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HEADMASTER'S FOREWORD.

I always know that the end of the term is coming when the Editor approaches me with a polite request to write a foreword for the Mitre, within 48 hours. At a certain time in the term I begin to have a suspicion that the request is coming, because it always happens when I am specially busy with all sorts of other things, and, of course, I have to put everything on one side and think and think until I remember what there is to write about. There never is anything, of course, and so, as necessity is the mother of invention, I just have to invent. I do not like saying there is nothing, because it reminds me of the typical school magazine editorial which begins with a wail that the mantle of the last Editor has fallen on very incapable shoulders, and that there is absolutely nothing to write about in the editorial, except that the School has or has not been visited by sickness, that there has been the usual dearth of extra holidays, and the teams have not been as successful as they might have been if they had always been careful to select only those teams to play that they were sure of beating. I will not be guilty of that sort of thing, for there have been so many things happening that term has gone remarkably quickly.

First of all as to numbers. We have had an average of 40 boarders and 63 day boys this term, and going through the ages of the School in November for other purposes I find that at the end of November the ages distributed as follows:—6 boys over 16, 13 aged 15-16, 15 aged 14-15, 11 aged 13-14, 11 aged 12-13, 14 aged 11-12, 12 aged 10-11, 9

aged 9-10, 11 aged 8-9, and 3 under 8. This shows a fairly even distribution of ages in a school of 103 boys and with nearly half the school over 13 shows that the average age is creeping up. In fact, I hope for a considerable increase in the boys over 16 by this time next year, chiefly because I will want a number of new prefects, and I do not like to give the responsibility and privilege of being a prefect to a boy under 16 or to one who has not been in the School long enough to learn its traditions. The prefect's position is such a responsible one and makes such a demand on the prefect that I do not feel it fair to ask a boy under 16 to take responsibilities for which his age does not fit him, yet I hope to have no difficulty next term in finding boys suitable for the position of prefect, and I also hope again to have a respectable sized Leaving Form. But that depends on the Junior Exam. results and it is no good speaking about these things before we know. These things still lie in the future.

As to the events of the term—during the holidays a new practice wicket was put down which is making good headway, and ought to be ready for use next February. Also the centre pitch was top-dressed and has been in better condition than ever before at this time of year. The tennis courts have had the protecting fence completed, and after being top-dressed and attended to, have improved wonderfully. The top court is now in use, and a Tennis Club has been formed at last.

The Royal Show is always a welcome interlude this term and Christ Church was much in evidence owing to the energy of the Matron, Mr. Wheeler, the Scouts, and their kind friends who erected and attended to a booth with the idea of raising enough money to pay off the debt of £65 still owing on the Scout Hall. The expenses were very heavy indeed, but I am glad to say that the profits were considerable, and with the money in hand from the kind donations from the parents of Scouts and Cubs it is probable that there will be enough money in the bank on December 31st to repay the whole of the balance of the

loan to Colonel Goadby, and the interest for the half-year. Such a result is excellent, as the Hall was only opened in July, 1924, and cost over £200. I know it gives great pleasure to the Matron to know that it has been accomplished, and that she has helped so much to accomplish it.

While speaking of the Scouts, I should like to say I was glad to see so many of the day boy Scouts and Cubs at the Church Parade on November 15th, when the Parish Troop paraded for the first time. It shows the right spirit when they turn out on such an occasion.

Following on the Royal Show, our own sports on October 21st were a great success and all the visitors as well as the boys seemed to enjoy the afternoon thoroughly.

Cricket has started well, and the keenness aroused by the Section Matches is already having results, for we will not be able to say that we have had no wins this season. Though winning matches is not the whole object of School life it is encouraging when we begin to feel that energy and enthusiasm are meeting with their rewards.

Though, as I write this, there are three weeks before term ends, I feel that those three weeks are the shortest of all the weeks of the year, as there is so much to do, and time is so filled up with examinations and preparations for Speech Day, that the time simply flies. I have therefore to try and write just as if term was finished and everybody was full of excitement at the idea of the holidays and Christmas.

We have been very fortunate this year in the help friends have given us. Mr. R. L. Beatty most generously gave a handsome donation that made it possible to have the Section Cups. Mr. Lockwood has given a beautiful Cup for the Junior Champion. Mr. S. R. L. Elliott, always a good friend, has again promised his prizes for fielding and bowling, the parents and friends helped us most generously at Sports' time, and I have received generous help with the School prizes from Mrs. S. C. Marriott and Mrs. McKay, as well as from the others who usually help us. I

am grateful, personally, to these kind friends, and I know you boys appreciate it.

Before I close I should like to say that I do not think the School will be quite the same next year without Miss Backhouse as Matron. She has been so long at the School, and is known to so many Christ Church boys that everyone will miss her very much. We all join in wishing to her and Mr. Wheeler every happiness in their approaching marriage which is to be celebrated on December 19th at Christ Church, Claremont.

Boys who learn Science will be sorry to know that Mr. E. M. Watson will not be with us next term. I was hoping he would be able to come on to the Staff as a resident master for Science and Mathematics, but he received a very good appointment under the Perth City Council, and consequently I am looking for somebody to take his place. Mr. Brown has also handed in his resignation as he has to go and help his father in business. As an Old Boy of the School he had the interests of the School at heart and we will miss him.

It has been quite nice to have boys at Romsey again, after two years without them. A new bathroom and dressing room were fitted up for them and they seemed to be quite happy in their new abode.

