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A Retrospect.

TS generations pass the life story of an institution tends to fade. Not that it is necessarily uninteresting—in some few cases it may be—but, though the facts of the past do not project themselves into the present they are the solid basis of whatever strength or vitality such an institution can boast of. Hence an occasional presentation of the history of an institution always fulfils a useful purpose. This is the excuse for repeating the story of St. Edward's which, in part at least, has been published before. An account of recent events will bring the story up to date.

In the year 1899 Archbishop Whiteside, through Monsignor Pinnington, asked the Brothers to take charge of an existing Pupil Teachers' Centre at 26 Great Mersey Street (now 46). Rev. Br. P. J. Hennessy, Assistant Superior General, came to Liverpool in

January, 1900, and made preparations for the coming of a community—Brothers Leahy, Ryan and Curtin arrived on the 30th January, 1900, and on February 7th the School was taken over with its twenty-six Pupil Teachers. It continued its work till 1901 when the idea of opening a small secondary school was mooted. Just at this time the Catholic Institute in Hope Street, which had been established in 1842, was in a rather decadent condition and the Archbishop suggested that the Brothers would there have scope and a larger site for the projected work. This plan was at once accepted and again Br. Hennessy came to Liverpool, went through the school at Hope Street and found only fifty-two boys in attendance though there was room for many more. It was decided to use part of the premises for the pupil teachers and the remainder as a Secondary school. The pupil

teachers were transferred there, on the 7th April, 1902, and the Institute under its new management resumed work on 1st September, 1902. Br. W. D. Forde, who was to figure so largely in the future progress of the School, came with Br. Campbell to assist Brother Leahy and his confreres. The number of pupils was twenty-seven, but it reached ninety-eight in the following September and grew so rapidly that in order to get sufficient accommodation for the Secondary school boys in the existing building, a new wing was built to house the pupil teachers.

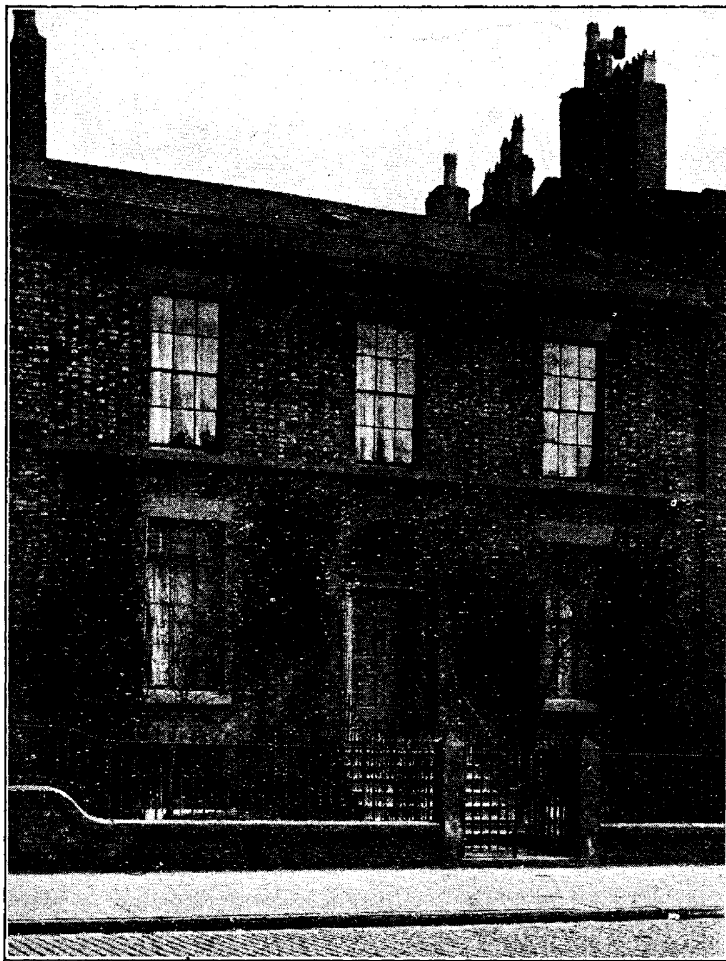
The Act of 1902 opened up a new era for secondary education and Liverpool was not slow in taking advantage of the opportunity. The aim

of the Brothers now was so to equip the School that it could be inspected by the Board of Education and be classed as what was then known as an "A" school. The inspection was held and the School listed as an "A" school in February, 1905. Very

shortly afterwards, about 1906, the designation was changed to "Recognised Secondary Schools." The C.I. was immediately placed on the list of these schools.

The roll had now swollen to 200 and was still on the increase, and in each year

won more than its share of the Junior Scholarships that were up for competition amongst the various Secondary schools of the City. Monsignor Pinnington who had been chiefly instrumental in bringing the Brothers back to Liverpool (for they had been in charge of three or four elementary schools for some fifty years from 1836 - 1875) was a very influential member of the old School Board and later of the Education Committee.



PUPIL TEACHERS' CENTRE, GT. MERSEY STREET.

Not only government grants were obtained but also, in 1906, a grant was given from the rates. In 1907, the pupils of the C.I. first entered for University Scholarships and were successful in an outstanding degree, winning two out of the eight Senior City

Scholarships and a Bootle Scholarship. The names of the first successful boys were: H. N. Twomey, J. A. Curtin and J. P. McNulty, in 1907; J. Twomey, R. Twomey, R. Halsall and W. H. Rowe, in 1908; J. D. Colgan and F. J. Tyndall, in 1909. A full up-to-datelists is being prepared.

In 1906, a further extension of the buildings was undertaken and a storey added to the residence of the Brothers. The School was now capable of accommodating about 350 pupils and just before the war had 400 pupils on the roll.

The Catholic Institute was specially strong in Mathematics and Science, but but the other phases of education were not neglected. There was a good orchestra, including in its members the musically talented family of the Goosens as well as Eugene Genin who is still well-known in Liverpool music circles. Concerts and Shakesperian plays were of frequent occurrence and football and cricket were enthusiastically supported. In fact the life of the School was not merely up to the

standard of other such schools but led the way in progress.

Towards the end of the war the number of pupils increased so rapidly that adjoining houses, and houses on the opposite side of Hope Street, had to be rented to meet the

pressure on the accommodation of the School. But such haphazard arrangements could not be lasting, and a plan for a new school had to be considered. One plan was to purchase a house in Princes Park as a residence for the Brothers and use the whole of the Hope Street buildings for school purposes. Such an amount of alteration and reconstruction would be necessary that it was thought wise to consider the question of a completely new building on the old site or



MOST REV. ARCHBISHOP WHITESIDE.

on a suitable one in a convenient position. The housing conditions following the war were so difficult that it was impossible to find an alternative site, and on account of the enhanced prices of building any extension of the old would be prohibitive in cost.

At this juncture the transfer to Upholland

of the clerical students from St. Edward's College in St. Domingo Road was nearing completion and very soon the premises there would fall vacant. Mr. J. S. Rimmer, the diocesan surveyor, suggested that perhaps the Brothers might transfer the C.I. to Everton. Archbishop Whiteside and Monsignor Pinnington at once took up the idea and negotiations for securing the premises were entered upon.

Just then the question of a secondary school for Waterloo and Great Crosby was revived. So far back as 1906, arrangements were almost completed for a community of Brothers to start a school there, but from various causes the plan fell through. It was now revived, and in connection with the transfer of the C.I. to Everton the proposition was made that a smaller school should be continued at Hope Street and a new one established at Great Crosby. But this was beyond our resources and a choice had to be made between Hope Street and Crosby. Great Crosby won the day and, in 1919, Br. Leahy and Br. Crean with a few other Brothers founded what is now the flourishing Secondary School, St. Mary's, with its 400 pupils—a fully recognised Secondary School of great and well-deserved repute. On the same ground as the original house new schools were in part erected, the gymnasium added by Br. MacNamara and further additions made by Bros. Mulkearns and Crean.

Br. Forde was Principal of the new C.I., now known as St. Edward's College, and as he had been a very important factor in the old premises he was the prime factor in the establishing of the new College in St. Domingo Road. At that time so great were the advantages of the new premises, bought and re-equipped at about £50,000, that the responsible people felt that the culmination of plans for the School had been reached and that the School was fixed for long years to come.

During the fourteen or fifteen years

following, the School moved on at its accustomed pace, shining in the lists of University successes by its Old Boys, in the University Entrance Scholarships from the School, and in its Higher and School Certificates and Matriculation results. Its normal roll was somewhat over 600 pupils.

In 1923, Br. Forde was called upon to found our Collège at Blackpool, and the result of his work there can be seen in the splendid pile of buildings in delightful surroundings, added to by his successor Br. Goulding, and its uneven playing fields terraced by Br. Brannigan. The College is now under the Superiorship of Br. Malone who, like Br. Goulding, had been many years at C.I. and St. Edward's. Br. Leahy, in 1923, again became Principal at St. Edward's and was responsible for further improvements and additions to its buildings. The year 1929 saw Br. Forde back again in somewhat broken health, and after a year Br. Leahy had again to assume the responsibility of the Superiorship with Br. Roche as Headmaster. Less than a year passed—barely seven months—when he was called to his reward.—R.I.P. He left after him a name well-beloved of the Old Boys of C.I. and St. Edward's.

Br. Roche was called upon to shoulder the double burden of Superior and Headmaster in September, 1931. Little did he or anyone else think that a chapter in the story of St. Edward's was coming near its end and a new and remarkable one was soon to open.

Monsignor Pinnington died in 1932, just a year after Br. Leahy, but influential friends were not wanting to the good work. Outstanding amongst them are Archbishop Downey, without whose co-operation and good-will little could be accomplished, and Canon O'Connell who had seconded all Monsignor Pinnington's efforts on behalf of the College. In January, 1935, an official of the Corporation called on Canon O'Connell,

as Chairman of the Governors of St. Edward's, and asked if there was any likelihood of the Christian Brothers selling to the Housing Committee St. Edward's and its site of over six acres. As the College had been so permanently established in Everton, and such

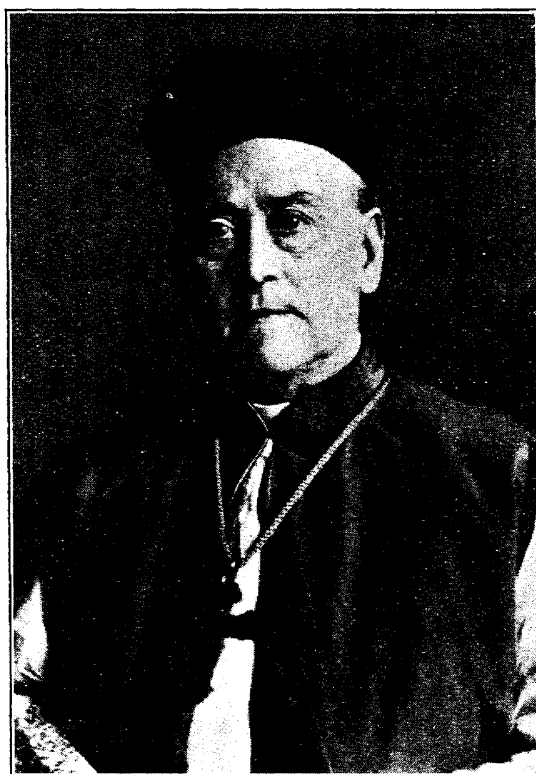


REV. BR. C. S. LEAHY.

a large amount of money had been expended on it, Canon O'Connell told him he did not think the Christian Brothers would consider such a scheme. A few weeks later, as it was almost impossible to find suitable housing sites in the heart of the City, the same official enquired again. The Canon said he would enquire; and he called on Br. Roche who, to his surprise, welcomed the idea and undertook to communicate at once with his Superiors.

To a letter detailing all the advantages of the opportunity that had presented itself of establishing a new and up-to-date school in more suitable surroundings the reply was completely non-committal, but at the same time permitted the preliminary enquiries to be entered upon as to the conditions of purchase, the effect of a change of position on the prospects of the School, and the likelihood of the Archbishop favouring the Scheme which of course was vital to any action being taken.

Mr. Frank Kirby, of Messrs. Edmund Kirby and Sons, afterwards appointed Official



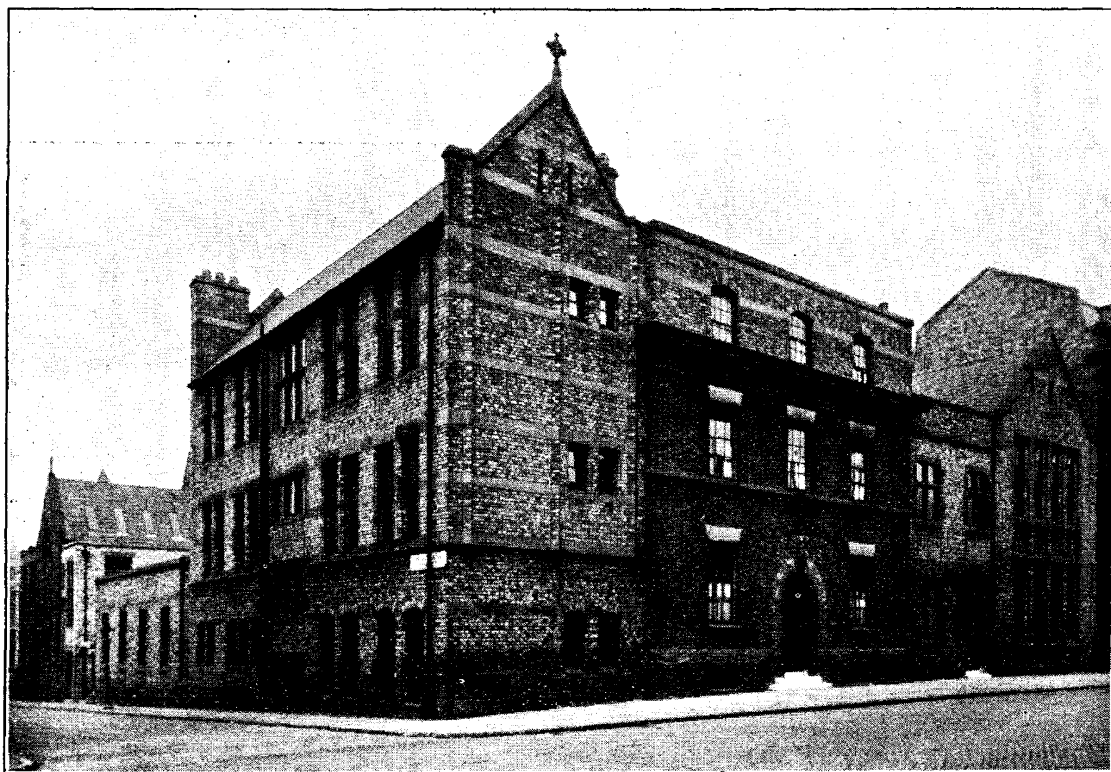
RT. REV. MONSIGNOR PINNINGTON.

Arbitrator for the North of England, acted as our Surveyor and negotiator with the Corporation. To them and to us it was

evident that on the one hand the site was ideal for a large scheme of housing flats, and on the other that the only feasible condition of removal of the College was re-instatement on a suitable site.

On our part we approached the Archbishop for his sanction to enter on full enquiries. The scheme seemed to him an excellent one, but of course the final consideration of it would have to be made when

We enquired about another, and although the site was advertised for sale we could not get the price from the agents; but a few months later we learnt that it had been sold. We had come to the conclusion that it was out of the question to get a site large enough for school and playing fields, and we should have to be satisfied with one which would be large enough for the school buildings and get a playing field further out to replace our



CATHOLIC INSTITUTE, HOPE STREET.

fuller information was obtained.

We set about looking for a suitable site and with a map of modern Liverpool before us we decided that the most suitable position would be in the neighbourhood of the top of Mill Bank Road on Queen's Drive. We made enquiries about a nineteen acre site in that district, but within a week it was snapped up by a speculator and is now a built-up area.

existing one in Kirkby.

Meanwhile the negotiations with the Corporation were proceeding and presented many disappointing difficulties and complications. An outline plan for a proposed new school was drawn and the probable cost estimated. It was fixed at about £60,000, not including the cost of the site.

Whenever the question of the purchase

of an occupied site and the replacement of the buildings thereon is proposed by a Local Authority, the value has to be estimated by the District Valuer who is a government official whose decision, when sanctioned by the Ministry of Health, may not be exceeded in fixing the price. He and an official of the Housing Department of the Corporation visited St. Edward's for this purpose. His business was to value the buildings of St. Edward's and its site, and the buildings and site of the adjoining Church. We had no control over this Church as it is archdiocesan property and about which no question had been raised till just about this time. The Housing Department now wanted not only the site of the School but that of the Church also. As a consequence of this new demand the whole scheme very nearly fell through, as the Church Authorities very rightly would not sell the Church and its site except for a figure satisfactory to them. We had a conference consisting of our negotiator Mr. F. Kirby, Canon O'Connell and Br. Roche representing the College, the District Valuer representing the Ministry of Health, and the City Surveyor with a few of his assistants to discuss the question of value. It should be mentioned that the City Surveyor had previously made an offer of £36,000 for the School; the Valuer's figure was £42,000. On 3rd June, 1936, we received a letter from the City Surveyor stating that as no arrangement for the combined sale of the School and the Church seemed likely, "they do not wish to proceed further in this matter"!

