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## Foreword.

Blow up the loud trumpet; your own, I mean. If you don't, nobody else will. It's dirty work, and so you must do it yourself. Be careful to smother yourself in glory. If you kick a point, say your bootlace came undone at the wrong moment. If you kick a goal, well, don't let your friends forget it. Lay emphasis on the fact that the angle was great and you just had time to take a hurried snapshot before you were tackled.

That's one point of view, but if you take it, what do others think? Do they think you've got an "Ego Complex"? No. They know you have. Surely the best thing to do is not to let them get that impression. How do you avoid it? Well, be tactful and modest. If somebody says, "That was a nice cover drive," turn the appropriate beetroot colour, and say, "Oh, but really it was an awfully loose ball." Now think, isn't that a better thing to say than, "Yes, wasn't a bad shot, was it?" I know the urge to say that is great, but think of your friends' feelings. Surely they appreciate modesty more than conceit. You don't do yourself much good by telling others how good you are. Show them. How? Well, "Facta, non verba." Think of your future life. School takes up from ten to twelve years of your life as a rule. Cultivate modesty at school, and it will bring you popularity and respect in after life. After all, school is the modelling-factory of your character. So make use of it, see how others get on, and try to be as modest as they should be.

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## School Notes.

After planning a year ago to publish the "Mitre" twice a year, in July and December, we have decided, with regret, to publish it once a year only, in July.

It is with deep regret and sense of loss that we record in these notes the death of Mrs. Parry, on November 30th of last year. We expressed then, and we express now, our deep sympathy with Archdeacon Parry, our late Headmaster, and his family. How warmly devoted to Christ Church Mrs. Parry was we know well; in her the School has lost a very real friend.

At the end of last year Mr. C. O. Olsen, who had been a resident master since February, 1931, resigned his position to enter St. George's College. He took with him the best wishes of the School.

It was with pleasure that we found this year that he was to visit us as a part-time master, teaching VI History and V Book-keeping.

We warmly welcome Mr. E. J. Merryweather, B.A., who joined the staff at the beginning of the year.

Mr. Merryweather was educated at Guildford Grammar School, and was chosen as a Classics Exhibitioner of the University of Western Australia. He studied at Worcester College, Oxford, taking his degree in the Honours School of English Literature, and, before returning to W.A., lived for six months in France. His enthusiasm and skill with cricket bat and hockey stick are already well known to us.

The "Extra Subjects" offered now include Woolclassing, with Mr. Stone as instructor. We hope his class does not give him further and novel experience of wool. Some of us have gathered—but no matter. All hail to him who applied to his form master for an exercise book for—"you know—the Golden Fleece."

Experiment hardens into custom. Again, this year, we receive dancing lessons jointly with some of our neighbours of Methodist Ladies' College.

The total number of boys now at the School is 99, of whom 23 are boarders. By forms the numbers are as follows:—VI, 8; V, 12; IV, 26; III, 21; II, 15; I, 17.

It is clear that the majority of boys are below the V, (and the V itself is a very young form). The effects of this distribution now, with the bulk of the School very young, and the hopes it rouses for the future, can be readily inferred.

First Term began on February 13th, and ended on May 10th. The Easter Holiday was from March 30th to April 3rd, inclusive. Second Term began on June 29th, and will end on August 23rd. Third Term will begin on September 19th, and will end on December 12th.

We congratulate Wesley College on their victories over us in the Athletic Sports last October and the Swimming Sports last March. Elsewhere we show reason for hoping to change their experience later. The Swimming Sports victory was much less easy than the Athletic. Conditions for swimmers and spectators at Crawley are much improved now. The weather conditions were perfect, and there was some really excellent swimming.

We are indebted to Old Boys—Messrs. C. McLagan, N. Giles, and T. Lynn, to the O.B. Hockey Club, and to the Hockey Association, for the presentation of various Sports Cups.

Again we thank Mrs. Walters and her committee of mothers for the excellent supper provided at the Prefects' Dance, a very pleasant affair held on July 24th.

Also we offer our thanks to Mr. Parlato, of Kodak's Ltd., for his invaluable fortnightly talks on Photography.

Also to Mr. G. Stone, for his valuable instruction of the rowers.

School parties:—In Second Term last year, by courtesy of Mr. J. F. Tomlinson, members of Forms IV, V, and VI visited the Railway Workshops at Midland Junction.

In Third Term, by courtesy of the manager, Mr. J. J. Poynton, members of the same forms visited the factory of the W.A. Match Co., at West Perth.

In First Term this year enthusiasts witnessed The Shakespeare Club's performance of "The Merchant of Venice" in His Majesty's Theatre.

School visitors:—In Third term last year Mr. Purdie, an itinerant Shakespearean, "entertained" us with scenes from "Macbeth" and "Julius Caesar." Perhaps we remember more his preliminary anecdotes.

In First Term this year Mr. Gregory, of the Aviation Department of the Vacuum Oil Co., gave us an illustrated lecture on "Oil."

This Term members of the Upper School have had the opportunity of meeting Dr. Howard Guinness and Mr. Young, of the Australian Crusaders Union.

Three new prizes were given last year, a Junior Essay Prize, and Junior and Senior Reading Prizes. The finalists in the competition for the latter prizes—two representatives from VI, V, IV, III, and II Forms, were judged in the presence of the School. We thank Mr. A. King, Lecturer in English at the University, for acting as judge.

School Sports included two new events, an inter-House Tug-of-War under 12, and an inter-House Tug-of-War, open. Excellently strenuous! They dug their heels in, and we were on the tip-toe of excitement. A weighty Parents' Tug-of-War was improvised. Thus is youth recaptured.

It has been remarked that many boys, on receiving their "Mitre," ignore official records and turn immediately to "Original Contributions." If only those many would be original and contribute!

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Congratulations to—

G. D. Clarkson, on being appointed Captain of School, 3rd. term, 1933.

J. G. McGlashan, on being appointed Captain of School, 1934.

R. C. Smith, H. T. Devitt, and D. D. Clarkson, on being appointed School Prefects.

G. D. Clarkson, R. C. Smith and J. A. Scott, on being awarded Football Colours.

R. C. Smith, on being awarded Cricket Colours.

Those candidates who were successful in the 1933 Junior and Leaving Certificate Examinations (Details given elsewhere).

R. C. Smith and J. G. McGlashan, on being appointed Captain and vice-Captain, respectively, of Tennis.

H. T. Devitt, on being awarded Swimming Colours.

R. C. Smith on being appointed vice-Captain of Football, and D. D. Clarkson, who succeeded him in this position.

H. T. Devitt, on being appointed vice-captain of Swimming.

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Coming events:—

Inter-House Boxing Tournament . . . . . Friday, August 10th

School Play ("The Importance of being Earnest") . . . . . Wednesday, August 15th

School Athletic Sports, followed by  
Athletic Sports v. Wesley College } . . . . . October

Gymnastic Display . . . . . Friday, December 7th

Speech Night . . . . . Wednesday, December 12th

Salvete et Valete.

