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(Past and Present),
Claremont.

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HEADMASTER'S FOREWORD.

We are keeping this year the twenty-first Anniversary of our Foundation as a School, I thought it might be of interest to record something of our History.

We began at the end of 1909 as a private Preparatory School, started by Canon W. J. McClemons who was then Rector of Christ Church, Claremont. Our first beginnings were very small, just one classroom, the old Assembly Room of the present Science Classrooms, and just a small piece of land at the corner of Queenslea Drive and Claremont Avenue. A little later two more classrooms were added, and the whole strip of land to College Avenue was obtained, and by 1914 the Main School Classrooms had been built with the idea of being used at first as a Headmaster's House and as quarters for Boarders, until the time came to convert it into classrooms as has now been done. A little later the two strips of land belonging to the properties of Romsey and Craigie from College Avenue to Claremont Avenue were purchased and afterwards levelled into a playing field. In the meanwhile the School had become the property of the Perth Diocesan Trustees, and Mr. S. C. Noake had in 1915 been appointed Headmaster, and steps were being taken to change the school from a Preparatory to a Secondary School. This was finally accomplished in 1920 when the University and the Education Department granted us recognition as an efficient Secondary School, though before this, boys had taken their Junior Examination from Christ Church, and a few were working for the Leaving. In the early days of the School, however, most boys left at about fourteen to go to other schools, and a good many of the Senior members of the Old Boys' Association were also at one or other of the other schools after being at Christ Church first.

From 1920 onwards the School has been gradually consolidating its position and improving its property and equipment. After Mr. Noake resigned in 1921, Mr. Thompson was Headmaster for a year, and I became Headmaster in 1923.

In 1920 the Romsey property had been acquired giving us access to the River and providing temporarily additional accommodation for Boarders. The Boat Shed was built in the Long Holidays of 1922-3 with money gained at a very successful fete held in 1922. The Scout Hall was built in 1924 with money raised by the Scouts and their friends through the efforts of Mr. Wheeler, and the Science Rooms added in the same year. In 1930 we enlarged our property by taking in the adjoining properties of Craigie and the Girls' High School, the old ground was enlarged and the upper ground made and at the beginning of 1931 we entered into occupation of Craigie and River House. To mark the fact that we were a fully equipped Secondary School we added the word "Grammar" to our title and became officially known as "Christ Church Grammar School." We have also recently secured further recognition of our development by being placed upon the list of Schools at which Secondary School Scholarships and Bursaries granted by

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Canon

W. J. McClemons

the Education Department each year may be held. So our Twenty-first Birthday has already been marked in a memorable way, and we may fairly claim that in position, grounds and equipment we can hold our own with any other School.

In our twenty-one years of History, there have been many difficulties to face. At the present time, too, the School Authorities, as everybody else in Australia, are having a very anxious time, and it is our duty at school to do everything in our power for the honour and advancement of the School and to attract others to it. Everybody here represents his School to those outside. People judge Christ Church Grammar School by you, and it is by you, and how you acquit yourself at work and play, and by what you are when you are away from the School that their opinion about the School is formed. I say this because at times boys forget this and think that their conduct, manners, tone and behaviour away from the School are only their own concern and that they may do all sorts of things provided they are not wearing the School Cap. Such an idea is wrong, for there is often someone who knows you and passes judgment on you and your School, either in its favour or against it, from you when you little think it. Please remember that.

This term has been well spent both in work and play. I have noticed a distinct improvement in the work, especially in the upper Forms and am glad of it. The improvement may of course be due to the persistent encouragement of Masters and others, but it is there, and as there is no room or work for the Slacker in Australia today let us hope that the improvement has come to stay, and that the results at the end of the year will show I have judged rightly. There has been a similar improvement both in the spirit and knowledge of the game of Football, right through the School, and especially in the First XVIII. We owe a good deal to Mr. D. Ryan for this. His keenness and enthusiasm for training has met with a good response and the results have been most gratifying, to him and to you and to me.

The revision of the Sections will, I hope, make for better inter-section matches and competitions and keener rivalry. The slight alterations in the programme of the Inter-School Running, and the remodelling of the Inter-School Swimming programme will make for better competition with Wesley College. Inter-School contests are excellent things if we keep them clean from professionalism or publicity hunting and advertisement. These things are spoiling a good deal of Inter-School Sport at present, and it is our business to make our contests exhibitions of good Sportsmanship. It is nice to win, but the winning is not the only thing; it is better to have a keen match and lose than to win without being extended and suffer from swelled head.

The End of Term functions always prove enjoyable and we owe a good deal to Mr. Ketley and his helpers for the success of the plays on the evening of August 13th, and also to parents and well-wishers of the School for the way they support us. The Prefects' Dance this year was especially enjoyable and reflected great credit on the Prefects' Committee responsible for organising the Dance, and on the Committee of Mothers who provided such an excellent supper. The presence at the Dance itself of so many of your parents and friends added greatly to the pleasure of the evening.

