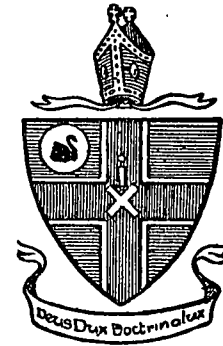


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OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

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**HEADMASTER'S FOREWORD.**

By the time this is in print everyone in the School, including the Masters, will be making their final preparations for a well-earned holiday. As I write there is still nearly a fortnight to go and during that time will take place the Examinations, the Dancing Class Long Evening, the Prefects' Dance and the End of Term Entertainment. The Prefects' Dance is an innovation and took place in the Parish Hall. The Prefects were themselves responsible for all the arrangements, though the Supper arrangements were very kindly undertaken by a Committee of Ladies, for whose generous help we are most grateful.

Looking back over the term that is past it is hard to recall anything of outstanding importance, except the fact that the mid-week half-holiday on Wednesdays has seemed to make each week go very quickly and to give more time to everybody. I do not think less work has been done, but I certainly think all have been fresher and keener for the work that has been done, and I believe that there are few in the School who would like to go back to the old Timetable.

In games I have noticed a marked improvement in the style of Football played and also greater keenness in the playing. This has been the first result of Mr. Truscott's very able coaching and the 1st XVIII have had on several occasions very bad luck in not having the margin in their favour instead of against them. It is always nice to win, and a side must play to win, but it is just as important to learn to play the game in the right spirit and to be generous towards opponents even when disappointed at not winning. The 1st XVIII has seemed to me to show that spirit. In some of the Under Age matches we have at times been quite outclassed through having to fill the last few places in our teams with boys much below the age of their opponents. This will, however, right itself as the numbers of the School increase. We look forward to entering a team for the Slazenger Cup at Tennis, but could wish that this Competition could be held a little later in the term, as there is little opportunity for serious practice before the first Saturday of the term, when the competition begins. Owing to the difficulty of securing a ground on a Saturday the Athletic Sports

against Wesley College will probably have to be held on the last Wednesday of October on the W.A.C.A. Ground in Perth. We will try and put our own Sports at least a fortnight before this.

At the beginning of the term we welcomed to the staff, Mr. K. Van Raalte, to be Science Master, and Mr. A. F. Blain to be Sports' Master. Mr. H. F. Gurney has taken a position on the staff as Visiting Master for Biology, and Miss M. Saunders visits to teach Drawing at the University Examination standard. At the beginning of the term, while Mrs. Spratling was away with an injured foot, Miss J. Tombs kindly came and did her work.

I am sorry to say that the Matron, Miss Mulgrue, will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up again her work as a nurse. She has been with us for nearly three years, and has been most loyal and efficient in the discharge of her duties. She has been particularly careful in all matters touching the health of the House, and only once has sickness got a hold in the House, and that was during the earlier part of this year, when the mumps came. It was owing to her great care and self-sacrificing attention that all the cases were comparatively mild. She gave up her May holiday entirely to nursing the patients, and then had the bad luck to get a couple of new cases when the boys returned for the 2nd term. I am sure everyone will be sorry that she is going to leave us.

I am glad that the Scouts are carrying on keenly under Mr. Wheeler and the Leaders and that the Cubs flourish under the able control of R. McLarty, an old boy who gives up his time to this regularly.

The Old Boys' Association has held two big functions during the term, namely, the Dance and Dinner. Both were very enjoyable, though I wish every old boy within reach would make it his bounden duty to be present at these functions. The Committee take very great pains to arrange these enjoyable chances of re-union, and it should be a matter of honour for members of the Association to support them loyally. While writing about old boys, I would like, on behalf of the present boys, to congratulate R. Wright on rowing in the Winning Varsity crew in the Inter-Varsity Boat Race, and also G. Connor on being Vice-Captain of the Shooting Team in the recent Inter-Varsity Competition. Anson Sewell, according to a recent letter, was on his way to England to patent some wireless inventions, so that it is obvious that his interest in this has not diminished since he left school.

I hope that everyone will enjoy the coming holidays, and that the University Examination boys, especially, will be prepared for some real hard work for the first ten weeks of term.

