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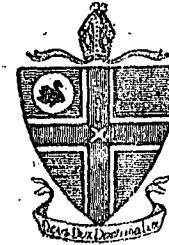
The Mitre:

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THE HEADMASTER'S FOREWORD.

I understand that the purpose of my foreword is to save the reader from plunging too suddenly into the excitements of the rest of the Mitre. To read the foreword is like wading into the water. If the foreword were not here it would be like going off the springboard—a much too sudden shock. So let us save you from the sudden shock by trying to put into the first “foreword” of the year some of the things that should be recorded.

First of all the increase in the numbers of the School has been very gratifying. For two years we were somewhere about 80 in number, and this year's entry of approximately 50 boys has made good the natural losses, and swelled our numbers to over 110. This puts a responsibility on the boys who were here last year, of teaching the new boys the tradition of the School, and I think they have been doing it very fairly well. It also puts a responsibility on the boys who have just come to us, for it takes some time for us to learn to know them, and as they are in numbers not much less than last year's boys, they naturally think themselves just as important as the others. But already at the end of the term, it is hard to remember who were here last year and who were not, and so it shows that the old and the new boys have fitted into their places naturally and well.

The exact number in the School at the time the Mitre went to the printer was 43 boarders and 68 day boys, a total of 111 boys. In a School that is Preparatory as well as Secondary, there is a very great variation in age from youngest to oldest, and undoubtedly we are for this year

a "young school," with only two boys taking the Leaving, though the number doing Junior work is larger than formerly. The fact that we are "young" perhaps accounts for the comparative failure of our cricket teams against other schools, but it is encouraging to notice evidence of plenty of "cricket" spirit in the school, and signs of ability to make runs when the team got going as it did against the Parents.

During the holidays a number of improvements were carried out. The buildings were all painted inside, and made to look exceptionally smart, more locker accommodation was provided in the boys' common room, and at the classrooms. The clothes lockers in the Matron's store-room were improved and minor alterations made in the dressing rooms and dormitories. At last we have a Sanatorium, which, I am glad to say, has not been in use yet, though several people have desired it for their own use. The exterior verandah and the use of "plaster board" inside, have absolutely transformed what used to be called the "shed," but is now the "Isolation Hospital." But the appropriation of this building for a special purpose made it necessary to erect another shed for wood and storage, and we are better equipped than we have ever been before.

The new china ordered in July last year, has also arrived. It is massive, and seemingly, from experiments made, hard to break; but the blue and gold and the school crest on each piece helps to make the dining room table much more respectable than it did formerly with its heterogeneous collection of table ware.

Outside, a new cement pitch in the lower field, and the top-dressing of the turf wicket, has made cricket practice easier, and we have already on the premises a truckload of Waroona soil for making additional wickets after the winter is over. The tennis courts have not been in use yet for tennis, but were most valuable for Speech Night and the display, at which we had the honour and pleasure of the presence of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Campion.

Much to everyone's (except, of course, the teaching staff's!) delight, His Excellency asked for a whole holiday,

and this was taken on March 6th, when the launch "Endeavour" took us to Canning Bridge for bathing and lunch, up the Canning afterwards, and to Point Walter for tea. Everyone had a really enjoyable day, and there were no genuine complaints about "food shortage." We are indebted to the Matron for her thoughtful provision, and to her helpers for its proper distribution.

To replace Mr. Burnside, whom we all miss from the school, Mr. A. M. Brown came on to the staff as Junior Resident Master. I am very glad that an old Christ Church boy has come on to the staff, and especially one who has always been very keen about the welfare and future of the school. For Science, Mr. Orton has been appointed as a visiting Master, and has soon fitted himself into the school. Mr. de Laeter is no longer coming as visiting French Master, owing to dearth of candidates for Leaving French, and he has taken a position at the C.B.C., Perth, where we wish him a very happy and successful career. An innovation in the school work has been made by introducing singing classes under Mr. C. Donald. Judging by the "noise" at the time, and the trills and singing afterwards, it may not be long before we have some real singing talent to let loose on friends on public occasions. Mr. Donald has also taken in hand the "music" of the school, and increased the number of piano learners.

While speaking of the staff, I should like to offer the heartiest congratulations of the school on the engagement which has been announced between Mr. Wheeler and Miss Backhouse. We wish them every happiness, and though it means that Miss Backhouse will not after her marriage be able to hold her present position of Matron, we hope that she will not be very far away from the School and the School will not cease to be dear to her.

In another department of the school's life, we are endeavouring to fulfil our obligation to Arthur Armour at the Forrest River Mission, and to Reginald Guise in New Guinea. I have frequent letters from Reginald Guise, who is an exceptionally smart boy of about 7, the son of the Chief Boatman of the New Guinea Mission. In spite of assumed indifference to the call of the Missionary box

each Friday, a considerable sum has been put into it, and the response in the Lent offering envelopes was especially generous throughout the school, and more so among the "Romsey" boys.

I will be able to pay over £5 to the Head Office to help towards the upkeep of Arthur and Reginald, and as we only have to raise £10 a year we ought not to have much difficulty in doing that before the year closes.

The Old Boys' gymnasium scheme has advanced another stage in that the Diocesan Trustees have sanctioned its erection and accepted the Old Boys' guarantees. Plans are now being prepared by an Old Boy (Mr. Cox), and we hope it will not be long before the plans are passed, and the builders at work.

I hope the year will continue as happily as it has begun in the first term of the year.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Numbers.—The total number of boys on the School roll this term is 111, of whom 43 are boarders, and 68 day boys. Last year 16 boys left the School, and 47 have been enrolled this year.

Health.—The health of the School has been excellent, no cases of serious illness having occurred in the boarding house, although the usual number of coughs and smaller injuries have called for attention.

Staff.—Last year we lost Mr. K. W. Burnside, B.Sc., who had been on the Staff for three years. Mr. Burnside left to take up an appointment at Hamilton, Victoria. Mr. Burnside was well-liked by all and had always taken a keen interest and a prominent part in all branches of School life. To fill his place, Mr. A. M. Brown, an old boy of the School, was appointed to the Staff at the beginning of the year. There are also two visiting masters, Messrs. Orton (Science) and Donald (Music). We all join in extending to them a hearty welcome.