We still lack furniture and equipment for the Gymnasium, but the Council for Church of England Schools has asked the Old Boys' Association to postpone their Pavilion Scheme for the present, and, if possible, to equip the Gymnasium.

The difficulty in the way at present is that the O.B.A. would have to face a considerable loss in any attempt to realise their securities was made at present, and I have asked them to wait a little while to give time for things to right themselves before they attempt to do so.

The Chapel at River House (the name we have given to the Boarders' House overlooking the River) is also awaiting furniture. Through the kindness of His Grace the Archbishop, we were able to have the Altar and some other furnishings that the late Archbishop Riley had in his little Chapel at Bishop's House, Perth, and I have secured some other furniture, but we need seats and hangings, and Sanctuary Carpets and several other things in order to furnish properly, and I will be very glad of help in money or kind to make this Chapel worthy of the purpose for which we use it. At present the Boarders have their Sunday evening service there, but I hope soon to have it used for celebrations of the Holy Communion and other acts of worship.

The beginning of the term was saddened by the death of Mr. Wheeler. More is being said about him elsewhere in this issue. Many of us knew from the beginning of the year that there was little hope of his recovery, and for the last few weeks of his life here he suffered much pain and discomfort, which he bore most bravely and cheerfully. Everything was done for him that could be done, and he passed away on Sunday morning, May 31st, very peacefully. He has left us a great example of ill-health bravely borne and of cheerfulness. He has left his mark on the School by the establishment of the Scout Troop, and his keenness about everything connected with them right up to the last, and one of the things that brought him comfort in the last few weeks of his life was that Lord Baden Powell paid him an especial visit as he lay sick in Hospital. He was loved by all who knew him well, and boys, especially as they grew older, and after they had left School, appreciated his keen interest in them, and often came to him to discuss matters with him. Their appreciation and affection was very noticeable at the Karrakatta Cemetery on June 1st, when we lay to rest with the full honours of a Scouter's Burial his earthly remains and thanked God for the example of one who with cheerfulness and courage had served others and given of his best.

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EDITORIAL NOTE.

Much to our regret this issue of the "Mitre" is restricted to sixteen pages. The "Mitre" was originally the outcome of the enthusiasm of the Old Boys, who assumed the whole responsibility for the magazine. This burden soon became too heavy, and the school relieved them of it, the Old Boys latterly guaranteeing one third of the cost and being entitled to a corresponding section of the magazine. That privilege they have frequently not used; but still, it was there! The Old Boys now feel compelled to reduce the number of copies they take, thereby forcing us to reduce the number of pages by three. The school helped the Old Boys in their difficulty. Will the latter now help the school? Certainly we have heard something of a depression. But even if some Old Boys cannot manage to pay their subscription, perhaps some arrangement could be made whereby they could still get the "Mitre" without membership in the Association. We hope to hear something in the next Old Boys' notes; but remember, Old Boys, you are morally, though not legally, bound to do your best to help us keep up the standard of your school magazine.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Staff.—With great regret we officially record the death of Mr. B. A. Wheeler, who passed away on Sunday, May 31. The whole school attended his funeral on the Monday. An appreciation will be found elsewhere; but we here extend to Mrs. Wheeler our deepest sympathy in her sorrow.

Numbers have decreased this term to 88, the boarding house being especially hard hit.

King's Birthday was observed, as usual, as a school holiday on June 8, when the school XVIII played the Old Boys.

Visits.—On Saturday evening, June 6, Captain Cowland, of the Church Army, gave an interesting lecture on Prisons and the Church Army.

On Saturday, July 4, another very interesting lecture was given by Mr. Carpenter on his experiences in Egypt and at Gallipoli.

Magazines.—We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the "Wyvern" and the "Cygnet."

Confirmation.—The following boys were confirmed by His Grace the Archbishop of Perth at Christ Church, Claremont, on Tuesday, August 11: G. S. Crimp, P. F. Dickson, H. K. Langford, C. J. McKenzie, J. F. Sanderson.

Congratulations to Currie i., Captain of School; **Bickford i.,** and **Parker i.,** School Prefects; **Horne,** Duty Boy; **Moseley,** Section Prefect.

To **Currie i.,** Captain of Football; **Ellershaw,** Vice-Captain; **Howe, Angel and Dossett,** Tennis Colours; **Dickson i., Barsden i., Bickford i., Parker i., Maclaren, Howe, Currie ii.,** Football Colours.

VALETE: Form VI.—L. B. Jupp, Captain of School, Vice-Captain of 1st XI and 1st XVIII; Football, Cricket, Running, and Swimming Colours. T. C. Bedells, Prefect, Captain of 1st XI and 1st XVIII, Football, Cricket, Running Colours.

