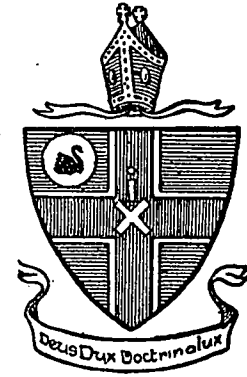


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HEADMASTER'S FOREWORD.

The second term of the year is at an end. When we look back the time seems to have flown and most of us know that the end of the year will be here almost before we realise it. But it has not quite come yet and the September holidays lie before us. In some ways they are the best. The May holidays, we all agree, are too short. The Christmas holidays, some feel, are just a little too long. But the September holidays are just long enough to enable us to have a real break from school routine and just short enough to make us feel that we could do with just a little longer. But we cannot afford to have them any longer because the third term of the year is a very enjoyable one with its Royal Show, Sports, and Cricket commencing, and yet a very arduous one especially for boys who have the University Examinations before them. So I hope very much you all have an excellent holiday and return prepared for a really strenuous third term.

As to the term that is past: for a winter term, it has been an enjoyable one, with interludes of delightful weather between the bad patches and we have been lucky in being free from infectious illness and any serious accidents. There have been one or two changes during the term. During last holidays, Mr. Henry asked me to relieve him of some of his teaching work in order that he might devote more time to his University studies. So Mr. Marshall joined the staff of the School for Senior Latin and French. But as the term went on, Mr. Henry found that his University work still took too much of his time and he felt he could not do justice to the School and so to our regret he left us at the end of June. Fortunately, Mr. Marshall was able to accept a position as a Resident Master and he has now become one of us with a keen interest in the School and all that affects its welfare and progress.

At the end of this term we will part with one whose services have been of very great value to the School. I mean Mr. Emmott. I do not think there is any one better known to the boys and girls and the younger men and women of this State than he. As long as I can remember Mr. Emmott has had charge of the Physical Training and Gymnastic work of a great number of Schools here. And even in Schools where he does not instruct he is well known, as there has been hardly an Athletic sports fixture for the last 25 years or so at which he has not been an important official. In his work as Instructor he has always been extraordinarily efficient.

When I came here at the beginning of 1923, almost the first matter I had to deal with was a request from the captain of the School, (G. Connor) to get Mr. Emmott back to the school to take charge of the Physical Culture Classes and Gymnasium, and I was able to persuade him to come back. The result was an increased efficiency in that department of school life and Displays on Speech Day that would have reflected credit on a very much larger school than ours. Now Mr. Emmott feels the time has come for him to give up this work and all I can do is to express your great regret and our very deep appreciation of his loyal and efficient services, wishing him prosperity and happiness in his retirement.

His place next term will be taken by Major Saunders, whom I have every reason to think will prove an able successor to him.

I should like here to say a word about the Scouts, Troop No. 4. Mr. Wheeler started the troop and it was through his self-sacrifice and devotion that they flourished, and through his enthusiasm, aided by Mrs. Wheeler, who was then Matron of the School, that the Scout Hall was built and paid for. Mr. Wheeler always did, and still always does all he can for the Scouts, but he found that School and Home and University left him too little time to devote to the Scouts and so with that sense of public duty, which he has so strongly, he asked to be allowed to hand over the control of the Scouts for the time being and this he did at the end of the 1st term of the year; and Mr. Bell took charge. I want boys to realise how much Mr. Wheeler did for them and the School in establishing the Scout Troop. It is not easy to run "Scouts" in a school, because there are so many calls on the boys' time and there are always some who are small-minded enough to think that, because they are not Scouts, they ought to make the task harder than it is. That spirit is altogether wrong in a school. Scouting is not compulsory, but is at least as valuable to the School as any other department of school life; and nothing would give me greater pain than for "Scouting" to cease at Christ Church. So I want to put on record my keen sense of appreciation of Mr. Wheeler's work, and to express the hope that later on he will be able to take control of the Scouts again.

Also I should like to say how glad I am Mrs. Wheeler can find time to help the cubs every week and that she takes such a great interest in each of the cubs.

In football, results have been disappointing, but there are signs of better things. Mr. Toole's visits to coach the first team have been beneficial and will prove of greater benefit, as the time has been short up to this to see results. A long series of defeats is discouraging, but the lessons of adversity are no less valuable than those of prosperity and I hope in victories, when they come, we will be modest and chivalrous. One of the difficulties a comparatively small school has is that teams are uneven. But I see some promising material among the younger members of the 1st XVIII and other teams and that is a source of hope.