#### A BRIEF EDITORIAL.

The winter term is a dull one, and the end of it for some of us a doleful one. We are beginning to think for the first time that school isn't such a bad place, that masters aren't all entirely bad, that rules have their advantages as well as their drawbacks. To think that the end of the next term sees us off to work—irresponsibles no longer! Then the reflection "Will we be missed? Have we

made good enough use of our chances for our absence to be noticed?" We think with relish of our various escapades. Now we think them over in cold blood, were we so very clever? Were they kept so secret, as we fondly imagined? The School is a miniature Republic. Have we been useful citizens? Most of us have candidly to confess that we have been merely useless nuisances. We at Christ Church have yet to learn the principles of self-government—the secret of the greatness of the Public School—whether it be in school, in the playing field, or in the boarding house. Here we have the foundation of a fine school. In sport and scholastic achievements we have now attained some standing. Sport particularly is on the upgrade. We have good material, showing considerable promise, in both sides of school life. But there are evils which must be eradicated, and eradicated by the boys themselves—selfishness, meanspritedness, indifference to the corporate life of the school. Once we can get rid of these evils, we may look confidently to the future.

Well, you may ask, to what is all this leading up? The answer is, "Next Term." Let us all come back determined to put school first, self second. Let us make next term a term for all to remember. Those who are taking the Public Examinations, let them determine to do well, if not for themselves, for the sake of the school. Those who are prefects, let them set an example to their successors by running the school properly, for that is their duty. Those who uphold the school's name in sports, let them strive each and all to be clean and unselfish. In short, let each do his particular job and do it properly, so that when he leaves school he may have something to be proud of and may come back in later years with no regrets to pay a visit to HIS school. Then may we say with Matthew Arnold:—

Ah yes! Some of us strive  
Not without action to die  
Fruitless, but something to snatch  
From dull oblivion, nor all  
Glut the devouring grave!

#### FOOTBALL NOTES.

This term's football has not been a success from the point of view of matches won. But from other aspects it has been very refreshing. The 1st XVIII especially has shown very great improvement under Mr. Truscott's coaching. Whereas in the beginning of the season the field contained players mainly wherever the ball was, in the latter part, our combination enabled us to defeat our opponents decidedly in one game, and until the last five minutes in another, when, lack of wind prevented our completing the victory.

The style of play has been on the lines of long straight kicking, using centre play whenever possible, and a policy of "all in," which combined have proved quite effective. Had not Mr. Truscott been

called away on, shall we say, a higher duty, namely coaching East Fremantle, while on its Australian tour, we might have experienced even still more satisfying results.

The under age teams, with the exception of the under 14, have not done quite as well as the 1sts, in that their general style has not shown such marked improvement. The under 14, however, show quite an idea of combination and enthusiasm.

#### SECTION MATCHES.

Section Matches, owing to a certain amount of unevenness, have not been productive of the keenness, of which they should have been. Romsey, owing to a more powerful team, has so far, quite naturally been earning the laurels, defeating both House and Queenslea. Both of these houses, however, showed quite a dogged resistance at times, and made quite good efforts to lessen the difference in the score. House possesses the medium team, able to defeat Queenslea, but falling before Romsey, and is held together quite successfully by Arnold and Lewis.

However, the later matches may prove quite a reverse of fortune in favour of Queenslea and House.

#### CRITIQUE.

**Miley:** As captain, holds his team well, although he has not been quite able to inspire them to success. As back, has quite a good knack of coming through with the ball at the right moment, and has done some very good work. Quite fast when in action. Very fair mark and good kick.

**Lovegrove:** Vice-captain. A small member whose main point of distinction is an occasional brilliant feat of kicking. Owing to size, wisely limits his endeavours to low marking, in which he is quite sure.

**Arnold:** A very fast and solid player, possessing the right spirit for football, viz., never giving in to his man. A good mark, but erratic kick.

**Lewis:** At times brilliant, but always egotistical and possessing a desire for the spectacular. Without these traits, which time may eradicate, would be quite a good footballer. Quite fast. Excellent mark and good kick, with a much overdone tricky turn.

**Hassell:** Erratic. Too fond of attacking the man after he has the ball in preference to getting the ball before it reaches the man. Apart from this giving away a fair number of kicks renders very solid service. A good mark, but erratic kick.

**Jupp:** Has rendered invaluable service to the XVIII. Has fulfilled his place as goalkeeper in very fine style. Has the knack of coming through with the ball and kicking. Very good mark and kick.

**Noseda:** Although small a very fast player. Very neat in picking up. Has the knack of kicking at the right time. Should prove a very great asset to the XVIII when bigger. Sure mark and kick.