If I do not stop, the Editor will be telling me he has no more room for my foreword and so I will close just by wishing you all the happiest of holidays and a really good Christmas. Those that are coming back in February, will, I hope, have a real good year at School in front of them, with a large quota of new boys to turn into Christ Church boys, and I hope that those who are leaving will always have with them very happy memories of their School time here, and keep up the tradition of truth and generosity and loyalty that they tried to learn and practice at School, and carry out with them into their bigger life in the world that most valuable thing a boy can have, the friendships made at School, and the spirit that helped them make their friendships. But do not forget to join the O.B.A.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Numbers.—At the end of last term eight boys left the School and four have been admitted this term. The total number on the roll is now 103, of whom 40 are boarders and 63 day boys.

Improvements.—During the August holidays a new practice wicket was laid down and the centre wicket was top-dressed. We hope to use the practice wicket next term. Netting has been placed round the tennis courts, and the top court is now in regular use, though it is not yet in really good condition.

Congratulations.—To A. B. Sewell and T. C. Miller on being awarded their tennis colours, and to C. H. Armstrong J. W. Bland and R. O. Giles on being awarded their football colours.

Visitors.—At the beginning of the term we were addressed by the Revs. Gribble, Eddy, and Clayton. Mr. Gribble spoke in a most interesting manner of the history of the Forrest River Mission, Mr. Eddy told of work among the lepers, and "Padre" Clayton told of the aims of Toc H. All these lectures were much appreciated.

Cups.—Mr. R. L. Beatty's Challenge Cups for inter-Section Competition are to hand, as also Mr. Lockwood's Cup for the best sportsman under 14. We take this opportunity of thanking these gentlemen for the practical manner in which they have shown their interest in the School.

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VALETE.

R. O. Giles.—Entered school 1919. Prefect 1924-5. XI 1924-25. Colours 1924. XVIII 1924-25. Colours 1925. Vice-Captain of Cricket 1925. Left in Form VI.

C. H. Armstrong.—Entered school 1920. Prefect 1924-25. XI 1924-25. Captain of Cricket 1925. Colours 1924. XVIII 1924-25. Vice-Captain 1925. Colours 1925. Left in Form VI.

A. Honisett.—Entered school 1925. Left in Form III.

G. Wake.—Entered school 1924. Left in Form II.

A. Plavin.—Entered school 1925. Left in Form I.

P. Plavin.—Entered school 1925. Left in Form I.

L. Martin.—Entered school 1925. Left in Form I.

T. Appleton.—Entered school 1925. Left in Form I.

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SALVETE.

Form IV.—S. R. Arnold.

Form I.—P. McLaren, J. Devitt, M. Stileman.

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MATRON.

At the end of this term we lose Miss Backhouse who has been Matron of the School since 1918. Of the many boys who have been under her care since she first became connected with the School, it is safe to say that there is not one who does not regard her with affection. Untiring in her efforts to make School a home from home, always working at something for the benefit of the boys, she has yet never been too busy to attend to any of those thousand and one small matters which crop up during the day, bandaging scratched knees, finding lost bathers, or providing amusements for invalids.

We wish her all joy and prosperity in the future and hope that though she is no longer working among us yet she will continue to take a lively interest in the school and all its affairs.

Miss Backhouse is to be married to Mr. B. A. Wheeler on Friday, 19th December, at Christ Church, Claremont, when a large attendance is expected of parents, boys, and Old Boys, to wish her the best of good luck in her married life.

ACROSTIC.

Christchurch has a prodigy
Of notorious fame;
Doctors who've examined him
Declare him to be tame.
Yours is now the duty to
Diagnose his name,
And if this does not help you
Yours is all the blame.

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LIBRARY.

At the beginning of the term the library purchased a set of Scott's and Dickens' novels, which have been largely read during the term. A set of the "Historians' History of the World," which was presented to the library, has proved valuable as reference books. Also a number of novels and books suitable for reference have been given by Mrs. Foster. The shelves are now completely filled and we are looking forward to a new set of shelves next term.

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TENTH ANNUAL SPORTS.

The School Sports were held on the Claremont Show Grounds on the afternoon of Wednesday, 21st October. The day was fine, and indeed warm, and conditions were almost ideal. Baskerville and Sewell tied for Champion Athlete, with 27 points each, while Bowers gained the under 16 Championship with a total of 17½ points. Moore was under 16 runner-up with 13 points. Rivalry between Sections was keen in all under-age races, but practically all the open runners belonged to the House. The final points gained were: House, 164½; Romsey, 88; Queenslea,

74½, which reduced to 12.6, 6.7, and 5.7, respectively for the Section Cup. A fair attendance of Old Boys was noticeable and a large number of parents and friends of the boys were present.

Officials:

Patron: His Grace the Archbishop.

President: The Headmaster.

Vice-Presidents: Sir J. Talbot Tobbs, Rev. Canon Collick, J. O. Fisher, Esq., S. R. L. Elliott, Esq., A. Sanderson, Esq.

Judges: Rev. H. H. Harper, E. E. Chase, Esq., Rev.

W. C. Freeman, B. A. Wheeler, Esq.

Timekeepers: E. M. Watson, Esq., R. J. Adams, Esq.

Starter: Major Emmott.

Steward: A. M. Brown, Esq.

Result Steward: G. B. Beere, Esq.

Handicappers: A. Sewell, G. Bowers, G. Eyres.

