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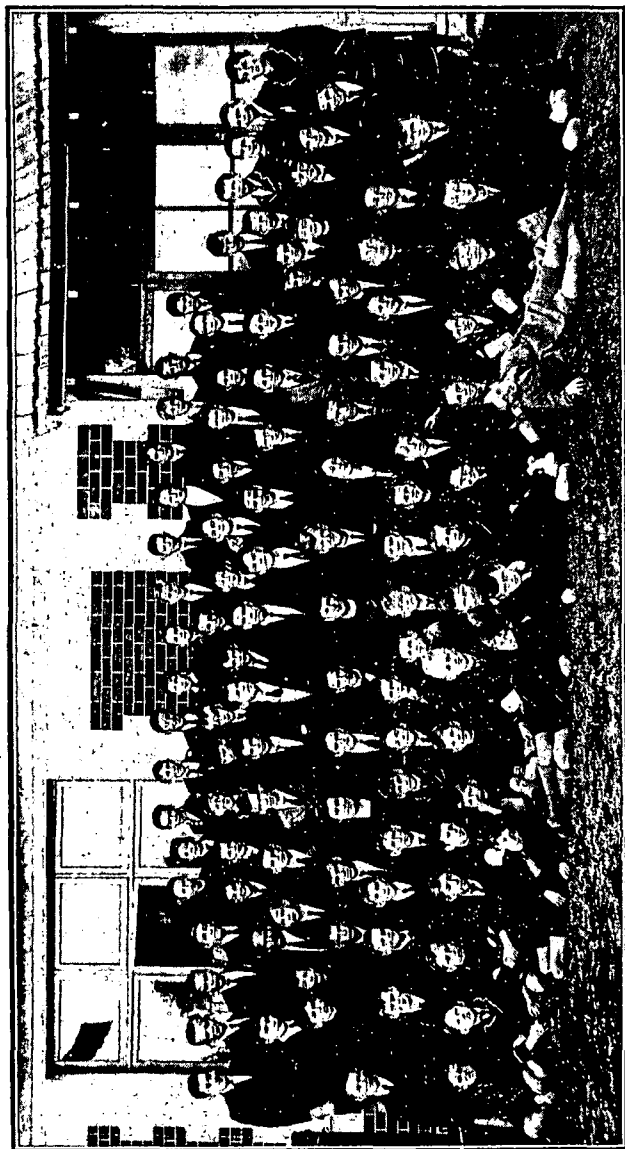
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## THE HEADMASTER'S FOREWORD.

The term that has passed can with truth be said to have been uneventful as far as the general life of the School is concerned. It has simply slipped away and nothing of outstanding importance has happened. As winters go, the winter has been a pleasant one, with good spells of fine, cold and bright weather in between the deluges of rain, and in consequence we have escaped any epidemic. There have, of course, been accidents and cases of illness. Bicycles have been known to have been bent, though no one ever bent them. Small boys have tried conclusions with motor-bikes and come off somewhat the worse for the collision. It must be a great comfort to know that the motor-bike also suffered. "Peter" was in splints for half a term, with a broken collar-bone, and had a splendid excuse for being out of School. On recovery he managed occasionally to fit into ordinary School routine. We have missed "me and me brother" from the Boarding House, where they had been so long as to seem to be part of the School furniture. It is a far cry to Aberdeen, and we hope the rigours of the Scotch climate will not act as too vigorous a tonic and make "me" move too quickly. We miss them and have now no "bankers" on the premises.

The School itself is passing through a difficult phase of its development, the effect of which is seen more especially in the results of the football matches than in anything else, and perhaps the less said about the scores

put up against our teams the better. It is a consolation to know that we will all be a year older next year, and that then figures will, of course, be reversed. For we are not downhearted. We know that there is plenty of the right spirit and right stuff and that experience and weight will tell. I always hold that efficiency in School games depends nearly as much upon the state of the School grounds as upon the coaching, and arrangements are in hand to improve the state of the playing field generally, and to provide an extra turf practice wicket for cricket before next season is far advanced. Also, at last, after a long wait, I hope the grass tennis court will be in use before Christmas.

The Dancing Class, under Miss Scott's able teaching, has had a successful session, ending with a long evening a week before the end of the term.

For various reasons we decided not to have the School Play in Princess Hall this year, and have substituted an entertainment at the School itself, which was organised by Mr. Donald, our Music Master, assisted by Mr. Percy Hill, Miss Durlacher and the School Choral Societies. I always hope that music will play a great part in the life of boys of Christ Church School, and that, though many of us may be tone deaf and not be fond of "music," that some will be found who have "the gift" and can use it to charm savage beasts.

Quite a good number of boys, were confirmed in the Parish Church on Thursday, August 13th. In the absence of his Grace the Archbishop, owing to illness, the Confirmation was administered by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Bunbury.

The furnishing of the Dining Hall has been completed by the addition of six new seats, and new benches, and desks were provided for the Boys' Common Room, which has again been in regular use as a classroom.

The Scouts have had a busy term. They turned out in strength with the Cubs for the big Scout Rally at St. George's Cathedral, Perth, on July 6th, and were especially noticed for their smart appearance and bearing. They make

full use of the Scout Hall, and I am glad to say that, through the generosity of the Parents, who gave their guarantees last year, it was possible to reduce the debt on the building still further. Only £60 now remains to be paid to clear the building of debt, and of this over £20 is already in hand. This is an achievement of which Mr. Wheeler, the Rovers, Scouts and Cubs may well be proud.

At the beginning of the term we welcomed to the Teaching Staff of the School, Mr. R. J. Adams, of the University of Western Australia, and through his joining the Staff it was possible to reorganise some of the Forms in the School and give some relief to other members of the Staff.

By the time this is in print we will be making our preparations for the holidays, and I hope you will enjoy them as much as I hope to; and will come back refreshed for all the work and excitements of the last term of the year.

