

# The Mitre



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**HEADMASTER'S FOREWORD.**

It falls to me to write a foreword for the last issue of "The Mitre" for this year, and I shall try to be short.

This year has been a year of transition and for that reason has in some ways been a hard year, a kind of marking time and holding our own as well as we could before going ahead again. But it has also been a year of great developments and every mark of confidence in the future. None would think the school was the same place to-day as it was at the beginning of the year. The old classrooms have been improved beyond recognition by the alterations made there in August and September, the old dressing rooms at the present Boarding House have been opened out into one big airy and comfortable room, the grounds have been extended by the ruthless cutting down of hedges and trees and the displacement of thousands of cubic yards of sand till the one small football field has become a big oval and a new field has been made above it. All this has been done in preparation for the move from the present cramped quarters of the Boarding House to the two houses overlooking Freshwater Bay, where we will have accommodation for 60-70 boarders, and greater comforts. So next year after the alterations to be made in December and January I hope the school will reopen with increased numbers to find the present Boarding House the central building of the Day School, the present Classrooms in use for Special Subjects and the main House of the Boarders overlooking the beautiful expanse of Freshwater Bay and every boy waking up fresh and longing to slip down and have a bathe before breakfast.

But a school with better equipment than it has ever had before and without the boys to fill it is not a school, and I hope every Christ Church Grammar School boy will always, by his general conduct, manners and tone, be an advertisement to the School and help by that to bring others to the School.

In sports we have cause for congratulation though not for boasting. Thanks to the enthusiasm of Mr. Blain and Mr. Ryan backed by the Prefects and Senior Boys the work for the sport was keen and good. Our own sports went off well, and it was not our fault that Wesley rather overwhelmed us. Looking at the results I see Wesley gained 14 First places to our 8, 11 Second places to our 7, and 14 Third places to our 7. We congratulate them and warn them they will not do it again. Cricket, too, has improved. This time last year I congratulated you on the improved play and spirit,

and I am glad to notice good and confident cricket played through the school. Of course teams have been beaten and at times failed, but every team goes out to play cricket and to win if it can.

In the matter of University Examinations it is always well not to boast, but I have great hopes from my knowledge of the work done in school by those taking the examinations that the results will be better than usual. Three boys sat for the leaving, 1st year, and 19 boys took the Junior or part of it for completing purposes.

The numbers have dropped from 101 this time last year to 87 now. There were several reasons for this, among them the temporary absence of boys owing to the fall of prices in wheat and wool, but this has not shaken my faith in the school or its future, and I quite expect to see it grow considerably next year. Compared with last year, the figures of which are in brackets, the numbers and ages as at 31/12/1930 are:—Aged over 15, 29 (18), aged 10-15, 40 (61) aged under 10, 18 (22). This means that the average age of the school is gradually rising, the smallness of the numbers in forms III and II being responsible for the drop in numbers in the 10-15 group.

There will not be many boys leaving the school at the end of the year, if I can judge by the notices received. The Council naturally insists on a term's notice as it is impossible to make arrangements for the coming term unless this rule is observed. Those who are leaving carry with them my own and the School's good wishes for the future and the confidence that they will keep in touch with their school and that their future success will bring credit to us as well as to them. We shall miss them next term, as each boy makes a very real contribution to school life, but others will grasp the torch they fling to them and take their place.

Of Masters, both Mr. Van Raalte and Mr. Blain are leaving after being with us for nearly three years. Mr. Van Raalte goes to study for his Diploma of Education and Mr. Blain to take up residence at St. George's College to study for his Degree. The school will miss them both. Mr. Van Raalte has shown himself very loyal and has a variety of interests which he shares with the boys. Mr. Blain has done excellent work, in spite of many other calls on his time, for the games of the school, and to him especially belongs the credit of the noticeable improvement in the cricket of the school. In your name I wish them success and happiness in their future spheres of life.

I said I would be short and I have failed miserably. Once I took up my pen and jotted down the main things I wanted to mention I found I could not put things in less words, but now I have finished. I am glad the holidays are coming so soon. So are you, I expect, but you can show it and I have to pretend that I hate holidays and love school work, otherwise you would do no work at all. But every one does welcome a break in routine, and even to schoolmasters and headmasters holidays are welcome, and especially the Christmas Holidays, as a real refreshment. So a happy Christmas to you all. Those leaving be sure and join up with the O.B.A. of which T. C. Miller, Esq., C/o "Western Mail," is secretary. Those returning come back to put new life into your work and play here and bring others with you, and remember that the Council for Church of England Schools really means to turn Christ Church Grammar School into a big school known for its high standard of work and play, for its culture and tone, and by the boys who go forth from it into the world to take their place there in the service of State, Commonwealth, Empire and Church.

## EDITORIAL.

On looking at past Editorials of this school, and of others, two types particularly stand out. The first, a desperate appeal for more and better contributions; the second, a treatise on events either completely outside, or only partially affecting, the school generally. As this is the last magazine for the year we will vary things by reviewing the year's operations and drawing a few inferences from them.

Results, without any consideration of opportunities, still remain the test by which we stand or fall. In school work, as far as the upper twenty boys of the school are concerned, results will reveal themselves in the University's own good time, but we are very optimistic. Throughout the school, when work simply must be done, that work is being performed with a spirit in keeping with the far better attitude towards things out of school. The Englishman is notorious for his restraint in circumstances which in certain European countries would start everyone throwing carving knives at everybody else. But it is not natural in boys, and, whichever may be the cause and which, effect, certainly this greater enthusiasm has gone hand in hand with our improved standing in sport. This, as far as boys are concerned, is much to the credit of those bigger boys who are prepared to, and do, give up their time, to help the smaller boys. May next year's "bigger boys" take note. Our showing in the athletic sports against Wesley was, all things considered, distinctly promising, while in the swimming earlier in the year, though we had to lower our colours there also, the margin in points was not so very great.