Congratulations.—To R. E. McLarty and L. Baskerville on their appointment as Prefects; to H. Parker, L. Basker-

ville and R. O. Giles on gaining their XI. colours; to J. Bland, on gaining his swimming colours; to C. Armstrong and R. Giles on being elected captain and vice-captain respectively of cricket; to L. Baskerville and C. Armstrong, on being elected captain and vice-captain respectively of football; to P. W. FitzGerald on his appointment to the Library Committee.

Library.—The new books expected at the end of last year arrived during the term to the number of thirty-five. The fifth volume of Chamber's Encyclopedia has also been received. The Library Committee consists of Mr. Wheeler (Librarian), McLarty and FitzGerald.

Additions and Improvements.—During the Christmas holidays the interior of the School was painted throughout. An isolation ward has also been erected in case of an outbreak of any infectious malady. A new woodshed and Curator's room were also built. In the class rooms and boys' common room new lockers were placed and the clothes lockers in Matron's storeroom were re-conditioned and provided with wire mesh doors. On the field the centre wicket was top-dressed and a new concrete pitch laid down. During the term the field was cut and rolled.

Lecture.—During the term Mr. James Noble, an aboriginal missionary from the Forest River Mission, delivered an extremely interesting and much-appreciated lecture on missionary work in the Nor'-West, with which work he has been connected for many years.

Crockery.—During the term a large stock of crockery was acquired by the School. The crockery, comprising plates, cups, beakers, jugs, teapots, etc., is tastefully decorated by bands of the School colours, and bears the School crest. Needless to say, it is very much appreciated and admired by all.

Holiday.—On the 6th March the School celebrated the Governor's holiday by a river picnic to Canning Bridge and Point Walter. The time not spent on the river was spent either in it, bathing, or on its banks, eating. The holiday made a very welcome break in the term, and everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Donations.—During the term a donation of two guineas was received from Mr. S. R. L. Elliott, for the best bowling average and the best fielding in the 1924 Eleven; Mr. Beatty gave £5 to be used in buying prizes for performances in sport during the year, and Mr. Lockwood has promised a prize for the best all-round sport under 14 for the year. The thanks of the School are due to these gentlemen for the very practical manner in which they have shown the great interest which they feel in the School.

CRICKET.

We have had a most unsuccessful cricket term this year. In nearly all matches our scores were phenomenally low. This appears to be caused by a total lack of confidence in the batting. Nearly everybody bats well at practice, but fails to do so in matches. Balls which would be driven for four at practice have been poked into the air in matches. In matches against the Old Boys and the Parents very good scores were knocked up, for none were impressed by the gravity of the occasion, and all consequently batted in a natural manner.

The fielding and bowling has been good throughout all the teams. In practically every match the opposing side was dismissed for a total which our teams should have had no difficulty in surpassing. We must hope that in the next cricket term our players will have overcome the diffidence with which some of them are overpowered, and that we will do far better in matches than we have done this term.

Our wicket has been in much better shape this term than it has ever been before, thanks to the fact that it was rarely used for practice, so that the grass had a chance to grow. We practised chiefly on the new concrete wicket.

RESULT OF CRICKET MATCHES.

FIRST ELEVEN.

First Eleven v. Masters (Won).

Masters.—1st Innings: 41 (Mr. Parry, 16; K. Sudlow, 13; Mr.

Brown 11). 2nd innings, 37 (Mr. Brown 10, Mr. Beere 9).

School.—1st innings, 53 (W. Sudlow 21, Baskerville 14)
2nd innings, 103 (W. Sudlow 21, Miller 19, Armstrong 15).

Bowling for School.—Eyres ii 13 for 27, Bowers 3 for 1, Giles i 3 for 37, Miller 0 for 10.

For Masters.—Mr. Brown 4 for 24, Mr. Parry 2 for 41, Mr. Orton, 2 for 15; K. Sudlow, 2 for 12; Lovegrove, 8 for 30, Mr. Beere 1 for 14.

First Eleven v. High School. (Lost)

C.C.S., 37 (Sudlow 14, Gregory 7). H.S., 92 (Driver 24, Newberry 20, Jones 17, Skinner 14).

Bowling for C.C.S.—Giles i 3 for 23, Eyres ii 3 for 28, Bowers 2 for 18, Miller 0 for 7.

First Eleven v. Wesley College. (Lost.)

W.B.C., 57 (Crawford 18, Prowse 17, Hanton, 14). C.C.S., 18 (Sudlow 7, Shipard 6).

Bowling for C.C.S.—Bowers 5 for 18, Sudlow 5 for 19, Eyres ii 0 for 12, Giles i 0 for 5.

For W.B.C.—Hanton 7 for 7, Crawford 2 for 4, Nicholls 1 for 1, Davis 0 for 5.

First Eleven v. Scotch College (Lost).

C.C.S.—1st innings, 28 (Armstrong 9). 2nd innings, 45 (Miller 12, Baskerville 10, Sudlow 9).

S.C.—1st innings, 86 (Sawkins 24, Powell 23, Carter 19).
2nd innings, 3 for 60 (Sawkins 28 n.o., Powell 14, Carter 13).

Bowling for S.C.—Powell 9 for 24, Brokenshire 6 for 17, Quartermaine, 2 for 12, Doncan, 1 for 3, Samson, 2 for 13.

For C.C.S.—Sudlow, 5 for 30, Giles i. 5 for 43, Eyres ii., 2 for 30, Bowers 0 for 14, Miller 1 for 31.

First Eleven v. Parents (Won).

School.—7 wickets for 232 (Giles 72, Armstrong 56, Baskerville 23, Eyres ii 21 n.o.).

Parents.—121 (Mr. Armstrong 36, Capt. Chilvers 29, Mr. Lockwood 17).

Bowling for School.—Eyres ii 2 for 19, Sudlow 3 for 30, Bowers 1 for 12, Giles i 2 for 36.

For Parents.—Mr. Martin 4 for 57, Capt. Chilvers, 1 for 25, Mr. Beatty, 1 for 37, Mr. Armstrong, 0 for 67.

First Eleven v. Wesley College (Lost).