#### SCHOOL NOTES.

**Numbers.**—The numbers on the School Roll this term are 38 boarders and 68 day-boys. A total of 106.

**Health.**—The health to the time of writing has been excellent, and we have so far been spared from epidemic. The exceptionally mild winter has probably been responsible for this, but we think there must be a catch in it somewhere.

**Staff.**—The Staff was increased this term by the appointment of Mr. R. J. Adams who is at present studying at the W.A. University for an Arts Degree. The resident staff now numbers four, and it has been possible to divide forms more evenly than could be done before.

**Confirmation.**—The following boys will be presented for Confirmation to the Right Reverend the Bishop of Bunbury on August 13th; H. C. Armstrong, G. Bowers, F. N. Choules, D. Evans, A. T. Hassell, K. Hoseason, J. Ivers, R. Ivers, G. Martin, C. McGlew, R. Miley, T. C. Miller, J. Shipard, J. Single, W. Sudlow, P. Wright.

### SECTIONS.

Sections have again been instituted in the School to stimulate competition among the boys. There are three Sections, which have been drawn out according to places of residence. All boys living to the West of a boundary line formed by Richardson Avenue, Perth-Fremantle Road, and Congdon Street, are members of Queenslea; day-boys resident to the East of the same boundary form Romsey; and the House is comprised of the boarders.

The Section Colours are—Queenslea, Brown; Romsey, Green; and the House, Red; and these Sections are under the respective leadership of Mr. Brown, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Beere.

Points are awarded both for inter-Section matches, and for matches against other Schools, as well as for Running, Swimming and Tennis. Mr. Beatty has very generously given two Challenge Cups, one for the Section gaining most points for the year, and the other for the boy gaining the highest number of points for the year.

For the Section Cup, 25 points will be given for each of cricket and football (15 for matches against other schools, 10 for inter-Section matches), 25 for running, 15 for swimming, and 10 for tennis, making a total of 100. Points gained in sports will thus be scaled, and a proportional award of points given for the Cup competition.

For the various Sections the Officers this term are:—The House: Master, Mr. Beere; Captain, Sewell; Committee, Bland and Shipard. Romsey: Master, Mr. Adams; Captain, Armstrong; Committee, Baskerville and Eyres ii. Queenslea: Master, Mr. Brown; Captain, Bowers; Committee, Martin and Moore.

A series of inter-Section football matches is being played at the time of writing, two teams, a senior and a junior, being chosen from each Section.

It is hoped that the competitive spirit induced by the Section System will engender a greater keenness for sport

in the School, as well as providing boys who do not shine greatly in sports with an incentive for doing their best in those sports in which they engage.

The School is very grateful to Mr. Beatty for his generous donation of Challenge Cups, and each of the Sections is at present determined to gain the honour of being the first to have its name engraved on the Cup as champions for 1925.

### A SECTION MATCH.

The first match under the new faction system was played on Monday, 10th August, between the first teams of Romsey and The House. Considering that The House had one of their best players away, they did very well. Almost without exception Romsey got away with the ball at the bounce, leaving the House ruck and rover in the middle of the field stupefied. However, in spite of the fact that Romsey's ruck and rover seemed superior to their opponents, The House backs were a thorn in Romsey's side—many times the ball went right to the goal-mouth, only to be sent up the field by the backs. Romsey displayed some good wing play, but their marking was not all that could be desired. The House, on the other hand, was not so speedy, but they brought down some very good marks. In the first few minutes Romsey missed several majors owing to the kicking of punts, where drop-kicks would almost certainly have scored goals. At the end of the first quarter the scores were: Romsey, 23; The House, 2 points.

On resuming, Young neatly knocked the ball out to Armstrong, who sent the ball on to Eyres in the forward line, and Eyres, in his turn, scored a major. The House now made a determined attempt to get the ball; they succeeded, and the ball went to their forward line, but the Romsey goal-keeper stopped any scoring. Nevertheless, the ball was back again in a few minutes, owing to a good mark and kick by Miller, who was playing a very useful game at centre. Despite their repeated attacks the House could only score a minor, and at half-time the scores were:—Romsey, 36; The House, 3 points.

After half-time the House seemed to play much better, but they were still unable to get hold of the ball at the bounce. Baskerville (R.), in ruck, continually got the ball, and with powerful kicks, sent it well down the field to the forwards, who put it through the goals. By three-quarter time Romsey had increased their lead to 64.

When the ball was bounced again, Sewell called on the House for one more attempt, and they responded successfully—Miller got the ball at the knock-out, and without hesitation, sent a neat and low pass to Sudlow, who was always very quick in giving leads, and he was unfortunate not to score a goal. After the kick-off Sudlow again got hold of the ball, but this time failed to score. The ball now travelled to the other end, through good wing play, and Romsey scored two minors and a major. The House undoubtedly felt the loss of their centre-man, Bland, and should he have been present, the final result would not have been so decisive. Both teams played a good game, and the scores are no indication of the play. The final scores were:—Romsey, 9 goals 11 points; The House, 5 points.

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### VALETE.

- Bowes, G. G.**—Entered School, 1919. First Eighteen, 1924; Colours, 1924; First Eleven, 1925. Left in Form V.  
**\*Fletcher, J.**—Entered School, 1925. Left in Form IV.  
**\*Brownie, W. B.**—Entered School, 1922. Left in Form III.  
**Honissett, A.**—Entered School, 1925. Left in Form III.  
**\*Brownie, R. C.**—Entered School, 1922. Left in Form II.  
**Martin, T.**—Entered School, 1925. Left in Form I.  
**\*Gibbins, J.**—Entered School, 1925. Left in Form I.  
**\*House, E.**—Entered School, 1925. Left in Form I.

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### SALVETE.

Form V.—\*Ivers, J.

\* Denotes Boarder.

