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SCHOOL NOTES.

AT the beginning of last term we had our usual Annual Retreat. It was conducted by Rev. Fr. O'Ryan, Rector of Holy Cross. Other events in the Spiritual order were the Requiem Mass for deceased Masters and Old Boys in Our Lady Immaculate's and the High Mass in the Pro-Cathedral for the deceased members of the Old Boys' Association. All the music on both occasions was provided by the School Choir.

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Early in November we had a visit from Father Legoc, O.M.I., from Ceylon, who gave us a very interesting lecture on the island and described the progress of the Church in Ceylon.

Then, a fortnight later, we had the great treat of a lecture from Fr. Martindale, S.J., who spoke of the life and virtues of the two patrons of youth, Saints Aloysius and Stanislaus. His lecture was not of the conventional type, but presented these two Saints to us in a way that made them very human and the story of their lives most interesting. We all enjoyed it very much and, it is to be hoped, derived some profit from it.

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We offer our sympathy to the parents of Tom Whitty of IIIA, who died on January 9th. He became ill towards the end of November and though in great danger rallied, only to relapse and passed away just at the beginning of the New Year.

We have to thank Mr. Atkinson of Port Sunlight for the Cup which he has presented to be competed for by the Junior Forms at the Annual Sports, thus giving the Juniors a trophy corresponding to the Old Boys' Challenge Cup, which is generally secured by the boys of the Upper Forms.

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The First XI. have done very well so far, their record being: Played 12, Won 9, Lost 2, Drawn 1; the captain, R. Rogers, now being well to the fore in the matter of goals. The 2nd XI. have done equally well. At the time of writing, the Shield matches are well under way. We had the misfortune to lose in the Junior Shield, but we won in the First Round of the Senior and we hope to see this Eleven

at Goodison Park.

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We expect the new playground to be completed in the near future and then we look forward to the new Gym. Presumably the surplus of grids in the playground is designed to lessen the popularity of 'marbles' among members of the Junior School.

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The Prize Distribution took place not long after our return to School after the Christmas holidays. The Archbishop gave out the prizes and got us a whole holiday, for which we thank him heartily.

The performance of the School Choir was admirable and made a favourable impression on our visitors.

On Writing.

(Advice to youth of to-day).

BEFORE writing an article it is considered the correct procedure (only in the highest literary circles) to know what you are writing about, but don't for one minute consider that this is absolutely necessary. In these circumstances the best thing to do is to seek inspiration from your dormant Muse. Try this method: Settle the phones comfortably on your head, pick up a magazine or paper, gradually drop off to sleep and dream about anything or everything. When you wake up put aside all thoughts about writing for at least a week. After this short interval you commence upon the second stage of writing, i.e., get together your pen, ink and paper. Take care to spill the ink over the table and floor—this will attract the attention of your family who will henceforth take a keen interest in your work, but don't let their interest delay you. Your vocabulary may be improved and increased by their conversation but these are trivial things. All pens and

pencils must be borrowed and returned only when you have finished with them. Then provide yourself with paper. I would suggest that you tear out pages from your own or somebody else's exercise books. Most masters object to this procedure, consequently your action will cause a little diversion which will lighten the dreary routine of the school day. This will be enjoyed by both masters and pupils and the incident will close with expressions of cordial goodwill from both parties and an invitation from the master to see more of the pupil after the usual business of the day has concluded. This will serve to foster the unity and social intercourse so eminently desirable, between boys and masters—a feature greatly missing in school life.

Well, now we will presume that all is ready to commence the article. Start off by taking your future readers out into the great open spaces where men are men, etc.; but first of all I must impress upon you and others to

depart from the lurid, rabid, putrid, morbid, turbid details of all mundane things. Something finer is wanted. Give of your best and it will be given back to you or put in the W.P.B.

A short interesting talk upon Books would be ideal. When writing such an article, always see that every sentence begins with the title word, i.e. in this case Books. This is a sure sign of literary ability and marks you out immediately. Do this in your essays and your master will immediately begin to take a deeper interest in you and read much more carefully your productions. I will give you a short example :—

Books can be divided into four classes :
 (a) Books we should read and do read ;
 (b) Books we should read and don't read ;
 (c) Books we shouldn't read and do read.
 (There are no books we should not read and do not read. (d) Books that are made. Books of Class I comprise Lamb's Essays and Works of Shakespeare, etc., set for examinations. Books of Class II. are works of Thackeray, Ruskin, Carlyle, etc., not set for examinations. Those of Class III. comprise "Mystery of the Green Car with Pink Spots," "The Crying Hound," etc. Books of Class IV. are most popular. Books like these have permitted many to make their fortunes and others have been ruined by them. To succeed in the manufacture of these you must have had a good voice-training (1 - 2 - 3 K - O - Ra, etc.). This will stand you in good stead. By this means you can call out the time, e.g., ten to one, twenty to one, etc. But I am afraid we are getting back to the seamy-side of life.

Perhaps a little discussion on Hobbies would prove equally entertaining. In this article tell how you first became interested in the work. I was once a philatelist. It was the untiring, energetic work of one of these men, and his fellow-workers in his department, that inspired me. With him his hobby became his work. Every time I saw him he

was either collecting stamps or giving those away that he did not want. He was a post-man. My stamp-collecting did not last long. All the stamps went on letters containing cross-word solutions. It was just the same when I dipped in numismatology. A keen numismatologist was the cause of my interest. He spent all his time on his hobby. He was a tram-conductor. I succeeded in collecting three English farthings, an Australian penny, ten centimes (French), one cent. (American) and one pfennig (German). But they went the way of all flesh. They went into automatic machines but only the French and Australian coins would work. This completely discouraged me so I gave up the hobby.

Another subject worthy of a little discourse is the study of Proverbs and Saws. Such an article would be appreciated by all. You could write about this: "In the spring a young man's mind carefully avoids any thought of work," but you should always cloak your subject under some high sounding title. You have only to write something that nobody understands and there you are. Of course if somebody understands, there you aren't. To be a good author unintelligibility is the chief asset. Write your titles in this fashion: "A revolving fragment of the Palaeozoic Age gathers no cryptogamous vegetation"; or perhaps write it under a French title, e.g., Un homme averti en vaut deux. Very few people know that this means "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

Whilst we are discussing learned things, let us say something about music. A famous poet once wrote: There is delight in singing tho' none hear besides the singer. This seems to be lost sight of by the majority of people I know. I wish they would take it to heart and act accordingly. It would certainly mean that diplomatic relations could be established. Carlyle also had suffered a great deal because he wrote as follows: "Who is there that in logical words can express the effect music has

on us? A kind of inarticulate unfathomable speech which leads us to the edge of the infinite and lets us for a moment gaze into that." I have often felt like that, but it was not myself I wanted at the infinite but some other persons. I would like to recommend to embryo singers another valuable piece of advice from Carlyle. I would advise all men who *can* speak their thoughts *not* to *sing* them. I am not too certain, but I think it was Shakespeare, who said: "The man who has no music in him is full of reason." I don't

think that that is quite correct but it conveys what a lot of people think.

I think I have given quite sufficient advice now. Anyone who follows up the hints given him will find that he will rapidly draw attention to himself in no uncertain manner. And now let me conclude with a word of advice to debaters. Take thoroughly to heart Carlyle's tip—

Speech is great but silence is greater.

Those who come in after 9-0 a.m. would profit by the latter advice.

J. S. WILSON.



Inter-Collegiate Sports, 1926.



WING to the non-publication of the Magazine last term, this item comes a bit belated. Still, for purposes of record and reference, we give the results here in this number. We had the good fortune to win the Senior Shield and reached Second Place in the Junior Shield Competition.

Results:—

Senior.

100 Yards.—R. Rogers, 1st. 11 secs.
220 Yards.—R. Rogers, 1st. 25 secs.
A. Phillips, 3rd.

Hurdles.—B. Hart, 3rd.

One Mile.—O. Crowley, 1st. 5 mins.

Long Jump.—R. Rogers, 1st. 20 ft. 5 ins.
C. Monaghan, 3rd.

Junior.

Hurdles.—J. Brabin, 1st.

F. Breen, 2nd.

Long Jump.—A. Trafford, 1st. 17 ft. 1½ ins.

High Jump.—F. Breen, 3rd.

220 Yards.—A. Trafford, 3rd.

Cricket Ball.—A. Trafford, 3rd.

Relay Team.—S.E.C., 2nd.



Scientific Society



THE average schoolboy looks with so much dislike upon Physics and Chemistry, that it may surprise him to learn that these abstruse subjects have a brighter side than that presented in his unbeloved text-books. Form VI. Scientific Society, in which members of the Sixth hold grave discussions, has done much to stimulate the Seniors' interest in what is sometimes an uninviting subject.

The subjects dealt with are varied and the discussions following the reading of the Papers are interesting and instructive. The following is a list of the Papers read during the Session:

The Application of Electricity to Chemical Industry.—H. W. Taylor, VI A.

Spectrum Analysis.—L. J. Culligan, VI A.

Carbon in Nature and Art.—E. P. McManus, VI A.

Louis Pasteur and his Life-Work.—W. Cole, VIA.

The Ether.—J. McGinity, VIA.

A Visit to an Alkali Works.—T. Higgins, VIB.

Boiler Chemistry and Feed-Water Supply.—N. A. Kearney, VIA.