Open Championships:

High Jump.—Baskerville (H), 1; Ivers i (H), 2; Sewell (H), 3. Height 4ft. 10½in.

Long Jump.—Baskerville (H), 1; Bowers (Q), 2; Ivers i (H), 3. Distance, 19ft. 1¾in.

Hurdles.—Baskerville (H), 1; Sewell (H), 2; Ivers i (H), 3. Time, 21 2-5sec.

100 Yards.—Baskerville (H), 1; Sewell (H), 2; Moore (H), 3. Time, 11 2-5sec.

220 Yards.—Sewell (H), 1; Baskerville (H), 2; Moore (H), 3. Time, 26 4-5sec.

440 Yards.—Sewell (H), 1; Baskerville (H), 2; Moore (H), 3. Time, 60 2-5sec.

880 Yards.—Sewell (H), 1; Baskerville (H), 2; Bland (H), 3. Time, 2min. 32 1-5sec.

Mile.—Sewell (H), 1; Moore (H), 2; Baskerville (H), 3. Time, 5min. 35sec.

Under 16 Championships.

Long Jump.—Bowers (Q), 1; Shipard (H), 2; Gregory (Q), 3. Distance, 17ft. 9in.

High Jump.—Young (R), 1; Shipard (H), 2; Ivers ii (H), Bowers (Q), 3. Height, 4ft. 8in.

100 Yards.—Moore (H), 1; Bowers (Q), 2; Sudlow (H), 3; Evans i (R), 4. Time, 12 2-5sec.

220 Yards.—Moore (H), 1; Bowers (Q), 2; Evans (R), 3; Gregory (Q), 4. Time, 28 2-5sec.

880 Yards.—Bowers (Q), 1; Moore (H), 2; Gregory (Q), 3; Evans (R), 4. Time, 2min. 45sec.

Hurdles.—Young (R), 1; Bowers (Q), 2; Ivers ii (H), 3; Shipard (H), 4. Time, 20 4-5sec.

Under 15.

Long Jump.—Bowers (Q), 1; Evans i (R), 2; Martin (Q), 3. Distance, 17ft. 9in.

300 Yards.—Hoseason (Q), 1; Martin (Q), 2; Steel (R), 3; Creswell (Q), 4. Time, 43sec.

100 Yards.—Sudlow (H), 1; McGlew (R), 2; Evans i (R), 3; Eyres i (R), 4. Time, 13 1-5sec.

Under 14:

220 Yards.—McGlew (R), 1; Eyres ii (R), 2; Stillwell (Q), 3; Johnston (Q), 4. Time, 31sec.

100 Yards.—McGlew (R), 1; Eyres ii (R), 2; Smith i (R), 3; Nicholas i (H), 4. Time, 13 7-10sec.

Under 13:

100 Yards.—Lovegrove (H), Eyres ii (R), 1; Nicholas i (H), 3. Time, 13 3-5sec.

Under 12:

75 Yards.—Shercliff (H), 1; Robertson (Q), 2; Bedells (Q), 3; Pocklington (Q), 4. Time, 10 2-5sec.

Under 10:

50 Yards.—McLaren (H), 1; McGlashan (Q), 2; Forrest (Q), 3; Manning (Q), 4. Time, 8 4-5sec.

Handicaps:

100 Yards (Open).—Shipard (H), 1; Young (R), 2; Wright (H), 3.

Mile (Open).—Martin (Q), 1; Bland (H), 2; McLarty (H), 3.

100 Yards (under 15).—FitzGerald (H), 1; Evans i (R), 2; Hoseason (Q), 3.

- 220 Yards (Under 15).—FitzGerald (H), 1; Steel (R), 2; Evans i (R), 3.
 880 Yards (Under 14).—Eyres ii (R), 1; Smith i (R), 2; McGlew (R), 3.
 220 Yards (Under 14).—Lynn (R), 1; Smith i (R), 2; Shercliff (H), 3.
 100 Yards (Under 13).—Eyres ii (R), 1; Lovegrove (H), 2; Lynn (R), 3.
 440 Yards (Under 13).—Lovegrove (H), 1; Eyres ii (R), 2; Shercliff (H), 3.
 100 Yards (Under 12).—Shercliff (H), 1; Robertson (Q), 2; Connor (H), 3.
 75 Yards (Under 11).—Bickford i (R), 1; Higham (H), 2; Parker ii (R), 3.
 100 Yards (Under 11).—Deans (R), 1; Parker ii (R), 2; Higham (H), 3.
 75 Yards (Under 10).—Smith ii (R), 1; Jacoby (Q), 2; Forrest (Q), 3.
 50 Yards (Under 9).—Smith ii (R), 1; Forrest (Q), 2; McGlashan (Q), 3.

Old Boys:

- 100 Yards Handicap.—Brown, 1; Lovegrove, 2; Lynn, 3.
 880 Yards Championship.—Mudge, W., 1; Mudge, C., 2; Eaton, 3.

Fancy Races:

- Sack Race.—Shercliff (H), 1; Eagleton (R), 2; Forrest (Q), 3.
 Siamese.—Lewis and Brown (H), 1; Shercliff and Dickson (H), 2; Hassell and Douglas (R), 3.
 Egg and Spoon.—Eagleton (R), 1; Johnson (H), 2; Bedells (Q), 3.
 Donkey.—Shercliff and Dickson (H), 1; Robertson and Noseda (Q), 2; Nicholas and Lovegrove (H), 3.
 Wheelbarrow.—Noseda and Robertson (Q), 1; Shercliff and Dickson (H), 2; Chilvers and Johnston (Q), 3.
 Bicycle, 880 Yards.—Arnold (H), 1; Gregory (Q), 2; Noseda (Q), 3.