Left 2nd Term, 1933.	Entered 3rd Term, 1933.	G. McGlashan
A. M. Howe	D. Boys	J. R. Moore
Left 3rd Term, 1933.	P. Kelly	P. Morris
G. D. Clarkson	Entered 1st Term, 1934.	V. L. Morgan
P. Grylls	A. J. Appleyard	G. H. Neil
P. Harper	K. S. Anderson	F. I. Neil
H. Harper	F. C. Ball	E. D. O'Brien
G. Hewson	R. S. Birtwistle	J. L. Pearse
J. T. Hunn	H. W. Clark	W. A. C. Russell
J. Lord	A. G. S. Crimp	H. V. Shearn
W. Oats	R. Eliot	J. Utting
G. Parker	T. Eliot	R. J. Walter
B. H. Parker	<del>R. W. B. B. B.</del>	N. Weir Smith
R. P. Sudlow	D. F. Gibson	M. A. West
J. H. Tomlinson	R. A. Goode	J. G. White
Left during 1st Term, 1934.	D. G. Halleen	G. G. Williams
H. R. Bickford	D. J. Halleen	R. W. R. Wilson
R. P. King	E. House	Entered 2nd Term, 1934.
Left end of 1st Term, 1934.	R. M. House	J. C. Poynton
C. Barns	D. E. Hutchinson	Entered during 2nd Term, 1934.
R. Eliot	H. N. R. Hutchinson	
T. Eliot	O. J. F. Johanson	
R. L. Simmons	A. E. Jones	W. J. McLaughlin
R. C. Smith	J. P. Laphorn	J. D. P. Thorman
	P. S. Le Fanu	

Junior and Leaving Certificate Examinations, 1933.

Leaving:—G. D. Clarkson: English (Distinction), Latin, History, Industrial History and Economics.

Junior:—

	English	Latin	French	History	Geography	Maths. A.	Maths. B.	Physics	Chemistry	Geology	Book-keeping & Com. Methods.
N. G. Barsden	P					P	P				
N. H. T. Bird	P			P		P	P				
D. D. Clarkson†						P	P				
G. Hewson	P					P	P				
H. K. Langford†		P				P	P				
J. Lord					P	P	P				
J. G. McGlashan†						P	P				
E. M. Palmer	P	P		P	P	P	P				
R. C. Smith	P	P		P	P						
R. P. Sudlow	P				P	P	P				
W. G. Walker†			P								
W. Oats	P				P	P					

P Signifies Pass. † Signifies Adding subjects to previous Certificate.  
‡ Signifies Completing Certificate.

## Speech Night.

Speech Night—blessed conclusion!—was “held” in the Gymnasium on Wednesday, December 13th, 1933. It had the traditional, but so far unrecorded, drawback: on page one of the programme, the following:—“The First Term of 1934 begins. . . etc., etc.” Ah! well, it has, and ended too, and, as we look forward, we almost see next Speech Day lifting over the horizon.

Last Speech Night was gracious and virtuous: it was brief, and withal merry.

His Grace the Archbishop of Perth was in the chair, and had the pleasure of the concluding speech. The Headmaster's report, a record of development and good prospects, came first. The Rev. Canon Collick presented the prizes, and added a genial speech, for both of which our thanks. Then, as we said, His Grace sent us happy away; and, after all, no-one really reads the first page of the programme.

Below is the list of prizewinners.

- VI Form, Clarkson, G.; English, Clarkson, G.; Languages, Clarkson, G.; Mathematics, Walker, W. G.
- V Form, Sudlow, R. P.; English, Sudlow, R. P.; Languages, Palmer, E. M.; Mathematics, Sudlow, R. P.; General Merit, Barsden, G. N.
- IVA Form, Fox, P. D.; English, Fox, P. D.; Languages, Fox, P. D.; Mathematics, Fox, P. D.; General Merit, Parry, F. L.
- IVB English, Thomson, J. N.; Languages, Saunders, T. H.
- III Form, Richardson, R.; English, Crimp, J. S.; Languages, Richardson, R.; Mathematics, Farmer, A.
- II Form, Moore, E. J.; English, Moore, E. J.; Languages, Bowers, P., and Harper, H. E.; Mathematics, Harper, H. E.
- I Form, Farmer, W. R.; English, Sandover, R. E.; Mathematics, Farmer, W. R.; General Merit, Poynton, I. K.; Special Prize (presented by Old Boys), Boys, H. D.
- Divinity—VI and V, Clarkson, G.; IV, Smith, P.; III, Davies, L.; II and I, Moore, E. J.
- Essay—Senior, Bird, N.; Junior, Buckingham, R. T.
- Reading—Senior, Clarkson, G.; Junior, Crimp, J. S.

Prizes were kindly presented by the following:—

Mrs. McKenzle, Mrs. Spratling, Rev. C. B. Law (Warden of St. George's College), Mr. A. Sandover and Mr. A. Shaw (the Ernest Shaw Memorial Prizes).

The Blennerhassett Institute Scholarship Certificates—

- Langford, H. K.
- Sudlow, R. P.

University of W.A. 1932—Leaving Certificates:

Clarkson, G.; Giles, A. B.; Horne, G. E. (4 Distinctions).

Junior Certificates—

Clarkson, D.; Ellershaw, R.; Howe, A. M.; Lockwood, M. T.; McGlashan, J. G.; Robertson, A. R.; Rowan, P. J.; Staton, N. A.; Walker, W. G.

All Sports Prizes had been presented on the night of the Gymnastic Display, Friday, 8th December.

## Cricket.

Owing to the unaccountable disappearance of the score book, the scores of matches played during Third term last year, and the early part of First term this year, have been lost. Fortunately, the scores of the match played against Wesley at the end of last year are still available. Wesley batted first and scored 115, not a very good score, but when two Christ Church men were out for six it looked good enough. G. Clarkson, however, saved the game for Christ Church with a match-winning innings of 72, and we managed to pass our opponents' score with a few wickets in hand. With about half an hour to play, Wesley made the second visit to the wickets, but in the first over a fast ball from McGlashan hit a patch, bumped up, and struck Smith, the wicketkeeper, in the mouth, rendering him unconscious. Play then ceased for the day.

This year the team has a very bad tail, which, I regret to say, starts when the fourth wicket has fallen. This was never more evident than in the match played against Wesley. D. Clarkson and Heygate were together in a good partnership which carried the score to 2 for 102 at tea. When Heygate went, immediately after tea, the rot set in, and we were all out for 115. Scores:—

WESLEY COLLEGE.		CHRIST CHURCH.	
Stokes, c. Smith b. Bickford	3	Clarkson, c. Rossiter b. Hardy	49
Rossiter, G., b. Bickford	10	McGlashan, c. Hardy b. Rossiter, L.	15
Giese, b. McGlashan	46	Smith, b. Rossiter, L.	0
Rossiter, L., b. McGlashan	2	Heygate, c. Rossiter, G., b. Rossiter, L.	39
Jessop, run out	18	Bickford, b. Rossiter, L.	0
Dick, c. and b. McGlashan	1	Saunders I, run out	0
Hardy, b. Heygate	19	Crimp I, b. Rossiter, L.	0
Daley, c McGlashan b. Bickford	13	Elliott I, c. and b. Rossiter, L.	0
Mason, b. Bickford	0	Martin, not out	3
Kelly, b. McGlashan	0	Bedells, b. Hardy	0
Dutton, not out	0	Appleyard, c. Mason b. Rossiter, L.	0
Sundries	17	Sundries	9
	129		115

Other Matches Played this Term:—

We managed to beat St. George's College, with the help of three masters and a good knock by Heygate for 37 not out. Towards the end of the season Mr. Crimp brought a strong team against us, and, although Clarkson and McGlashan made their usual good stand, the others fell rapidly, and so we lost our second match for the term. The others were all drawn.

McGlashan and Clarkson have been a good opening pair, but apart from Heygate, who has improved rapidly and batted extremely well, there is no one to take advantage of a good start. Our bowling was not strong, and with the loss of Bickford considerably weakened, but McGlashan has bowled consistently, with Heygate and Saunders rendering able assistance.