The Structure of the Atom.—S. V. Cullen, VIA.

Ionisation and Electrolysis.—J. Myler, VIA.

X-Rays and Cathode Rays.—G. Harwood, VIA.

Reversible Reactions.—J. G. Mooney, VIB.

Colloidal Solutions.—A. Morgan, VIB.

Evaporation, Distillation and Drying.—W. J. Loughlin, VIB.

Explosives.—W. J. Lowe, VIB.

Soap Manufacture.—G. Alston, VIB.

Glass and its Manufacture.—N. McWade, VIB.

The Chemistry of a Match.—E. G. Crawford, VIB.

Some Metallurgical Processes.—J. Smith, VIB.

The Physics of Wireless.—T. D'Arcy, VIB.

E. P. McM.

J. G. M.

The Engineer.

By BERNARD SMITH (O.B.).

ENGINEERING, especially civil engineering, is a tough game. Let no one dispute the fact but ask any "mud heaver." The writer commenced the hard road in New York City—quite a big village to begin to carve a name and of course the glittering fortune. Once he had seen a verse that thrilled him as he read it. It was:

"Ho traveller, take the stony road
Up hearts though shoulders bend,
For even the longest road, thank God,
Finds country in the end."

The verse is Celtic, the spirit of it universal and slowly approaching the giant buildings of New York the tyro believed it a personal exhortation to himself.

The first job was in foundation engineering. A Scotch-American, a French American and a Jew were the leading lights of the executive. The Jew argued, the Scotch-American cursed, the Frenchy gesticulated and the writer reflected deeply. Amid a deafening din of air compressors, rock drills, cement mixers and air hammers he learned that the chief essential of the young engineer is accuracy. Early

hours, late hours, wet weather, instruments out of adjustment, cantankerous foremen, exacting executives—all these items are the bread and butter of the wonderful thing experience.

Came a time when the yearning for change took possession of the writer's heart and soul. An engineer being above all a man of action he soon evolved from a foundation engineer to a telephone engineer.

This job was a trifle different. Instead of camping out in some gaping excavation in the heart of a big city it meant laying out miles and miles of telephone lines, subsurface conduits and toll pole lines. Rising before dawn, driving mile after mile through autumn woods—this was the life. This lasted quite a while and then came a change. Back into the city on telephone building work. Once more rooting among cellars, tunnels, arguing with highly inflammable Italian foremen over the technical points that all foremen seem to ignore with fiendish ecstasy.

But even worse things were to come. A toll cable across Sheepshead Bay near New

York had broken down. This cable was buried in swamps and marsh and underwater and in the dead of winter with ice hard and thick the writer's task was to relocate the line and indicate the positions of manholes buried years before.

With a transit made in Adam's boyhood and two voluble Italianos—in short wops—as helpers our hopeful engineer spent day after day down near an island very appropriately called Barren Island. There was a lovely side to this job—the surpassing beauty of the sunset and sunrise over the frozen marsh lands and the weird silhouettes of fishermen's cabins and rum-runners' shacks resting on piles and riven into the soft mud beneath the ice.

Telephone engineering meant varied travelling. In the middle west as far as Chicago, in Long Island, in New York—from towns of metropolitan size to villages of 3,000.

A change came o'er the spirit of the once happy engineer. He needs must try another field. A big survey this time. The typical features of a big survey are first mosquitoes, second mosquitoes, third mosquitoes. A mosquito laughs at everything but the heavy hand. There are other features of course—e.g. chiggers. These pests are well nigh invisible

and have a fine appreciation of human legs and ankles.

These in brief are the leading events in the first few years of ordinary civil engineering practice.

The social life of such a man is a series of ups and downs. A hermit perhaps for a year in a lonely little town, a gay Lothario in a big town perhaps the next. He generally develops some easily satisfied hobby. Hunting is such as his acquaintance with the big property owners and his outdoor life give him an advantage.

With a Scotch engineer and a Hungarian graduate from Buda Pest the writer planned a hunt to a famous duck rendezvous in New Jersey named Bamagat Bay. A long night ride of seventy-five miles, a chilly wait before the dawn, intense expectancy and the reward was—not even a quack. Needless to say all hunting expeditions are not as fruitless. When the dawn of twilight had grown into the full light of day the three engineering hunters wended back a disappointed trio. On the mere of the marsh hovered a little sand snipe. A wrathful hunter lost his sense of proportion and the poor little mite was the solitary bag. That evening the roaming house cat had snipe for supper. Life is cruel.

PRIZE DAY

THE Annual Prize Giving took place on Wednesday afternoon, January 26th. His Grace the Archbishop distributed the prizes and amongst those present were, besides the Community and Staff, Rev. J. Sheehy, C.M., Rev. D. O'Shea, Rev. W. Weston, Rev. J. Kelly, Rev. C. Waring (Archbishop's Secretary), Rev. Br. Lewis, Councillor Gordon (Chairman, Liverpool Secondary Education Committee), Messrs. S.

Clarke (Director of Education, Bootle), H. Feeney, J. Madden, A. Ellis.

Rev. Br. Leahy (Principal) welcomed the Archbishop and other visitors after which the Headmaster submitted his Annual Report:—

“ During the year that has passed since our last Distribution, the College, I am happy to say, has maintained the satisfactory standard which it was then my privilege to report. Good order and discipline are essential,

" especially in a large school, to the successful
 " carrying-on of the work and in this respect,
 " as regards St. Edward's, there is very little
 " to be desired. An excellent spirit of industry
 " and thoroughness in its various activities,
 " pervades the School—the staff are most
 " zealous in promoting the interests of their
 " charge, and the general tone and conduct
 " of the boys are admirable. There is a
 " splendid spirit among them and in this
 " connection it is only just that I should make
 " special mention of the Senior Boys of the
 " School whose good example and steadiness
 " of behaviour must have a salutary influence
 " on their Juniors. This excellence of conduct
 " on the part of the boys is a source of much
 " gratification to the authorities of the College,
 " for it marks the finest and most lasting effect
 " of education—the formation of solidity of
 " character and I gladly make this public
 " acknowledgment of zealous devotion to duty
 " on the part of the Staff and loyal response
 " on the part of the boys of the College.

" The Spiritual Retreat, with which the
 " work of each year is begun, was conducted
 " last October by Rev. Fr. O'Ryan, of Holy
 " Cross, and I am sure that the solid and
 " practical discourses he addressed to the
 " boys had no small share in shaping their
 " course on the lines of goodness and piety.

" The College continues to foster vocations
 " to the religious and ecclesiastical state.
 " Last Summer seven boys went to the
 " Diocesan Seminary at Upholland, thus
 " adding to the already large number of
 " Edwardians who are preparing for the
 " priesthood both there and at Ushaw and
 " Oscott. One went to the College of the
 " Foreign Missions and two to the Novitiate
 " of the Christian Brothers at Eastham. One
 " Old Boy, Rev. T. Healey, was raised to the
 " Priesthood during the year.

" In the Higher School Certificate Exam.
 " last July, seven were successful out of a class

" of nine, four University Scholarships were
 " won—three Bartlett and one Wallasey
 " Scholarship. In the present year we are
 " fortunate in having a large number of boys
 " in the Sixth Form taking the Advanced
 " Course, twenty in the First Year of the
 " Course and twenty in the Second. Provision
 " is now made for two fully-organised separate
 " Courses, one in Mathematics and Science,
 " and one in Modern Studies, thus enabling
 " boys to choose their Course of study ac-
 " cording to the bent of their abilities.

" I hope that parents will recognise the
 " value of these Courses which form the
 " crown and completion of a real Secondary
 " School education and that the mercantile
 " community of the City will encourage parents
 " to keep their boys on at school by showing
 " a greater appreciation than has been shown
 " in the past of the higher training of mind
 " and character which boys receive who pass
 " through these Courses. These are boys
 " whose intelligence has been highly trained
 " and in whom habits of industry have been
 " formed by their long course of advanced
 " study; they will easily master the tech-
 " nique of any business they go to, and will
 " be of valuable service to their employers.
 " This point has been touched on at the
 " Prize Distribution of another school and I
 " wish here to endorse what was said on that
 " occasion and to ask the big firms in banking,
 " shipping, cotton and other commercial
 " activities to translate into sympathetic
 " action the solicitude we so often hear
 " expressed for the higher education of the
 " youth of the Country.

" In the School Certificate Examination,
 " fifty-two boys obtained the Certificate,
 " thirty of them matriculating. These figures
 " are somewhat lower than those of last year,
 " though the number matriculating is quite
 " good and represents a higher percentage of
 " those who took the examination than is
 " shown by the general results throughout

“ the area covered by the examination of the
“ Joint Matriculation Board.

“ Besides the general Certificate and Matriculation successes we had a goodly number
“ of Distinctions in separate subjects—one in
“ English, one in History, four in Physics, six
“ in Chemistry and twelve in Mathematics
“ and in the Higher School one in Chemistry.
“ Two boys also secured, by competitive
“ examination, two Lancashire Teaching Bursaries and one an open Junior Exhibition.

“ The prizes to be distributed this afternoon
“ are not, however, confined to those who
“ took the Public Examinations. Each July
“ there is a general internal examination of
“ all the Forms on the work of the School
“ year. These tests excite great interest
“ among the boys and the prizes are awarded
“ to those who take the first places in their
“ Forms.

