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## School Notes

**W**E were honoured in February by a visit of the Superior General of the Christian Brothers, Rev. Brother J. P. Noonan. He was present also at the Old Boys' Dinner to which reference is made in the "Old Boys' Notes."



On the 19th March the Northern Division Rover Scouts assembled in the College field and renewed the Scout Promise.



The following is a bit of up-to-date history promulgated by a leading light in Lower

Vb Modern: "We viewed the old cathedral (Chester) and the ancient walls *built by the Romans to keep out invaders.*"

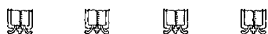


We were all proud that our Junior and Senior teams reached the finals for the Football Shields, and we are hopeful that the performance of 1929 will be repeated.



The Christian Brothers are opening a new School in Birkenhead. It will be known as St. Anselm's. It is being built and will be ready for occupation in September. The

matutinal trek via the ferries will ere long be a memory. The Architect's drawing of the School is reproduced on another page.




The honour of being the first name on the House Shield falls to Domingo House,

which got 195 points; the next being Mersey with 155. The first House amongst the Seniors is Domingo; amongst the Juniors Domingo.

The Athletic Sports will be the next House contest. Who will be Top?

## Speech Day

 ON Monday, 27th March, His Grace the Archbishop came to the College for Speech Day. The School Hall was filled to overflowing by the parents and friends of the boys. The following short musical programme preceded the speeches and prizegiving.

1.—MINUET ..... "Berenice" ..... *Handel*  
THE ORCHESTRA

2.—PART-SONG ..... "Pan" ..... *Bantock*  
THE CHOIR

3.—SONG .... "The Ash Grove" .... *Welsh Air*  
(with descant)  
THE CHOIR

4.—MARCH from "Carmen" ..... *Bizet*  
THE ORCHESTRA

The Archbishop was supported on the platform by Monsignor Redmond, Monsignor Molony, and the Governors of the School: Very Rev. Canon O'Connell (Chairman), Rev. Dr. Traynor, Rev. Bros. Roche, Branigan, and Birmingham, and Mr. Howard Feeny. Several of the clergy were also present.

Rev. Brother J. S. Roche then read his Report:

"Your Grace, Rt. Rev. Monsignori, Very

Rev. and Rev. Fathers and Brothers, Ladies, Gentlemen and Boys:

"It is not quite twelve months since we had the honour, the privilege, and the happiness of having your Grace with us for Speech Day. On that occasion it was held in the Cathedral Hall, which has, I believe, now been demolished in view of the great event of the laying of the Foundation-Stone of the Metropolitan Cathedral at Whitsuntide. It is but befitting, however, that such a function as College Speech Day should be held at the College if at all possible, even though our space being limited, only a part of the School is able to be present. However as the Senior School is present in addition to those who are to receive prizes as well as the members of the choir and orchestra, the School is well represented, and moreover it will be a pleasure in store for the others when they attain to the honour of forming a part of the Senior Classes.

"During the last six months many parents who had looked forward to their boys winning entrance scholarships into the School, got a shock when they read in the papers that in future there would be a means-test, and that free-places were to be abolished in favour of special places. To a very great extent it was a mere juggling with words, as under the new arrangement there will be

very little change in the facilities for boys entering under practically the same conditions as in the past. A few whose incomes are quite equal to the strain will have to pay part fees or full fees—but they will not be many.

“As a consequence of reduced grants we are compelled to raise the fees somewhat of those entering next September; those, however, who will have entered before September, as well as brothers of present pupils, if registered before that date will be admitted on the old scale.

“Schoolmasters are by dint of circumstances, in their own sphere at least, very dogmatic individuals, and, of course, *a fortiori* headmasters must be well nigh infallible in their pronouncements; and Speech Day seems to have been instituted as a sort of solemn occasion for the airing of their views, and promulgating their weighty pronouncements. Like cabinet ministers on momentous occasions they always commit to writing what they are going to say—this is all to the good as they are less liable to ramble, and more likely to say something that may not be altogether lacking in interest.

“One thing, however, I feel I shall be excused for mentioning—and that is the growing tendency to use schools as centres of advertising. Concerts, Bazaars, theatricals, eurythmics, physical culture, lectures of all types, cinema stunts, etc., etc. are by some people looked upon as suitable subjects to be added to the already heavily laden syllabus, and desirable additions to the throng of distractions with which young and old are nowadays surrounded. I am old-fashioned enough to think that boys will be better men if their school activities are not unduly interfered with by outside influences. Each school can organise such things as it judges advantageous to its pupils, and can choose such other activities as it finds useful without undue urging from without.

“The only other views I shall ventilate and the only other pronouncements I shall make are those which are connected with the work of the School during the past year. As will be apparent, the Staff as well as the Headmaster of St. Edward's have a very tough task to face year after year to keep up to the standard of success which has become almost traditional in the School. It needs constant and untiring exertion—to the credit of the Staff I can say that the results show that they realise their responsibility and act up to it.

“The choir under the baton of Mr. Boraston keeps up its reputation, and under his direction also the Orchestra is not only growing in numbers, but I think making considerable strides musically. Its composition is worthy of notice, for though it is in the main composed of the boys of the School, it is supplemented by Old Boys and even by parents. Much of the work of the School, however, as it is not tested by examinations does not come into prominence on Speech Day. Thus the excellent work of the French Debating Society, the Scientific Society, and the Literary and Historical Society have not, at least on the present occasion, an opportunity for display. The work of Physical Training gets its opportunity on Sports' Day in the form of Massed Drill.

“It may seem unnecessary to arouse amongst boys interest in games. Of many boys this is true, but owing to their coming from many and often distant districts, some have little opportunity for games, and others have not the initiative to secure such a healthy outlet for their energy. All schools, therefore, have organized games, but in many cases the organization fails to embody the greater part of the school. To widen the influence of organization the House System was introduced here a few years ago and is gradually making itself felt as a useful means of including more of the boys in the games,

and of securing not merely the personal pleasure of the individual but what is more important the spirit of playing for their House—the submergence of individual ambition to the ambition to gain credit for an ideal.

“ Though this report deals with the activities of the School in the year 1932, it may not be amiss to call attention to the fact that in the contest between about 16 Secondary Boys' Schools of Merseyside for the Senior and Junior football Shields, St. Edward's is now in the honourable position of being in the finals for both. These will be played during the next week or two. I hope I shall at the next Speech Day be able to announce that we won both Shields. This distinction, I am told, has been attained in former years only by the two Catholic Schools—St. Francis Xavier's College and ourselves.

“ In the midst of such distraction the *one thing necessary*—Religious training—is not neglected. It would be a sad day if ever such should be reported of a School under the Christian Brothers—they would have belied the very purpose of their Congregation. In Holy Week the Junior School will have a two days' retreat and the Senior School a three days' retreat, both of which will be conducted by a Passionist Father. I may take this opportunity to thank the clergy of Our Lady Immaculate's for their giving weekly Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament for the School, and during the retreats giving willing help in the hearing of confessions. On the doctrinal side of religious training there is evidence that it is up to standard. Hugh Rooney in the Religious Examination for Prospective Teachers got 1st Place in all England and Wales out of over 1,000 candidates. He thus brings honour to himself, to his School, and to the Archdiocese. Further, twenty of the twenty-two candidates entered

from St. Edward's were successful. As in former years several of our pupils have gone to the Seminaries, and to the noviciates of various religious orders.

“ In the examinations of the Northern Universities St. Edward's has this year beaten several of its own records. It has had the largest number passing in Higher School Certificate, in the School Certificate, and in Matriculation; and is only a very few short of the School record for distinctions. 15 passed in H.S.C.; 89 in S.C.; 46 Matriculated; the number of distinctions was 26, and what is very satisfactory is that these distinctions were got not in one or two pet subjects but in practically all the subjects of the examination.

“ The Leahy Memorial Prize and the Dux Gold Medal for 1st Class in H.S.C. go to Austin Thomas, who also won the Charles Tyerman Taylor University Scholarship. Matthew Murphy won a Senior City Scholarship and secured Distinction in History. Five others have gone to Liverpool University and seven to St. Mary's Training College, Twickenham.

“ The Silver Medal for 1st in Class in School Certificate goes to Robert Kershaw who also gets the five guinea Catenian Prize on the Science side, and secured three distinctions in Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry; P. Lomax also got three distinctions. The other Catenian Prize of the same value on the Modern side was won by Thomas Walsh.

“ The Annual School Form Examination was held last July. The papers are made out by an examiner chosen by the School. They are based on the curriculum of the School; the tests are conducted under strict examination conditions; the selected examiner has the papers sent to him and

towards the end of August he sends the marks obtained, and a full report of each class and each subject. His concluding remark is that "the results show a decided upward tendency in standard."

"My report would be incomplete without a reference to the doings of our Old Boys. I know the list is incomplete, but it is sufficient to show that the successes in School are consolidated by successes in places of higher education. I learn that three of our Old Boys are Professors at Upholland—Dr. Macmillan who is Vice-President; Father T. Byrne, M.Sc.; and Fr. F. Kieran, M.Sc. which distinction he obtained at Cambridge last summer. At Douai Abbey, Gerald Lowe—now Brother Romuald, O.S.B. received minor orders and his brother, Edward, now Brother Thomas made his Simple Profession. At Liverpool University we have 26 students. Mr. William Lowe (at present on the staff here) is now M.Sc.; Wilfrid Loughlin a Ph.D.; W. Farrelly, B.A., got his Diploma in Education; A. G. Morgan is a B.Sc. with Honours in Mathematics; W. Doyle a B.Eng.; and G. Bryson a LL.B. At London University J. Gavin obtained his B.A. and J. Bergin his B.A. with 2nd Class Honours. P. Donnelly got his B.Sc. and F. Wustemann also obtained B.Sc. with 1st Class Honours. There are 22 of our Old Boys in St. Mary's, Twickenham, and of the seven entrants last year for the Teachers' Certificate Examination all passed. In other spheres our Old Boys will be found in positions of trust and emolument, but in their case apparently the only things to compare with the various letters indicating University degrees are the *£ s. d.* attached to these posts, and although people are self complacent over these salaries they are not anxious to have them broadcast at such a gathering as this. The Old Boys' Association is so much in evidence that it is unnecessary for me to advertise it; and the

same is true of their football club—the Old Cathinians.

"It only remains for me to console the non-prize winners by saying that I think the whole system of prizes is wrong. It seems to me we are very often rewarding the boy with the ten talents, and he of the five is overlooked. I have often wished someone would invent a means of meeting that difficulty; for every schoolmaster knows that many a boy far down on the list has worked as conscientiously and made as good use of the gifts God has given him, perhaps even more so, than he who heads the list and gets the prize. In St. Edward's there are, I believe, few that are satisfied with burying their talent, but as a consequence there are so many that deserve rewards, that the lord of the vineyard would find his resources unequal to the strain of any system of prizes other than the accepted one!

"It is gratifying to us, and I am sure, to your Grace also, to see here so many of the clergy and so many of the parents and friends of the boys. I thank them one and all.

"To the Governors of the College here with me on the platform I tender my best thanks for their interest in the School not merely on such an occasion as this but ever and always.

"Finally I thank your Grace for honouring us by your presence at a time which must be so busy for you. At the risk of incurring your Grace's wrath I shall refer to the laying of the foundation-stone of the Cathedral. We wish the occasion to have unqualified success. We wish that it may prove to be an expression of goodwill not merely of the Catholics of the Liverpool Archdiocese, not merely of the Catholics of England and of the world over, but also the goodwill of our non-catholic fellow citizens and fellow countrymen. May it be a day ever to be remembered by us all, and a day of intense gratification and spiritual elation to your Grace."

