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Claremont.

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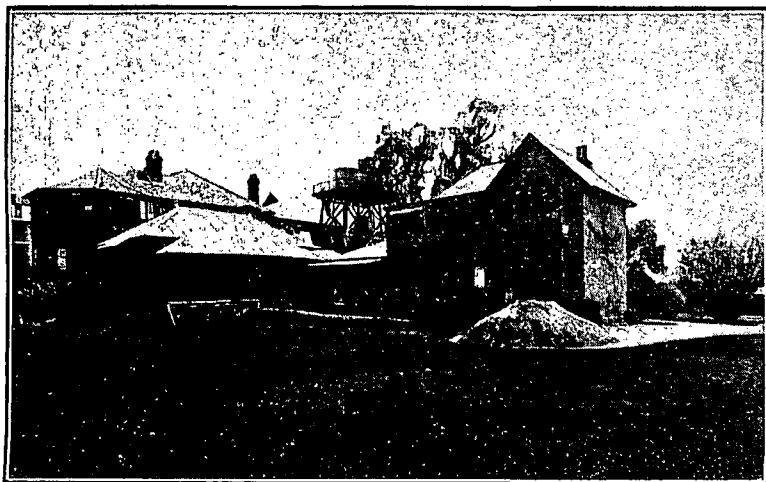
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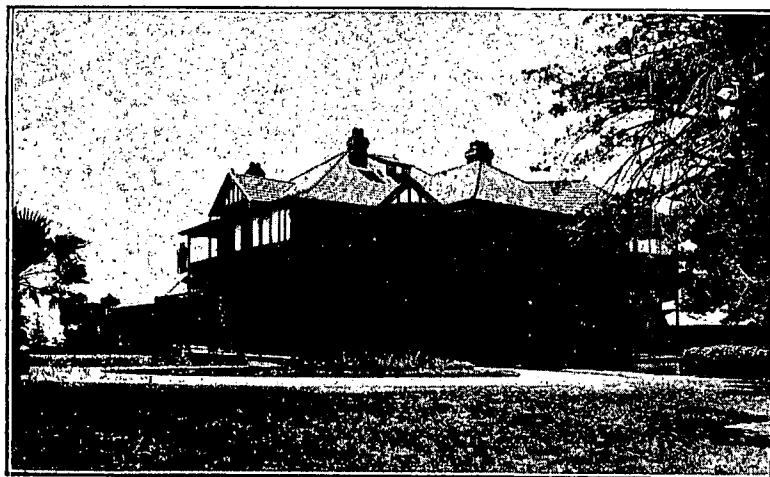
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Craigie—The Junior House—with River House on left.



River House—The Senior House—from the lawns overlooking the Bay.

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HEADMASTER'S FOREWORD.

We have again reached the end of a school year. Owing to the state of things outside, there have been many departments of School life in which we have had to mark time, but on the whole the year has been one of development and progress and of good promise for the future.

Owing to the approach of the University Examinations the third term is kept as free as possible from outside engagements. The most notable event of the term was a Bridge Evening at River House on the evening of September 25, organised by Mrs. Parry and Mrs. Wheeler, whom parents and friends helped enthusiastically. The purpose was to raise sufficient money to build a stage in the Gymnasium Hall so that School functions could be held there more conveniently. This was successfully accomplished; a fine stage has been built, and Speech Night will be held in the Gymnasium Hall. We are very grateful to all who helped us in this matter.

This issue of the Mitre will have some pictures of the School in it. These pictures were recently taken, and we hope they will improve this issue.

The literary talent of the School has been showing itself in the production of a weekly paper. Last year, with becoming modesty, our editors chose the title "Mightier." This year they discarded all pretence of modesty and call themselves the "Mightiest." This paper's issue is eagerly awaited, partly in fear, partly in hope, and partly for its useful record of School events. I wish to congratulate the editors and their company for their manipulation of the printing press, whereon they have at times excelled in legibility even the Examination papers printed by masters, and also because they are performing a very useful office by their weekly labour in producing a paper financed largely on a paper fiduciary currency. Very high Federal Officials would envy them if they knew their success.

This issue will contain the Sport's record of the term. To me it seems that the standard of sport has improved greatly. The tennis team was distinctly unfortunate in meeting the ultimate winners in the first round of the Slazenger Cup. Against Wesley they gave a creditable display, but seemed to be a little out of form. Our own sports gave promise of good results against Wesley, but when they met us their Open team proved much too strong for us. I congratulate them on having such an excellent team. Mr. D. Ryan coached us splendidly for the running, and has helped us very much at cricket, and the 1st XI. has shown a very great improvement in batting. We have had difficulty this term in getting practice wickets. Next term I hope that the wicket in the Upper Field will be ready for use and also that we will be able during the long holidays to move the present practice wicket to a more convenient position.

We entered for the University Examinations 5 candidates for the Leaving, 19 for the Junior and 5 more completing in one or more subjects. The Examinations are now a thing of the past and we await the beginning of January with hope.

In this foreword I generally put on record the numbers and ages. We opened the year with a roll of 96, an increase of 9 on that of 1930. Abnormal conditions have caused 15 boys to leave us during the year, and seven have joined us since 1st term, making our numbers at present 88. Of these, 37 are over 15; 34 between the ages of 10 and 15; and 17 are under 10. Of the 88 boys 23 are over 16, a higher proportion than ever before. In 1930 we had 87 boys, of whom 29 were over 15; 40 between the age of 10 and 15; and 18 under 10. In 1929 the corresponding figures were 18, 61 and 22.

