an exciting time. J4 went out to fire at the Melbourne and Brisbane (two light cruisers). We got in rather a good position and with the periscope up we could see them coming, just where we wanted 'em. Unfortunately the skipper took a wrong bearing and we altered in. The next thing we knew was that we were pretty close—in fact, too close—to the Melbourne. We fired four fish quickly, went full speed astern, pushed all the water out of the tanks and surfaced like "greased lightning." She missed us by about 100 yards, and the destroyer following behind had to alter course to avoid ramming us. It was quite exciting while it lasted, and going full speed astern when one is 20ft. below the surface is generally a sign of something wrong. We hit the Melbourne with all four fish, but I am afraid that if it had been war time our chance of-escape would have been

absolutely "nix." 'Fraid I have rather overstepped the mark in the length of this letter, but I haven't written for such ages that I had a lot I wanted to say. The best of luck to you and the Association old chaps, and may it become a big concern.—Yours sincerely,

C. A. R. SADLEIR.

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My dear Old Addie,—

How are you getting on down in W.A.? Things are fairly flourishing with me at the present moment. I quite recently got word from the Home Board of this Rly. in London that I was confirmed in my appointment—which is a great relief to me.

I have not had much news of you of late—the "Mitre" sometimes gives me a little, and Jim Battye and "Little Boy" Rushton sometimes write to me and give me a spot of news about my school friends of Christ Church, when Canon Mac and Dampre used to wield the stick.

I haven't heard from Jock Castella for ages—I think he must have got swallowed up by an oyster-shell at Broome. I wonder how you would like a place like this—Rangoon. We are at present just on the verge of the hot weather, which lasts from about February to May and during those months there is no mistake about it's being hot and mighty hot, too! At the end of a hard day in the office and a really hot day, you come home feeling like a chewed piece of string—flop into a chair and call feebly for iced lemonade or water. The only saving grace of the hot weather here is that as a rule the nights are tolerable.

As regards the actual native of the land—the Burman—he is a happy go lucky fellow, extremely pleasant to talk to and as lazy as possible!! A Burmese crowd on a festival day is an extremely interesting and pretty study. Burma is called "Silken East" and a very large proportion of Burmans always wear a brightly coloured silk "lingye." Of course, Burma produces its own silk goods.

Well, now, Addie, I have a pile of letters to write, so I must be getting on. This is just a chit to say—"How goes the world?" Cheerio, and please give my kindest regards to Mr. and Mrs. Adamson,—Yours,

TOM PARKER.

A COUPLE OF PRESS CUTTINGS ABOUT OLD BOYS.

A unique event of the evening was when the young gentlemen formed a circle in the centre of the hall and the mother of the guest of the evening released a black cat from the centre of the ring. It was announced that the feline was to be caught by one of the gentlemen, who would find a message fixed to its neck, which was to be read to the gathering. After the cat had been "let out of the bag" there was a race for the animal, and when the message was opened it contained an announcement to the effect that Miss Thompson had become engaged to Mr. Harold Boyes, also of Claremont. The toast of the guest of the evening was responded to by her father, Mr. G. H. Thompson.

Serves you right Harold!

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Mr. Frank Bladen, a young Western Australian violinist, who was trained by the late Sherwin Richardson, of Perth, and who passed through the Conservatorium of Music, Melbourne, with distinction, recently signed up for a big engagement at a high salary with a first-class concert company in Victoria. It will be remembered that Mr. Bladen was the recipient of a benefit organised by the Ugly Men's Association prior to leaving the West.

Congratulations.