We managed to get the matter reconsidered, not as to price, however, which so far was much below our demand for £60,000. When at length the highest and final offer of the Corporation was as mentioned above fixed at £42,000, all our efforts for a higher price were in vain and our persistence well nigh wrecked the scheme. With much misgiving, as it meant shouldering a considerable debt, the General Council of the

Christian Brothers agreed to accept the offered price, provided that the Archbishop was agreeable to the transfer of St. Edward's from Everton. This was a serious decision for his Grace seeing the question of the sale and transfer of Our Lady Immaculate Church had not been dealt with, that the Church would be surrounded with housing flats, and that other questions (which it is unnecessary to go into) had to be considered. The great advantages to the School and to the interests of Catholic boys from all parts of the city and beyond it, as well as the danger of missing an opportunity which was not likely to arise again, had such great weight with him and his Chapter that he graciously gave his final consent to the change of venue of the College. The contract for the sale of St. Edward's was signed on the 17th October, 1936.

Our difficulties were not yet at an end. A site had not been secured. The Corporation had voted the purchase of "St. Clare" for the erection of a Municipal Secondary School and "Runnymede" for a mounted police depot, but as there were certain restrictions on these properties fixed by mutual agreement of the residents in Sandfield Park, an arbitration was sought and obtained to modify these restrictions. For some reason or other by a vote in Council the previous vote to purchase the properties was rescinded. Hence the owners were open to new offers of purchase. This was surely for us a stroke of good luck, and profiting by our previous experience of being intercepted by speculators we lost no time in approaching the owners of "St. Clare," Messrs. Reece and Sons, and within a few days secured that property. We then were anxious to secure "Runnymede" also, but our Council in Dublin were naturally slow in undertaking further expense in the matter of extending the site. However, when the question was gone into, and the immense advantages of the combined properties forming an island site giving sufficient playing fields for the needs of the School, they agreed

to its purchase. We had asked Mr. Montgomery, a resident in the Park, to act for us, and by his and by Canon O'Connell's wise action and advice we were successful in securing it.

But we also had to face the ordeal of an arbitration as we failed to get the residents to accept the financial arrangements of the former Arbitration Order. This delayed our progress for almost six months. Anyhow we had to pay in law costs and compensation to the Park Owners about £1,600. We had, however the consolation of having a fine site and the worrying restrictions removed—restrictions which would prevent us from building a school as being, I suppose, on the level of factories and other such nuisances! The residents ought be grateful to us for preserving for all time the very centre of the Park as an open space, and even paying them for accepting the favour!

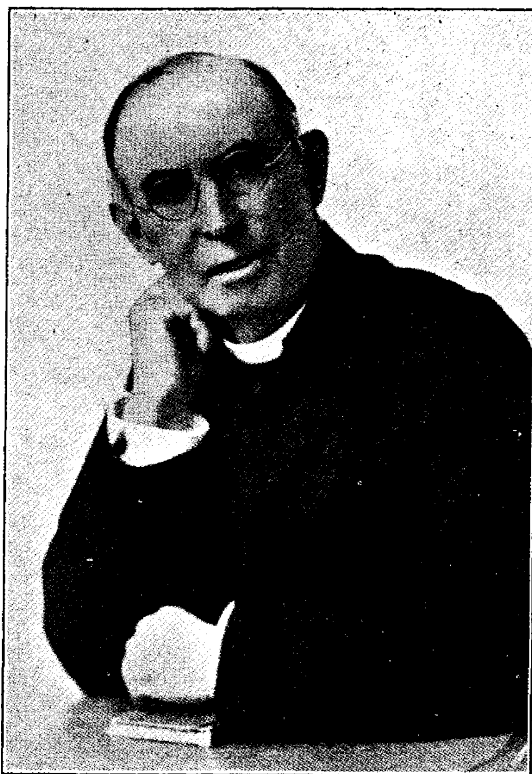
Now came the task of finally drawing up plans, having them sanctioned by the Board of Education, getting out quantities prominent place.

and inviting estimates for the work. Twelve estimates were sent in, the lowest being that of Mr. C. J. Doyle, so well-known in Liverpool as the builder of the Metropolitan Cathedral. Even his price was much above what we could spend, but some alterations of the plans enabled us to bring down the price to a point which was within our resources. On the 31st July, 1937, the

work was entrusted to Mr. Doyle and was begun on August 8th.


In September, 1938, Rev. Br. J. O. Mac-Namara was appointed new Superior of St. Edward's. He had been in constant contact with the negotiations, the arbitration, the drawing of plans, and the arrangements which brought things to a successful conclusion. To him now fell the responsibility of having the work carried out.

In our next number of the Magazine a full account of the transfer from Everton, and the official opening of the new College in Sandfield Park will we hope find a



REV. BR. W. D. FORDE.

School Notes

 NE thought—often made vocal—has risen constantly to our minds: When will the School open at Sandfield Park? The answer is: September, 1938. A compelling reason is that the conveyance of St. Edward's in Everton has been completed and vacant possession has to be given on the 20th August. So willy-nilly everything has to be moved from the Old School before that date.



This gives plenty of time to have the New School in working order by mid-September—So—vanish the hope of an extended holiday! Don't let anyone "pull your leg" with arguments that the School will not be ready. It must.



We were all very pleased to see Mr. Mullen return to his post just before we closed for the Easter Holidays. He had a marvellous escape—one feels that it was a miraculous recovery, an answer to the many prayers sent up in his behalf. He now seems almost as well as ever. D.G.



February 16th brought us the sad news of the death of dear old Br. Walsh, so well known to many of the Old Boys and kindly remembered by them for his thoughtfulness and his interest in their welfare both during School years and after. An Obituary notice appears elsewhere in the Magazine. May he rest in peace.



Spring term had scarcely ended when heat (symbolised by hot-water pipes) disappeared from the Old School—next light, or the means thereof, took its flight and at

the end of this Summer term the very life of the place will depart never to return. The fine old buildings will be demolished and the College in St. Domingo Road will be but a memory—but to us and all those who since 1847 lived or studied or idled within its walls, it will be a happy memory with a tinge of sadness for its demolition soothed only by the fact that a more suitable School in a more salubrious atmosphere replaces it.

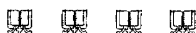


Civil Service is now the coveted finish to a School course! Last term J. Copple, J. B. Ion, and L. Smith were "called up" for active work, having passed their examination for the Clerical Classes last September. Now four more—C. Edwards, E. Doolittle, L. Keenan, and J. Williams—are awaiting a similar summons, having passed the examination held last January. But the most satisfied individuals are T. Crosbie and H. Jones who, having passed the Higher School Certificate and won University Scholarships last year which they forewent, entered for the Executive Examination in April and have been successful. This is the opening to all the best posts in the Civil Service. We congratulate them as having chosen the better part, and extend our congratulations to those also who were successful in the Clerical Classes examination.



Br. M. A. Crean a few weeks ago celebrated his Golden Jubilee as a Christian Brother. We congratulate him and wish him many years of health and happiness and spiritual favours. He taught for many years in the old C.I. immediately previous to its transfer to Everton. He then went to St. Mary's, Crosby, where he worked as assistant

and later as headmaster till his retirement in 1937.



Just five years ago Br. D. B. McDonald went from St. Edward's to establish St. Anselm's College in Birkenhead. Quite recently it was inspected by the Board of Education and as a result is now a fully "Recognised Secondary School." This is the second of our Colleges to be "recognised" during the past year. The other is St. Joseph's College, Stoke-on-Trent, founded by Br. M. C. Wall, another former master of St. Edward's who did such splendid and successful work in the School Certificate classes and later in the Sixth Form. Both Colleges are newly built and in each case with fine grounds around them. We congratulate both schools on their success.



We offer our congratulations to Messrs. Basil Whalley and Thomas Walsh, who recently were awarded Honours degrees, the former in Science, the latter in Arts.



At Upholland four Old Boys—Revs. J. English, W. O'Brien, W. Kavanagh, and C. Taylor—were ordained Priests on Trinity Sunday; Revs. H. Kean and T. Frayne received the Subdiaconate; and four received Minor Orders: E. K. Taylor, J. Howard, E. Geoghegan, and W. Doyle. Dom. W. T. Loughlin, O.S.B., was made Sub-deacon, at Ampleforth, on Sunday, 17th July. We congratulate them and assure them of constant remembrance in our prayers.



We are very pleased to learn that Father B. A. Ramsbottom has been appointed Rector of the parish of Melling which is now on its own, and not an adjunct to Maghull. Father Ramsbottom is to be congratulated on his appointment and the people of Melling, too, in being so fortunate as to have him as their first rector. May God's blessing be on them both



For the Sports the Masters presented a Cup. This note was accidentally omitted from the list of Prizes and Subscribers.

HOW TO REACH

St. Edward's College, Sandfield Park.

BUS ROUTES.	...	Numbers 60 and 81 stop at Sandfield Park gates.
		Numbers 61 , 69 and 69A (six minutes from Bonsall Road to College).
		Numbers 74 and 74A (four minutes from Mill Lane to College).
TRAMS	...	Number 12 (four minutes from Mill Lane to College).
		Numbers 11 , 11A and 49 . Walk through Moscow Drive (seven minutes to College). OR
		Transfer at Green Lane to Number 12 from Numbers 11 , 11A and 29 .
TRAINS	...	Cheshire Lines (four minutes from West Derby Station to College).

Prize List, 1937.

Leahy Memorial Prize (C.I.E. Association), and "Dux" Gold Medal.

Thomas J. Crosbie.

Higher School Certificate.

SCIENCE SIDE.

Religion:

- A. R. Williams.
1st, J. E. Curran.
2nd, T. J. Lunt.
3rd, A. R. Williams.

MODERN SIDE.

Religion:

- T. O'Brien.
1st, T. J. Crosbie.
2nd, H. P. Jones.
3rd, A. J. McCarthy.

Sixth Form—First Year Examination.

SCIENCE.

Religion:

- R. J. Pope.
1st, J. P. Supple.
2nd, S. Copple.
3rd, P. R. Molyneux.

MODERN.

Religion:

- F. A. Clarkson.
1st, F. Ludden.
2nd, J. Quinn.
3rd, J. D. Bates.

School Certificate.

Catenian Prizes (Liverpool Circle)

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W. Byrne.

W. Burke.

First Place in S.C. Examination.

Silver Medal.

Gerard J. Murphy.

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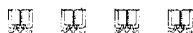
Religion: E. Welsh, W. Byrne and G. Murphy.

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| 1. G. J. Murphy. | 6. E. Redmond. |
| 2. E. J. Welsh. | 7. D. P. Macpherson |
| 3. S. A. O'Connor. | 8. M. J. Coleman. |
| 4. T. Grant. | 9. W. Burke. |
| 5. C. Wright. | 10. L. T. J. Keenan. |

UPPER VB FORMS.

Religion: E. Larken and T. McBeath.

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| 1. E. Ros. | 4. J. McNamara. |
| 2. J. B. Murch. | 5. P. J. Richardson. |
| 3. S. P. Edge. | |



Annual Form Examinations.

Lower Va Science. Religion: J. McQuade.

- 1, P. Pilling; 2, J. Reddy; 3, W. Carroll.

Lower Vb Science. Religion: J. Clark.

- 1, J. Clark; 2, W. McGrail; 3, R. Clensy.

Lower Va Modern. Religion: J. Gleeson.

- 1, J. Gleeson; 2, F. Burns; 3, R. Jenkins.

Lower Vb Modern. Religion: J. Ferguson.

- 1, B. Carroll; 2, H. Delamere; 3, J. Ferguson.

IVa Science. Religion: T. Brennan.

- 1, T. Brennan; 2, R. Kinnon; 3, T. Walsh.

IVb Science. Religion: F. Winstanley.

- 1, J. Rigby; 2, F. Winstanley; 3, F. Irving.

IVa Modern. Religion: W. Harte.

- 1, D. Donegan; 2, W. Harte; 3, P. Connolly.

IVb Modern. Religion: J. Weston.

- 1, J. Weston; 2, P. Saunders; 3, E. Whelan.

III Alpha. Religion: D. Welsh.

- 1, E. Shield; 2, D. Welsh; 3, H. Dunn.

III Beta. Religion: C. Connor.

- 1, J. Rice; 2, F. Griffiths; 3, J. Donegan.

IIIa. Religion: R. Lane.

- 1, F. Ramos; 2, D. Dempsey; 3, J. McGrory.

IIIb. Religion: R. Browne.

- 1, R. Browne; 2, C. McKeon; 3, G. Tinsley.

II. Religion: A. Yates.

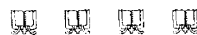
- 1, P. Martin; 2, G. Griffiths; 3, A. Yates.

I. Religion: T. Murphy.

- 1, E. Mosquera; 2, T. Murphy; 3, K. Mullen

Prep. Religion: G. Staunton.

- 1, R. Winstanley; 2, S. Jones; 3, P. Molyneux



Examiner's History Prizes.

Form Lower V. W. Irving.

Form IV. A. McCall.

Form III. C. McKeon.

Buckfast Abbey.

LONG ago, before the time of William the Conqueror, a small party of monks set up a house beside the River Dart in South Devon. The Abbey is mentioned in many of the writings of the early kings, and also in the Domesday Book, so that there is no question of the truth of its early origin. Unfortunately for the monks the Abbey was not popular with many barons, and in these early writings we find that the monks received poor treatment from them; some even confiscating the Abbey grounds.

King Stephen, however, ordered the lands to be given back to a new Order of monks who came to the Abbey. These monks were famous builders and architects. The results of their advent are to be seen in the very fine abbey now situated near Buckfastleigh, which was also the home of Sir William de Tracy, one of the actual murderers of St. Thomas a Becket. The monks completed a new abbey during the reign of Henry VII.

There is a dark period in the history of the Abbey. This was the time of the suppression of the monasteries under Henry VIII. Unfortunately, Buckfast Abbey was included in Cromwell's list, and the abbey was sold. The buildings now passed into many hands and gradually fell into decay. In 1806 a Mr. Samuel Berry built the modern house which forms part of the present Abbey. This house

was not built on any important part of the ancient foundations, and a clear space was left for future erections.

Abbot Natter, who was presented with £1,000 in 1902, and later with several smaller donations, decided to begin the erection of a new Abbey. He sent Bro. Peter to France to be trained as a mason. After eighteen months, Bro. Peter returned a qualified mason. Soon the Abbey was growing and now all but the tower is completed.

In 1932 Bishop Barrett of Plymouth, who is an old Edwardian, consecrated the Abbey church.

The high altar is made of silver and this is gilded. The fifteen smaller altars depict scenes from the lives of the saints to whom they are consecrated. The statue of Our Lady of Buckfast in the Lady Chapel is ornamented with many jewels which were presented by a Russian princess. The beautiful Corona above the high altar is adorned by forty-eight imitation (elec.) candles and thirty-six figures of angels. In the tower are housed the great bells, fourteen in number, each bearing a saint's name, and the Bourdon "Hosanna," under which the writer once had the privilege to stand.

The whole wonderful pile stands as a beautiful monument to the faithful endurance of the holy Benedictine monks who built it.

S.V.P. Notes.

IT would perhaps not be irrelevant in the present circumstances to outline in brief the origin and aims of the Society and the commencement of our own Aspirant Conference.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded at Paris in 1833 by Frédéric Ozanam, a young university student. It was primarily

a Society for young men and the intentions of its founder cannot be better summed up than in the following extract from the Report of the Liverpool Central Council: "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Society of men in all countries associated together for mutual encouragement in the practice of a Christian life. By taking an active part,

however small, in the works of mercy, they hope to make progress in piety, and with this object they try to be friends of the poor, visiting and relieving them in distress, instructing them in religion, visiting work-houses, hospitals and similar institutions, distributing wholesome papers, encouraging thrift and reading libraries, and giving such kinds of help as may be most required."


Opportunity to join in this great work was given to boys of the College when, on October 10th, 1932, an Aspirant Conference was commenced. Such a Conference consists of members under eighteen years of age who participate in the labours of the Society and later join their own parish Conferences as Active Members. The membership of this

Aspirant Conference was initially nine, but this has increased each year and at present it numbers twenty-four. During the last school year the Conference has made some fifty-seven visits to poor families, the Christmas Appeal brought in £6/6/8 (a record since the appeal was first begun in 1933), and 103 C.T.S. pamphlets have been issued.

Progressive though the life of the Conference has been, the change to new surroundings must not be allowed to interfere. It is necessary that the junior members of the College rally to the Society's cause and keep alive in the future that spirit of Ozanam which has been so marked in the past.

F. ROCHFORD, VIa Science,
(President).

Scientific Society Notes.

 ON Thursday, January 20th, the first lecture of last term was given by Mr. Curran. The subject chosen was the wide one of Neon Lighting. The lecture was noteworthy as the first demonstration lecture held in the College for some time.

The Lecturer commenced with a rough outline of the practice and theory of the passage of electricity through rarefied gases. This he illustrated with a slide from a previous lecture, and also with a gas discharge tube. This latter was connected to an induction coil and gave the familiar colours of neon and other signs. The construction of the actual glass signs, and their subsequent evacuation and "bombardment," constituted a large part of the lecture and was illustrated by many slides. Finally the lecturer gave some idea of the practical difficulties involved. The wiring, electrical distribution and some of the allied equipment were discussed, and also illustrated by slides. The final slide showed a modern form of rotary oil vacuum pump. This in conjunction with some form of diffusion pump was capable of producing

vacua of the nature of 0.001 mms. press. in an incredibly short time.

The lecture was well received and was obviously the result of much labour.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Molyneux and seconded by Mr. Harrington.

The Scientific section of the Sixth Form went to a demonstration lecture given at the Central Hall last term. The lecture was the "Faraday" lecture, which is held annually and at which some distinguished scientist is invited to speak. The lecturer this year was the celebrated Dr. Fleming.