The term ended with a Long Evening for the Dancing Class and an end of term entertainment in the Parish Hall. The proceeds of this latter are to be divided between the Lady Lawley Cottage and the Organ Fund for the Parish Church. For the last year or two we have been content with a concert in the Boys' Common Room. But it was rather crowded there, and I thought we might try something a bit bigger and more elaborate his year.

The Old Boys' Dance proved very successful. It was to have been in the Y.A.L. Building, but a disastrous storm unroofed that building just before the date of the dance and at the last moment it was transferred to the Town Hall. It certainly was an enjoyable and successful dance. The Dinner at the Savoy Hotel also was successful, but the attendance should be larger at this function. As a point of honour members of the Association should keep themselves free for these functions and attend. Every absent member is missed.

The ordinary routine of the Term has not varied much, apart from the two exeats, the only variations this term have been the "Ypres" Film and "Through Romantic India." All who went thoroughly appreciated the lessons of the war film and learnt a good deal about India.

This is the 2nd issue of the new "Mitre." We were all agreed that in size and appearance it was an improvement on the old—within the limitations imposed by finance the "Mitre" must be the best we can do. There should be keen rivalry in the school to write something worthy of print, and no feeling of resentment if the Editors do not accept a contribution. In a good school magazine there should never be personalities or rude "slings-off." Wit is always welcome, but crude jokes are not for print. So to budding humourists I say, "If you want to be funny, be funny," not just silly or coarse or rude. Let us make the "Mitre" and the original compositions that appear in it worthy of the School.

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SCOUT NOTES.

Since the last edition of "The Mitre" our housemaster, the Rev. J. Bell, has become acting scout master in place of Mr. Wheeler who found that his University work took up too much time for him to devote himself to scouting.

Steady progress has been made this term, and the Court of Honour has again come into being, having its meetings after the usual routine has been gone through.

On the 3rd of July we held a Church Parade at 10 a.m., when only a fair attendance was recorded. Another parade, however, was held on Sunday, August 7th., when despite bad weather, there was a good muster. A company of Guides was also present and we formed part of a large juvenile congregation of 142.

About the middle of term we held a lengthened scout meeting, terminated by a camp-fire and initiation ceremony. The boarders had to leave in time for prep., but some of the boarders brought tea and stayed until later.

Owing to its being winter term we have not held any Troop Camps. Hoseason and Smith, however, trekked to Karagullen and Lesmurdie Falls to pass 1st class tests. Judging by reports they had a wet time, but came back smiling. We wish them both luck.

Patrols cannot be too often reminded that the school and the public generally require a higher standard of conduct from us, as scouts, than from the ordinary boy. Too often scouting is merely an excuse for a certain amount of fun and an occasional camp. We have a promise to keep and a law to live up to. Is our behaviour always as scouting as it might be?

TROOP LEADER.

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PREFECTS' NOTES.

This term has been one in which we have gone to extremes, glaring and vivid

Take the first instance—we started the term more or less soberly, then someone introduced some new (?) jokes, which had a very good run, and when we were tired of that type of amusement, in a moment of weakness we allowed an alien to make his influence felt, and since then we have gone to the wall, have sunk to the very depths and become degraded—in short, we pun.

One member has exercised his eccentricity in a novel way. He has a byke. He had two pots of paint, one a bilious yellow, and the other a glaring red. The result was exactly as anticipated, but must we talk about it.

This same person has been carrying on the good work in the bathroom, and the judicious use of soap has had a marked effect on the "brats" in the junior dormitory.

Apart from jumping through a lattice head first, and running down a few small boys he has been reasonably self contained (we refrain from using the word "quiet") this term.

During the term the Rev. R. B. Gribble, of the Forrest River Mission, paid the school a visit and his talk on the far North West was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

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TWENTY-ONE EXCUSES FOR BEING LATE.

1. Please sir, our watch was slow.
2. Please sir, I woke up late.
3. Please sir, my breakfast was late.
4. Please sir, my grilled chop fell in the fire and I had to wait.
5. Please sir, my bicycle got a puncture.
6. Please sir, I ran into a motor car and broke my bike.
7. Please sir, I had to get shelter from the rain.
8. Please sir, I fell off my bike and hurt my leg.
9. Please sir, I had to run some messages.
10. Please sir, I left my homework at home and had to go back.
11. Please sir, I was sick.
12. Please sir, I missed the train.