W.B.C.—75 (Crawford 19, Hanton, 18, Meyer 10).

C.C.S.—1st innings, 25 (Miller 11, Gregory 5).

Bowling for C.C.S.—Eyres ii 3 for 3, Bowers 3 for 20, Sudlow 2 for 30, Giles i 1 for 21.

For W.B.C.—Davis 10 for 20, Crawford 4 for 5, Hanton 4 for 25.

First Eleven v. O.B.A. (Lost).

School.—8 for 126 (declared) (Sudlow 35, Armstrong 32, Mr. Beere 16).

O.B.A.—6 for 168 (Lovegrove 109, Brooking 34).

Bowling for O.B.A.—Mudge 3 for 22, Sudlow 4 for 24, Lynn 1 for 33, Lovegrove 0 for 16.

For School.—Eyres ii 1 for 23, Bowers 1 for 37, Mr. Brown 1 for 33, Giles 2 for 39, Baskerville 0 for 24.

First Eleven v. Modern School (Lost).

M.S.—1st innings, 65 (Cairns 21, Scaddan 11). 2nd innings, 7 for 41 (Dorman 17).

C.C.S.—41 (Baskerville 18 n.o., Armstrong 13).

Bowling for C.C.S.—Eyres ii 3 for 18, Bowers 6 for 36, Baskerville, 3 for 14, Sudlow 5 for 39.

For M.S.—Nadebaum 6 for 15, Jackson 3 for 14, Cairns 1 for 8.

UNDER 14.

Under 14 v. Scotch College (Lost).

S.C.—4 wickets for 175 (Watson 48, Crooks 40, Stewart 38, Lester 29 n.o.).

C.C.S.—31 (Lewis 15, Parker 7).

Bowling for C.C.S.—Sudlow 2 for 66, Lovegrove 0 for 23, Lewis 0 for 30, Eyres ii 0 for 24, Parker 0 for 16,

For S.C.—Watson 8 for 4, Crooks 2 for 27.

Under 14 v. Scotch College (Won).

C.C.S.—1st innings, 34 (Nosedá 8, Unbehaun 4). 2nd innings, 50 (Sudlow 19, Dickson 12, Eyres i 9).

S.C.—1st innings, 28 (Lester 11). 2nd innings, 3 for 23 (Crooks 10, Lester 10).

Bowling for C.C.S.—Eyres ii 3 for 25, Sudlow 9 for 10.

For S.C.—Crooks, 7 for 29, Anderson, 5 for 23, Stewart, 2

for 8, Baird, 3 for 1.

Under 14 v. Wesley College. (Lost.)

W.B.C.—29 (Tipping 10, Crawford 5).

C.C.S.—14 (McGlew 4, Nicholas i 3, Lovegrove 3).

Bowling for C.C.S.—Lovegrove 6 wkts., Lewis 3 wkts., McGlew 1.

For W.B.C.—Crawford 8 wkts, Guard 1 wkt.

Under 14 v. Woodbridge House. (Lost.)

C.C.S.—45 (Unbehaun 18, Eyres ii 10).

W.H.S.—85.

Bowling for W.H.S.—2 for 6, Meecham 4 for 21, Greg 3 for 3.

For C.C.S.—Eyres ii 4 for 44. Sudlow 4 for 28, Lovegrove 2 for 0.

UNDER 13.

Under 13 v. Scotch College. (Lost.)

S.C.—108 (Stewart, 64 n.o.; Lamb, 12).

C.C.S.—1st Innings: 8 (Shercliff, 4). 2nd Innings: 18 (Shercliff, 7; Nosedá, 6).

Bowling.—For C.C.S.: Lovegrove, three for 21; Stillwell, three for 25; Nosedá, three for 12; Dickson, one for 16; Daly, nil for 10. For S.C.: Anderson iv., eleven for 16; Lamb, six for 7; Stewart, one for 7.

Under 13 v. High School. (Lost).

C.C.S.—23 (Nicholas i., 8; Ellershaw, 5).

H.S.—Nine for 112 (Grant, 56 n.o.; Pearse, 26; Marris, 11).

Bowling.—For H.S.: Pearse, eight for 19; Trigg, two for 4. For C.C.S.: Lovegrove, six for 29; Stillwell, one for 37; Nosedá, one for 23.

Under 13 v. Scotch College. (Drawn.)

S.C.—86 (Stewart, 22; Hampshire, 20; Humphrey, 14).

C.C.S.—Two for 27 (Lovegrove, 11; Nicholas i., 10 n.o.).

Bowling.—For C.C.S.: Lovegrove, four for 28; Stillwell, two for 16; Eyres ii., four for 37. For S.C.: Hampshire, one for 5; Anderson, one for 13; Stewart, nil for 5.

Under 13 v. High School. (Lost).

C.C.S.—1st Innings: 8 (Dickson, 5). 2nd Innings: 20 (Daly, 6).

H.S.—1st Innings: 35. 2nd Innings: 40 (Trigg 18).

Bowling.—For C.C.S.: Eyres ii., eight for 20; Lovegrove,

six for 33; Dickson, one for 5. For H.S.: Trigg, twelve for 13; Pearse, five for 15.

UNDER 12.

Under 12 v. Woodbridge House. (Lost.)

W.H.S.—Two for 170 (Hall, 103; Alcock, 48).

C.C.S.—42 (Daly, 12; Shercliff, 10; Single, 9; Brownie i., 8).

Bowling.—For C.C.S.: Shercliff, one for 50; Daly, one for 87.

CRICKET CHARACTERS.

Armstrong (Captain).—Has captained the team well and gets the best out of his men. His batting is spoilt by a cramped style which robs his strokes of power. His fielding is good, both on the ground and in the air.

Giles (Vice-Captain).—Has improved greatly with the bat, but still plays back to nearly every ball. Must learn to strike a good length in bowling. Has fielded well at cover point, and on occasions has brought off some very good catches.

Baskerville.—Another greatly improved batsman at practice, but has not done well in matches. He has yet to learn not to pull every straight ball to leg. Has done fairly well behind the wickets and also is a fair fast bowler.