**Stanley:** Our tallest member and one who never knows when he is beaten. Has a decidedly refreshing habit of coming through with the ball (although inclined to hold it) in the approved Rugby fashion. Fair mark, but weak kick.

**Douglas:** A clumsy player. Decidedly poor mark and kick, who unfortunately definitely refuses to unburden himself of the ball when he does get it, otherwise fair.

**Boys:** A good mark and sure kick. Shows sparks of occasional brilliance and a player who has shown very consistent form throughout the season.

**Robertson i:** A player who has given solid service. Fair mark and kick.

**Brown:** Rather slow. Quite a fair mark and kick.

**Lynn:** Fair mark and kick. When he learns to attack the scrums more will be a much more useful player.

**Smith:** Does very good work on occasions. If he could be persuaded to take more interest would be much more useful.

**Bedells:** Fair mark and good kick. Has played a very useful game in the back line throughout the season.

**Dickson i:** Appears rather small on occasions. A fair mark, but too slow in kicking.

**Bickford:** Rather small. Shines more in under age matches. Fair mark and kick.

**Bell:** Slow and clumsy player who shines on occasions.

**Higham:** Showed great promise at beginning of the season. A player from whom we expect great things in the future.

#### RESULTS OF MATCHES.

June 2nd.—Under 13 v. S. College, lost 16.14 to nil.

June 4th.—1st XVIII v. Old Boys, lost 10.11 to 11.12.

June 9th.—Under 14 v. H.S., lost 14.16 to 2.4.

June 13th.—1st XVIII v. H.S. 2nd XVIII, lost 13.13 to 6.5.

June 13th.—Under 15 v. S. College, lost 26.19 to nil.

June 20th.—Under 14 v. W. College, won 6.7 to 1.5.

June 27th.—1st XVIII v. Knights, won 13.8 to 6.17.

June 20th.—1st XVIII v. C.E.G.S. 2nd XVIII, lost 28.20 to 0.4.

June 16th.—1st XVIII v. W. College, lost 6.1 to 10.11.

July 11th.—1st XVIII v. W. College, lost 11.10 to 13.5.

July 14th.—Under 16 v. S. College, lost 13.17 to 6.1.

July 18th.—1st XVIII v. H.S. 2nd XVIII, won, 13.14 to 6.13.

July 18th.—Under 14 v. Woodbridge H.S., lost 6.5 to 12.11.

July 25th.—Under 16 v. W. College, lost 25.30 to 4.1.

August 1st.—1st XVIII v. W. College, lost 7.8 to 6.9.

August 11th.—1st XVIII v. S. College 2nd XVIII, lost 12.8 to

## ROWING.

Practice has been carried on regularly, when weather conditions permitted, on Mondays and Thursdays throughout the term. The old pair has been botched sufficiently to enable her to be used for teaching beginners the elements of rowing and should last for another few years before she finally disintegrates completely. The sliding seats with which she was fitted have finally and definitely refused to slide and have been replaced by fixed seats. At the end of last term the Romsey was overhauled and varnished and the oars were reconditioned. Unfortunately we have only the one set of oars so that we cannot have both boats afloat at the same time. We still hope to have in time another practice four and sufficient oars for our needs.

Most of our oarsmen have only begun this term, and the progress they have made has been very creditable. They have all mastered the rudimentary principles of using an oar though they lack polish. None of them have yet learned to get the full value of the sliding seats into their stroke though two or three are managing their slides fairly well. We have made several trips to Point Walter—four miles across the bay and back—which is no mean achievement for boys who have only just taken up rowing. Later recruits have not yet had sufficient practice to make such a long trip, but have reached Keane's Point and returned before their wrists gave out.

Comic relief has been provided by casual coxes. One asked what was perhaps the most asinine question ever asked even by a Claremont resident. Another attempted to get us through the gateway into the boat-shed before we needed to disembark. The third—less ambitious—would have been content had he been allowed to carry out his intention of running us aground on the Romsey side of a picket fence via the fence. Fortunately both attempts were frustrated in time and the boat and its crew are still intact.

With the fine weather to be expected next term we should be able to make more extended trips, which are essential for the acquirement of style and rhythm. If those who have been rowing this term maintain their enthusiasm they should by the end of the year be able to consider themselves if not polished oarsmen at least not tyros.

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**PREFECTS' NOTES.**

We have at last inaugurated our much hoped for Dance for the Winter Term, and the date fixed is August 18th. By the time these notes appear, the function will, we hope, have been voted a complete success. The proceeds are to be given to the Old Boys' Gymnasium Fund. So we hope the Old Boys are going to attend, and by associating with the present boys, help to link us together in a bond of friendship that will last for many coming years.