Form Va.—W. Featherstone, House Duty Boy.

Form Vb.—H. Sanderson.

Form IV.—C. Robertson.

Form II.—A. Welch, W. Welch, D. Forrest (temporarily).

Form I.—W. Sanderson, I. McKay, D. Grills, J. Clarke, L. Northcote. W. Wilson.

SALVETE: Form V.—G. Clarkson.

Form IV.—D. Clarkson.

Form I.—G. Henderson.

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IN MEMORIAM

BERNARD ALFRED WHEELER.

Early in the term the School suffered a very severe loss by the death of Mr. Wheeler after a prolonged illness. Mr. Wheeler had been a member of the staff since 1922 and had for nine years served the school faithfully and well. During that time he founded and conducted the School Scout Troop and had joined willingly and keenly in all the varied activities of school life.

He was a man who loved boys and those boys who knew him intimately learned to love him for his willingness to help them in their work and play, for his sympathy, his sincerity and the ideals which he set before them, and himself strove, with a very large measure of success, to attain. His main ideal was to turn out useful citizens, and by word and example he encouraged those with whom he came in contact.

Memory pictures him in many and differing surroundings—painting scenery and devising costumes for school plays until late at night for many nights; spending a large part of school holidays writing out copies

of parts for players; organising fetes for money to build a School Boat Shed and a house for the Scout troop; camping with Scouts at Darlington, on the Canning River, and on the road to Beverley; taking extra voluntary classes for examination boys on Saturday mornings; working with all his heart and soul, often while suffering from ill-health, content always to efface himself and let others take the credit for work which he had himself inspired and largely done.

He was an enthusiastic Scout and held for some years the position of Commissioner of Cubs for Western Australia. He believed firmly that Scouting was the best training for citizenship and was always keenly interested in the careers of his Old Scouts, proud of their successes and ready at all times to give them the benefit of his ripe experience and the stimulus of his courageous spirit.

Only those who knew him very well appreciated to the full the gallant spirit which was masked by his diffident and sometimes flippant manner, and they will realise even more fully as time goes on that they have lost a friend such as few are privileged to possess, and that his passing has taken from us all a man who cannot well be spared.

To his sorrowing wife and relatives we as a school extend our deepest sympathy.

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"BREAK-UP" ENTERTAINMENT.

We go to press too early to be able to include in this copy of the "Mitre" an account of the musical and dramatic entertainment.

But one thing we cannot possibly leave till next term.

You are all very good friends. In big things and little things you helped to make our entertainment of you possible. You gave, you made, you lent. You are many, both inside the school and without. Our pens would be dry before we could name you all. And one of you at least has explicitly threatened execution if we dare name her; though maybe she would relent, as Henry to Catherine.

Be that as it may, only one thing can equal the enthusiasm and friendliness of your help, and that is the sincerity and warmth of our thanks. Thank you!

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FOOTBALL

The School Football Teams have had a very successful season, our 1st XVIII. having won six and lost two inter-school matches. This is a very creditable performance and, considered in conjunction with the three matches played against adult teams—St. George's and Toc H, which, though against us in goal-kicking, brought out individual characteristics, which augurs well for the future of the school.

Football is a grand game when played skilfully, requiring methods of offence and defence, and it is to be hoped the players of the 1931 teams will carry with them many very pleasant memories in after-life, of the contests in which they have thus been engaged.

Harmony and cohesion have contributed in no small manner towards the above-mentioned successes, to which we are, one and all, indebted to Mr. D. Ryan, the coach; Mr. Olsen, the sports master, and also Mr. Smith, whose services were frequently called upon for umpiring, and who has always carried out this voluntary task with great efficiency.

CRITIQUE.

Currie I. (Captain), Ruck and Centre. Has captained well and set a good example to his team. Fast on the ball. Good kick and mark.

Ellershaw (Vice-Capt.), Rover, Centre Half-forward. Has not attained last year's form. Good kick, fair mark.