## Prize List.

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### RELIGIOUS EXAMINATION FOR PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS

HUGH J. ROONEY

### LEAHY MEMORIAL PRIZE

(C.I.E. Association)

—:AND:—

### DUX GOLD MEDAL

AUSTIN THOMAS

### HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

#### Modern Side

*Religion*...F. ROBERTS  
1st, AUSTIN THOMAS  
2nd, MATTHEW MURPHY  
3rd, DERMOT DOYLE

#### Science Side

*Religion*...T. MAGUIRE  
1st, WILLIAM CARR  
2nd, VINCENT QUIGLEY  
3rd, PATRICK MCCARTHY

#### Vib Modern

*Religion*...L. McDONALD  
1st, H. ROONEY  
2nd, L. McDONALD  
3rd, F. MOLYNEUX

#### Vib Science

*Religion*...L. CHAMBERS  
1st, T. KENNY  
2nd, W. TAYLOR  
3rd, L. CHAMBERS

### CATENIAN PRIZES (£5/5/- each)

(Liverpool Circle)

*Mathematics and Science*—ROBERT KERSHAW

*Modern Studies*—THOMAS WALSH

### SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

First Place—ROBERT KERSHAW ..... Silver Medal

#### Upper Va Forms

1st, ROBERT KERSHAW      4th, PATRICK G. McNAMARA  
2nd, PATRICK G. LOMAX    5th, JAMES MALONEY  
3rd, THOMAS WALSH      6th, CHARLES NICHOLS

#### Upper Vb Forms

1st, GERALD F. BURKE  
2nd, BERNARD McCOURT  
3rd, GEORGE A. CANNELL

### ANNUAL FORM EXAMINATIONS

Lower Va Modern :—

*Religion*...J. DARCY and W. RICHARDSON

1st, W. RICHARDSON ; 2nd, WM. COLLINS ;  
3rd, J. BLEASDALE

...

Lower Vb Modern :—*Religion*...C. AINSWORTH

1st, C. AINSWORTH ; 2nd, E. SENNOTT ;  
3rd, P. HASKINS

Lower Va Science :—*Religion*...B. WHALLEY

1st, B. WHALLEY ; 2nd, F. BYRNE ;  
3rd, G. GROWNEY

Lower Vb Science :—*Religion*...G. SMALL

1st, L. McALEAVEY ; 2nd, M. WALSH ;  
3rd, G. SMALL

IVa Modern :—*Religion*...J. COOK

1st, M. O'REILLY ; 2nd, J. COOK ;  
3rd, J. GAFFIN

IVa Science :—*Religion*...E. SIMMONS

1st, E. SIMMONS ; 2nd, J. OWENS ;  
3rd, G. McLOUGHLIN

IVb Science :—*Religion*...C. BELL

1st, K. McGUINNESS ; 2nd, C. REDMOND ;  
3rd, G. HOWELL

III alpha :—*Religion*...F. WHALLEY

1st, J. CURRAN ; 2nd, J. KELLY ;  
3rd, J. O'BRIEN

III beta :—*Religion*...J. GRANT

1st, K. CARROLL ; 2nd, L. DURKIN ;  
3rd, J. ROWE

IIIa :—*Religion*...F. CLARKSON

1st, E. BRASH ; 2nd, L. SMITH ;  
3rd, G. EVANS

IIIb :—*Religion*...G. SUTTON

1st, G. SUTTON ; 2nd, J. REILLY ;  
3rd, J. ROONEY

II :—*Religion*...T. JONES

1st, J. McQUADE ; 2nd, T. ELMORE ;  
3rd, D. DEVLIN

I :—*Religion*...B. FORSHAW

1st, B. FORSHAW ; 2nd, N. CALLAGHAN ;  
3rd, S. MURPHY

### EXAMINER'S PRIZES FOR HISTORY

Form Lower V :—G. GROWNEY

Form IV :—M. O'REILLY

Form III :—J. ROONEY

## Examination Results.

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### RELIGIOUS EXAMINATION FOR PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS

First Place in England (1,031 candidates) :—

H. J. ROONEY

### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

*Charles Tyerman Taylor Scholarship* :—

AUSTIN THOMAS

*Senior City and Campagnac Scholarship* :—

MATTHEW MURPHY

### HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

BONNEY, JAMES	MCCARTHY, PATRICK
CARR, WILLIAM	MAGUIRE, THOMAS
DALY, ARTHUR	MURPHY, THOMAS
DAVIES, WILLIAM	QUIGLEY, VINCENT
DOHERTY, LAURENCE	ROBERTS, FREDERICK
DOYLE, DERMOT	THOMAS, AUSTIN
FLEMING, THOMAS	WOODS, JOHN
FORD, ANTHONY	

*Distinction in History*—MATTHEW MURPHY

**MATRICULATION AND SCHOOL CERTIFICATE**

(Candidates marked thus \* have been awarded a Matriculation Certificate).

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| AMMUNDSEN, JOHN       | *JOYCE, PETER         |
| BALMER, RICHARD       | KEANE, WILLIAM        |
| *BEALE, EDWARD        | *KEARNEY, HENRY       |
| BEAUMONT, HENRY       | *KEENAN, WILLIAM      |
| *BEGLIN, MICHAEL J.   | KENNY, ERNEST         |
| *BRICKLEY, JOHN       | KERIN, PATRICK F.     |
| BURKE, EDWARD         | *KERSHAW, ROBERT      |
| BURKE, FRANCIS P.     | *KIERAN, HERBERT      |
| *BURKE, GERALD F.     | LANGLEY, HERBERT P.   |
| BURKE, WALTER J.      | LAWLER, WILFRID       |
| BYRNE, JOHN           | *LOMAX, PATRICK G.    |
| BYRNE, JOHN P.        | *LYNCH, DENNIS A.     |
| *CAMPBELL, THOMAS A.  | *MABBS, WILLIAM       |
| *CANNELL, GEORGE A.   | MAGINNIS, ARTHUR J.   |
| CARTY, JAMES          | *MANGAN, GERALD A.    |
| CLARKE, PIERCE        | *MALONEY, JAMES F.    |
| *COLLEY, JOHN F.      | *McCARNEY, MAURICE    |
| CONNOLLY, GERARD      | McCARTNEY, PATRICK J. |
| *COOK, FRANCIS J.     | *McCOURT, BERNARD     |
| *CREASE, FRANCIS J.   | McCURRY, TERENCE      |
| *DALY, JOHN F.        | *McDONALD, GEORGE     |
| D'ARCY, AMBROSE       | McGOLDERICK, G. P.    |
| *DARCY, JOHN          | *McGREAL, THOMAS      |
| DEVINE, GERARD        | *McLAUGHLIN, E. T.    |
| *DOYLE, JOHN F.       | McMANUS, EDWARD W.    |
| DOYLE, WILLIAM J.     | MacMAHON, CHARLES J.  |
| *EDWARDS, EATON R.    | *MacNALLY, SIDNEY     |
| EVANS, ARTHUR I.      | *McNAMARA, PATRICK P. |
| FEE, JOSEPH E.        | *NICHOLS, CHARLES     |
| FINNEN, AUGUSTINE     | NOLAN, DAVID          |
| FLANAGAN, THOMAS      | *NORBURY, VINCENT     |
| *FORD, MAURICE F.     | *O'BRIEN, ERIC D.     |
| FOX, JOSEPH           | *O'KEEFE, SAMUEL      |
| *GILCHRIST, EDWARD    | OLDERSHAW, PETER F.   |
| GILES, EDWIN          | *O'NEILL, FRANCIS     |
| GRAHAM, THOMAS        | REID, FRANCIS         |
| *HARGADON, JOHN J.    | RIPLEY, JOSEPH R.     |
| HEALY, JAMES G.       | ROBERTS, JOHN F.      |
| *HEALY, PATRICK J.    | *ROGERS, JOHN B.      |
| HICKMAN, GERARD K.    | RUDD, EDWARD F.       |
| *HOLLINGSWORTH, W. J. | SWIFT, ROBERT         |
| *HOWELL, EDWARD       | *TIMMONS, JAMES P.    |
| *HUGHES, HUGH         | *WALSH, THOMAS        |
| *JACKSON, THOMAS G.   | WOODS, WILLIAM J.     |
| JONES, LAWRENCE J.    |                       |

**Distinctions**

- English Literature*—PATRICK G. LOMAX
- History*—WALTER J. BURKE, FRANCIS J. COOK, BERNARD McCOURT, VINCENT NORBURY
- French*—ARTHUR I. EVANS, GEORGE McDONALD
- Latin*—PATRICK G. LOMAX, GEORGE McDONALD, SIDNEY McNALLY, PETER F. OLDERSHAW
- Mathematics*—MICHAEL J. BEGLIN, THOMAS A. CAMPBELL, FRANCIS J. CREASE, JOHN F. DOYLE, EATON R. EDWARDS, ROBERT KERSHAW, PATRICK G. LOMAX, CHARLES NICHOLS, JOHN B. ROGERS, JOSEPH S. WILSON

*Physics*—ROBERT KERSHAW

*Chemistry*—JOHN DARCY, ROBERT KERSHAW, EDW. T. McLAUGHLIN, PATRICK P. McNAMARA

The prizes having been distributed the Archbishop gave an address. He was thus reported by the *Catholic Herald*:

"He was interested to hear the headmaster's criticisms of the many things which had entered a school's curriculum. The field of education nowadays was overrun by administrators, pedants, and cranks, many of whom had never taught in their lives and, in all probability, never could. Their practice was to hamper with red tape the real progress of education which was the tilling of the mind. *It appeared that, unless you had a particularly palatial school looking like an insurance office with yards of space for inspectors to walk about, your education could not be sound.*

"The purpose of education is to give culture. Never mistake information for education. You can pour information into a boy's head and yet not educate him. The main purpose of our education is to turn out a human being with a will and mind of his own and to fit him to take his place in life as a useful citizen and a good Catholic."

The *Catholic Herald* continued:

"The school report showed that during 1932 St. Edward's had beaten all its own records with fifteen passes in the Higher School Certificate, eighty-nine in the School Certificate, and forty-six in Matriculation. The number of distinctions in subjects, twenty-six, was only a very few short of the school record. These distinctions were got not in one or two pet subjects but in practically all the subjects of the examination.

"The array of university degrees in arts, science and law of the 'old boys' was a very remarkable one, and showed that the success of the school was followed up by their success in the higher studies.

"An interesting musical programme was given by the school choir and orchestra, the singing of the choir especially in part-songs being of a very high order.

"A vote of thanks to Archbishop Downey was enthusiastically carried on the proposition of Mr. Howard Feeny."

## Scientific Society

THE Society has maintained the standard set last term, of one lecture per week, and by now each member of VIA. Sc. has had an opportunity for testing his ability to address an assembly and hold its attention for about twenty-five minutes. The chief source of weakness is that papers are read instead of lectures delivered. Much of the value to the speaker is lost if he is bent over notes, talking to a table. It is practically the same as reading a text-book aloud in class. A lecture should be an essay in the art of speaking, no less important to a science student than to a modern.

Subjects not directly in the school course, but of general scientific interest are especially welcome. Such was J. Roberts' 'Evolution,' which gave us the broad outlines of Darwin's theory. This lecture especially aroused our interest.

The votes of thanks after the lectures are becoming mechanical. The proposer in many cases commends the slides, offers an assurance that VIB. Sc. (VIB. Sc. have proposed and seconded all the votes this term) now fully comprehends the subject, and proposes with great pleasure, a hearty vote of thanks. Let's have some variety, please.

Lectures delivered since the Magazine last went to press are:

'Liquefaction of Gases' ..... F. Lloyd.  
'Rare Gases' ..... J. Marsh.  
'Evolution' ..... J. Roberts.

'Solar System' ..... J. Richardson.  
'Catalysis' ..... T. Kenny.  
'Drink' ..... L. Chambers.  
'Fixation of Atmospheric Nitrogen' .....  
W. Taylor.  
'Osmotic Pressure' ..... J. Smerdon.  
'The Atom' ..... G. Murphy.  
'X-Rays' ..... W. Smerdon.  
'Television' ..... R. Kershaw (VIB. Sc.).

Three times this term we, VIA. Sc., had a welcome night off homework to hear lectures. On the first occasion, 3rd February, we heard, at the University, Prof. Brodetsky on 'Finite and Infinite.' This chiefly impressed on us the conception of infinity, and not to think of it as a number.