### PREFECTS' NOTES.

This term we have suffered a new comer to be admitted to our select society, in the person of L. R. J. Baskerville, Captain of Football, who was appointed at the end of last term. He was initiated and is now a fully qualified prefect. We have every reason to believe that Matron witnessed the spectacle of a dear friend as a char-lady, with a red nose and multi-coloured complexion. Did you know that, Lawrence? Further it is rumoured that Rod once found raspberry jam in his shoes. As Anson has the jam we think the conclusion is obvious. Cam, too has developed a distressing proclivity for losing socks, boots, everything in fact. He even got his "shirt out" once, and now that's missing, too. We fear, nay, we are certain, that the Bolsheviki are in our midst, "seeking whom they may devour," at least Owen has been heard to say—

Someone mentioned stockings the other day. Anson blushed, took his feet off the table, and launched into a narrative concerning the last holidays. Why? I ask you. Echo answers "Why?" But Anson won't answer. Holidays enjoyed are sweet, but those we miss are sweeter. Why then does Robert take half a term in bed? Why not come to school and dream of it?

We regret to have to state in the language of the classics that Cam has "got 'em." There were two dances held recently. At one there were some persons from Scotch College. Cam went. At the other there were not. Neither was Cam. But he is going to the Scotch dance. I repeat, and make no apology for the repetition, Why? Lawrence, too, has— But let us draw a veil over his affairs. We hear that he was disappointed over an invitation.

We are pleased to hear that E. A. Lovegrove, one of last years prefects, having wound up with a batting average of nearly fifty for the University Cricket Team last term, has shone in the University Football Team. Best of luck Eddie. Now we must close, after a happy, if unsuccessful term in the field.

**FIFTH FORM NOTES.**

This term has passed very quietly for most of us with only a few such interruptions as the total immersion of a little boy under the slower. The above-mentioned little interruption was very neatly executed on our dear old pal "Bowie," in the presence of many friends and sympathisers—all spent a very enjoyable few minutes and went away satisfied (especially "Nosey").

We regret to say that "Poppy's" idiosyncrasies have taken a new turn lately—every day one may see him flying, or rather, trying to fly—we think he must be practising "Angels"—poor "Poppy," if he only knew how vain his practices were, we are sure he would cease and take up some other amusement. But wait, we are writing too hastily—he has taken up another amusement; each lunch hour this innocent little "angel" may be seen hovering round the far side of the Oval looking at the trees, of course!

And who is this we see tearing off down town immediately he has finished his dinner, and who is this we see talking to a "friend," and who is this that rushes into a shop when her brother or sister appears round the corner—why, it is our friend Chas. or "Bunny." There is something in the seaside air; beware, Chas., of snares and delusions.

As we said before, there is something in the seaside air, for when John Walton and his boon companion, led on by the youth mentioned a few lines above, find it necessary to visit the beach on Sundays, there must be some other attraction besides the scenery. We hereby offer our congratulations to "Abe" on becoming an hon. treasurer, but of what association did you say? All right, don't tell us then; but his canvassing efforts in connection with this office are really to be admired.

"Slim Jim" causes no end of amusement by his altitude—it is not unusual to see him walk through our classroom door and break the fanlight. You say you don't

believe us—well, come and look at the fanlight. "Tudor" and "Dick" have suddenly developed a strong liking for one another or perhaps we should say that the strong liking is all one-sided, but somehow or other we do not approve of the alliance, because, before very long, we will have another addition to the already over-crowded list of "bad little boys." These two choose the most awkward times for their friendly brawls, and then they wonder why authority frowns on them.

We were startled to see a pair of long 'uns come into the dancing class a short time ago (we were told it was one of our revered members) but on close scrutiny we saw a head "stuck on" to the top of the long 'uns, and recognised it as our last year's pet.

"Presto" has been in trouble again this term. He seems to cause his desk companion no end of trouble and worry, judging from their incessant fights; French dictation is his "sole remaining joy."

It is time we were finishing now, and so, wishing you all very pleasant holidays, we will close this effort before it becomes too tedious.

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**FOURTH FORM NOTES.**

Second term holidays have almost arrived, and the boarders will soon be packing up and resting from their labours for a few weeks. This term the members of 5B and 5C join in our work for various subjects. Amongst them are the two Mons. Jerry spends most of his time picking up paper while Dals and Bluey like putting chairs on the table, and writing impositions. The Black Douglas who is the proud owner of a Ford, joins us for English. George is just waking up from his long sleep. One day he actually heard what homework he had to do. Our chief footballer is Gordon, who is the Captain of the under 13 and under 14 teams in his spare time. He usually plays in the First Eighteen. Umbie is clever at making faces. He can look like a fish, but his most horrible expression

is his natural one. Eldon has been moved from his seat beside his brother and now sits with the brainy crowd at the back. Chisel has taken his place, and is almost as big a nuisance. Jerry is always showing us his muscles, and it is just as well that he hasn't any. The Form poets made this up between them:—

Noser's nose is long,  
Noser's nose is strong,  
There'd be no disgrace to Noser's face  
If half his nose was gone.

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### THIRD FORM NOTES.

The Dormouse who sits in the back desk is always asleep, and when he is asked a question he wakes up and wants to know what the work is. Johnny's chief habit is shooting pellets about the room, but he is also brainy at Maths. Golliwog is the form genius at Latin. Aidan lives up to his initials. They are A.S.S. Brown has not had to see a master for a whole week. This is a record. We must not forget Chillie who thinks that if he comes to school one day, he ought to stay away six. He lives up to it. There are others in the form, but it would take too long to write all about them.

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### BOARDERS' NOTES.

At the beginning of the term we noticed that Chas. was no longer a boarder; to counteract the loss incurred by his defection we welcomed back Slim Jim from India. Fitz, the Fish King, does not appear to be living up to his title of late. He has abandoned fish for "flavin."

Abe has become an artist on the Jew's harp. His proficiency is due to a great extent no doubt to his former practice on the "G" string. His lungs are failing him, for he no longer trumpets all night long. Taffy has developed a hearty laugh, and an inordinate capacity for liquids—especially soup. He goes so far as to curse Anson for not being away from dinner.