- Dickson I.**, Ruck and Centre Half-forward. Good kick and mark; invaluable both in attack and defence.
- Barsden I.**, as Goalkeeper, has done his job well. Comes through with the ball and disposes of it well. Fair mark and kick.
- Bickford I.**, valuable as Rover and Centre. Still needs experience. Fair mark and kick. Disposes of ball well.
- Parker I.**, as Ruck and Centre Half-back has done creditably. Needs more football craft in ruck. Long, high kicks, and his marks have been a great asset.
- Maclaren**, Ruck and Centre Half-back. Comes through well with the ball. Uses his weight well. Fair mark and kick.
- Howe**, Goal-sneak. Holds the ball firmly when marking, and has done well in his limited sphere.
- Currie II.**, a willing and energetic battler. A useful wing player of great promise. Good mark and kick.
- Clarkson I.**, Wing. A fine aggressive player. Avoids his man well and disposes of the ball to the best advantage. Good mark and kick.
- McGlashan**, Left Half-back. Consistent player. Good high mark and long kick.
- Horne**, Wing. A useful player, capable of still better form. Good kick and fair mark. Will improve.
- Angel**, Left Full-forward. An accurate, sure kick and good mark. Apt to be a bit slow.
- Bickford II.**, Left Full-back, a reliable defender and the mainstay of the back line. A great asset to the goalkeeper. Shows great promise. Very good mark and kick.
- Hoseason**, Right Half-back. Has speeded up considerably. Fair mark and kick.
- Smith I.**, Left Half-forward. Has played consistently well. Fair mark and good kick.
- Dossett**, Right Full-back. Comes through with the ball well, but holds it too long. A useful player. Fair mark and kick.
- Moseley**, Right Half-forward. Shown great improvement. A bit slow on the ball. Fair mark and kick.
- Deans**, Right Full-forward. Fast and nippy, smart on the ball, and kicks to good advantage. A bit nervous, but much improved. Good long kick.
- Lovegrove**, Emergency Right Full-forward. A plucky, promising player for his size.
- Buckingham I.**, Emergency Left Full-back. Slow and fumbles somewhat. A good kick and fair mark.
- Counsel**. Clumsy, but tries hard and will improve with practice.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

- 1st XVIII., v. Guildford Grammar School, at Christ Church, May 30th, 1931.
Result: Won; Christ Church, 8 goals, 5 behinds; Guildford, 6 goals, 7 behinds.
- Under 14, v. Guildford Preparatory, at Christ Church, June 3rd, 1931.—
Result: Won; Christ Church, 14 goals, 9 behinds; Guildford, 3 goals, 8 behinds.
- Under 14, v. Wesley College, at Christ Church, June 6th, 1931.—Result:
Won; Christ Church, 7 goals, 10 behinds; Wesley College, 5 goals, 8 behinds.
- 1st XVIII., v. Old Boys, at Christ Church, June 8th, 1931.—Result: Lost;
Old Boys, 10 goals, 12 behinds; School, 5 goals, 3 behinds.
- Under 14, v. Hale School, at Hale School, June 10th, 1931.—Result: Won;
Christ Church, 7 goals, 9 behinds; Hale School, 7 goals, 8 behinds.
- 1st XVIII., v. Hale School, at Christ Church, June 10th, 1931.—Result:
Won; Christ Church, 13 goals, 7 behinds; Hale School, 7 goals, 10 behinds.
- Under 13, v. Guildford Preparatory, at Guildford, June 13th, 1931.—Result:
Lost; Guildford, 7 goals, 9 behinds; Christ Church, 0 goals, 2 behinds.
- 1st XVIII., v. Wesley College, at Wesley College, June 17th, 1931.—Result:
Lost; Wesley College, 15 goals, 11 behinds; Christ Church, 1 goal, 1 behind.

- Under 14, v. Guildford Grammar School, at Christ Church, June 17th, 1931.
Result: Lost; Guildford Grammar, 11 goals, 15 behinds; Christ Church, 0 goals, 2 behinds.
- 1st XVIII., v. Scotch College, at Scotch College, June 21st, 1931.—Result:
Won; Christ Church, 8 goals, 10 behinds; Scotch College, 6 goals, 5 behinds.
- Under 14, v. Scotch College, at Christ Church, June 21st, 1931.—Result:
Lost; Scotch College, 7 goals, 9 behinds; Christ Church, 5 goals, 8 behinds.
- Under 13, v. Guildford Preparatory, at Christ Church, July 1st, 1931.—
Result: Won; Christ Church, 10 goals, 4 behinds; Guildford, 8 goals, 4 behinds.
- Under 16, v. Guildford Grammar School, at Christ Church, July 4th, 1931.—
Result: Won; Christ Church, 17 goals, 15 behinds; Guildford Grammar School, 7 goals, 7 behinds.
- 1st XVIII., v. Wesley College, at Christ Church, July 8th, 1931.—Result:
Lost; Wesley College, 10 goals, 15 behinds; Christ Church, 9 goals, 9 behinds.
- Under 13, v. Scotch College, at Scotch College, July 11th, 1931.—Result:
Lost; Scotch College, 3 goals, 4 behinds; Christ Church, 2 goals 5 behinds.
- 1st XVIII., v. Scotch College, at Christ Church, July 15th, 1931.—Result:
Won; Christ Church, 11 goals, 12 behinds; Scotch College, 4 goals, 6 behinds.
- Under 14, v. Guildford Grammar School, at Guildford, July 15th, 1931.—
Result: Lost; Guildford Grammar, 9 goals, 8 behinds; Christ Church, 8 goals, 5 behinds.
- 1st XVIII., v. Hale School, at Hale School, July 22nd, 1931.—Result: Won;
Christ Church, 10 goals, 10 behinds; Hale School, 5 goals, 14 behinds.
- Under 14, v. Wesley College, at Wesley College, July 22nd, 1931.—Result:
Lost; Wesley College, 5 goals, 3 behinds; Christ Church, 4 goals, 4 behinds.
- Under 16, v. Guildford Grammar School, at Guildford, August 1st, 1931.—
Result: Lost; Guildford Grammar, 7 goals, 10 behinds; Christ Church, 5 goals, 12 behinds.
- 1st XVIII., v. Guildford Grammar School, at Guildford, August 8th, 1931.—
Result: Won; Christ Church, 9 goals, 9 behinds; Guildford Grammar School, 3 goals, 3 behinds.