In football, despite two or three lapses, the days of one-sided matches, seem decidedly on the wane, while tennis, though not an organised sport, has a keen following of nearly one third of the school. Wesley found here, perhaps, their closest contest with us.

Enthusiastic practice at gymnasium is resulting in quite a number of skilful gymnasts.

The latter part of the year has seen the commencement of the outward improvements which are going to help Christ Church take a worthy place among the Grammar Schools of the Empire.

The newly formed Camera Club, and the longer established Scouts are, we trust, but foundation members of numerous other societies which will banish for ever the problem of "What can I do in my spare time?"

And now for those who are leaving, a few introspections. Are you ready for your responsibilities—and pleasures—in life? Have you learnt to practice the virtues of Honour, Truth, Perseverance, Optimism? Have you learned to suffer in silence and resign yourselves when you know protest is futile? Do you enter into everything with gusto, even if it's only eating your breakfast or cleaning your boots? Christ Church Old Boys, we are authoritatively told, are growing to be quite sought after in business life and elsewhere. Are you resolved to live up to that tradition—the one thing that your school has lacked in the past? Are you prepared when the call comes to sacrifice pleasure to principle? But above all whether examinations have found you at the top or at the bottom, have you learned to do things for yourself? If you can honestly answer "Yes" to most of these questions then you are not the failure you may be prone to think you are and the school will endure to be proud of you.

And that ends the moralising that seems inevitable in a school editorial. And so, a Happy Christmas to you all.

## RUNNING SPORTS.

The Fifteenth Annual Running Sports were held on the School Grounds on October 4th. A large crowd of parents and friends of the boys witnessed the sports. Three records were broken and two were equalled. The title of Champion Athlete, open, was won by T. Bedells with 42 points, A. Nielsen was runner-up with 36 points. Nielsen ii won the title of Champion Athlete under 16 with 29 points, Maclaren was runner-up with 13 points. Romsey Section finished first with 206 points, House second with 170½ points, Queenslea third with 169½ points.

## RESULTS.

**Championships, Open.**—100 yards, Nielsen, 1; Dossett, 2; Bedells, 3; Buckingham, 4. Time, 11 sec. (equal record).

220 yards, Nielsen, 1; Bedells, 2; Dossett, 3. Time, 26 3-5 sec.  
440 yards, Bedells, 1; Nielsen, 2; Currie 3; Dossett, 4. Time, 62 2-5 sec.

880 yards, Bedells, 1; Nielsen, 2; Currie, 3; Dossett, 4. Time, 2 min. 35 sec.

One Mile, Bedells, 1; Nielsen, 2; Hatton, 3; Currie, 4. Time, 5 min. 24 sec.

High Jump, Bedells, 1; Barsden and Ellershaw, tie, 2. Height, 4 ft. 10 in. (unfinished).

Long Jump, Bedells, 1; Buckingham, 2; Currie, 3. Distance, 16 ft. 1½ in.

**Under 16.**—100 yards, Maclaren, 1; Nielsen, 2; Bickford, 3. Time, 11 4-5 sec.

220 yards, Nielsen, 1; Maclaren, 2; Bickford, 3; Angel, 4. Time, 28 sec. (equal record).

440 yards, Nielsen, 1; Hatton, 2; Howe, 3; Horne, 4. Time, 64 sec.

880 yards, Nielsen, 1; Hatton, 2; Howe, 3. Time, 2 min. 38 4-5 sec.

High Jump, Howe, 1; Bickford, 2; Sanderson, 3. Height, 4 ft. 7 in.

Long Jump, Nielsen, 1; Howe, 2; Maclaren, 3. Distance, 15 ft. 7 in.

**Under 15.**—100 yards, Maclaren, 1; Angel, 2; McGlashan and Horne, tie, 3. Time, 12 sec. (record).

220 yards, Maclaren, 1; Hoseason, 2; Horne, 3; Angel, 4. Time 27 3-5 sec. (record).

**Under 14.**—100 yards, McGlashan, 1; Bedells, 2; Smith, 3. Time, 12 3-5 sec.

220 yards, McGlashan, 1; Bedells, 2; Sanderson, 3; Smith, 4. Time, 29 4-5 sec. (record).

High Jump, McGlashan, 1; Sanderson i, 2; Sanderson ii, 3. Height, 4 ft. 1 in.

**Under 13.**—100 yards, Bedells, 1; Hatton, 2; Scott, 3; Bird, 4. Time, 13 2-5 sec.

150 yards, Bedells, 1; Hatton, 2; Bird, 3; Scott, 4. Time, 21 sec.  
High Jump, Sanderson ii, 1; Bedells and Parker, tie, 2. Height, 3 ft. 11 in.

**Under 12.**—75 yards, Hatton, 1; Sanderson ii, 2; Scott, 3; Bird, 4. Time, 10½ sec.

**Under 11.**—75 yards, Berry, 1; Walker, 2; Crooks, 3. Time, 11 sec.

**Under 10.**—50 yards, Walker, 1; Southee, 2; Richardson, 3. Time, 8 sec.

**Handicaps, Open.**—100 yards, Bedells, 1; Dossett, 2; Currie, 3. Time, 11 2-5 sec.

One Mile, Connor, 1; Currie ii, 2; Morgan, 3. Time, 5 min. 46 sec.

**Under 16.**—100 yards, Nielsen, 1; Bickford, 2; Hoseason, 3. Time, 12 sec.

**Under 15.**—100 yards, Deans, 1; Maclaren, 2; Hoseason, 3. Time, 11½ sec.

220 yards, Angel, 1; Morgan, 2; Deans, 3. Time, 29½ sec.