“ At the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Sports
“ last July, St. Edward's won the Senior
“ Challenge Shield. Last year we were
“ second, the previous year we tied for first
“ place, but this year we made sure and won
“ it outright. In the Junior Shield Competition
“ on the same occasion we secured
“ second place. This is no mean achievement
“ in the Athletic arena when it is remembered
“ that at these Sports, Competitors come
“ from all the Secondary Schools of Liverpool
“ and district. The organised games of the
“ School are carried on with the usual zest.
“ In Football, our teams had a very successful
“ season, the First Eleven losing only three
“ of their matches with other schools and
“ the Second Eleven losing only one.

“ The College Swimming Club was re-
“ organised last Summer and has a large
“ membership. Unfortunately, owing to the
“ Coal Dispute, the water was often too cold
“ for any but the hardier spirits and so there
“ was not much opportunity for practice.

“ During the year the College lost a very
“ valuable master by the death of Mr. R. M.

“ O'Sullivan. He was a member of the staff
“ for fourteen years and gave the most
“ conscientious attention to his duties. He
“ was beloved by his colleagues on the staff
“ and by the boys who recognized his zealous
“ interest and painstaking work on their
“ behalf.

“ In the University Results our Old Boys
“ figure prominently. During the year, we
“ find their successes recorded in practically
“ every Faculty of the University. In Arts
“ there were two Diplomas of Education, one
“ M.A. and one B.A. with Honours, the latter,
“ Mr. Walter Cummins, also distinguishing
“ himself by obtaining the University Scholarship
“ in French. In Science, two B.Sc.
“ Honours, three B.Sc. Ordinary Degree; in
“ Engineering, two Intermediate and one
“ M.Eng., and in the Faculty of Medicine three
“ took their degrees of M.B., Ch.B.

“ It is gratifying to know that the Old
“ Boys' Association, while pursuing its own
“ social and athletic activities, is mindful of
“ the old School. The loyal interest of the
“ Association in the work of the College is
“ shown by the establishment of a valuable
“ prize to be competed for each year by the
“ members of the School Debating Society.
“ This year the prize was won by Nicholas
“ Kearney of VIA. and a special prize was
“ awarded to W. Loughlin of VIB, who ran
“ the winner very close. The Adjudicators,
“ themselves Old Boys, expressed their satisfaction
“ with the high standard of the Debate.
“ It is very pleasant to find the Old Boys thus
“ keeping up the connection with their Alma
“ Mater and encouraging in such a practical
“ way, the efforts of the present generation.
“ To the Catenian Association, we are also
“ indebted for an Annual Scholarship and I
“ should like to say how much we appreciate
“ this practical mark of their interest in the
“ College and in the education of our Catholic
“ boys.

“ On the material side, we are at present

“engaged on extensive and costly improvements, including a second open playground, a covered playground and new lavatory accommodation. This portion of the work is almost finished and the building of a new gymnasium, with the best modern equipment, is being taken in hand immediately. When this work is completed, we shall have school buildings and equipment—of a complete and up-to-date kind—commensurate with the educational work of the College and enabling that work to be conducted, on the physical as well as on the intellectual side, under the best conditions.”

After he had distributed the prizes, the Archbishop gave an address in the course of which he referred appreciatively to the good understanding which existed between Liverpool Catholics and the Education Committee and other authorities and hoped that before

long the Committee would be freed from the restraint at present on them so that their kindly feeling towards the Catholic body could find fuller expression. He urged the boys when they left school to be active in good works, to join such bodies as the Catholic Social Guild and the Catholic Evidence Guild and so become missionaries of the Faith to others. A vote of thanks to His Grace, proposed by Mr. Howard Feeny and seconded by Councillor Gordon, was passed by acclamation. At the Archbishop's request, a whole holiday was granted to the boys, who showed their approval by lusty cheering and the shouting of the School Cry.

During the afternoon an excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was given by the College Choir and individual pupils under the direction of Mr. F. R. Boraston.

Prize List.

College Gold Medal: First Place in H.S.C. :—
N. Kearney.

VIA.—Religious Knowledge :—H. Taylor.

Higher School Certificate and Prizes :—

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| 1. N. Kearney. | 4. J. McGinity. |
| 2. L. Culligan. | 5. E. McManus. |
| 3. J. Myler. | 6. S. Cullen. |
| | 7. W. Cole. |

VIB.—Religious Knowledge :—W. Loughlin.

Science :— Modern :—

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| 1. J. Mooney. | 1. N. McWade. |
| 2. W. Lowe. | 2. P. Hagan. |
| 3. A. Morgan. | |

College Silver Medal: First Place in S.C. :—
J. Murphy.

U.VA.—Religious Knowledge :—B. Sharpe.

Class Prizes :—1. J. Murphy.

2. J. Segrave.

3. H. O'Neill.

U.VB.—Religious Knowledge :—S. Lennon.

Class Prizes :—1. F. Cassell.

2. T. G. Fee.

3. G. Murphy.

U.Vc.—Religious Knowledge :—J. B. Owens.

Class Prizes :—1. J. B. Owens.

2. J. Nolan.

V.—Religious Knowledge :—T. McKeown.

Class Prizes :—1. F. Romano.

2. W. Johnson.

L.VA.—Religious Knowledge :—J. Gavin.

Class Prizes :—1. J. Worthington.
2. G. Millinger.
3. W. Doyle.

L.VB.—Religious Knowledge :—P. Kelly.

Class Prizes :—1. T. Nevin.
2. H. McHugh.
3. T. Anderson.

L.VC.—Religious Knowledge :—J. Prendergast.

Class Prizes :—1. J. Prendergast.
2. W. Arnold.
3. L. Dooley.

L.VD.—Religious Knowledge :—B. Callaghan.

Class Prizes :—1. John Haynes.
2. J. Parle.

U.IV.—Religious Knowledge :—T. McDevitt.

Class Prizes :—1. G. Mercer.
2. L. Enright.
3. R. Rimmer.

IVA.—Religious Knowledge :—F. MacHale.

Class Prizes :—1. J. Smith.
2. T. McGrath.
3. F. Clarke.

IVB.—Religious Knowledge :—G. MacNabb.

Class Prizes :—1. G. MacNabb.
2. G. Macaulay.
3. N. Dudman.

IVC.—Religious Knowledge :—G. Walker.

Class Prizes :—1. W. Fennell.
2. G. Walker.
3. J. Ireland.

U.III.—Religious Knowledge :—T. Bullen.

Class Prizes :—1. T. Bullen.
2. E. Lowe.
3. H. Kershaw.

IIIA.—Religious Knowledge :—T. Kearney.

Class Prizes :—1. T. Banks.
2. A. Shennan.
3. T. McWade.

IIIB.—Religious Knowledge :—V. Clarke.

Class Prizes :—1. R. Stevenson.
2. R. Ripley.
3. T. Kelly.

IIIC.—Religious Knowledge :—T. Smith.

Class Prizes :—1. P. Collins.
2. J. McHugh.
3. T. Maloney.

U.II.—Religious Knowledge :—V. Quigley.

Class Prizes :—1. H. McGrath.
2. A. Thomas.
3. T. Nelson.

IIA.—Religious Knowledge :—P. Garvin.

Class Prizes :—1. B. Dixon.
2. B. Collins.
3. A. Ford.

IIB.—Religious Knowledge :—F. Woolridge.

Class Prizes :—1. F. Woolridge.
2. J. McCabe.
3. J. Stevens.

I.—Religious Knowledge :—T. Mullinger.

Class Prizes :—1. G. Holmes.
2. R. Whitty.
3. F. O'Rourke.

Prep.—Religious Knowledge :—A. Gutman.

Class Prizes :—1. G. Ormond.
2. C. Gradwell.
3. A. Maginnis.

Matriculation Certificates.

The following obtained Matriculation Certificates :—

Callanan, John B. Martin, A. M.
Callander, Jas. J. Molyneux, F.

Cassell, F. G.	Murphy, A. T.
D'Arcy, T. G.	Murphy, F. J.
Dillon, T. J.	Murphy, J.
Farrell, J. W.	Murphy, G.
Farrelly, W. F.	O'Neill, H.
Fee, T. J.	Phillips, A. J.
Ferguson, J.	Redmond, W.
Fitzgerald, T.	Segrave, J.
Furlong, V.	Sharpe, B. A.
Kelly, J. F.	Shaw, A. R. J.
Killeen, F.	Slattery, W.
McGrath, H. G.	Squires, J. F.
McKeowne, J.	Whyte, F.

School Certificates.

Bibby, J. E.	Lennon, S. W.
Bold, T. J.	McConnachie, F.
Bold, J. M.	McDermott, J.
Collins, F. J.	Morgan, T.
Crowley, O.	Murray, D.

Derbyshire, A. V.	Nolan, J.
Fenton, J. B.	Owens, J. B.
Fergus, J. A.	Powell, P.
Foley, H. P.	Quirke, L. W.
Hanbidge, I. S.	Rogers, J.
Kieran, L.	West, J. S.

Distinctions.

English :—Jas. Murphy.

History :—Jas. Murphy.

Physics :—V. Furlong ; J. F. Kelly ; J. Segrave ; B. A. Sharpe.

Chemistry :—J. M. Bold ; F. G. Cassell ; T. F. Fitzgerald ; Jas. Murphy ; H. J. O'Neill ; J. Segrave.