ANALYSIS OF MATCHES.

	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
1st XVIII.	8	6	2	477	287
Under 16	2	1	1	159	101
Under 14	7	3	4	323	341
Under 13	3	1	2	83	121

Leading 1st XVIII. Goal-kickers:

Howe, 24; Dickson i., 21; Angel, 13.

CAMERA CLUB NOTES.

Mr. Parlato has again been kind enough to visit us at regular intervals during the term. His visits have been extremely popular with the boys, especially when he took a flashlight photograph of the boys present at his lecture. Despite the rather large amount of light in the room, the photograph was quite successful. Some are of the opinion, that Gabe, with his cherubic (?) face, looked very sweet in the back row.

We would like to thank Mr. Parlato for his efforts, and wish all those entering for the "Best Holiday Snap" Competition the best of luck.

PREFECTS' DANCE.

The annual Prefects' Dance was held in the Parish Hall on Friday, 24th of July. In every way it was a most successful affair, and, from appearances, everyone had an enjoyable evening. Mr. Fred Nice and his orchestra played their usually good music, and an excellent supper was provided by the ladies' committee. The decoration of the hall in the school colours was very effective.

The prefects are grateful to Mrs. Parry and to all those whose efforts were responsible for such a successful dance.

QUEENSLEA NOTES.

Since the school has been redivided up among the three sections, we now consist of twenty-six boys, commencing with two in the sixth form to about eight in the first. We are also very proud to own nine members of the 1st XVIII., and so have a very strong football team with which we hope to beat Romsey and River House when we play them in the last week of this term.

ROMSEY NOTES.

BULL.

This term, there has only been one section match up to the time of writing. Romsey played House and lost after an even contest—a match well worth losing, only we wish we had won. But good luck to House! Let them win, for the tale will be different next time they play us.

Romsey this term was considerably weakened owing to the rearrangement of the sections. We have lost most of our players—I mean good players—but not all of them. We were given supposed champions in their place. One or two of them have proved themselves worthy of a game.

If we are not successful this term, I trust, with your support, we will gain the highest honours in Running and Cricket.

C.M.B.

VI. FORM NOTES.

This term our numbers have dropped from 12 to 10, Jupp and Bedells having left us last term to try their fortune in the wide, wide world. Good luck to both!

At present we are all swotting hard (?) for the Exams. "Fat" has worked a "shrewd 'un" by stopping away from school for some time, on the pretext of having a bad leg.

Our Geography class is at last fully convinced that in Scotland dairy-farming is of a different nature from that of Australia, sheep evidently being used for supplying milk to the populace. Perhaps it's cheaper.

The question of this term is whether Scotch should not be installed instead of Latin, for we argue that the tales of MacGlusky would be considerably more elating than Horace and Livy, even though he did wear kilts. In History everyone is interested, for there is no doubt that Harry has a gift of oration; perhaps it is that the squeaks of the desks blend well with his voice. Whelke Willie did six "pull-ups" on the bar, so that the expansion of his chest became enormous. Bull's heart will soon go, I am sure, as the way he looks consistently at his watch is pathetic.

In English, eyes now often brighten as the inhabitants of the VI. imagine themselves flying, like Perseus, to free some fair lady from the dragon, and usually they just begin the "mushy" talk when they are roughly awakened from their reveries by a bullet from the enemies' General—a duster.

5A. NOTES.

The fifth form reputation has been kept up this term. Everybody (save 19 or so) is working hard. A new member has come into the form this term, he being "Clicky," better known to some as Clarkson. In History one boy shows his intelligence by saying that William the Silent (1580) is a descendant to William of Orange, a later king of England (1698). In Geology, "Mac" says that igneous rocks are formed in layers. English is thought to be great fun when plays are acted. Special notice is taken in Divinity when the master describes how the men were divided in the Synagogue, by a partition, from the women. Cycling has made considerable progress and one is now able to pass motor cars (when stationary).

The Nedlands green and black broke down towards the end of the term, and consequently Jim had a better excuse for being late. Waiting for the Junior to come, we now close down.

M.N.O. LTD.