13. Please sir, I missed the bus.
14. Please sir, I got wet through and had to go home.
15. Please sir, I had to wait till the rain ceased.
16. Please sir, I had to chop some wood.
17. Please sir, I had a sore foot and had to walk slowly.
18. Please sir, I rode on the footpath and the policeman gave me a lecture.
19. Please sir, I had to go to Perth.
20. Please sir, the foot pad held me up.
21. Please sir, the Charry broke down.

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FIFTH FORM NOTES.

The invincible fifth were all grieved in a way, to say goodbye (adieu) to Mr. Henry. Large crowds gathered in the end room and gave him a warm send-off, and the tears that followed flooded the football dance. Mr. Henry got so hot round the collar that his Adam's apple nearly got baked, and he responded to the fifth amid a loud chorus of "He's a jolly good fellow." To fill his vacancy we find Mr. Marshall who already has proved himself an excellent substitute. There is only one fault we can find in him—he teaches Latin. We have had many new recreations this term, the golf club has been formed and large crowds appear on the field at every interval. No casualties have yet come to our notice. We have also formed an Art Gallery and our celebrated artists have displayed their marvellous genius by drawing pictures which have made Van Dyke think—think what they were supposed to resemble. The boarders have been very worried at night, by a squeaky noise which closely resembled "Moonlight and Roses." Apparently this noise was made through a small tin whistle, but the mystery has not yet been fathomed. Large crowds gather daily round the dining room, where the rich melodious musical notes convince us that the school orchestra is practising. The orchestra, rather the saxophone, is gradually improving and will soon be taking engagements for dances. We have noticed lately that two or three of our members are regularly late for morning school. We wonder what the attraction is. Two of our members have joined the select band by buying "longons." We congratulate them heartily. Beez Neez alias Snakes Hips has behaved very well to us this term. Monty early in the term received a large cheque and was immediately the popular hero. Unfortunately it was spent immediately and the crowd were disgusted. We sincerely hope that he used his money wisely.

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MR. WHEELER.

The most outstanding event in the Scouting life of the school during the term was the temporary retirement of Mr. Wheeler as Scout Master. It was due largely to his efforts that the troop was started in the first place, and the excellent condition of the troop and the high place it holds in scouting opinion in the Metropolitan

area has been entirely due to his ceaseless activity on its behalf. He has spared neither time nor hard work to make the troop worthy of the school and when it is realised that the very fact that he was on the teaching staff, made his work harder and that he must have had to contend with boys devoid of any conception of service to anyone but themselves and who were opposed to scouting, the result speaks volumes for his patience and perseverance.

We hope that his absence, due to his University work occupying so much of his time, will be short and that he will soon be back again in his old place.

WHO'S WHO IN FOOTBALL.

Miley: As Captain has the knack of handling his team well though unable to lead them to victory.

Evans: Is a burly Vice-captain with a fair turn of speed once he gets going. If he were a little more nippy would prove a great asset to his side.

Hoseason (i): The most earnest and untiring player in the team. He is here, there and everywhere and his mind never seems to give out. He plays the game in the right spirit, putting all his heart into it.

Lewis: A keen player and one who, with greater self-control should become quite a good one. He is inclined to play selfishly just now, and on occasions shows that he could, with advantage, exhibit more of the real sporting behaviour which is so necessary in games.

Nosedá: A very promising player; wait till he gets bigger.

Bedells (i): Another boy who has quite justified his inclusion in the 1st XVIII.

FitzGerald is a useful player, but apt to be a bit slap-dash.

Arnold plays a fair game, and no doubt would do better were it not for the effects of an accident to his arm.

Cresswell (i): A little slow and could make better use of his height.

Miller: Another giant whose kicking and marking have been very consistent.

Lovegrove (i): Very quick and accurate, but as a goal sneak has unfortunately had small opportunity of distinguishing himself. He has made good use of all his chances.

Kennelly: A steady player.

Smith: Another.

Douglas: Is at present rather unreliable and like a number of his fellows could, with advantage, pay greater attention to kicking.

Unbehaun: Has played well this season, a lot of his shooting being excellent.

McGlew: A damaged hand has rather cramped his style.

Jupp: Has shown unmistakable evidence that he is going to shine. His play as back, on several occasions, was very good.