The three Mons are a wonderful addition to our menagerie of characters. "Play more soccer," is Slim Jim's advice concerning football. The same Mon can show us how honey should be consumed. Mon 3 flies off the handle at times, and we would like to know the meaning of the foreign words he utters when irritated. Prestin is a highly valued member of our community. He solemnly meditates on each word before he pronounces it, and then gives it doleful utterance.

Mac. is an authority on the Dayton Case. He and Anson have grave discussions on theology, philosophy, and the theory of evolution. If they would only collaborate in writing a book on these subjects, there would be no further need for research or speculation in any one of the three fields of knowledge. A new fashion in pyjamas has been created. The really smart costume nowadays is a pushback, plus fours, and a dressing gown tied round the feet.

Monty and Mon Three snore, groan and grunt in company through the stilly night. Monty's deep bass harmonises admirably with the Mon's 40 h.p. snores. When the morning bell goes Dals and Bluey get down to the showers and under them before Anson cops them. It is extremely hard on a person possessed of no small fund of ingenuity, when he carefully splashes water from the shower, and makes realistic footprints from the shower to the board only to find that Flabin's eagle eye has observed his activities.

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### FOOTBALL.

We have had a most unfortunate term as far as football was concerned, for we did not manage to win a match. This is perhaps due to the fact that the average age in the School is about twelve. It was noticeable that every team we met from the First Eighteen downwards was far superior to our players in size and weight. So that in most cases the result was a foregone conclusion.

But this does not altogether explain away the results of matches. In some quarters there has been a noticeable lack of enthusiasm for sports, and boys have sought leave from both matches and practices on the most trivial, and in some cases, trumped-up excuses. Such boys impose on their schoolmates who work and play for the good of the school, and if they will not throw themselves heart and soul into the life of the school, its work and play, they are neither getting from the school all they should, nor are they giving it what they should.

On the other hand it is very gratifying to see how some boys have turned up regularly to practices and matches, rain or fine, often at the expense of an afternoon's pleasure. These enthusiasts have borne not only their own share, but that of the drones who preferred pictures or picnics to doing their duty to the school and to their schoolmates.

With regard to the First Eighteen the impression gained by a spectator was that of slowness, both in running and in getting rid of the ball. The Australian game was not designed to suit slow, stolid players. The keynote of the game should be speed and accuracy. Our team this year was very small, and should have been very fast. But they were not, and the reason was not that they were incapable of moving faster, but that they would not see the necessity for moving faster. A small team cannot beat its opponents in the air, so its play must be kept low. If a small team adopts high punts as its general mode of kicking, it is virtually giving the game to its larger antagonists. The real game for a small team is to keep the play open and fast, and to kick low drop kicks. The former negatives the heavier opponents' weight, the latter their height.

There is one respect however in which all the teams have done well. They have played hard, given and taken hard bumps, and they have not whined about their defeats. And this is as it should be. All sports are played at schools that boys may learn to play clean and play hard, and as long as our games are played in that spirit we shall do well even if we win few matches.

It is disappointing to lose matches even when you are obviously outmatched, if you have played your hardest, but it is very much more disappointing to those who take an interest in a school, when games are won, but bad sportsmanship has been displayed. Christ Church School has gained a reputation for producing players who play their games cleanly, who lose without bitterness, and who play for the sake of the game. Let us preserve and enhance that reputation, and the time is not far distant when we will be able to meet other schools on an equal footing in sports.

### Results of Football Matches.

#### FIRST XVIII.

##### v. Old Boys. (Lost).

Scores.—O.B.A., 20 goals 22 points; C.C.S., 10 goals, 11 points.  
Best Players.—Baskerville, Bland, Armstrong, Giles.

##### v. Wesley College. (Lost).

Scores.—W.C., 13 goals 13 points; C.C.S., 3 goals.  
Best Players.—Baskerville, Bland, Shipard, Sudlow, Eyres ii.

##### v. Scotch College. (Lost).

Scores.—S.C., 23 goals, 23 points; C.C.S., 5 goals, 6 points.  
Best Players.—Baskerville, Bowers, Shipard, Armstrong.

##### v. Perambulators. (Lost).

Scores.—Perambulators, 10 goals 14 points; C.C.S., 10 goals, 12 points.  
Best Players.—Armstrong, Giles, Baskerville, Bland.

##### v. High School. (Lost).

Scores.—H.S., 24 goals, 32 points; C.C.S., 1 goal, 2 points.  
Best Players.—Shipard, Bland, Armstrong, Young.

##### v. Scotch College. (Lost).

Scores.—S.C., 15 goals, 14 points; C.C.S.,  
Best Players.—Baskerville, Armstrong, Martin, Moore.

##### v. Wesley College. (Lost).

Scores.—W.C., 15 goals, 23 points; C.C.S., 2 goals, 3 points.  
Best Players.—Armstrong, Miller, Baskerville, Gregory.



## UNDER 15.

v. **Scotch College.** (Lost).

Scores.—S.C., 15 goals, 13 points; C.C.S., 2 goals, 3 points.  
Best Players.—Bowers, Bland, Sudlow.

## UNDER 14.

v. **Scotch College.** (Lost).

Scores.—S.C., 14 goals, 14 points; C.C.S., 1 goal, 3 points.

v. **Wesley College.** (Lost).

Scores.—W.C., 10 goals, 5 points; C.C.S., 4 goals, 6 point.

## UNDER 13.

v. **High School.** (Lost).

Scores.—H.S., 9 goals, 10 points; C.C.S., 4 goals, 5 points.  
Best Players.—Eyres ii., Nosedá, Nicholas i.

v. **Scotch College.** (Lost).

Scores.—S.C., 21 goals, 18 points; C.C.S., 1 point.

v. **Wesley College.** (Lost).

Scores.—W.C., 3 goals, 6 points; C.C.S., 2 goals, 8 points.  
Best Players.—Nosedá, Nicholas i., Dickson, Lovegrove.

v. **Scotch College.** (Lost).