**Under 14.**—220 yards, Smith, 1; Devitt, 2; Robertson i, 3. Time, 32½ sec.

880 yards, Dickson, 1; Smith, 2; Sanderson i, 3. Time, 2 min. 58 sec.

**Under 13.**—100 yards, Bedells, 1; Hatton, 2; Scott, 3. Time, 13 sec.

440 yards, Bedells, 1; Devitt, 2; Sanderson ii, 3. Time, 79 sec.

**Under 12.**—100 yards, Berry, 1; Hatton, 2; Sanderson ii, 3. Time, 14 sec.

**Under 11.**—75 yards, Berry, 1; Thomas, 2; Walker, 3. Time, 10 9-10 sec.

100 yards, Berry, 1; Walker, 2; Crooks, 3. Time, 14½ sec.

**Under 10.**—75 yards, McKay, 1; Walker, 2; Brisbane, 3. Time, 11 sec.

**Under 9.**—50 yards, Pascoe, 1; McKay, 2; Southee, 3. Time, 8 sec.

## FANCY RACES.

**Under 15.**—50 yards Siamese, Angel and Horne, 1; Dickson and Sanderson, 2; Kau and Sanderson, 3.

**Under 14.**—25 yards Wheelbarrow, Sanderson i and Walker iii, 1; Dickson and Sanderson ii, 2.

**Under 13.**—25 yards Egg and Spoon, Parker 1; Lord, 2; Sanderson, ii, 3.

50 yards Donkey, Richardson and Walker iii, 1; Dickson and Sanderson, 2.

**Under 12.**—50 yards Sack Race, Sanderson ii, 1; Scott, 2; Lord, 3.

## INTER-SCHOOL RUNNING SPORTS v. WESLEY COLLEGE.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Athletic Sports between Christ Church Grammar School and Wesley, were held on the W.A.C.A. Ground on October 22nd. Ideal conditions prevailed and a large crowd was in attendance. Wesley College were victorious after a keen competition. H. Taylor (Wesley) won the title of Champion Athlete of the two schools. The final points were, Wesley College, 114½; Christ Church, 65½.

## RESULTS.

**Open.**—100 yards, Taylor (W.), 1; Nielsen (C.C.), 2; Rossiter (W.), 3. Time, 10 4-5 sec. (record).

220 yards, Taylor (W.), 1; Rossiter (W.), 2; Nielsen (C.C.), 3. Time, 24 2-5 sec. (record).

440 yards, Rossiter (W.), 1; Craven (W.), 2; Taylor (W.), 3. Time, 55 4-5 sec. (record).

Open Mile, Reid (W.), 1; Craven (W.), 2; Bedells (C.C.), 3. Time, 5 min. 9 2-5 sec. (record).

High Jump, Bedells (C.C.) and Watkins (W.), tie, 1; Barsden (C.C.) and Gargett (W.), tie, 3. Height, 5 ft. 1½ in.

Long Jump, Taylor (W.), 1; Reid (W.), 2; Moss (W.), 3. Distance, 19 ft. 6 in. (record).

- Under 16.**—100 yards, Gamble (W.), 1; Maclaren (C.C.), 2; Lilburne (W.), 3. Time, 11 sec. (record).  
220 yards, Gamble (W.), 1; Pierce, (W.), 2; Maclaren (C.C.), 3. Time, 25 3-5 sec. (record).  
440 yards, Gamble (W.), 1; Pierce (W.), 2; Montefiore (W.), 3. Time, 57 3-5 sec. (record).  
880 yards, Pierce (W.), 1; Nielsen (C.C.), 2; Montefiore (W.), 3. Time, 2 min. 15 3-5 sec. (record).  
High Jump, Dobson (W.), 1; Bickford (C.C.), 2; Montefiore (W.), 3. Height, 5 ft.
- Under 15.**—100 yards, Arnott (W.), 1; Maclaren (C.C.), 2; Rossiter (W.), 3. Time, 12 sec.  
220 yards, Maclaren (C.C.), 1; Arnott (W.), 2; Gordon (W.), 3. Time, 27 sec.
- Under 14.**—100 yards, McGlashan (C.C.), 1; Goman (W.), 2; Henwood (W.), 3. Time, 12 2-5 sec.  
220 yards, McGlashan (C.C.), 1; Goman (W.), 2; Henwood (W.), 3. Time, 28 2-5 sec.  
High Jump, McGlashan (C.C.), 1; Henwood (W.), 2; Smoker (W.), 3. Height, 4 ft. 4½ in.
- Under 13.**—150 yards, Dutton (W.), 1; Bedells (C.C.), 2; Wheatley (W.), 3. Time, 20 2-5 sec.
- Under 12.**—75 yards, Dutton (W.), Hatton (C.C.), 2; Bird (C.C.), 3. Time, 10 sec.
- Under 11.**—75 yards, Crooks (C.C.), 1; Walker (C.C.), 2; Berry (C.C.), 3. Time, 11 sec.
- Under 10.**—50 yards, Walker (C.C.), 1; Chamberlain (W.), 2; Southee (C.C.), 3. Time, 7 4-5 sec.

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### CRICKET.

The Third Term Cricket has shown a decided improvement on that of the First Term. In fact we have won more matches this season than any since 1924, as the analysis of matches will show. This success we feel sure is partly due to the interest Mr. Elain has taken in the teams and the time he has given up to coaching them. We hope that the teams will continue to improve next year until it will be very extraordinary for them to lose one match in a season.

### CRITIQUE.

**Bedells i.**—Captain, has managed his team very well, and his use of the many quite good bowlers in the team has been very largely responsible for the team's successful season. As wicket-keeper, has been very reliable throughout the season. As a bat has made useful scores on occasions, and has done some very good work as a change bowler.