Mathematics :—F. G. Cassell ; T. G. Fee ; T. J. Fitzgerald ; H. P. Foley ; H. G. McGrath ; F. Molyneux ; Jas. Murphy ; H. J. O'Neill ; M. Ryder ; J. Segrave ; B. A. Sharpe ; J. F. Squires.

Sweet are the Uses

"Most things can be used for a purpose other than that for which they were originally made."

Rolling-pins and pokers were both designed for a set purpose. Ingenious housewives, however, have often used them as telescopes with which tardy husbands could see numerous stars otherwise invisible. But housewives are not the only ingenious people ; a schoolboy is usually blessed with much ingenuity.

I well remember how the innermost end of the saloon on the ferry-boat was daily converted into a study-hall while the 8-10 a.m. steamed across the river. Nor were the masters outdone in ingenuity. Well, too, do I remember how Mr. — made use of the glass roof-lights on deck to observe "students" in the saloon below !

We all know that the point of view of a

child is different from that of a man. This is especially true when as we may often see him, he stands on his hands. Feet were made to stand upon, but hands will do. Physiology tells us that the nose is for smelling ; Pugilism says it's for punching. Eyes are for seeing ; but they can be made to speak ; Lips are for helping the Voice : but how often they serve to help the heart ! Tongues were made for tasting ; but they have been given more to do, especially at afternoon teas !

Cats are either domestic pets or rat and mouse catchers. Perhaps your pork-butcher could let you into the secret of another use for them. Rain-water is good for washing—ask your milk-man, he'll be able to tell you a more profitable use. Rain-water and milk combine readily—this is why milk cans are always left uncovered on wet days.

Beds were first made to sleep on ; now this

is but a secondary use. They are chiefly trousers' presses now. I wonder did the man who invented beds ever dream (even in one of his own beds) they would be used for this?

I don't suppose the inventor of mantlepiece ornaments foresaw the hours of peace and consolation he would bring to those worried by the howling of cats. Nor did the first book-binder think of the use to which his hard

bindings would be put at Grammar classes.

Lastly, and possibly most wonderful of all, little did the founder of "St. Edward's Magazine" ever intend it to be used as a waste-paper basket. Yet such it must be, otherwise these lines from *my* pen would not have found their way into it.

L. C. GILLOW.

Debating Society.

DURING the last few years this Society has made much progress, and is now an integral part in the life of the Senior School. Discussions of various subjects have taken place practically every fortnight in the School year with very marked results.

Speakers in the Society have concentrated as a rule on perfection of matter and a fair degree of delivery. We would advise them, however, that much more than clarity is requisite, and all speakers are urged to try to feel as sincerely as possible for the cause which they advocate at the time. For it is to a *sincere* advocate that there comes best that expressive intonation which stamps a true Debater and raises any discussion from the merely academic plane.

The result of the year's activities was in evidence at the final debate of the year for the Old Boys' Prize, when eight picked debaters upheld and refuted eight different opinions. Their efforts were appraised by the adjudicators sent by the Old Boys, Messrs. R. Cunningham, W. J. Murphy, and A. J. Kieran, Ph.D. The Chair was taken by the Headmaster, Rev. Bro. Goulding.

The contestants, E. P. McManus, H. Taylor, J. McGinity, J. Myler, and N. A. Kearney, of Form VIA., with W. Lowe, W. J. Loughlin, and G. Alston, of VIB., provided speeches in every way worthy of the occasion, and the

contest was a close one. The adjudicators declared themselves so satisfied with the high all-round level of the speaking that in awarding the original prize of Two Guineas to N. A. Kearney, they also awarded an additional prize of One Guinea to W. J. Loughlin.

Proceedings terminated with an appreciative vote of thanks to the adjudicators on behalf of the Society, proposed by Kearney and seconded by McManus.

The first debate of the session was between members of VIA., who discussed the motion "That the Educational System requires reform." The speakers in favour of the motion were Crawford, Melia, and McWade, and those against it were Lowe, Smith, and Alston.

Crawford, opening the debate for his side, attacked the ages between which children are at school. He said that children should be sent to school earlier to keep them from playing in the streets, and should be kept at school until they are able to pass a leaving examination.

In answer to Crawford, Lowe quoted the Education Act of 1918. This act was brought into Parliament by a University professor who thoroughly understood what was necessary for the improvement of education. Lowe concluded his speech by refuting Crawford's arguments on the age question. His speech

was well rendered and showed good preparation.

Melia now compared the large schools in towns with small country schools. He maintained that it would be advantageous to devote a grant to the upkeep of schools in poor rural districts.

Smith opened his speech by criticising some of Crawford's arguments. He then showed that under the present system a clever pupil can advance by winning scholarships and eventually reach the University.

McWade first dealt with his opponents' statements, and was particularly hard on some of Lowe's arguments. He then showed the need for reform in the Universities and suggested that they should be controlled on a national basis. His speech was rather hurried and consequently much of its effect was lost.

Alston now rendered the best speech of the day. He showed that a child is not forced to learn any religion which is not in accordance with the parents' own views. Also the present educational system shows religious toleration. Catholics, who have to build their own churches receive grants for the upkeep of their schools, and their teachers are paid by the State. Alston concluded his speech by refuting the most important arguments of his opponents.

When the motion was put to the vote it was rejected by twenty-three votes to five.

At our next meeting, six members from Form VI.B. sought a solution to the problem "That a censorship of fiction should be established." Martin, Kelly, and Molyneux defended and McGrath, Farrelly and Callander opposed the motion.

Opening the debate, Martin discussed the many opportunities and facilities for reading now existing. He maintained that a censorship of fiction would decrease the bad literature which appeals to so many people, and thus give to good books the sale they deserve, but which is now denied them.

McGrath for the opposition attacked the motion as regards freedom and expense. He argued that a censorship of fiction would be generally resented as it implied a decrease of freedom, freedom of thought, of ideas, and of expression. If a censor chose the books of the nation, a great deal of the pleasure of reading would be lost, since one could not choose one's own books. The cost of a censorship would be great and still bad literature would leak in from abroad.

Kelly could not agree with many of McGrath's arguments and refuted them in a very capable manner. He pointed out the need for suppressing dangerous literature in times of national crisis. He concluded a well-delivered speech by stating that a censorship of fiction would be supported by Church, State, and People.

Farrelly asserted that it would be absurd to allow four or five men to control the literature of all. He saw no need for a censorship, since the publishers were a sufficient obstacle to "bad" literature.

Molyneux concluded the debate for his side. He argued that we do not consider the powers invested in the cabinet as an infringement of liberty, so why should we consider the constitution of a censorship of fiction obnoxious on the grounds of freedom?

Callander argued that a censorship of fiction would be ineffective in stopping bad literature leaking into the country, just as the Customs cannot completely eradicate smuggling. No further censorship is needed because police protection which now exists was, in his opinion, much more effective. He failed to convince the audience, however, who awarded the victory to Martin, Kelly and Molyneux by a majority of twenty-five votes to fourteen.

W.J.L.

Our next debate was contested by the Arts sections of VI.A. and VI.B. The motion was "That the Government should intervene in

the present coal strike." VIA. represented by Vantalligan, Heenan, and Murray attacked the motion, while Callanan, J. Murphy, and Ferguson defended it for VIB.

Callanan, opening the debate, first dwelt on the loss of prestige of England produced by the strike. He then said that this country was in need of a long peace, which could only be obtained by the Government's intervention in the coal strike.

Vantalligan, in giving the best speech of the day, showed that neither side in the dispute would grant any compromise and hence the only useful move on the part of the Government would be the granting of a subsidy. As they would not do this, no good could come of their interference.

J. Murphy, continuing the debate for VIB., said that if the Government did not intervene, the miners would be forced to give in. By doing this they would lose privileges which they had already gained and this would not be in accordance with the British idea of fairness. He showed that the Government had successfully intervened in a similar crisis in New Zealand.

Heenan, in a rather brief speech, pointed out that if the Government intervened in the present situation, they would be at liberty to interfere in any other situations that might arise. This would constitute a dictatorship.

Ferguson quoted statistics to show the diminution of exported coal and the vast increase in imported coal. This would have to continue even after the strike and so the price of home coal would be regulated by the price of imported coal. He also showed that England is now in little better condition financially than at the end of the Great War.

Murray, who concluded the debate, was the only speaker to refute his opponents' arguments. He showed that the Government would have to be strictly impartial if they interfered, but this would be impossible as

many members have private interests in the coal industry.

The audience decided by eighteen votes to eight that it is the Government's duty to intervene.

At the conclusion the Chairman referred to the lack of confidence which the speakers showed by too frequent reference to notes.

A subject of general interest was discussed at the concluding debate of the term, when Form VIA. (Science) defended, and Form VIB. (Science) attacked the motion "That games are detrimental to success at school." VIA. were represented by Geraghty, Morgan and Rogers, and VIB. by West, D'Arcy and Segrave.

Opening the debate, Geraghty made a rather weak attempt to show the purpose of school, and the deleterious effects of games in taking the pupil's mind from his work.

West endeavoured to show that games are essential, as they not only prevent illness, but develop speed of calculation and speed of action, so requisite in mental work. He would have done better had he tried to enforce some of his statements by proof.