The subject of the lecture was "The Evolution of Electrical Power." Such a wide subject could not of course be completely covered in so short a time, and hence the lecturer confined himself merely to salient points. These were illustrated by a profusion of excellent experiments. The earth inductor was demonstrated unusually successfully. The high-lights of the whole lecture, however, were the films shown. These showed all the simple electrostatic and magnetic experiments performed with almost magical success. The

evolution of modern power production and transmission was shown on the screen, from Faraday's disc and ring transformer to modern turbo-alternators and massive transformers. A final feature of the films was a cartoon film of atomic structure and motion. This was most fascinating to watch, and in its simplicity dispelled many of the complications which exist for us in modern atomic theory.

No labour or money was spared to make this lecture a very great success, which indeed it was.

The term has certainly not scintillated in the profusion of its Science lectures. However, something perhaps was done to repair the decadent scientific prestige by a unique and almost phenomenal lecture, which was given on Friday the 17th and Tuesday the 21st of June. This was a combined effort of this Society and the French Literary and Debating Society, and took the form of a paper on Television, read in French by Mr. Curran. The first section of the lecture was a historical introduction written by Mr. Brash. It gave a brief survey of Television from its beginning in 1925 under the auspices of Mr. J. L. Baird. It then dealt with the rise of high definition television and subsequent rivalry of the two opposing systems—Baird, and Marconi E.M.I.—with the eventual triumph of the latter. Mr. Curran then continued with his own part of the lecture. He reminded listeners of his paper on Elementary Television last year and told them of his intention to deal now solely with the modern aspect. The modern process of reception was first dealt with, a very detailed description being given of the Cathode Ray tube. In explanation of the latter two slides


and a large poster lent by Mr. Rowe were shown. The remaining part of the lecture dealt with the main methods of transmission. These are three in number—The emitron camera or iconoscope, a main feature of the Marconi E.M.I. system; the electron image camera or image dissector, and its complement the Farnsworth electron multiplier, a chief part of the Baird system; and, finally, the intermediate film process, a system with many possibilities at both receiving and transmitting ends. To each of the above a slide was designated. The lecture was too long to be completed on the Friday, and was finished on the Tuesday.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Ludden and seconded by Mr. Merrivale. The president, Mr. Curtin, complimented the lecturer on his clarity, his attention to detail, and the clarity of his slides, and also Mr. Brash on his historical introduction. The lecture was very well received on account of the obvious labour involved in the task and also on account of the feeling of novelty about the whole thing.

I think it my duty to comment on the extraordinary reluctance shown by the Science section this year to give lectures. The situation has been almost unique, for never since I have been in the School have lectures been scarcer. I mention this out of no feeling of antagonism but merely in order that a dangerous precedent may not be established. I sincerely hope that the new VIa will next year attempt to restore this lapse of scientific prestige, by their efforts in the direction of this most important activity.

J. E. CURRAN (*Sec.*).

French Society Notes.

 UR flood of French eloquence dates back to the last week of last term, when Mr. Bates delivered his lecture on "Molière." Time prevented our hearing

the whole lecture, but M. le Président congratulated him on the part which he did deliver.

The first debate this term was on the

motion—"Que les gens d'aujourd'hui ne sont pas si forts que ceux d'antan." Mr. Burke opened for the Pros. and rather morbidly reminded us that the vast numbers of suicides to-day proved we were not so strong-minded as our forbears. Mr. Coleman, the first Con. speaker, concentrated on the ferocity of modern battles, and told us that no ancients could have fought the Great War. Mr. Burke for the Pros., in an "old-colonelish" style, told us that the army, by gad, was nothing like it used to be. He said poor imitation foods caused present-day weakness. Such pessimists as Mr. Burke, who consistently look back to the good old days, were attacked by Mr. Connolly, and he told us better sanitation and scientific improvements were making us stronger than our ancestors. Mr. Byrne argued that both in mind and body were we inferior to the Ancients; in his opinion people in the middle ages who recovered from illnesses without medical aid must have been really tough. Mr. Handley, speaking at twenty minutes' notice in place of a defaulting Scientist, wound up the debate. He quoted the "British Grenadiers," balanced Shaw, Galsworthy and other modern literary men with writers of old, said that because we were more humane it did not mean we were weaker, and defied the Opposition to gain more nourishment from a whole bull, à la Saxon, than from a dozen Oxo cubes. The Cons. won the debate by 21 points to 19.

A week afterwards, Friday, January 28th, Mr. F. Ludden gave a reading on "Corneille." He gave a brief outline of his life, and dwelt on the various literary niceties of his style. He was felicitated by M. le Président.

The next debate was on Friday, February 11th, on the motion—"Que les généraux des années avant 1815 valent mieux que ceux qu'ont vécu après cette année."

Mr. Connors opened for the Pros. and stressed that the generals of to-day lacked the great personal courage of their predecessors, proved by the fact that they "skulked"

several miles behind the lines, instead of fighting hand-to-hand. Mr. Doolittle concentrated on the greater cleverness of present-day generals, who, he argued, would not have made Hannibal's mistake of delaying, and thus losing his chance of capturing Rome. The next Pro. speaker was Mr. Cunliffe, who, starting with Alexander, said that no present-day general could conquer the vast empires which he and his successors did. Mr. Gorman, for the Cons., dealt with the greater cleverness and strategical dexterity of modern commanders. The Torres Vedras, he said, could not be compared to the Hindenburg lines. The uselessness of a lot of the knowledge which present-day generals are forced to learn at colleges was the point stressed by Mr. Donegan. Caesar and Hannibal knew all that was necessary without all these encumbrances. Mr. Grant wound up the debate by showing how uniformly good were generals since 1815, e.g., during the English troubles in India and Egypt. In reply to the Pros. he argued that the generals of to-day did not fight with their men, because it was realised that it was folly for the brains of the army to expose themselves to needless danger. M. le Président gave the decision to the Cons. by 19 points to 18.

On March 4th, Mr. J. Quinn read to us his paper on "Racine." He dealt well with a difficult subject and was felicitated by M. le Président.

The motion—"That in war-time, everybody and each resource ought to be conscripted."

Mr. Mercer opened the debate, saying that women *must* be conscripted for transport, ammunition, and other works. Conscription of resources, he said, would prevent the making of vast fortunes out of war-profiteering. Mr. Howard made four points: (1) Why should we keep an army and have to fight ourselves; (2) This system was detestable to English democracy; (3) If given military power, the population might cause civil war;

(4) We would never recover from the chaos if all had to leave their homes for war. Mr. Kinnane pointed out that it was only conscription that saved England in the last war, but Mr. Lavan said this was tantamount to a dictatorship and, above all things, would arrest children's natural development. Mr. Kinnane answered this by pointing out that if we lost, we lost all our liberty. Surely it was worth giving up a part in conscription to gain it all back? Mr. Murray wound up for the Cons. by dealing with the vast lowering of social standards caused by such a system's coming into force. The decision was given to the Pros. by 18 points to 15.

To finish there is a necessarily short report of the last debate, held on April 1st. It was on the motion—"Que l'expansion de l'empire rend plus difficile l'administration." The Pros. consisted of Messrs. McGowan, McFarlane, and O'Reilly, and the Cons. Messrs. MacPherson, Reilly and Richardson. This debate ended with the honours even at 20 points each, Messrs. McGowan and MacPherson being congratulated on their efforts.

In conclusion I would like to thank Mr. J. Shennan for his assistance, and to remind certain people in VIa Mods. that it is no use using bribery and corruption to try to escape giving a French lecture. It has to be done—



The Society's first activity of the Summer term was a debate on April 29th, on the motion—"Que l'esprit aventureux se meurt." Mr. White, opening for the Pros., affirmed that present-day luxury has made men effeminate, and no journeys of exploration to-day could be called adventurous. Mr. Smith, Con., told us that in his opinion the famous feats of antiquity were not done just out of a spirit of adventure but from other motives such as love, or religion. Mr. Navein introduced an unusual aspect of the case by blaming the immigration laws of the U.S.A.

and the British colonies for a lack of the adventurous spirit. "Why!" he said, scornfully (only in French), "we can't even get sufficient volunteers for A.R.P. wardens!" Mr. Bannon's considered opinion was that the story of ancient adventure was highly exaggerated, and could not in reality compare to, say, the adventures of the Russian Scientists at the North Pole. Mr. Simpson then promptly quoted the Russian Scientists, with their hot-water bottles, wireless communication, and so on, as examples of men of to-day with a lack of the spirit of adventure. Mr. Bates wound up the debate by stressing, rather mercenarily, the fact that all the adventures of the ancients were done merely for gain. People to-day, he affirmed, had to be adventurous to escape from boredom. The decision went to the Pros. by 18 points to 17.

On May 6th, Mr. F. Egan read to the Society a paper on "La Fontaine." He dealt fully with the life and work of this great poet, and did so in a very well-pro-nounced and interesting paper, being "felicitated" by M. le Président.

A debate was held on the next Friday, May 13th, on the subject—"Que la poésie a plus de valeur littéraire que la prose."

The first Pro. speaker was Mr. Redmond. He thought that grace and dexterity was given to a language by poetry, which was more expressive in its cadences and rhythms. Mr. Williams said that prose was just as graceful and dexterous, because prose writers were not bound by stifling rules. Mr. Edwards argued that we had no really great prose writers as there are poets. Poetry allows beautiful words which are "outrés" in prose. The fact that prose will always be understandable was the main theme of Mr. J. Ludden's argument. Poetry, he said, is looked on by the multitude as merely fit for class-work. Mr. Jones affirmed that poetry was of more literary value than prose in each of four estimates—the historic, the aesthetic,

the imaginative, and the permanent. Mr. Egan wound up by saying that prose was universal and suffered nothing by translation, but poetry was ambiguous, and was hard to understand after a few years. The Pros. gained the decision by 23 points to 20.

On May 27th, Mr. J. Bannon read his paper on "Production in the French theatre," in which he traced the progress of the "art" of theatre production right up from Mysteries, and gave a full account of present-day work in this sphere. He was congratulated on his lecture by M. le Président.

And then on Friday, June 10th, we held our Annual Debate in the Hall, on the motion—"Que l'éducation met tous les hommes au même rang." The Pros. were Messrs. Handley, Pope, and McGuinness, while the Cons. were composed of Messrs. Crosbie, Williams and (au lieu of defaulting Ludden, F.) Shennan. These latter won the day by 20 points to 17.

On Friday, June 17th, we heard a lecture by Mr. Curran on "La Télévision," held under the joint auspices of the French and Scientific Societies. Replete with learned-looking slides and diagrams, it was completed

by him on Tuesday, June 21st. It was a great success, and M. le Président highly congratulated Mr. Curran on his fine work, and also Mr. Brash, who had prepared the Historical Introduction.

I am sure that all readers of these notes will feel a touch of sadness in the thought that no more debates or lectures will be held in the "Physics Lab. at 1-30 *prompt*," and that next year the Society's headquarters will be in an alien building, in a different atmosphere. I personally am sure that many years hence, prosaic dwellers in the flats about to be erected on the School site will from time to time be considerably startled by spectral figures, which standing by their kitchen tables will look into the near distance and mutter dourly: "Ainsi, Monsieur le Président, *espéré-je* que vous donnerez votre décision CONTRE la proposition," and will then fade slowly away to the accompaniment of faint, spooky hand-clapping

Let us put such thoughts aside and wish next year's Gentlemen and Secretary "Good debating!" from this year's Gentlemen and

W. A. HANDLEY, VIa Mods.,

(Hon. Sec.).

Debating Society Notes.

I THINK it was Bismarck who expressed his belief in the sovereign virtues of "a benevolent, rational absolutism." Be this supposition correct or not; no matter. It remains a proven truth that this Society has always abhorred, decried and execrated such principles. Rejoicing in our truly British "freedom" of speech, we have spoken or remained mute; we have hitherto debated or been debated at, entirely as we listed; sparing from time to time a half-smile for the regular, rigidly-controlled and (sub rosa) somewhat morphean activities of other institutions.

Alas! our weakness has turned against

us. Unguided, unguided, we have wandered from the arterial road of ceremonious debate into the misty by-pass of orthography. In short, we have succumbed to the popular craze for the "Spelling Bee," we are become as pedants and greybeards.

The last landmark looms sombrely from out last November, or thereabouts. Then it was that in fiery impromptu Mr. McGeagh denounced and anathematized the error of "Total Abstinence," bringing tears to the eyes and water to the mouths of his tense audience; then it was that the austere arguments of Mr. (Chas.) Edwards on the subject of legalizing sweepstakes told on

the immature logic of Mr. Lavan; and then it was that the cosmopolitan Mr. McGowan made his touching and eloquent plea for the admission of aliens into this country. These were the last day-gleams.

Presently the whole landscape was darkened by the wings of this invidious BEE; and we became dulled and dazed by his inharmonious droning. The zest of combat departed. We became, in truth, soured pedants and greybeards.

"But," one might say, "is there not some compensation to be found in the herculean struggles of the larynx with 'SYZYGY,' 'GEOPONICS,' 'FRUMENTACEOUS,' and others of like ilk?" Cackling mirthlessly we ask "Whose larynx?" and in the ensuing silence pass on to elegiac outbursts on what has been, and having been can now no longer be.

Of late there has been a definite revulsion from this apiculture. It became evident on a certain date, when Messrs. Bates and Edwards (Chas.) defended the cause of "Small houses as opposed to Flats" against Mr. Ryan and Mr. Handley. An obvious pun on the small subject that fell flat, I fear, unavoidable. For the ancient lustre has departed; the old verve and fire, the sparks shaken from the clash of rapier-like intellects—these have departed.

One speaker did indeed soar. He spoke of bombing 'planes. Another likewise of roof-gardens. But the rot has been allowed to set in deeply, very deeply. It will be eradicated, we hope, rapidly and afterwards, the temporary gloom dispelled, perhaps we shall see the old consummate mastery wielded by a new generation in a new surrounding.

H.G.J.

Music Notes.

SPRING TERM.

AT the Christmas Local Examinations in Music, conducted by the Royal Schools of Music, the following successes were obtained by boys from St. Edward's College:—

Pianoforte Playing, Grade II—A. Murphy.
Violin Playing, Preliminary—J. F. Kinnane,
S. Pope, A. R. Williams.

This is the first occasion upon which boys from St. Edward's have entered for the Examination in Violin Playing. The result is very satisfactory and reflects credit upon the boys themselves and also upon their tutor, Mr. McKey.

As the years go by we hope to record further successes, not only in the playing of the violin and piano, but also that of other instruments.

We are pleased to report that the Orchestra has been strengthened by the addition of two performers upon wind

instruments—F. Ramos (cornettist) and E. Vonslow (saxophonist). As both are members of the Junior School, we hope to have them long with us.

The Annual Christmas Concert was given in the College Hall at the end of last term. We regret that we have mislaid the Ms. of the programme. We are therefore compelled to report the performance from memory.

The Orchestra played the Triumphant March from "Aida" (Verdi), Mendelssohn's "Spring Song," and accompanied the Choir in the "Hallelujah Chorus" (Handel).

The Senior members of the Orchestra played a selection of Irish airs whilst solos were played by the following:—Cello, Mr. B. McKey; Flute, Mr. P. Clarke; Violin, J. F. Kinnane; Organ, J. B. Ludden; Songs, Messrs. J. Curtin and M. Fortune.

The singing of the School Song and "God Save the King" brought the Concert to a close.

Brother Roche (on behalf of the School)

thanked all those who had taken part in the entertainment.

SUMMER TERM.

We are pleased to report that Kevin Donegan has joined the Orchestra. He has proved of great help to the younger members and, with John Reddy, has helped to lead the second violins. Frank Ludden has been playing the piano since Geoffrey Pellegrini left the School. James Ludden has frequently played the organ at Benediction on Saturday mornings. This weekly Benediction is, primarily, for the boys and when one of themselves leads the music, it makes that Service more intimately theirs.

Writing of organ playing reminds us that Thomas Walsh has recently been appointed Organist at the Church of Our Lady Immaculate. Our Lady's Church and St. Edward's College have been so closely connected for so many years, that we are pleased to think that when we have gone to Sandfield Park, we shall still be represented in "Our Lady's" parish, by one of our Old Boys holding an official position in the Church.

The Annual Mass for Brother Leahy was sung on Friday, June 3rd, in Our Lady's Church. According to custom the "Proper" was chanted by Choirboys from the Fourth Forms, and the "Common" and Responses

by the whole School led by the full Choir.

The Orchestra met on Friday, July 24th, for the last time in the present St. Edward's. At the conclusion of the rehearsal the School Song was sung.

Within the next few weeks the last Choir practice will have been held. At its close the School Song will again be sung. Similarly, as each class finishes its last singing lesson, the School Song will be sung. It is the National Anthem of St. Edward's College and is, perhaps, the tenderest link between its members, both Past and Present. Through it both the Author and Composer will live for ever in the hearts of all Edwardians.

Upon one occasion the late Brother Leahy related the following true story: He was speaking of the value of School Songs in general and of our own in particular. Two men aboard ship in foreign seas were working together when one began to whistle a tune. The other heard it, and recognised it as St. Edward's School Song. Thus two Old Boys of the same school were brought together. That tune spoke to them of a happy boyhood, of home, miles and miles away, and bound them together in something stronger than ordinary friendship.

So the singing of this same Song at the end of this term will unite the old St. Edward's to the new. It is a living thing, which will ever link the memory of the Past with the actuality of the Present.

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Athletic Sports.

JUNE 11th, 1938.