The number of boys under notice to leave is not great and in some cases the notice may be withdrawn later if things improve. I hope as many as possible will remain at school as long as possible, and I quite expect a considerable increase in the number joining us next term.

The Old Boys' Association has kept in close touch with us during the year. They have told me that they hope in the near future to realise the securities they hold for their Gymnasium Fund and so provide equipment for the Gymnasium. If they do so I hope that the new equipment will be placed in the Gymnasium before next term starts.

I have been asked to say a word of explanation, in order to avoid misunderstanding, about a note that appeared in the Mitre about Old Boys' subscriptions to the Mitre. It was not intended to suggest that the Association had not fulfilled its obligation to the Mitre. The decision to reduce the number of Mitres taken by the Association was reached after several discussions at which I was present, and only because the number for which the Association was responsible was considerably in excess of the number of members in the Association. Our editorial comment was meant to reach those Old Boys who had not linked up with the Association and stir them up to do so or to maintain their connection with the School by getting their Mitres direct from the School. Together with other things the reduction made it harder to continue to issue the Mitre, and till the numbers in the School itself increase, that difficulty will remain, but for that the Old Boys' Association is not responsible.

I close now with best wishes to everybody for a Happy Xmas and a good holiday. Let me also add, a safe return to school next year or a successful start in some new sphere if the time has come for leaving school. Au revoir.

L.W.P.

EDITORIAL.

Another School year has gone before to join his elder brothers. Have we tears to shed for his passing, reader, or are we only too glad to "tie up his chin" and bury him? Some feel that the year has been full of disappointments and "Mourn time's change that will not be withstood." Your editor is one who is disappointed. Contributions—but—"Hence loathed melancholy."

Many of you are reading this Mitre—or are we too ambitious?—on the last day of your "first life." To-morrow you enter your second childhood—a childhood which can be just as jolly if you have passed your first test. In your school days you have been told

to do this, not to do that; advised here, warned there. Now you are to put it to the proof. For many what has been in the hands of others is to become your own glorious possession, and good luck to you in your heritage. But if you sometimes choose wrongly in your new-won freedom, remember the many failures at school, and the as many recoveries:

It seems the correct thing in these times to deliver a parting message whenever possible. Let us from the seclusion of our Editorial chair offer you one, reader. "Always be convinced that in everything you have done you could have done better." Combine that good resolution with your school motto, "Deus, Dux, Doctrina, Lux" and you have a good foundation for life. The men who have influenced the world are men who were ever dissatisfied—not with things around so much as with themselves. So there it a final piece of advice for you to ignore.

Have we sounded a little pedagogic in these our few comments and what is and has been? If so, we apologise and we accordingly limit our remarks on what is to be to "the very best of luck for the future—and a very happy Christmas."

SCHOOL NOTES.

Staff.—By the time you receive your magazine, it will probably have "leaked out" that Mr. Ketley is to be married to Miss Margaret Walton on January 6. We wish him and his bride all happiness and good luck for the future.

The Rev. J. Bell, after a very strenuous time in organising the great Missionary Month, was robbed of much of the enjoyment of the fruits of his work, through a rather severe attack of illness. We all remember him at Christ Church, feeling that he is still of us. We wish him a speedy return to good health and continuance in it.

Outstanding Days this term have been **Show Day**, October 7, with its usual holiday; **Guy Fawkes Day** and its accompanying bonfire; **Armistice Day** observed with the usual brief prayers and silence; **November 9**, when the Council for Church of England Schools met at Christ Church and had dinner with us; **October 19**, when the members of the Junior Form had a "night out" to see some of the plays they were studying for the Junior Certificate Examination.

Lectures.—In addition to the above, in the last period on three successive Tuesday mornings, we were let off school—in itself an event of first-rate importance—to attend three lectures delivered on Missionary subjects by the Rev. J. Bell, Rev. C. E. Storrs and Canon H. H. Harper. We are grateful to these lecturers not only for relieving us of three regular lessons but also for their interesting talks which made, at any rate, some of us think a little.

Congratulations to Howe, Bedells, Thomson on gaining Running Colours, and **Moseley Tennis Colours**. **Bickford I.** Captain of Cricket; **Howe** Vice-Captain.

Salvete.—Form I., **B. Parker, C. Barnes, K. Tregonning, A. Tregonning.**

Bridge Evening.—Outward and visible proof of the success of the Bridge Evening on September 25, arranged by Mrs. Parry will be found in the School Gymnasium. The evening was to obtain funds for a stage—a very desirable addition to the School, inspired no doubt by our very successful plays last term. The stage is there, complete with steps. One more item of interest to show our visitors:

END OF TERM ENTERTAINMENT.

The School entertainment at the end of last term had three ingredients; dramatic, musical and ocular. Mr. Parlato generously gave his time to entertain us with moving pictures, from a study of the human eye to a study in feet by Charles Chaplin. The boys of unbroken voice broke into song complete with descant under the eagle-eye and baton of Mr. Dick. They sounded good, too; naturally. The bulk of the rest of the evening was filled by plays, real and imaginary. The smaller children gave the ever fresh joy of the Pyramus and Thisbe scene from "The Midsummer Night's Dream." A bare stage, a bench, a half-a-dozen juvenile "Greek" bumpkins made an excellent show with their materials. Crimp was Prologue; Buckingham II, Pyramus; Sanderson, Thisbe; Harper, Lion; Crooks, Moonshine; and Courthope, Wall. They were all thoroughly good fun and appeared to find it so themselves.