Morgan contended that hours and hours of games were not necessary to preserve health. All that was required was change, which could be secured by studying some other subject as a respite from a boring one.

D'Arcy discussed the motion from the point of view of authorities. He showed that games could not be detrimental to success as they were greatly encouraged by school authorities. They fostered study in so far as they took a boy's mind from work for a time, and gave him an added interest in it afterwards. His speech was good for a maiden one, but it was a great contrast to that delivered by Rogers, who concluded for the defence. The latter showed how little use games were in after life as compared to studies. "Knowledge," not sport, "is power." If a student wants something interesting and fascinating, there is

nothing like study. He ably summarized his colleagues' arguments, and, by his free delivery, greatly influenced the adjudicators' decision.

Segrave concluded the debate by pointing out that without games, weakness, lack of good-fellowship and insubordination would result. He cited the ancient Greeks as a mighty nation whose greatness was due to sport and games.

After a few comments from the Rev. Chairman on the matter and delivery of the speeches, a vote was taken, and the motion was accepted by sixteen votes to nine.

W.J.L.

Our first debate of the New Year was "That Chivalry is dead." Form VIA., represented by Mooney, O'Shaughnessy, and Loughlin, defended the motion, and Fitzgerald, O'Neill, and Fee, attacked it on behalf of VIB.

Opening the debate Mooney gave chivalry its old-time meaning of honour and bravery in warfare. He showed how well this spirit was in evidence in the Crusades and how it was entirely lacking in the Great War. To enforce this latter view he cited Germany's action in ignoring all previous treaties and invading Belgium.

Fitzgerald endeavoured to show that the qualities embraced by the word "chivalry" with its modern meaning were existent to-day. He pointed out that many voluntary considerate acts performed by Policemen and members of the Fire Brigade, as well as the general good sportsmanship existing in civic life, were strong evidence that chivalry was not waning.

O'Shaughnessy appealed to history and traced the decline of chivalry from the time of the Crusades to the present day. His arguments were rather irrelevant and were characterized by too frequent reference to notes.

O'Neill, the next speaker against the motion, argued that although lists and tournaments disappeared, the spirit which inspired them did not disappear, but lived on even till to-day. He then devoted his attention to finding examples of chivalry, but most of his arguments in this respect were refuted by Loughlin, who summed up for his side. He showed that the pursuits of business were so urgent to-day that they left practically no opportunities for chivalry. The rather prevalent custom of rushing into marriage and then seeking liberty via the divorce courts was, he argued, the very opposite to chivalry. His arguments were greatly enforced by his free delivery, which rendered his speech far better than those of his colleagues.

Fee concluded the debate with a speech which, as a maiden effort, was very creditable. He cleared up somewhat the difficulty which seemed to confuse some of the speakers, of distinguishing between the old and new meanings of chivalry. A man may be chivalrous to-day, even if he does not wear a coat of mail. It is the spirit which inspired the knights of old that exists to-day, not the actions.

The adjudicators gave their verdict in favour of the motion.

W.J.L.



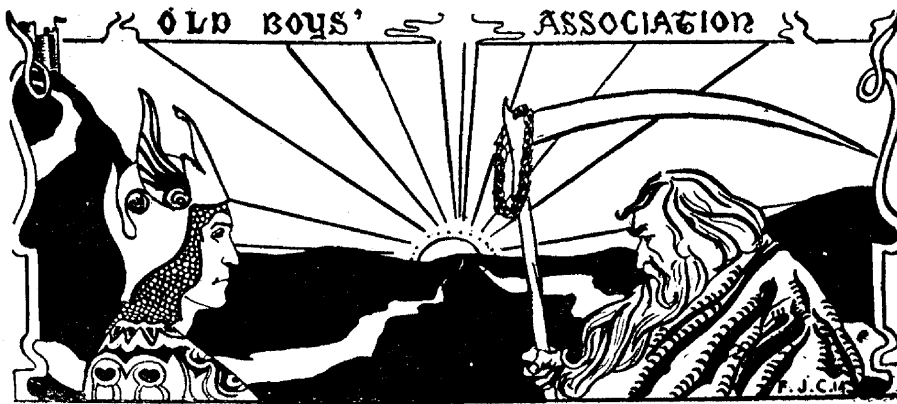


Christmas Term Examinations



- VIA. Sc.—1. W. Lowe ; 2. A. Morgan ; 3. W. Loughlin.
- VIA. Mod.—1. N. McWade ; 2. P. Hagan ; 3. J. Heenan.
- VIB. Sc.—1. J. Kelly ; 2. T. Fitzgerald ; 3. A. Morgan.
- VIB. Mod.—1. J. Murphy ; 2. J. Ferguson ; 3. W. Farrelly.
- U.V. alpha.—1. J. M. Bold ; 2. F. R. Shaw ; 3. G. Mercer.
- U.VA.—1. E. Renshaw ; 2. J. B. Owens ; 3. G. Rogers.
- U.VB.—1. D. Murphy ; 2. J. McCurry ; 3. R. Haworth.
- U.Vc.—1. L. Dooley ; 2. J. Prendergast ; 3. M. Spillane.
- L.V. a'pha.—1. F. Lennon ; 2. F. McHale ; 3. T. Magrath.
- L.V. beta.—1. G. Rogan ; 2. D. Flynn ; 3. T. O'Neill.
- L.VA.—1. P. Green ; 2. P. Crogan ; 3. D. Sessions.
- IV. alpha.—1. H. McGrath ; 2. R. Stevenson ; 3. A. Shennan.
- IV. beta.—1. V. Quigley ; 2. A. Kerrigan ; 3. T. Kelly.
- IVA.—1. L. Clarke ; 2. J. Connolly ; 3. S. G. Dodwell.
- IVB.—1. J. Ireland ; 2. J. Haney ; 3. P. Bleakley.
- III. alpha.—1. J. Banks ; 2. W. Carr ; 3. D. Doyle.
- III. beta.—1. B. Collins ; 2. P. Garvin ; 3. A. Ford.
- IIIA.—1. T. Fleming ; 2. W. Palmer ; 3. A. Doran.
- IIIB.—1. J. Hennessy ; 2. D. Shannon ; 3. M. Barry.
- IIA.—1. M. Beglin ; 2. G. Holmes ; 3. F. O'Rourke.
- IIB.—1. H. Hughes ; 2. A. Burke ; 3. F. Mabbs.
- I.—1. G. Ormond ; 2. T. Neile ; 3. P. Collins and N. Cullity.
- Prep.—1. R. Morris ; 2. B. Pemberton ; 3. F. Bryson.





WE offer our congratulations to Dr. Philip Hawe, who has added to his other titles the distinction of a Fellowship in the Royal College of Surgeons.

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Also to Anthony Mullen, who passed his Final in the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and qualified M.R.C.V.S. Tony is now in Egypt, filling a lucrative post.

Felicitations are also due to O. Winfield and Austin Maguire on the occasion of their marriages. We wish them both every happiness.

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Mr. A. Barter (now one of our Masters) has to get double congratulations, first, on his attaining his M.A. degree and secondly on his recovery from his long and, at one time, dangerous illness.

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Football Honours have been falling on Mr. J. S. Meldon, another Old Boy also on the Teaching Staff. We offer him our hearty congratulations on his well-merited distinction. When in school, he captained both the Junior and Senior Shield Teams and on both occasions led them to victory.

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Bernard Smith is engineering out in New York. We are glad to get his breezy letters and his always welcome contributions to the

Mag. We wish more Old Boys would follow his example and keep us in touch with their doings.

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Walter Cummins' achievements also merit a special word of notice and congratulation. After spending a year in France, where he was Lecturer in English at the University of Caen, he took his degree brilliantly with First-Class Hons., rounding it off by securing the University Scholarship in French. Some example for our Arts Students.

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On Armistice Day, a Requiem Mass was said by Fr. Jeanrenaud in St. Philip Neri's for the souls of the Old Boys who fell in the War. After Mass, a procession was formed to St. Gerard's chapel and a wreath placed, on behalf of the Old Boys' Association, at the memorial tablet containing the names of the deceased.

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SUCCESSES OF OLD BOYS AT THE UNIVERSITY - 1926.

Faculty of Arts: School of Education.

Degree of M.A.: A. BARTER.

School of French. Degree of B.A. (with First-Class Honours): W. A. CUMMINS.

Diploma in Education: P. BYRNE.

E. P. HURLEY.

Faculty of Science.

B.Sc. Hons. : P. FLEMING ; J. M. SMITH.
 B.Sc. (Ord.) : M. A. CROSBY ; J. C.
 MURPHY ; A. T. McCORD.

Faculty of Medicine.

Degrees of M.B., Ch.B. (Final), Part II. :—
 J. J. GRAHAM ; F. E. LOMAS ; E. D.
 IRVINE (with Distinction in Public
 Health) ; A. E. ADAMS.
 Second Examination : J. H. CROSBY.

Faculty of Engineering.

Degree of M.Eng. : B. J. SMITH.
 Intermediate Exam. : G. J. CUNNINGHAM
 P. H. DUNNE.

University Scholarship in French :

W. A. CUMMINS.

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OLD CATHINIANS' A.F.C.