### Football.

When football practice started towards the end of First term the outlook was fairly black. Our big boys are not numerous, and nearly all of them are painfully slow. With the commencement in Second term, however, of more serious training, many of them developed, if not dash, at least something akin to it. The main fault of the team is a general failure to grasp the first elements of the game: the backs to stick as close as possible to and always in front of their men; the forwards to get away from their men and keep the play open, i.e., the wing forwards to play practically on the boundary.

McGlashan has been our only consistent and outstanding player, with Clarkson, Langford, Devitt, Scott, and Saunders playing good football spasmodically.

The scores of matches this term are as follows:—

Saturday, June 2nd v. Guildford: Lost, 3—7 to 10—13.

Monday, June 4th v. Old Boys: Lost, 8—8 to 14—20.

Wednesday, June 13th v. St. George's College: Lost, 5—8 to 18—20.

Wednesday, June 27th v. Modern School: Lost, 5—20 to 14—10.

Owing to flu' the home match against Wesley had to be postponed, and has yet to be played.

Among the Juniors there is a high standard of football. They easily adapt themselves to wet weather and try to keep the play open and clean. With such a number of fast, heady players coming on, we may look confidently three or four years ahead, when we shall have a good first XVIII at last.

Results of Junior matches:—

Under 13 v. Guildford: Won, 5—11 to 1—5.

Under 14 v. Wesley: Lost, 4—4 to 6—5.

In the only House matches played to date, while Romsey had a very easy victory (19—20 to 1—1) in the "A" match, a good "B" match ended with the scores level, 8—1 to 7—7.

### Tennis Notes.

The School team this year contained only one player, Smith(i), from last year's four. The new members, Palmer, McGlashan (i) and Barsden, although fairly solid as singles players, showed a decided weakness in doubles, due mainly to inexperience and poorness of service. This was especially apparent in the match against Wesley College, the scores of which are below. Smith played strongly throughout this match. A match against a staff team of six was also played early in the first term, and was won by the School.

### School v. Wesley College.

Mason and Hearn (W.C.) v. McGlashan and Barsden (C.C.)	6—4, 6—2.
Rossiter and Stokes v. Smith and Palmer	6—5, 6—1.
Mason and Hearn v. Smith and Palmer	4—6, 0—6.
Rossiter and Stokes v. McGlashan and Barsden	6—0, 6—1.
Rossiter v. Smith	2—6, 5—6.
Stokes v. Palmer	6—1, 6—0.
Mason v. McGlashan	5—6, 6—2.
Hearn v. Barsden	6—1, 4—6.
Totals: Wesley College, 10 sets, 80 games.	School, 6 sets, 53 games.

### Rowing Notes.

Last year, as recorded in the previous "Mitre", rowing started again after a long lapse of time. We are most grateful to Mr. Stone for so kindly coming to teach us, and under his tuition the rowers have progressed favourably. We hope that in the near future rowing will become one of the major sports.

"Swivel."

### Boxing.

At the end of 2nd Term last year an inter-House Boxing Competition was held. A scale of weights had been drawn up by Mr. Ryan, ranging from "Heavy" to "Mosquito", and some very vigorous, and, in some bouts, scientific boxing was to be seen. Not all the boys who had been learning boxing had a trained opponent available in the same weight and the other House, but volunteers came forward to make House representation complete.

We are grateful to an anonymous donor for a Challenge Shield for inter-House Boxing. It was fitting that, at this first contest for it, the result should be a tie.

The results of the bouts were:—

Bowers beat Sanderson, Moore beat Harper, Scott beat Sudlow (and gave the most attractive display of the evening in doing so; Sudlow's skill fell short of his tenacity and endurance, which were unyielding), Parker beat Hewson, K. Tregonning beat King, Farmer and Atkins drew, Webb beat Crimp(i), A. Tregonning and O. Davies drew, Buckingham beat Langford, Richardson beat Saunders (ii), Courthope beat Lord.

A similar competition will be held this year.

After the competition, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Clark—Fly-weight and Bantam-weight champion of the State—gave a most interesting expert exhibition of attack and defence. Ex-boxers forgot bruises in the fascination of watching how to avoid them.

To the layman, the vital thing in School Boxing is that there should be an experienced instructor to handle the boys in training, and an experienced referee to handle them in the ring. Balance and

rapid union of eye and muscle, the power to hit and be hit without ruffling of temper or loss of the keen spirit of friendly rivalry, these things are worth achieving. In a School, if anywhere, it should be proved that "amateur" need not and should not mean halfhearted dallying and flippanting.

Mr. Ryan was, and is, our instructor. We are grateful to him for his instruction, and organisation of the competition. We welcome the opportunity, also, of expressing our gratitude to Mr. Douglas, of Guildford Grammar School, who generously came to hold the key position and, as referee, gave us the benefit of his wide experience.

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### Gymnastic Display.

On the last Friday of Third Term last year, a Gymnastic Display was given. Gym. work, with and without apparatus, has an important share in school life, and it is right that parents and friends should be given an opportunity of seeing the results of it. Additional voluntary work in the Gym. contributed not a little to the success of the enthusiasts.

Mr. T. Bedells (of the Old Boys' Association) and Mr. Olsen acted as judges, and at the close of the display declared:—

J. G. Bedells, Champion Gymnast, Open; R. Richardson, Champion Gymnast, under 14; and P. Bowers, Champion Gymnast, under 12.

On the night of this display all Sports Prizes were presented.

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### School Athletic Sports.

School Grounds, October 7th, 1933.

(C.—Championship. H.—Handicap).

- 100 yards C., under 16: Scott, Bedells, Sudlow. Time, 10 4/5 sec. (Record).
- 100 yards C., under 13: Bowers, Brisbane, A. Tregonning. Time, 13 1/5 sec.
- 100 yards C., open: McGlashan, G. Clarkson, R. Smith. Time, 10 7/10 sec. (Record).
- 50 yards C., under 10: H. Harper, R. W. Farmer, I. H. Poynton. Time, 7 3/5 sec.
- 220 yards C., under 16: Scott, Bedells, Sudlow. Time, 27 2/5 sec.
- 220 yards C., under 14: Crooks, Brisbane, Bowers. Time, 32 4/5 sec.
- 220 yards C., open: McGlashan, G. Clarkson, Buckingham. Time, 25 3/5 sec.
- 100 yards C., under 15: Scott, Bird, Barsden. Time, 12 sec.
- 75 yards C., under 11: Bowers, K. Tregonning, A. Tregonning. Time, 10 2/5 sec. (Record).
- 100 yards H., open: G. Clarkson, Bedells, Walker.
- 440 yards C., under 16: Scott, Sudlow, D. Clarkson. Time, 1 min 4 1/5 sec.