Relay Races, 440 Yards.

Cubs.—White, 1; Brown, 2; Grey, 3. Time, 1min. 10 3-5sec.
 Scouts.—Crows, 1; Curlews, 2; Bullfrogs, 3. Time, 1min. 1 3-10sec.
 O.B.A. v. School.—O.B.A., 1; School, 2. 50sec.

Our thanks are due to the following ladies and gentlemen:—

For Cups.—The Headmaster (Champion Athletes); His Grace the Archbishop (Under 16 Champion); Mrs. Parry (100 Yards, under 13); Mrs. Wyatt (880 Yards Championship, open); Freddy and Constance Parry (Sack Race).

For Donations.—A. Sanderson, Esq.; J. H. Chilvers, Esq.; W. G. Forrest, Esq.; G. G. Martin, Esq.; Mrs. Gurner; A. W. Jacoby, Esq.; P. FitzGerald, Esq.; W. Robertson, Esq.; E. Bickford, Esq.; Mrs. Smith; Mrs. Wright; C. E. Bedells, Esq.; S. Burrige, Esq.; Dr. Kerr; W. N. Armstrong, Esq.; Captain Dickson; J. S. Gibson, Esq.; Mrs. Manning; R. J. Lynn, Esq.; C. F. McLaren, Esq.; W. H. Young, Esq.; T. Eyres, Esq.; L. Lockwood, Esq.; W. E. McLarty, Esq.; J. P. Hennelly, Esq.; Mrs. Devitt; Dr. McGlashan; Ven. Archdeacon Moore; J. W. Bateman, Esq.; W. H. Evans, Esq.; G. T. Deans, Esq.; V. C. H. Eagleton, Esq.; R. L. Beatty, Esq.; A. Noseda, Esq.; E. A. Hassell, Esq.; G. C. Gill, Esq.; A. J. McGlew, Esq.; Dr. Lovegrove; N. Higham, Esq.; J. O. Fisher, Esq.; E. W. Hoseason, Esq.; Sir J. Talbot Hobbs; J. Nicholas, Esq.; H. S. Bickford, Esq.; G. F. Yeates, Esq.; G. C. Gregory, Esq.; A. W. J. Brown, Esq.; Mrs. Steel; A. C. Unbehau, Esq.; R. S. L. Elliott, Esq.; G. J. Elsegood, Esq.; B. Ivers, Esq.

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CRICKET.

A brighter prospect appears to be opening before us in cricket this term. The boys in all the teams seem to be keener and more confident than they have been for some years and we trust that by next year we will be appearing

to better advantage in matches against other Schools than we have done in the few years past.

Our field has now become quite good and the centre wicket is in better condition than it has ever been before, and perhaps these are factors in the undoubted improvement which has been shown. The re-introduction of the Section System, too, has infused a new keenness into the game and the section matches have nearly all been closely contested.

The Junior Teams have done well; the under 13's secured a meritorious victory over Scotch College, and the under 14 defeated Woodbridge House School. The first XI lost the services of Armstrong and Giles at the end of last season and misses the stiffening of older players which gives confidence to the younger members of the team. Still, everybody in the team is playing his best and we hope to win at least one match during the term. Details of matches played are:—

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

First Eleven v. Masters.

Result: Lost.

Masters: 97 (Mr. Adams 36; Evans 18).

First XI: 54 (Ivers i 20; Bowers 14).

Bowling.—First XI: Baskerville 4 for 7; Sudlow 2 for 10.

Masters: Mr. Brown, 4 for 3; Mr. Adams, 4 for 26.

First Eleven v. Training College.

Result: Lost.

First Innings.

C.T.C.: 59 (Sanders 24; Legge and Wauchope 5).

C.C.S.: 23 (Miller 15; Eyres ii 2).

Bowling.—C.C.S.: Baskerville, 3 for 7; Sudlow, 4 for 20.

C.T.C.: Legge 4 for 0; Bennett and Urquart, 1 for 0.

Second Innings.

C.T.C.: 59 (Bennett 26; Wauchopel 19).

C.C.S.: 50 (Sudlow 21; Baskerville 6).

Bowling.—C.C.S.: Sudlow, 2 for 7; Miller, 1 for 11.

C.T.C.: Leggo, 5 for 4.

Under 15 v. S.C.

Result: Lost.

S.C.: 52 (Crooks 11; Ivison 6).

C.C.S.: 34 (Sudlow 10; Bowers 9).

Bowling.—C.C.S.: Sudlow, 1 for 1; Bowers, 3 for 9; Lewis, 2 for 6.

Under 14 v. W.H.S.

Result: Won.

C.C.S.: 79 (Lovegrove 25; Nicholas 15).

W.H.S.: 49 (Lennard 19; Dowse, 14; Wittenoom, 14).

Bowling.—C.C.S.: Lovegrove, 2 for 0; Sudlow, 4 for 28. W.H.S.: Gregg, 3 for 3; Meecham, 3 for 6.

Under 13 v. S.C.

Result: Won.

C.C.S.: 113 (Lovegrove 46; Eyres ii 30).

S.C.: 32.

FIRST ELEVEN.

Baskerville (Captain).—A powerful bat but very weak on off strokes. A good fast bowler and good field.