Stillwell: Another player who through some disability or other has not been able to produce the form we should like to have seen.

The unpleasant experiences which marked last cricket season have followed us through the football season, and in spite of the fact that on many occasions the school seemed to have its fair share of the game, our inability to score was only too painfully evident. There is not nearly enough combination in the team, and many of the boys fail to keep position. Short low kicking appears to be a lost art and many of the kicks made failed lamentably to reach their marks, either by reason of the flurry of the kicker or the temporary absence from his place of the intended recipient. Misjudging the ball when trying to take a mark or letting the other fellow get in front, proved the undoing quite often, of boys whose height should have been a great advantage to them.

A very full programme gave the school a wide experience of the play of others, as besides the 1st XVIII's matches the u/16, u/15 and u/14 all had a chance to distinguish themselves, but alas without making use of it.

The enthusiasm which marked the early games of the term seemed to die down all too soon, and though of course a succession of defeats is not pleasant, it should inculcate a stubborn determination each time to reverse the order of things at the next meeting.

The results of the matches played by the 1st XVIII from the beginning of the season until the time of handing in this copy are as follows:—

June 4th: 1st XVIII v. Scotch 2nd, at Scotch, Lost. C.C.S. 2.1. Scotch 7.6.

June 6th: 1st XVIII v. Old Boys, a C.C.S., Lost. C.C.S. 5.14. Old Boys 7.8.

June 8th: 1st XVIII v. Perth Modern 2nd, at Perth. Lost. C.C.S. 5.1. Perth Modern 11.13.

June 15th: 1st XVIII v. H.S. 2nd, at C.C.S., Lost. C.C.S. 3.5. H.S. 2nd 14.6.

June 18th: 1st XVIII v. Scotch 2nd, at Scotch, Lost. C.C.S. 3.3. Scotch 2nd 3.11.

June 27th: 1st XVIII v. Knights of St. Mark, at C.C.S. Won. C.C.S. 13.2. Knights 10.13.

June 29th: 1st XVIII v. Wesley, at C.C.S., Lost. C.C.S. 6.4. Wesley 10.9.

July 6th: 1st XVIII v. Modern 2nd, at C.C.S., Lost. C.C.S. 3.8. Modern 8.18.

July 9th: 1st XVIII v. H.S. 2nd, at C.C.S., Lost. C.C.S. 3.9. H.S. 18.20.

July 13th: 1st XVIII v. Scotch 2nd, at C.C.S., Lost. C.C.S. 2.2. Scotch 2nd 14.13.

July 20th: C.C.S. v. H.S. 2nd, at H.S., Lost. C.C.S. 1.3, H.S. 17.17.

July 27th: C.C.S. v. Wesley, at Wesley, Lost. C.C.S. 2.6. Wesley 7.6.

The match between C.C.S. and the Old Boys took place on the 6th of June. Fine weather enabled this annual fixture to take place under ideal conditions which resulted in a win for the Old Boys by 7.8 to 5.14.

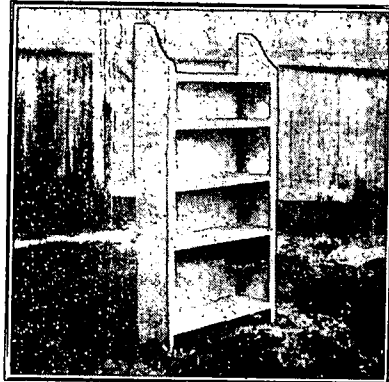
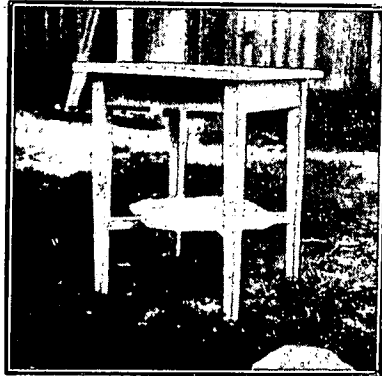
The School, in view of less than a week's practice, did remarkably well and were leading up to half-time. Even when the 3rd quarter arrived, a win by a point or two for either side appeared to be the ultimate result; however, the last quarter saw the Old Boys in front and they maintained this position until time.

Lewis and Lovegrove (1) were prominent amongst the school players, while Evans (1), FitzGerald, Miller and Nosedá played well.

Miller showed that he could kick as hard in winter as he hits in summer.