Sudlow.—A player who has done much better with the bat than was expected of him, but his great fault at present is the tendency to poke at balls on the off, and consequently gives easy catches. As a bowler, has done well, but must not sacrifice his length to the bowling of "breaks." He is a good field, and a safe catch.

Miller.—Is one of the few who play straight bats when necessary, but has not yet overcome his old weakness of not putting enough power into his strokes. Has fielded fairly consistently at point, but his catching is very inconsistent.

Eyres ii.—Lacks confidence when batting and should use his feet far more than he does. With the ball he has done very well, as his figures clearly show. Fielding only fair, but is a safe catch.

Bowers.—Has not the slightest confidence in his own powers as a bat, and instead of trying to hit "sixes" he should learn to play a straight bat. Has bowled well and can always keep a good length. Fielding is only fair, should not be afraid to use his hands to stop the ball.

Gregory.—Has improved in batting but is not yet by any means a good bat. Has a good eye and with plenty of practice ought to become a safe bat. Is a consistently good fielder and is not afraid to get in front of the ball.

Sewell.—Needs to learn a greater variety of strokes and also to treat the bowling with more respect. Is a poor field and very slow.

Bowes.—Considering his size, has done as well as could be expected with the bat, but must stop poking and at the same time cultivate a better defence. His fielding is good and at times he has taken some very hard catches.

Utting ii.—Should not be afraid to stand up to the bowling but is gradually improving as a batsman. Fielding fair.

Shipard.—Another player who is always afraid of the bowling; should cultivate a better defence. Fair field and catch.

Eyres i.—His batting is quite fair at practice, but when it comes to a match he becomes nervous and afraid of the opposing bowler and throws his wicket away on this account. Fair field.

Miley.—Shows signs of becoming a good bat but must gain more confidence. Is slow in the field and needs to move much more quickly.

The Parents' Match.

In ideal weather and on a moderate wicket, the Annual Match between the 1st XI. and the Fathers was played on Saturday, 21st March. There was a large attendance of mothers and friends, who, undoubtedly, had come to see the boys win. The Fathers won the toss and decided to bat. The first four treated the bowling with much disrespect, but then the wickets fell freely till the score was 85. Then without further loss of wickets, the Fathers' total reached 100, and at the fall of the sixth wicket the score was 111; after this the tail wagged, the last four only adding 10 runs and the innings closed for 121, of which total the chief contributors were Mr. Armstrong (36), Capt. Chilvers (29), and Mr. Lockwood (17).

This score seemed a formidable task on a considerably knocked-about wicket, but nevertheless we started full of hope. Miller and Giles opened as usual, and batted confidently for some time until Miller was caught when he had made 12—one wicket for 29. Armstrong joined Giles, and before Giles was dismissed for the fine score of 72, these two had added 115 runs between them for the second wicket—2 wickets for 144. Sudlow now came in, and had made 4 when Armstrong was bowled by Capt. Chilvers for 56—3 wickets for 152. Baskerville followed and made 23 in a very few minutes—the runs were coming very freely—a clear sign that the Fathers had had enough. Eyres ii. (21) and Sewell (14) were still batting when stumps were drawn, and the score had reached 232 for 7 wickets—the highest score yet made by a 1st XI.

The details of the scores were:—

FATHERS.

Mr. Beatty, c Giles, b Sudlow	6
Mr. Martin, b Giles	6
Capt. Chilvers, run out	29
Mr. Sudlow, b Sudlow	2
Mr. Armstrong, b Giles	36
Mr. Lockwood, run out	17
Mr. Robertson, b Eyres ii.	12
Mr. Bedells, b Bowers	0
Mr. Bickford, b Eyres ii.	4
Mr. Young, not out	5
Mr. Miley, b Sudlow	0

Sundries 4,

Total 121

Bowling.—Sudlow, three for 30; Eyres ii., two for 19; Bowers, one for 12; Giles, two for 36; Armstrong, nil for 19.

SCHOOL.

Miller, c Mr. Sudlow, b Mr. Beatty	12
Giles, l.b.w., b Mr. Martin	72
Armstrong, b Capt. Chilvers	56
Sudlow, c Mr. Miley, b Mr. Martin	11
Baskerville, b Mr. Martin	23
Bowers, run out	2
Eyres ii., not out	21
Eyres i., c and b Mr. Martin	1
Sewell, not out	14
Sundries	20

Total for 7 wickets 232

Bowling.—Mr. Martin, four for 57; Capt. Chilvers, one for 25; Mr. Beatty, one for 37; Mr. Robertson, nil for 16; Mr. Lockwood, nil for 17; Mr. Armstrong, nil for 67.

1st XI. AVERAGES.**BATTING.**

	I'gs.	N.O.	Runs.	H.S.	Av.
Armstrong	12	—	132	56	11
Giles	11	—	117	72	10.6
Sudlow	12	—	126	35	10.5
Baskerville	12	1	89	23	7.4
Sewell	5	2	18	14*	6
Miller	12	—	69	19	5.8
Eyres ii.	11	1	46	21*	4.6
Gregory	10	2	25	7	3.12
Shipard	6	2	8	6	2
Bowes	9	3	8	2	1.3
Utting ii.	8	2	6	5*	1
Eyres i.	3	—	2	1	.6
Miley	2	—	1	1	.5
Bowers	9	1	1	1	.1

* Not out.

BOWLING.

Mdn.

	Overs.	Overs.	Wkts.	Runs.	Avg.
Eyres ii.	37.3	6	27	160	5.92
Bowers	36	1	21	156	7.42
Sudlow	38	5	20	153	7.65
Giles	43	5	17	205	12.05
Baskerville	13	3	3	38	12.6
Miller	5	—	1	48	48

FORM NOTES.

SIXTH FORM NOTES.

Alas! Our numbers are sadly depleted this year. Two of us to live, fight, argue and work together. Two is too small a band to live in amity and friendship. With seven we could row, or fight, and forget it to-morrow; now, apart from the absence of any desire whatever to do so, we dare not fight, or, as "Gibby" would say, "Yob." We are, in consequence, all well set on the broad, straight path. In short, we are rapidly going to "the merry little bow-wows."