A WEE BIT ADVICE.

Having been asked—or should I say "commanded"—to write an article for the *Mitre*, I sat myself down and did my best to scribble a line or two. On first arriving here in Australia, the first thing I remarked upon were the hot days I experienced—they are not so warm in Scotland—I mean the days, of course, not the people, for the Scots are verra, verra warm-hearted indeed. My main object in writing this article, however, is to give information to those people who have erroneous ideas about Scotland, and to correct them if I may presume to do so.

First of all, as the climate is cold in Scotland, the "balance of power" must be restored, and this makes the Scots, as I have said, very generous. People seem to think that the Scots are very mean; I mean some people do, not everyone, of course. No matter where you go, you find close-fisted people, but it just happens that poor, unlucky, old Scotland, happened to receive that name, and you know the old saying—"Give a dog a bad name . . ." The main reason why Scots have been called "mean," is through the Aberdonians, who spread stories about themselves in order to attract a greater number of visitors to their town during the summer. They even went so far as to form a club whose duty it was to make up these stories; and you know the fatal result, alas and alack! Scots are now at a disadvantage wherever they go, and they are cheated by anybody and everybody, because they are now so simple. My last note on the Aberdonians is that they did not want an increase of visitors to their town, in order to make money from them, but they wanted to make people happy and content, and to do some good in the world. This shows the Scots in their true light.

People also have gained the impression that the Scots have no sense of humour, which is entirely wrong, of course, as you can see after reading this article. My last point is one of information to you about Scottish pedestrians, who are just like pedestrians anywhere else, only there are two kinds in Scotland—the quick and the dead.

HAGGIS.

FROM FRAUD'S HISTORY.

Well Napoleon wanted to conquer all the British. So he started off, and it ended up that Napoleon was defeated. Napoleon thought that he would win with his great powers. He started to capture Austria and Prussia, and when England saw this was going on, she came in and helped Austria and Prussia. England did not think it was the right thing to do. By trying to capture a small country, when they got to Egypt, the British destroyed most of Napoleon's ships. Nelson went up the Nile in flat-bottomed boats. And when Napoleon was beaten, he made his way home.

OSTEND.

Although little known to many Australians, Ostend, in Belgium, is a most popular resort, not only for Continental people, but also for English and American tourists.

The sea voyage from England, for which comfortable and fast packet-boats are employed, occupies about three hours, and is a more pleasant experience than the shorter and almost invariably rough crossing from Dover to Calais.

The Ostend season is confined to a few months of the year, but preparations for the visitors are, nevertheless, elaborate. One would expect, in view of the limited opportunities available to the local business people, that prices would be high and that the tourists' pockets would be exploited. But this is not so. In the magnificent hotels, overlooking the Digue, or paved promenade, one can live in all the luxury of a first-class London hotel at about one-half the cost. This Digue is an interesting place, and in the afternoons one rubs shoulders with a very cosmopolitan and interesting crowd.

Probably in no similar resort in the whole world is a day of pleasure so elaborately planned by its votaries as at Ostend. There one has an etiquette governing each hour, and each amusement is allotted its proper portion of the day. Although chiefly, of course, grown-ups are catered for, the younger set are also well looked after. The chief amusements of the young folk consist of sea bathing, kite flying (which is carried out on such a large scale that the sky along the Digue seems literally dotted with kites), sand-castle building, in which children from all over Belgium compete for the "Daily Mail" prize, and aeroplane flights from the beach. Pleasant motor trips are conducted from Ostend to Holland, the battle-fields of Flanders, Ypres and its Menin Gate, and Zeebrugge. It might be said of bathing at Ostend that it is "magnificent, but not bathing." The bathers are too numerous to make swimming enjoyable, and deep water is a long way out. Ostend society bathes not so much from love of the sea as from obedience to fashion.

Viewed from the sea, the Casino, the most imposing of Ostend's buildings, of oriental construction, presents an attractive and unusual sight. Here, of course, may be found amusement in several forms. It is chiefly renowned, however, for its "Salles Privées," in which grown-up people may indulge in games of chance.

It must not be imagined, however, that Ostend consists entirely of the Digue, Casino, splendid beaches and huge hotels. There is not a little in the life of the older portion of the town, in the back streets behind the colossal hotels, to interest visitors of the quieter type. There are to be found the many interesting and picturesque sights such as artists love. Quaint little dog-drawn milk-carts with shining brass cans, for example; and the old women in their multi-coloured Flanders caps and wooden sabots.

That Ostend caters for all types and all tastes can be seen from a study of the crowds which flock there during the season. Here is to be found amusement for all, and, as already pointed out, at no great cost.

"MOSES."

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"The Cheap Drains Act, 1840, was passed so that filth would not be lying outside houses."—Rubbish moved at 1d. a mile.