- 100 yards C., under 14: R. House, Brisbane, Crooks. Time, 13 3/5 sec.
- 100 yards H., (Old Boys): J. Clarkson and K. Sudlow, B. Sudlow, Angel.
- High Jump under 16: Sudlow and Bird. Height, 4 ft. 4 in.
- 75 yards C., under 12: Bowers, A. Tregonning, K. Tregonning and H. Saunders (tied for third). Time, 10 3/10 sec.
- 440 yards C., open: Bickford, G. Clarkson, Langford. Time, 1 min. 4 sec.
- High Jump, under 14: Parry, Brisbane, R. House and Courthope (tied for third). Height, 4 ft. 1 1/2 in.
- Tug of War, open: Romsey, School.
- 220 yards C., under 15: Scott, Bird, Brisbane and G. Crimp (tied for third). Time, 28 1/10 sec.
- 880 yards C. open: Bickford, Devitt, Langford. Time, 2 min. 32 4/5 sec.
- 880 yards H. (Old Boys): Neilson, Armstrong and T. Bedells (tied for second place).
- 100 yards H., under 11: H. Saunders, Moore, K. Tregonning.
- 100 yards H., under 13: H. Saunders, Hobbs, Sanderson.
- High Jump, open: McGlashan, Bickford, Smith. Height, 4 ft. 11 in.
- Tug of War, under 12: School, Romsey.
- 880 yards C., under 16: Scott, Devitt, Sudlow. Time, 2 min. 28 1/5 sec.
- 1 Mile H., open: Henderson, Richardson, Wiley.
- 220 yards H., under 15: Barsden, Bird, Marshall.
- School v. Old Boys Relay: Old Boys, School.
- Inter-House Relay: School, Romsey.

Points: (No points for Handicap or Old Boys' Events)

Romsey House, 136. School House, 66.

Champion Athlete, Open, J. G. McGlashan; Under 16, J. A. Scott.

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### Inter-School Athletic Sports.

Claremont Oval, October 18th, 1933.

(W.—Wesley College. C.C.—Christ Church Grammar School).

- 880 yards, open: Jessop (W), Huelin (W), Bickford (CC); Time, 2 min. 15 2/5 sec.
- 100 yards, under 16: Davies (W), Dutton (W), Hardey (W); Time, 11 1/5 sec.
- 100 yards, under 14: Bowers (CC), Collins (W), Tuit (W); Time, 13 sec.
- 100 yards, open: G. Rossiter (W), McGlashan (CC), Camerer (W); Time, 10 1/2 sec.
- High Jump, under 16: Hall (W), Hardey (W), Waters (W); Height, 4 ft. 10 in.
- 75 yards, under 12: Bowers (CC), Corser (W), Dartnall (W); Time, 9 4/5 sec. (Equal record).
- 100 yards, under 15: Dutton (W) and Scott (CC), Green (W); Time, 11 2/5 sec. (Equal record).
- 220 yards, open: Rossiter, G. (W), McGlashan (CC), Mitchell (W); Time, 24 4/5 sec.
- 220 yards, under 14: Collins (W), Hicks (W), Pearse (W); Time, 31 sec.
- 220 yards, under 16: Davies (W), Hardey (W), Dutton (W); Time, 26 2/5 sec.



- High Jump, open: Rossiter, G. (W), Huelin (W); equal third: McGlashan (CC), Bickford (CC), Johnson (W); Height, 5 ft. 5½ in. (Record).
- 100 yards, under 13: Tuit (W), Bowers (CC), Thomson (CC); Time, 12 4/5 sec.
- 75 yards, under 11: Bowers (CC), Corser (W), Tregonning, A. (CC); Time, 10 sec. (Equal record).
- 440 yards, under 16: Davies (W), Hall (W), Sudlow (CC); Time, 62 2/5 sec.
- 440 yards, open: Bickford (CC), Mitchell (W), Camerer (W); Time, 60 sec.
- High Jump, under 14: Collins (W), Parry (CC) and Hicks (W); Height, 4 ft. 3½ in.
- 220 yards, under 15: Dutton (W), Scott (CC), Leach (W); Time, 27 1/5 sec.
- Long Jump, open: Rossiter, G. (W), Huelin (W), Fisher (W); Distance, 19 ft. 1½ in.
- 880 yards, under 16: Hall (W), Hardey (W), Burgess (W); Time, 2 min. 22 2/5 sec.
- Old Boys' Relay (no points): Wesley College Old Boys. Time, 1 min. 12 2/5 sec. (Record).
- Mile, open: Jessop (W), Huelin (W), Leach (W); Time, 5 min. 29 sec.

Points: Wesley College, 137 1/3; Christ Church G.S., 42 2/3.

(Note: Rossiter's time, 10½ sec., in the open 100 was not allowed as an official record—which stands at 10 3/5 sec.—by reason of a strong following wind. The same applies to Tuit's time, 12 4/5 sec. in the 100 under 13, the record standing at 13 sec.)

#### School Swimming Sports.

Claremont Baths, Saturday, February 24th.

- 100 yards, Free Style, open: H. T. Devitt, J. G. McGlashan, H. R. Bickford; Time, 65 1/5 sec.
- 100 yards, Free Style, under 15: J. E. K. Courthope, J. P. Laphora, P. D. G. Fox; Time, 87 2/5 sec.
- Neat Dive, under 14: G. McGlashan, J. E. K. Courthope, R. W. Farmer.
- 50 yards, Free Style, under 16: J. A. Scott, J. G. Bedells, J. E. K. Courthope; Time, 28 7/10 sec.
- 50 yards, Free Style, under 13: K. Tregonning, G. McGlashan, A. Tregonning; Time, 32 sec.
- 50 yards, Breast Stroke, open: H. T. Devitt, P. Smith, J. G. Bedells; Time, 42 4/5 sec.
- 50 yards, Breast Stroke, under 15: G. Crimp, A. Tregonning, K. Tregonning; Time, 47 sec.
- 25 yards, Free Style, under 12: A. Tregonning, H. Saunders, R. Elliot; Time, 16½ sec.
- Neat Dive, under 12: R. Elliot, H. Saunders, K. Tregonning.
- 75 yards, Free Style, under 14: K. Tregonning, G. McGlashan, J. E. K. Courthope; Time, 54 3/5 sec.
- 220 yards, Free Style, under 16: J. A. Scott, J. E. K. Courthope, P. D. G. Fox; Time, 3 min. 13 sec.
- 440 yards, Free Style, open: H. T. Devitt, K. Tregonning, H. Saunders.

- Neat Dive, open: J. G. McGlashan, H. T. Devitt, G. McGlashan.  
Champion Swimmer (open): H. T. Devitt.  
Champion Swimmer (under 16): J. A. Scott.

#### Inter-School Swimming Sports.

Crawley Baths, March 2nd, 1934.

- (W.—Wesley College; C.C.—Christ Church Grammar School)
- 100 yards Free Style, open: Rossiter, G. (W), Devitt (CC), Taylor (W); Time, 64 sec. (Record).
- 100 yards Free Style, under 15: Ball (CC), McLarty (W), Courthope (CC); Time 78 3/5 sec.
- 50 yards Free Style, under 16: Dick (W), Scott (CC), Dutton (W); Time, 27 4/5 sec. (Record).
- 50 yards Free Style, under 13: Tregonning, K. (CC); McGlashan, G. (CC), Tregonning, A. (CC); Time, 33 3/5 sec. (Record).
- 50 yards Breast Stroke, open: Rossiter, G. (W), Mowday (W), Devitt (CC); Time, 38 2/5 sec. (Equal record).
- 50 yards Breast Stroke, under 15: Airey (W), Craft (W), Crimp, G. (CC); Time, 41 1/5 sec. (Record).
- 50 yards Back Stroke, under 16: Dick (W), Fennell (W), Dutton (W); Time, 35 2/5 sec. (Record).
- 25 yards Free Style, under 12: Tregonning, K. (CC), Tregonning, A. (CC), Saunders, H. (CC); Time, 16 3/10 sec. (Record).
- 50 yards Back Stroke, open: Angel (W), Rossiter, G. (W), Fennell (W); Time, 37 3/5 sec. (Record).
- 75 yards Free Style, under 14: Ball (CC), Tregonning, K. (CC), Morris (W); Time, 56 1/5 sec.
- 220 yards Free Style, under 16: Dick (W), Scott (CC), McLarty (W); Time, 2 min. 50 sec. (Record).
- 440 yards Free Style, open: Dick (W), Devitt (CC), Taylor (W); Time, 6 min. 8 1/5 sec. (Record).
- Relay Race: Christ Church Grammar School, Wesley College; Time, 1 min. 58 2/5 sec. (Record).