VIB. Sc. were also present on February 13, at the Central Hall, to hear Prof. MacGregor Morris deliver a Faraday lecture on 'Lightning.' This ended with a spectacular display by a lightning generator.

On 10th March we heard Prof. Whiddington at the University recount some of his own research work on the 'Photographic action of electrons.' A graph, plotted with accurate data was interesting and instructive. Not one of his points lay on the graph, but were equally distributed on either side. This is a sore point with VIA. Sc. after their practical physics afternoon.

Our thanks are due to the Physical Society of the University for their kind invitations.

T.K.



# French Debating Society

THE Annual Debate is now only a few months off, and there is every probability that it will be as big a success as it has been in former years. There is no lack of debating talent in the Society, as has been shown by some really excellent individual efforts during the term. Pronunciation is improving and indeed the only little *foible* is a certain lack of forceful intonation when pressing home a telling point.

The final debate last term took place on 9th December, the subject being 'Que la vie il y a cent ans etait plus heureuse que celle d'aujourd'hui.' Cannell, G. Burke and Edwards supported the motion and were opposed by Evans, Gilchrist, and Hargaden. All the debaters were of VIB. The supporters of the 'good old days' gained the verdict.

To begin the new year in approved fashion, on 27th January we drew our debate from La Fontaine: 'Que la raison du plus fort est toujours la meilleure.' This was supported by Healey, Hollingsworth and Jackson (VIB. Mods.), in opposition to Joyce, Kershaw (VIB. Sc.) and Langley (VIB. Mods.). The former won by a very narrow margin.

The sudden popularity of Technocracy as a subject of conversation inspired the next debate, 'Qu'on devrait borner l'usage des machines,' held on February 10th. The motion was proposed by Lynch, Mangan (VIB. Mods.) and McCarney (VIB. Sc.) and

opposed by McCourt, McGreal (VIB. Mods.) and McLaughlin (VIB. Sc.). This debate was by no means satisfying, both subject-matter and delivery being of a very inferior variety. The Pro's won the decision mainly due to the creditable efforts of Mangan.

On 24th February, McNamara, O'Neill (deputising for Moloney) and Nicholls urged 'Que le système des examens devrait être aboli' in opposition to the self-sacrificing denials of Norbury, O'Brien, and Doherty (in place of O'Keefe). The self-abnegation of the latter was however rewarded by victory. Doherty was congratulated on doing so well at such short notice.

The last debate held was on 10th March, when the motion was 'Qu'on a prouve que la Ligue des Nations n'a point de puissance.' This was supported successfully by Maloney, O'Keefe and Rogers, against Timmons, Walsh and Wilson. Mr. President at the end of this debate spent some time in trenchant observations on the use of the gender in French, and also on the French names of foreign provinces. As an observant or critical reader might gather, this debate was decidedly not up to form.

This is hardly a cheerful note on which to end the term, but one can only hope for the best next term. VIA. are then due to participate in the debates and it is to be hoped that a vast improvement in their standard will soon be noticed. F.W.R.

# Literary & Historical Society

SINCE the last issue of the *Magazine* we have been quite fortunate in the quality of the papers that have been read. Two in particular were in the

nature of special 'catches'; we longed, in fact, for the glowing phrases of the estate agent or the superlatives of the Hollywood 'ballyhoo-merchant' to describe them. Given

these, we might have advertised the meetings—it is our life's ambition to adorn St. Domingo Road with huge banners relating to some 'Stupendous Attraction!' or 'Epoch-making Release!' . . . but back to business.

The first paper to be reported dates from November, 1932, when H. Langley of VIA Mods. contributed some remarks on Kipling. From his description of Kipling as 'a man's poet,' and from some of the views he subsequently expressed, one concluded that the speaker had a poor opinion of the average masculine taste. Besides suggesting that the poet had not fulfilled the high hopes entertained of him in youth, Langley defended his Jingoism on the grounds that it was essential in Victorian times for 'the forward youth that would appear' to write as a rabid patriot. This equivocal defence, however, seemed to escape notice, and it was the more appreciative comments that drew criticism. With great helpfulness, the Scientists had led the discussion as far as the colour problem in the East, and when 2 o'clock struck the closure, Kipling, the ostensible subject, was almost left behind. We fear, in view of this, and of the speaker's judgments on him, that he has little hold upon the rising generation.

The next paper, which came just before the end of term, was probably the greatest attraction we have had yet. Through the good offices of Bro. Roche, we were privileged to hear Mr. Maurice Leahy, the secretary of the Catholic Poetry Society read a lecture on 'Modern Catholic Poets.' He gave us a most illuminating account of Catholic poetry to-day, and awed the whole assembly by his evident familiarity with our greatest living poets. His account—illustrated by readings—of the influence of the Faith on much of our best modern poetry was nothing short of fascinating, and it was singularly unfortunate that his brief allowance of time could not be extended; as it was, he had to conclude rather abruptly, and no questions could be asked.

The first paper of the new term was read by S. Rush, of VIA. Mods. Inspired by some of Mr. Leahy's remarks about Francis Thompson, he chose that poet as his subject, giving us a capable and concise account of his life, with some criticism of his work. This lecture will have been very useful if it has stimulated interest in Thompson, who is still very little read, as the speaker pointed out.

With the next meeting, the historical side of the Society stirred into activity again, for we had a discussion on Protection and Free Trade between four members of VIA. Mods. Field and Kennedy were the Protectionists, and Molyneux and Rush were the champions of Free Trade. The latter, however, were handicapped by the fact that Rush could be present only in spirit; his notes had to be read by Rooney. The Protectionists were defeated, nevertheless, and the National Government received a rude shock. Mr. Barter made matters a little more even by pointing out that Kennedy alone attempted to speak rather than to read out his arguments. The next speaker was I. Doherty of VIA. Mods, who delivered a paper on 'Tragedy.' He confined himself for the most part to a discussion of Greek tragedy, a subject of especial interest to the second-year Moderns since they have been reading *Samson Agonistes*. The development and purpose of the Rules were considered, and their effect on subsequent drama was also treated, some time being saved for a few remarks on Aristotle's influence through the 'Poetics.' This was a useful paper on a rather difficult subject.

February 28th was the second red letter day in our calendar, bringing us four old Edwardians from the 'Varsity Faculty of Law to debate on the necessity of complete disarmament. Against the motion was Mr. Nolan (the first secretary of this Society, by the way), supported by Mr. Bryson. The pacifists were Mr. Fergus and his junior, Mr. Pratt. The resulting discussion was a revela-

tion to those who expected one of the usual humdrum school debates, and it has given us a standard to strive after. In particular, the eloquence of the two principal speakers drew applause; even those who knew of their prowess in University debates were agreeably surprised. The result was fairly close, the Pros. winning by about four votes in fifty. Evidently their impassioned idealism appealed to the audience more than the cold, cynical reasoning of the militarists. After the closure, Messrs. Nolan and Fergus generously offered a second visit, and this will be awaited with interest by everyone who heard them. They also urged on us the usefulness of learning to speak well—advice which, coming from two such exponents of the speaker's art, is worthy of consideration. It will be interesting to see if future debaters have profited by what they have heard.

The next paper, given by Rooney of VIA. Mods., came on the 14th of March. It was concerned with a few of the developments that have occurred in the theory and practice of

modern play production, and was entitled 'Progress on the Stage.'

Tuesday, the 21st of March, saw a revival of impromptu debating, under the auspices of Mr. Barter. Eloquence is never expected on such occasions—it is not easy to wax eloquent over subjects like 'Is red cabbage green grocery?'—and all the audience wants is to be amused. It is to be feared, though, that most of the laughter was occasioned by the speakers' lapses, and not by their brilliance; for most of them tended to be strong in silence rather than weak in wit. The VIA. Science men gave a good account of themselves, perhaps because of the practice they get at composing their famous votes of thanks.

There are still one or two papers to be read, at the time of writing, but we must postpone consideration of them until next term. An expectant public awaits the issue of the Magazine, and the Editor is clamouring for copy.

H.J.R.

## Music Notes

**T**WO boys have joined the Orchestra this term—Francis Byrne and James Nolan. We give them a hearty welcome. It is very encouraging to find our numbers increasing, but we should be more than pleased if boys in the School would express a desire to learn to play other instruments than the piano and violin. Lessons in *any* instrument can always be arranged. With regard to the Double-Bass, boys attending St. Edward's College are in a very happy position, the Brothers happening to possess such an instrument. This means that any boy wishing to learn to play it can do so without buying an instrument. Of course no boy

would be allowed to put it in his pocket and take it home, but any boy could have his lesson, and do his daily practice, on the School premises, and his only expense would be the tutorial fees. It is a golden opportunity.

The School Concert at the end of the Christmas term was a great success. At the conclusion Brother Roche thanked the performers for their efforts, but we should indeed feel ungrateful if we did not again thank our great friends and constant helpers, Messrs. John McKey, Bernard McKey and Edward Devlin, and record our thanks in the Magazine.

We append the programme :

1. Little Norwegian Suite .... arr. *Erik Hensen*.  
 (a) Saterjeutens Sontag.  
 (b) Den Bakvenda Visa.  
 (c) Rotmans Knut.  
 THE COLLEGE ORCHESTRA.
2. Part Song....' John Cook's Grey Mare '....  
*R. Thompson*.  
 THE COLLEGE CHOIR.
3. Violin Solo....' La Serenata ' ..... *Braga*.  
 G. PRATT.
4. Song....' The Castle of Dromore '....Irish  
 Mr. H. FAHERTY. Lullaby.
5. 'Cello Solo....' La Cinquantaine '....*G. Marie*.  
 Mr. B. McKEY.
6. Songs....(a) ' The Big Brass Band '.....  
*E. German* (adapted).  
 (b) 'A Chip of the Old Block '....  
 Mr. A. HOSKER. *Squire*.
7. Part Song....' The Rose upon my  
 Balcony '.....*Stanford*.  
 THE COLLEGE CHOIR.
8. Humorous Songs.....Selected.....  
 Mr. J. CURTIN.
9. March from 'Carmen' ..... *Bizet*.  
 THE COLLEGE ORCHESTRA.  
 School Song.  
 God Save the King.

There are many advantages of being in the Orchestra. It promotes accuracy, each member being only one part of the body, and having to fit his part in with every other member. It inculcates a love of *good* music thus improving the taste. It trains the ear to listen carefully to the effects produced by the member's own instrument and by the instruments of the other performers, and by first distinguishing between instruments of different classes the ear eventually is able to distinguish between good and bad qualities of tone produced by instruments of one class.

## Poets' Corner

### TOO BAD.

Some poets met one afternoon  
 And, settled at their ease,  
 Discussed with zest how best they might  
 Chill Penury appease.

A cheese-purveyor then stood up,  
 His face was bluff and red,  
 "You are too full of sentiment,  
 Have done with it," he said.

"The milk of human kindness  
 In me long since did freeze."  
 Said they, "We know Your Highness,  
 It's all turned into cheese."

S. KENNEDY (VIA. Mods.).

# Journalism

"A SOUND OF REVELRY BY NIGHT."

**W**ELL, at least, it was not exactly by night—just late in the afternoon and the noises proceeded from a classroom in the Sixth Form. In the middle of the room was a throbbing, heaving mass of humanity (phrase taken from account of Rugby match) and the weirdest noises were issuing from it. One chap was waving a sheet of paper above his head and in a voice that sounded as if he was watching a Shield Match; he was vainly protesting that "if someone 'ud move I cud gerramove on." Seemingly he wanted some elbow-room and was getting more elbow than room.

One bespectacled youth with sleek hair and a ruddy face was telling his colleague that "if they put that thing in, there'd be trouble." (I think he said "I'll bash yer," but I would not swear to it). At the same time in a coy voice, laden with expression, he was asking for information about French books, Wolverhampton, and Wembley. Yet another pale-faced scholar with fair hair was giving suggestions about £8 per week and was it worth it? What was worth what, he did not deign to explain, but he was very

insistent about the value of the unknown quantity.