FOR the second time the Sports were held at Sandfield Park. The attendance was very large even though the day was none too warm and the partially completed buildings were not in a state to be inspected. Mr. Philip Hawe, F.R.C.S., President of the C.I.-Edwardian Association, gave out the prizes. The Band of St. Edward's Orphanage was in attendance from 2-30 to the end of the programme.

RESULTS OF THE ATHLETIC EVENTS.

- Event 1.—Egg and Spoon Race.** A.
1, D. Hughes; 2, A. Chiappe; 3, N. Fitzpatrick.
- Event 2.—100 Yards.** B.
1, G. Butler; 2, L. Kehoe; 3, W. Davies.
- Event 3.—220 Yards.** C.
1, N. Keogh; 2, J. Hands; 3, A. Yates.
- Event 4.—Obstacle Race.** D.
1, T. Maher; 2, C. Brennan; 3, J. D. Redmond.
- Event 5.—100 Yards.** E.
1, M. Lambe; 2, J. Mulhearn; 3, V. Bradley.
- Event 6.—440 Yards.** F.
1, E. Redmond; 2, W. Handley; 3, J. Kinnane.
- Event 7.—Variety Race.** A.
1, A. Chiappe; 2, P. Molyneux; 3, D. Gaskin.
- Event 8.—220 Yards.** B.
1, J. Hosey; 2, P. Delamere; 3, G. Butler.
- Event 9.—Sack Race.** C.
1, F. Burrowes; 2, J. Campbell; 3, T. McCabe.
- Event 10.—100 Yards.** D.
1, C. Brennan; 2, R. Brennan; 3, S. Houldin.
- Event 11.—440 Yards.** E.
1, J. Mulhearn; 2, M. Lambe; 3, R. Power.
- Event 12.—100 Yards.** F.
1, J. Ion; 2, V. Jack; 3, F. Gilmore.
- Event 13.—Junior Relay.** 1, DOMINGO.
K. Wood; M. Minister; R. Ramos; J. Hands.
- Event 14.—80 Yards.** A.
1, A. Chiappe; 2, D. Hughes; 3, R. Winstanley.
- Event 15.—Sack Race.** B.
1, E. Handley; 2, P. Broadbridge; 3, J. Weston.
- Event 16.—100 Yards.** C.
1, N. Keogh; 2, J. Hands; 3, A. Yates.
- Event 17.—100 Yards.** C.
1, D. Dempsey; 2, J. Campbell; 3, J. Hatley.
- Event 18.—Hurdles.** D.
1, C. Brennan; 2, B. Cunningham; 3, J. Bullen.
- Event 19.—Obstacle Race.** E.
1, J. Mulhearn; 2, F. Bretherton; 3, H. Burke.
- Event 20.—Hurdles.** F.
1, V. Jack; 2, W. Handley; 3, E. Redmond.
- Event 21.—Junior Championship.**
1, R. Brennan; 2, C. Brennan; 3, D. Smerdon.
- Event 22.—Siamese Race.** B.
1, J. Begley and J. Griffin;
2, C. Callaghan and P. Broadbridge.
- Event 23.—Musical Chairs.** C.
1, J. Campbell; 2, A. Yates; 3, N. Maguire.
- Event 24.—440 Yards.** D.
1, C. Brennan; 2, R. Brennan; 3, B. Ludden.
- Event 25.—880 Yards.** E.
1, F. Bretherton; 2, W. Powell; 3, J. Kennan.
- Event 26.—880 Yards.** F.
1, W. Handley; 2, E. Redmond; 3, L. Keenan.
- Event 27.—440 Yards.** C.
1, J. Hands; 2, J. Campbell; 3, D. Dempsey.
- Event 28.—High Jump.** D.
1, C. Brennan; 2, T. Maher; 3, R. Brennan and B. Ludden.
- Event 29.—Hurdles.** E.
1, B. Keenan; 2, R. Power; 3, R. Pope.
- Event 30.—Long Jump.** F.
1, V. Jack; 2, W. Handley; 3, J. Ion.
- Event 31.—Senior Relay.** 1, DOMINGO.
J. Kinnane; V. Jack; W. Handley; R. Power.
- Event 32.—Old Edwardians' Race (880 yards).**
1, L. Daly.
- Event 33.—Obstacle Race.** C.
1, C. O'Grady; 2, E. Rogers; 3, N. Keogh.
- Event 34.—Long Jump.** D.
1, E. Naylor; 2, C. Brennan; 3, D. Smerdon.
- Event 35.—High Jump.** E.
1, H. Burke; 2, B. Keenan; 3, H. Buckley.
- Event 36.—Long Jump.** E.
1, T. Horan; 2, B. Keenan; 3, H. Buckley.
- Event 37.—High Jump.** F.
1, J. Ion; 2, J. Bourke; 3, W. Handley.
- Event 38.—Senior Championship.**
1, J. Ion; 2, F. Gilmore; 3, J. Mulhearn.
- Event 39.—Slow Cycle Race.**
1, S. Moore; 2, F. Kilburn; 3, T. Shaw.
- Event 40.—Old Boys' Race (100 yards).**
1, B. Kivlin.
- Event 41.—Mile.**
1, C. Brennan; 2, B. O'Carroll; 3, F. Bretherton.
- Event 42.—Junior Consolation Race.**
1, G. Tinsley; 2, J. Ireland.
- Event 43.—Senior Consolation Race.**
1, G. Morris; 2, F. Howard.
- Event 44.—Throwing the Cricket Ball.**
1, J. Ion; 2, H. Buckley.
- Event 45.—Tug-o'-War (Junior).**
1, DOMINGO. Runner-up, MERSEY.
- Event 46.—Tug-o'-War (Senior).**
1, MERSEY. Runner-up, DOMINGO.
- House Champions.**
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| 1. DOMINGO | ... | ... | ... | 145½ |
| 2. SEFTON | ... | ... | ... | 130 |
| 3. HOPE | ... | ... | ... | 102½ |
| 4. MERSEY | ... | ... | ... | 98 |
- Victor Ludorum.**
W. Handley and J. Ion (20 points each).
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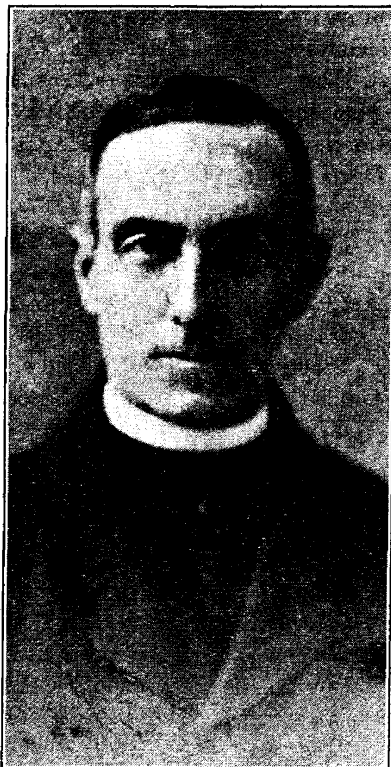
Rev. Br. M. A. Walsh.

THE death of Rev. Br. Walsh took place on February 16th. To most of us present pupils he was not so well known, as he retired from active work six years ago, but old boys of the School from 1917 onwards will have kindly memories of him. He first came to the old C.I. in Hope Street in 1917 and went on to St. Edward's when the School was moved to Everton in 1920. All his time, he had charge of the Third Form, receiving each year pupils coming to the School for the first time. His influence in training them into the discipline and tradition of the School was very marked and was traceable in their subsequent progress to the higher Forms. He was a close and careful teacher, unruffled in manner and very considerate

towards the vagaries of his lively charge. He was gentle in disposition and by his quiet but determined manner kept excellent discipline. He

was particularly keen on the games and his interest in the success of his teams in the Form matches, both in football and cricket, was intense. He kept them together, coached them, and in the actual matches was always to be found on the side line encouraging them. Ill health obliged him to retire from class work in 1932, but his interest in the Junior Games never flagged and Thursday afternoon invariably found him on the playing-field. He was, indeed, a

gentle and lovable character and we shall remember him with affection. May he rest in peace.



Form Notes.

Form Via Science.

AND so another year draws to its close, and quite peacefully at that. For instance, that once dreaded command, "Bring out your attempts," is no longer dreaded; attempts are "done on paper and left at home" with impunity. Our famous "experts" (excepting the French one) seem to have gone out of business. When M—— was asked for a "plus or minus" performance he had quite forgotten his cue. We have ample grounds, however, for believing that when the close arrives it will be far from peaceful. We have not had any further diminution in our numbers since last term; Harrington, who once bade fair to fill the vacant post of "honorary member," having returned to the fold and remained there.

Last term we were puzzled as to the cause of weird noises which issued from the library, but discovered that it was merely the Mods. at private study. These noises have ceased this term, however, since the originators of these noises have since been in for their exam. and now frequently develope "headaches in the mornings."

We must congratulate Ludden on the arrival of the long awaited fifty. He had to wait for this almost as long as we have waited for his lecture. The difference lies in the fact that whereas the fifty duly arrived, the lecture never will. While on the subject of societies, we must remark that the Scientific Society seems to have died a sudden death, but then, perhaps we have been working too hard to have time for lectures. Curran, however, found time to give a lecture on television in French! We often wish that this Society would die a sudden death. Our Form seems to be rather versatile. Ludden was once heard to remark that when he left, the School would be pulled down, and such is the case. Have we a prophet in our midst? The

removal of the pipes rendered our room very draughty, but Curran removed the inconvenience by promptly nailing up the holes in the wall.

Although the age difference between some of us and some of the Lower Fives may not be so pronounced, we would like it to be noted that we object to being mistaken for "the Lower Fives"; but perhaps the individual who made the mistake did not read the inscription on the door. And now we must close for the last time, wishing all about to take the H.S.C. the best of luck.



Form Vlb Science.

On the afternoon of the first day of this term we went into the Physics Lab. and there calculated the refractive index of the mud from the pipes of the heating (?) system, after extensive excavations in the aforementioned mud to find the apparatus needed. We're tough, mighty tough, in the Lab. When we pull a blind down, it stays down, and nothing but our own highly-trained (all done by kindness—and organic foodstuffs) troupe of mountaineers, in unstable equilibrium on one or more stools and divers balance-cases, can pull them up again. All catastrophies are cheerfully borne, for all must be sacrificed in the noble cause of Science.

We are continually astounding our instructors in our knowledge of the obscurer points in Science. Some will go far with their advanced theories, a record of which is being kept by Mercer, the Master of the Rolls. R——n has almost been awarded the Nobel Prize for Mathematics (very advanced).

"Sit down, Bourke, life's short."

U.S.

Form Via Moderns.

Irritated beyond measure by having to wait a term before we can get into print, in a morbid and melancholy state of mind we set ourselves to write, fully convinced that the Form Notes we had prepared for the last and non-appearing issue of the Magazine would be positively the best notes seen in any magazine, that they were scintillating, side-rending form notes, form notes *sans pareil*, form notes—but, unfortunately, we lost them.

We said we were melancholy; this, however, does not express the depths of soul-stirring anguish to which our tender and sensitive minds have been plunged by unsubstantial rumours that are permeating the somnolent atmosphere of our Club. Rumour, lying jade, hath it that in about a fortnight the Idle Poor of this Form are to be prodded into semi-wakefulness, gently placed in sleeping-bags, and carried downstairs to the hard, cold world beneath, there to be awakened by the forlorn tidings that after seven years' restful retirement we have been routed out, and that now our rest-cure is at an end. The strain of this harrowing period of worry is leaving its traces on our members, and it has even affected Bash's usual bonhomie, and now he is constantly to be seen propping himself against the timetable, fulminating the while, "agin the government."

This class is stated to be the worst class, both physically and mentally, of the whole Sixth Form. We now advance the following proofs of this statement:—

(a) We have in our midst the Victor Ludorum, W. Handley.

(b) We have two members of the 1st Cricket XI, T. J. Crosbie and W. Handley.

(c) Two of our members, F. Ludden and J. Bannon, have been accepted for Simmaries, and

(d) Two others, K. McGuinness and W. Handley, for the University.

(e) One of us, Chas. Edwards, came twenty-seventh out of 7,665 in the Civil Service Junior Clerical Exam.

(f) Three of our members attempted, with good hopes of success, the Executive Exam. Crosbie and Jones were successful; our congratulations to them, and

(g) F. Clarkson is one of the best musicians the School has produced.

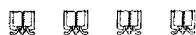
But let us cease this mere idle vainglory in our own misdeeds, this complacent wallowing in our own wickedness, this ignoble self-condemnation, and remark that in a week we will be in the midst of H.S.C. A lot has been written about the unfairness of the present-day examination system, but we would like to add that it is unfair that we should be butchered before we can get a decent holiday, and that in a short time the only way we will be able to comment on this unfairness will be by the touching plain wooden crosses surmounting our freshly-heaped piles of earth.

Soon will we be gone, and by this time next year the Old Boys' ranks will be swollen considerably, but we have noticed with regret that our class has slightly lowered its former prestige by going round lavishly borrowing from all sorts of unsuspecting persons, thinking to escape retribution by leaving. But the day will come! John Willie will come back for his text-books, and then there will be a general panic equal only to that caused by his appearance one day in '79.

Work, however, presses, but unfortunately not on us. There is some talk among those in the know (which we overheard) of some exam. or other in the near distance which may or may not cost us the lump sum of £1. After disposing of other and more urgent business, we may begin to think about looking into this rumour, nay! plumb its depths, and as this may happen any year now, we must

cease this idle chatter and get some good solid sleeping done.

F. LUDDEN, J. F. SHENNAN,
W. A. HANDLEY.



Form VIb Moderns.

The opening of the term saw us all back again with the "morning after" feeling. This term the onus of giving French debates fell on us; some of us were so overawed by the gathering of "savants," that we were requested to appear in a "Royal Command Performance" two weeks later. There has been an epidemic of one-day colds lately, although our French master maintains that such things are non-existent; his opinion is not much respected. There was great excitement over the Senior football team this year and, the Science classes had more than their usual share of players. We can, of course, easily understand this—they have plenty of time for recreation, for they seem to do nothing except walk in and out the Physics lab.

The latest addition to our activities was a "spelling-bee"; not for us the dull boom of a gong or the sweet note of the spellometer; the Hall bell is pressed into service and has to suffice even though it occasionally fails in its duty. After the "A" classes had set an example—of a sort—we followed, with D.M. as Interlocutor, and easily defeated the Sciences who were not in the same class. A few weeks ago we began our collection for the Waifs and Strays and managed to keep a fairly high average.

Before the Great Day at Aintree there was considerable petty speculation carried on in our Form, and the old firm of K. and W. took charge of operations; the result of it was that "Billy Boy" received two pieces of silver, which he carried off to his corner with a grin. By the way, a frequent visitor to our class dropped a cuff-link in that corner and

it has never been seen since. Another notable loss was that of Paddy's shillelagh, which for a long time inhabited an empty desk, from whence it came forth between every lesson and, guided by its owner's hand, lovingly caressed many heads. A few weeks before the end of term a "ticketing" mania broke out and furtive forms prowled the classroom affixing their sinister billets. It reached its peak during an impromptu debate during which Mr. H——y was provided with a suitable ticket while he babbled of flats, houses, and Communism.

One of the residents of the back benches arouses himself from his usual state of somnolence during French lessons and emits queer noises: it is not long before he gains his reward and he is soon seated in front, with plenty of room for his legs. Our dear "Slug" is a constant source of amusement, particularly his playful little ways. By the way, an industrious embryonic student recently discovered that "the old cow" started dying in 1922, and the following year two "Bold Gendarmes" appeared on the horizon. We must desist, however, from further revelations—we could reveal why our English notes disappear during French lessons but——. On such a mysterious note we will end our chronicles, and wish our readers all luck in the coming holidays.



Form Lower Va Science.

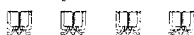
Considering that five members out of our small class of twenty-six were in the Junior Shield team, and another was a reserve, we feel that we have very good reason to be proud of ourselves. Smerdon was goal-keeper, Keenan and C. Brennan the two full-backs, Buckley and R. Brennan forwards, Buckley being centre-forward. With half the Junior Shield team in our class, it is no wonder that we defeated the Upper V Sciences 8-1,

and drew with the Lower V Moderns (who are double our number, plus a dozen or so more); something, surely, to be proud of!

When the Cricket season came on we once again distinguished ourselves. Owing to adverse weather conditions, we have been unable lately to challenge (and, of course, defeat) the Moderns, but we have three of our class in the First XI, and three in the Second XI. B. Ludden, on one occasion, took three wickets in four balls for no runs, and in another match Buckley needed just one more run to make his "schoolboy century." The Athletic Sports again proved how superior we are to the Moderns. The total number of prizes won by our class was thirty. We would like to know if this is a record. The twin Brennans were responsible jointly for twelve of these prizes, Henry getting eight and Robert four, and the photographer considered this so outstanding that he took a large photograph of them together. Honestly! what would the School do without us?

Something will have to be done about these twin brothers, for not only has the form-master been mixing them up even more frequently of late, but Mr. O'B. is occasionally giving a V.B. to the wrong one, and Robert sometimes finds it convenient to be mistaken for Henry. Keenan, our perfect prefect, takes his job seriously and has been commended by several masters, although we think him too "keen on" his duty. Last term Winstanley was top of the class, Irving second, and Smith third. Irving is the "bold bad bandit" of the class, and terrorizes all around him. "Tat" and "Mac," fast becoming inseparables, have had the Riot Act read to them nobody knows how many times. B——y and K——n have the talking records.

During May and June we erected nice altars in honour of Our Blessed Lady and the Sacred Heart.