At a bound we leapt from Athens to England—we might say like Greece lightning. A "diminutive drama" of Henry VIII. and the lady who had the honour to survive him seen squabbling at breakfast. Parker in a beard was too funny for the play not to create immediate mirth. Odlum wondrously decked, looked every inch an out-size (I mean in height) Queen, and spoke well. Both simulated bad temper so well that one suspects their daily affability is their real acting! Dickson II. as a brief page looked it, and is to be congratulated on really being heard.

Finally a modern Potato Comedy, Eldorado by Gilbert. This was difficult to act, being character studies of types not over familiar to us. The plot, good straight-out comedy of greed getting its due revenge, went along quite comfortably. But it would not have, but for the good character work done by the actors, in particular by Clarkson, as James Watson. Lovegrove as Widow Burrows; Angel, as Henry Watson; and Morgan, as Betsy Watson were all good in their parts. The Widow's irate entry with the telegram was worth seeing half-a-dozen times.

All this ought to have been enough, but more was in store. Three of the Staff as a Fool, a Scot and a Char proceeded more or less deliberately to make fools of themselves in the tumble and whack style that has existed since Noah. When they were too hot to do more—which was soon—they made the whole School remove the roof with some very hearty community singing. John Brown, where's that chook?

In our last issue, Mr. Ketley, the producer of the plays, thanked, in the name of the actors, all who assisted to make the plays a success. He did not include himself. Nor does he know that we are now correcting the omission. The success of the plays was very largely due to his capable and untiring producing. He had his reward on the night of the entertainment and expected no more. But Mr. Ketley, on behalf of your very appreciative audience, congratulations and thank you!

CAMERA CLUB.

Continuing his visits of previous terms, Mr. Parlato has this term again demonstrated to the Photography Class the "whys and

wherefores" of developing, printing, and enlarging. He conducted for our benefit successful experiments in each case.

We would like to thank Mr. Parlato for having paid us fortnightly visits throughout the year, and hope that next year he will again favour us with his help.

The "Best Holiday Snap" Competition resulted:—Moseley 1; Devitt 2.

Enlargements were presented to both prize-winners.

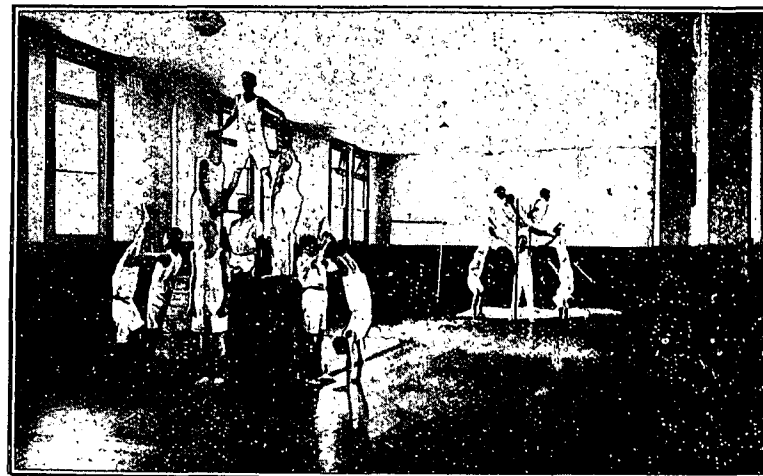
C.H.D.

RIVER HOUSE.

The only inter-house event in which we have participated this term has been the tennis against Queenslea. In this we were unsuccessful, Queenslea winning comfortably.

Dickson will be leaving us at the end of the term. We wish him good luck for the future. We also wish ourselves and others success in the Leaving and Junior exams. We'll need it!

C.H.D.



A Scene in the Gymnasium.

ROMSEY NOTES.

This term is so filled up that we have not been able to arrange any inter-section cricket, in which our chances were very favourable. We extend congratulations to Parker I. (House) on being Champion Athlete, and to Dossett (Queenslea) runner-up; also to Maclaren, the Under 16 Champion Athlete. The re-arrangement of the Houses has told on Romsey considerably; we lost most of our runners, but one cannot cry over spilt milk.

Hoping to see everybody back at School next term to keep up the honours of Romsey and, in conclusion, wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

QUEENSLEA.

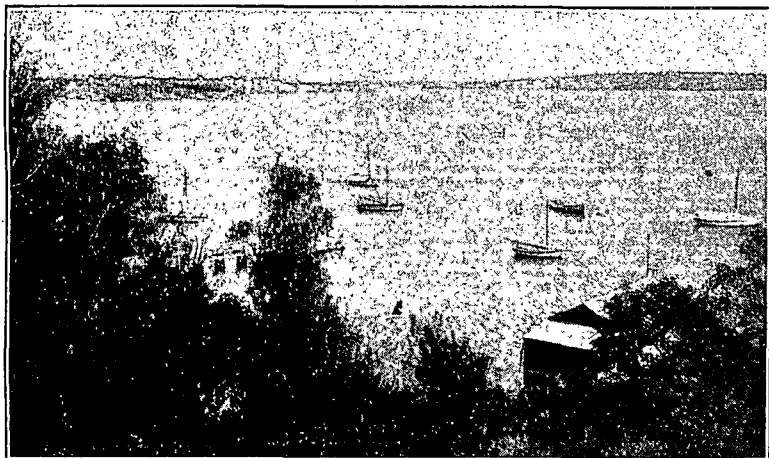
This term we welcome McGlashan to the office of Vice-Captain and wish him success.

At the end of last term we proved ourselves supreme in the Section Football, beating River House by 11.9 to 4.9, and Romsy but the latter scores have been lost.

Again this term we finished second in the Running, and so far, have beaten River House in the Tennis. We hope to win both the Tennis and Cricket.