Everyone else was shrieking suggestions in all scales and cadences until no one could hear anyone else. What bits of information did get through the troubled ether were being taken down on scraps of paper by two dignified youths who alone were calm and serene. The din was terrific and could be heard through all the school (that's what we're usually told, anyhow); the windows were looking rather tremulous and the roof seemed about to leave home. However, the sturdy stonework was strong enough to stand the noise and we were saved. This continued for about three-quarters of an hour until one bright person suggested a Latin lesson and finally forced us to listen to him.

No! reader, we weren't drawing the winners for the National or holding a Communist meeting: Two of the class had been told to write up the Class Notes and the remaining members of the scrum were aiding and abetting, that's all!

H. LANGLEY (VI.B.).

## Form Notes

### Form Via Mods.



OUR room has been somewhat embellished during the term and we are very grateful for the new picture which adorns our classroom wall. Its charming

portraits, especially the "Wife of Bath" have inspired many of us to study Chaucer.

While on this subject of room-furnishings; in view of the fact that a member of this form has acquired a pair of carpet slippers to wear during the rainy season, we suggest

that measures should be taken to eliminate the draught which blows a perpetual half-gale under the door. Carpet or other slippers are notoriously vulnerable to draughts, and our record attendances are likely to suffer. Draughts or dampers? Pneumonia or New Health?

When one member of this form was asked for some original contribution to these notes, this is what we got:

"When you asked me for something original I didn't know how to begin  
For there was nothing original in me  
Excepting original sin."

Obviously a lad!

Another gleaning from our poetical notebook:

"Some say our fame is on the wane,  
Others that we're mere pierrots;  
Alas! Alas! our dear old class  
It had no *national* heroes."

A few weeks ago a sparrow entered our room by the window *uninvited*. As may be expected the bird, after the manner of its kind, led us a merry dance before finally coming to rest on the desk of one who is famed for his powers of fascination over birds. Within a few moments he had it eating a meat sandwich out of his hand. A few days later we were honoured by a visit from a kitten. It is remarkable how the frank and honest countenances of the members of this form attract animals. Let this silence all base slanderers and detractors of the Sixth Form.

The chief fly in the VIa Modern's ointment at the moment is that the Easter terminal results have still in most cases to be revealed. This has preoccupied the best brains of the form to such an extent that original thoughts for these notes have been inordinately rare. Even the despicable activities of those plagues of our peace of mind, the amateur versifiers, have been temporarily checked—a point in favour of the examination system which has hitherto evaded notice. These gentlemen,

however, have receded into the background, only to spring forward the farther we fear, and they will again make their presence felt before long. His ambition to get into print is the worst of a poet, as everyone knows. And he's cunning enough, if the need should arise, to disguise his effusions as prose.

Final Query: Have VIa Mods. been subdued or have they merely commenced to work? "Much might be said on both sides."

Another contributor for absolutely no reason, and with very little rhythm submitted the following effusion:

"I wandered along the passage  
By the Science Class I did pause  
For gleaming under the benches  
Were two pairs of lovely plus fours."



#### Form VIb Moderns.

The attendances this term have been so good that it looks as though anyone who turns in for most of the exams has a sporting chance of being "Best Boy." The present holder, however, seems apathetic and doesn't seem to care to defend his title—"Its tough to be famous!" "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown."

We all saw with regret the removal of our "absent" desk, the mascot of the Form. We wonder if it is to be put in the glass case of relics of the C.I. and S.E.C. For the moment it remains on show at the end of the Sixth Form passage.

McG— asks if there is any truth that a pension is to be given for board cleaners, and does the exercise develop a right hook.

Is it true that our Form vocalist is going with Henry Hall and his orchestra? Let us hope so as we may get a little peace in future.

Everybody in the Form has, by this, had a turn in the French Debates. They are

probably wondering if they will ever feel so foolish again. (And so, sir . . . er . . . aussi, monsieur . . . ).

We have lately heard a discourse from an old friend, D. J. Doyle, who denounced highbrows and snobbery in books in a distinctly "bay-windowish" accent. This was somewhat incongruous, but his witty style made ample atonement.



**Form VIa Science.**

Our Christmas holidays were darkened by "ekkers" and J— S— denies that he had a nightmare in which Father Christmas brought him more "ekkers"; but some still believe the rumour.

The term has been full of activity in sport and learning. The Scientific Society has never been more flourishing. We brighten the French debates with our pithy words and eloquence, we convulse the other members by our witty impromptu debates, and, in fine, there is no show without VIa Science. Mr. Rowe during the term dissected an eye for us, but later when he departed leaving another eye in our possession, there were stormy scenes.

Some of us saw *Les Precieuses Ridicules*, a French play at the theatre. It is very doubtful if any of us understood the scenes from *Tartuffe* and the recitations, but we all enjoyed the first-named play, which we had prepared (or should have).

Learning proceeds apace, and one member of the class wishes to assure everyone that we are working assiduously from 9 to 4. He dares not, however, mention the homework; probably he knows better.

In sport, G. Murphy and W. Smerdon have ably represented the Form, and have contributed much to the success of the Senior Shield team.

G.L. has been very active in the matter of football, playing in spirit but not in person with fervent zeal. He advertised successfully for a megaphone for the later Shield matches, and did not spare his voice on behalf of the School.

T.K.



**Form VIb Science.**

The Form notes are invariably in the same stereotyped strain leaving no room for our "bon-mots." For example, let us deduce from the successes in the S.C. Examination how many scholarships we will obtain. Will a xylophone be introduced into the School Orchestra or shall we debate on the question "Should the School have a fire-brigade?" Our visit to the Royal Court was very enjoyable, our one regret being that "As you like it" was not featured.

After a visit to the Playhouse we found that we didn't know as much French as we thought we did. Therefore we decided not to adopt Mr. M—n's suggestion, viz., that we might produce one or two acts of "Le Cid." From our own experience we know that French plays are inclined to be (unintentionally, perhaps) humorous.

French is coming much into prominence lately: Pierre Loti would have turned in his grave if he had heard the clear and comprehensible rendering of "*Pecheur d'Islande*" lately afforded by a colleague.



**U.Va Moderns.**

Every schoolboy knows that Safety always comes First—first going to school, first in school, and first when leaving school—no matter how great the anxiety to get away

to your Homework. Alas! how many know this so well in theory; how few there are who can put it into practice. In our own Form we have had sorry examples of late which have been cheerfully given by the same individual. When in gym he valiantly strives to surpass his fellows, which is laudable enough, but when he persists in landing on his head as a kind of grand finale, we say he is having honour at too dear a price.

Like the seed in the Gospel, the football sweep has fallen by the wayside, but as yet no birds have picked it up. This is really unfortunate. A Football Sweep! In Upper Va!! Run by two "old hands"!!! A Failure!!!! No wonder the financial world is awry to-day. So, we repeat, it is unfortunate, for someone will now have to exist on a mere pittance instead of becoming rich beyond the dreams of avarice. The individual who discouraged the Co-op. system has a lot to answer for.

Hearty congratulations to our Senior Shield representatives, Messrs. Graham, Redmond, and Reid. We hope they get there at Goodison.

We are all painfully aware of the stress and strain of our modern existence. The young folk are becoming old long before their time. But we have something to cheer us. The enterprise of one of the Form has discovered a means of keeping that schoolboy complexion. Strange to say no soap is necessary. Just simple physical exertion—we can vouch for it. One simple physical jerk gives a complexion like the full-blown rose. The discoverer has given us ocular demonstrations he has taken his own prescription—and found that the bloom is lasting when awkward questions must need be answered.

Some declare that it was not the physical exercise which caused the Paris-like hue, the lovely bloom, on our neighbour's fair cheeks. Not exercise, but fear, chill fear, when he heard the sudden outburst from his

taciturn neighbour. Oh! what a noise was that my countrymen! And how tremulous were the echoes round our peaceful little dovecot! And how clearly did we see the spectres of pale-visaged fear cast their ghastly shadow on once cheerful countenances.

A very happy ending to the coming ordeal (or ordeals) next July.



### U.Vb Moderns.

A cynic has very unkindly said we have made more history than any other Form in the College. What exactly he meant we don't know. But we do know that it was not exactly complimentary. Alas! our local chroniclers have not been over-busy with their documents. Hence some really "good things" have been lost to posterity—they will be interred with our bones.

Two members have undoubtedly been taking an interest in the jewellers' business. Sorry to say two of a trade never agree—nor did these; for one, jealous apparently of his rival's stock of jewels, seized the priceless treasures and put them into the custody of local officials.

J. Hurst is doing famously so far. We congratulate him heartily and wish him best of luck on April 3rd.

What's in a name? And if you call an imposition by the name of revision does it cease to be an imposition? We really appreciate the kindly sympathy of some of our masters in so thoughtfully sugaring the pill. But new-fangled names don't exactly get us over the labour of extra swot.

Why are the Masters changed at 1-30 p.m. on Thursdays? We should much prefer a Tuesday or a Thursday. Those concerned might please note, for there is a whole term ahead yet.

The Co-operative System has not exactly



proved a success. Prevalent financial conditions have absolutely nothing to do with it, so the failure is a trifle discouraging.

The "cheery" atmosphere prevails here in spite of ominous clouds on the horizon. "Gather yer roses, etc."



### Form Lower V Modern.

What a gloom fills the schoolboy's mind for some days previous to "Black Monday." It was "Black" with the fogs and gloom of Everton hovering thick. We had considered ourselves fortunate when our Reports—Progress, please!—announced that the Head Master had extended our Christmas rejoicings for some days. Well, we soon found ourselves once again amongst our old companions—there was O'Reilly, one of my travelling pals, and Keating; all the way from Bidston. Form work resumes: the Latin master is in his rostrum and the grammatical niceties of Caesar are dwelt upon with vigour. Repetition this term? No! "Have your Ovids next lesson!" Will the old Poet turn out to be very interesting? All work is not to be the order—football with all its enthusiasm grasps us once more. The previous term it had been somewhat tame. House and Form games, with some remarks as to the progress of our Senior School Team; what will they do in the Shield? What has the Senior to interest the Lower Fives? What of the Junior? Were we not going to make a big bid for honours, having Geff Pellegrini just returned from his Italian trip and Charlie Redmond full of fire and earnestness to do or conquer? Our successes versus the other Forms have been well held, and our success in the Junior Shield has been kept up through all its stages to the last fence when we had to admit defeat to our victors from Collegiate. One of our

passages in the Shield gave us an opportunity to go and see the grand Old Roman City—Chester. How does it compare with Fazakerley? I leave the telling to Thompson. Those of us new visitors left nothing that we could not talk about next day—the Wall, the Bridge, the Dee.

Did we not sound the School song and give our heroes the full vent of our lungs in the many hard fought games they have gone through in the Shield matches—nine in all for both teams? How we have cheered the scheming of Kennedy and the great non-stop rushes of our School Captain, Tom Graham.

Our Prize Distribution and Speech Day was now in the offing. Would we be able to be present to see some of our Form companions entertaining the assembly in Song and Orchestra? We were only to learn we still rank "Juniors." However, that will not prevent us from being present in spirit amongst the fortunate ones who will present themselves before the Archbishop. Wishing them every success. We have now come to our Easter Term Exams; what an ordeal for the slacker, the "flu" victims!! One exam a day—that's the order. We shall have time to digest and talk before and after.



### Form Lower Va Science.

After a short but very welcome extension to the Christmas Vacation we returned to School on January 9th to pick up the threads of learning from where we had left off. Our first surprise was encountered on the very first day of the term in the person of a new Form Master.

Once we had settled down to work the term slipped by quickly and quietly. In case our readers, knowing us all too well, quarrel with the word "quietly" we will state that here it means uneventfully.

Since Ash Wednesday, when the fund for Waifs and Strays of the Archdiocese was opened, a keen, though friendly rivalry has sprung up between the A and B Forms and also between the three sections in each class. This spirit of rivalry has certainly had good results, for we can boast that at present our total is fairly respectable. At the time of writing the A Form holds a fairly safe lead, while its B section holds first place in the inter-section competition.

Football is now, as usual, the chief topic throughout the School. To give impetus to the Inter-House matches, the new "House Shield" has been put up outside the hall. It is very handsome and well worth striving for. To give the football "failures" a chance there is also room on the Shield for the champions at cricket and athletics.