Form IVa Science.

We came back to School after the Christmas holidays, some boys reluctantly, but others "fed up." However, we soon settled down to class work, though P—— for one could not forget the Shakespearean phrase "Let me play the fool." We all conveniently left our books at home.

"Mr. B. is very nice,

With his minims and his quavers;
But, although as quiet as mice,
He bestows on us few favours."

T. CAMPBELL.

We are sorry to hear that F. Prendergast won't be with us for some time. We all promise him our prayers. If he wasn't so good at Latin, we might have thought that the approach of Caesar had put him to flight.

This term we came back to School with that early morning feeling to find that Q—— had an artificial black eye and was thus excused from all homework. We are beginning to suspect that he is tricking *everyone*, because he has extended his time for being excused. This term we are *glad* to say had an abundance of holidays in it, but sad to say they all seemed to fall on Thursdays. But still one must be grateful for small mercies. There has lately been a mania for breaking or spraining wrists, and for falling off bikes and what not, but as the masters are becoming suspicious wrists will be all right for the exams. Mr. B—— told us that we were the worst Form in the School, and later he told the B's the same thing—a tie for last place; we are now trying to find out which IS the worst. He also gave the B's sixpence for good singing; but us! he had us standing for the whole lesson for making noises. This seems to settle the question. Mr. O'D—— thinks our Latin is rotten, but it is not as rotten as Caesar. Caesar! how we wish he had never existed; he has taken more toll in our class than his legions did in 55 and 54 B.C.

At cricket we are very good,
 We're progressing by degrees,
 With all the tough lads in our class,
 We ought to lick the B's.

We have not had much chance for playing cricket, so the above "tough lads" have not had a chance to lick the B's yet. Our First and Second elevens have not done too well this season, but, wait till next year. I nearly forgot to mention the reason; there has been no House matches. Come close, while I whisper: "All the other houses are frightened to play Domingo."

OUR SCHOOL.

We grumble at the signal
 That calls us every day,
 To sit us down on benches hard,
 And swot our lives away.
 We grumble in the class,
 We grumble on the stair;
 But if someone else miscalls our School
 He'll have to have a care.
 We grumble at our masters,
 And the way they make us work;
 And we grumble at the strappings
 They give us when we shirk.
 But it is no picnic
 For them to work with us,
 With our clatter and our fidgets,
 Our laziness and fuss.
 We do a lot of grumbling,
 When there isn't any call,
 For our School ain't such a bad place,
 Now is it, after all?
 And teachers ain't such bad 'uns,
 When all is said and done;
 Then here's to our good old School,
 boys,
 And the masters, every one!

E. SHIELD.



Form IVb Science.

We returned to School, after Easter, to settle down to work, such as Latin (Caesar, that "brave" man who never fought but let his legions do all the dirty work). We went into the gym. and at once started to practise for the Gym. Display, much to our displeasure. Then all the heating pipes and boilers were removed, leaving us very cold. Soon, however, we settled down to the last term in the old buildings, most of us with good resolutions as to the summer examination. Up to now we have not played cricket against the A's, but our famous stalwart, W——d, has earned his place in the First eleven (which I don't think is filling too well).

Then came the Sports. We had three prizewinners and two of Domingo relay team. We think now, that Mr. O'—— has got tired of marking "B's" from Tuesday to the end of the week. Portia and Gobbo, born in 1937, still going strong. Mr. B——n was very pushing with a farthing each for our Form the other day, when we sang for him and he gave us sixpence between us. Then our artist, C. O'Gr——y, gave us the drawing of the new method which the milkman has of delivering milk to the top floors of flats (by aeroplane). Now the horror of examination is coming upon us, for soon we have the summer examination, which is a most decisive one. Then the holidays; and then, the new School.

P. DEVLIN.



Form IVa Moderns.

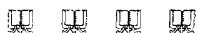
Once again we meet, and are looking forward to the Summer Vacation. This term has been full of many interesting events, which help to relieve the monotony of daily routine. R—— has taken to the films, and has visions of himself becoming a second

Tom Mix. We still have in our midst O'H——, the flaxen-haired, golden-eyed beauty of the class. He surprised us the other day by telling us that sandstone is used extensively for scrubbing steps. Kinn—— is the absent-minded professor of the class, somehow he never seems to remember to bring in his exercises. I have not heard many people complaining of the heat this year, but R—— insisted on wearing his gym shorts and pumps, and taking his stockings off, and, to crown it all, he left his overcoat on. Our voices must have improved greatly of late, because Mr. Boraston gave us sixpence for singing well. L. M—— still firmly believes that steam-rollers and tractors are used on the mountain passes of China. Drastic changes have taken place in the old classroom, the orice clever boys are now at the bottom of the class, and the "duds" have, by dint of hard work, taken their places at the top of the class.

Rob—— prides himself on being a fair Portia, but Shylock is more in his line. The Sports went off very well, Domingo winning the Athletics (of course). We have had beautiful May and June Altars, and wish to thank all those who have contributed anything towards them. Well, IVa Mod. must say good-bye now, hoping you all enjoy the Summer Vacation.

Till then, *Valete amici mei.*

R. LANE.

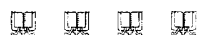


Form IVb Moderns.

Here we are again, Form IVb Mods. C——came back to School after a lengthy absence. H—— is known as Portia, for casting fair speeches to Win——. Duffy is our homework specialist, having a good memory (to forget) to bring it in. Gym rehearsals were received with great pleasure, as we missed three Latin lessons. The class

is divided in two parts for Latin, the "boobies" and the "smart ones." The class would not be complete without Deadwide Dick D——le. The class being turned round, Br——n can now talk in peace. Jones has a voice somewhere in his boots. R——m has a part in his hair that dynamite couldn't ruffle. The floor has a great strain in holding up the name of Archibald Postlethwaite. Everyone agrees that Caesar should have been strangled (not forgetting Euclid). D—— still has the title of the swot. Wh—— is indignant in having to take part in a child's Spelling Bee. To find the perimeter of the class, we used R——ll as a ruler. Wh——'s idea of marking D——n's exercise was to tear it up and throw it into the waste-paper basket. Bu—— is trying to slim by coming to School on his bike. Brad—— is the class's farmer, answering all the Geography master's questions. Our class is very generous, having beaten the A.Mods. for bringing in "Waifs and Strays" money. We are also superior to the A.Mods. in cricket. Although we have only had two games, we won one and "drew" in the next. The "drawn" game—the A.Mods. had one wicket left, and 102 runs to get.

W.H. and D.D.



Form IIIa.

All here are looking forward to the holidays, though some have gone so far as to anticipate them by a month, e.g. K.H. and J.K. Hope they'll come back to share our agony in the exams. Next year we'll have a new class, a new School, and——a new form-master (?) We'll be sorry leaving "auld acquaintance," but we must fly with time.

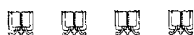
Of our thirty, some are famous and some are not. O. O'N—— is our most promising sportsman, and does a lot of fiddling too.

A—y kept the colours flying at the Sports ; and T. McC— got there in the *hobstacle* race. Francis wants to be an aeroplane artist ; hope he doesn't do too many down-strokes. Fred is a genius at what ? Mr. Meldon says that J. MacS— is a budding artist, and that so-and-so are better than IIIa. He's only fooling, though. B.B. looked after the altars very well, though his experiments with night-lights were not successful. J.I. is always first at School, and does useful work before 9-0. Then there is the Baby. Some call him an Angel, or Angle ; others by a name famous in films. He boxes well, but is too fond of the ink bottle.

We have lost nothing of our love for our lessons. You may see boys coming to School earnestly learning nothing. Grammar is becoming a little too complex for us ; and "Geometry" is our delight. Though some words seem too easy to spell, spelling is becoming popular, since we started the Bees. We allowed the B's to beat us once, at spelling, at football, and at collections. We won't mention the numerous times we defeated them.

Wishing everybody an enjoyable holiday, and all in IIIa success and good reports, we hope to meet again next September in Form IV.

J.I. and P.M.



Form IIIb.

Here we are, the Bees. Talking about Bees, the A's rashly challenged us to a Spelling Bee. There is no need to tell you the result, but we won easily. We also beat them at football, and are counting the number of runs we shall win by at cricket. In every respect we consider ourselves superior to the other III's. This is not pride, it's a fact. Mr. Boraston tells us we are the best class

at music ; we often sing dumb, but we never get sweets to help us sing doh.

We missed Mr. Mullen during the second term, and now we are glad to see him well again. French seems to be the most popular subject in the Form, and outside it. When G.P. brings his "Collin's" out to the yard at break, there must be something wrong with the stars. Woodwork is also popular ; though we don't like the leather work that sometimes accompanies it.

Looking round the classroom, which we'll soon be leaving forever and forever, you would see our class jester over there, our big small man up there, and our "Jaines" down here. V.R. likes nothing, except home-work. T.D. has no troubles except Illegible and Repeats. T.A., the smallest in the class, has the biggest brain. What's in a name, anyway ? Two or three of the boys seem to grow only east and west. N.K. is our sportsman, carrying off several prizes at the Sports, and is one of the coming lights in football. J.L. wants to know why his pencil ran away, and what is veb ? F.R. is "perculior," and E.F. is afraid to speak.

Hope you are not bored, but take our best wishes for a long holiday and success in the "Dread" that has just passed.

T.B. and J.G.



Form I.

We all arrived back from the Christmas holidays full of plum pudding. Two boys were missing, P.B., who has gone to Blackpool, and C.J., who took a trip to Manchester. They have not yet returned. We were nearly losing another boy when R.H. was knocked down by a motor-lorry (or tried to knock *it* down). However, he came back to life again. Three new boys have come. We need say no more about them. We had some fine football

matches every Thursday last term. Someone tried to start rugby, but——. We all like Nature Study. The classroom is like a museum (or a "zoo"). Someone brought tadpoles, but they all died. Then someone else brought some frogs, but they were so lively jumping around the room, we had to "expel" them. Then a water-beetle came along and he died also. We were all very sorry that our School did not win the Junior Shield.

Our May and June altars were very nice. R.D. nearly set the June altar on fire one day,

when he was lighting the candles. But the Fire Brigade was on the spot. We enjoyed the Sports very much. The two boys that come late to School every morning won clocks to make them come in time in future. But it is no use. They are still late. We shall be very glad when the time comes to go to our new School in September. We are all working hard now, preparing for our exams.

Let us wish everybody a very jolly summer holiday, and let us hope to see everyone in Sandfield Park next term.

Fastest on Earth.

IN Utah, America, there is a huge stretch of smooth, hard, salt resembling an immense field of Arctic snow. Here attempts at the land-speed record are made, for during fine weather, the salt is firm and level, and there is a clear thirteen miles' straightway for the cars. To this place came Captain George Eyston, all the way from England, to attempt to beat the record set up by another Britisher, Sir Malcolm Campbell. But before this, many preparations had to be made, such as determining the design of the car, and the type of engine to be employed.

Eyston used two of the world's most powerful petrol engines to supply the driving power, and had them fitted side by side to keep the length within reasonable dimensions. Owing to the tremendous horsepower of the engine, four rear wheels were necessary to transmit it. An entirely new steering arrangement, and a revolutionary kind of braking, which afterwards proved most successful, was installed. As there is no course in England where high speeds can be

attained, Eyston had to sail to America without first testing his "Thunderbolt."

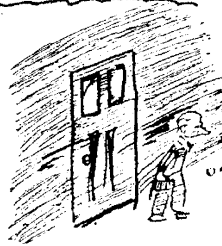
When he arrived at Bonneville, where the salt flats are situated, he found merely a huge stretch of sodden salt, for the summer had been extremely wet. After a long wait, the salt dried and hardened sufficiently for him to make the first trial run on October 28th. A mechanical fault, however, caused him to abandon this attempt. To get at the trouble, the whole car had to be dismantled, and yet the same fault persisted in his second run.

The third and successful attempt was made on the morning of November 19th. After a push start, Eyston soon reached 100 m.p.h., then 180 m.p.h., and streaked into the measured mile with the car in top gear. On the return journey an even higher speed was attained, the officials' figures for the complete journey being 305.34 m.p.h. for the outward journey and 317.74 m.p.h. for the return, giving an average of 311.42 m.p.h. : nearly 311½ miles in one hour in a motor-car!

P. PILLING (U.Va Sc.).

VI-B-SC — AND ALL THAT

JAN 10th
— WE
RETURNED
TO
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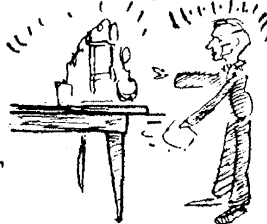
WHERE MR. H
LET IN THE NEW YEAR



JAN 15th
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COME IN
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FOR 6
DAYS!!

JAN 20th

A VERY ENLIGHTENING (!?!!?)
LECTURE BY MR. CURRAN ON
"NEON LIGHTING"



JAN 20th

RICHARDSON PLAYED FOR
THE FIRST XI AND SCORED 2

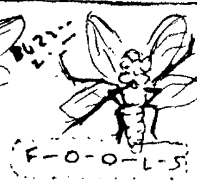
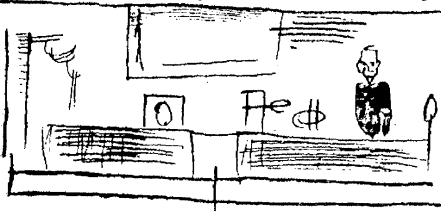


FEB 2nd '43

SHORT
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[MR. 'P' WAS ABSENT]

SMITH
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FEB. 15 & 22

SPELLING
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MAR. 16

THE BATTLE OF
WATER LOO



(POST PONE TO
DUE TO RAIN)

FEB. 14th — WE WENT TO THE
CENTRAL MALL TO HEAR DR.
FLEMING GIVE A LECTURE ON
THE EVOLUTION OF ELECTRICAL POWER



University Results, 1938.

B.A. (Hons. in General Studies)—W. F. Byrne.

B.A. (2nd Class Hons.)—T. Walsh.

B.A. (First Year Examination)—

H. J. McCarthy.

Diploma in Education—S. M. Rush.

B.Sc. (1st Class Hons.)—W. B. Whalley.

B.Sc.—W. L. Smerdon.

B.Sc. (Second Year Examinations)—

G. Gowney.

B.Sc. (Intermediate Examination)—T. J. Lunt.

L.L.M.—C. J. MacMahon.

B.Eng.—M. J. Murphy.

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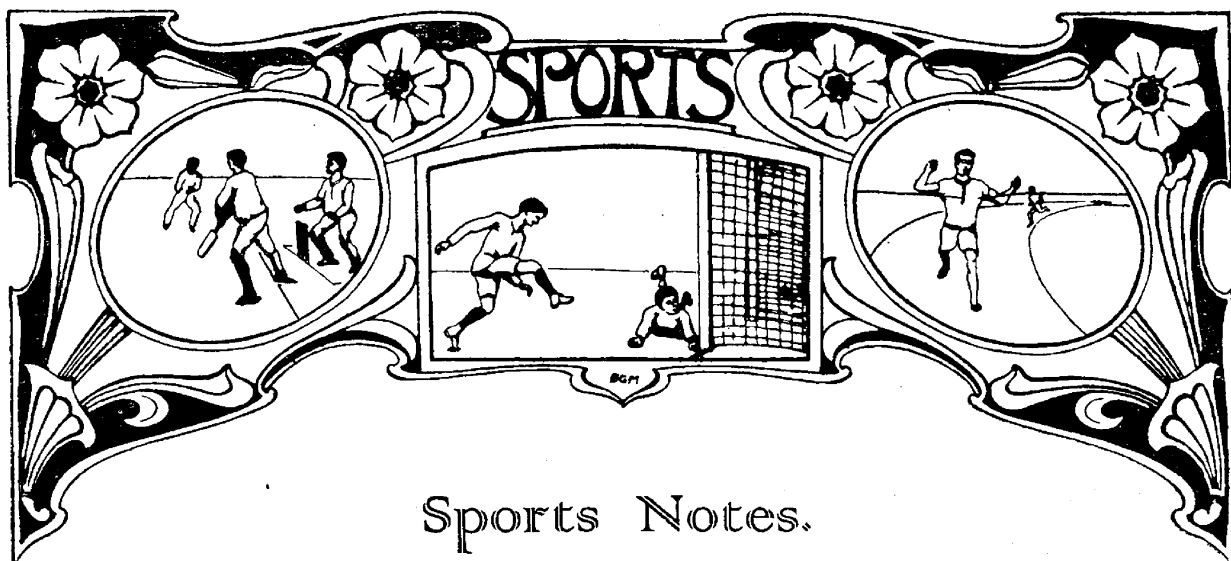
Interesting Facts.

1. The first recorded submarine vessel was built in 1620.
2. In 1864 a battleship was first sunk by a torpedo fired from a submarine.
3. The White Star liner "Republic" was the first great ship to be rescued through the use of radio.
4. After the sinking of the "Titanic," in 1912, the International Ice Patrol was formed; among its purposes was the warning of ships of the proximity of floating icebergs.
5. The Blue Riband Trophy was presented by a Mr. Harold K. Hales in 1935, and it was awarded in the first instance to the owners of the "Rex."
6. The Cunard liner "Scotia" was the last paddle-steamer to be employed in the Atlantic service.
7. The "Queen Mary" has the four largest propellers ever built, each being 35 tons.
8. The "Berengaria" was formerly the German ship "Imperator" and was given to the Cunard Company after the war as compensation for war damage to their ships.

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Sports Notes.

SENIOR SHIELD.

St. Edward's v. Quarry Bank.