For the Old Boys, Giles and Lovegrove stood out. The former was aggressive and ubiquitous, but after he had been winded twice Lovegrove, who had been playing back, took part in attacking, and this change of tactics appeared to ensure victory for his side.

Next time the school tries conclusions with the Old Boys quite a number of our promising young prayers will have developed a greater turn of speed; this and added stature, we hope will give Christ Church a win.



Woodwork done by the Carpentry class.

ANTI-SCOUT NOTES.

(BY LONGTROUSER LARRY).

Owing to the shortage of piebald bananas we have had to refuse to accept all the nominations that have been sent in. Last Saturday evening at 4.37 we held a meeting of all members. There was a record attendance in spite of the fact that none turned up and many of the senior members were taught by the juniors how to forget to tie knots, cook and wash dogs. The Senior Juniors were instructed

in the art of climbing down horizontal ropes. We have recently bought several new ropes equipped with sharp iron spikes to facilitate climbing. We also purchased some specially greased ones to facilitate descents.

When we think of the untold good we are not doing we rejoice and thank our anti-Scout Master Mr. De Q., who, although that old has not passed the entrance exam. for the Ancient Order of Frothblowers. We have had to excommunicate one member this term because he refused to drink port; why will everybody refuse to acknowledge our rites and ceremonies when we are trying our best to obtain their money? We are severely handicapped by the idiotic profusion of donations; I find, personally, that the average person is too fond of studying the old adage "Charity begins, but not at home."

I wish to make an appeal to married members of the juvenile class not to join our unwelcome ranks, but to stay at home and be larrikins.

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PHANTASMAGORIA.

At the wooden table made of glass sat an old man. He was a Scottish Jew and in his boyhood had spent two or three years handing five pound notes to the poor. (This showed his Scottish character!! Ed.). The man was dressed in the height of fashion, but his surroundings were poor. He was not naked but wrapt in thought, and his great beard and moustache moved backwards and forwards over his clean shaven face.

There was a knock at the door. "Stay out!" cried the Jew as the man walked in. "Sir," boomed the visitor, "You are a wealthy man; your third cousin has left you £5." Maddened by wealth the Jew started pulling handfuls of hair out of his bald head. His false teeth looped the loop, did the Immelman Turn and returned to his ears.

The old man clapped his feet with joy, and ordering a wheelbarrow went into the city.

After three years of spending the man had a marvellous mansion and employed thousands of servants. One night as the Jew sat on the mantelpiece drinking his usual barrel of rum a small flea appeared. "Sir," said the flea, "my name is Speckle Back Willy, and I desire sixpence or else you die." Saying this Speckle Back strode to the desk and lighted a cigar. He then combed his hair and straightened his Oxford bags. The Jew, mad with terror, stood on his hands while Speckle Back produced a water pistol. Speckle Back at that moment collapsed with excitement and in his dying breath murmured "Vengeance." Immediately a swarm of fleas rushed in brandishing swords and cleaning their teeth. The Jew was doomed, but in strophe Brave Horatius. "Pick a winner" he yelled. The crowd of fleas put their hands together for him and Horatius, drinking his barrel of beer, became normal. The Jew muttered "Neigh, neigh," but Horatius cut him to bits with a tooth pick.

"GLAGLU."

THE MITRE.
THEY SAY.

By "ROTATOR."

That we would like to know how "you can tell."
That Stanley, Miley and Evans arrived early one day.
That Ossie did a pull and that he might manage two before the end of the year.
That it is time Gibson got a loud speaker.
That Lewis thinks he runs the Physics room.
That there is a whole glass tube intact in the Physics room.
That the 1st XVIII won a match.
That it is time Birdie came back.
That "dans" is not pronounced "dong."
That you cannot smile in French however funny your joke is.
That some one might get the junior.
That Lewis might stop telling us about his golfing achievements.
That it is time they had some fresh music at dancing.
That the junior might be hard.
That Latin is a very interesting subject!!!
That Boulden talks too much.
That the most popular novel is not "Selected English Essays," but "Hopalong Cassidy."
That the sharry did not break down one morning when Currie was late.
That FitzGerald's bike is just a little too gaudy.
That FitzGerald's lattice work dive is very spectacular, but he should do it through a paper hoop as he would not do so much damage then.
That it is time Mousy wore longens.

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GOLF NOTES.

By "GOLFER."