Points: Wesley College, 62; Christ Church G.S., 48.

#### School Plays, 1933.

At the end of the second term of 1933, three one-act plays were produced.

The first play was French, revealing to us the hard times the French dentist of today has to face. R. Buckingham, playing "Le Dentiste," had a difficult scene with G. Crimp, an excellent old woman, and J. Courthope and J. Thomson, two "lovers at first sight." P. Fox, gave the play, naturally, a solid start, as an elderly patient, and B. Wiley was the tender (?) nurse. "Le Dentiste" complained of his difficulties through a ginger beard, and the "trying to understand" audience was very appreciative.

"Thread o' Scarlet" was the thrill of the evening. Two of the cast were stricken with flu, but Mr. Ketley and Mr. J. Clarkson step-

ped into the breach, and all went well. A. M. Howe, as Breen, one of the main characters, played his part exceedingly well, although he got up from a sick bed to act, and went straight back to it again afterwards. H. R. Bickford, the landlord, was just the man for the part, and K. Langford and A. Robertson, two "beer-sinkers", drank cold tea with a satisfied look on their faces. A good piece of acting.

"The Invisible Duke," a farce, sent the audience away smiling. The Astrologer, played by R. P. Sudlow, was the—er—perfect astrologer, although he received a cauliflower ear previously at boxing.

Nekko and Dekko, alias J. G. Bedells and N. H. T. Bird, played their parts with ease. They were fools!

The Duke, D. D. Clarkson, with a false latitude based on cushions, strode up and down and "Aha'd" and became invisible just at the right moment. Emilia, J. Marshall, and Francesco, W. Oats, showed no lack of practice in their love-making scene. Indeed, their resounding kiss is reputed to have been heard above the roar of an enthusiastic audience. Emilia wishes to thank her anonymous admirer for his bouquet of cabbage leaves!!!

#### "Participator."

Producer's Note.—"And fools rush in—" However— It is of interest that the plays were performed on the new stage in the Gymnasium, erected—metaphorically—out of the proceeds of previous plays in the Parish Hall and helping friends' bridge parties. The cost of the minimum of curtains for the nucleus of a permanent "curtain stage" was defrayed from the proceeds of these plays.

The producer's thanks are due and gratefully offered to all who helped, particularly to Mrs. Walters and the mothers of actors and actresses, without whose generous aid in costuming the plays would not have been; to Mr. Chalkley, for his assistance with lights and curtain; to Mrs. Harper and Miss Bickford for invaluable help in the "Green" (alias—as Participator would say—Vth Form) room; to the actors, who devoted much spare time enthusiastically to rehearsals; to Mr. J. Clarkson for generously pulling us out of a hole; and last, but by no means least, to J. Lord, who cheerfully fulfilled the vital and thankless task of being Stage Manager.

For the last three years the School Dramatic Entertainment has consisted of three One-Act Plays. This year one Three-Act Play is being presented, namely "The Importance of being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde. For those who do not know the play we may remark that it is far from being as solemn as it sounds.

The performance will be in the Gymnasium on the evening of Wednesday, August 15th.

#### House Notes.

School House: Mr. Smith, Mr. Merryweather, J. G. Bedells (captain), R. T. Buckingham (vice-captain).

Romsey House: Mr. Ketley, Mr. King, J. G. McGlashan (captain).

The main thing to record is the House Colour system, detailed below. But we may note first how the winds of change blow. The two-house system began last year; the four prefects of the day were divided up, two per House, and proceeded to divide the School as evenly as possible; the numerous new small boys of this year were also so divided. Nevertheless, as this term's "A" football shows,

School House lost most of its giants between July last and the end of first term, and is now definitely weaker in size and weight, though by no means in "gumption." It is healthy to listen to those who have the experienced eye, and prophecy that this will not last long—the weakness, etc., not, we trust, the "gumption."

It was stated in the last Mitre that a system of awarding House Colours was under consideration.

After several meetings of House Committees jointly, for the purpose, a system was agreed upon, and later approved by the General Sports Committee. The details of it, given below, speak for themselves, but attention may be drawn to the inclusion of points for work. The idea is not original, but the principle involved is important. The system is as follows:—

1. House Colours may be awarded by the House Committee to a boy who obtains 20 points.
2. A claim to colours based entirely on Sport may be cancelled if School work is unsatisfactory.
3. The award of points for School work shall be left entirely to the House Masters.
4. The points which can be awarded are as follows:—
 

For any sport the maximum is	6 points.
For Captain of School points must be	12 points.
For School Prefect and/or House Captain points must be	8 points.
For Vice-Captain of House, if not a prefect, points must be	6 points.
For School work, VI Form, maximum is	12 points.
For School work, V Form, maximum is	8 points.
For School work, IV Form, maximum is	4 points.
5. Once a boy is awarded certain points under any of the above heads, he keeps these points until they have been readjusted by the Committee.

The system came into operation at the beginning of this year. Readjustment will take place terminally. So far, of course, no sport is completed for the year, except swimming; cricket points cannot be given till the end of third term, except for outstanding merit in first term, and football points cannot be awarded till the end of this term. Consequently, awards to date are few; Romsey House Colours only

having been awarded to J. G. McGlashan, R. C. Smith, and H. T. Devitt, to whom we offer congratulations.

We propose, when the system is in proper swing, to publish tabulated points of boys who have or are approaching House Colours. Tabulated points of boys who have any points at all will be displayed publicly on the Notice Board.

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**Talk by Dr. Guinness.**

On Friday, June 8th, Dr. Howard Guinness gave a talk to the School, to their immense delight. The reasons are, I think, quite obvious.

Having introduced his friend, Mr. Stafford Young, who has subsequently re-visited the School, Dr. Guinness told the School about the movement which they represented, namely the "Crusader" movement. This is a movement, whereby young men meet and discuss subjects which interest or trouble them.

Dr. Guinness went on to describe a camp of Crusaders which had met at Ontario in Canada. The camp was situated by a lake, in woods abounding in fleetfooted deer. One morning a young lad was found near the camp; he was filthily dirty, with ragged clothes and bare feet. The boy was washed and given something to eat. At night he listened attentively to the songs, yarns, and prayers around the camp fire.

When the whole thing was over, that night, he told Dr. Guinness that he wished to become a Christian. To prove his faith, he brought along with him, on the following night, the rest of his family, his uncle, and a few more.

The visitors were told the story of Our Lord and they all became very enthusiastic Christians.

Dr. Guinness went on to say that, just because we are healthy and good sportsmen, it does not mean that we should not be proud of Christ.

He finished his talk with an account of how he himself came to see Christ, concluding with a quotation from the Bible: Revelations, Chapter III, Verse 20, "Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Following this, Mr. Stafford Young spoke to the School for a few minutes, stressing the importance of surrendering everything to Jesus Christ,

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**Prefects' Jottings.**

Let us wail. About 22 stone has cleared out and left us since the beginning of the year. Of this, 54.54 per cent. has decided to

see that all the shipping at Fremantle is properly controlled; the rest has chosen to try and find out what a business college is all about. Good luck to both!

Harold and Donald have joined us, the latter bringing with him an elegant photograph—not of himself—since purloined.