Last season was a particularly gratifying one for our Old Boys' Football Club and this year promises to be even better. With half our games already played we are in a good position in the I-Zingari and Old Boys' Leagues

In the Lancashire Amateur Cup we defeated Ainsdale (4-3) and Heaton Chapel (3-2, at Manchester). After three games with Old Boltonians we were eventually beaten at Bolton. If there is no pleasure in defeat we were consoled by the fact that we went down to a fine sporting team of Old Boys, and that the prestige of our Club and College had not suffered but rather had been materially benefited.

The team spirit of all members is deserving of the highest praise. We are particularly pleased with our 'recruits,' who have recently left the College. These have realised where their duty and affections lie. We leave those O.B.'s who join other Clubs to their consciences, but the boy at St. Edward's should make it the ambition of his life (so far as football is concerned) to represent the O.B.'s, when his time comes.

Our new ground in Prescott Road, Knotty Ash, is easily accessible from Town and we would like to see more O.B.'s and scholars turning up to give moral and vocal support on Saturday afternoons..

J.S.M.

All Old Boys and present pupils of the College will be pleased to learn of the honour conferred on Mr. J. S. Meldon, Hon. Sec. of the Old Cathinians. He represented Lancashire against Birmingham A.F.A. and was largely responsible for the victory of his side. Following this, he was selected to play for England against the 'Rest' in the Amateur International Trial at Blackpool on Feb. 12th.

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UPHOLLAND LETTER.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE,

UPHOLLAND,

Jan., 1927.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Snow fights and football have made us tardy in recollecting common politeness ; and we would apologise for that tardiness as we sit down to renew acquaintance with old friends. The writing of this letter caught us napping this time—why ourselves, we wonder, rather than many better men !—yet we must needs get to work to forestall Jan. 31st.

Midsummer brought us some more Edwardians, chiefly of the younger generation. William Flynn has joined Underlow ; William Kavanagh, Wilfrid Murray and Wilfrid O'Brien are in Low Figures ; while Vincent Furlong is enjoying an interesting time with Grammar in the Higher Line. The Philosophers received a welcome addition in the person of Mr. C. Pilson, late of Osterley. Though he never knew St. Edward's, he is an old boy of the Hope St. period, and we passed a very pleasant hour in a comparison of notes, albeit his departure from Maryland St. coincided with our own arrival there. The resumption of work after Xmas brought us still another

link with St. Domingo Rd. in James English, a Grassendale boy who joins old friends in Low Figures. Like his brother-alumni, he has settled down comfortably, and all are working well. The rest of us, some twenty in number, are all in good health and working order, a year older, and a year nearer the completion of our hopes.

At the close of our Retreat, last September, the Archbishop conferred the tonsure on our new Divines, and among them were two old boys, W. Byrne and H. A. Ainsworth, who, we most sincerely hope and pray, will represent the old C.I. at the first ordinations held in the new St. Joseph's.

Hardly was this event over when Foundation Stone day arrived, actually October 13th, bringing with it our relatives and friends. That enjoyable day closed with a promise of a repetition of itself in the near future, but a more appreciable joy was the extra hour's sleep that we were given on the following morning.

A concert, held on 22nd November in honour of St. Cecilia, and an intensely interesting hour and a half spent, two days, later, in enjoying Fr. Martindale's wonderfully appealing lantern lecture on the two boy saints, Stanislaus Kostka and Aloysius Gonzaga, brought us perilously near exams. In its midst, however, this dreaded week occasioned us much real rejoicing in the shape of a celebration in honour of Dr. Dean's appointment to the rectorship of our College, in succession to Canon Walmsley. On that Monday night we learned officially that His Grace, in recognition of the event, had been persuaded to grant us an extra week's vacation. The resulting joy was more than doubled when Dr. Dean, in reply, to the vice-rector's address, told how he too had spoken to the Archbishop and had also prevailed upon his generosity to the extent of allowing us to go home on the morning of Christmas eve, instead of Boxing day.

After the usual hectic joys of a Christmas vacation we returned on Jan. 13th, hardly reconciled to the loss of Dr. Barrett, who had to leave us on his promotion as Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham. In his place we welcomed to our staff a well-known man in Dr. McCurdy.

Mention must be made of a happy event that took place during the holidays—a football match played between the Old Cathinians and Josephians. In our team, strengthened as it was by the inclusion of four Oscotians who were nevertheless Josephians, there were no less than five old C.I. boys. Though we are very much satisfied with the result of the game, which we lost by three goals to two, for the Cathinians fielded a team including seven or eight First XI. men, we hope to do much better next time. The amount raised for charity, though not very great, was a pleasant surprise and a happy augury for a first attempt. Perhaps we shall in future be able to offer still more help at the expense of our mutual pleasure!

Let us here offer Mr. Syd. Meldon our sincerest congratulations on his International honours.

The Cathinians we thank heartily for a good sportsmanlike game, and wish them every success. And to you, too, dear Sir, we tender our heartiest wishes for the best results both in sports and class.

Remaining, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

THE OLD BOYS AT UPHOLLAND.

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OSCOTT LETTER.

OSCOTT COLLEGE,
BIRMINGHAM.

DEAR EDWARDIANS,

We have just realized that our letter for your next Mag. is due and although we are very busy at present, we think we can spare you at least five minutes chat. Your Christmas

terminals are now over and we suppose you are preparing for the next 'bout' especially the older ones among you preparing for the Matric. and H.S.C. We, too, have our Exam. troubles and we can sympathise with you. Only ours are *Oral*.

Oral! There's the rub! It is one thing to sit down to a question paper with three hours to answer it in: quite another to face a board of three examiners who, knowing their subject from A to Z are only too well acquainted with those knotty points they so love to ask you—who put an apparently innocent question and then endeavour to reduce anything you may say to the most absurd conclusions. In the first case you can think over the questions, make a few notes as the ideas occur, write your answers in respectable language and with leisure—at times—try and picture the pages of your note-book where you know the solution is, chewing your pen the while in the hope that an inspiration may come to you, and then, during that wonderful five minutes at the end which examiners say are so precious, you can wade through your MSS. again making whatever corrections or additions you deem fitting. In an oral examination, however, everything is different. There is no time to think out your answers; they have to be ready on the tip of your tongue. You have to know all sides of the question under discussion and be able to answer the difficulties and objections that are brought against your views. Though you are rarely asked anything so straightforward as to prove your thesis, you must be able to expound it well, otherwise you will find yourself led step by step, apparently quite logically, to statements which if they are not absolute heresy are, as the Church would say, "false, temerarious, pernicious, injurious to the Apostolic See, erroneous, savouring of heresy, scandalous, contrary to the safe and approved teaching of the Church, such as might disturb one's peace of mind, or offensive to pious ears."

In a written paper you can edge round a question to try to confuse your examiner; in an oral it is the examiner who does the confusing.

And here at Oscott orals are in Latin! It is true to say Ciceronic Latin is not required, but strict grammatical Latin such as is spoken in Roman circles to-day is certainly expected, and though the language comes readily enough to the pen, one has not the same facility in speaking. It is not so bad when it is a question of repeating more or less what is in the text book, but when an illustration from the ordinary things about you would just hit off your point you sometimes wish you were allowed to use your mother tongue. Still professors were once students and they sometimes remember this.

We trust this account of our adventures at the end of term will not deter any aspirants to the priesthood among our younger readers; you will meet similar difficulties in any career. At the same time there is a lighter side to college life, and perhaps, under the circumstances, a word about it would not be out of place.

We do not intend to speak of the ordinary forms of recreation which find a place in every college, but rather of one or two kinds of amusement not so common. Thus it is a tradition here to have a concert every other Sunday. These are arranged by a *Musical Dean* elected from among the students each year—the artists being the students themselves. The concerts are of a homely nature, and each man does his share of entertaining in some form or other. Another amusing feature of Oscott's former days was the periodic displays of the band. At present, unfortunately, we cannot boast of sufficient talent to form even the nucleus of a band, more so in recent years, and their popularity has extended even to seminaries. Oscott is likewise in the fashion and has its coterie of Gilbert and Sullivan lovers. The difficult

thing in staging these operas is to supply adequately the ladies' parts, and in some colleges this is done by changing the role to suit a man. We, however, have quite a novel arrangement, which might grate on some people, but which suits us admirably and often adds a little extra humour to the opera. We make up a pot-pourri. That is to say we take a large portion of one of the operas in which men chiefly figure and build up a plot round it using such songs and words of Gilbert and Sullivan as best suit our purpose. A few words are added and others changed here and there—that adds to the fun.

We have presented three operas of this kind, one of which, "The Town of Titipu" appeared first in 1922 and after much re-editing was again staged last Easter. Its success was really phenomenal so that now the word "Opera" sends a thrill through every student and conjures up visions of "Chinamen," "Jurymen," or "Bobbies." We hope the operas have come to stay; they are so bright and jolly and provide a fine interlude to the regular routine of our life.

We could say much more on this and many other topics of interest, but we know the Editor is waiting.

Don't you think you could "pinch" one of the Footer "Shields" this year?

Yours sincerely,

THE OLD BOYS AT OSCOTT.

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UNIVERSITY LETTER.

THE UNIVERSITY,
Feb., 1927.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Like yourselves up at the College we, down here are well into the work of the Academic Year. The weather makes us long for summer (or a substitute) whilst the prospect of Finals makes us hope that summer won't come. By now the Freshers strut about with an air of proprietorship and authority. For the 'old hands' the Autumn Term holds little novel

interest. To the Freshers it is full of interest; for them, much may be had, for nothing,—as the poet says: 'the rest is silence.'