Once we could boast a crew who could laugh at Scotch College oarsmen, and every spin on the river was a breath of life to us, not merely the actual four, but at least six or seven or eight Prefects. Our bun-fights at birthdays and the more prosaic mastication of our daily bread and jam—sometimes we had cake—at half past three, were events in our schoolday—not even Horace would have missed that. Our sport was pleasure to us—we all played together, worked together, and amused ourselves together—but now if one dissents, our fellowship is broken.

Now our boat is racked by small boys, tugging and straining on oars they can scarcely lift; while we—what are we? We are two; but two of us row. For us to take the pair there is no opportunity. Even our room grows musty with disuse, and littered with toffee papers. Our very desks on which we wriggled last year, yawn emptily, and collect papers beneath their motionless feet. Even the pleasure of hunting for books during school is lost—there are too few books to lose your own among.

[We can sympathise with poor old Methuselah, as he pens the above notes, with an old-fashioned goose quill clutched in his tremulous hand. We picture him pacing with feeble steps and slow, up and down a class-room peopled by the ghosts of yesteryear, his wan cheeks, sunken eyes, and scanty locks contrasting strangely with the fresh and youthful faces of the children, his school-fellows.—Ed.]

FIFTH FORM NOTES.

This year we consist of three divisions, and consequently we have rather a large form, as was seen during the term when all the seats were filled, and the unfortunate "small ones" had to sit three in a desk.

The form now possesses a pet—a pig; this sounds a very disgusting pet for us to have, but nevertheless it is with us much to our disgust. Everyone asks, "Who brought it?" but there is no answer. This pet seems to dislike French and Maths, for during these lessons we often hear his grunts of disapproval. The patient master will be showing something on the board, when suddenly he hears a subdued grunt, and if we listen carefully enough, we catch the words "What?" and "How much?" The master tries to quieten him, telling him not to grunt, and he subsides for the present. A very curious creature is our pig!

We have been wondering for months past if "Amy" really does any school work at home, for, as each lesson commences, this innocent child remembers that he has not done his homework, and tries to get it down before the master sees him, and in English his poetry book is always in the wrong place. It would indeed be tragical for "Amy" if he left his poetry book at home, or, in fact, any book. To "Abe" lessons are the stalest things ever invented, but one hour of the day at least he enjoys—the Latin periods; motor cars are much more interesting, aren't they, "Abe"? This would-be motor-maniac's capable assistant is "Jackie," who could name every screw in any vehicle from a Rolls-Royce to a tricycle. This offensive little boy has another favourite pastime—his initials are to be seen on nearly every desk in the room, either in ink or carved. "David" has a pet spider which, when dipped in ink, copies in all his homework for him (at least this is the impression one gets when looking at his homework books). "Patsy's" mind wanders terribly in school—of course, there is not much doubt of what he is thinking, and if one was only a mind-reader one would see this lean individual in the middle of a huge tin of juicy sardines. Sorry to relate we have two members who are so fond of one another, that they are

continually playing "handies," but their little pastime is often cut short by the master, and they have to learn a verse of French poetry—"Taffy," you ought to know better.

"Laurie" has been acting very suspiciously lately, especially at dinner-time, and we are wondering why he goes to church on Sunday night instead of in the morning. During Maths., if anyone was just to take a casual glance along the back of the room he would see two brothers "hoeing in" to an orchard which is kept under the desk—they seem to enjoy it, too. The Biology portion of the form enjoy their lessons very much, especially when "things" are being "cut up"; "Bowie" was interested beyond description when we studied the crayfish.

"Poppy" says he knows all about Latin, that is why, we presume, his Latin homework is nearly always correct. However, in spite of all these little characteristics and tendencies, we have done some hard work this term, and fully deserve the short rest which we will very shortly enjoy.

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BOARDERS' NOTES.

We are gradually approaching the numbers we had in 1921, but none of us have escaped to Romsey yet. Last year, although we had smaller numbers, we had many varied intellects among us; most of these we still retain. Lovey, the "Big Cat," has departed to the Uni., where he is showing the students what C.C.S. can do. Barnaby and Richy are also missing.

You would think the Boarders had increased in wisdom if you were to pass down the dorm. at night. Current conversation:—"Do you have grasshoppers that will rival ours (kangaroos) in India?" The answer is nothing but "Shoot oop" from our man from Bangalor. While the latest in motor cars is being discussed in the middle of the big boys' dorm., either extremity has different topics. We are considerably quieter now that jovial "Bucky" has left us. "Bucky" was the one to extract humour from non-humorous statements made at the tea table.

We are not troubled now by "Maggies," but by a loud speaker. Mac and Anson try to adjust things and often produce noises more hideous than our old cat fights. If there happens to be a female singing, Arby and Co. want to hear Applecross. One night a pillow hit the lead-in and made havoc in the Prefects' Room, but this accident seems to have made the set work better. Owing to our swelling numbers, we will soon, we regret, have to part with six of our great characters, who will sleep at Romsey, and will, we hope, revive the old customs.

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PREFECTS' NOTES.

Last year we regretfully saw Lovegrove off on the train, and as Christmas came we strayed away. We miss Gibson, Lovegrove, Sudlow and Unbehaun. Sewell, Giles, and Armstrong are all that are left, and McLarty and Baskerville have been appointed to fill the gaps. We still see something of Lovegrove, Sudlow and Gibson at School, on occasions unfortunately too infrequent. We still miss "Horace," for we can always find our lost property, and the cushions are still in one piece after a term's use. He has left his "footprints on the sands of time" in the shape of some enormous initials in the wall on the verandah, and some less pretentious specimens in our room.

We, that is the other two of us, offer our congratulations to Sewell as Head Prefect, and to R. E. McLarty and L. Baskerville on their elevation to "the seats above the thunder."

All of us are having an easy time with little to do but call the roll, and keep the list of delinquents to see to the pitch. At times it was our wont to persecute small boys by relieving them of their elastic, and the pernicious paper pellet, but authority frowned on them, and the pellets of subdued and chastened small boys are things of the past.

Verily it was not thus with small boys when we were young. The very smallest boy is quiet, orderly and obedient to a maddening degree.