**Jupp.**—As Vice-Captain, has performed his duties ably. A good fast bowler and a fair bat and field.

**Barsden.**—A useful opening bowler. As a batsman he hits hard or not at all. Is a fair fieldsman.

**Dickson i.**—A good change bowler. Is a good batsman and fields well.

**Howe.**—A good steady opening batsman and a useful slips fieldsman.

**Angel.**—A good change bowler, as a batsman has few scoring strokes though a good defence; he is a good field.

**Bickford i.**—A forceful left-hand batsman and as such worries the bowlers considerably. He is a fair field.

**Ellershaw.**—As a batsman has not come up to expectations, but makes up for this with his fielding.

**Maclaren.**—As a batsman hits the ball hard, is a good field when placed some distance from the batsman.

**McGlashan.**—A young player of whom great things are expected in the future. Has already established himself as good change bowler. He is a fair field.

**Dossett.**—As a batsman has only one idea—to hit the ball and hit it hard. Is a fair field.

**Currie ii.**—As 1st emergency has not been called on much. He is a fair left-handed batsman and a fair field.

The following are the results of the matches played so far this term:—

### RESULTS.

1st XI v. Guildford Grammar, at Guildford, 29/10/30.  
Result: Won—Christ Church 6 for 94 (declared). (Howe 30, Bickford i, 21). Guildford, 80 (Bedells 4 for 17, Angel 3 for 11).

1st XI v. Wesley College, at Wesley, 12/11/30.  
Result: Lost—Wesley, 65 (Jupp 3 for 5, Bedells i 2 for 7). Christ Church, 19 (Bickford i 11).

1st XI v. Scotch College, at Christ Church, 22/11/30.  
Result: Won—Scotch College, 73 (Angel 3 for 15, Dickson i 2 for 11). Christ Church 112 (Bickford i 30, Howe 30\*, Bedells i 20).

Under 16 v. Guildford Grammar, at Christ Church, 5/11/30.  
Result: Won—Guildford, 30 (Howe 6 for 10, Horne, 3 for 5). Christ Church, 83 (Deans 21, Bickford i 17).

Under 15 v. Guildford Grammar, at Christ Church, 8/11/30.  
Result: Lost—Christ Church, 63 (McGlashan 25, Howe 11). Guildford, 102 (Horne 4 for 22, Bickford ii 2 for 10).

Under 15 v. Scotch College, at Christ Church, 11 and 13/11/30.  
Result: Lost—Scotch College, 135 (Horne 4 for 34, Howe 4 for 46). Christ Church, 79 (Lockwood 21, Howe 11, Odium 11).

Under 15 v. Wesley College, at Christ Church, 19/11/30.  
Result: Won—Further details unavailable.

Under 15 v. Scotch College, at Scotch, 26/11/30.  
Result: Won—Christ Church, 114 (McGlashan 43, Maclaren 29). Scotch College, 110 (Odium 4 for 20, Bickford ii 4 for 37).

Under 14 v. Guildford Grammar, at Christ Church, 29/10/30.  
Result: Won—Christ Church, 59 (Bickford ii 43, McGlashan 10). Guildford, 19 (McGlashan 5 for 3, Bickford ii 4 for 16).

Under 14 v. Guildford Grammar, at Guildford, 5/11/30.  
Result: Won—Christ Church, 141 (Bickford ii 67, McGlashan 18). Guildford, 93 (McGlashan 4 for 23, Sanderson ii 2 for 23).

Under 14 v. Wesley College, at Wesley, 22/11/30.  
Result: Won—Christ Church, 62 (Bickford ii 37, Sanderson ii 7, Langford 7). Wesley, 33 (Parker ii 5 for 7, Bickford ii 4 for 16).

Under 13 v. Scotch College, at Scotch, 6 and 7/11/30.  
Result: Lost—Scotch College, 82 (Sanderson ii 7 for 32, Hatton ii 2 for 16). Christ Church, 19 and 52 (Sanderson ii 9, Dickson ii 7).

Under 13 v. Guildford Preparatory, at Guildford, 8/11/30.  
Result: Lost—Further details unavailable.

Under 13 v. Wesley College, at Christ Church, 12/11/30.  
Result: Won—Christ Church, 85 (Parker 34, Parry 14).  
Wesley, 3 and 34 (Parker ii 7 for 2, Sanderson ii 3 for 1).

Under 13 v. Wesley College, at Wesley, 26/11/30.  
Result: Lost—Christ Church, 12 (Hatton ii 9). Wesley, 35  
(Sanderson ii 4 for 13, Parker ii 5 for 16).

#### Analysis of Matches.

	Won	Lost	Drawn	Played
1st XI .....	2	1	0	3
Under 16 .....	1	0	0	1
Under 15 .....	2	2	0	4
Under 14 .....	3	0	0	3
Under 13 .....	2	2	0	4
Total .....	10	5	0	15

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### TENNIS.

The tournament arranged this term has attracted quite a lot of interest, and some matches have been quite keen. In several cases quite unexpected form was revealed. The rather unequal standard of play made the early rounds of the championship the only ones really contested, but that was unavoidable and everyone took it in good spirit. We hope to make this an annual competition. We cannot give the names of the winners, as finals have not yet been reached in all the four competitions. However, congratulations to whoever wins them.

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### SCHOOL NOTES.

Numbers this term stood at 87, of whom 23 are boarders.

Armistice Day was observed in the usual manner by prayers in Assembly followed by the two minutes silence.

Show Day.—We had the usual Wednesday holiday for the Show, but we trust that next year the authorities will see to it that People's Day is put on a day when we can miss more school.

November 5th was celebrated as usual in the school grounds. No serious accidents were reported, but the next day we noticed some minus eye-lashes, eye-brows, or other small quantities of themselves. However, it is up to us to show some real sympathy with Guy.