Perhaps it would be of interest to take a brief resume of the Old Boys at the 'Varsity. We are well represented in most departments. Following studiously in the footsteps of Newton, Einstein and others we find Jack White and B. F. Taylor. The School of Chemistry houses a goodly number. Researching into the private lives of rabbits we have an old friend, Josh Smith. J. C. Murphy, M. A. Crosby and A. T. McCord are there in search of Honours. Second Year Classes include D. Hagan and J. S. Wilson. Chemist Freshers include one Old Boy—R. Anderson.

Engineers have a fair representation. By now G. Cunningham and P. Dunne should be thoroughly steeped (or should one say—greased) in the whims and peculiarities of Engines. This Faculty claims two Freshers in Nick Kearney and L. Culligan.

S. V. Cullen 'follows the crowd' into the Medical School. Four Old Boys should be qualifying shortly from this Department. Two older members are H. L. Cullen and J. Rogers. F. E. Lomas and E. D. Irvine hope to be M.B., Ch.B. after June. J. J. Graham follows close behind. A. E. Adams passed an exam. this December; (roughly speaking it was nth Examination Part X, but if you want to know precisely,—well ask a Medical). Syd. Cartwright, our only representative amongst the Vets. should also be qualifying soon.

After a blank period of years the Muses claim two Old Boys as worshippers at their shrine. These two are G. Le Brun and H. Taylor.

Paul Fleming, Mossy MacMahon and Walter Cummins, in the Department of Education, are alternately imbibing, and inculcating in others, the wisdom of ages.

As usual the Old Boys support largely the University Catholic Society. Frank Lomas is President, supported by E. D. Irvine and J. S. Wilson on the committee. Dr. ('Alf.') Kieran is the Treasurer for the Federation of English University Catholic Societies. He is also doing good work in the Evidence Guild.

The Irish Society also includes a large number of Old Boys. Its officers include Josh Smith as President and Maurice Crosby as Secretary.

The University St. Vincent de Paul Society consists mainly of old C.I.-Edwardians. Phil Magee is President and Frank Loughlin Secretary.

We extend our congratulations to Syd. Meldon on his being chosen for the Amateurs Trial and trust that this is only a step towards the complete honour. We were glad to hear that his accident was only slight and that he is now completely recovered.

This term all undergrads come back filled with good resolutions, as regards work, but Panto Day and its attendant ceremonies soon break these resolutions. Nevertheless when June comes, the Old Boys will carry on the tradition of their predecessors—unless, of course, the Examiners think contrariwise.

It only remains, Mr. Editor, to wish the College and yourself belated but sincere wishes for a very prosperous year in "Field and Class."

Yours as ever,

'VARISITY.

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The following appreciation from the "Observer" of Feb. 20th will be read with interest by Old Boys and colleagues of Mr. D. L. Kelleher, who was on the teaching

staff of the old C.I. in Hope Street. The poem quoted will make a particular appeal to the School comrades of those lads who made the great sacrifice in the War:—

A FIRST BOOK OF VERSE.

"A Poet Passes."

By D. L. Kelleher.

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Messrs. Benn continue their good work by issuing, as the second volume in their series of "Shilling Books," a first collection of lyrics by a new writer of distinct ability, Mr. D. L. Kelleher.

Mr. Kelleher has a sense both of the meanings and the sounds of words, he has imagination, and he has an unusual and unforced gift of simile. He makes experiments in rhythm without taking mere novelty and strangeness as his only objectives. All this makes a good equipment for a man commencing poet, and it should enable him to overcome certain faults which he now shows—in particular a lack of the soft, quietly sustained, singing notes, and a straining after cleverness which often ends in obscurity.

There is, perhaps, in this book, no complete poem which can be regarded as altogether satisfactory; but a great many of the pieces contain beautiful images, and passages that express a thought with eloquence and imagination. It will, perhaps, be fairest to Mr. Kelleher to quote one complete poem; for instance this, which he calls "For Some I Knew, Killed in the Wars":—

Boys that were mine in a schoolroom by day
Till a strange Man called and took you away,
Whither, He did not say,
But smiled
As He beckoned each child,—
Oh, children gleaned for Paradise,
In your soul's device
Did a word I taught, or a dream I told,
Fuse ever to gold?
Did I give to the young soul in you then
A faithful message? Tell me, men,
Do I share in the very least degree
The shaping of you immortally?

This poem, it is true, opens a little weakly, and the introductory machinery creaks a trifle sentimentally; but the last eight lines develop a thought which, besides being well expressed, is clearly the result of personal experience and emotion. And it is precisely because the best parts of Mr. Kelleher's poems are those that are least derivative, that one is prepared to follow his career as a poet with interest and hope.



Inter-Schools Football Shield Competition

Senior.—The following are the teams drawn :

Bye : Collegiate.

1st Round :—Oulton v. Liscard ; Q. Bank v. Wallasey ; S.F.X. v. Holt ; L.I. v. B'head Inst. ; St. Edward's v Waterloo ; Prescott v Ormskirk ; Alsop v. Bootle.

2nd Round :—St. Edward's v. Wallasey Gram. School—1. Prescott v. Oulton—2. Alsop v L.I.—3. Collegiate v. S.F.X.—4.

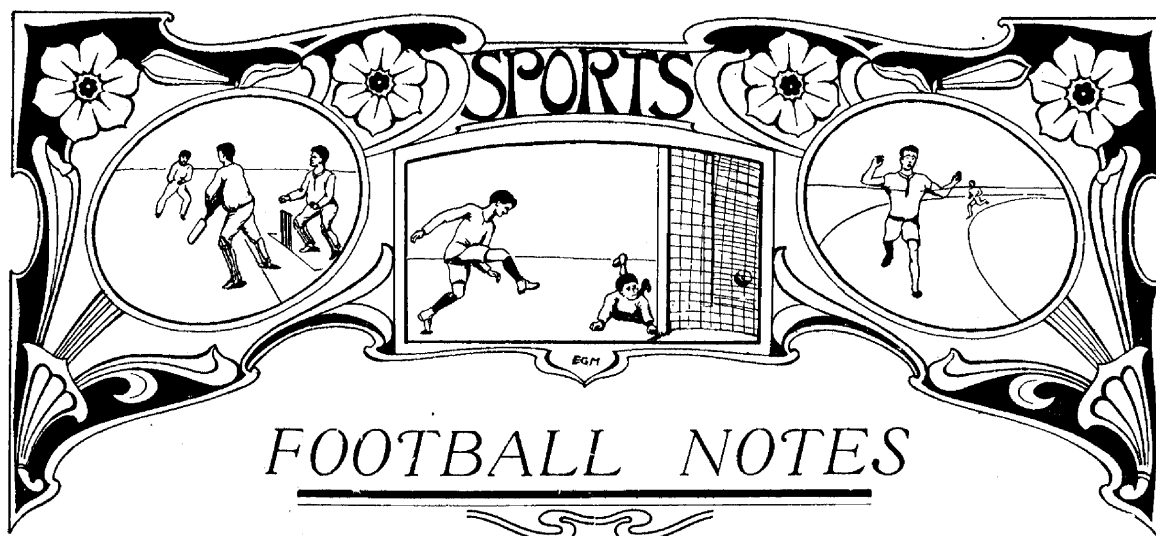
Semi-Final :—4 v. 2 ; 3 v. 1.

Junior.—Byes :—Collegiate and Quarry Bank.

1st Round :—Holt v Prescott ; B'head Inst. v Waterloo ; Liscard v. St. Edward's ; S.F.X. v. Alsop ; Bootle v. L.I. ; Oulton v. Wallasey.

2nd Round :—Collegiate v. Wallasey—1. Liscard v. Prescott—2. Bootle v. Alsop—3. Quarry Bank v. Waterloo—4.

Semi-Final :—2 v. 3 ; 1 v. 4.



ON the opening of School after the Summer holidays our footballers got to work right away.

The elections of captains and vice-captains for the 1st XI. and 2nd XI. took place and R. Rogers already well-known for his prowess was deservedly chosen to captain the 1st XI.

He has an able and keen assistant in A. Martin, who has already rendered valuable service on many a hard fought field.

Others on the team, who have received School "colours" for previous service, are G. Murray and W. Farrelly.

S. West and W. Nestor were chosen captain and vice-captain respectively of the 2nd XI.

The 1st XI. are to be congratulated on their fine record. Up to date they have lost but two matches. The same applies to the 2nd XI. We wish them a continuation of their success.

G. Alston has proved invaluable in goal as a sound and steady custodian.

Murray and West in the back line are steady and owing to the fine work of a strong half line—Farrelly, Martin, Spencer—they are rarely very hard pressed.

Rogers, with his usual energy, leads the front line, Ryan his righthand man is a splendid worker, while Monk on the left has often added to our score. The outside men are McWade right and Vantalligan left.

2nd October, at Walton Hall Avenue. 1st XI.
St. Edward's v. Waterloo Secondary School.

TEAM:—Alston; Martin, Malone; McCarthy, Rogers, Fletcher; Nestor, Rogers, Farrelly, Monk, Spencer.

Result:—S.E.C., 8; W.S.S., 1.

2nd XI. At Waterloo.

Result:—S.E.C., 7; W.S.S., 4.