Scores.—S.C., 18 goals, 25 points; C.C.S., 2 goals.  
Best Players.—Lovegrove, Nicholas i, Smith.

## UNDER 12.

v. **Woodbridge House.** (Lost).

Scores.—W.H.S., 6 goals, 11 points; C.C.S., Nil.  
Best Players.—Bedells, Shercliff, Daly, Bickford ii.

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## THE FIRST EIGHTEEN.

**Baskerville (Captain).**—Centre and Rover. Handles the ball well and is a good mark and kick, but spoils the combination of the team by getting too far out of position.

**Armstrong (Vice-Captain).**—Centre and Rover. Fast, but is not too sure of himself in picking up the ball on the run. Fair mark and powerful kick.

**Giles (Half-Back).**—When in the mood makes some brilliant dashes. Good mark and kick.

**Sewell (Ruck).**—Bucks in well, but seldom secures the ball. Poor mark and kick, but is improving.

**Bowers (Centre Half-Forward).**—A consistently good player. Good high mark, and accurate kick.

**Sudlow (Full Forward).**—Handicapped by lack of height and weight. Liable to try running with the ball in front of goals, instead of taking his time. Good mark and accurate kick.

**Shipard (Full Back).**—A good sturdy player, who keeps well on to the ball. Fair mark and kick.

**Bland (Centre Half Back).**—Comes through well, but takes too long to get rid of the ball. Poor mark and kick.

**Young (Ruck).**—Plays with a will, but is clumsy. Fair kick; poor mark.

**Evans i. (Wing).**—Kicks too many high punts instead of long drop kicks. Very slow in all his movements. Fair mark.

**Martin (Half Back).**—Plays a willing game. Marks and kicks fairly well, and will make a very good back when he is bigger.

**Miller (Goals).**—Has played some good games, but is very much too languid in all his movements. Good mark; fair kick.

**Lewis (Wing).**—Takes an unconscionable time to kick a ball when he has once secured it. Bucks in well; fair mark. Kicking improving.

**Eyres i. (Full Forward).**—Should go in after the ball more than he does, rather than wait for it to come to him. Fair kick and mark. Will improve greatly as he puts on weight.

**Eyres ii. (Full Forward).**—Plays well, but is too light to stand much chance against the average back. Fair mark; accurate kick.

**Moore** (Half Back).—Makes good use of his weight, but does not often secure the ball. Poor mark and erratic kick.

**Ivers i.** (Half Forward).—Does not make full use of his great height, but secures some good marks. Poor mark. Has shown great all-round improvement.

**Hoseason** (Back).—Gives away too many free kicks by playing the man instead of the ball. Is very solid and gets in well. Poor mark and kick.

**McGlew** (Back).—Must buck in more. Fair mark, poor kick. Has the makings of a good player if he speeds up a little.

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### THE PERAMBULATORS' MATCH.

This match was played on the School Oval with the pitch inches deep in water, and the sky overcast and threatening. The Perambulators were captained by Spencer, of the Perth Shipping Offices' Team and contained few people known to us, though Carlton, an Old Boy, was included. It was overcast, but dry when the ball was bounced, the school team kicking towards the North end. We had the services of Mr. Beere, while Mr. Brown and Miller played for our opponents.

For a time their ruck was too strong for ours, and the ball came straight to their goal, but was passed across the goals to Armstrong who sent it to the centre, whence it went to the forwards. The result was two points, followed by a goal. They soon took the gilt off the ginger bread by passing us, and establishing a lead which they maintained until the last quarter.

The rain came down in the next quarter, as a warning of the wrath to come and served to slow up the game. The backs were behaving well, but Miller on the left wing, made hay of most of the leads. Mr. Brown, too, caused a little inconvenience in the centre, and the game resolved itself into a duel between the centre lines until half-time.

In the third quarter the game continued as before, with an occasional excursion to each goal, but it was principally ours, though the forwards failed to net any goals. Then the rain set in with a steady downpour, which betrayed its intention of making a protracted stay. The force of the rain, and the greasiness of the ball, almost converted the game into a soccer match, but it was still fast.

Changing over the School ran away, and passed the Perambulators by two points. Both half-backs moved forward, and the game speeded up considerably during a cessation of Jupiter Pluvius's activities. Another furious downpour, accompanied by a freezing wind, saw the end as the Perambulators' scored a goal and several points almost on the call of time.

It was a great game, but alas, once again we suffered defeat. Mr. Brown and Miller certainly made a great difference to their strength. The play was as fast as one could hope for, and weight was freely used in certain quarters. Lynn raced around in circles and was difficult to follow, though rather ineffective, being closely watched. Their captain, Spencer, played a great game, and they certainly deserved to win. Mr. Adams ably officiated with the whistle and umpired to the complete satisfaction of both sides.

Scores:—

Perambulators, 7 goals, 14 behinds—56 points.

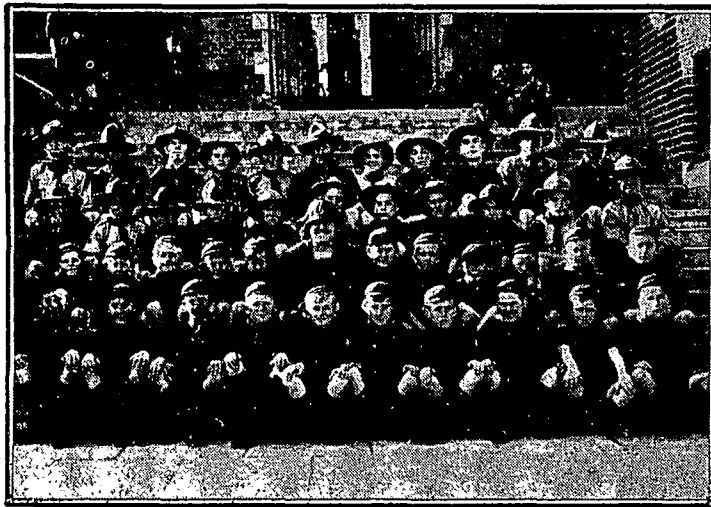
School, 7 goals, 12 behinds—54 points.