Confirmation.—The following boys were confirmed by His Grace the Archbishop of Perth, in Christ Church, Claremont, on Friday, October 17th:—G. Buckingham, N. St. B. Connor, R. Counsel, A. Giles, G. Horne, H. Kau, J. Moir, M. Morgan.

Staff.—We offer our sincere sympathy with Mr. Donald in his illness. We fervently hope that the cause of his break-down in health was really due to excessive study and not our own unmusical selves. We trust that a good three months' rest will find him ready to begin next year in the best of health.

Mr. Van Raalte and Mr. Blain are leaving us this term, and we wish them luck for the future. We don't think either of them will be so far away as not to pay us a visit sometimes. Definite news about their successors is not yet to hand.

While on this subject we extend a hearty welcome to our old friend, Rev. J. Bell, on his return; of course, the depression we heard of so much is over now!

Exams.—We have 15 boys in for the Junior, and 3 for the Leaving this year as well as several completing their certificates or taking extra subjects. From all accounts we expect almost revolutionary results. Quite a number have worked hard and we hope their labours will be justly rewarded.

The only visit which we should have had this term was that of the Australian cricketers. However, we turned out en masse, and cheered all the W.A. officials though most of us missed the Australian XI. Bradman was seen in three or four different cars, thereby achieving one more record.

Improvements.—These, though last, are not least important, and we hope will occupy a lot of space in next term's "Mitre." We have managed quite successfully this term despite the loss of our end classroom. Now we see our vast expanse of fence receiving its first coat and having sundry repairs. The planting of the upper field has long been completed and is making steady progress, thank you! The extensions to the lower field are being completed as we go to press. N.B.—The above do not refer to the magazine!

Insurance.—It has been unanimously decided by Annie Laurie and Kerr Parker that in future all aspirants (not aspirins) for sprints in future sports shall be insured against breakdown. It was a case of out of the sprints and into the splints for Jerry. However, it's an illwind. One day boy got well fed up for a while. But next time anyone requisitions our ambulance (one old iron bedstead) please take weight-reducing measures first.

### SALVETE.

Form IVa.—T. Gill (returned).

Form II.—G. Oliver\*

\*Boarder.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To P. Maclaren on gaining his running colours.

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### ROMSEY NOTES.

Well done, Romsey. This year we won the running from House who beat us last year. The other houses, with fewer numbers, did well to run us so close. Congratulations to Bedells i (Queenslea) on being Champion Athlete and to Nielsen i on being runner-up. Also to Neilsen ii and Maclaren, the under-age champions. So far we have not had the opportunity to show the other houses how to play cricket. "Gabe" and "Jock" have been leading lights in the tennis tournament.

"Laurie" wishes to thank the "Houseites" for kindnesses received when he was a compulsory boarder. Their cheerful persistence in telling him how Romsey wouldn't have a "look in," was a "weak" section, etc., etc., was most heartening.

In conclusion, a happy Christmas to everybody.

L. B. W.

### QUEENSLEA NOTES.

We find ourselves at the end of yet another year. How the time flies. We fear it has not been a very successful year for Queenslea, for so far we have lost in all the different sports this year. Romsey have won the swimming sports, the 1st term's cricket, the football and also the running. However, we are looking forward to getting some of our own back in this term's intersection cricket which has not yet been played. In spite of all these defeats this year we are not downhearted and are determined to win the Section Cup next year, if the sections are still divided in the same way, for we understand the old routine will be greatly changed next year.

Of course the running sports were the main events this term. As usual the competition between the sections was very keen as the final points will show. Romsey section was first, several points in front of House, and House just beat Queenslea by half a point. The results were not settled until after the last race, the Inter section Relay race.

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### SCOUT NOTES.

Another year and No. 4 Troop is still here, but sometimes one tries to take stock of what has been done in the past and whither the future will take us.

The first aim in scouting is to develop Happy, Healthy, Useful Citizens. How far are you as a member of a troop fulfilling this ideal? You should be old enough to consider these several points and return a true answer. Happiness is the first point and the selfish person cannot be happy because that condition depends on promoting the happiness of others. Your Christmas, for instance, will be brighter if you help some less fortunate youngster.

Health, the second on the list, is as important as the first. It implies self-control and moderation; two qualities which you should cultivate not only for your own well-being, but also as part of your duty as a citizen.

Your usefulness is trained and encouraged by the badge work, all of which give you a certain deftness in many directions, thus helping you to keep the second scout law. The citizenship includes your loyalty to Troop, School, State, etc., and so the aim is very comprehensive.

But this may sound rather dry-hash stuff to the junior members, so the practical and visible effects should be considered. First your loyalty must be shown by your efforts, in and for your troop; it lies within your power to make the troop effective and happy. In the second place your willingness to help others and your consideration for others will stamp you as a worthy member of a brotherhood which is world-wide and numbers many millions.

The present term has been eventful because we hope two or three first-class badges will come our way. Hosey and Snips have rallied round. Hosey has taken several camps and pushed and pulled several members towards the goal. (Hope that's spelled right).

Some friend signing himself "Old Scout" forwarded a prize book to be awarded to the most deserving scout. By a vote of the troop the honour was awarded to S. Simmons, second of the Magpie Patrol, a good Scout. The Patrol Relay Race went to the Kookaburras under P. L. Dossett.

Now the Editor is screaming for this stuff, so wishing you all a Merry Xmas,  
Yours, S. M.

### CAMERA CLUB.

The Camera Club commenced the term with lectures on dark room printing, in the book-room, by Mr. Wheeler's kind consent. It was found that the book-room was more suitable owing to the lack of darkness in the library.

During the recent holidays, a competition had been going strong, and closed soon after the commencement of term.