Golf has taken the school by storm, wherever one look one sees youths, bearing pieces of tree obtained, nefariously, from the surrounding trees and hedges, tramping up and down the field after a series of attempts, eventually successful, to crack the ball or gumnut, whatever the case may be.

Undoubtedly, "Monty" is the most assiduous enthusiast of the guid auld Scotch game, and the school suffers accordingly; a typical example was a recent "Maths." lesson. "Gee! did you see me

hole out in one this morning," 'S'truth! you should have seen my masher shot at the fifth hole," and so on. "Monty" does not consider it necessary to add that he took three or four swipes to hit the ball and that he snapped a club or two before he eventually hit the ball. After the bright sun of "Monty" come the lesser lights, "Dicky," "Robbo," "Bupedupello," "Chas," and so on, finishing up with Miller, Bothe and the rest of the infants. Golf has introduced another pastime, "Sonny" has invented a process for the production of golf-balls from inner tubing. What with these home-made balls, clubs, holes, and players the entire thing is rather amateurish, but nevertheless we wish it every failure and hope that it will continue to be a wash-out.

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A DASH FOR SAFETY.

The goods train pulled in at a small country station, and, in order that the passenger train could go through, was shunted into a siding.

In due course the passenger train arrived, depositing a few people and picking up some others, and then went its way. Immediately, the goods train commenced to do its switching. Just at that moment a nervous old lady, who had alighted from the passenger train, chanced to pass close to one of the men in the brake van. A voice shouted:—"Jump on her as she comes by, Bill, run her down to the crane, break her in two and bring her head up by the yard. Sharp!"

The nervous old lady ran as she had never run before.

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OLD BOYS' NOTES.

A YEAR'S PROGRAMME.

The following functions have yet to be held:—

September (3rd week), Night Tennis, Royal Show Grounds.

October 29th, Tennis Tournament, Kitchener Park

October (date to be arranged), Annual Athletic Sports, Royal Show Grounds.

December 3rd, Cricket Match, School.

January 9th, River Trip, S.S. Emerald.

Special Notice should be taken of the two functions, for which definite date has not yet been fixed, as notices will be forwarded to members as soon as the dates are known.

It has been suggested by a country Old Boy to hold the Dinner in the latter end of January or beginning of February. He gives as his reason that most country members are in town for these months. As the date is of no consequence to town members, we would welcome the opinions of any country Old Boys who are interested. This would enable this committee to arrange the function, if the necessary support was afforded, before their term of office expires in March.

It may seem strange for the committee to attempt to arrange two dinners in one year, but as our object is to provide as much entertainment as possible for Country Old Boys, this committee would like to start on the best scheme as soon as possible, providing it meets with sufficient approval.

Football Match, 6/6/27.—Very little support was afforded the committee for this function, and we were forced to field a short team. The most notable absentees were the Junior Old Boys. They may think that they are overlooked, but such is not the case, for it is their interest that we wish to stimulate, and will be only too pleased to allow them to take part in any function that is held.

Our team was:—Armstrong, Ivers, Maclagan, Lynn, Carlton, Eaton, May, Brown, Plesse, Lovegrove, Evans, Giles (Capt.), and Liddell, a substitute who very kindly gave us his services, for which we thank him. Brian Canny also kindly officiated as umpire.

It was a very interesting game, and neither side could claim any marked superiority. The five loose men for the school kept the game very open and fast, but our weight was eventually the deciding factor.

Scores: O.B.A. 7.8 (50 pts.)

School 5.14 (44 pts.)

Goalkickers (O.B.A.): Lynn (3), Lovegrove (3), Maclagan (1).

(School): Lovegrove (3), Unbehaun (1), Miller (1).

Lovegrove as goalkeeper and later forward was best for us, closely followed by Giles at centre, while Plesse (back), Brown (ruck), Armstrong (back), and Lynn (forward), gave excellent service.

Dance, 23/6/27.—This function was held in the Perth Town Hall and was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody. It was to have been held in the Y.A.L. Hall, but owing to the damage that it sustained from the storm, we were forced to make a last minute change.

Owing to our new departure this year in holding the dance at Perth, we thought that we could not ask our parents and friends to again help us with our supper arrangements, as they had generously done in the past. These people, who were our guests, and the dancers sat down to a splendid supper, ably catered for by Mrs. Reilly.