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### SCOUT NOTES.

The term has been a mixture of good and bad patches. Several boys resigned, giving no reason whatever. One can only surmise that the promised visit of a Commissioner to test the wears of second class badges was the cause. On the other hand, several boys who have reached years of discretion joined up and now the troop is "F.a.q. to prime," as Darrel says. Martin, Miller and Ivers ii. have reached

the first class and we congratulate them. At least four others should achieve the distinction by the end of term. Buck in my beauties! The Rovers, in order to help the troop on, have each selected a badge and will instruct on Sunday afternoons. Compulsory drills and matches interfere with Saturday outings, so we approached the Headmaster, who was most sympathetic, and now boarders are allowed to go out to the wild woods and take the raw materials for tea. We hope that parents of day-boys will realise our handicap in regard to Saturday rallies, and let their boys join in on Sundays. These troop gatherings will not be held more than once a fortnight. At the present time a number of us, Rovers and S.M., are putting in alternate week-ends at Karrakatta, where Commissioner Paterson, who qualified as a Camp Chief at Gilwell in 1924, is passing on his experience.



SCOUT TROOP NO. 4.

The week-end camps are not unadulterated amusement; some fellows will need a second notebook before the course finishes; and the spare time activities fill up the

time we have not got. We are having a busy and happy time, everybody is keen as mustard, and one confidently expects an immense increase in the efficiency of the troops whose Big Brothers are participating.

A splendid turn out on Sunday, July 5th, at St. George's Cathedral, made us prouder and prouder of Tribe No. 4. Cubs in new caps, Scouts with uniform hose tops, made a splendid showing. Perhaps Scouts will try and keep their hat brims flat. One gentleman in the accompanying photograph looks as if he had slept in his. There are no prizes for picking him out.

Utting ii., with a King's Scout qualification from Burmah, Wright, Ivers i., Hoseason and Parker i. are members this term—mostly heavyweights.

And lastly, to those who pull out: You admit in effect that you will no longer attempt to keep the Scout Law; you are tired of being honest and clean in thought, word and deed. We are sorry to lose you; we are sorry for you, because the person who gives up trying to do his best is already half lost.

### THE KARRAKATTA CAMP.

(By a "Kook-a-burra").

The first of these camps, which are being held in connection with the "Wood Badge," was held on Saturday, 11th July. The site selected for the camp was the Karrakatta Military Reserve, where the camps are held fortnightly. There are five representatives from No. 4 Troop, including the Scoutmaster, in attendance at these camps.

The camps are held in connection with the "Wood Badge" course, and are conducted on a similar basis to those which are held at Gillwell Park, Sussex, England, for the same purpose. These camps, which are now being held, are the first of their kind in Western Australia, and second only to Queensland, to be conducted in Australia. The camping grounds of Karrakatta are not as up-to-date and convenient as those at Gillwell Park, but no doubt they are equally adaptable for the purpose. The whole

camp is conducted by the Deputy Camp Chief for W.A., Mr. Paterson, who qualified for the "Wood Badge" while in England last year. Assisting the S.M. is the Commissioner for Sea Scouts, who acts as A.S.M. We were also assisted and highly amused during the Camp fires by Mr. Chitterden, who has recently come from Cardiff, where he was a S.M.

Mr. Palmer, of the Wesley College and South Perth Troop, was appointed Troop Leader; but last camp, during his absence, Mr. Chitterden took the position.

The Troop is divided into four patrols, namely: Dingoes, Kook-a-burras, Magpies, and Bull Frogs. We are not yet wise to the fact of how the patrols got their names, but we do know that one or two of the cries are rather hard to master. We have, however, several in our patrol with somewhat plastic voices, who can make noises approaching our poor old "Kook-a-burra."

The routine of the camp is set out in the form of a time-table, and everything is arranged to get the maximum work in the minimum time. We find this particularly so when we are trying to find time for our spare time activities, which must be done. The lectures, which are somewhat frequent, are given by the S.M., assisted by the A.S.M., and are effectively rendered; more especially the demonstrations by the A.S.M.!

There is keen competition between the patrols for the points which are awarded for patrol tidiness, etc. Although we have not been honoured so far with the position of gainers of the highest points, we have in our patrol the second prize winner for disguising himself effectively as a body-snatcher, so we have something to be proud of, which only one other patrol has.

### THE DANCING CLASS.

This year Miss Scott has taken in hand many young people of elephantine deportment to instruct them in the vagaries of the art of dancing. All went well until one night when we were startled by the entry of three pairs of "long 'uns" terminated at either end by coats and pairs

of shoes. This phenomenon rather scared us until, on investigation, we discovered Gibson, Shipard and Bland, occupying various parts of the above-mentioned garments.

We fail to see anything humorous in the behaviour of some of the younger members of our company, which, being in accordance with other personal features and characteristics, was disgraceful. However, the classes have not been uninteresting or too impossible, and the long night is still to come. Then we will stir things up and startle the natives.

We fear that such men as Gibson and Lovegrove would have been badly disappointed had they come, the absence of partners of the gentler sex being painfully prominent. The good old days are gone beyond recall. We trust that the long night will restore our jaded nerves, and afford us some amusement, as the majority are more or less inexperienced in the ways of dancers of the female gender.

### OVERHEARD.

#### 1. The Bathroom—5.20 p.m.

First Voice: I reckon it's crook making a chap run round the field four times after practice. I'm feeling just about petered. I suppose they want to kill a bloke.

Second Voice: Yes, and how can a chap clean the pitch off himself if he can't use the hot water. What's hot water for, anyway. How about chancing it? I don't think he's about.

First Voice: Too right he is. He's on duty. I'm not chancing it. By gee (gasp) the shower's c-cold.