We are all taking up cricket very enthusiastically, and the walls of the "Sanctum Sanctorum" (apologies to G.D.C.) are none the better for our efforts.

P.T. is still—well, P.T. Half of our troubles (the people we attempt to drill) seem to think they've got two left hands. However, they make up for this by fondly imagining both feet to be right.

Alan suggested that we should buy an electric radiator for the Prefects' room, but promptly dropped the subject when somebody said, "What about the money?"

Up to our necks in trying to arrange a Prefects' Dance, we will close with the cheerful thought influenza is in our midst, ready to smite us with much gusto.

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**Sixth Form Notes.**

In order that these notes may be unconventional, nothing in or about them is going to be personal.

We wish, first of all, to say how sorry we are that "Ron" has left us. (This Ronald is no relation to Ronald Colman, although there is a likeness).

However, our grief has been obliterated by "Mac's" uncanny accuracy with the compass, and we hope it will soon break down.

We are waiting patiently to see how "Birdy" will look in an ensemble of the distaff side. (This is merely for unconventionality's sake).

"Blood" and "Mac" will insist on making awful stinks during our geography lessons, which are given in the Lab., and funnily enough we can't stop them.

The only other unconventionalities we have to relate are that "Ernie" has turned a "prof." soccer player, and "Clicky" is a prefect, while "Cecil" insists that he *can* get his Maths. out when he wants to.

P.S. (by Jogamma).—

Byron has lost much of his popularity, chiefly because he decided to write a Canto.

An opinion of "Pride and Prejudice" is—from here onwards may be censored—is that the—yes, it was censored.

We were recently informed, over a piece of Cicero, that "Out of the mouths of fools come words of wisdom." (No, the reference is not to Cicero).

A modern parallel has been drawn from (how? Ed.) Nisus and Euryalus, much to the disgust of one of our number.

The debate as to which was the easier to translate of Cicero and Sallust was abandoned, on the grounds that that either should be the least bit easy was purely hypothetical.

According to Byron "History . . . hath but one page." But he hadn't studied area.

"Henry IV" anticipates the result of a year's P.T. — They "now in mutual well-beseeming-ranks, march all one way."

#### They Say—

That the Vith Form Room is cold. [only the Vith?—Ed.]

That Cicero is easy (?).

That House Matches are now a recognised form of suicide.

That "Labefactantem" means "a working man." (Vith and copyright).

That curly red hair is becoming more fashionable.

That some of us have gone cock-eyed looking at one of the pictures in the Art Gallery.

That "Blood" and Ernie spoke together for nearly eight minutes without exchanging a single blow.

That Alan was actually seen in the Gymnasium one Wednesday morning.

That Thorman actually arrived in time for call-over last Thursday fortnight.

That "Blood" has developed a love for "Oratio Obliqua."

That the Prefects work off their grudges by standing the squads at attention in P.T., so that the sandflies can have their fill.

That the electric bell has now functioned for one-and-a-half terms without breaking down.

#### Life will be Worth Living—

When Leaving is over.

When everybody marches in time at P.T.

When the sandflies go east for a holiday.

When we all catch Influenza.

When the verandah windows have steel bars placed over them to guard against stray tennis-balls.

When the bells are rung on time.

When homework is abolished.

When the Ionic Theory, study of Mass Action, etc., are struck from the syllabus as being unfit for our young minds.

When we're all dead.

—Jogamma.

("If" may be substituted for "when" in several places—Ed.)

#### "The Bull."

He lumbers round the dusty yard; each step makes a small cloud of dust which frightens the tiresome fly. With head thrust down and out he halts, to blow a mighty blast out of his nostrils, making the few lonely shoots of green shake and bend. Ah! He is wise, is My Lord Bull; he knows I am watching, so, pulling his head up, he stamps up and down to show his bovine strength: and indeed he has good cause to boast. His body is one huge rippling mass of muscle, save his neck which, underneath, hangs in great soft folds and sways from side to side as he walks solemnly to and fro.

Keats, describing a heifer, calls its limbs "silken flanks." The word "silken" fills out the picture admirably. For me, however, these words apply not only to his appearance but also his strength. Everyone knows how strong silk is, yet it looks so sleek. Just so My Lord; his silken flanks are the picture of sleekness, yet underneath lies muscle, might, and power.

What catches my attention more than anything else is his eyes. They are black, a deep, dark black; his eyelids are red around the edges as if from some great grief. They are small in comparison with his huge body and head, and with them he watches your every move.

Yes, His Lordship has silken flanks and rippling muscles; His Lordship has shining horns and cunning eyes; yet does one thing make him cower; it is so small, so neat, so thin that one might not notice it; it is the ring through his nose.

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#### Cows.

"Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle,—"

Oh, yes! We all know the old theme. But why pick on the poor cow to make her indulge in amateur aeronautics and leap over the moon? It seems to me that the mild-eyed creature comes in for too many jokes aimed at her innocent, and equally stupid, head.

"It was 'a fair cow'," explained a friend of mine the other day. Now, was he talking of an actual cow with "peroxidised tresses", a piece of bad luck, or one of the opposite sex in which he is particularly interested at present? This is just another example of the use to which the "poor cow" is put. Now let us talk about cows.

That of the cow is an entirely uneventful life, you would say. Well, perhaps you might, but that shows a lack of insight into the life of a cow.

Chewing the cud and being milked are not the sole occupations of a cow's life. Oh, no! Just imagine the scandal tossed from one cow to another at milking time: "My dear, I do believe Mary Red Poll and young Archie Shorthorn intend to elope again. Oh, pardon me, I believe I kicked your bucket." Again, think of the fun young

Mary Red Poll must have, coyly cavorting with Archie, coquetting, and finally agreeing to share life's troubles until death them part.

Well, I am sure I bear the cow no malice. With her traditional big brown eyes, (I have not dared to approach near enough to see them), she is enough to melt the heart of the sternest butcher, and move the staid bulls to paroxysms of delight.

—Par Triomphe.

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### The Lower Ground.

Romsey Wins Hard-fought Battle.

By "Hitler."

1st Quarter.—With their ruck working in perfect combination, Romsey opened the attack with their characteristic dash. McGlashan exploited useful turns at the pivot, to elude his monstrous opponent, in the person of the renowned Utting. McGlashan repeatedly forwarded the leather to Scott, playing a good game at centre forward, who piloted it through the tall uprights. This performance was repeated continually, until School returned to the offensive, but Langford frustrated the attack.

2nd Quarter.—Bedells, a promising little School House player, supported by Bird and Heygate, made an unsuccessful attempt to score major points; however, very soon they raised one flag. Clarkson, a promising junior from Romsey, retaliated with twin flags. Tregonning ii, rather too heavy for the forward line, followed up with full points. The second term closed with a heavy barrage on the School backs, who melted away under the opposition. The bell went with the score—Romsey 10 goals 12 points; School 3 points.

3rd Quarter.—This quarter was outstanding by reason of the marked improvement in handballing, which came into prominence very quickly. Constant calls for "Blood" rather mystified the spectators; that individual, carrying his huge weight with remarkable agility, gratified the calls by guiding the misshapen sphere through the tall posts. At this stage, Bird, of School, also managed to score full points. This young fellow was not very prominent in the first half, but in the last half he showed the selectors that he had fully justified his place in School's first XVIII. The silver resounder clanged with Heygate and Bedells trying for a six-pointer.

4th Quarter.—In the last quarter McGlashan failed continually to register the goal, through no fault of his own, however, for Crooks and Fox, now playing a startling game at the pivot, had the Romsey captain well under observation. The last quarter closed with a good goal from Scott.