VI. FORM NOTES.

The VI. Form have been swatting hard this term and the room has been unusually quiet at times, usually when the boys have gone home from school. Of course one must allow something on account of the desks having acquired a perpetual habit of squeaking.



Looking over the Bay from the School grounds.

About the middle of the term, a beetle race was held in the Form room, in which everyone was interested—unusual. The winner turned out to be "Cat's-Legs" a highly strung animal whose average was one mile per hour. In the final race, the welter handicap, this horse, owing to several other contestants having been squashed on the floor, had no hard task, and won by a whisker. "A close shave" we called it.

During the last month interest has been aroused over whether or not a swede should have whiskers; some say it is shaved; others that it has quite a nice beard.

Good luck is wished for every boy taking exams., even bereavement cards will be given free when necessary.

It was intended that on Speech Night the School and the visitors should be graced with a demonstration of life-saving, given by some of our number. As everyone in the display resigned, however, it seems unlikely that it will be held.

Alack, dear reader! We must of necessity cut you short of further items of the Mighty Sixth. So we will leave you, wishing one and all a pleasant Christmas holiday.

V.A. NOTES.

Lately the craze has developed for seeing who can draw the funniest face on the wall of the Fifth Form room. So far the best is a portrait by an unknown artist, who apparently does not wish his name to be known publicly. At least not to any of the Masters.

On Tuesday next a party will be given in the Fifth Form room to one of our members, who shortly leaves to join one of Hollywood's most famous ballets.

"Bung-Arrer" still flashes to school bright and early in the mornings, but for some reason or other he has taken to advertising Hutchinson tyres by means of a bag strapped to his back. This bag creates considerable wind resistance, and has the effect of reducing B.A.'s average speed to 62.73 miles per hour.



Part of a Dormitory opening on a balcony for sleeping out.

Kak seems to have lost most of his interest in engineering, as the only things that he brings into school are four pairs of pincers, two feet of copper-covered wire, one defunct wireless valve one pair of compasses, and 17 nibs.

Jack and Gabe still don't understand how to recognize complements in English grammar. Probably they are not used to complements!

—Mac.

BOARDERS' NOTES.

This term has been a very busy one for Masters, Boys, and Matron. The Masters have been setting and marking exam. papers; the boys have been falling down stairs; and Matron has been binding their hurts.

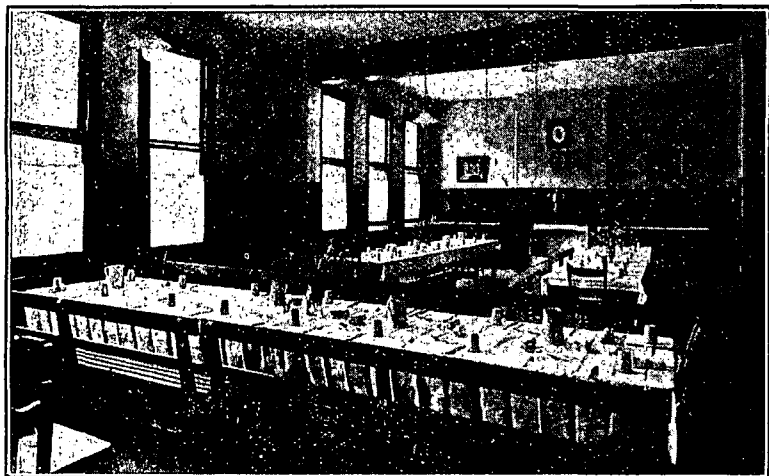
The other night Jerry gave an impromptu turn, by getting his great big feet mixed up with the top step. The only trouble was that he was carrying the supper. The rest of prep. was spent playing kitchen-maids mopping up the mess (the supper, not Jerry).

At last the showers have been fixed. Nearly all this year we've been having our shower with approximately two drops of water each. Now we can have a real shower.

As can be seen from a previous note, the "Mightiest" has been started again. The directors are Tony, Kak, Phenyle and Binge (not to be confused with Barrel).

One Saturday a "canis mortuus" was found on the foreshore near the bathing place. By the combined efforts of George, Jerry, Kak and Mr. Marshall it was buried with all honours. The above mentioned, except Mr. Marshall, were knighted with the Order of the C.M. (Canis Mortuus). George was very pleased with the honour.

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The Dining Hall.

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A permanent feature at the meal table is arguments. Acting on the principle that "an argument a day keeps the doctor away," Gammy and Kak are heard arguing nearly every meal. Sometimes there is a slight diversion when Gammy argues with Buffhead on tent-pegging or some other obsolete subject.

It has been suggested that one of us wastes 2d. on the telephone. His voice will reach without wires.

We have now a new boarder in the shape of Tony. He and Policeman are to be seen chasing each other all day.

Both the champion athletes (Open and Under 16) in the School Sports came from the boarders. That'll show you what they get fed on.

KAK.

"THE DAY DREAM"

The droning of the Master's voice grew less and less distinct and at last completely faded. Rome with its fountains, theatres, music halls, baths, gymnasiums and schools (!) appeared before me. Obtaining a magnificent horse, I rode through the streets of Rome in the garb of a Centurion. I crossed the Tiber by a massive bridge and entered Rome proper. I soon found myself being borne along in the midst of a throng of soldiers, merchants, travellers — and found that my Centurion's uniform gained me no respect in the turbulent crowd. I was jostled and pushed and had much ado to keep my horse's hoofs from pounding the toes of my less fortunate neighbours. I bethought me of the words of Horace, "*Odi profanum vulgus et arceo.*" I soon learned where the crowd was going—the Coliseum. Abandoning my horse to its fate, I entered this enormous building, which was *requens*. Nearly 40 000 people had already assembled to witness the Gladiatorial Games. The Emperor himself was present. At a sign from this illustrious personage, the games commenced. Lions were let loose; fifteen barbarians were thrown —. The vision vanished and I saw—stars! What had been thrown? The barbarians? No, a duster!