"Disraeli was a brave man who was Prime Minister in England for a time. He was always downhearted when he did not win a battle, and one battle he did not win, so he died."—Q.E.D.

THE SEVEN WONDERS OF C.C.G.S.—(1) The only perfect human cube; (2) "Moggie"; (3) "Bull's" watch; (4) Front row of V. Latin; (5) The Christ Church ink; (6) Hatton's bike; (7) Jerry's voice.

KOOKABURRAS.

I think it shows a certain sensitiveness in the Australian that he carefully shelves the name by which the Kookaburra is known elsewhere. I mean the name by which he is introduced, in illustrated books on Natural History, to benighted children in other lands. Possibly you, good clobber (Charles Lamb, "Elia" of blessed fame, would say "gentle reader," but my English master warned me not to copy anyone's style or styles, and perhaps it's wise in this modern world to be individual. After all, Lamb and I have but two things in common; he was chained to a desk in a gloom unlightened save by his own irrepressible refusal to be engloomed; so am I, and, secondly, he has the same name as my staple diet, but that is the flower, the bloom, of a double accident:—(a)—as in the questions in recent abominable exams., we must have subdivision—his father's—and his mother's married—name was Lamb. (b) I am in Australia. At any rate the butcher says it's lamb, and there is this comfort: if it isn't lamb, but tastes like it, it's bound to be mutton, mature, hardened and toughened of sinew in the grim battle of life, maybe, but nevertheless mutton. Whereas it is abundantly proved by numerous experiments in less woolly and more bovine countries that beef may be horse. That's sufficiently terse for anyone, isn't it? I say that because I'm always being accused of rambling in my essays, and it's just as well, isn't it, dearly beloved, to show that the accusation isn't always justified? Mark you, when I say "dearly beloved" I'm not disregarding the other warning about not imitating style and stylishness, because Lamb said "gentle reader," and although that tedious caricaturist Dickens (he was "Charles," too; isn't that funny?) imitated him, I'm no Dickens, and my form of address is quite my own. As I was saying, it's as well to be individual in this world of to-day. Man is rapidly becoming enslaved to machinery. Millions of men do the same thing hundreds of times a day, week after week, year after year, and I should have included month after month. Beards are out of fashion, and they used to give scope to individuality. Garments are sombre of hue, except in games, and then it's a uniformity not an individuality that is being aimed at. Talking of games—but no, I daren't. I'm a heretic of the first water, and the editor would say I was attempting to undermine school discipline, nay, the whole tradition of English-speaking schools the world over, if I said what I really thought about games. In fact, he'd tear this up. Now, that's really sad. I've remembered a third warning of my English master. Always sketch your essay out first. And I look back and find I'm in the middle of a bracket—fortunately without a minus in front of it; I never know what to do with these things—oh! hang! I'm off again—in the middle of a bracket with half a sentence on the other side. Puir wee thing. There'll be a deal of lacuna between it and its remaining half; a sentence is no worm to be cut in two and yet remain agile and lithe in its division; if it's divided it must fall and come to a fearful end; as I herewith do), are not aware that the other name is "The Laughing Jackass."

[Ed.; What about a signature?

I: Doesn't that always come last?]

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DUMFRIES—A small fishing village on the extreme north-west border of Scotland. Pronounced as "lambus," the "s" being soft, as the "s" in "ice."

FORTY MINUTES—The time necessary to write 5 pages of notes, 200 lines, and a 3-page essay.

Old Boys' Association Notes.

OFFICE-BEARERS, 1930-31.

President: Canon L. W. Parry, M.A. (Oxon.).

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Hon. Secretary: T. C. Miller.

Hon. Treasurer: W. H. Evans, Junr.

Committee:

T. W. Flintoff.	K. Whitlock.
D. A. Lovegrove.	K. H. Sudlow.
S. B. Prior.	H. N. Giles.

OBITUARY.

We deeply regret the death of Mr. B. A. Wheeler, which has occurred since the last issue of the "Mitre," after a long and trying illness. Mr. Wheeler was a good friend to many Old Boys and all, particularly those who were scouts under him, were grieved to learn of his death. To his widow—"Matron" to us all—we extend our deepest sympathy in her bereavement.

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The Annual Dance.—After having been held in Perth for some years, the Association's Annual Dance was transferred back to Claremont this year, though for the first time it was held at the School. The date was June 26, the scene the gymnasium, gaily decorated. There were about eighty of the Old Boys and their friends present, which was not a bad muster considering the times. Socially the function was a great success, and financially the Association will only lose about a pound, which is less than last year. The music, the supper and the floor were excellent. Among the guests were the Headmaster and Mrs. Parry. Old Boys present included Charlie and Weller May, D. Price, Blair and Dick Giles, Rupert Wright, L. Jupp, Bill Sudlow, J. E. D. Battye, Bob Ling, Colin Maclagan, Charlie McGlew, George Bowes, Vernon Eagleton, Bill Evans, Ken Sudlow, Dick Lovegrove, Keith Whitlock and Darrell Hick.