9th October, at Harthill Road. 1st XI.
St. Edward's v. Quarry Bank.

TEAM:—Alston; Martin, Murray (absent); Mc Carthy, Rogers, Malone; Nestor, Rogers, Farrelly, Monk, Redmond.

Result:—S.E.C., 5; Q.B., 5.

2nd XI. At Walton Hall.

Result:—S.E.C., 3; Q.B., 2.

16th October, at Walton Hall. 1st XI.
St. Edward's v. Collegiate.

TEAM:—Alston; Martin, Malone; McCarthy, Rogers, Fletcher; Nestor, Rogers, Farrelly, Monk, Spencer.

Result:—S.E.C., 1; Collegiate, 2.

2nd XI. At Holly Lodge.

Result:—S.E.C., 5; Collegiate, 4.

20th October, at Birkenhead. 1st XI.
St. Edward's v. Birkenhead Institute.

TEAM:—Alston; West, Murray; Farrelly, Martin, Spencer; McWade, Ryan, Rogers, Monk, Vantalligan.

Result:—S.E.C., 3; Birkenhead, 2.

2nd XI. At Walton Hall.

Result:—S.E.C., 11; Birkenhead, 1.

27th October, at Walton Hall. 1st XI.
St. Edward's v. Holt Secondary School.

TEAM:—Alston; West, Murray; Farrelly, Martin, Spencer; McWade, Ryan, R. Rogers, Monk, Vantalligan.

Result:—S.E.C., 11; Holt S.S., 1.

2nd XI. At Dunbabin Road.

Result:—S.E.C., 3; Holt S.S., 0.

3rd November, at Walton Hall. 1st XI.

St. Edward's v. St. Francis Xavier's.

TEAM:—Alston; West Murray; Farrelly, Martin, Spencer; McWade, Ryan, G. Rogers, McCarthy, Vantalligan.

Result:—S.E.C., 5; S.F.X., 1.

2nd XI. At West Derby.

Result:—S.E.C., 1; S.F.X., 6.

10th November, at Long Lane. 1st XI

St. Edward's v. Alsop High School.

TEAM:—Alston; West, Murray; Farrelly, Martin, Spencer; McWade, Ryan, Rogers, McCarthy, Vantalligan.

2nd XI. At Walton Hall.

Result:—S.E.C., 5; Alsop H.S., 0.

24th November, at Wallasey. 1st XI.

St. Edward's v. Wallasey Grammar School.

Game abandoned owing to fog.

2nd XI. At Walton Hall.

Result:—S.E.C., 2; W.G.S., 3.

1st December, at Bootle. 1st XI.

St. Edward's v. Bootle Sec. School.

TEAM:—Flynn; West, Fletcher; McCarthy, Farrelly, Spencer; Nestor, S. Rogers, Martin, Monk, Barden.

Result:—S.E.C., 7; Bootle S.S., 0.

At Walton Hall Avenue.

St. Edward's 2nd XI. v. Liscard 1st XI.

Result:—S.E.C., 0; Liscard, 0.

8th December, at Dunbabin Road. 1st XI.

St. Edward's v. Holt Secondary School.

TEAM:—Alston; West, Malone; McCarthy, Farrelly, Spencer; Nestor, Rogers, Martin, Monk, Barden.

Result:—S.E.C., 1; Holt S.S., 2.

2nd XI. At Walton Hall.

Result:—S.E.C., 13; Holt S.S., 2.

SENIOR SCHOOL LEAGUE.

Form.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
L. V. BETA ...	6	5	0	1	43	11	11
VI.	6	4	1	1	26	12	9
U. VC.	6	4	2	0	38	21	8
L.V. ALPHA ...	6	3	2	1	40	11	7
U. VA.	6	3	3	0	26	26	6
U. VB.	6	1	4	1	18	35	3
L. VA.	6	1	4	1	10	37	3
U.V. ALPHA ...	6	0	6	0	9	44	0

JUNIOR SCHOOL LEAGUE.

Form.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
IV. ALPHA ...	6	5	0	1	60	13	11
IV. BETA ...	6	5	1	0	31	13	10
IVA.	6	3	1	2	20	20	8
IVB.	6	3	3	0	29	35	6
IIIB.	6	2	2	2	15	22	6
III. ALPHA ...	5	2	2	1	18	27	5
III. BETA ...	5	1	4	0	13	29	2
IIIA.	6	0	6	0	4	34	0

SENIOR SHIELD COMPETITION.—1st R'nd.

St. Edward's College v. Waterloo Sec. School.

In the first round of the Senior Shield Competition St. Edward's were drawn to play Waterloo Secondary School at the College ground at Walton Hall. The teams met on Wednesday, February 9th—a bitterly cold

day with a strong wind blowing. The St. Edward's side was as follows :—

Hennessey.
Malone. West.
Farrelly. Martin. Spencer.
Millinger. Rogers. McCarthy. Monk. Fletcher.

Martin won the toss and we started with the wind in our favour. The first half of the game proved almost featureless, both teams playing very moderate football. Martin was the outstanding figure of the home side. He defended grandly, so that Hennessey was seldom tested, and shot frequently and accurately from long range. He was ably assisted by Farrelly and Spencer; but the full backs did not inspire confidence, and the forwards were very disjointed. From one of their spasmodic raids a goal resulted, Monk netting from a pass by McCarthy.

The second period of the game was also somewhat lacking in interest, although three further goals were recorded by St. Edward's and one by Waterloo. Monk (1) and Fletcher (2) were the successful marksmen, the latter player giving great satisfaction in view of his having been called upon to fill an eleventh-hour vacancy. But despite our rather easy win one had to confess that the team had not played up to the traditionally high standard of Shield-match football, and will have to improve upon this display in order to advance a further stage in the competition.

Result : St. Edward's, 4 ; Waterloo S.S., 1.

SENIOR SHIELD COMPETITION.—2nd Rd.

St. Edward's v. Wallasey Grammar School.

Team :—

Flynn.
West. Malone.
Farrelly. Martin. Spencer.
McCarthy. Rogers. Monk. Fletcher. Carrick.

Climatic conditions at Walton Hall were of the mildest when Wallasey kicked-off. In the first minute Flynn was tested but the ball was quickly transferred to the other end. A corner, ably taken by Carrick, was put to good account by Farrelly, who scored with a glorious shot from thirty yards. Our forwards and halves exerted constant pressure and corners were plentiful. From one of these Spencer scored with a magnificent shot. Wallasey's right wing was dangerous and a long dropping shot entered our net. Nearing half-time an injury to Fletcher disorganised the forwards but the defence was sound to a man.

On resuming Monk worked himself into position and cleverly placed the ball beyond the Wallasey custodian. Rogers was a thrustful forward and triangular combination on the right wing was a feature. Martin dominated the centre of the field and gave the Wallasey forwards little scope. One of their brief excursions into our half proved fruitful—the ball bounced awkwardly and defeated Flynn who had advanced to meet it. Throughout, the kicking of West and Malone was of a high order and they covered admirably. Farrelly made a fine run from the half-way line and placed the ball in the goal-mouth, where a scrummage ensued. A brilliant movement in which McCarthy, Farrelly, and Monk participated was terminated by Carrick, who completed the scoring. Fletcher pluckily played through the game with a damaged ankle.

Final : St. Edward's, 4 ; Wallasey, 2.

JUNIOR SHIELD COMPETITION.—1st R'nd.

Liscard High School v. St. Edward's
At Rake Lane, New Brighton.

Team :—Parle ; Whelan, Rogan ; Kershaw, Myers, Blackhurst ; Leonard, Callander, Barden, Monk, O'Reilly.

The weather was ideal for football when Whelan won the toss and set us to play with the sun behind us and with the advantage of the slope. Shortly after the kick-off Liscard attacked our goal and forced a corner. This was only cleared after a good save by Parle. We then advanced and a shot by Leonard went very close. We kept up a hot attack and forced three corners but without scoring. Liscard now advanced and from a clever centre from the right wing their inside-left scored with a shot that a taller goalman might have reached. We returned to the attack but our forwards were weak in front of the goal. Another attack by Liscard was only saved by a clearance from the goal line by Whelan. Barden now made a spectacular run but was unsupported and finished poorly. A good effort by Callander was kept out with difficulty just before half-time.

Half-time: Liscard, 1; St. Edward's, 0.

Immediately after half-time Liscard made a strong attack and Parle was called upon to make two good saves in quick succession. O'Reilly now made a good run and the Liscard back handled the ball in the penalty

area. Our spirits rose but fell again when Blackhurst was seen to put the ball wide of the left-hand post. However we kept up a strong attack for some time and Barden, after beating three men placed the ball well wide of the goal-keeper, in the net. A series of attacks were now repelled by our halves, Kershaw playing a very fine game. The Liscard goalkeeper was now frequently called on to defend his goal, our forwards working vigorously and well. Barden essayed two more runs but was brought down before he got in his shots. The Liscard backs were playing well and kept our forwards at bay. Within three minutes from the end disaster befel us. From a breakaway the Liscard outside-right placed the ball for his centre-forward who scored with a fine drive. We had hardly returned to the attack when the final whistle ended our hopes of winning the Shield this year.

Parle in goal played with good judgment, while Myers at centre-half played a consistently good game.

Final score: Liscard, 2; St. Edward's, 1.



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