Our efforts for the Senior and Junior Shields have been crowned with success, both teams reaching the Final Tie. The Juniors have done well in winning all their matches away from home, and our Form feels justly proud of having supplied no less than five "stars" to the team.

P.S. The humorist who tried to define the "Atomic weight of an Elephant" has remained silent for quite a while. Is this shyness?



#### Form Lower Vb Science.

The Form is steadily building up for itself a reputation—even if only in the way of complaints. For example, a strong detachment of infantry repelling all attacks in the back stairs. Or again as a result of objections to "guffawing" at jokes which they do not see, and prompting must be cut out of ordinary class work.

After painstaking deductions Suspective Moore of the Big Six has built up a theory

concerning Macbeth, which briefly stated that if Macbeth was really guilty of the crime attributed to him, Scotland Yard with its complete records should have proved it beyond doubt, by comparing the finger prints.

We are pleased to say that we are doing very well with our Shield matches, having a valuable asset to the Junior team in one of our members. It is to be hoped that good fortune will continue to smile on us. We feel that after an interval of four years it is time that we carried off the Shield once more.

Since the Form made a record sale for the Old Boys' sweep it was small consolation that one in thirty-three of us is getting a run for his money.

The raffles for the Waifs and Strays fund have revived interest in it and are certainly an aid to the collectors. They have quite a warm job in any case, extorting what money they can from us.



#### Form IVa Modern.

This is the first time of the year the *Mag* has had the honour of receiving our notes. Such "swots" as Curran and Sutton got first and second places respectively at Christmas Exams.

We offer our congratulations to both Senior and Junior Elevens on being able to play on Everton's and Liverpool's ground respectively in the final. As regards the type of football I should recommend more combination and less individualism and kick and rush.

We did jolly well at Chemistry as Curran got 100%; just imagine not one blot, good writing, good chemistry, not one slip with the ruler—what a charming record for a IVa boy. By this time we have started our Easter Exams and Curran appears to be as good as ever.

The few days extra at Christmas were received with great pleasure. A new Form Master awaited us on our returning this term; the click of whose fingers became a familiar signal after a few days. During the term he re-wrote the list of donors to the library, and as a result eight or ten new books were presented. These added to the dozen or more from the *fons et origo* and those already in our possession give us a respectable and well kept library—Fras Sc. can boast of nothing like it!

Some of the choir "stars" who sang so well on Speech Day are members of the Form. Connolly and Sutton deserve special mention. We all congratulate Mr. Boraston on the great success of his choir and orchestra on the occasion. The Archbishop delivered his usual amusing speech which was greeted with tremendous applause. We wish the recipients of the prizes, especially those of our own Form, still greater success.

A few weeks ago a new boy was admitted into our Form from the Sciences—it is not too bad when some recognise our superiority.

H. O'M. and chum.



#### Form IVb Modern.

Shortly after we had come back from our Christmas vacation House Football was in full swing and now that our football season has ended we see that Mersey have won the Junior League by one point from Domingo.

We congratulate both the Shield Teams on their excellent displays in the Finals. It was very hard luck that the Juniors were beaten 4-1 and the Seniors 2-0. O'Mahony from out of the Moderns played very well.

It might be mentioned that Dacey came from the Sciences into our class evidently

knowing that the Sciences are not as good as the Moderns.

At the time of writing the Examinations come on apace and will soon be over. This year we had a Prize-Giving Day. We have four prize winners in the class, namely: Durkin, Grant, O'Brien (J), and Reilly. O'Brien is a hot favourite for top of the class this term with Durkin and Reilly not far behind.

J.O.B. and J.B.



#### Form IVa Science.

On arriving back after the Christmas Holidays we found a sad yet pleasant surprise awaiting us. Our past form-master had left us, and was replaced by Brother O'Connor. We get on very well with the masters, except at the examination of lessons. Another surprise greeted us in the form of a new competition for a House Cup.

The Junior and Senior teams are both doing very well, having both qualified for the Final. We, of the Junior school, have much pleasure in having two members in the Junior team.

A new plague has spread throughout the class in the form of peashooting through glass tubes (Ed.--Science Masters please note!).

Three of our colleagues are entitled to prizes at the Annual Prize Distribution by Archbishop Downey.



#### Form IVb Science.

Soon after School began again the two Science Forms formed a football team which was beaten by a team from the Moderns. We think that this was mainly due to the condition of the ground and the small pitch.

The Moderns are not likely to think the same. The majority of us think that we've had a very decent term in which nothing really eventful has occurred.

We all thought Latin was not too hard till lately when we started learning numbers and Comparing of Adjectives. The Exams began early this term and ordinary Homework was kept up. There was great joy when we won both Semi-finals. We found Geography, History and English much more interesting than last year. A new boy came from Belfast, so Morgan, who sits next to him, tells us. The choir is in full practice for Speech Day, and on Monday afternoon the choir and organ was heard in our room. Last week we were told that we had subscribed the most to the Waifs and Strays in the Junior Forms.



**Forms III alpha and III beta.**

Our chief regret of the term was the absence of Brother Walsh during a great part of it owing to ill health. We sincerely hope that he and we shall be more lucky next term.

Early in February Brother Roche made war on those who were without catechisms—he won.

The House Matches were finished off early and the Shield Matches occupied our attention. We saw the Semi-final and are living in hope of seeing the Final!



**Form I.**

It is my turn this term to write the Form I Notes for the *Magazine*. There is not much for me to write about. We have been made to work very hard this term. The lesson I think all the class likes best is Writing as Mr. McEnery has promised a Prize for the

best writer at the end of the year. One of our class, a boy named Ennis, went in for a Competition in the *Liverpool Evening Express* for all children under 10 years of age of Liverpool in Writing, and his name was published in the paper as he was in the first four. The other boys in the class, that think they are better than he is, are sorry they didn't enter the Competition. Brother Walsh, who often comes to see us, says we are great boys. After Christmas a great number of the boys got fond of going to see "Laurel and Hardy" instead of having a good game of football, so Brother Roche, our Headmaster, came one day and said that those who did not like playing were to stay in School and do some work. You may be sure all the boys have been playing every Thursday since and we have some great games. The Red and White team is the best; that is the one I belong to. We are giving all our pennies for the Waifs and Strays fund, and joined with Form II, we hope to be the best in the School.

(Ed. They have I hear been easy winners—at the other end of the list!).



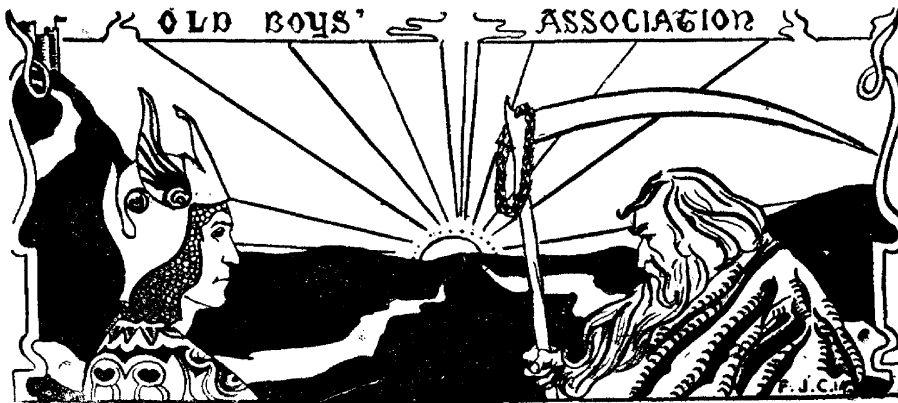
**Form II.**

The term has not been fruitful in events, and nothing outstanding has happened, which could be recorded as a worthy source of interest. In February a slight attack of "flu" thinned our ranks for a few days, but it passed away leaving us none the worse for its visitation. Even seizures of illegal instruments were rare—so common in the last session, when the unrelenting command "Hand that over" was often heard in the course of the day; and the unlucky culprit saw with regret the cause of a few happy moments vanish into the rapacious mouth of the wooden monster always ready to receive

such stuff. Catapults and Yo-yos were the favourite items of its taste.

The first, second, and third place in the Exam, following the Autumn Term, fell respectively to Brian Forshaw, Anthony Morris, and Harold Ness. Since the opening after Christmas utmost harmony has prevailed

in our work. Mr. Boraston, the Music Master, expressed the same sentiment, but at the time he did not look as if he meant it. The subscription in connection with the Good Shepherd Fund, made annually in Lent, now claims a part of our attention. (Ed. See Form I Notes).



## Old Boys' Notes

**S**INCE the last issue of the Magazine, when a detailed report of the Association's activities was given, two other important functions have taken place.

In December last the Annual Hot Pot was held, and resulted in a good mustering of Old Boys, who thoroughly enjoyed a good evening's entertainment. However, in spite of good numbers a still larger gathering is desirable, so may I once more appeal to the many Old Boys who do not attend our functions to resolve in future to be present at all our events. I can assure them that they will not be disappointed, and incidentally the Committee would feel that their work was not in vain.

As recently as February last, the Annual Dinner took place. This was truly a remarkable success both from the social and financial points of view. In one way it was unique inasmuch as the principal guest was Very Rev. Bro. Noonan, Superior General of the Order of The Irish Christian Brothers. In an address he pointed out that of the numerous Old Boys' Associations affiliated to Colleges administered by the Christian Brothers, the C.I.-Edwardian Association was the first Association to have as its Guest the Superior General of the Order. Accordingly the Annual Dinner of 1933 will go down in the annals of the Association as one of the most honourable ever held, and the Association very deeply appreciates the honour which has been paid

to it. The Clergy were once again very well represented, and it was very gratifying to see several Old Boy Priests among those present.

Perhaps the most amusing speech was delivered by Rev. Fr. George, once a teacher at the old Catholic Institute, who greatly amused his audience with tales of the good old days. He pointed out that he, along with Mr. T. Raymond and Mr. C. H. Waring, both of whom were present, was instrumental in founding the original Old Boys' Association as far back as 1899. This, unfortunately, died an early death and he earnestly hoped that the present Association would continue to grow and would have a prosperous existence.

Among those present were the following: Rev. Mgr. T. W. Morton, Vicar General of the Diocese of Winnipeg, U.S.A.; Revv. Fr. North; Fr. Vincent, O.F.M.C.; Fr. Kelly; Fr. J. Quinn; Fr. B. Ramsbottom; Fr. P. Monaghan; Fr. C. Murphy; Fr. J. Power; Fr. J. Kieran; Fr. T. Dunne; Very Rev. Provost H. E. Hazlehurst; Rev. Bros. J. S. Roche and M. Birmingham; and Messrs. H. Feeny, J. Madden, J. Curtin, A. G. Maguire, E. Lawler, G. Rimmer, A. E. Gilmore, H. Lawler, J. F. Lacey, D. G. Murphy, J. Cunningham, J. G. Robinson, E. A. Morton (President O.X. Association), J. Caldwell, G. Hesson, W. Hayes, W. H. Rowe, C. W. Mulhearn, P. Magee, F. H. Loughlin, C. W. Le Brun, E. Byrne, A. Ramsbottom, P. P. O'Brien, H. Faherty, J. H. Waring, J. S. Meldon, F. Boraston, C. W. Donnelly, G. Bryson, K. Bryson, H. K. Hodson, D. Murphy, A. F. Power, E. Raymond, A. Hosker, F. G. Hyde, H. Hawksworth, G. T. Waring, A. Ellis, D. Murphy, E. Langley, etc.

In the Autumn Old Boys' Notes, I made an appeal to Old Boys, who had any suggestions to make likely to further the activities of the Association to come forward. I regret that up to the present I have not received any. With the approach of Summer, it is

the intention to organize the popular "hike," and I can only hope that these will be well attended. Notice of these events will be made through the usual channels.