We are losing one of our number, we hear, this term and we will find his place hard to fill. "Mick" has been at the school for a long time and has done his best in sport and school duties throughout that term. We all join in wishing him all luck and success in his after-school career.

The weaker sex has attracted our attentions this term, and besides crooning over film-stars, the whole crowd of us are very vigorous in criticizing and displaying our knowledge about these creatures.

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**BOARDERS' NOTES.**

The end of the term is near and we of the superior House are beginning to think of the holidays; of how soon we can get home; and of how long it will take us to get back next term. But first we must wade through the exams.—the last dregs of the cup of this term's school work.

Last mid-term some misguided members of our fraternity were persuaded by "One Who Should Know Better," to indulge in a gentle "Hike to Somewhere and Back"—they got nearly back. We with more sense have been afflicted ever since with a group of insufferables who have adopted the pose of martyrs, and display their blisters on the slightest provocation.

There is one—he with the canine cognomen—who has been observed holding conversation (and some) with members of the opposite sex, during football, during school, and even in his leisure hours.

Michael has become a disciple of the slogan "Red Heads Preferred." He will some day realise that blondes are the only possible.

We must congratulate Rastus on being given his game in the XVIII—also Harry Hig'am.

During the term some person, or persons, unknown committed the sin of introducing the boarders to the stamp habit. At night the small fry take their albums to bed and bartering can be heard in their dormitory at all hours. Stamps have replaced bicycle parts as symbols of exchange. Bikes are a bad second in the order of things. In a word we have degenerated (it is hoped only temporarily) to the level of stamp collectors.

This term those in Power conceived the brilliant idea of trying to teach the juniors how to masticate their comestibles, and the scheme has been fairly successful. Bother is no longer seen stirring his tea with his knife; Kag no longer illustrates the correct broadsiding position while consuming fried fritters, and Sandy II can now suppress articulation while munching potted marmite.

We have heard that we must bid farewell to Michael this term, and we all hope that he will have every success at Katanning, and that he will uphold our traditions by not getting married.

It is said that one of us has fallen for a country wench—is no one immune?

Bucky is now a man of fashion—his new suit has a jigger button!

Dicky got a new bike in the middle of the broadsiding craze—Dicky learned to broadside—Dicky fell off many times and the enamel suffered—Dicky saved his church collection—and the new colour is a dark chocolate—Ough!

We are all looking forward to the coming holidays, and we wish each other the best of times, and hope that we will come back with more good resolutions than ever next term.

"SIRRAH."

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### ROMSEY NOTES.

We are indeed fortunate in having such a good all-round team, and it is to be hoped that one of the other sections will arise and challenge its superiority.

We owe our success to several outstanding players and are very grateful to them for their wholehearted determination to win. We were all very sorry to hear of McGlew's inability to play, and felt his loss on the football field.

In conclusion, we heartily wish the other sections good luck, and congratulate them on their stubborn resistance.

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### QUEENSLEA NOTES.

Queenslea has been at a disadvantage this term through a shortage of good players, and it is to be hoped that we will not have this excuse in the future. Nevertheless we have succeeded in beating House in the Cricket Season and have given them a good "run" for the Football Season. We congratulate Romsey on their success which we must attribute partly to superior numbers.

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### SCOUT NOTES.

The Scout Troop has kept up its numbers during the past term, and everyone is settling down to a new enthusiastic spirit, thanks to our generous Scout Master, Mr. Wheeler.

We decided to go for a camp at Kalamunda, Mr. Sanderson having kindly lent us a shed to sleep in. On the Friday afternoon one energetic lad rode up to Kalamunda on his "galloping bedstead," but despite its name he arrived there ten minutes before the

charabanc. The rest of the campers bravely rode up in the travelling Zephyr, which arrived there safely after many narrow escapes. On more than one occasion the chari. attempted to capsize, and had an effect on Ossie's mind, and caused him to recite his junior poem the "Ocean."

We had tea in the dark, and afterwards several lads deposited their weary bodies on beds of green foliage. Ken Sudlow and Bill came over from their farm, and cheered us up with the news that in the early morning we would awake and see one another in the forms of icebergs. Ken said the only way he could get warm was to sleep in the incubator shed with six mattresses on top of him.