On the following lecture day, there was an eager crowd of competitors gathered together in the library, all hoping for the best, some fearing the worst, and others hoping that their pictures would come somewhere near first.

But their doubts were settled by the arrival of Mr. Parlato, who, after a long talk about the subject matter of each, awarded Gill first prize and McGlashan second prize.

Since then we have had many interesting talks on flashlight photography, one of the results being that we were all nearly blinded. But for this it proved an entire success.

The Camera Club closed with an interesting chat on how to make and manage an enlarger. Many thanks to Mr. Parlato for his interest and enthusiasm.

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### PREFECTS' NOTES.

This term, the last for some of us at school, we set out to enjoy to the utmost. Whether we did or not, I do not know, but some of us at least will look back with pleasure and regret on the enjoyable times we have had at school and will long to be back. But "Away dull care—Hence, abhorred melancholy." This term we were "kicked out" of our snug prefects' room and made to use the end classroom. All right, but its windows open north, and G. H. S. and M. L. C. are in the west. Hence considerable "moaning" that availed nothing.

Talk this term, apart from sartorial technique, and, of course, school studies, has hinged around the old, old topic. It is usually introduced by our super-he-man "Ike" and usually goes out with a bang.

In Maths., Warner Bros. (an anagram is Warren) turns Logarithms in pounds, shillings and mistakes to the tune of "Kiss me again with your eyes"—to economise in lip-stick, we suppose.

Well, the real purpose of these notes is to say how well we have done our job and to express the faint hope that next year's prefects may be even of a higher standard.

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### SIXTH FORM NOTES.

At last after many weeks of patient work and study (one forcibly did some "patient" work) and listening to English, History and Maths. Masters (perhaps) Harry, "Ike," Laurie emerged ready to be submerged in the Leaving.

This year, owing perhaps to "financial depression," we had to "trail" to Crawley for the exams. (Shame!). Otherwise we would have passed.



During the term the case of the "Piece of Orange Peel" caused great excitement. All details suppressed by the Police.

If you see "Ike" after reading these notes, please ask him if he is going to Honolulu, then count ten.

"Ike" has taken up natural history and enty-enty—, er entymology. (This science is a cross between the study of insects and that of the root of words. Many insects, mosquitoes and flies, etc, do produce words, anyhow, and very strong ones, too—Ed.) He and Mr. Van Raalte chase the elusive lepidoptera with nets, topees, cyanide bottles, pins and other letha! weapons and all in defiance of the speed limit. Hence comes the question—(from here on is censored—Ed.)

L. B. W.

### BOARDERS' NOTES.

The only exciting time this term has occurred in the last few weeks. We have been bug-hunting. For the benefit of the scandalised uninitiated we hurry to explain that bugs include moths, butterflies and dragon flies, but nothing smaller. Gammy and Ted are quite expert hunters.

Lanky and Skinny are always arguing over the feeding of their silkworms. Apparently one favours sausages and the other polony, while both agree against knock-em-flats, but can't agree about frogs-eyes or sinker.

Kak has tried to blow everything up, but finally got blown up himself and shifted for meals much to the annoyance of a certain member of the staff. Kak, by the way, had such a hair-raising time at Junior French that they had to have the barber in to cut it off. So his English paper next day had a terrible crowd of bald statements.

We apologise for saying there was only one exciting event. There were two. Somebody's got Oxford bags. Now who can that be?

### HOUSE NOTES.

The only event this year that has taken place so far that decides the destination of the Section Cup, has been the "Running Sports," in which Romsey bettered their position in the aggregate points for the cup. The cricket and tennis have still to be played and the destination of the cup is still uncertain. The numbers of the section have not increased this term, and we were unfortunate in not having Parker for the Running Sports, but as Romsey lost Jupp through a similar accident, which lessened their chances in winning the sports, it made us even, all three sections being very close at the end of the meeting. We congratulate Romsey on winning the sports, and Bedells and Nielsen II on being the champion athletes, Bedells the open, and Nielsen II the under 16 champion. With the burden of the University exams being lifted from our minds, we now prepare for a happy holiday.

PICKWICK.

### LOCAL SCANDAL.

Some people often wonder how newspaper reporters and others manage to make a column out of a telegram of say three words. This bright fourth form youth should be given a diploma in journalism forthwith for the following spasm:—"When the monasteries

were stoped poor people who were sick and could not get anything to eat or had no money. They could go to the monastery and they would give him what he wanted. But when they were stoped these people who were sick and wanted money or food or sleep could not get and some of them became desperate and became robbers and went around begging, and when the monasteries were stoped their lands and money were taken from them." Undermined, in fact.

Now close your books and write out all about it.

Sandy finished off his Latin paper in a hurry with—nubo, to marry. Time up. And this will bear two constructions. Sandy, you little Cynic.

The fourth form are well to the fore (no pun!) with new learning, usually termed Renaissance. For instance, Mac suggests that a comprehensive pronoun is an understanding one. All of us are grateful for that.

Another genius suggests that the wealthy merchant who nearly lost all his Conversion Loan Savings in Venice was named An-tin-i-o. Yet another declared that Portia was a herowin. But she didn't because she had tickets on Bassanio.

One IIIa boy hasn't learned his work "par coeur." He confesses:—"Je suis douzes anes," while another translates "the ass is but twelve." He is under 13.

### IN HADES.

Kag was sitting under a tree the other day when the earth opened and he slid down into the hot place. The first thing he saw was a trident sticking into his trousers with a demon on the other end. The devil threw him across a huge pit at the bottom of which were huge spikes. On landing on the other side he discovered he had grown a tail. Over in a corner was a pile of pitchforks, so he took one.