Best players for Romsey: Tregonning i and ii, Barsden, Crimp i, Martin and nine others.

Best players for School: Other nine and House i and ii, Crooks, Fox and Courthope.

### Moonlight.

A tired brain, a pensive heart, weary limbs; all can be cured by a night's rest in a blanket under our bright mother, the moon.

One can, with ease, install an electric "sun" in one's own home. But are you able, with the help of any mortal things, to obtain those dancing, flickering, elusive beams, which give the last touch of pleasure to a romantic-hearted trampler of the soil? No! Never can it be! There is but one way to reach this heavenly, sublime, unworldly condition.

Take to the woods, with but a blanket for covering and a log for a pillow, and listen to the "vibrating reed" of a cricket in the marsh beside the small rippling streamlet, whose sparkling jewels unfold their brilliancy to glitter like a million miniature searchlights, pinpricking the curtain of darkness.

A little stone in the brook starts rolling, rolling, bumping, and jumping on its downward path. The merest ripple glitters and reflects the splendour.

The trees are ghosts, phantoms looming up in front of the gleaming, yellow sphere, leader of life, queen of the night.

### Holiday Delight.

Drowsy we lie upon the silv'ry sands;  
We seem to sleep the sleep of those who dream;  
Dark tan from shoulders down to bronzed hands,  
In that bright sun we plot, and plan, and scheme.  
But all those plans to nothing fade, the shore  
Returns to drive them far from us, who crave  
Delight to linger with the steady roar  
Of breaking, breaking, loudly breaking wave.

—Novis.

### The General.

The Famous General was standing behind the parapet. Suddenly a cry of "They're coming" reached his ears. Awakening from his reverie he peered over the top. Slowly and deliberately he took aim and fired. His victim fell to the ground, wounded in the shoulder. With a shout of triumph the Famous General charged over the parapet. Reaching his wounded victim, he clubbed his heavy gun and . . .

With a sigh of satisfaction he picked up the dead grouse, and returned to his former position.

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### Providence.

Rain lashed through the trees, and the wind tore its way madly across the island with a long, wailing howl. The sky was lit up with

forked streaks of livid lightning, and the thunder rolled, and crashed, and rolled, like an avalanche of falling boulders.

The sea was ripped into furrows, and the huge waves were flayed into foam-flecked mountains of water.

Mother Moon was veiled by huge, black clouds, as if in mourning for the clear summer sky, over which she had so serenely sailed with such magnificent splendour only a few months ago.

In the midst of Nature's strife, a solitary man sat shivering in a cave on the sea-shore. Wrecked, hungry, alone, and weary, he sat and gazed seaward. Starvation stared him in the face, and he did not cast his eyes away. But Nature cut short such an unequal battle, for a streak of lightning leaped at him, and, as the cave flickered back to semi-darkness, his dead smile seemed to mock at his baulked foe: starvation.

N. H. T. B.

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**The Schoolboy's Trinity.**

(With the usual vasty apologies to Keats.)

Give me homework, ink, and pen  
Until I cry out "oi" again!  
You may do so "sans" objection  
Till the day of resurrection;  
For bless my beard they aye shall be  
My beloved Trinity.

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**Harold the "Dev."**

Now, Harold the "Dev."  
Thinks himself very "clev."  
And is constantly playing the "uke."  
His music, though scanty,  
He plays it "andante,"  
And smiles with the smile of a Duke.

Agat. (Form III).

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**Abuse.**

(With apologies to Petruccio and the Tailor.)

Scene: A little garage at Back-Block Junction.

Characters: A Pompous Car-owner and a Mechanic.

P.C-o. "I told you to have the car ready for the road at nine sharp tonight."

M. "But, sir, y'd left the lid of the petrol tank off, and a bloomin' spanner fell in. Then we 'ad ter spind 'arf the afternoon ter fish it out again."

P.C-o. "You clumsy spanner-slinger! I'll get your boss to sack you."

M. "B-B-But, s-s-sir, I'll 'ave it done termorrer. I've a wife and ten kids, I 'ave."

P.C-o. (raging) "Tomorrow!!! You impudent fool! You nut, you bolt, you spanner, you oily waste, you grease-gun, you mis-acting jack, you crank, you bent steering-rod, you rusty radiator-cap, you clogged oil-pipe, you dirty measuring-stick, you dis-connecting cog, you collision, you cheap, ill-fitting, carbonised spark-plug!! Ugh!!! Get out!"

M. "Oh-h-h, sir! That were a terrible mouthful, sir! 'Ave a little m-m-mercy, sir!" (He leans on a pump for support. Exit P.C-o.)

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**Leather.**

With a malevolent grin, the moon watched me sneak silently into the house late one night and fearfully open the door. Deep breathing from the inner recesses assured me that the family was far from realising the disturbing fact that its youngest member was abroad at so late an hour; so it was with a thankful though somewhat apprehensive heart that I reached my room. Suddenly, from my shoe, a protesting squ-e-e-ak, which caused the sweat to stand upon my brow. Ugh! Leather!

It is said that leather has caused the downfall of many a worthy in history. Claverhouse, in the fight at the pass of Killiecrankie, could not penetrate the armour of his opponent, so his opponent promptly "pinked" him through his leather tunic. Exit Claverhouse!

Henry VIII was deeply in love with a lady of his court, and seemed to be progressing enormously in her affection, till, one night, feeling rather hungry, he paid a visit to the royal pantry. On his return, when passing the loved one's apartment, his belt creaked, doubtless with the strivings of the imprisoned viands, and the youthful Juliet, fearing marauders, espied the luckless Henry. Finding the purpose of this nocturnal adventure, she promptly transferred her affections elsewhere. Alas, poor Henry!

Now we come to modern history, and the devastating effects of the "leather." Five minutes ago Patsy Hendren went out after a sterling partnership with Geary; then the remainder of the English eleven went out for three!

Hurrah, for the vagaries of the leather! Parents can spank me, Claverhouses fight their Killiecrankies, and Henrys quarrel with their numerous betrothed; these will soon be forgotten. But that day when the "leather" dismissed the tail of the English eleven for three will be remembered for ever.

—W.P.B.

## Old Boys' Association Notes

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Howe, K. Sudlow and T. W. Gordon Flintoff.

SPORTS COMMITTEE: Messrs. H. Boys, K. Sudlow and  
E. Ellershaw.

MITRE EDITOR: Mr. T. W. Gordon Flintoff.

### Editorial.

As each year hurries by, seemingly with increasing rapidity, our thoughts are turned in two directions: firstly, that we Old Boys are feeling older—although we have not as yet noticed any one of our members in a bath chair—and secondly, that with each birthday of the Association our membership swells, and now that the School has come of age our traditions are reaching that hoary stage so well known to poets and song writers.

Which brings the suggestion that it is time we had a School song, with words and music composed by an Old Boy. Let us get together to put this in effect.

Our Committee this year, with some young blood tending to rejuvenate it, is an enthusiastic one and it is very gratified at the greater interest taken in the Association by Old Boys. This may be due to our three hockey teams bringing together some forty members each week but non-hockey players need have no fear that the Hockey Club is the Association, the former merely being a branch. There is no reason why an Old Boys' Cricket Club and Tennis Club should not come into existence as well.

We cannot close without reference to the enthusiasm and help of the Headmaster and his good wife in all Association matters and once more we extend to them our grateful thanks and wish them and the School every success.