We owe a deep gratitude to Mr. Sanderson for his kindness in placing his verandah at our disposal, and providing mattresses and carpets to sleep on. Without his help we would have fared badly. Several excursions were made to the falls where games were played. On Saturday night all assembled around a camp fire and entertained one another with yarns and jokes.

On Sunday afternoon several scouts passed cooking and fire-lighting tests. At 3 p.m. George and Reg. set out for home on their bikes, and two hours later the rest of us departed on our old rollicking friend, the chari. On the whole the camp was a great success, everyone enjoyed himself immensely.

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### TERPSICHORIA.

By "Nosey."

Fairly rapid progress has been made this term in the dancing class, the new-comers especially profiting by Miss Scott's tuition. The chief problem this term has been the "Yale Blues." "Robbo" was fearfully muddled at the start, but has now mastered the art. He is undoubtedly the most assiduous member of the class. "Chas." usually has a "good idea about each step," and is thus able to commandeer the turps—we mean the dances—with Miss Scott. A visit by some of the members to a Y.A.L. (without the E) dance during the term has evidently affected them, for "Monty" and "Army" are now the centre of attention for their "tonks" dance. This strongly resembles the antics of two snakes trying to swallow each other. Next term we hope to unravel the intricacies of the "Doll Dance" and close with this dreadful thought for the "fry" who find it rather hard to keep up with the "Clive Kergers" of the first row.

## Old Boys' Notes.

### EDITORIAL.

Once again the months have slipped past and I find myself in the unfortunate position of having to compile, with no news whatsoever, our section of the school magazine, which, with our increased circulation, is one-third portion. To fill this should not be beyond us, and it would greatly assist me to do so if our literary geni would supply me with some interesting articles which would be greatly appreciated by all. However, as none are forthcoming on this occasion, my unworthy pen must attempt to do justice to all my readers.

As far as the Association is concerned, we have not yet reached last year's figures with our membership, although we have welcomed into the fold several who have been away from us for a long time. With an ounce of luck we hope to be able to deprive the few remaining delinquents of their outstanding subscriptions in the course of the next few weeks.

I would like to make a special appeal to all Old Boys to endeavour to make any erstwhile members of the Old School join up and take a hand in our functions. There is a great number of our old friends who have drifted away and take no interest whatsoever, and for this reason alone it should be the duty of everyone of us to endeavour to induce them to join up and take a fresh interest in the School and the Association.

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### PAST ASSOCIATION FUNCTIONS.

The Annual Dance was a great success socially this year although a slight financial loss was incurred. It was held in the Y.A.L. Hall on June 28th, and all who attended passed a very enjoyable evening.

The Football Match v. The School was held on Monday, June 25th, at the school oval. There was a good attendance of Old Boys, and a very close game resulted in a win for us despite the fact that Harold Boys turned round and played for the school in the closing stages of the game.

Our team was made up of Brown, Boys, Armstrong, May, Lynn, Stilwell (2), Evans (2), Sudlow (2), Flintoff, Maclagan, Utting, Gibson and Martin, and the scores were: O.B.A., 11 goals 10 behinds—76 points. School, 10 goals 12 behinds—72 points.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Savoy Hotel on August 4th. The attendance was very poor, as some 28 Old Boys were all that could show any appreciation of the Committee's efforts. We have had many complaints in the past in reference to the Dinner, and now that it is placed on the same footing as that of other associations, we are no better off. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all who attended, and it was a very merry band that wended its way home somewhere in the region of midnight. Those present were; Rev. L. W. Parry, Messrs. Beere and Brown of our Vice-presidents, and Battye, Flintoff, Maclagan, Giles, Armstrong, Gloster, Whitlock and Evans of the Committee, and L. and H. Harrison, C. and W. May, Ling, Lynn, Bowers, Miller, Fulton, Cramond, Duncan, Stuart, Prior, Bowers, Connor, Todd, Bosworth, Hamilton, Giles and Eaton of the Association. Messrs. Price and Adamson were unavoidably absent. Come on now, where were the rest of you?

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### HOCKEY NOTES.

As we have Flintoff, Duncan, Maclagan, Giles, Lynn, Brooking, Ling, Evans and Manford among the wielders of the crooked stick, it has been suggested that we form a hockey team for next season. Several other old boys around town have already expressed their intention of giving their services, and everything points to the successful accomplishment of the scheme. This should be deserving of your best efforts and full particulars will be available at a later date. In the meantime, anyone interested is requested to communicate with the secretary.