Old Boys have watched with interest the progress made by the School in both Junior and Senior Shield Ties. Both teams, we notice, have now qualified for the final, and we wish them the very best of luck and trust that they will repeat the double triumph last achieved in 1929. Perhaps it is unknown to many, that St. Edward's, or, as it was then known, the Catholic Institute, was the first School to win both trophies in the same season. This success has since been achieved by S.F.X., but it still remains for one of the other schools taking part in these Competitions to win this coveted honour; so keep up the good work.

The engagements were recently announced of Mr. George Watson, who left the College in 1926, to Miss E. Fox; and Mr. Anthony L. Mullen, M.R.C.V.S., D.V.S.M. (Vict.), to Miss Ann H. English. Our heartiest congratulations go out to them.

G.W.



On Speech Day we were pleased to see Leo Murphy, who looked very fit and well. He has lately returned from the South where he has been gladdening the sight of many—with spectacles. We hope to see him more often at our functions, despite the advent of "Blisters," who is, we hear, just over five months old.

We were also interested to hear from him that Ned Duff, who has for some time past been at the cable station at the Azores, may shortly be returning home.

Blundell Parsons is still busy electrifying the Argentine, and one of his brothers is hard at work in Canada.

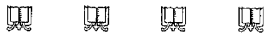


In the recent examinations at the Gregorian University, Rome, the following successes were won by old C.I.-Edwardians of the English College, Rome:

*Biblical Greek*: M. GRACE, V. MARSH.



We regret to note that Mr. Osmund McKenna (1912-16), brother of Mr. Vincent McKenna, died on the 10th January, 1933. May he rest in peace!



A very pretty wedding was solemnized on Monday, 5th September, by the Very Rev. Dean Coady with Nuptial Mass and Papal Blessing at St. John's Church, Fountains Road, Liverpool, between Mr. Joseph D. Murphy and Miss (Mamie) Keating. The bride was attended by Miss J. Whitehill and Miss Betty Saunders (cousin); Mr. J. C. Murphy (Leicester), brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Mr. J. D. Murphy was for several years President of the Lourdes Brancardier Association and was presented in 1929 with the Bronze Medal of the Hospitalite of Lourdes for his services to the sick. Miss Keating was a very popular teacher in St. John's school. An innovation was the rendering of the Lourdes Hymn during the Mass. After the reception the newly-married couple left for the south of England, prior to taking up their residence in Ireland.

(This should have appeared in the Autumn Number, 1932).



**OLD CATHINIANS' A.F.C.**

With only one month separating us from the end of the Football Season, it is now possible to form a good idea of the achievements and progress of the Club in 1932-1933.

On the whole the year may be said to be an historic one in the career of the Club.

Despite the obvious difficulties involved in such a project, it was decided to try the experiment of running four teams. The fourth team, which was intended primarily for young players who had just left school, was entered in the Third Division of the Old Boys' Amateur League, and may be said to have brought great credit to the Club in more ways than one.

In the first place its record of nineteen points obtained from nineteen games is one of which any newly-formed team might be proud. Besides this, however, many calls have been made on its members for the Third Eleven, which by the help of these younger players has risen from the twelfth position in its Division to the seventh. Need one add more to indicate the success of the experiment?

The first team record likewise has improved considerably, and nineteen League games have now yielded seventeen points. Unfortunately, however, the calls made on the second team during a critical period of their programme have proved fatal to the Championship hopes which at one time were so strong. After heading the Old Boys' League Table consistently from September to February, this team has now dropped to the third position, but with 28 points from 21 games it is already assured of its most successful season for many years.

These notes would not be complete without mention of the financial crisis which faced the Club only a month ago. That this has now passed is a tribute to the magnificent way in which the individual members set out to relieve the position, and with these efforts continuing to the end of the Season, one can look forward optimistically to another good year in 1933-1934.

In conclusion, congratulations to the School on reaching the final rounds in both Shield competitions. Need we add that we hope to

enrol as members all players who are leaving school this year, and that they will be very welcome at the Annual General Meeting, notice of which will be circulated to all members and prospective members some time during May?

W.J.L.



### LONDON LETTER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Despite the lacuna in this series of communications we are all still very much alive and just as interested in 'things Liverpolitan.' May we herewith record our great satisfaction at hearing that St. Edward's once again are represented in both Shield Finals? How it recalls the sore throats of former years and that weekly excuse for no Wednesday essay, "Didn't get home till late, Sir," received with a benignant disbelieving smile!

We trust our little reminiscence has now put you in good humour, so may we crave pardon for our sin of omission and plead in extenuation the harassed leisure, if any, of the tired business man; leisure, in name only as distinct from business for this 'modern craze for speed' (vide daily journals) has us in its grip and we rush everywhere, even to business! Of course, the last can be explained by the lessening of the gap between that last mouthful of breakfast and the last compartment in the 8-42!

We're still the same old crowd down here tho' we record with pleasure one addition to our fold, to wit Tom Burke. He, rubbing shoulders with the Upper Ten in Kensington, seems to like London—and who doesn't, despite the Arsenal! For all that our native heaths (or hearths!) call very strongly and we count the days till those brief holiday periods when the 'Merseyside' leaves Euston with its quota of O.B.'s returning to Liverpool to spin yarns, whose length is equalled only

by their mendacity, concerning their deeds in the Metropolis.

One gathering recently brought together Hugh McGrath (who now prattles with undoubted senility of his occupation with his garden); Eddie Pollard (who'll still sell you anything from a Kodak to a cachou); Bob and Jerry Cunningham, to swell the party; Tom Burke, referred to above (we don't know him too well yet so we can't be rude); and Jack Wilson (who they say has bought a hat so that he can raise it every time he passes the Savoy).

Strange that Charlie Kieran wasn't there; but, alas, you know what happened, and now, when you meet that gentleman, you'll see that desperate look in his eye—for he, too, HAS A GARDEN. And now, here's a tip: if you meet Charlie and he asks you to call, make sure it's a wet day otherwise you'll find him in the garden, and you won't want rocking to sleep that night.

And there's still a cafe in Chancery Lane where, every day at the same hour, you'll see three heads buried partially in a 'Melton Mowbray' and partially in the *Times* crossword puzzle. Look closer: Bill Delaney, Frank Johnson, and Bill Kavanagh—but lest you think that is all they do, may we assure you that the former pair have gardens, and the last-named is occasionally (except when it's dark) to be seen on a tennis court.

Also, Mr. Editor, there are others. We haven't met them for some time, and have no news of them. Then again, we are as we told you exceedingly busy, and regretfully must take our leave.

Till the next time,

AN O.B. IN LONDON.



### UPHOLLAND LETTER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Looking into the past records of 'Upholland Letters,' it seems to have been the practice



to give a bright account of events at St. Joseph's, referring especially to Edwardians, and how these latter figured in those events. Our present researches have shown us that, while many events of great interest to us have taken place—events that we might call 'domestic affairs'—yet these would possibly have no relish for the majority of Edwardians. Would it interest you to know that the water-hens have feasted on the new crocuses! We think not!

Hence, after searching the past in vain, we gazed intently into the crystal of the future. What do we see? What, indeed! To the exclusion of all other events we see 'Revision' confronting us. Perhaps all is not clear. Let us explain.

In a few days time our Revisions—for such is the specious title under which our oral examinations masquerade—will be held. We remember nothing like them at St. Edward's. In case you have not met the Revision we shall try to give you some idea of it—and, as sundry Edwardians will figure in it (willy nilly), at least one of the characteristics of past letters will be verified in this.

The hour is 9-29 a.m.

The Scene—a room (any Divine's or philosopher's).

The *dramatis personae* (*pro tem*)—any philosopher or Divine.

The *dramatis personae* has his hair awry—the work of restless and despairing fingers—a set look on his face, surmounted by furrowed brow; every few seconds he stares straight in front of him. His eyes assume a vacant expression; his lips murmur unintelligible and incoherent phrases. Has he lost his memory! Is excess of study causing him to lose his grip on himself! No! he is merely repeating Scholastic tags or Moral principles.

At 9-30 a.m. a knell tolls. Hitherto we had considered it the sound of a more-or-less melodious gong; now it becomes a ghoulish monody evoked by a mephistophelian hand.

The scene and *dramatis personae* now change. Forty-odd figures are seen working their lugubrious way to the theatre (Theatre! the irony of it!). The professors, including the President and Vice-President follow, and make their way to the operating table.

(The following scene plays sixty minutes).

Prayers said, the President empties the contents of a small pot upon the table. These contents are, to be more explicit, the names of the forty-odd Philosophers or Divines assembled. We must add, in fairness to the authorities, that there are no blanks—everyone has a fair chance. Thereupon, one of the front row men is invited to try his luck, and he steps forward, takes up a slip of paper, hands it to the President and retires hopefully. The President announces the defendant—there is a muffled sob—and Hector strides out to do battle. The other forty-odd minus one, swallow the large body in their mouths that experience has shown to be their hearts, and respiration commences again.

Hector sits down at a table, and clasps two hands, which he finds to his surprise, have grown beyond all recognition and appear to be an incomprehensible distance from him. He is now questioned, searchingly but not unkindly in the subject in which he is fated to be examined.

After a quarter of an hour the President gives the signal that the time is up. Hector rises and gains some slight solace by picking out another victim in his stead. (Buzz: of heart reassuming vacated position in mouth, and cessation of breathing among those present at court).

Another name is announced and the cycle moves round as before. At the end of an hour, the President gives the verdict of the professors on the hapless four; prayers are said and the meeting is adjourned—*nem. con.* An hour later another session is held, but as it is an exact counterpart of the former

we draw a sympathetic veil over strong men in agony.

The only other events of the immediate future revealed by the crystal were the forthcoming examinations, in which we confidently expect that all Edwardians, both in the Senior and Lower houses, will bear themselves in the best Edwardian tradition. But let us not delay over such gloomy subjects. Let us look forward to the joys of Whit Week, when we hope to see the foundation-stone of our Cathedral laid, and the ordinations which follow closely after, and to the dim vision of holidays when we hope to bind anew in person our good relations with our Edwardian friends, those good relations of which this letter is a pledge; and so with all good wishes we leave you.

Yours,

UPHOLLAND.



### VARSITY LETTER.

MISTER EDITOR, SIR,

Not being able to call to mind the regular Spring joke—being unable to remember the authorised equinoctial quotation—our office boy (from the Clerks' Association, and a regular fool) having lost the "Thought for the Day" Calendar, and (wretched wage slave!) having wrecked the catalogue, and arranged the files in alphabetical order (but, unfortunately, *a la Chinoise*) so that the whole place is unstrung, we find ourselves, Sir, compelled to dispense with a lot of smooth patter. But I think I may now safely say "Ring up the curt—" ("Hey! Stop! Stop!" "What, you—?" "You've forgotten something." "Oh!").

Your pardon, Sir, one last announcement, which I inadvertently omitted: it is to be understood that all characters mentioned in this narrative, howsoever apparently fictitious

in action, yet have a substantial *esse* and are really existent *in carne*, as we say up here. Also all are at work for some examination or other—Inter, LL.B., B.A., 2nd Year, Gen., Hons., French, and the like. Thank you, Sir, thank you; It has been a pleasure. (Now up with that curtain, fool!—and put that bottle down!).