Sewell.—Shows slight improvement in batting, but has very few strokes. Fair field, but clumsy.

Miller.—Has many good strokes, but not enough power behind them. Keeps wickets fairly, but fumbles a little.

Sudlow.—Has a very good idea of batting, but needs power and a longer reach. Fair bowler. Picks up well in the field and is a safe catch.

Eyres ii.—Fair field and bowler. Keeps a good length. Must learn to use his feet more in batting.

Bowers.—Can bat but is lackadaisical. Sure catch and fair change bowler.

Ivers i.—Fair field. Poor bat. Does not back up properly either in the field or at the crease.

Wright.—Plays well at practice. Unfortunate in matches. Fields well. Fair change bowler.

Shipard.—Has a good eye but a poor notion of using a bat. Good field. Fair bowler.

Evans i.—A good bat, but rather too cautious. Slow in the field.

Gregory.—Has at present only one stroke—a pull to leg. Fair field. Throws in badly.

Utting ii.—Must hit much harder. Fair field.

BATTING AVERAGES TO 19/11/'25.

	Innings.	No.	Runs.	H.S.	Average.
Shipard	2	1	9	8	9
Sudlow	3	0	24	21	8
Ivers i	3	0	23	20	7.66
Bowers	3	1	14	14	7
Eyres ii	3	1	13	10	6.5
Miller	3	0	19	15	6.33
Baskerville	3	0	8	6	2.66
Wright	3	0	5	4	1.66
Sewell	3	0	2	2	.66
Gregory	3	0	2	1	.66
Evans i	2	0	1	1	.5
Ivers ii	1	0	0	0	—
Martin	1	0	0	0	—

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Wkts.	Runs.	Average.
Baskerville	9	4	14	3.5
Sudlow	17	8	39	4.87
Bowers	7	3	20	6.66
Miller	4	1	10	10
Eyres ii	10	3	33	11
Ivers i	1	0	6	—
Wright	4	0	4	—

SECTIONS.

At the end of last term a round of inter-Section Football Matches was played and resulted in the three sections tying. Results were:—

Senior.—Romsey defeated House; Romsey defeated Queenslea; Queenslea defeated House.

Junior: Queenslea defeated Romsey; House defeated Queenslea; House defeated Romsey.

Points gained for the Section Cup were: House, 3.3; Romsey, 3.3; Queenslea, 3.3.

In the Athletic Sports, House gained 12.6 points, Romsey 6.7 points, and Queenslea 5.7 points, bringing the totals for the House Cup to: House, 15.9; Romsey, 10; Queenslea, 9.

To date the following inter-Section Cricket Matches have been played:—

Senior: House defeated Queenslea; Queenslea defeated Romsey.

Junior: Romsey defeated House; Romsey defeated Queenslea.

So that to date (19/11/'25) the points gained are: House, 17.6; Romsey, 13.4; Queenslea, 10.7. Points for matches against other schools are yet to be awarded.

House:

Mr. Beere.

Captain: A. B. Sewell.

Vice-Captain: L. R. Baskerville.

Romsey:

Mr. Adams.

Captain: G. Eyres.

Vice-Captain: T. Evans.

Queenslea:

Mr. Brown.

Captain: G. Bowers.

Vice-Captain: G. Martin.

THE HOUSE.

With three weeks to go we find ourselves in a favourable position for the House Cup. Our only serious opponent is Romsey, but we do not anticipate much difficulty in maintaining our lead. In football we asserted our equality with the other sections by winning both our Junior matches. In Athletics we established a very handy lead owing mainly to Baskerville and Sewell (27 points apiece), Moore (22 points), and Shercliff (16½ points). The total points gained by us were 164½ out of a total of 327.

In cricket we have defeated Queenslea in the Seniors and have been beaten by Romsey in the Juniors, though we hope to win both the remaining matches.

The House has been a very happy family this term, all pulling together, and nobody shirking. Several boys who do not like cricket have been noticed playing against other Sections and acquitting themselves nobly. We would like to congratulate Bowers, of Queenslea, on gaining the Archbishop's Cup for under 16 Athletic Champion, and Romsey Section for the very gallant contest they have put up against odds which seemed overwhelming.

We trust that the competition next year will be even keener than it has been this year, although we mean to gain the Cup this year and retain it next.

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ROMSEY.

As the most junior of all three sections, in both numbers and age, we have much cause for satisfaction in taking a brief review of our activities since the inception of the system at the end of last term.

Owing to the able leadership of Armstrong and his colleagues, Giles and Baskerville, we found ourselves, at the beginning of this term, on a level with the other sections, each having gained 3.3 points at football; but we also found ourselves without the valuable support of the above-men-

tioned three, Armstrong and Giles having left the School to enter on a business career, and Baskerville having become a boarder.

At the elections thus made necessary, Eyres ii was elected Captain of the Section and Evans i his colleague in the Sports Committee. They have amply repaid the confidence placed in them.

The first occasion to test the diminished strength of the Section was that of the School Sports, held near the middle of the term. With no competitors in the open championship events, and with but two under 16, we had much ground for pessimism, so that we were more than satisfied when the end of the day saw House first with 164½ points, Romsey second with 88, and Queenslea third with 74½. We take this opportunity of congratulating Sewell and Baskerville, of House, on their tie for the Ipoh Cup, and Bowers, of Queenslea, on winning the Archbishop's Cup. The chief contributors to our total were Eyres ii (18 points), McGlew (14 points), Young (11 points), and Evans i (9 points); but even more satisfactory than any individual performance was the fact that practically every member of the Section competed, and did his best. As long as that spirit is present in Section and in School, success and failure will be met with equal cheerfulness.