He followed a passage and saw a huge room with a fire in the middle and a few devils were throwing corpses on it. A devil came up to him and told him he could go back to earth if he shovelled a small pile of bodies into the fire.

He agreed and began to shovel with gusto. After shovelling for a few million years he discovered the pile was still the same size, so he gave it up. He walked back along the passage when a devil saw him and charged full steam at him head first. Kag had not time to run and the devil hit him in the middle "weskit" button. A voice came from the distance, "Sorry Kag," it said. Then Kag woke up and found Oliver and Moore playing cricket nearby. It was a cricket ball not a devil's head that had knocked his breath away. He had been dreaming!

KAK.

### ON TRYING TO PASS EXAMINATIONS.

(With apologies to the West Australian Newspapers and Mr. H. L. Fowler).

Mr. Fowler says the first thing to do when one enters the examination room is to look over your pens and pencils to see that they are filled and sharpened. I for one however filled my pencils and sharpened my pens the previous evening only to find when I entered the fatal room that my small brother had purloined the lot. I had overlooked them.

I notice H. L. F. does not advance a remedy for this. He also says that examinees should come into the exam. room well-dressed so as to lessen the likelihood of the examiners being attacked by frenzied students. Acting on this advice I prevailed on mother to buy me a pair of "longuns" and collared one of father's latest ties. But a "Painful Interview" awaited my arrival home.

Our correspondent also suggests that exams. should be regarded as fun with just the right amount of danger included to give them spice. This is all very well, but with a glum-faced superintendent pacing the floor I felt rather like a condemned prisoner awaiting execution. Prof. Fowler recommends one to carry a timepiece during exams. so accordingly I took my alarm clock which I set in case I was disqualified for working overtime. He further advised us to divide the paper into certain times, allowing a time limit for each question. He says "Read the paper through for five minutes at the beginning of the exam. and allot the remaining 145 minutes to each question, but allow ten minutes at the end for reading through." But, alas! I am no mathematician, and instead of reading the paper through for five minutes I read it through for 145 minutes, allowing five minutes to do all the questions and ten minutes for reading them through, only to find when my Big Ben went off, and the student in front fell off his seat, that I had done the wrong set of questions.

So much for exam. hints.

BY—CANDIDATE.—

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### LIBRARY.

Further additions to our library have utilised all available space, so we have decided to move to new quarters next term. The rest of the school has fallen in with our plans. Accommodation for books has been shelved till then. Below are appended titles of recent acquisitions:—

Various, "At the Zoo;" Barry, "The Mystery of the Blue Diamond;" Bennet, "Kidnapped by Smugglers;" Broster, "The Dark Mile;" Buchan, "The Dancing Floor;" Burroughs, "Tarzan the Terrible," "Tarzan, Lord of the Jungle;" Bourne, "The Radium Casket;" Brandon, "The Silent House;" Crompton, "William;" Curwood, "Son of Kazan," "Kazan the Wolf Dog;" Dehan, "The Man of Iron;" Deeping, "The White Gate;" Dumas, "The Conspirator," "Chicot the Jester," "Marguerite de Valois;" Evans, "Hidden Gold;" Hayens, "Jack the Merrymaker;" Hay, "Paid With Thanks;" Jacobs, "Castaways," "At Sunwich Port;" Mason, "The Truants;" Orcey, "The Old Man in the Corner," "The Triumph of the Scarlet Pimpernell;" Rinehart, "The Bat;" Rutler, "Stories of King Arthur's Knights;" Sapper, "The Female of the Species;" Seltzer, "Beau Rand;" Walker, "Sandman's Twilight Stories;" Westerman, "Mystery Island;" Wren, "Beau Sabreur," "Mannon of Righteousness."

## Old Boys' Association Notes.

OFFICE BEARERS, 1930-31.

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Hon. Secretary:

T. C. Miller.

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W. H. Evans, Junr.

Committee:

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K. Whitlock.

E. A. Lovegrove.

C. W. May.

K. Hoseason.

### FOREWORD.

The period which has passed since the publication of the last issue of "The Mitre" is perhaps the slackest of the association's year. Last year a bridge evening was held, but on this occasion it was found impossible to arrange such an event, so that practically the only activities engaged in during the past term were the school's sports and the sports against Wesley College. The committee of the association has, however, been occupied in considering the proposed building of a sports pavilion for the school, and in formulating some plan to raise funds for the building.

All members of the association, and many old boys who are not members, have been circularised, and have been asked to notify the committee what they are prepared to give towards the pavilion funds (a) immediately and (b) annually. They have also been asked to guarantee anything from £1 upwards to protect the guarantors to the bank (Canon Parry and Mr. R. G. Lynn). Up to the time of writing the number of replies has been exceedingly poor, and the committee has decided to make a personal canvass among members, and it is hoped that many more replies will have been received by the time this magazine is published. The proposed pavilion will probably cost something in the vicinity of £300, and of this there is about £60 in hand that has stood to the credit of the gymnasium fund. The committee feels that, in order to be safe in proceeding with the building, (1) the amount in hand must be increased to at least £100, (2) guarantees should be between £200 and £300 (3) the total amount promised per annum must be sufficient to meet the interest bill and to enable some of the capital to be wiped out each year.

The committee at present has not said yes or no to the scheme solely because old boys have not given sufficient indication of how they are prepared to help. Circulars emphasised the necessity of notifying the committee immediately what help could be given. Whether you can help in any one of the three ways, or whether you cannot, you are asked to fill in the forms posted to you, and

forward them at once to Mr. W. H. Evans, Junr., 18 William Street, Perth. As soon as it is evident that old boys are taking an interest in the proposed pavilion, even if it is only saying that no help or very little can be given, the committee will have something definite to go upon, and can decide whether the pavilion can be built. If the building can be erected, it is hoped that it will be ready for the official handing over to the school on the next Old Boys' Day in March.