#### 2. The Reading Room—7.45 p.m.

Mac: Anyway that theory of evolution is right.

Anson: It all depends. You said that—.

Mac: Now, wait a while. You said that—.

Anson: I said just about the same as you did. Only I reckon—.

Mac: Anyway, do you know what we're arguing about?

Anson: Oh, yes.

Mac: Well, I don't.

**3. The Reading Room—1.10 p.m.**

(A medley of voices, some hushed, some strident),  
 I sprang to the stirrup, and Joris and he  
 Soror, sororem, sororis, sorori  
 What page are those sums we have to do?  
 Speed echoed the wall to us galloping through.  
 Faire, faisant, fait, je fais, je fis  
 Perth, York, Carnarvon, Albany.  
 I turned in the saddle and made its girths tight—  
 Amo, amis—that can't be right.  
 P—o—double l—u—t—e.  
 Moneo, monere, monui.

**4. The Dining Room—6.1 p.m.**

Chorus: Can I have that extra butter, sir?  
 Can I have one of them, sir?  
 Can I have this soup over?  
 I asked first, didn't I, sir?  
 Can I have Bluey's fritter, sir, he's in bed?

A Voice: No! This table's on silence till the end of tea.

**In The Prefects' Room.**

Cam.: Look here, Sewell, where are my boots, I swear  
 I left them here last time.  
 Owen: ——— "Kiss that girl."  
 Sewell (abstractedly): Shut up, I've got K.D.K.A. (A  
 raucous wail is heard).  
 Chorus: K.D. foot.  
 Cam.: — and I swear my trousers were——  
 Owen: — Ma says that I'm a wreck.

(Enter Hosey's boot via the top of the partition).

And there we have them—Owen wrecked and furious;  
 Cam undressed and more furious; and Anson a trifle be-  
 wildered at the enormity of his many offences.

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**IMPRESSIONS OF LONDON.**

(By R. Todd.)

Soon after arriving at Waterloo Station from Southamp-  
 ton, we boarded a bus which took us across the Thames  
 via Waterloo Bridge, and into the Strand; by this time

we were in the heart of London, and I am afraid I did  
 not consider it an impressive city; in fact, I was dis-  
 appointed. I had expected to see a few sky-scrappers dotted  
 about, but the London County Council limit the height  
 of buildings to an equivalent of 7 to 9 storeys. Ten minutes  
 later the bus pulled up before the Royal Exchange and  
 the Bank of England, both comparatively low buildings.  
 This was the heart of the old City, but now there is a  
 certain amount of stagnation evident in the locality, and  
 greater, in fact, wonderful, development is taking place  
 in the West End, especially in Regent Street, fashionable  
 London's shopping centre. The roads in and around Lon-  
 don are kept in an excellent state of repair, considering  
 the traffic which passes over them, including the 4,000 or  
 so motor buses which keep up an excellent service and  
 account for a loss in the running of the trams.

Insufficient attention has been given to the planning  
 of London in years gone by, with the result that many  
 roads are narrow and winding—good wide thoroughfares  
 are few and far between. Possibly as a result of bad  
 planning of roads and resultant traffic congestion on the  
 surface, a wonderful network of underground railways has  
 been tunnelled through the clay below at a depth of 30  
 to 80 feet.

It seems strange that in a circular area of roughly  
 about 15 miles across, so many distinctly different types  
 of people can live. In the East End are Cockneys, and  
 an overlarge percentage of foreigners and Jews. In the  
 West End are to be found the city residences of England's  
 gentry, and an immense number of expensive flats; while  
 the north and south are middle class districts. It is gen-  
 erally easy to distinguish from which suburb a Londoner  
 comes, by his dress and speech.

London's weather is sure to cause much chagrin amongst  
 Australian visitors, with its days of drizzling rain and fog;  
 however, plenty of indoor amusement is provided; viz.:  
 30 Museums, 42 theatres and 420 cinemas, etc. London has  
 enough telephone wire to circle the earth 58 times; enough  
 streets to reach to Constantinople; close on 1,000 Churches;

21,000 policemen, and an increasing number of policewomen.

Though London is visited by all the best theatrical companies and shows, I do not consider it a good place to live in unless you have money to burn; so I am very glad to be back in sunny W.A.

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### O.B.A. NOTES.

Since the last edition of the Mitre, the Committee has undergone some slight alterations. At the first Committee meeting Mr. M. Brooking was elected as Chairman of Committee, and Mr. G. W. Rooney as Assistant Secretary. Since then, however, Mr. Gomme and Mr. Bull have been forced to resign, owing to having been transferred to the country. In their places Mr. H. Boys and Mr. H. Balme have been appointed; and we wish them a pleasant term of office as Committeemen.

#### THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The past year has been very successful, both socially and financially, and this goes to show that the Association is progressing favourably.

**Annual Dinner.**—This was the first and only disappointing function of the year, there being a 33 per cent. decrease on the attendance of the previous dinner. Special efforts to secure a big roll up of Members were made and I would like to impress on all the disappointment it is to those who work for a function of this nature to find it patronized so half-heartedly.

**The Annual Dance.**—This was most successful, the attendance being about equal to last year, and the comments of all guests on that occasion being of a highly flattering nature.

**School Sports.**—This gathering was well patronised by the Old Boys, who took advantage of competing in the events open to them, the chief prize winner being Eric Gomme.

**Annual Cricket Match.**—Past v. Present Boys was won by the School, that team proving much too good for their seniors.

**The Annual River Trip.**—The last function of the past year proved to be as popular as ever, there being an attendance of about 180. Although the trip was organised on a rather more ambitious scale than last year, still larger development should be considered.

The "Mitre" has been published twice during the past year, and we took 50 copies, which were disposed of amongst our members. Items for the "Mitre" suitable for the Old Boys' Column are rather scarce, and the Committee would be glad to receive any news of the doings and welfare of Old Boys, which are always perused with interest by the Principal of the School, his assistants and the present scholars. This help will materially assist your new Committee, and will help to increase the scale of the "Mitre."