To replace the mischievous small boy we now have,

given with careless generosity, a superabundance of puny infants, who have to be dry nursed from School to Romsey, from Romsey to School; kept in leading strings on the cricket field, and shadowed every inch of the way when near water. We repeat, and make no apology for the repetition—things were not thus when we were young.

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SCOUT NOTES.

We have a full troop this year, while the Cubs are more than up to strength, but several will depart at the end of this term, and we can get to our regular number. A camp at Darlington during the first Exeat week-end was very enjoyable; no tin trunks this time! During the Easter holidays a number of Scouts did their first-class journey, but no results are to hand at present. Commissioner Paterson brought down a set of Wembley and Copenhagen slides on April 2nd—a very interesting show, though the attendance was rather meagre. On May 2nd we are having an At Home; afternoon tea and money-grabbing stunts to help pay off the balance owing on the House. McLarty and Ken Sudlow are the recent additions to the Rovers. From Narrogin Christmas Camp we secured a hand-coloured group photograph and a nice coloured certificate, for which Miss Backhouse provided a frame. Our bookshelves are not as full as one could wish, but that will right itself in time, no doubt. There are still boys who throw crusts, etc., into the fireplace. Get less lunch, and eat your crusts!

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THE NARROGIN RALLY.

Together with three hundred Scouts from all parts of W.A., eleven members of No. 4 Troop, under Mr. Wheeler, S.M., arrived at Narrogin at mid-night of Xmas Day, after a most enjoyable train journey. On arrival the whole body formed up, and headed by Commissioner Donaldson, with his bag pipes, marched to the greater show grounds. We all slept the remainder of the night under the shelter of the Exhibition Hall.

All were up bright and early next morning, and after we had satisfied the inner man, set to work pitching tents. During the afternoon the Patrol Leaders were instructed in Scout work by Commissioner Paterson and Sea Scout Commissioner McKail. The remainder of the boys paid a visit to the Doll Factory and other places of interest. In the evening we had a "Camp Fire," in which No. 4 took part.

Next day (Saturday) Mr. Wheeler, S.M., and Geoff. Connor, being warrant officers, attended a civic reception given by the Mayor.

In the afternoon there was a Grand March through the streets of Narrogin, Rovers Connor, Turner, Millington, and Sewell having the honour of carrying the Union Jack and State Flag. After the march athletic sports and displays were held. No. 4 upheld its reputation, being well up in points. Sewell won the Rovers 220 yards Championship. No. 4's exhibition of flag and helio signalling and wireless transmission and reception was favourably commented upon.

On Sunday No. 4 attended Church at 11 a.m., after which the troop was photographed by Mr. Wheeler's brother. At 2.30 p.m. there was a Scouts' Own Service at camp, at which all Scouts and visitors were present. This service was similar to that held at Wembley, when twenty thousand Scouts attended.

A Patrol Leaders' training camp was conducted by Commissioner Paterson on Monday morning. In the afternoon cricket was our chief amusement. No. 4 had a most amusing game, managing to inflict with the aid of No. 1 Land Scouts a decisive defeat on another combined team of Sea Scouts. During the evening a boxing tournament was held in the Town Hall, and several very exciting contests took place. Only one "Cruiser" from No. 4 entered, and when his opponent saw him, he decided not to fight, therefore the honours still remain with No. 4.

As the weather was getting warmer, swimming became the chief occupation during the rest of the time spent in camp. On Tuesday our troop paid visits about Narrogin. We were most hospitably received at the State Farm,

where after being shown over the farm we were entertained at dinner and at a tennis party.

On Tuesday night we all attended a very enjoyable concert given by the Albany Troop, assisted by the Narrogin artists.

The State Farm played a team selected from the whole camp, on Wednesday, and they walked right over us.

Thursday was our last day in camp. Our spirits still remained high. We had swimming sports that day, Geoff. Connor winning the long dive and Geoff. Turner the candle race for our troop.

No. 4 gave a display of life-saving, acting very realistically the tragic scene of a drowning person.

The camp was well run, and all the Scouts behaved themselves splendidly.

Early on Friday morning we broke camp and left Narrogin by the 3 a.m. train, carrying away with us memories of a happy, successful and useful Rally.

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A TREK CAMP.

In the Easter holidays we three Scouts, Martin, Millington and Ivers i., decided to go for a trek camp into the hills. On Friday we got ready, but unfortunately missed the early train. Taking a later one, we started from Claremont at 12.25 and reached Midland Junction at 2 o'clock. From there we walked along the line to Bellevue, where we had dinner. From Bellevue we went on to Greenmount, where we branched off and followed the pipe track.

At about 5 o'clock we came to the Helena River and followed its right bank till we came to a log across the river. Here we crossed over to the left bank, and walked on until we saw another log by which we crossed back to the right bank. We came to the old Scout camp and camped not far from it. After a swim in the pool we had tea, and turned in for the night. In the morning we had a dip in the stream, cooked breakfast, and started off again on our trek. When we had gone a mile or so we came to a large pool in the river. It was hot, so, throwing off our packs and clothes, we dived into the pool.

Later we went down stream till we came to a tributary which we followed until we came to a waterfall. Here we had a shower, and started back to the place where we had left our packs. We finished dressing, shouldered our packs, and started off. It was now 11 o'clock. At 3 o'clock we stopped at Quick's Bridge to have dinner. After an hour's rest we had another swim, but as the river here was very shallow and full of rocks and snags, we did not have much of a swim. We finally reached Mundaring Weir at 6.30. After finding a spot for our camp, we left our packs there, and went to the hotel, where we had tea, and bought two loaves of bread which we took back to the camp.

The place which we had chosen to camp on was partly rock, and I had to sleep on the rock end. There was not much sleep for me that night. Next morning we had breakfast and strolled about the weir. We went and saw the pumping station which pumps water from the weir to the next pumping station, which pumps it to the next, and so on until the seventh station pumps the water into Kalgoorlie.

At 2 o'clock we started towards Mount Gungin, and on the road met some of the Forest Scouts. We reached Mount Gungin at 6 o'clock and camped in the ranger's hut for the night. From the look-out we saw the lighthouse on Rottnest Island, and some lights which the ranger told us were Perth. At 8.30 next morning we set out for Kalamunda, which we reached at 3 o'clock. Thence we walked along the railway track to Midland, where we boarded a train for Claremont.