The University Edwardians have long felt the need of some form of club-room and established free-and-easy. Where could we really feel at home? The announcement of rehearsals for the Passion Play, ended the vexatious difficulty. For any day now we may find them forgathered there. This one (*hic*) commemorates the Shield game, in which (*ubi*—when) J.B. scored such a goal (use "mark")! That one (*ille*) hymns the Matriculant class (N.B. not "classis") of 1929, in which H.P.M.G. (*iste*—that of yours) scored five distinctions. Gaffer Murphy on the chimney corner, broods vaguely on the day when he opposed in the Gilmour the motion "That capitalist civilisation is a failure"; he thinks of his brother in arms, on that day—J.A.F. Nolan; and he weeps. Austin Thomas surges about the mob scenes, while Dermot Doyle sings "Wheezy Anna" with a certain distinction. And at times we have seen other old familiar faces; Pratt and Graeme Bryson from the Law School. But there is something insubstantial, tenuous about these lawyers—they appear and they disappear—they have no stability. I could not say with confidence: "On such and such a day, such and such a lawyer will be at the Passion Play rehearsal." The odds are that he wouldn't. From this chaos, this conflicting welter, we flee with some sense of reassurance, to the figure of A. G. Morgan, who smokes his pipe, and stands at attention in a very solid way—almost, we are persuaded, a Roman soldier till Eternity. And those other Edwardians, also; those who put the Play into the Passion Play. W. Farrelly in

the big part, the featured part of Joseph of Arimathea, goes about craving audience with Pilate, and strap hanging on the lapels of his jacket; his hobby, and a queer one, is teaching at St. Martin's College, Bootle. James Cagney fills the part of Longinus, the Roman centurion, and the way he clears the pavement of those Yiddish hoodlums, is just nobody's business (as we say up here). James is certainly tough; the other day— (Just a minute, Mister Editor, there's been some mistake here. We've just found out we don't mean J. Cagney, Esq. but Bill Doyle. Pardonable, perhaps). Well, the other day Bill introduced a measure on Guild Council, for the sale of Beer in the Union. The measure was thrown out by a large majority. (Our policy is ever to refrain from taking sides, but, Mister Printer, is it possible to express disapproval with italics?)

It's a little late now, perhaps, but we would also like to inform you that the aforesaid Bill is here on a Senior City Research Scholarship. Is Bill tough? Now let us mention, if we must, H. McGrath, who, for the second time plays the part of Adam. He is absurdly sensitive about this part and will not feel really comfortable until he has got into the skin of it. His son Cain, and a fine boy, is played by George Mercer, a prospective Borough Surveyor, or something of the sort. When we add to the list Bill Davies (who is, by the way, on the Committee of the Catholic Society), and another very old Edwardian, Bill Park, who is Stage Manager and make-up artist, our position in the Passion Play seems to be of major importance. We don't know if the producer, Mr. Belt, is from the College, but we would consider making him an honorary member. For the Passion Play is going to be big medicine. Facts and figures will be supplied next term.

A problem in loyalties: if, at the University Mock Election, two Edwardians, J. A. Nolan (Conservative) and J. A. P. Fergus (Liberal),

stand for office in opposition to a Socialist, what is the Cathinian voter to do? The majority must have resolved on the easiest solution for the Socialist was elected. However, Nolan and Fergus led a very hectic opposition on Parliamentary night. The last-named has been particularly busy with debates, and forceful in general; and for next term he has arranged a debate on the "Oxford," "King and Country" motion. And so for the present we leave him.

But we seem to be running on, hic; we were ever told we were an incorrigible chatter-box. Proverbial saws have been employed, to figure to the imagination our elocutionary energy. And so resisting the urge to descant on Terry Melia's approaching Finals, upon our grief at so rarely seeing Paddy Byrne, Robert Stevenson, Tommy Hanlon, or Danny Flynn; battling with the temptation to enlarge, in a manner altogether out of proportion to its merits on Don Aspinwall's car; and, finally, wishing you, Sir, the best of fortune, your proteges, the utmost success in Midsummer, and the College increase of fame and enlargement of honour, we are,

Yours sincerely,

'VARSITY.



### SIMMARIAN LETTER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

In the last *Magazine* we had the pleasure of congratulating St. Edward's on its wonderful achievement in the public examinations. Now, just to show that it is not a one-sided college, it proceeds to make its presence felt in the two football shield competitions. We do not know the latest results yet but it may surprise some to know that Edwardian successes in each round are known here on the morning after the match. There is very great interest here in all you do.

When you win one or two shields we shine by your reflected light, and then stories are exchanged and attention is called to memorable occasions of the past, particularly to that wonderful year when the Junior Shield, the Senior Shield, and an Old Boys' Shield were all won in one year. We have two representatives of that senior team and one of the junior team at present in College here. We would like to hear of something similar this year, and we do not wish to be disappointed.

Our football year is drawing to a close, with only one match remaining for each team. The Rugby fifteen have played twenty-five games and won them all, even though the year's programme of matches was very much harder than it has been in previous seasons. We have only one Edwardian Rugby player, but a very large proportion of the Soccer players have represented St. Edward's at some time or other in the last few years. We have to admit that we did not win all the soccer games, but fortunately we won nearly all of them.

Last week we had our Junior-Senior Athletic Contest which the Seniors won rather easily. This contest amounts almost to a last try-out for the more important London Inter-College Shield Competition, which takes place early next term. The standard shown was such as to make us confident rather than hopeful of our success. We expect that Bonney in the long jump, and O'Reilly over the hurdles, should be useful to us on Inter-Coll. day, the greatest day of the Simmarian year. We hope to get some athletes from St. Edward's this year, because there is not the Edwardian strength on the athletics' teams that there has been

on football teams. We cannot say much about the cricket teams as practice has hardly begun yet, but West, Flaherty, and Redmond will almost certainly play for us at tennis; and Keating may yet make a fourth.

It must not be thought that sport is the only thing that has our attention here. Since last you heard from us we, at least the seniors, have finished with teaching practice and His Majesty's inspectors have passed their final verdicts. We will know their opinions of us soon and then, perhaps, we may be wishing that we had never heard them. We shall see.

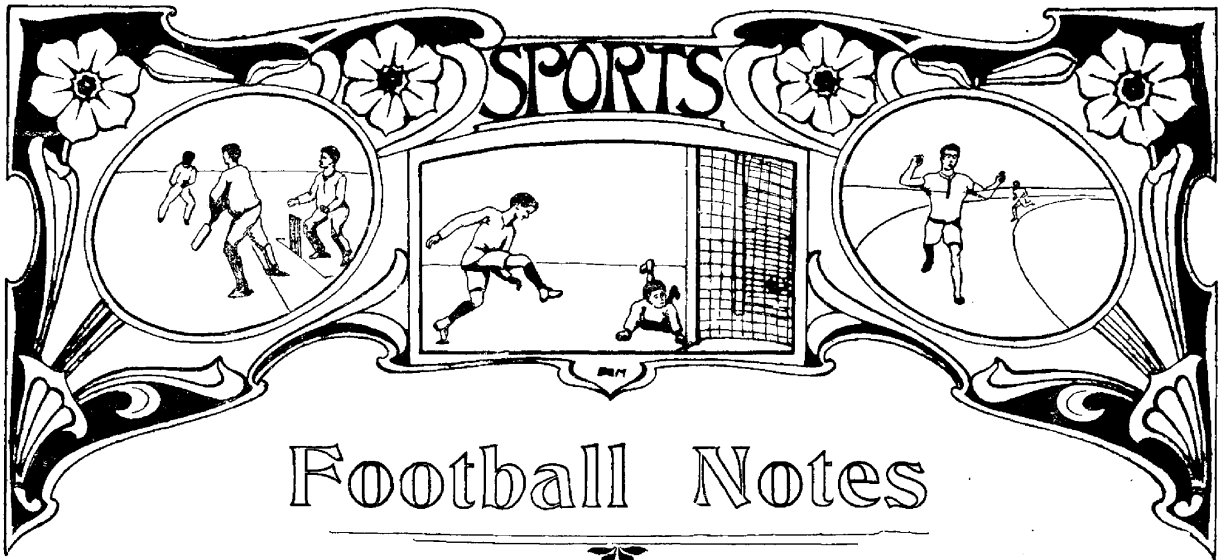
For those of us who leave this year there is a continual search for posts, a signing of application forms, an obtaining of references, and a continual procession to the post office. We wish ourselves the very best of luck. Next term there will be the sobering influence of imminent examinations, degree exams. for the third year members, certificate for the seniors, and Inter for the elite of the juniors. We wish ourselves more luck.

We are very anxious for an opportunity to congratulate Alma Mater on sports' successes, but more than all we want to see last year's School Certificate, Matric., and Higher School Certificate records beaten. A record is always a great thing but it is a far greater thing for records to be continually set up and continually broken. May we be hearing about St. Edward's record-breaking this year by way of a progression on last year's record-making.

Yours, etc.,

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## Football Notes

**T**HE New Year has opened prosperously for us; we have won every match played by the First and Junior teams. Both teams have reached the finals of their respective competitions, and are due to appear at Goodison, April 3rd; and at Anfield, March 29th.

The Senior Shield team is the best that we have had for many a long year—better than 1928-29, when we won both Shields. The team had not much hopes at the beginning of the season but three finds, viz., G. Murphy, left-half; F. Reid, left-back; and J. Hurst, centre-forward; and the placing of McCourt at inside-left, has strengthened the team in attack and defence. It can be said with truth that there is not a weakness in the team.

In the Senior matches, four in all, we have scored 11 goals, and only given one away. This is not a record but it shows the power of the defence and forwards. We have beaten Quarry Bank, and Liverpool Institute, two of the hardest teams in the competition, and the admitted favourites.

The Juniors have had their fair share of luck, and have at last laid the L.I. bogey of seven years standing. Leonard and Mulhern

are the crack juniors, and the rest of the team are just up to good Junior standard.

I can now say that the School has realised her ambitions, and St. Edward's can take her place, as premier footballers in Liverpool Secondary Schools—a place which by reason of her antiquity belongs to her. All Old Boys are as pleased as punch and can now brag of the prowess of our brilliant team. By the next issue I will be able to announce that we have carried off both Shields and the Old Boys' Shield (Senior) as we did in 1928-1929.

G. E. LUNT (VIa Science, S.E.C.).

### St. Edward's v. University A.

Played at Wyncote on December 14th.

The score flatters us, as we were at no time 5 goals superior to the 'Varsity. It was a clever and fast game, and never flagged in interest from start to finish. Kennedy opened the scoring, closely followed by Hollingsworth. From this point 'Varsity took the lead, and rattled in three quick goals. However Murphy headed in the equaliser.

Half-time:—St. Edward's, 3; 'Varsity, 3.

Directly after the interval 'Varsity scored and took the lead. The game developed and our forwards swept the ball about to some purpose. Hollingsworth put us level. Despite the obvious advantage in weight the 'Varsity were well behind in speed and football power, and their defence failed to cope with our forwards. Murphy placed two nice goals, and Kennedy added three more in rapid succession.

Final:—St. Edward's, 9; 'Varsity, 4.

**St. Edward's v. Waterloo Secondary School.**

Played at Brook Vale on February 1st. Graham won the toss, and kicked downhill. The team to-day had a field day. The opposition was too weak and they never made any serious attempt to score, or retaliate.

Half-time:—St. Edward's, 5; W.S.S., 0.

The second half was a repetition of the first, being only shooting-in practice for them. Waterloo are one of the weakest teams we have played for many a long day.

Final:—St. Edward's, 9; W.S.S., 0.

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

Played at Melwood.

The night before had been wet and as a result the pitch was a sheet of mud. S.F.X. had improved since we last played them but we easily overplayed them. They only took one serious turn, about quarter time, when they lead 2-1. This was the only point at which they were really dangerous. Murphy opened the scoring with a beautiful drive. After this goal S.F.X. swept up and scored two snap goals. Kennedy, however, placed us on level terms and before the interval we had once more taken the lead.

Half-time:—St. Edward's, 3; S.F.X., 2.

The pace of the game after the interval was fast, but it was mainly due to our forwards. Murphy added a fourth goal with a neat header from a centre by Redmond. The half-backs were continually plying the forwards with the ball, and it was in a great measure due to them that we owed our success. Kennedy and Field added further goals before time.

Final:—St. Edward's, 6; S.F.X., 2.

**Round I—Senior Shield.****St. Edward's v. Quarry Bank High School.**

Played at Calderstones on February 18th.

Team:—W. Smerdon; J. Doyle, F. Reid; J. Field, T. Graham, G. Murphy; S. Redmond, S. Kennedy, J. Murphy, B. McCourt, W. Hollingsworth.

Quarry Bank won the toss and set us to kick downhill. Our forwards were the first to settle down, but Quarry came near to scoring from a goalmouth melee. The combination of our forwards was not good, and Quarry's backs were soon in evidence; and the goalie made some smart saves from Kennedy, Hollingsworth opened the scoring by heading in a centre from the right wing. This was followed by McCourt walking the ball into the net to give us a lead of two clear goals. The speed of our forwards was proving too much for the Quarry defence, and their goalie stood between them and us. McCourt scored a beautiful goal but the Ref. gave a foul for hands. The Quarry attack was not seen at its best, but Smerdon was called on to make some good saves from their centre-half.