### Programme for the remaining functions.

ANNUAL DINNER—At the Hotel Metropole, Perth, on Saturday,  
August 4th.

SCHOOL SPORTS—October.

### THE PRESIDENT.



Mr. M. S. Brooking.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS—With Wesley College—October.  
 ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH v. THE SCHOOL—Saturday, December 8th.  
 SPEECH NIGHT—Wednesday, December 12th.  
 TENNIS TOURNAMENT—February, 1935.  
 OLD BOYS' DAY—March 2nd, 1935.

The following Functions have already been held:—

#### Old Boys' Day.

An enjoyable afternoon at the School was attended by about forty members and cricket and tennis matches were played. Mrs. Walters was hostess at Tea Interval, her kind efforts being thoroughly appreciated by the hungry players.

In the evening the Annual General Meeting was held in the Common room when the usual elections, business and discussions took place accompanied by more or less noisy enthusiasm. The chief motion carried was to obtain a suitable design with a view to altering the Old Boys' Blazer. Designs will be submitted at the Annual Dinner.

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#### Football Match v. The School.

The Old Boys revenged last year's defeat by beating the School, 8—5 to 5—7.

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#### Annual Dance.

Held on June 19th at the Pleiades Club, this function was the most successful to date. The music, supper and dancing were thoroughly enjoyed by over 120 people including Mr. and Mrs. Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Brooking, Mr. and Mrs. Battye, Mr. and Mrs. Boys, each accompanied by a large party, representatives from other Public Schools, and a record number of Old Boys, among them being Dr. Lovegrove, Messrs. Maclagan, Bedells, Flintoff, A. and J. Neilson, E. and R. Ellershaw, E. Lovegrove, Miller, Armstrong, Martin, Morgan, Counsell, Eaton, T. Lynn, W. Evans, McRostie, Moseley, Dickson, Ling, W. May, Barsden, H. R. Bickford, McGlashan, Clarkson, Gill, Douglas and Turner.

The committee were gratified at the social and financial success of the dance and it seems that a larger hall will be necessary next year to hold the record crowd expected.

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#### The President.

Mr. M. S. Brooking, a foundation member of the School, was elected President of the Association for 1934 and we wish him every success in this office. Merv. has always taken a keen interest in Old Boys' activities, but for the past few years his business has prevented his taking a more active part, although he has remained a Trustee. Now, however, he has more time and has ably taken the helm of affairs for both the Association and the Hockey Club.

#### Old Boy Vice-Presidents.

Messrs. J. E. D. Battye, H. Boys and G. C. R. Maclagan have been made vice-presidents and each continues to show active interest.

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#### Mr. A. Sandover and the late Mr. S. R. L. Elliot.

Enlarged photographs of these two gentlemen have been obtained and will be presented to the School at an early date, eventually to be hung in the Hall. Messrs. Elliott and Sandover generously helped the School in its infancy, and it was the suggestion of Mr. McClemons, the founder, to perpetuate their memory in this way.

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#### Hockey Notes.

Congratulations Christ Church Old Boys' Hockey Club, for progress made.

From a small beginning just four years ago when the O.B.A. Club was first formed, steady improvement in form and experience coupled with enthusiasm not to be denied, has resulted in the registration with the Hockey Association this year of three teams and the elevation of the 1st Eleven to A1 Grade, a direct result of carrying off the Hockey Cup in the B2 Grade last season. A very fine performance indeed, and particularly praiseworthy as this promotion took place when the policy of the Hockey Association is to improve the A1 Grade standard to the extent of keeping down the number of teams in the Senior Grade to seven only. This meant the derating of two of last year's teams to a lower grade to make room for Christ Church.

As is usual with success of this nature, a sound executive, good captaincy, whole-hearted team spirit and general enthusiasm, play no small part, and Christ Church has benefited to a great extent by the individual and collective efforts of such stalwarts as "Scotty" Maclagan, Keith Whitlock, Harold Boys, Tom Flintoff, "Skinny" Giles, to mention a few, enthusiastically supported by Club members generally.

May this progress continue and result not only in the achievement of winning premiership honours in the various grades, but bring many happy days and associations with good hard-fought games. Played to win always, but with an even higher ideal—to lose with a reputation of being good losers.

At the time of writing these notes Christ Church teams have every reason to be pleased with their performances. The A1 Team can anticipate a final four position. The Reserve and B Teams are both at the top of the ladder and seem certain to compete in the Hockey and Challenge Cup finals, a collective effort unequalled by any other Club so far this season. Good work Christ Church.

As anticipated in the last issue of the "Mitre" improved form has brought further honours to the Club. Three members have received invitations to make themselves available for State selection in



the team to play at the All Australian Games to be held in Adelaide in August next. Those who caught the selectors' eyes are:—Tom Flintoff, "Bill" Sudlow, Clayton Bickford and "Gabe" Angel.

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#### Personal Hockey Notes.

Congratulations Merv. Brooking, Geoff Lynn and John Neilson, on their election as Captains of the A1, Reserves, and B2 teams, respectively.

Brooking, by the way, who has played with the leading Perth Club for 9 years, expresses no regrets at coming to Christ Church.

Keith Whitlock, who expects a transfer to the country, will be sorely missed by the Club. Was there ever a more enthusiastic or efficient Secretary?

What a great feeling of security "Danny" Ryan gives his team in a crisis! A rapidly improving player too.

Harold Boys is holding wonderfully consistent form. A real rock of Gibraltar at right half.

Campbell Armstrong is another half to be depended upon for a sound game.

Another season's experience and great things can be expected from "Bill" Sudlow, Bedells, Bickford, Ellershaw and Angel. Good forwards are scarce in W.A. Hockey.

Tom Flintoff and Geoff Martin are working into a sound pair of backs—an invaluable asset in any team—but clear a little quicker and harder, Geoff.

Many promising players have been noted in the Reserve and B Grade teams, including Moseley, Arnold, H. Bickford, Dickson, R. Sudlow, Parker, Turner, Nielson, McRostie and Barsden, which augurs well for the future.

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#### Personal.

Mr. S. C. Noake wrote a long letter to the committee in which he said he hoped to visit the West shortly.

Bill Evans was married to Miss Flower Southwood last May.

Ken Sudlow has gone to the Goldfields with a mining company.

His young brother Dick has started with the Orient Line which he hopes to manage some day.

Theo. Lynn was noticed to be taking a keen interest in journalism at a recent function.

Campbell Armstrong enjoyed his trip to Noumea so much that he is trying to persuade the P. & O. Company to send him again.

Skinny Giles and Geoff Lynn are contemplating the purchase of season tickets to the Eastern States.

Doug. Lord continues to sail the Shell Ship of Joy over the air, and we have noticed it at Rottneest sometimes.

Peter Wall was down from the North recently.

Jack Shippard was also in town. We hear that he is lately married.

George Kelsall, who is doing second year medicine in England, has a son.

Frank Forman has been appointed State Geologist. Congratulations.

Aubrey Berryman and P. W. Fitzgerald were first and second in the recent Harley scramble.

Harold Boys has commenced business for himself. Good luck Harold.

Since the publication of the last "Mitre", a shield, suitably engraved, was presented to Howard Boys, the first son of an Old Boy to attend the School.

Keith Whitlock, with the arrival of a son, now has three prospective pupils for Christ Church.

John Bull has left Collie and taken to mining with the Ingliston Consuls mine at Meekatharra.

Mr. K. W. Burnside, former Science Master, is now a public accountant in Geelong, Victoria. He was over here a few weeks ago and took the opportunity of looking up some of those with whom he was associated at school.