Team: Crosbie, Supple, Ludden, Mercer, Jack (Captain), Worthington, McGuinness, Richardson, Horan, Connors, McGeagh.

The Second Round of the Senior Shield matches was played on the home ground, v. Quarry Bank. St. Edward's won the toss and, aided by a strong breeze, were soon attacking. Play was fairly brisk and after about twenty minutes' play McGuinness scored the opening goal. Further efforts by both sides ended without a change in the score.

Half-time: S.E.C., 1; Quarry Bank, 0.

The second half our forwards played better, and a long pass from the outside-left found Richardson well placed and with a fast drive found the net. Quarry Bank now settled down to a determined attack and Crosbie had a busy time. He brought off some very good saves, but misjudged a long shot from the centre-half and the ball bounded into the net. Soon after he got possession and from the resulting high kick the ball was deflected by the wind into his own goal.

Full-time: S.E.C., 2; Quarry Bank, 2.

SENIOR SHIELD REPLAY.

March 9th.

Team: Crosbie, Supple, Ludden, Mercer, Jack (Captain), Worthington, McGuinness, Richardson, Horan, Connors, McGeagh.

Quarry Bank won the toss and decided to play against the breeze. Our backs played well and gave the forwards plenty of the ball, but through lack of combination and inaccurate shooting failed to score.

Half-time: S.E.C., 0; Quarry Bank, 0.

On resuming Quarry Bank opened with a brisk attack and, aided by slope and wind, kept up a constant

pressure. Their efforts were soon awarded, when the centre-forward got possession and gave Crosbie no chance with a fast shot in the corner of the net. The second score was a result of a misunderstanding between our backs. Quarry Bank quickly availed of the opportunity and added their second goal. Two more goals were scored in quick succession, leaving the final result—

Quarry Bank, 4; S.E.C., 0.

JUNIOR SHIELD—2nd Round.

St. Edward's College v. Alsop.

February 23rd.

Both sides were rather slow in settling down. St. Edward's pressed hard and some good shots were sent in by O'Connell. Alsop broke away, but the home defence successfully withstood them. Near the end of this half, Wood scored for St. Edward's.

Half-time: S.E.C., 1; Alsop, 0.

Alsop pressed hard for the equaliser. A long shot by one of their forwards was diverted by Keenan into his own goal. Keith and Brennan played well in the defence.

Final: S.E.C., 1; Alsop, 1.

JUNIOR SHIELD—Second Round Replay.

Alsop v. St. Edward's College.

March 5th.

Alsop playing against the win opened in very lively manner, and scored soon after the start. Play moved quickly from one end of the field to the other. Buckley, now moved to centre-forward, equalised after about ten minutes. O'Connell gave St. Edward's the lead shortly before half-time by a high shot.

Half-time: Alsop, 1; St. Edward's, 2.

The home forwards broke away and scored. St. Edward's forwards showed little combination, and the

final whistle blew, leaving the game still drawn.

Early in the extra time, Brennan (R.) put St. Edward's in the lead with a rather easy goal. Alsop equalised before full-time.

Final: Alsop, 3; St. Edward's, 3.

JUNIOR SHIELD—Second Round Replay.

St. Edward's College v. Alsop
at Holly Lodge, March 10th.

The Alsop forwards attacked almost immediately. A melee in front of our goal gave Alsop the lead. St. Edward's pressed hard, and a long drive by Minister found the net. Buckley soon added another, heading a low shot into the net.

Half-time: St. Edward's, 2; Alsop, 1.

The opponents made some desperate efforts to score in the second half, but our defence held out. Again our half-backs, and Smerdon, were outstanding in the defence. Buckley was the best of the forwards.

Final: St. Edward's College, 2; Alsop, 1.

JUNIOR SHIELD—SEMI-FINAL.

St. Edward's College v. Waterloo Gr. School.
23rd March.

St. Edward's opened the scoring after missing some good opportunities. Play was lifeless for the rest of the half.

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

Our forwards found it difficult to penetrate the Waterloo defence. The home team scored from a corner. Matters now brightened up, but no score was added. O'Neill was our best defender, and St. Edward's forwards gave a poor display.

Final: Waterloo, 1; St. Edward's, 1.

JUNIOR SHIELD—SEMI-FINAL REPLAY.

St. Edward's College v. Waterloo Gr. School.
26th March.

St. Edward's again found the Waterloo defence impenetrable. However, their efforts were rewarded with a goal by Brennan (R.) shortly before half-time. Waterloo forwards were never dangerous.

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

S.E.C. held the lead. Play was generally scrappy. Smerdon brought off some splendid saves.

Final: St. Edward's, 1; Waterloo, 0.

JUNIOR SHIELD—FINAL.

11th April, at Anfield.

S.E.C. won the toss and played with the sun behind them. Both teams found it difficult to settle down. S.E.C. had the better of the half, but our forwards missed some good scoring opportunities, while at the other end Smerdon was seldom tested.

Half-time: S.E.C., 0; Collegiate, 0.

The Collegiate gave our defence much trouble. Play was fairly evenly distributed, but neither side could score. A penalty against Keith gave Collegiate the lead about five minutes from full-time. S.E.C. redoubled their efforts, Pilling doing some magnificent construction play. The Collegiate outside-left got a runaway and scored in the last few seconds. S.E.C. were unfortunate to lose, as they had more of the play. Brennan and Keith shone in the defence, while the newcomer, Pilling, and Buckley were the outstanding forwards.

Full-time: Collegiate, 2; S.E.C., 0.

CRICKET.

This year's First Eleven was again led by J. Ludden, who for the second year has proved himself a very capable and resourceful captain, ably seconded

by T. Crosbie. Though not up to last year's standard, the team had a very successful season in winning seven of the eleven inter-school matches played up to date.

St. Edward's v. St. Mary's.

4th May, at Crosby.

S.E.C.

Jack, c Breen, b Southworth	...	...	...	3
Supple, b Norman	...	...	...	0
Crosbie, c Dwyer	...	...	...	17
Ludden, c Southworth	...	...	...	33
Worthington, b Potts	...	...	...	0
McGeagh, b Southworth	...	...	...	6
Handley, c Potts	...	...	...	4
Ferguson, not out	...	...	...	0
White, b Potts	...	...	...	0
Paynter, c Potts	...	...	...	1
Ion, b Dwyer	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	2
Total	...	...	...	66

S.E.C. Bowling—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. Ludden...	9	0	20	6
J. Ion	2	1	4	2

St. Mary's.

Ryan, l.b.w., b. Ludden	...	...	...	1
Dwyer, b. Jack	...	...	...	4
Potts, c. Supple, b. Ludden	...	...	...	34
Norman, c. Jack, b. Ludden	...	...	...	1
Donnelly, b. Ludden	...	...	...	7
Breen, b. Ludden	...	...	...	14
Lawler, b. Ludden	...	...	...	8
Kelly, b. Ion	...	...	...	8
Stroud, c. Ferguson, b. Ion	...	...	...	5
Southworth, c. Supple, b. White	...	...	...	5
Helliwell, not out	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	2
Total	...	...	...	89

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

7th May, at Sandfield Park.

S.E.C.				
Jack, b. O'Donnell	...	...	...	4
Supple, b. O'Donnell	...	...	...	0
Crosbie, c. Patterson, b. O'Donnell	...	...	...	1
Ludden, b. O'Donnell	...	...	...	0
Worthington, b. Kelly	...	...	...	5
McGeagh, l.b.w., b. O'Donnell	...	...	...	0
Moore, b. O'Donnell	...	...	...	3
Handley, c. Patterson, b. O'Donnell	...	...	...	0
Naylor, not out	...	...	...	0
Ferguson, b. O'Donnell	...	...	...	1
Ion, c. Hughes, b. Kelly	...	...	...	8
Extras	...	...	...	1
Total				23

S.E.C. Bowling—				
J. Ludden...	...	...	...	...
S. Moore	...	...	...	...

S.F.X.				
Patterson, b. Ludden	...	...	...	4
Yoxon, c. Naylor, b. Ludden	...	...	...	0
Kelly, l.b.w., b. Jack	...	...	...	0
Mulholland, c. Naylor	...	...	...	12
de Cossio, b. Ludden	...	...	...	19
Wren, c. Ludden	...	...	...	5
Hughes, b. Ludden	...	...	...	7
O'Donnell, c. Ludden, b. Naylor	...	...	...	1
Kenny, not out	...	...	...	0
Mullin, c. Worthington, b. Naylor	...	...	...	0
Jones, c. Ion, b. Naylor	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	10
Total				59

St. Edward's v. Bootle S.S.

11th May, at Sandfield Park.

Bootle.				
Owen, run out	...	...	...	6
Harper, b. Ludden	...	...	...	5
Robinson, b. Ludden	...	...	...	0
Tyler, b. Ludden	...	...	...	0
Lawrence, b. Ludden	...	...	...	3
Dean, b. Ludden	...	...	...	1
Ellis, b. Ludden (B.)	...	...	...	0
Hainsworth, not out	...	...	...	2
Hadden, b. Ludden	...	...	...	2
Barlow, c. Supple, b. Ludden	...	...	...	0
Entwistle, b. Ludden	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	5
Total				24

S.E.C.				
Jack, b. Dean	...	...	...	24
Worthington, run out	...	...	...	0
Crosbie, b. Entwistle	...	...	...	8
Ludden, c. Dean	...	...	...	15
Moore, b. Entwistle	...	...	...	0
Supple, b. Entwistle	...	...	...	1
Naylor, l.b.w., b. Hadden	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	10
Total (for 7)				59

Innings Declared.				
S.E.C. Bowling—				
J. Ludden...	...	...	...	...
B. Ludden	...	...	...	...

St. Edward's v. Collegiate.

21st May, at Holly Lodge.

Collegiate.				
Jones, c. Ludden, b. Naylor	...	...	...	1
Dickinson, l.b.w., b. Ion	...	...	...	22
Collister, l.b.w., b. Ion	...	...	...	26
Shaw, b. Ludden	...	...	...	1
Wright, b. Ludden	...	...	...	2
Ranscombe, c. and b. Ludden	...	...	...	7
Horn, b. Ludden	...	...	...	2
Thomas, not out	...	...	...	6
Todd, b. Ludden	...	...	...	3
Simpson, c. Ion, b. Moore	...	...	...	1
Scawcroft, b. Moore	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	5
Total				76

S.E.C. Bowling—				
J. Ludden...	...	...	...	...
S. Moore	...	...	...	...

S.E.C.				
Jack, c. Dickinson, b. Thomas	...	...	...	9
Worthington, c. Collister, b. Dickinson	...	...	...	0
Moore, c. Collister, b. Dickinson	...	...	...	0
Wood, b. Dickinson	...	...	...	2
Ludden, b. Thomas	...	...	...	1
Supple, c. Shaw, b. Dickinson	...	...	...	0
Handley, b. Thomas	...	...	...	5
Naylor, b. Dickinson	...	...	...	1
Smerdon, retired hurt	...	...	...	0
Ludden (B.), not out	...	...	...	0
Ion, c. Dickinson, b. Thomas	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	2
Total				20

St. Edward's v. Birkenhead Institute.

25th May, at Sandfield Park.

S.E.C.				
Jack, b. Bolton	...	...	...	4
Smerdon, run out	...	...	...	9
Crosbie, c. Bawdon, b. Bolton	...	...	...	5
Ludden (J.), b. Bolton	...	...	...	11
Moore, c. Bell, b. Griffith	...	...	...	10
Handley, b. Griffith	...	...	...	1
Naylor, b. Griffith	...	...	...	2
Worthington, c. Pearson, b. Lawless	...	...	...	10
Supple, b. Lawless	...	...	...	0
Ludden (B.), not out	...	...	...	1
Ion, b. Griffith	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	4
Total	...	...	...	57

S.E.C. Bowling—				
J. Ludden...	...	O. 9.4	M. 4	R. 12
S. Moore	...	...	...	W. 5

Birkenhead.				
Lawless, c. Worthington, b. Ludden	...	...	...	0
Milne, run out	...	...	...	0
Gullan, c. Supple, b. Ludden	...	...	...	1
Griffith, c. Naylor, b. Moore	...	...	...	17
Bawden, c. Jack, b. Moore	...	...	...	5
Pearson, b. Ludden	...	...	...	7
Bell, c. Smerdon, b. Moore	...	...	...	4
Dent, c. Naylor, b. Ludden	...	...	...	4
Williams, c. Naylor, b. Moore	...	...	...	2
Kennerby, l.b.w., b. Moore	...	...	...	0
Bolton, not out	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	5
Total	...	...	...	45

St. Edward's v. Holt H.Sc.

28th May, at Childwall.

S.E.C.				
Jack, b. Parsonage	...	...	...	8
Smerdon, b. Parsonage	...	...	...	14
Crosbie, b. Parsonage	...	...	...	0
Ludden (J.), not out	...	...	...	51
Moore, run out	...	...	...	2
Handley, c. Mann, b. Williams	...	...	...	0
Bradley, b. McMullan	...	...	...	4
Worthington, b. McMullan	...	...	...	2
Ludden (B.), not out	...	...	...	2
Supple, did not bat.	...	...	...
Ion, did not bat.	...	...	...
Extras	...	...	...	3
Total (for 7)	...	...	...	86

Innings Declared.				
S.E.C. Bowling—				
J. Ludden...	...	O. 9.3	M. 3	R. 12
S. Moore	...	...	...	W. 7

Holt.				
Davidson, c. Supple, b. Ludden	...	...	...	0
Jones, b. Moore	...	...	...	1
McMullan, b. Ludden	...	...	...	4
Manuel, b. Ludden	...	...	...	4
Parsonage, not out	...	...	...	31
Williams, c. Smerdon, b. Ludden	...	...	...	1
Durrans, c. Ion, b. Ludden	...	...	...	0
Smith, b. Ludden	...	...	...	0
Mann, b. Ludden	...	...	...	0
Weaver, c. Crosbie, b. Ludden (B.)	...	...	...	0
Rose, c. Ion, b. Ludden...	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	43

St. Edward's v. Waterloo G.S.

4th June, at Sandfield Park.

S.E.C.				
Smerdon, run out	...	...	...	7
Ludden (B.), b. Webb	...	...	...	0
Crosbie, b. Lockington	...	...	...	46
Ludden (J.), c. Webb, b. Coutts	...	...	...	0
Jack, c. and b. Coutts	...	...	...	0
Moore, b. Rhind	...	...	...	52
Naylor, st., b. Clark	...	...	...	12
Wood, not out	...	...	...	12
Worthington, not out	...	...	...	1
Handley, did not bat.	...	...	...
Supple, did not bat.	...	...	...
Extras	...	...	...	6
Total (for 7)	...	...	...	136

Innings Declared.				
S.E.C. Bowling—				
S. Moore	...	O. 6	M. 2	R. 7
E. Naylor	...	...	...	W. 5
J. Ludden	...	...	...	...

Waterloo.				
Webb, b. Ludden	...	...	...	7
Taylor, c. Ludden, b. Naylor	...	...	...	4
Rhind, run out	...	...	...	1
Lockington, c. Ludden (B.), b. Ludden	...	...	...	0
Reid, b. Moore	...	...	...	2
Simpkins, c. Naylor, b. Moore	...	...	...	0
Gittens, c. Moore, b. Naylor	...	...	...	3
Ashton, c. Jack, b. Moore	...	...	...	0
Coutts, b. Moore	...	...	...	0
Barratt, l.b.w., b. Moore	...	...	...	6
Clark, not out	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	24

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

15th June, at Melwood.

S.E.C.					S.F.X.				
Smerdon, b. Mulholland	...	...	...	9	Yoxon, l.b.w., b. Ludden	...	...	...	28
Wood, b. Rimmer	...	...	...	2	Patterson, run out	...	...	...	0
Crosbie, c. Kenny, b. Mulholland	...	...	...	5	Mulholland, run out	...	...	...	28
Ludden (J.), b. Mulholland	...	...	...	14	de Cossio, not out	...	...	...	18
Moore, b. Mulholland	...	...	...	2	Kenny, c. Wood, b. Moore	...	...	...	17
Jack, b. Mulholland	...	...	...	2	Wren, not out	...	...	...	9
Worthington, b. Kenny	...	...	...	3	Hughes, did not bat.				
Naylor, c. Wren, b. Mulholland	...	...	...	1	Rimmer	..	..
Ludden (B.), b. Kenny	...	...	...	0	Mundy	..	..
Supple, not out	...	...	...	0	McGuiness	..	..
Ion, b. Mulholland	...	...	...	0	Mullin	..	..
Extras	...	...	...	1				Extras	5
Total	...	...	...	39				Total (for 4)	105

<i>S.E.C. Bowling—</i>					O.	M.	R.	W.
S. Moore	...	...	...	...	4	0	21	1
J. Ludden	...	...	...	...	8	0	26	1

St. Edward's v. St. Mary's.

18th June, at Sandfield Park.

S.E.C.					St. Mary's.				
Smerdon, b. Norman	...	...	...	3	Ryan, b. Ludden	...	...	...	1
Wood, b. Drury	...	...	...	41	Norman, b. Naylor	...	...	...	30
Crosbie, b. Southworth	...	...	...	3	Potts, l.b.w., b. Ludden	...	...	...	12
Ludden (J.), b. Southworth	...	...	...	0	Dwyer, c. Ion, b. Ludden	...	...	...	0
Moore, b. Southworth	...	...	...	4	Breen, l.b.w., b. Ludden	...	...	...	0
Worthington, b. Southworth	...	...	...	1	Drury, not out	...	...	...	10
Naylor, l.b.w., b. Stroud	...	...	...	1	Donnelly, b. Ludden	...	...	...	9
Handley, c. Donnelly, b. Dwyer	...	...	...	18	Kelly, b. Naylor	...	...	...	1
Ludden (B.), not out	...	...	...	1	Stroud, c. Ion, b. Ludden	...	...	...	2
Supple, run out	...	...	...	0	Southworth, b. Naylor	...	...	...	0
Ion, b. Dwyer	4	Famiglietti, b. Ludden	7
Extras					Extras	1
Total	76				Total	73

<i>S.E.C. Bowling—</i>					O.	M.	R.	W.
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St. Edward's v. Old Boys.