CHEST.

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SCHOOL SPORTS.

The 16th Annual Running Sports were held in the School grounds on Saturday, October 3. A large crowd of parents and friends were present and watched many thrilling events. A. J. Parker, with 23 points, won the title of Champion Athlete; while Dossett was runner-up with 21. Maclaren was Champion under 16, with 24 points; and Howe, with 18 points, runner-up. River House (140½ points) in the Inter-House Competition, carried off the honours from Queenslea (134½), and Romsey (93) after a very close contest.

RESULTS.

Championships, Open.—100 yards: Dossett 1; Parker 2; Currie, 3. Time, 11 1-5 sec.
 220 yards: Dossett, 1; Parker, 2; Currie, 3. Time 27 sec.
 440 yards: Parker, 1; Dossett, 2; Bickford, 3. Time, 64 sec.
 880 yards: Hatton, 1; Ellershaw, 2; Currie, 3. Time, 2.27.
 Mile: Hatton, 1; Ellershaw, 2; Connor, 3. Time, 5.29.
 High Jump: Dickson, 1; Bickford, 2; Howe, 3. Height, 5ft. 2in.
 Long Jump: Parker, 1; Currie, 2; Howe, 3. Distance, 17ft. 5½in.
 Under 16.—100 yards: Maclaren, 1; Deans, 2; Barsden, 3. Time, 11 1-5 sec. (record).
 220 yards: Maclaren, 1; McGlashan, 2; Deans, 3. Time, 27 3-5 sec. (record).
 440 yards: Howe, 1; Horne, 2; Maclaren, 3. Time, 63 sec.
 880 yards: Howe, 1; Horne 2; Odium, 3. Time, 2.29 2-5 sec.
 High Jump: Howe, 1; Angel, 2; Horne, 3. Height, 5ft. 1in. (record).
 Long Jump: Maclaren, 1; McGlashan and Angel, 2. Distance, 17ft. 4½in.

Under 15.—100 yards: Smith, 1; Bedells, 2; Bickford ii, 3. Time, 12 3-5 sec.

220 yards: McGlashan, 1; Bickford ii, 2; Smith, 3. Time, 28 3-5 sec.

Under 14.—220 yards: Bedells, 1; Hatton ii, 2; Dickson ii, 3. Time, 31 2-5 sec.

High Jump: Parker and Sanderson, 1; Bird, 3. Height 4ft. 0½ in.

Under 13.—100 yards: Hatton ii, 1; Bird, 2; Sanderson, 3. Time 13 1-5 sec.

Under 12.—75 yards: Thomson, 1; Crooks, 2; Saunders, 3. Time, 11 sec.

Under 11.—75 yards: Thomson, 1; Richardson, 2; Parker iii, 3. Time, 10 4-5 sec. (record).

Under 10.—50 yards: Pascoe, 1; Parker iii, 2; Saunders, 3. Time, 10 4-5 sec.

Handicap and Novelty Events, Open.—100 yards: Deans, 1; Ellershaw, 2; Currie i, 3.

Mile: Courthope, 1; Davies, 2; Connor, 3.

Under 15.—220 yards: Bickford ii, 1; Bedells, 2; Bird and Dickson ii, 3.

25 yards egg and spoon: Clarkson, 1; Lord, 2; Oliver, 3.

50 yards sack race: Eagleton, 1; Richardson, 2; Lord, 3.

Under 14.—100 yards: Bedells, 1; Hatton ii, 2; Clarkson, 3.

Under 10.—75 yards: Pascoe 1; Parker iii, 2; Tregonning, 3.

25 yards egg and spoon: Parker iii, 1; Tregonning, 2; Barnes, 3.

Under 9.—50 yards: Bowers, 1; Tregonning, 2; Barnes, 3.

Old Boys' Events.—100 yards: Bowers, 1; Clarkson, 2; W. Sudlow, 3.

880 yards: Arnold, 1; J. T. Evans, 2; Hamilton, 3.

Relay Races.—School v. O.B.A.: O.B.A., 1; O.B.A., 2; School, 3. Time, 1.11½.

Inter-Section: River House, 1; Queenslea, 2; Romsey, 3.

INTER-SCHOOL RUNNING SPORTS v. WESLEY COLLEGE.

The 5th Annual meeting took place at Subiaco Oval on Wednesday, October 21. Conditions were excellent, and a goodly crowd were present. Wesley College were successful after a very keen competition. R. C. Rossiter (Wesley) gained the title of Champion Athlete of the two Schools. Congratulations to him and to his team-mates. The final points were: Wesley College, 117; Christ Church, 63.

RESULTS.

Open Championships.—One Mile: Rossiter (Wes.), 1; Hatton (C.C.S.), 2; Hutchinson (Wes.), 3. Time, 5.22.

880 yards: Rossiter (Wes.), 1; Hutchinson (Wes.), 2; Ellershaw (C.C.S.), 3. Time, 2.13 1-5 sec.

100 yards: Rossiter (Wes.), 1; Gamble (Wes.), 2; Halbert (Wes.) 3. Time, 10 3-5 sec. (record).

220 yards: Gamble and Rossiter (Wes.), 1; Halbert (Wes.), 3. Time, 24 2-5 sec. (record).

High Jump: Bickford (C.C.S.), 1; Dickson (C.C.S.), 2; Gordon (Wes.). 3. Height, 5ft. 3in. (record).