Half-time:—St. Edward's, 2; Q.B.H.S., 0.

For a brief ten minutes our defence lapsed and in that time Quarry scored two goals, one from their

centre-half, who scored from the flag; and the other from their outside-right, who for once managed to escape the relentless grip of Murphy. Our halves rallied but the damage was done. Quarry were playing fast, open football and several times Smerdon was called on to save some hard shots. On the whole, however, the rear guard seldom made a mistake and the half-backs showed that they are the real power in the team. After the lapse our forwards attacked viciously and only a sterling display by Quarry's goalie, centre-half, and right-back saved them from defeat towards the end. Kennedy beat the goalie with a groundshot only to see the ball hit the upright. It was a ding-dong game, neither side receiving nor giving greater. There was no football. The game deteriorated into kick and rush after about ten minutes play.

Final:—St. Edward's, 2; Q.B.H.S., 2.

**Round I—Replay—Senior Shield.****St. Edward's v. Quarry Bank High School.**

Played at Fazakerley.

Team:—W. Smerdon; J. Doyle; F. Reid; J. Field, T. Graham, G. Murphy; S. Redmond, S. Kennedy, J. Hurst, B. McCourt, W. Hollingsworth.

Graham won the toss and elected to kick with the sun. Hurst had been included as Murphy was too light for this team. Hurst proved to be one of the finds of the season. During this half Quarry's defence was under pressure for considerable periods and despite this they led by the only goal, scored by one of the halves; the ball striking the cross-bar and bouncing in. In this match our forwards proved to be fast and clever, and as they were well fed by the halves all went well for us. Quarry's goalie foiled us time after time; he was decidedly lucky. When faced by Hurst he came out to meet him; Hurst trying to shoot round him shot outside the empty goal. The Quarry wingers were very subdued and Quarry had to depend on her insides for shots but Smerdon proved himself a worthy custodian and safe catcher.

Half-time:—St. Edward's, 0; Q.B.H.S., 1.

On turning round our forwards played great football, and backed up by brilliant half-back play, they kept Quarry Bank fully occupied in defence. Soon after the interval Redmond equalised with a nice shot from a pass by Hurst. We kept the Quarry so pinned down that Smerdon was not greatly troubled, but when Quarry broke away they were always dangerous. The game continued to be one hard struggle to the final whistle.

Final:—St. Edward's, 1; Q.B.H.S., 1.

In the first few minutes of the extra time Hurst placed a lovely shot clear of the goalie to give us the lead. We held this lead and the Quarry defence until half-time. The game was very fast and our play never deteriorated into kick and rush. Quarry were playing like tired men and this goal had seriously shaken their morale.

Half-time:—St. Edward's, 2; Q.B.H.S., 1.

In this half we swamped the Quarry with shot after shot, only their goal-keeper, who played with wonderful courage and anticipation during the

match, held us at bay, but he was powerless to stop two fine goals by McCourt and Hurst—they were shots of the unstoppable variety, and they deserved their resting place. The match was full of good football and was packed with thrills from start to finish.

Final:—St. Edward's, 4; Q.B.H.S., 1.

### Round II—Senior Shield.

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

Played at Fazakerley on March 4th.

Team:—W. Smerdon; F. Reid, J. Hurst; J. Field, T. Graham, G. Murphy; S. Redmond, S. Kennedy, J. Murphy, B. McCourt, W. Hollingsworth.

This match was so easy that our chaps after playing a terrific game on Wednesday, fell apathetic in the second half. We scored all four goals in the space of twenty minutes. Our forwards romped round the S.F.X. defence, and the S.F.X. forwards were entirely subdued by our halves. Kennedy scored the first goal from a foul at seven minutes. Hollingsworth scored after taking advantage of a mistake by the S.F.X. defence. Murphy added a third from a pass by Graham and the same player converted a pass by Hollingsworth.

Half-time:—St. Edward's, 4; S.F.X., 0.

The second half was very uninspiring and although we did not score the forwards did as they pleased with the S.F.X. defence. Smerdon was hardly troubled, and they never looked like scoring.

St. Edward's, 4; S.F.X., 0.

### Semi-Final—Senior Shield.

#### St. Edward's v. Liverpool Institute.

Played at Fazakerley on March 22nd.

Team:—W. Smerdon; J. Doyle, F. Reid; J. Field, T. Graham, G. Murphy; S. Redmond, S. Kennedy, J. Hurst, B. McCourt, W. Hollingsworth.

L.I. won the toss and elected to kick into the wind, which was blowing between diagonally opposite corners. The high wind spoiled the football but we showed the better combination and confidence. For once our forwards were not loth to shoot at goal. In the first five minutes Hurst met a centre from Redmond and scored. The L.I. defence went through the mill and several times our fast moving forwards had them in a tangle. Play was in our favour and had our finishing been better the score would have been easily 3-0.

Half-time:—St. Edward's, 1; L.I., 0.

Turning round to play into the wind our forwards played better than in the first half. L.I.'s forwards were rarely dangerous, but when their centre-forward was allowed too much scope he was not loth to shoot; but generally speaking O'Brien was rarely troubled—only three or four times was he called upon to clear from tight corners. Our halves and insides dominated the field, but the wings were too weak to provide Hurst with the necessary centres. McCourt scored the second goal with a screw shot that the goalie handled. The team was playing better now but the wings were still weak.

The L.I.'s left-wing was good but was closely watched by Doyle and Field; the centres that he put across were blocked out by Graham and Reid. Hurst scored the third goal by a through pass from Kennedy which he took up by himself to beat the goalie easily. The final whistle found us on the attack with L.I. very much demoralised.

Final:—St. Edward's, 3; Liverpool Institute, 0.

### Junior Shield—Round I.

#### St. Edward's v. Waterloo and Seaforth G.S.

Played at Sandy Lane, Waterloo, February 11th.

Team:—G. Turner; F. Briscoe, M. Murphy; G. Pellegrini, G. Grownie, E. Simmons; C. Redmond, E. Greene, P. Dempsey, L. Mulhern, G. Sinnott.

Murphy won the toss and kicked downhill with the sun at our backs. The opening goal was not long in coming for Greene placed a ball from the right beyond the goalie. The wing play was not good, and the insides suffered consequently, but Dempsey managed to give some nice touches to his wings who were too slow to take advantage of them. The backs were very little troubled and only one shot reached Turner. It was all our game but rank bad finishing that prevented us from taking the lead; and it was left to Grownie to put in a good shot and gave us a lead of two goals. The play was nothing to enthuse about; the spectators were very apathetic and could scarcely cheer.

Half-time:—St. Edward's, 2; W.S.G.S., 0.

The team turned round confident of success and started off well with Pellegrini and Dempsey changing places. However, Waterloo forwards began to find their feet and a strong rally saw three goals scored; two scrambled and one good shot beat Turner whose nervousness rather than judgment led him to mishandle these shots. Despite these sad lapses the defence did not give up the struggle and the forwards, with Dempsey replaced, gradually re-asserted themselves. This rally was about three-quarter time and the equaliser was not long in coming; Dempsey succeeding in blinding in a fluke shot. The winning goal was a peach: Mulhern centred high and fast from the corner flag and the ball curved in to beat the goalie easily.

The game was a poor spectacle, both sides being very nervous and not taking their chances. Our display was decidedly weak.

Final:—St. Edward's, 4; W.S.G.S., 3.

### Junior Shield—Round II.

#### St. Edward's v. Chester County School.

Played at Queen's Park Chester, Feb. 25th.

Team:—G. Turner; F. Briscoe, M. Murphy; C. Redmond, G. Pellegrini, E. Simmons; J. Leonard, L. Mulhern, P. Dempsey, H. O'Mahony, G. Sinnott.

This match was our first test and we expected to have a hard match, but Chester, strange to say, faded out after a brilliant start. In this first rally Chester had sufficient chances to have won the match comfortably, Briscoe saving a brilliant shot and Turner making a few lucky saves. Our defence

was hopelessly muddled and fell over each other in endeavouring to get away the ball. However this pressure relaxed and our forwards asserted themselves to some advantage. Leonard and Sinnott, and Mulhern, being especially outstanding. At long last Redmond centred and Dempsey connected to give us the lead.

Half-time:—St. Edward's, 1; Chester C.S., 0.

After the resumption our forwards started where they left off, adopting open football and giving the wings a chance. We were too heavy for the Chester team and they were obviously tiring. Leonard scored a beautiful goal from the wing, but it was ruled offside. However, he consoled himself by scoring after beating three men and coolly placing the ball past the goalie. The defence was steadier but Turner was lucky to hold a shot from the left. The half-backs were good, Pellegrini infusing dash and verve into the one time apathetic half-line.

Final:—St. Edward's, 2; Chester C.S., 0.

#### Junior Shield—Semi-Final.

##### St. Edward's v. Liverpool Institute.

Played at Mersey Road on March 8th.

Team:—G. Turner; F. Briscoe, M. Murphy; C. Redmond, G. Pellegrini, E. Simmons; J. Leonard, L. Mulhern, G. Grownie, H. O'Mahony, G. Sinnott.

L.I. won the toss and kicked into the wind. We were easily outweighed by the L.I. team but eventually their weight did not tell. The outstanding players were Mulhern and Leonard. Mulhern, indeed, is a second Kennedy, forming the link between defence and attack. Leonard was especially plucky and some of his centres were unfortunate to be wasted. He was a constant source of trouble to the L.I. defence. We scored the only goal early on when Grownie scrambled the ball into the net through a putrid save by the L.I. goalie. Kicking with the wind our forwards were seen to advantage but weak finishing spoiled many a promising opening engineered by the right wing. The L.I. forwards were never in the picture, Turner only being called on to make three or four good saves.

Half-time:—St. Edward's, 1; L.I., 0.

In this half L.I. were seen to advantage playing with a strong wind at their backs. This called all that was best out of our backs, and we saw good

saves by Turner and clean clearances by Murphy and Briscoe. Mulhern gave invaluable help to the defence and sent his wing away, but these movements were ruined by the slowness of the other forwards. Simmons played a great game and kept his wing in subjection so that Murphy was only called on to kick clear after Simmons had tackled. At this time Sinnott was tripped up when running through and Grownie failed with the spot-kick. The L.I. forwards kept up a half-hearted attack, but they never looked like scoring.

Final:—St. Edward's, 1; L.I., 0.

#### SENIOR SHIELD DRAW.

##### Round I.

S.E.C., 4 v. Q.B.H.S., 1. L.I., 8 v. P.G.S., 0.  
L.C.S., 3 v. W.G.S., 0. O.S.S., 2 v. B.S.S., 1.  
A.H.S., 2 v. C.C.S., 1. S.F.X., 5 v. K.C.C., 2.  
H.S.S. and B.I. (Byes).

##### Round II.

S.E.C., 4 v. S.F.X., 0. L.I., 5 v. L.C.S., 2.  
O.S.S., 8 v. H.S.S., 0. A.H.S., 7 v. B.I., 0.

##### Semi-Final.

S.E.C., 3 v. L.I., 0. A.H.S., 2 v. O.S.S., 3.

##### Final.

S.E.C. v. O.S.S.

#### JUNIOR SHIELD DRAW.

##### Round I.

W.S.G.S., 3 v. S.E.C., 4. B.I. v. L.I.  
S.F.X. v. H.S.S. I.H.S. v. P.G.S.  
O.S.S., 1 v. C.C.S., 2. B.S.S., 4 K.C.S., 1.  
L.C.S. and A.H.S. (Byes).

##### Round II.

C.C.S., 0 v. S.E.C., 2. A.H.S., 2 v. L.I., 3.  
L.C.S., 7 v. S.F.X., 2. B.S.S., 2 v. L.H.S., 1.

##### Semi-Final.

L.I., 0 v. S.E.C., 1. L.C.S., 6 v. B.S.S., 0.

##### Final.

S.E.C. v. L.C.S.

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