24th June, at Sandfield Park.

S.E.C.					Old Boys.				
Smerdon, b. Smerdon (W.)	0	Forde, b. Ludden	6
Wood, c. Byrne, b. Alston	...	...	...	25	O'Reilly, b. Ludden	...	...	...	4
Crosbie, c. Harrington, b. Alston	...	...	...	18	Smerdon (W.), c. Naylor, b. Ludden	...	...	...	0
Ludden (J.), run out	...	...	...	10	Alston, c. Handley, b. Naylor	...	...	...	15
Jack, run out	...	...	...	6	Byrne, b. Naylor	...	...	...	18
Moore, b. Alston	...	...	...	0	Reid, b. Ludden	...	...	...	12
Handley, st., b. Reid	...	...	...	0	Harrington, b. Ludden	...	...	...	1
Naylor, c. Byrne, b. Reid	...	...	...	4	Smith, c. Handley, b. Ludden	...	...	...	9
Worthington, l.b.w., b. O'Reilly	...	...	...	4	Curtin, b. Ludden	...	...	...	0
Ludden (B.), not out	...	...	...	1	Alston (J.), b. Ludden	...	...	...	3
Supple, c. Harrington, b. Alston	...	...	...	0	Loughlin, not out	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	10				Extras	4
Total	...	...	...	78				Total	72

<i>S.E.C. Bowling—</i>					O.	M.	R.	W.
J. Ludden	...	...	...	...	11.5	1	24	8
E. Naylor	...	...	...	...	10	2	34	2

St. Edward's v. Alsop H.Sc.

2nd July, at Long Lane.

Alsop.					S.E.C.				
Simpson, run out	...	...	...	1	Smerdon, c. Cook, b. Booth	...	...	...	7
Jones, not out	...	...	...	35	Jack, b. Cook	...	...	...	12
Cook, c. Crosbie, b. Naylor	...	...	...	18	Crosbie, c. and b. Cook	...	...	...	10
Park, c. Supple, b. Naylor	...	...	...	0	Ludden (J.), b. Cook	...	...	...	8
White, l.b.w., b. Moore	...	...	...	0	Wood, b. Gibson	...	...	...	9
Gibson, l.b.w., b. Moore	...	...	...	0	Moore, l.b.w., b. Gibson	...	...	...	0
Tar buck, b. Moore	...	...	...	1	Ludden (B.), c. Tar buck, b. Cook	...	...	...	0
Pendlebury, c. Crosbie, b. Moore	...	...	...	0	Worthington, c. Keay, b. Pendlebury	...	...	...	0
Moore, b. Moore	...	...	...	2	Naylor, not out	...	...	...	2
Keay, b. Ludden	...	...	...	3	Handley, b. Cook	...	...	...	2
Booth, c. Jack, b. Naylor	...	...	...	1	Supple, c. Pendlebury, b. Gibson	...	...	...	4
					Extras	...	...	...	12
Total	...	...	...	61	Total	...	...	...	66

S.E.C. Bowling—				O.	M.	R.	W.
S. Moore	...	...	...	8	4	11	4
E. Naylor	...	...	...	8.6	3	20	4
J. Ludden	...	...	...	11	3	30	1

First Eleven—Batting.

		Not		Most in		Avg.
		Inns.	Out	Inns.	Runs	
1.	K. Wood	...	6	1	91	18.20
2.	J. Ludden	...	11	1	143	14.30
3.	T. Crosbie	...	10	0	113	11.30
4.	S. Moore	...	10	0	73	7.30
5.	V. Jack	...	10	0	72	7.20
6.	D. Smerdon	...	7	0	49	7.00
7.	W. Handley	...	8	0	30	3.66
8.	E. Naylor	...	9	2	24	3.43
9.	R. Worthington	...	11	1	26	2.60
10.	B. Ludden	...	8	5	5	1.66
11.	J. Supple	...	9	1	5	.625

Bowling.

	Overs	Mds.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
1. J. Ludden	105.6	22	220	55	4.00
2. S. Moore	39.4	14	86	18	4.77
3. E. Naylor	59.2	17	138	15	9.20
4. J. Ion	14.1	2	42	4	10.50
5. B. Ludden	9	0	48	3	16.00
6. V. Jack	13	2	41	2	20.50

SECOND ELEVEN.

The Second Eleven had a rather poor season. The absence, through illness, of the Captain, T. Horan, was a great loss to the side. A number of unavoidable changes led on some occasions to a lack of understanding between the players which is so essential to the success of a team.

May 4—	S.E.C. (for 2)	81	St. Mary's, Crosby	...	57
" 7—	"	37	S.F.X. College	...	39
" 11—	"	60	Bootle Sec.	...	63
" 21—	"	41	Collegiate (for 3)	...	106
" 25—	"	46	B'head Inst. (for 2)	...	56
" 28—	"	23	Holt Sec.	...	32
June 15—	"	36	S.F.C. College	...	83
" 18—	"	49	St. Mary's, Crosby	...	56
July 2—	"	68	Alsop Sec. (for 6)	...	112

Old Boys' Letters.

UPHOLLAND.

26th June, 1938.

To the Editor of the

St. Edward's College Magazine :

Dear Sir,

On June 11th, eve of the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, Archbishop Downey performed the annual full ordination ceremony. Among the fifty to receive orders, there were ten Edwardians. Four of this number received the Priesthood, Revv. J. English, W. O'Brien, W. Kavanagh, and C. Taylor. They are at present finishing their theological course at the College here before being appointed on the mission. Thus, Mr. Editor, St. Edward's has added four more of her sons to the ranks of the clergy. Two other Edwardians received the Subdiaconate, Revv. H. Kean and T. Frayne, and four received Minor Orders, to wit E. K. Taylor, J. Howard, E. Geoghegan, and W. Doyle.

In compliance with your wishes as expressed in a footnote to our last letter, we have made further enquiries concerning Edwardian new arrivals to the College. We are happy to say that three Edwardians arrived last September to begin their long preparation for the priestly office. W. Pope is in Syntax, and Messrs. A. Ennis and P. Saunders in Low Figures and Underlow respectively. We hope to see this number increased next year.

Lately we have had news of two Edwardians who used to be with us here at the College: they are Fred Pooley and his brother Joe. This kind of news is "copy" really for F.H.L.'s section, "Congratulatory and General"; but we hope he will forgive us for "stealing" it this time. Such news will be passed on to him in future. To return to Fred and Joe. They dwell now in New Orleans and have been there since 1936. Both are students in the Notre Dame

Seminary there, and seem to be as much personalities there as they were while at Upholland. In a letter to our Magazine, Fred says: "New Orleans is far from beautiful and even historically it has nothing to boast about, for it disappears from most history books in 1815." We see in these words the same old Fred! Evidently the New World has not yet made him lose any of his English straightforwardness and common sense. The Seminary does not seem to be a "hortus conclusus" for its number in the Avenue in which it is situated is 2901!

Summer Examinations are pressing upon us, and we have not the consolation which the Easter Examinations afforded us. Each year the latter are Oral and not written examinations. This means missing two three-hour papers, one in Dogmatic Theology and the other in Moral Theology, and we gladly forego them when we remember they have to be written in Latin. The Orals also are in Latin, but who would not sooner speak Latin (or try to) for twenty minutes or so, than write it for six hours? But lest we be thought to live solely in the present, and have no eye for the future, we add that we work as if we had written, because we know we shall be liable to this work for the Summer examinations, in addition to the Ordinary work of the term. And when the Summer written examinations are over we have to prepare for the Orals which last for three days, as there are so many of us. But these are conducted in English, not in Latin, because (as we say) the examiners would find it a strain to be speaking in Latin all the time.

On January 6th last we met the Old Cathinians at Gillmoss, and even though, in the words of our Captain, we had a stronger team than when we last met them, yet we could only draw 2-2. This score shews the equality between the sides and speaks for

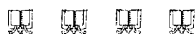
the quality of the play. On Easter Monday we had the pleasure of a return game here at Upholland. The College won, but not because the Old Cathinians were below their usual good form, but because they had one or two of their best players off. On the following Wednesday we were treated to some very fine football by St. Edward's Senior XI. They had a very fine team and it must have been ill luck that prevented them from winning the Senior Shield. We cannot see into the future, but we have very little hopes of meeting the Old Cathinians or the Senior XI next season. At present our football pitch is undergoing drastic alterations, and it will not be finished until this time next year. We ourselves will have to play all the season on a makeshift pitch, a pitch on which we are as likely to wear our boots out as to score goals. But we gladly leave our pitch in the hands of the authorities, knowing well that they will have constructed for us a pitch worthy of any outside club.

Your card asking us for a letter struck within us a note of pathos. The time to bid farewell to St. Edward's has come after only twenty years. We have been reflecting on what that farewell means to us. It means such a lot that we have decided not to put our feelings caused by those reflections into writing; they might lose their depth and warmth, and perhaps sincerity if we attempted to do so. All we say is, we understand and realise what that farewell means to us. The College will be lost to us materially, but its spirit will abide with us for ever. *Viriliter age*, that is it: act the man. May we do so to the end of our lives.

In conclusion we wish you every success and advancement, both spiritual and temporal, in your new home at Sandfield Park. May the College take root and flourish, thrive and prosper, producing sons who will always act the man.

Yours,

UPHOLLAND.



'VARSITY LETTER.

Summer Term, 1938.

Dear Mr. Editor,

"The time has come," the student said, "to talk of many things," but as we cannot talk to you individually we have decided to dissipate our spare time in the next best way—by sending the usual letter.

This learned (?) recital is, however, tinged with sadness as the old School will be no more when you next hear from us. We all cherish affectionate memories of happy days at dear old St. Edward's, and it was always pleasing to pay a visit to those familiar surroundings where we spent so many years. But all that is now about to pass: for several months the field and "fives" court have been no more, but now the fabric itself has but a short life of a few weeks remaining to it. The School's surroundings were not by any means ideal, and the building itself was rambling and unsuitable in many ways, but now that the time of parting approaches we see only its old glories, while the defects recede far into the dim horizon of memory.

Sentimental ideas must not be allowed to warp the judgment, and our new School will be a worthy successor to the old. We all join in sending our best wishes for its future and our sympathies are extended to the Brothers, on whom the enormous task of removal to Sandfield Park must depend. The old St. Edward's passes but the new lives on—long may it prosper and flourish.

"Revenir à nos moutons," we find that Gerry Growney is now playing in the 'Varsity First Soccer XI. Good luck Gerry—it's quite a while since Alma Mater had a representative in the field of University Sport.

Danny Flynn has recently left us to take up a post at a poison gas factory in Salisbury. Ah! we knew that would arouse your interest—perhaps—not—Mr. Editor. Probably you wish he would send us a free

sample of his products, in hope of curing our verbosity!!

Many Old Edwardians up here will still remember Laurie Pratt—the learned lawyer. Well, he has recently removed from London and is now in Halifax.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Bro. Walsh, who taught many of us while in St. Domingo Road. He will always be remembered with deep affection as a teacher who was ever helpful and kind, and to those who never knew him as a master we can only say that they have lost a never-to-be-forgotten experience.

Well, Mr. Editor, words are beginning to fail us (cheers from everybody, including ourselves!) and we must bid you adieu until next term, when we expect to see many Edwardian Freshers in our midst.

Wishing all success in the exams., and a good holiday,

Yours as ever,

'Varsity.



ST. MARY'S COLLEGE,

Strawberry Hill,

Middlesex.

26/6/38.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Another contribution from Simmaries, made under exacting conditions—in the midst of "Certif." and a broiling summer. Since our last effort for the Mag., quite a lot has happened in Simmaries, as usual with Edwardians close to the fore.

As expected, Tommy McGreal passed his Inter-exam., and, besides being fated to stay another year, made the Edward's return a 100 per cent. pass list in that exam. He has also got his cross-country and athletic colours, representing Simmaries in the three miles at Inter-Coll. Sports. "Junior" Martin Walsh also gained a place in the team for

his high-jumping. We're backing you next year, "Walter."

Jimmy Mulroy has been awarded his Rugger Colours for sterling stuff in the unbeaten Rugger XV. So St. Edward's has provided members to all the numerous ramifications of Sport in Simmaries—Nice work, for the "pawst" and future!

Bill Owens has turned his back on soccer to take up the hockey-stick, and has gained a place in the First team. Talking of soccer, five Edwardians were practically full-season representatives of the 2nd XI, which met with defeat on only one occasion—McDonough, Hoskinson, O'Brien, Logan, and Jackson.

Kev. Hickman recently was elected to a post of high distinction, "Third Park." The same elections saw St. Edward's as ever practically ruling the roost. Walsh and O'Brien run the "Smoke-Room" next year; Wilf. Murray is going to be a busy man with Secretaryships for Tennis and Badminton, and with O'Brien, succeeding Tom Jackson in producing that gem of literature, the "Simmarian"; and, finally, Billy Owens and McGreal, as Committee-men, will try to collect some money for billiards.

"Certif." has brought a few more wrinkles and grey hairs to "Yanna," and what's worse, a few hours' work, but he's still as popular as ever.

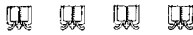
Those of us who, as Seniors, will be shortly going out to face the cruel, realistic world, and try to keep forty-odd children quiet, extend all the best wishes to the Edwardians who are about to enter this abode of learning. Simmaries grips you, but the "Kay-O-Rah" has an irresistible appeal.

The removal of the College to Sandfield Park in the near future brings forth from Edwardian-Simmarians the sincere hope and expectation that the glorious traditions "in class and field," established firmly at Hope Street and St. Domingo Road, will be

confirmed and continued in St. Edward's new home.

Sincerely yours;

"SIMMARIES."



LONDON.

June 27th, 1938.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Your note that you would again shortly be publishing another number arrived during our recent spell of very fine weather. From day to day the writing of this communication was postponed for a variety of reasons, all of which took me out-of-doors to enjoy the really good weather—until to-day, when the end of the official drought has brought a good fall of rain and I am left without an excuse if you don't hear from me.

I understand this is to be a "Farewell" number recording the move from St. Domingo Road. Well, the first thing we wish you is a successful move and, when settled in, we look forward to hearing that the traditions solidly built up at Hope Street in the old C.I., and worthily upheld and continued at St. Edward's in St. Domingo Road, will flourish and blossom anew after transplanting.

I can well recall the time of the move from Hope Street to St. Domingo Road. My first recollection was that of entering at Beacon Lane and seeing the stables there. You not only saw them, but "felt" them. Now a different aroma greets you, but a chem. lab. always seemed like home to me. I recall the Sports Day at the old Tramway Athletic Grounds in Green Lane, and the change to having the Sports on our own grounds. (I also recall the dropping of one of the prizes on display on that occasion. It was fragile, too. I could have done the 100 yards in even time then to have got away!). But I remember the work that was done by the Brothers to convert a ground as hard as cast-iron and grassless into a good

playing pitch and sports ground. At times, and especially if it meant a good excuse for not doing homework, the Brothers were assisted by a number of us. Perhaps I use the word "assisted" wrongly; we may have been a handicap. Amongst those who assisted I can recall Jack O'Brien and Charlie Murphy, now here in London as well as myself. Sometimes we wielded pick-axes, sometimes shovels, probably to the public danger. Sometimes we pushed barrowloads of earth from one place to another. It wasn't too hard if we filled each other's barrows, but now and then the eagle eye of Brother Malone would spot us and "little Sammy" had to have his barrow properly filled. Still, you can imagine that we enjoyed ourselves thoroughly, the essential for enjoyment being there—that we did not have to do it.

But that is not news of London. And news of London, for your interest, is I am sorry to say very slight. A lot of spade-work, something of the kind I've already spoken about, keeps me from roaming round and, be it noted, I have to do it in this case. I have, however, heard of two newcomers from among the O.B.'s who have now taken up residence in London. Bill Kavanagh mentioned to me recently that he had met Brian Cowhey, and then Alf Kieran has also recently moved to the Metropolis.

Hugh McGrath, one of our staunchest bachelors, is, I hear on good authority, shortly to join the now more numerous ranks of the Benedicks (including, shall we say, fully qualified Benedicks).

That's all my news of individuals. Two of my stand-bys for providing me with information, Bill Delaney and Charlie Kieran, have failed me this time, or should I say that I haven't seen them for some time. However, I hope to see them and others again very shortly on the cricket field, so perhaps I'll have more news next time. (My usual promise).

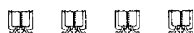
My holidays now not so far distant

remind me that examinations and holidays are now probably uppermost in your minds. We wish you, of course, every success in the exams. and a very pleasant holiday.

Good wishes to you all in your move, and in everything else, is the message on behalf of the Old Boys in London.

From the usual

ONE OF THEM.



A ROMAN LETTER.

Extract from Mr. Arthur G. Maguire's letter from the Beda College, Rome, dated 2nd February, 1938, to Mr. George Rimmer.

This was my big day—my great moment.