### OBITUARY.

It is with great regret and sorrow that we have to announce the death of Mr. Ernest Shaw at his home in Cottesloe. Although unable to take an active interest in the sporting functions of the association, he followed closely all events connected with it and with the school. All who came in contact with him, whether at school or afterwards, knew him for a modest and unassuming fellow, always ready to do his share. His death came as a sad shock to his many friends in the association, and his going has left us the poorer.

### SCHOOL SPORTS.

It is pleasing to record that a large number of old boys attended the school's annual athletic sports. Both events for old boys, the 100 yards and 880 yards, were with handicaps, whereas the 880 yards has formerly been a championship race. It was felt that as a championship it was too greatly in favour of certain people who were in training throughout the winter, and that in consequence entries were falling off. As it turned out, the handicapper made the race slightly in favour of certain people who were not in training, and the very back markers found their concessions too great for them. As usual, there were several starters who were not, by intent, finishers.

### SPORTS AGAINST WESLEY COLLEGE.

Once again our team proved victorious in the old boys' relay race against Wesley College, and created a record time for the event. "Bim" Brown started off in fine style, and "Scotty" MacLagan and Dick Lovegrove carried on the good work, giving us a comfortable win, despite a fighting finish by the last Wesley runner.

### CRICKET MATCH AGAINST THE SCHOOL.

By the time this magazine is published the annual cricket match between the Old Boys' Association and the School will have been played. At the time of writing it appears that we will have a fairly strong team, and we firmly believe, as usual, that our representatives will give a fine exhibition of cricket as she is played.

### MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE.

Ted Ling is to be married to Miss Sheila John this month. Here's wishing them both all the luck in the world.

Preston Wright was up in town about a month ago with some dental trouble. He was up long enough to come and have a look at the improvements at the school.

Stan ("Skarky") Manford was in town from the bush since the last issue of "The Mitre."

Tudor Evans is now one of Claremont's most prominent bankers, we believe.

Bright paragraphs, peppy, pert and pithy, in other words details of anything connected with old boys of the school, are welcomed by the old boys' editor. If you have any, forward them in time for the next issue. Endorse the envelope "B. P. P. & P."

Dick Lovegrove, Geoff Turner and Darrell Hick are rapidly coming to the forefront of our river yachtsmen. The good ship "Mandalay" has been successfully floated, and after a two-months' over-haul, during which the cabin, it is understood, was painted, was actually seen sailing. It is learned on high authority that a trip to Rottnest at Christmas is planned. Noel Unbehaun, incidentally, is another member of the yachting fraternity.

According to a country correspondent, a farm should be defined as "a large piece of land entirely surrounded by mortgages."

The Hon. Treasurer of the association is Mr. W. H. Evans, Junr., 18 William Street, Perth. The Hon. Secretary is Mr. T. C. Miller, C/o "The Western Mail," Perth.

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The reason why we go to school,  
Is simply that we've got to;  
We do not go to act the fool  
But do as we are told to.

At English Time we learn to spell  
And in Latin to construe;  
In Maths., when lines are parallel  
Or what happens if they're skew.

In French we're told that "dans" 's not dong;  
As for Greek—well, it's just Greek,  
In "stinks" we love the things that pong,  
And it's thus we pass each week.

So now you know the strange, strange things  
Our budding brains are packed with,  
And how we gain, 'midst pains and stings  
The knowledge we are stacked with.

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One of our members possesses a "decker."  
More commonly known as a donkey's "brekker,"  
It sits right on the back of his head—  
What a waste for a hat to be covering lead.

Under his hat there is plenty of hair,  
Inside his "napper" is nothing but air—  
Figure he's none—no prize beauty he,  
Gammy's his name—who else could it be?

"AJAX."

## ORIGINAL SHORT STORY.

On the coast of Scotland, which, if you look at a map, you will see is very rugged with small deep bays cut out of an iron bound coast, stood a lonely lighthouse.

It was in this that the basis of the story lies. The keeper, an old, hardy man, who had spent most of his life in lighthouses around the coast, was sitting in the little balcony at the top of the lighthouse near the huge circular glass, which was the eye that looked out into the lonely night, and saved many ships. It was a warm April afternoon, and there was a glint of happiness in the old man's eye, as he watched the gulls screaming around the rocks, now dashing here and now dashing there, sometimes hovering as their ever-watchful eyes sought some small form in the surging waters beneath.

He was by himself to-day, for his son Jack had gone to the village on the mainland, some three miles away, to get provisions. but although he was by himself, there was joy in his heart, for he knew that Jack would not be long away, and he and Jack were pals, each sharing the other's joy or sadness, until there had grown up a great friendliness, that some day would be broken only by death.

The lighthouse was his home, and Jack and he had spent many happy hours together there. At last the sun which sparkled on the water beneath, making it look like a green sea, made a drowsiness fall upon him and he closed his eyes and slept.

When he awoke it was nightfall, the sea was pounding on the rocks beneath, and the wind was swirling round the lighthouse in gusts. What a change. Jack had not come back, so he hastily lighted the lamp, and watched the coast with eager eyes. At last he gave it up and went into the lamp room.

Half-way through the night the lamp went out and he tried very hard to get it alight again for it had been rumoured that smugglers had been at work around that part of the coast lately. At last, after a toilsome task, he gave it up and retired to his room.

During the night the storm lulled, and through it came Jack in his boat. But he had a very hard job of it, and together they mended the lamp which began casting once more its radiant beam of light on the dark waters.

The coast guards further along the coast, by the aid of the light, were able to catch the smuggling crew, who put up a good fight, but were at last bound with ropes and marched away to prison. Jack and his father, who did their share in the capture, received their share of the prize money.

GEORGE.