440 yards: Rossiter ii (Wes.), 1; Rossiter i (Wes.), 2; Halbert (Wes.), 3. Time, 57 1-5 sec.

Long Jump: Rossiter (Wes.), 1; Hutchinson (Wes.), 2; Bickford (C.C.S.), 3. Distance, 19ft. 5½ in.

Under 16 Championships.—100 yards: Rossiter (Wes.), 1; Arnott (Wes.), 2; Maclaren (C.C.S.), 3. Time, 11 sec. (record).

High Jump: Angel (C.C.S.), Howe (C.C.S.), and Rossiter (Wes.), tie for first. Height, 5ft. 0½ in.

220 yards: Rossiter (Wes.), 1; Maclaren (C.C.S.), 2; Arnott (Wes.), 3. Time, 26 sec.

440 yards: Gordon (Wes.), 1; Rossiter (Wes.), 2; McGlashan (C.C.S.), 3. Time, 60 2-5 sec.

880 yards: Gordon (Wes.), 1; Howe (C.C.S.), 2; Craig (Wes.), 3. Time, 2.28 3-5 sec.

Under 15 Championships.—100 yards: McGlashan (C.C.S.), 1; Stevens (Wes.), 2; Smith (C.C.S.), 3. Time, 11 2-5 sec. (record).

220 yards: McGlashan (C.C.S.), 1; Henwood (Wes.), 2; Bickford (C.C.S.), 3. Time, 26 3-5 sec. (record).

Under 14 Championships.—100 yards: Rossiter (Wes.), 1; Bedells (C.C.S.), 2; Dutton (Wes.), 3. Time, 12 sec. (record).

220 yards: Rossiter (Wes.), 1; Stokes (Wes.), 2; Dutton (Wes.), 3. No time taken.

High Jump: Rush (Wes.), 1; Parker (C.C.S.) and Sanderson (C.C.S.), 2. Height, 4ft. 2½ in.

Other Championships.—75 yards (under 12): Thomson (C.C.S.), 1; Brown (Wes.), 2; McGregor (Wes.), 3. Time, 10 4-5 sec.

100 yards (under 13): Dutton (Wes.), 1; Hatton (C.C.S.), 2; Barsden (C.C.S.), 3. Time, 13 sec.

75 yards (under 11): Thomson (C.C.S.), 1; Brown (Wes.), 2; Richardson (C.C.S.), 3. Time, 10 4-5 sec.

CRICKET.

CRITIQUE.

Bickford.—Captain, has fulfilled his post well and by his keenness and enthusiasm he has ably led his team. He is a good forcing bat and performs well behind the stumps, and when occasion demands he can use the ball to advantage.

Howe.—Vice-Captain, plays steady cricket, but has still a tendency to open his shoulders; a good slipfield and a fair change bowler.

Dickson i.—A good opening batsman; a good change bowler, and fields well.

Angel.—A steady bat; needs confidence. A good change bowler and field.

McGlashan.—A good all-rounder; still needs plenty of practice to become perfect. A good bowler and field.

Bickford ii.—Has a good eye and hits the ball hard. A good bowler and field.

Clarkson i.—A new-comer. A steady bat; a good field and a fair change bowler.

Moseley.—Another new-comer. A good change bowler; a fair bat and field. Could be keener.

Barsden i.—Has not yet 1st term's standard through lack of practice. A fair change bowler and field; a poor bat.

Maclaren.—Has improved considerably but has a lot to learn yet as a batsman. A good field. Needs more practice.

Odlum.—With plenty of practice will become a reliable bat. A fair field.

Parker and Ellershaw.—Emergencies. Are both fair bats and fields. Should pay more attention to practice.

RESULTS.

1st XI. v. Medico XI. at Christ Church, 11/11/31 and 18/11/31.

Result: Won—Christ Church, 7 for 239 (Bickford i 51, Dickson i 50); Medico XI. 177 (Dr. Hunt 54, Dr. McGlashan 24).

Under 16 v. Scotch at Christ Church, 14/11/31.

Result: Drawn—Christ Church 4 for 190 (declared). (Howe 90 not out, Bickford ii, 60). Scotch 5 for 157 (Hampshire 64, Alnutt 39).

Under 15 v. Wesley at Christ Church, 27/10/31.

Result: Drawn—Christ Church 7 for 162 (declared). (Bickford ii, 94, McGlashan 35). Wesley 7 for 97 (Stokes 24, Stevens 15).

Under 15 v. Hale at Christ Church, 4/11/31.

Result: Lost.—Christ Church 125 (McGlashan 72, Langford 16). Hale 143 (Stubbs 57, Burgess 29).

Under 15 v. Woodbridge at Woodbridge, 11/11/31.

Result: Drawn—Christ Church 6 for 43 (Clarkson ii, 12 not out, Smith i, 11). Woodbridge 5 for 106 (declared). (De Burgh 35, Kennedy 24, Bosworth 24).

Under 15 v. Woodbridge at Christ Church, 28/11/31.

Result: Lost—Christ Church 65 (Bickford ii, 24, Lamont 10). Woodbridge 2 for 106. (Ivis 39, Bosworth 35 not out).

Under 13 v. Wesley at Christ Church, 25/11/31.

Result: Won—Christ Church 9 for 104 (Saunders 32, Smith iii 15). Wesley 10 and 3 for 26.

Summary of matches played.—1st Eleven: Won 1. Under 16: Drawn 1. Under 15: Lost 2, Drawn 2. Under 13: Won 1. Total 7 matches. Won 2; Lost 2; Drawn 3.