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SWIMMING.

The Annual Swimming Sports were held in the Claremont Baths on the morning of Saturday, 7th March. The entries were very poor; all but one of the Open Championships had to be cut out, and many of the other races had to be abandoned through lack of competitors. Thanks to this, the Sports were a complete failure. Results were:—

- 50 Yds. Open Championship.—Unbehaun, 1; Bland, 2; Martin, 3.
 High Dive.—Dickson, 1; Chilvers, 2; Lewis, 3.
 Neat Dive.—Bland, 1; Young, 2; Sanderson, 3.
 Long Dive.—Bland, 1; Unbehaun, 2.
 100 Yds. Open Handicap.—Bland, 1; Young, 2.
 50 Yards Open Handicap Breaststroke.—1st Heat: Young, 1; Unbehaun, 2. 2nd Heat: Miller, 1; Lewis, 2. Final: Young, 1; Unbehaun, 2.
 50 Yds. Under 14 Championship.—Unbehaun, 1; Fitzgerald, 2; Lewis, 3.
 50 Yds. Under 14 Championship Breaststroke.—Unbehaun, 1; Sudlow, 2; Evans ii., 3.
 50 Yds. Under 13 Championship Breaststroke.—Ellershaw, 1; Douglas, 2.
 50 Yds. Under 13 Handicap.—1st Heat: Lovegrove, 1; Nicholas, 2. 2nd Heat: Ellershaw, 1; Douglas, 2. Final: Ellershaw, 1; Douglas, 2; Lovegrove, 3.
 50 Yds. Under 12 Championship.—Brownie i., 1; Dickson i., 2; Shercliff, 3.
 25 Yds. Under 11 Championship.—Lockwood, 1; Daly, 2; Brownie ii., 3.
 Scouts' Relay.—Cuckoos, 1; Crows, 2; Kookaburras, 3.
 Cubs' Relay.—Brownie i., 1; Maisey, 2; Brownie ii., 3.

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VALETE.

- Gibson, R. W.**—Entered School, 1917. Junior, 1922; Leaving, 1923 and 1924; Prefect, 1923-24; Captain of School, 1924; 1st XVIII., 1921-24; Colours, 1922; Captain, 1924; Running, 1922; 1st XI., 1923-24; Colours, 1924; Sports Committee, 1924; Captain of Rowing, 1924. Left in Form VI.
Lovegrove, E. A.—Entered School, 1919. Junior, 1922; Leaving, 1924; Prefect, 1923-24; 1st XVIII., 1921-24; Colours, 1921; Vice-Captain, 1924; Running, 1923; Champion Athlete, 1924; 1st XI., 1921-24; Colours, 1921; Captain, 1924; Sports Committee, 1923-1924; Swimming, 1922; Tennis Four, 1923-24; Colours, 1923. Left in Form VI.

- Sudlow, K. H.**—Entered School, 1919. Junior, 1924; Prefect, 1924; 1st XVIII., 1922-24; Colours, 1923; Running, 1924; Captain of Running, 1924; 1st XI., 1922-24; Colours, 1923; Vice-Captain, 1924; Tennis Four, 1924; Colours, 1924; Sports Committee, 1924. Left in Form V.
Unbehaun, A. A.—Entered School, 1920. Prefect, 1924; 1st XVIII., 1922-24; Colours, 1922; Swimming, 1923; Champion Swimmer, 1923 and 1924; Captain of Swimming, 1924. Left in Form V.
Sounness, G.—Entered School, 1919. 1st XVIII., 1923-24; Colours, 1924; Running, 1924; Champion Athlete under 16, 1924; 1st XI., 1923-25; Colours, 1924; Sports Committee, 1925. Left in Form V.
Cramond, A. R.—Entered School, 1917. 1st XVIII., 1924; 1st XI., 1924; Swimming, 1924; Runner-up for Champion Swimmer, 1924; Tennis Four, 1924; Colours, 1924. Left in Form V.
Hamilton, E.—Entered School, 1923. 1st XVIII., 1924; Colours, 1924; 1st XI., 1924. Left in Form V.
Parker, H. F.—Entered School, 1924. 1st XVIII., 1924; Colours, 1924; 1st XI., 1924; Colours, 1924. Left in Form IV.
Berryman, A. M.—Entered School, 1921. Left in Form V.
Gregor, J.—Entered School, 1922. 1st XVIII., 1924. Left in Form V.
Turner, J.—Entered School, 1924. Left in Form V.
Collett, N. B.—Entered School, 1922. Left in Form II.
Laurie, D.—Entered School, 1922. Left in Form IV.
Lee, R.—Entered School, 1924. Left in Form II.
Richardson, E.—Entered School, 1923. Left in Form IV.
Mudge, W.—Entered School, 1924. 1st XVIII., 1924; 1st XI., 1924. Left in Form IV.

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SALVETE.

- Form V.—Hoseason, K.; Utting, R.; Utting, J. H.;
 *Moore, C.; *Ivers, R. E.
 Form IV.—*Armstrong, H. C.; Chowles, F.; Parker, M. J.; Young, W. W. (returned); Ellershaw, C. E.; San-

derson, H. A.; Johnston, A. R.; *Wright, P. S.; *Ivers, I. C.; McGlew, C. R. (returned).

Form IIIa.—Brown, E. R.; Douglas, S. V.; Chilvers, J. E.; *Lovegrove, H.; Hassell, A. Y.; Bateman, A.

Form IIIb.—Yeates, F. C.; Pocklington, J. S.; *Rose, M. P.

Form II.—Parker, A. J.; *Single, J. W.; *Marriott, S. A. (returned).

Form I.—*Elsegood, J.; Currie, G. C.; Cresswell, A. G.; *Higham, H.; Manning, J.; Forrest, T.; *Plavin, A.; *Plavin, P.; *Martin, T.; Lockwood, M.; Cox, J.; McGlashan, J.; *Dickson, P. (returned); Smith, R. C.; Connor, P.; Tregonning, D.; *Marriott, T. R. (returned); Stuart, T.; *Gibbings, J.; *Appleton, A. (returned); *House, E.

*Denotes boarder.