The points awarded for athletics have been reduced to House, 12.6; Romsey, 6.7; and Queenslea, 5.7.

At the time of writing these notes, the cricket season is not yet finished, but the issue is not much in doubt. Our Junior team, under the leadership of Eyres ii, has been successful in the one match played against House, owing to the successful bowling of Eyres and Douglas. The scoring was low on both sides. One Senior match has also been played, against Queenslea, in which our team put up a remarkably poor show, being dismissed for the preposterous total of 11 runs, and giving Bowers an average of which even Tate may despair. We must plead the very low average age of the team and trust that time and keen practice will enable us to hold more than our own next cricket season.

QUEENSLEA.

It is with just pride that everyone connected with this Section should feel proud of our efforts during the year, as we have not only held our own in regard to points for the Cup to be awarded to the Champion Section, but we are pressing the House and Romsey very closely.

At the election of officers for the Section duties, Bowers was elected Captain and Martin Vice-Captain, and they must be congratulated on the way in which they have carried out those duties. Bowers has led the team in both cricket and football with great success. He has borne the brunt of the bowling in the Section cricket for our team, coming away with the fine figures of 5 for 20 and 5 for 3, a feat which has not been equalled by anyone else. We must also congratulate him on gaining the Champion Athlete's Cup for under 16 events.

Our congratulations are extended to the House for gaining the highest number of points at the Annual Athletic Sports. This was owing largely to the efforts of Sewell and Baskerville in the open events, and they also have our congratulations for tying in the Ipoh Cup.

We finished in third place when the final result of points gained at the Athletic Sports came out, nevertheless that failed to deter us, but had the effect of spurring us to greater efforts in cricket.

The Section has been well represented in the School teams, having five members in the First XVIII and four in the First XI, while the under-age teams consist mainly of Queenslea boys.

Wishing a good holiday to all, we advise House and Romsey to make full use of it if they want to be near Queenslea for the Cup next year. So we will bring our brief review to a close.

**INTER-SECTION CRICKET.
SENIOR.****House v. Queenslea.**

House: 42 (Sudlow 10; Ivers ii 10).

Queenslea: 26 (Martin 5, Utting i 4).

Bowling.—House: Baskerville, 4 for 6; Sudlow, 2 for 7.
Queenslea: Mr. Brown, 5 for 17; Bowers, 5 for 20.

Queenslea v. Romsey.

Queenslea: 47 (Utting ii 15, Bowers 12).

Romsey: 11 (Eyres ii 6, Steel 2).

Bowling.—Queenslea: Bowers, 5 for 3; Stillwell, 4 for 6.
Romsey: Evans i, 5 for 15; Eyres ii, 2 for 25.

JUNIORS.**Romsey v. House.**

Romsey: 35 (Steel 10; Stuart 6).

House: 32 (Brown 11; Lovegrove 8).

Bowling.—Romsey: Douglas, 4 for 12; Eyres ii, 3 for 17.
House: Shercliff, 1 for 1; Daly, 1 for 3.

Romsey v. Queenslea.

Romsey: 32 (Eyres ii 15; Douglas 6; Steel 6).

Queenslea: 8 (Bedells 3; Nosedá 2; Currie ii 2).

Bowling.—Romsey: Douglas, 3 for 1; Eyres ii, 7 for 7.
Queenslea: Stillwell, 7 for 13; Nosedá, 3 for 17.

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SLAZENGER CUP.

Up to a few days of our match against South Perth the members of the team were Sewell, Miller, Baskerville, the fourth member being either Sudlow or McGlew. Sudlow played off with McGlew and won; McGlew then challenged Baskerville, whom he beat in the first set. The team now consisted of Sewell, Miller, Sudlow and McGlew.

We played South Perth on the 19th September, at Kit-chener Park. Unfortunately one of the members of the South Perth team was absent so his games had to be forfeited.

Miller started playing against. He played a fine game and beat his opponent 7-5, 6-4; his placing won him his sets. Sewell played Way; nearly every game reached 40-all, and in both sets the games went to 4-all. Way managed to get the last two games of each set.

McGlew played Johnston and lost 6-0, 6-3; he made a good effort, but he was not fast enough for his opponent.

Sewell and Miller played Way and Morris; the games were keen and close. Both sets were lost 4-6, 5-7.

The Result:

Sewell v. Way, 4-6, 4-6.

Miller v. Morris, 7-5, 6-4.

Sudlow v. (forfeit), 6-0, 6-0.

McGlew v. Johnston, 0-6, 3-6.

Doubles.—Sewell and Miller v. Way and Morris, 4-6, 5-7. Sudlow and McGlew, forfeit, 6-0, 6-0.

C.C.S., 56 games. South Perth, 46 games.

The following Saturday we played High School, the ultimate winners, and we were severely beaten.

Sewell lost to Pilgrim, 0-6, 2-6.

Miller lost to Law, 2-6, 3-6.

Sudlow lost to Parker, 0-6, 1-6.

McGlew lost to Scadden, 0-6, 1-6.

Sewell and Miller lost to Pilgrim and Parker, 0-6, 1-6.

Sudlow and McGlew lost to Scadden and Law, 0-6, 1-6.

High School, 72 games. C.C.S., 11 games.

ROMSEY NOTES.