TENNIS NOTES.

The Tennis Club has had a fairly large membership this term. A team was entered in the Slazenger Cup Competition, in which we were unfortunate in meeting Perth Modern School, the ultimate winners, in the first round. Although easily beaten, our team played well in this match, Howe and Angel in the doubles showing fine form against a superior combination, but spilling their chances of a win by double-faulting at a critical stage. The play of Angel in the singles received flattering comment in the Press.

Against Wesley College, we were also beaten. With the exception of Moseley, the whole team played disappointingly. But more than offsetting these two defeats was the glorious win against St. Hilda's, our team actually only losing one set to the girls.

A handicap tournament, in which there were 27 entries, was won by Howe (owe 30.3) who played well throughout the event. Promising form was also shown by Ellershaw (the runner-up), Sanderson, Smith i, and Bickford ii.

SCORES.

v. Perth Modern School.

Angel and Howe v. Wilson and Browne 7-9, 3-6; Moseley and Dossett v. Burke and Berry 4-6, 6-4, 2-6; Angel v. Wilson 4-6, 7-9; Howe v. Browne 3-6, 4-6; Moseley v. Burke 1-6, 3-6; Dossett v. Berry 1-6, 8-10. Totals: P.M.S., 12 sets 80 games; School 1 set 52 games.

v. Wesley College.

Howe and Angel v. Dobson and Halbert 6-0; Howe and Angel v. Dennis and Hutchinson 3-6; Moseley and Dossett v. Dobson and Halbert 6-5; Moseley and Dossett v. Dennis and Hutchinson 3-6; Howe v. Dennis 1-6, 4-6; Angel v. Hutchinson 3-6; Moseley v. Dobson 6-3; Dossett v. Halbert 1-6. Totals: Wesley College 5 sets 38 games; School 3 sets 29 games.

HOUSE TENNIS.

The only match played at the time of going to press is that between Queenslea and River House. Queenslea recorded a comfortable win; the results being:—Queenslea 5 sets 35 games; River House 1 set 21 games.

"KNOCK-EM FLATS"

Sometimes one finds that he has to do things he does not particularly like. If anyone ever feels like doing it again, they ought to eat a knock-em-flat. Now, a knock-em-flat is shaped something like a fritter, but it does not taste like one because, it does not taste of anything; that I know of anyway. If you ever have the ill luck to taste one, you will be of the same opinion. I will now relate my worst experience.

I was not feeling particularly bright. I sat down to the table and discovered, to my utter horror, that knock-em-flats were being served. It would probably be worth my while mentioning that they differ in constitution every morning we have them. If they differed for the better it would not be so bad, but they don't, they differ for the worse. Anyway, I buttoned down to it. I had a brave struggle to eat it. After finishing my cup of tea, I looked despairingly round, but I could only find a bottle of tomato sauce. I procured some but not even this would rid the knock-em-flat of its tasteless flavour. So again I had a brave struggle, but no such luck. I had to give in. Of course I was "picked" for my trouble, but that was a relief.

By the way, the "knock-em-flat" is a great grandson of the "meat fritter."

Recipe: 1 dish of flour; $\frac{1}{2}$ as much salt; enough water to make a sloppy mess; a tiny bit of mince meat. To be fried in too much fat. Very tasty, I must say!

PERCIVERE.

BISMARCK.

Bismarck was a man of "blood and iron." By that we do not mean that he was a prime fertiliser, nor even that his nickname was "Cresco." Perhaps he had a potato plot; for, being fond of beer, it is most probable that he liked chip potatoes with it. However, without the fish the chip potatoes would seem lonely, so perhaps he had an oyster bed, or went prawning. The latter seems the most likely since from excellent authorities I have been told that beer and prawns go well together. Prawns, however, go well with garlic, therefore Bismarck must have liked garlic.

From the above data, in the analytic method of Geometry we may draw a picture of Bismarck.

'ORACE.

ESSAYS IN THE CORRECT STYLE.

In response to urgent entreaties by the editor, I sit me down to write an article for the Mitre. On turning up my English notes, I find, "First make a plan or skeleton on which to frame your essay." So first I am going to sketch a few skeletons—kindly lent by Bone Brothers. I am not too sure whether "skeleton" is the right word for my first sketch. It is, "Policeman-feet-steps-tray-crash-mess-no supper-mind must triumph over matter." Now there are the makings of a really moving essay. We'll call it "Depression Reaches China." The second sketch we will call "Budding Bradman Belts Ball Beyond Boundary." The ribs in our skeleton here are, "Tubby-ball-bat-muscle-eye-smack-swish-frink-tile-1/6." Now that is almost an all-talking one. My third essay—I like trilogies—may have as its frame—skeleton is rather an abhorrent word, "Swim-odour-discovery of source-spade-burial party-relief-no-smell swim-futility of life." Now we will start—what? I've used all my space! Hang it. That's what comes of obeying masters. Alright! Do your best with it.

"BACON AND EGGS."

HOWLERS.

They stirred up the Boers and caused the Indian mutiny.

Disraeli made Elizabeth, Empress of India.

A native tried to diddle Hastings, but Hastings diddled the native.

When Clive ceased in India, Washington took his place. When he got back he was judged for 7 years.

Clive proved a great soldier in the mutiny, also General Gordon who took Khartoum.

La Hogue—a farmhouse besieged in the war of the Spanish Succession.

Orders in Council: Every Council should look after all the drain pipes and streets to keep them clean.

In the Moonlight
Under a tree
Cupid shoots
At you and me.

—LES.

Old Boys' Association Notes.

OFFICE-BEARERS, 1930-31.