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### REMINISCENCES.

(The Old Familiar Faces).

I often think, when quietly musing by the fireside, of the numerous incidents of my schooldays which at the time had very painful endings, but now appear in a distinctly humorous vein.

Well do I remember prompting a stumbling pupil in one of the Headmaster's mathematics classes, and later paying the extreme penalty in his study. Such was my reward for telling the truth when questioned by the Head as to the exact identity of the prompter.

On another occasion, when the detention class played an important part in the daily routine, I had the pleasure of spending a few quiet hours under its strict regime. Unfortunately, as I was entering the room, there, before my very gaze, was a figure, just visible beyond the door, picking up a fallen book. Now I appeal to all footballers for a vindication of my action. Naturally, as was



only human, I kicked the figure good and hearty, being duly chased round and round the classroom by the injured innocent for my trouble. All this time the master in charge was working himself into a very angry mood, and having restored order, showed his displeasure by entering us in the book for further detention on the morrow. Why he should have been so angry I have never yet been able to fathom, because he was not the recipient of the kick.

However, the worst was yet to come. Next day, at Evening Call-over, the eagle eye of the Head chanced to alight on our names as having been "fooling in detention," and he, very kindly, issued a curt invitation to pay him a visit in his study—for his convenience—preferably at 4 p.m. This seemed to fit in with our arrangements, so 4 p.m. saw us at his study, and we entered at his bidding with a decided sinking feeling. The Head had not finished his afternoon tea, so he entertained us with a brief discourse on our respective demerits. Then afternoon tea over the session was brought to a close by a very interesting exhibition of carpet beating by the Head. Awfully decent of him I thought.

I do not wish to bore you further, but before closing, I must remind some of you of the occasion when "Coddie" Day went in to receive a whacking after having first taken the wise precaution to pad his trousers with a bath towel. A very wise move, but unfortunately, a foot or so did not fit in and was showing under the bottom of his coat. The Head, however, had a keen sense of humour, and allowed it to remain here.

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### NEWS FROM NEAR AND FAR.

The Secretary reports the receipt of a letter from our old Headmaster and friend, Mr. S. C. Noake. He is in very good health and very grateful to the old boys for their continued remembrance of him. He hopes to show this in a more tangible form some day. His address is:—King's School, Parramatta, N.S.W.

A very old boy in the person of Keith Whitlock has at last shown himself up in town and renewed old acquaintances at the annual dinner.

Ted Ling has just returned from a trip to the East, and reports a very successful time, as he had, without his usual perfunctory adulation, disposed of the A.M.P. during his brief sojourn.

Engagements are very fashionable just at present, as Skinny Giles, Max Brown and Jeff Cox have all successfully popped the question. The usual letter of sympathy has been sent with a pamphlet entitled "How to be happy, though married."

Max Bosworth was in town again and found time to chew a chop with the rest of us at the dinner.

Geoff Rooney was present at the Football Match. Glad to see you, Geoff. How are the over-drafts at Kulin?

Rupert Kendall has returned from the Eastern States and is now quite recovered.

Neil Edwards found time to leave his farm and attend the annual dance.

Dick Lovegrove is still making his name on the football field, while his brother Tom is expected home for a brief holiday.

Most of troubles, fortunately, seem to be little ones. Just listen to this "Ginner" Piesse is the proud father of a baby girl and Pat Montgomery has a son. Keith Calthrop is at present in England enjoying a holiday.

We have many devoted followers of rowing in our midst. Rupert Wright, Geoff Connor and Charlie Cohn were all prominent at the recent University Regatta. While together with Dick Giles and Weller May they have been rowing in various regattas for their respective clubs.

Wallie Lodge, Rayner Cramond and Geoff Hill have all become prominent in the golfing world. Rumour hath it that Dick Giles recently finished 17 down on bogey and has now taken up ludo.

Anson Sewell is on his way to England for a holiday. In a recent letter he advises that he is making money by constructing wireless sets. This should prove very interesting to any who remember his efforts at school.

Our old friend Tony Montgomery came to town recently to wish his mother and sister "Bon Voyage" on their way to England.

Another old identity in the shape of Hester Fuller has written in and wishes to be remembered to his old friends.

Eric Gomme, who is in distant Kalgoorlie, sent his best wishes to the Association.

T. Muir, of Borden, has joined after a long absence. Hearty welcome from all, Boof, old scout.

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### ODDS AND ENDS.