The Dinner.—The Annual Dinner was held this year at the Hotel Wentworth, on Saturday, August 1. There were thirty-one present, including Canon Parry, Mr. H. A. H. Smith and Major Hunn (representing the Council for Church of England Schools). As the Association guaranteed thirty to the hotel, this was satisfactory. The evening was cheery and bright, at times even hectic, but everyone was happy—everyone, that is, except Mrs. Thomas. After Tom Flintoff, as toastmaster, had proposed the toast of "The King," Colin Maclagan proposed "The School" (responded to by Canon Parry); Major Hunn proposed "The Association" (responded to by Jim Battye); and Skinny Giles proposed "The President" (responded to by Canon Parry). The question of the moment as each speaker arose in turn was "Why was he born so beautiful?" Apologies were received from His Grace the Archbishop of Perth, Lieut.-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs, Dr. Lovegrove, Messrs. J. V. Brown, G. B. Beere, A. C. Marshall and C. H. Merry and the following Old Boys:—Geoff. Rooney, Darrell Hick, Bim Brown, Selwyn Prior and Dick and Blair Giles (who were milking cows). Old Boys present were L. Harrison, G. Bowes, M. Lewis, R. W. Ling, D. Price, C. and W. May, T. W. Flintoff, K. Whitlock, T. C. Miller, J. E. D. Battye, W. H. Evans, C. H. Armstrong, G. Martin, J. Fulton, D. Balme, A. E. Adamson, J. Hickey, G. Cox, E. Lovegrove, G. C. R. Maclagan, H. N. Giles, T. Duncan, S. Douglas, R. Nosedo, S. Arnold, N. Unbehaun and J. Bland.

The Bridge Party.—About twenty tables graced the floor of the Parish Hall, Claremont, when the Old Boys' bridge party was held there on June 4. It was a most successful function, even though the Parish Hall is not the warmest and cosiest place in which to hold a bridge party on a bleak winter's night. A few dances finished up the evening, which resulted in the addition of about £6 to the Association's exchequer.

Old Boys' Hockey Team.—The Christ Church Old Boys' hockey team is now second on the B-grade list, having lost only three matches, two to Guildford and one to Suburban. Tom Flintoff is captain and Skinny Giles, vice-captain. New players this season are Bill Sudlow, Bill Evans, Harold Boys, Skinny Giles and Fitzpatrick. As this is only the second year of the team's existence, it has done remarkably well. Next year it is hoped to enter two teams.

An Old Boy's Exploit.—Geoff Connor, who is assistant Clerk-of-Works on a big job at the Ford works in England, recently kept the School flag flying by saving a man from drowning. When a crane broke as Geoff. was leaving work, and threw the man who was working it into the flooded Thames, stunned and helpless, Geoff promptly dived in, fully clothed, and dragged him from the wreckage to the shore.

Geoff's job is a very responsible one. He has acquired a Baby Austin—but that is all.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE.

Doug. Balme managed to leave his farm at Meckering for sufficiently long to attend the dinner—his first Old Boys' function for many years.

Dick and Blair Giles are now cockeysing down North Dandalup way. Strange it must be to see a Giles, let alone two Giles, working!

Jack Eaton is holding down a responsible job at the Wyndham Meat Works, and likes it, despite the heat. He went up in April, but in November he will be down for the summer. Working for the Government has some advantages.

Deb. Corboy is gold-digging south of Wiluna. He has had a decent crushing on his find.

"Ching" Hayward recently paid one of his periodical visits to town from his farm in the big open spaces.

Rupert Wright ("Bubbles") has now a place of his own at Roleystone. Irwin ("Squeak"), Bob and Preston are all on the "family seat" in the Preston Valley, near Donnybrook.

Keith Calthrop is, we understand, a leading light in the newly-formed E.E.E.E. Club. Mind that he doesn't ask you to join.

Geoff. Rooney, still stationed at Harvey, was sorry that he could not get up for the dinner, but sent his kind regards to Old Boys.

Bob Giles continues to be the aeronautical expert of the "West Australian," and the publicity-officer and department combined of the W.A. Aero Club.

Dick Todd was last heard of in Durban, South Africa.

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CONGRATULATIONS—

To Fred. Gloster, who was married to Miss Grace Legge, at Christ Church during April.

To Monty Lewis, whose marriage was celebrated in Fremantle, and this despite his extreme youth.

To Charlie Mudge, who is engaged to a Melbourne lady.

To Sidney Jackman, of North Dandalup, who is engaged to Miss Jessie McGowan of the same place.

To Jim Battye, the fond parent of a second daughter.

To Harold Boys, also the proud possessor of a daughter—making a pigeon pair.