Owing to the lack of space in the boarding house, seven of the more select, were chosen to sleep at Romsey. At first one or two were a little downhearted about the change because they thought it might mean that they would belong to an inferior Section, but were quite pleased when they found out their mistake. So far we have not discovered any snorers, so we would sleep peaceably if it were not for one enthusiastic Latin scholar, who learns his verbs while he sleeps.

We are proud of the fact that everyone in the dormitory belongs to the singing class and we too frequently get solos, duets and part songs, mostly parts of songs. "Chum" could quite easily write a song book. Also we have two members who consider themselves poetical. They get spasmodic fits during which they can only recite home-made poems. "Dickie" made himself sick through thinking about the orange he squashed so badly, and was unable to eat. Dickie thinks it is possible to see through the ventilator in the ceiling; he wants to know if it is possible.

We have had two slight accidents, one being caused by a practical experiment to show that hot bath heaters burn, and the other one was caused by dropping the cork mat, which unfortunately broke. Dals is eagerly awaiting "Glewy's" appearance; he spends much time in calling for him. We are all looking forward to going back to Romsey next term.

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WHEN WRONG IS WRIGHT.

The boy who's always wrong is Wright;
 We know it all too well,
 For from morning until night,
 Of all his woes he'll tell.
 In school he gathers extra work
 For throwing things about;
 And if he can, he's sure to shirk
 The sums he can't get out.
 He talks on subjects great and small,
 To argue he delights;
 One master, who is very tall,
 Just simply hauls in bites.
 It is not right to say he's wrong
 Because I know he's Wright,
 But never mind, it won't be long
 Before I get a bite.

SCOUT NOTES.

The term has passed with little of an exciting nature. Steady work has brought some reward in the way of athletes' and swimmers' badges. We hope to run a first class signalling test shortly. Martin and Miller have received green and gold "All Round Cords." Utting had one before he came to us. Service Stars are due to the Old Brigade, our third star, my brothers. Eleven of the tribe who were sworn in by Chief Commissioner Donaldson in 1922 are still attached. Eleven steadfast men. G. P. Turner has his warrant as A.S.M. The S.M. has passed Part I (theoretical), Part II (practical) of the Wood Badge course. Geoff. Connor hopes to do a course at Gilwell before coming back to W.A. We should be frightfully efficient next year, but scouting is a question of Scout Spirit rather than parade ground efficiency. The last week-end camp was most satisfactory; the patrols are becoming self-contained units in quite the right way, and our good turn at Pelican Point was worth doing. Thanks are due to those who supported the new Church Troop by joining in their church parade on November 15th. We all wish them success and good camping. Now during the holidays I should like every Scout and Cub to make a model of some sort: Camp, hut, bridge, windmill, horse and cart, boat, yacht, or anything you can think of. Some of the best will be exhibited in Perth next year and Number 4 must show something good. Try and make your model 1in. to the foot; that is to say, a 16ft. model will be 16in. actual size. I hope you all have a happy holiday and come back keener than ever.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE For Year Ending November, 1925.

	£	s.	d.
Receipts:			
Subscriptions	17	7	8
To Balance	1	8	0
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	18	15	8

	£	s.	d.
Expenditure:			
Badges and Rent to Headquarters ..	18	15	8
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	18	15	8
Balance yet to be received by subscription	1	8	0

SCOUT HALL.

Financial Position.

For the information of all who are interested it has been thought advisable to publish a statement of the position at the time the Mitre goes to the printer:

CREDIT.

	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1st—			
Credit Balance	3	16	11
Takings, Scout Fete	21	0	0
Donations, First Term	3	12	6
Interest in Credit Balance, School Account, till 30/6/25.	2	10	0
Donations, Second Term	26	10	0
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	57	9	5

DEBIT.

	£	s.	d.
First Term, petty expenses		7	9
Scout Fete Expenses	1	9	6
Breakages, Scout Hall		12	4
Interest till 30/6/25	2	19	6
Refund on Loan	25	0	0
Balance at 15/9/25	27	0	4
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	57	9	5

CREDIT.

	£	s.	d.
Third Term, 1925	27	0	4
Balance at 15/9/25	2	12	0
Donations during Term	160	7	3
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	189	19	7

DEBIT.

	£	s.	d.
Stall, Royal Show	126	18	8
Balance at 24/11/25	63	0	11
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	189	19	7

COLONEL GOADBY'S LOAN ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
July, 1924, Loan	170	0	0
	£170	0	0
December 31, 1924, Repaid	85	0	0
June 30, 1925, Repaid	25	0	0
Balance still due	65	0	0
	£170	0	0

From this account it will be seen that the Scouts, through the donations of parents of boys in the Scouts, and through their own efforts, have £63 0s. 11d. in hand to meet £65 at December 31, 1925, and the interest on £65 for six months, viz., £2 5s. 6d.; total, £67 5s. 6d.

SCOUT HALL.

A little more money is expected from the sale of sweets left over from the Scout Stall in October, and it is hoped to have the whole debt paid off on December 31st. As the Scout Hall cost over £200, and there are current expenses to be met it is most creditable that within 18 months of the opening, the Hall will be free of debt. It had been hoped to make a larger profit at the Royal Show Stall, and buy an equipment of tools for manual work. This, however, must be postponed, unless some kind friend comes to help us. The stall expenses were very heavy owing to the large rent we had to pay the Royal Agricultural Society for the privilege of renting a booth.

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TEA.