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THE PAVILION SCHEME.

Owing to the bad times the committee has been forced to shelve temporarily the Pavilion Scheme, as it has not been found practicable to raise sufficient funds.

It was suggested to the committee by the School Council that the Old Boys could do a service to the school by equipping the Gymnasium with funds they have in hand. If we do this the Council has offered to donate an equivalent sum to the Pavilion fund when we are ready to go on with the scheme.

The committee has fallen in with the suggestion, and proposes to dispose of £60 worth of Commonwealth bonds, and apply the money towards equipping the gymnasium. It is expected that this will be done before the school opens next year.

The funds to be thus applied represent the old gymnasium fund, and do not include any money donated specifically for the Pavilion scheme.

OLD BOYS AND THE MITRE.

The editorial note in the last edition of the Mitre regarding the relationship between the Old Boys and the School as far as the magazine is concerned was read with much surprise by most Old Boys, and particularly by the members of the Association's committee. The note referred to concludes with an invitation to the Old Boys to say something on the matter in the December issue, but had that note not appeared the committee would have felt it to be its duty to request the editor to allow us to take advantage of some of the space allocated to us in this issue of the magazine to correct the wrong impression which readers other than committeemen and Canon Parry himself may have gained after reading the editor's remarks.

The position really is that the Mitre account for the last couple of years has been more or less a drain on the funds of the Association. The arrangement which exists between the School and the Association is that the Association, in return for paying one-third of the total cost of each issue of the magazine, is allowed to use one-third of the space in each issue, and is supplied with one-third of the number of the magazines printed. We were always doubtful as to whether we could fill with our news the full space allowed us, and therefore it has always been understood that the School could utilise the residue of our space although we would still pay one-third of the cost.

We were seldom able to distribute the whole of the magazines we were entitled to. During our last financial year the position became very acute so far as we were concerned, and members of the Association will recall that at the last annual meeting the matter was referred to and the incoming committee was requested to review the position with the school. At our first committee meeting of this year the matter was discussed with Canon Parry, and during the discussion it became apparent that before anything definite could be arranged, it would be necessary for the school to interview the printers and obtain more complete particulars regarding publication costs. It was therefore decided that, after the school had to go into the matter with us more completely, and a sub-committee was appointed by the Association. We understood that when the school was in possession of definite information regarding costs they would get in touch with our sub-committee and see what could be done. We certainly desire that the Mitre account should show a more favourable balance in our books (we are at present losing up to £10 per annum on this item). At the same time we desire to achieve this object in such a way as to ensure that the magazine does not become a heavier liability for the school. We endeavoured to make this apparent when the matter was discussed by the committee at its first meeting this year.

[The explanation set forth in the Headmaster's Foreword renders further comment unnecessary.—Editor.]

CRICKET MATCH AGAINST THE SCHOOL.

Between the time the printer gets these notes and the Mitre is published, the annual cricket match between the school and the Association will have been played. The Association expects to put a strong team into the field, but reports state that the school side is a good one, so that to announce our victory would perhaps be premature.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE.

Tom Lovegrove has finished his medical course in England and is returning to Australia.

Harry Hill, another of our duly qualified practitioners, who graduated at Melbourne University a couple of years ago, is studying for his F.R.C.S. in London.

twelve months, are expected back on the Moldavia early in the New Year. Geoff and Theo Lynn, who have been in England for the past

Year. Scotty Maclagan distinguished himself at the Toc H sports, winning a couple of events in fine form for the Claremont branch.

Dick and Blair Giles, now fully-fledged farmers at North Dandalup, distinguished themselves at the Byford Show by scooping the pool in the cattle sections.

Syd. Jackman, of North Dandalup and Hedley Porter, of Armadale, were also in attendance at the same Show. The latter is supporting Elder's at Armadale.

Box Drummond, writing from Capel with the very laudable object of sending his subscription, wished to be remembered to all Old Boys.

Charlie McGlew, of Beverley, and Geoff Hester, of Bridgetown, were in town at Royal Show time.

The Calthrop family is back in W.A. *en masse*. Cally i (Keith) is the prop of Calthrop Bros., Pty., Ltd.; Cally ii (Bill) is a Guernsey studmaster(!) at Armadale, right opposite the Old Narragin Inn, and Cally iii (Dick) is learning how to become a lawyer under the supervision of Messrs. Villeneuve Smith & Keall.

Harry Lodge, who was at Christ Church in the early days, added to the funds of the Beverley Agricultural Society by energetically raffling sheep at the annual Show.

Word has been received that R. Gibson has passed his final ex-

We offer our sincerest sympathy to Charlie Rowle, whose father died last month.

Congratulations.

To Skinny Giles, who has been blessed with a daughter.

To Jim Howe, of Mowbray Park, Kulin, who has also been presented with a daughter.

"THE SHIP"

Sail on thou ship, thy sails set all
Sail on and churn the seas to foam,
And let thy pennant dance and fall
O'er unknown seas o'er which you roam.
With bowsprit cleaving seas and waves
As doth a King rule o'er his slaves
With fear and dread, and strength and power
Thou too O ship on them doth lower.

You know no fear, for it was you
Who first to men did show the world
As if it were the winds just blew
You o'er the seas, with sails unfurled,
To show those other lands to men,
Those other lands from which the gem
Was brought, with spice and silks and gold,
And all by thee so true and bold.

So thou for truth art lord of all
And demi-god of nations' power.
For lacking thee cold Neptune's pall
On civil world would war and lower
And lands that are would never be
But for thy power o'er miles of sea.
It was that power, which did imbar
Our Britain's hopes in lands afar.

HORACE.