When is a square yard not a square yard? When it's on the tennis court.

We rejoice that the bicycle craze is on the wane. Though the "die-hards" are feverishly trying to prevent it, weak horses is absolutely the only rational sport. It has not the spectacular effect of a "broadside" skid, but for endurance, well, long distance dancing is a mere side-line. We refrain from commenting on the well-known song.

It is rumoured that our improved marking in football is due to the eating of spring onions. Perhaps it also accounts for the

way some of our members tear through the scrums: Among the keen gardeners we have noticed Sonny, Dicky and Robbo. They wish to say they will soon have the following for sale at market rates:—Onions, cabbages, lettuce, cauliflower and sunflowers.

We knew it. It was bound to come or rather they were—more musicians—more handles, barks and choppings. We had grown accustomed to Boehm, "warbling his native wood-notes wild." Now we have a Caruso and a Heifitz. However, "rejoice with them that do rejoice," its still Saxaphonus contra mundum. We glue our hopes to Chas. and his chassis.

Certain of us are rather disturbed over the actions of two of the masters. Some say its Pingmington, others put forth the Bad-minpong theory. May we have as an extra next term, or instead of—say—Latin?

Learning as at C.C.S.—Marlborough was accused on a false charge but it was found to be true.

Aeneas was a man who told a lie (we suppose to Sapphyro the Carthaginian Queen).

Radio is the Capital of Egypt.

Why is it the peaks of some boys' caps are so much cleaner than those of others?

De mortuis nil nisi bonum "There's nothing but bones in the dead."

Letters in sloping print are hysterics.

No one has yet succeeded in edifying the dark lady of the Sonnets.

Guy's Hospital was built to commemorate the gunpowder plot.

Oceania is that continent which contains no land.

Things which are equal to the same things are equal to anything else.

One of the chief uses of water is to save people from drowning in.

A circle is a rounded figure made up of a curved straight line so as the ends meet.

The plural of forget-me-not is forget-us-not.

"GLAGLU."

#### GENERA NALAG.

Opposite of final is semi-final.

Opposite of modest is modern.

An intransitive verb is one you can't use in a sentence.

Medusa was a woman who, if she looked at you, killed you with one look.

Perseus was the son of Job.

Pitt is said to have been a man born to rule with his hawk nose.

Walpole, C'ancellor of the Exchequer.

Wolsey was a great general, he tried to commit suicide on the heights of Abrahnam.

The temple in the time of Christ was known as the sinner god.

The Amazons were brazen-beaked birds.

#### VALETE.

Form IV. h.

H. Hyde.

Form II.

I. Bickford, M. Wylie, H. Wylie, I. Wylie.

#### SALVETE.

Form III. b.

B. Prewett.

Form II.

Hatton II., Robertson IV.

Form I.

Day (returned).

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#### SCHOOL NOTES.

**Magazine.**—The Editor wishes to apologise for various errors in the last "Mitre." This was due to the conditions under which the magazine was published—it being at the time of the Printers' strike.

**Staff.**—We welcome to the staff Mr. K. Van Raalte, who has come to instil Science, and Mr. A. F. J. Blain, who has taken charge of the sports. Both are well settled in now, for, we hope, a long and happy stay with us. Mr. Bell found that wise men come from the East and has returned resignedly to the fold. More recently we have been joined by Mr. H. C. Gurney, who carries on the mysterious rites called biology.

**Congratulations.**—To Rev. J. Bell on passing his examinations for Priest's orders. We hope it is only a mere coincidence that a determined effort is being made to revise the Prayer Book.

**Library.**—Our stock of books has been increased by "The World's Great Books in Outline," in 7 volumes. Because they are not published in the usual short novel form, everybody is frightened of them. But we assure everybody they are extremely interesting.

**Visits.**—We have had visits this term from Mr. Bakewell of the Australian Christian Student Movement, and from Mr. E. R. Marie who came to explain the tour which the Y.A.L. are conducting in the wheat belt during the coming holidays.

**Confirmation.**—The following were confirmed by His Grace the Archbishop at Christ Church, Claremont, on August 16th:—<sup>H. Rowle</sup> T. Bedells, H. Boys, J. Chilvers, J. Henneety, A. W. Nielsen, R. Sounness. It is the earnest prayer of all that these boys will find their preparation a great help both now and throughout their lives.

**Football.**—Mr. Truscott, who was secured for us by Mr. Lynn, has worked wonders by his excellent coaching and keen interest. His interest in our football ought to shame some of the meaner-spirited boys who consider it infra dig to go and cheer their school on to victory in matches.