The second tea bell rings. Some boys dash up the dormitory to the common room, where they are verbally scarified by the master on duty for being late. The Boarders; some running, some being pushed, move across the verandah to the dining room. Grace is half said when a loud roar of seats is heard, and everybody makes a good start.

It is not long before the jam is booked up. You are very unfortunate if you book the jam after Long Jim. "After you, Taffy." "Stiff," says Taffy; "Jim's after me." Jim takes the lot and leaves you the dish. I suppose they do not have much jam in India.

If you look along the table you will now have an opportunity of observing our Gallery of Famous Men. At the far end is Chas., the poet. His poems are multitudinous, but the only one of them which he can repeat is the "Ode to a Ford Car."

Towards the middle is Jack, a disciple of J. O. Anderson. He delights in long range shots, with windows as his objective. Opposite him is Monty, who devotes his time outdoors to extracting excruciating parodies of melody from a large mouth organ.

There are others but their idiosyncracies are too well known to permit of using space here to particularise them.

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ALARUMS AND EXCURSIONS.

It was bedtime. Everything was still. Most of the youths were reading, when a small squeak issued from the Prefects' room.

"Mice! Rats!" came in the hushed tones of the two terrified 'Fects. Silence again. Another squeak, and then pandemonium broke loose. In a minute the room was full of howling boys. These were speedily ejected by the stalwart occupants of the room, with the exception of three who had once before helped slaughter a great rat.

Everybody armed themselves with sandshoes, there always being a good supply in the vicinity of the changing room, and with these dangerous weapons the valiant five started to hunt for the cause of the disturbance. After much shifting of boxes and clothes, the disturber was unearthed and immediately a stream of sandshoes was hurled in its direction. Nothing came of the attack, for the war-

riors only succeeded in dealing each other various hard knocks upon their feet and shins.

After more shifting the intruder was again unearthed, and again shoes were hurled with the same result as before.

All of a sudden the cry was heard: "Mind it does not run up your legs!"

Immediately the Prefects, being in various stages of undress, sprang for safety upon a pile of clothes. On hearing a muffled bang, they discovered that by alighting none too lightly upon Sewell's wireless, they had succeeded in breaking an expensive valve, on the discovery of which the owner said something which we are not permitted to put in here.

By this time the room presented more the spectacle of a draper's shop after the explosion of a fifteen inch shell, than the dressing room of two dignified Prefects.

On shifting a box a grey shape shot across the room, and with the words, "There it goes!" a sandshoe was hurled by the hand of Miley, which struck the shape with a dull thud. There was a small squeak, and everything was still. But not for long, for Miley, seeing a grey shape lying on its back, kicking feebly, cried, "I got him!" and proceeded with stealthy steps to approach his victim. On seeing that it was absolutely dead he picked it up by the tail amid the admiring glances of his mates.

The animal when measured proved to be fully two inches long, and was a small mouse which had come out for an airing.

Slowly the three youths moved out with the flushed but victorious Miley at their head, leaving the disgusted Prefects to clean up their room as best they could, and swear vengeance on all mice.

The mouse eventually reached Coddy, who buried it with great solemnity, the next day, along with a magpie he had found, and which indeed wanted burying, for after lying for four days under a scorching sun, it had sadly deteriorated.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

Annual Dinner.

The annual dinner was held on Saturday, the 10th of October, in the Cabin Tea Rooms, there being about 36 present, including the Rev. L. W. Parry, Mr. R. S. Elliott, and General Sir Talbot Hobbs.

A departure from the original programme was the fact that this year the dinner was held in Perth instead of at the School.

Also owing to the persistent motions at general meetings, and the final decision of the committee, another departure was made, in that the date was altered from the original time, i.e., early in June, to Show Week, in order to give our country members a better chance to attend the function. We are sorry to say that this alteration was not a very great success, as only two of our country members were present. We also regret that the number present at the annual dinner does not appear to grow as the years pass on.

All present seemed to enjoy the function thoroughly; the speeches were interesting, and we might even say (without undue boasting) flattering, both to the School and to our Association. After the good things had been disposed of, and the speeches had been made, the usual general meeting was held, the main business being a discussion as to the success attained by the double alteration in the arrangements for the dinner—i.e., the time and the place.

After a lengthy discussion as to the merits of both times of the year, a motion was put forward that the date of the annual dinner be reverted to the old original time. The voting was level, and the Chairman decided to leave the matter in abeyance, pending the annual general meeting.

Annual Cricket Match.

Owing to these notes being written before the annual cricket match, which is to take place on the 5th December, no details of the match appear in this column.

Movements of Old Boys.

We regret that notes in this issue are regrettably few—most Old Boys are apparently hiding their lights under a bushel.

It will be of great interest to all Old Boys to hear of the engagement of Geoff. (more commonly known as "Birdie") Lynn, to Miss Edna Weir, of Claremont. Congratulations, Birdie!

Alan (Christie) Christison was in town during Show Week. We are sorry to say that he was in hospital most of the time—consequently was unable to attend the dinner.

Another one unable to attend the dinner, although in town at the time—Jim Robins.

One or two of our numbers have seen Ken Lyall in town during the past few days. He looks fit and well, and is enjoying a well-earned holiday from his station life in the Nor'-West.

We are all glad to see Colin Maclagan in the West again after his lengthy stay in England and on the Continent.

Rupert Kindall is back in the West again, after his visit to Sydney. He reports having seen Roy Sadleir, who asked to be remembered to all Old Boys.