SPEECH DAY, 1924.

Speech Day last year fell on Wednesday, 10th December. It was decided to hold the function on the tennis lawns in front of the School, instead of hiring a hall for the occasion. The innovation was a complete success, the attendance was large and enthusiastic, and an excellent supper served by the Matron gave the final touch to a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Following is an extract from the "Western Chronicle."—"That the physical education of the pupils had been carefully attended to was well demonstrated. Physical exercises, free gymnastics, horizontal bar exercises, dummy horse, squad drill and pyramids were performed with a dexterity and an accuracy that spoke volumes both for the boys themselves and for their instructor, Lieut. Emmett. Amusement was afforded by various boxing bouts in which the participants set to with quite a refreshing keenness."

From the Headmaster's Report—

"The past year has been a year of solid progress, and without any desire to boast, I can say I am proud of what has been done during the year. Early in the year I was approached by the Council to see if I would assume full

responsibility for the School, both financially and otherwise, and as a result, an agreement was reached by which this School, though remaining under the Council for Church of England Schools, was placed entirely under my direction."

"The Old Boys' Association of the School have most generously offered to undertake the liability for the capital necessary to erect a gymnasium. The details of the scheme have not yet received formal sanction, but I am confident that the O.B.A. is undertaking this task, which is a very formidable one for so young an Association, and that the next official function here will be the opening of the gymnasium. I am very grateful to the Old Boys' Association for having this thought of the School, and for showing their affection for it in such a tangible form."

The prizes were presented by His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Campion, who received a warm welcome from the boys and their parents and friends.

The prize list was as follows:—

- Form VI.—Mathematics, Lovegrove; Languages, Gibson i.
Forms VI. & V.—Divinity, Lovegrove; Biology (Miss Ross's Prize), Armstrong; Physics (Mr. Burnside's Prize), ———; Essay (Mrs. Parry's Prize), Giles i.; Captain's Prize (the Headmaster's Prize), Gibson i.
Form V.—Form Prize, Sudlow i.; Science and Mathematics, Sudlow i.; Languages, Armstrong; Vb. General Work, Fitzgerald.
Form IV.—Form Prize, Nosedá; Latin and French, Nosedá; History (Mr. Wheeler's Prize), Evans ii.; Mathematics, Evans ii.; General Work (Mr. J. P. Bathgate's Prize), Richardson.
Forms IV & III.—Divinity, Nosedá; Writing, Mudge; Biology (Miss Ross's Prize), Nosedá.
Form III.—Form Prize (Mr. R. H. Sudlow's Prize), Eyres ii.; Latin and French, Eyres ii.; History (Mr. Wheeler's Prize), Shipard; Mathematics, Unbehaun ii.
Form II.—Form Prize, Hennelly; French, Daly; Arithmetic, Brownie i.; Divinity, Daly.
Forms II & I.—Writing and Tidiness (Mrs. Hayward's Prize), Lee.

Form 1a.—English, Wake; Arithmetic, Brownie ii.; History and Geography, Beatty; Divinity (Miss Backhouse's Prize), Beaty; Drawing (Miss Ross's Prize), Deans.

Form 1b.—Reading and Spelling, Deans; Arithmetic, Robertson ii.; History and Geography, Sanderson.

Form 1c.—Reading and Spelling, Bickford ii.

Elocution.—(Miss Durlacher's Prize): Seniors, Collett; Juniors, Brownie ii.

Leaving Examinations, 1923.—Connor, Gibson i.

Junior Examinations, 1923.—Ling, May.

Drawing, 1923 (Education Dept. Technical Branch).—Model Drawing, Connor, May.

Old Boys' Bat for Best Batting Average.—Lovegrove.

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OLD BOYS' NOTES.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the School on Friday, 13th March, there being a good attendance of Old Boys. Those present voted for the Committee for the ensuing year, and ballot papers were sent to all Old Boys, members of the Association, and resident within the State. The Committee elected are as follows: Battye (Treasurer); Adamson (Secretary), Gomme, May, Brook- ing, Bull, Gloster, Ling, G. Rooney. Chairman to be elected by the Committee.

THE RIVER PICNIC.

One of the most pleasant and informal functions of the Old Boys' year is the annual river picnic. Held this year on Friday, 14th February, it attracted a goodly number of our members, together with the requisite number of ladies and friends. As it happened, we were unfortunate in striking a very cold week, although in mid-summer. Consequently the attendance, although large, was not sufficient to crowd the "Zephyr" to overflowing, and do more than make the affair much more than cover expenses. However, the cruise around the river was most agreeable, and dancing to Mrs. Miller's music extremely enjoyable; everyone, though cold, was perfectly happy and good tempered.

DOINGS OF OLD BOYS.

It will be of interest to many Old Boys to learn of the marriage of Eric Gomme to Miss Muriel Mansbridge (daughter of Colonel Mansbridge), which took place on 15th April. Eric, for the past four years, has been Chairman of our Association, and, during his term of office, one of our hardest workers. Unfortunately he will now be compelled to relinquish his position as a comitteeman, owing to having received a transfer to the country. We feel sure, however, that although debarred from taking a position on the Committee, he will not thereby lose the active interest in the Association which he has always shown.

On April 7th, an informal gathering was held at M. S. Brooking & Coy.'s establishment, the occasion being a presentation to Eric from the Old Boys on the eve of his marriage. The presentation was made by Mr. Parry, and suitably responded to by the recipient. The gathering broke up after a talk of old times and general felicitations and expressions of goodwill on all sides.

The Old Boys' Association will be most sincere in wishing Matron and Mr. Wheeler every well-deserved happiness in their engagement, which has been announced.

Our congratulations are also offered to Allan Christison, whose engagement to Miss Marjorie Carroll is announced.

Hedley Porter, after a lengthy spell in the North-West, has been in Perth once more. After a good holiday in our southern clime, he hopes to return once more. Doug. Balme is also expected down in May.

Ted Hayward, who since he left Western Australia, over four years ago, has had a very adventurous time, is back once more. His experiences include ship-wrecks, maritime inquests and various other exciting things. Owing to an injured eye he has been compelled to give up a sea-faring life and intends to settle on the land, probably in the wheat district.