**Exams.**—We would respectfully draw the attention of the Vith and Vth to the rapid approach of these. We look to you to improve on last year's results. Remember, "A little learning is a dangerous thing" as Sherlock Holmes said, or was it the Pope?

**Matron.**—We are sorry to hear that the Matron is leaving us this term to take up nursing again. We wish her all good luck for the future, and trust she will not forget her sojourn at Christ Church.

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## ENGLISH ESSAY.

On "Imaginary life of a Member of a Guild."

I was apprenticed to a carpenter, at the age of ten, and I remained in that tedious and unpleasant position for seven years, at the end of which period I became a craftsman, and could build a pair of stocks as well as anybody else in the country.

I joined a very sociable and sensible club called the Craft Guild, and later on became a member of a superior club called the Merchant Guild. At each meeting connected with these two Guilds, we play such thrilling and dangerous games as knocking stones down, throwing a bowl at nine pins, scouring a top with a whip, shooting with a bow, walking on stilts, and playing cricket, the least dangerous game of the lot because the ball is seldom hit, and is therefore rarely caught.

I remember, at one annual festival, we all joined in these games, and many exciting things happened. Gustavus was the champion stilt-walker, and Oss was the superior at knocking down nine pins. During the contest, Smith, our village blacksmith, was scouring a top, and, mistaking Ossie's head for a top, struck with all his might. The next thing that happened was that one of the ropes on the swing (upon which Onkus was amusing himself) broke, and our famous swingster was propelled thirty feet into the air. When he landed, he promptly knocked Ossie's nine pins down; that

is how Ossie won his championships. During all this upheaval, Chillie was trying to shoot a magpie, the arrow, on hitting a branch of a tree, was deflected from its natural course, and eventually hit Stan on the nose. The latter immediately collapsed in a heap on top of Onkus and Oss. These three unfortunate individuals were collected in a heap around Gustavus's stilts, and the latter was unable to descend from his lofty throne for three hours; that is why Gustavus won his championship. During his lofty suspension, a cricket ball, which was accidentally hit from the neighbouring playing field, hit Gustavus in the eye, and would have blinded him had it not been for his glasses.

After these occurrences everyone fled in terror and went home to bed. Before work the next morning I took a walk round the town, and when I arrived at the markets, I saw Oss and Guss, each in a pair of stocks of my own making. They had been found unconscious on the playing field, and the magistrate of the town declared emphatically that the cause of such an accident was drink; and these two unfortunate individuals were promptly fixed securely in the stocks, and were obliged to remain there for two days. Oss had a dead cat kindly and thoughtfully resting upon his shoulder. Some other kind person had artfully thrown a bad egg at Gustavus. The egg itself had landed on his nose, and remained there, while the contents slowly trickled down his cheeks. I felt extremely sorry for these two unfortunate lads, and forthwith washed them down with the emergency fire hose, which was always kept near the stocks, for the purpose of clearing up the mess which was always found about these instruments of punishment.

## THEY SAY—

That Speedy is representing C.C.S. on the Y.A.L. tour.

That Glewy got a little bear.

That Monty DOFFed his hat.

That Michael can work with his left hand.

That Bluey is smitten—Beelee-eed.

That Coddy can fight.

That Mr. Beere caught a crab near Point Resolution.

That no-one laughed.

That Rastus got a medal for brave deeds, but that there was a reverse.

That Gongs can do the Yale Blues.

That Mousy saw a photo of Olive Borden and has decided to go to Hollywood.

That this contribution will be declined with thanks.

SIRRAH.

THE MITRE.  
PUBLIC NOTICE.

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Be it hereby known to all and sundry that a Bridge Evening will be conducted in the Parish Hall, Claremont, on September 8th. by the Old Boys of Christ Church School, in aid of their Gymnasium Fund for the school.

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BEREAVEMENTS.

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The heartfelt sympathy of the Association was extended to Keith Ross for the recent sad loss of his father, and also to Fred Gloster on the death of his grandfather.

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Wanted.—Subscriptions from Old Boys of the School. Only genuine need apply.—W. H. Evans, Jun., Howard St., Perth.  
Subscriptions 10s. per annum (includes "Mitre.")

For Sale.—Old Boys' Blazers, obtainable only on the production of an order signed by the Secretary or Treasurer. Price, 57/6. Bon Marche.