**Committee.**—The only change in the Committee since the Annual Meeting is that Mr. Pearce, whilst retaining his seat on the Committee resigned his position of Honorary Secretary, owing to pressure of business, and Mr. Kendall, the Assistant Secretary, was appointed to his place, the position of Assistant Secretary then being given to Mr. Balme. The Committee has worked well together, and personally, I may say it has been a great pleasure for me to act as their Executive Officer, and I wish to acknowledge the assistance I have had from Mr. Balme, the Assistant Secretary. During the year we held eight ordinary, and two special meetings, at which the individual attendances were as follows:—Adamson, 10; Brooking, 7; Kendall, 9; Battye, 10; Balme, 8; May, 7; Bull, 10; Gomme, 8; Pearce, 5.

I would like here to express an appreciation of our President, the Rev. L. W. Parry, and also Mr. Sudlow, our Vice-President, who have always shown very keen interest in Christ Church Old Boys' Association.

In conclusion I would like to wish the incoming Committee a prosperous term of office.

(Signed) R. KENDALL.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The transactions for the year have been satisfactory,

and in several departments great improvement could be shown. I will take the items severally.

**Subscriptions.**—This year the total subscription received amount to £12 10s., which figures show a decrease of £2 on last year's figures. This shows that 50 Old Boys only are members of the Association, and the Committee would like to see this number doubled during the coming year.

**Annual Dinner.**—The dinner this year showed a loss of £7 17s. 4d., and therefore cost £3 12s. 11d. more than it did last year. This also calls for attention during the year to come.

**Annual Dance.**—The surplus for the dance was 14s. 6d. more than last year, the excess receipts over expenditure for 1924 being £8 14s. 7d.

**Annual River Trip.**—This function also showed a slight increase of a few shillings over last year's figures, the surplus this year being £2 14s. 11d. Considering the high cost of the boat, i.e., £16, this must be regarded as quite a satisfactory result, although in the years to come, the Committee hopes to improve it.

The excess of revenue over expenditure for this year is £20 1s. 4d. This amount has been added to the accumulated funds which now stand at £55 5s. 4d. We also have an amount of £10 standing to the credit of the Gymnasium Fund.

Your Committee feels that you will agree that these figures are quite satisfactory, considering the new departures that have been made during the past year, but in order to finance the Gymnasium, which we have undertaken to build for the School, considerable improvement must be shown in the coming years.

(Signed) J. E. BATTYE.

#### ANNUAL DANCE.

On Monday, 20th July, the Princess Hall, Claremont, was the Mecca of many Old Boys and friends, it being the celebration of the Ninth Annual Dance of the Association.

The hall was decorated in the School's colours—blue and gold—in the form of streamers radiating from the centre. In the middle of the floor the orchestra played their merry strains 'neath a canopy of fern and blue and gold bells, forming a pagoda from the corners of which shone a large lantern, setting off the hall most attractively.

Upstairs a beautiful supper was waiting, having been prepared by an energetic Mothers' Committee. Vases of wattle stood on each table and around the room hung the School colours.

There were a little less than two hundred persons present; and after an all-too-short evening had passed, all vowed that they had had a most enjoyable time.

We would like to convey our most grateful thanks to Mrs. Cox and Miss Elsa Rooney, and all the Ladies' Committee for their kindness in preparing a very nice supper. Thanks are also due to Mr. C. Stewart and the "Swanee Syncopaters," who gave us some delightful music.

#### DOINGS OF OLD BOYS.

##### Engagements.

The engagements have been announced of John ("Cumbie") Laing to Miss R. Downer, of Cottesloe; and C. Rawle, to Miss E. Hart, of Swanbourne. Our heartiest congratulations to these two lucky fellows.

Our heartiest congratulations are also offered to Phil. Parker, who has lately been promoted to his Captaincy in the Madras Pioneers.

We are all very glad to see Dick Todd back in the West again after a lengthy stay in England.

John Bull has been transferred to Collie, consequently he has been forced to resign from the committee—as Eric Gomme did earlier in the year when he was transferred to Narrogin.

Jack Stansfield has been in town for a few days. He came up with the Collie footballers for Country Football Week.

Ted. Hayward, who has given up his sea-faring life, has gone to the Roseworthy Agricultural College in South

Australia, with the obvious object of studying agriculture.

Jack ("Patter") Paterson has returned from Scotland and is now residing in Keane-street, Cottesloe. We note that he has brought back with him a real Scotch brogue.

We would like to wish Neil Stirling all the best of luck in his new sphere. Since leaving Dalgety's Motors, he has set up a business of his own (including car accessories, etc.) in Howard Street, Perth.

Doug. Balme, after spending a few weeks in town, is now staying with Norman Malcolm at Shackleton.

Hedley Porter has returned to his Nor'-West life again.

Rupert Kendall tells me that he is going East this month for six weeks' holiday. We all wish him a very pleasant holiday.

Two of our old School mates have had a great honour conferred upon them. When the English cricket team passed through Fremantle in March last, it was arranged that they should play a Soccer football match against a representative Western Australian Eleven. Included in that team were two of our old pals—who performed well in our Soccer teams in the early days of the School—i.e., Eric Gomme and Harold Boys.

Since then a very strong combination of English exponents of the Soccer code has been touring Australia. In the match against W.A. Harold Boys was picked to play for the State team. In that match he was named as the best player on the W.A. side. That same night Harold left for Adelaide, where he was chosen as one of two players from W.A. to play with a representative Australian Eleven against the Englishmen. Reports from the East say that he was one of the best on the Australian side.

We must congratulate Harold on his successes on the football field, and wish him every success in his future football career.

Negotiations for the Gymnasium are now well under way, and it is hoped that before long building will be commenced.

Another Old Boy about town lately is Allan Christian, down for a spell from the country.