Among our office bearers and friends who were present were:—Rev. L. W. and Mrs. Parry, Capt. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, Doctor and Mrs. Battye, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Kendall, and of the School Staff, Miss Mulgrue and the Rev. J. Bell and Mr. Matthews.

A pleasing feature of the evening was the large attendance of Old Boys. Apart from the committee were noticed:—Keith Plesse, Tom Flintoff, Devereau Capel, (Herby Noves), "Squeaker" Wright, "Jum" Elgee, "Snaky" Harrison and his brother, "Wreath" Ross, Ian Jacoby, "Buck" Norrie, Wallie Lodge, Rayner Cramond, Dick Lovegrove, Campbell Armstrong, The Ling Bros. Ltd., Stan Heath, Selwyn Prior, Max Brown, Sam May, L. Baskerville, D. Price, Jim Battye, Jack Fulton and Jeff Cox.

A very enjoyable evening was spent, with an excellent floor and good music. Everyone was very sorry when the last dance ended in the wee sma' hours of the morning.

Despite the counter attraction of The Tennis Association Dance which had to be changed to the same night as ours, the function turned out well on the right side of the ledger—a result which was very gratifying to the Committee.

Dinner 6/8/27 was held at the Savoy Hotel this year. The attendance was not quite as big as was expected, and several who had promised to be there, for some unaccountable reason, failed to do so.

Other than Old Boys there were present—Rev. L. W. Parry (our President), Sir J. J. Talbot Hobbs, Messrs. J. V. Brown and G. B. Beere of our Vice-presidents and Rev. J. Bell of the School Staff.

Thirty-five in all sat down to a very enjoyable dinner. The customary toasts being over, the rest of the evening was taken up with music, songs and bridge. The favorite song appeared to be "The more we are together." This is really more than a song; it is an anthem of the Ancient Order of Frothblowers, and it was rendered with all ceremony and rite due to it. This was a very successful evening and should be more so next year.

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ONE THING AND ANOTHER.

"If anyone would like a Taxi or a Yellow Cab apply to Mr. Maclagan." I am afraid that Scotty should have been a commissionaire.

Our respectable chairman, Harold Boys, now lives in the vicinity of the village fire brigade.

Max Bosworth has just returned from a pleasure cruise on the excursion steamer Koolinda.

Laurie Baskerville is a fair divil for the dances these days. Among his repertoire were the O.B.A. and G.H.S./7/O.G.A. dances:

Hurst Balme has gone and done it. Engaged!

Lyn Cox has been debarred from joining the benedicts as the secretary snaffled a sub from him.

"Blue" Carlton is still the dashing forward that he was in bygone ages.

Jock de Castilla, we hear, hobnobbed with the "Guv." when in Broome. How are the oysters, Jock?

Terry Corboy was last seen in the ranks of the 11th. Btn.

Seen in town lately was Box Drummond returning to his toil at Tammin.

Fearing webbed feet if he remained in Collie, Hughie Everard has been transferred to the W.A.G.R. at Midland. Rumour hath it that he has joined the bathroom baritones.

Next time you're out, Jack, please wear your tail-light to see when you have passed 25 m.p.h. (Eaton was one of Fletcher's recent innocent victims).

Hearing that the "Ville d'Amiens" had reached Fremantle "Skinny" Giles broke all existing records when he returned from Sydney with a case full of five-thousand-guinea rams.

Roy Gibson is at present studying the Hypothesis of Synthecity at the Adelaide University.

Darrell Hick is using the ideal tractor at Morowa, it always stops when it's furthest from home and raining hard.

Syd Jackman is now a landed gentleman at North Dandalup.

Seen in town recently Geoff Rooney and Walter Johnson.

Dick Todd is at present chief weevil picker at the Great Southern Flour Mills at Narrogin.

Among those to be seen tugging at the supple willow any evening are Geoff Connor, "Sam" Way, Rupert Wright and Dick Giles. With such redoubtable opponents ahead, Major Goodsell renewed training with great vigor.

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BEREAVEMENT NOTICES.

SUBSCRIPTIONS—There are still some who have not yet paid their subs. We are sure this is an oversight. Send it in, boys, as the Treasurer is falling over himself to send you your receipt.

LAPEL BADGE—These have now come to hand and may be had from the Secretary or Treasurer. The cost is now reduced to 4/6. It is the general consensus of opinion that these are the best badges in town.

BLAZERS—Bon Marche have still an odd yard or two of material. Apply to the Secretary for an order. These may be worn by financial members only.