On the feast of the Purification, Candlemas, of course, it is customary for the head of every College, every religious order, and each parish priest, to present a candle to the Pope, and the Senior Student and the Sacristan go with him, the Sacristan being in charge of the candle as it is in his department. The candles are gaily painted and decorated with the Papal Arms and the College Arms, some of them have a picture of Our Lady or the patron saint of the College. They vary in size, but ours was a good average—about five feet long and about three inches in diameter.

The Rector, the Dean and I went off in a car and arrived in the Cortile San Damaso at eleven o'clock. We made our way up the wide marble staircase, past Cardinal Pacelli's apartments, to a large ante-chamber. All the guards at different points en route gave us most magnificent salutes, the Swiss Guards with a click of the heels coming smartly to the "Present" for the Rector had his flowing purple feriole on.

Round the four sides of this room, about 100 feet square, was a queue of clerics, black cassocks, red cassocks of the Germans, pale blue sashes of the South Americans, brown habits of Franciscans, white habits of the

Dominicans, variations in black and white by Augustinians and Carmelites, bearded Armenians and Greeks, frizzy-haired natives of the West Coast, Japs and Chinese, and so on. One would almost have to enumerate the nations of the Earth to include them all. Papal M.C.'s in their purple, flunkies in a gorgeous velvet tunic and knee breeches, and more personal Papal servants in evening dress were flitting about putting people in their right order, answering questions from newcomers and getting everyone straight.

Occasionally, a squad of Swiss Guards would appear from behind the ranks of the clerics and form into line across the Hall, coming to the "Present" on a sharp word of command as some distinguished person passed through; now it would be an Ambassador in his gold-braided uniform, again it would be an insignificant looking cleric with nothing to distinguish him from an ordinary Italian priest, and the Rector would whisper "That is Monsignor Merri, who is in charge of all the audiences."

It was like a re-union for the Rectors and Superiors, who would sometimes cross over to greet a friend, now in French, again in Italian. After about a quarter of an hour we moved forward into the Antecamera, the smaller room immediately opening on to the Hall of Consistories where the ceremony was to take place. After another wait of about twenty minutes, the doors of the Hall were flung open and we moved forward. As the queue was formed in alphabetical order we were fairly near the front, being the Beda.

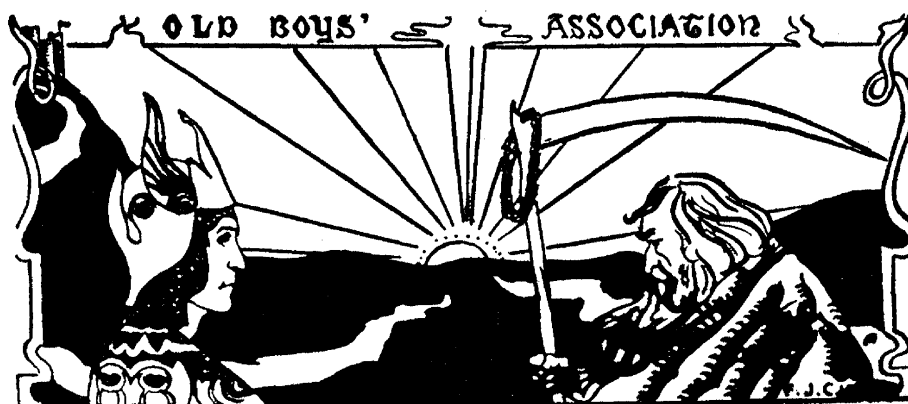
Very soon, a voice beside an open door at the far end of the Hall announced, "Il Santo Padre," and His Holiness was carried in. There was no demonstration as there usually is on public occasions; this was quite an intimate affair. The procession proceeded up the centre to the steps in front of the Throne—there were seven or eight steps up to the dais. Then our turn came. Monsignor Rispiqi, the Papal M.C., announced "Vener-

abile Collegio Beda," and we three advanced abreast up the steps and knelt at the feet of our Holy Father. An attendant took the candle from me and held it so the Pope could see the arms on it. The Rector kissed first the Pope's ring and then His shoe toe, Joe Kelly (the Dean) and I following suit. Then His Holiness asked the Rector how many students were at the College and if they were all English, then He said: "Una grande benedizione a tutti, omnibus et singulis, singulis et solidum" (a big blessing to all, to all and each, to each and—solidum—to

them all as a family). The Rector then kissed His ring again, we got up and genuflected and retired.

It was worth all the stress and work of the Sacristan's job, and all the worry of the last few weeks, to have such a supreme moment, to have such a unique privilege.

We had our High Mass as usual, sung by the Rector, preceded by the blessing of the Candles and the Procession. And the day was concluded by the Rector giving Solemn Benediction at 9-0 p.m.



Old Boys' Notes and News.

THE EXECUTIVE C.I.E.A., 1937—1938.

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Each pupil of the College automatically becomes a Member upon leaving School. He pays no subscriptions until the following April 30th. This does not apply to Members who wish to play Football—their first year's subscription of 2/6 becomes due as soon as they join the A.F.C. All Football Members

pay in addition 6d. for every match in which they participate.

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ANNUAL DINNER.

WE still haven't scored that century! Each year, encouraged by the success of the Annual Dinner, gastronomical, social and oratorical, we assure ourselves that we will top the 100 mark next time, but each year we fail by a narrow margin. Last time we blamed the 'flu—this year, we won't attempt to fix the blame anywhere, but—next year, if we don't break the record, let's blame ourselves. If we all decide that nothing shall prevent our attendance, the Adelphi will find it difficult to accommodate us.

On January 18th we were privileged to welcome His Grace the Archbishop as our Guest of Honour—a privilege which we appreciate to the full but experience all too infrequently. From the purely material point

of view, the fare was excellent and the service faultless; we congratulate the Adelphi on their admirable cuisine and competent staff work. Following upon the Loyal Toast came the customary, "Gentlemen, you may smoke," and the decks were cleared for the serious business of the evening—the After-Dinner Speeches.

The honour of proposing the Toast to "His Grace the Archbishop" fell to Mr. Dan Hayes, who evidently found the task much to his liking. We have grown accustomed to expect superlatively good efforts at our Dinners, but Dan set an entirely new standard of excellence. In the name of the Association, he welcomed His Grace to our midst and referred to the anxious times through which Mgr. Downey had passed in Liverpool during recent months. He assured His Grace that we were solidly behind him and trusted that

the educational controversy would soon be settled in a satisfactory manner.

Mgr. Downey, responding, thanked Mr. Hayes for his kind words of welcome and expressed his pleasure at being in our midst. He had on many occasions listened to a proposal of his health, but he felt bound to remark that he seldom, if ever, remembered a more polished and witty, yet withal sincere, speech. He felt somewhat sorry for subsequent speakers, for Mr. Hayes had set a standard which would be difficult to maintain.

He had been saddened by recent events in Liverpool when, perhaps, citizenship was not shown to the best advantage. At such times there were always many people who emitted more heat than light and they had public men, standing on public platforms, saying they would not mince their words. It was a great pity for, most assuredly, they would have occasion to eat them. Actually, he felt no more need be said at present. It was not his turn to speak—it was his turn to “sit pretty.” He awaited the turn of events with more interest than anxiety.

All here were proud of their Alma Mater, as indeed they had reason to be proud. He himself could claim to be an Edwardian and, as a student emeritus of the College, he possessed a great affection for the old place in St. Domingo Road. The key to most present-day problems lay in the sphere of *true* education. Hardly two people agreed as to what they were trying to educate people for. The average man would say, “Progress.” But, in what direction were they progressing? Civilization was in a perilous state and could only be saved by putting first things first. Morality was at a low ebb. If we could get people to realise the true aims of real education we should go a long way towards peace. The object of *true* education is to develop character and personality on a religious basis. The present system of education penalised any definite teaching of religion. This was a sad state of affairs, but the C.I.-Edwardian

Association stood for true education and, because of that, it formed an object-lesson as to what people should aim at in the production of citizens.

“As regards Peace, make peace first in your own breast. Let it spread to the family next door, then to the community, then to the nation and, finally, to the whole world.”

Seldom have we heard His Grace in better form. His address was liberally besprinkled with humorous anecdotes culled from his own experiences in England and abroad.

Dr. A. J. Kieran, Ph.D., F.I.C., proposed “Our Guests” in his usual audacious style. With a certain lofty disregard of the strict truth, Dr. Kieran informed us that his job had finally descended upon him after rebounding from the shoulders of several others. As he always liked to get his facts straight, he had asked, “. . . and what shall I speak about?” The reply was, “about *one minute*.” Consequently, it would be realised that his speech was purely extempore—he confessed, however, that, in his experience, extempore speeches were rarely worth the paper they were written on. He had it on good authority that the correct procedure was to look round the Guests and to say, “That reminds me of the story of an old lady who . . .” —and there you were halfway through your speech! But, quite frankly, after looking round at the distinguished gentlemen who were our honoured Guests, he could not honestly say that they reminded him of any old lady, whether real or imaginary. Thus, he was at something of a disadvantage.

He would therefore strike a new note and say, quite simply, to our guests, “Welcome! We are glad you are here and we hope that you are glad to be here.” We were delighted to extend our hospitality to Mgr. Adamson, so intimately concerned with Catholic Action, and assured him of our loyal support in his great task; to Mgr. Molony, O.B.E., M.C. (somewhat irreverently des-

cribed as "a mountainous figure," and scandalously referred to as St. George's opposite number—the Dragon); to Provost Hazlehurst, a friend of the Association of many years' standing (of whom it was said that an architect had inspected his Church and pronounced it in perfect condition—save for a little dry rot occasionally in the pulpit!) Fr. Woodlock, S.J., was very welcome both personally and in his official capacity as President of the Old Xaverian Association. We were also fortunate in that we had so many distinguished Christian Brothers at our board. Br. MacNamara, Br. Roche, Br. Crean (from St. Mary's), Br. Thompson (from St. Anselm's), and Br. Greenish were all present to show their evergreen interest and sympathy with everything that affected the Association.

Colonel Sir John J. Shute, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.P., had torn himself away from a Hot Pot Supper to come straight along to our Dinner! Could loyalty to the old School and interest in the Association be better exemplified?

Two of the College Governors, Alderman Luke Hogan and Mr. J. C. Bryson, had also accepted our invitations in spite of the many demands on their time and energies.

Mr. E. B. Kirby, the architect of the New College at Sandfield Park, and Mr. C. J. Doyle, who was building the new premises, were also with us. (Dr. Kieran had heard an architect defined as "the man who encloses the maximum of space in the minimum of bricks" and the builder as "the man who attempts to frustrate him)."

Replying for the clerical guests, the Very Rev. Provost Hazlehurst, D.D., thanked us all, through Dr. Kieran, for the nice things the laity always said about the clergy. As he listened, he had been struck by a brilliant idea—one day he would arrange a Dinner—for the *clergy*. They would issue invitations to the laity and, when the moment came, there would be a solemn proposal of the

health of the laity. In this way they, the clergy, would find an opportunity to express their very real feelings of deep affection for the laity.

Colonel Sir John J. Shute, responding for the lay guests, made a strong appeal to Association members for help in the youth movement in Liverpool. There was any amount of work to be done by Catholic young men and leaders in the youth movement were urgently needed. If our members would engage in it, they would be helping in the formation of character and would be carrying out a very valuable form of Catholic Action. When young men said they had no time to undertake such work, he, quite frankly, did not believe it. It was a most wonderful work which would bring much more joy and happiness to those who took part in it than possibly they themselves could give out. He hoped that many of the Association members would volunteer for the work—they were just the type of young men who could make a success of it.

Mr. J. C. Bryson, although himself not an Old Boy, could claim to be very deeply interested in the School and in all that concerned it. Naturally, therefore, he was a strong supporter of the Old Boys' Association. He had carefully considered the "Aims and Objects" of the Association and found there an excellent blend of spiritual, social, cultural and sporting activities. It was significant that the Association attracted to itself the most distinguished Old Boys, men who had made a name for themselves in so many different walks of life. These men were conscious of the debt they owed to their old School and were ever anxious to keep in touch through the Old Boys' Association. The Association was already firmly established, but no effort must be spared to make it more and more strong numerically. There was a place in it for every Old Boy worthy of his salt. He was proud to propose the Toast of "The Association," and coupled with

this Toast the name of our President, Mr. Philip Hawe, F.R.C.S.

In response, Mr. Philip Hawe said that he proposed to review the past history of the Association. It made an interesting story and much of it would be new to many of our Old Boys.

The Association was born in 1907, Br. Forde being the distinguished "accoucheur." From the commencement, the baby Association was a very remarkable infant. It had a splendidly developed backbone, the Football Club, but it had no members at all. Gradually, however, due to unremitting care and attention, faint signs of these very necessary adjuncts began to appear in the form of literary and debating societies and various cultural and spiritual pursuits. By 1914, the youngster was normal in every respect and Col. Shute and his Committee had great plans for the future. Then came the war! Its effect on the Association was disastrous and each Armistice Day we, who are left, pay our tribute of gratitude and respect to those who made the supreme sacrifice.

By 1924, a serious decline had set in. After serious thought it became obvious that a blood-transfusion might be efficacious—nothing else could save the life of our adolescent Association. Once again, Col. Shute came to the rescue and new life-blood flowed in a stream from his fountain pen on that memorable occasion when he wrote out a cheque which cleared away all accumulated difficulties and smoothed the way for the immediate future. This marked the commencement of a new era—a time of steady progress in every direction. The Association was primarily Catholic, otherwise it would have been a failure. It is to be hoped that we shall find a further outlet for useful activity in the sphere of Catholic Action.

Once more we are faced with difficulties—and this time, from an unexpected source. Our Association has been "nursed" through difficult times with extraordinary patience

and devotion by the Christian Brothers, to whom we owe a debt we can never hope to repay. Apart altogether from the encouragement we receive from their sympathy and interest, we have grown to rely on them for a great deal of material assistance. The School has always been at our disposal as a meeting place, the Gymnasium has been used by our more athletic members, and for many years the Football Club has been granted the use of the School playing fields and pavilion, with groundsman's services thrown in! Could benevolent interest and practical help go farther than this? Is it any wonder that our Association has now grown into a lusty young man of thirty-one years of age?

In September it is hoped that the new College at Sandfield Park will be ready for occupation. We all rejoice to know that so much progress has been made and we wish the Brothers every success with their new venture. Unfortunately, the School's gain will be our loss, for the very close contacts we have enjoyed in the past will be impossible in future owing to the terms of the lease. Already the Football Club have tackled their problem with resolution and are now playing at Gillmoss. By a splendid concerted effort the heavy additional expenditure has been met. Now it has become necessary for the Association to find a new Headquarters and this will entail a considerable outlay.

The advantages of a Headquarters and Club Rooms of our own cannot be over-emphasised. It is high time we had them—any self-respecting young man of thirty-one should be able to support himself! As a practical step towards the realisation of this object, Mr. Hawe stated that a Capital Fund would be started. He appealed particularly to our older Old Boys to help this fund. No doubt they had many ties and obligations, but they owed a debt to their old School and it was their duty to support the Old Boys' Association.

Mr. Hawe pointed out that the Association could boast only five Life Members—out of all the thousands of Old Boys in the city. The subscription was quite moderate—only £3/3/-. Why not 100 Life Members as a start?

Mr. G. J. Alston rose to propose the Toast of our "Alma Mater." In simple and direct terms he reminded us of the enormous debt we owe to our old School. The foundations are laid at school for whatever success we may achieve in after-life. He would be a very poor specimen who forgot all about his Alma Mater the day he left. Those who were assembled together had certainly not forgotten and they retained the happiest memories of their schooldays. The Old Boy of future years should retain even happier memories for he would spend his schooldays in a fine, modern College standing in its own spacious and beautiful grounds. How proud he should be of his Alma Mater! Mr. Alston's remarks carried all the more weight by virtue of the fact that he has been a prime mover in every scheme fostered of recent years to help the School and the Association. The Toast was honoured with great enthusiasm.

Brother Roche once again responded to the Toast. He was greatly cheered by the way it had been received. The School must go on, he said. It is the duty of Alma Mater to give the best possible education to its boys, both spiritual and temporal. But it must do more—it must concern itself with "after-care" work, and endeavour to maintain contact with its past pupils. This explained the interest he, and all Christian Brothers, had for the Old Boys' Association. He again urged each Old Boy to make it his ambition to bring one other Old Boy into the Association.

The College was enjoying its share of successes. In the Public Examinations, the average of Matriculants to entrants was higher than for other schools in the city. Recently, he had been required to report on the present

occupation of all Scholarship Winners to the University. It had been a real eye-opener to himself to learn how extremely well placed they all were.

The New College would be ready in September. The site and legal charges amounted to £16,000. The Building itself would cost just under £42,000. Consequently with furnishings, etc., the cost in all would be over £60,000. As the Corporation were paying £42,000 for the old premises, it would be realised that there would be a considerable debt. In view of this, Br. Roche suggested that Old Boys might wish to help. Donations, large and small, would be accepted most thankfully.

Br. Roche expressed his sympathy for Br. MacNamara, who was faced with the stupendous responsibility of building a new School in his first year of office. He wished him good luck with his efforts and trusted that the Association would flourish as it deserved to do.



ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS.

Our President's appeal for the establishment of a Capital Fund bore immediate fruit. Colonel Sir John J. Shute donated £25 on the spot and three Life Members were instantly forthcoming. This ready response is extremely encouraging and augurs well for the success of the scheme. It is hoped that suitable Headquarters and Club Rooms will be secured this year. The venture is an ambitious one and can only be tried once. There seems no reason why it should not succeed, but it will be up to every Old Boy to give his full support.

The idea is no new one, but this is the first time that it has ever been seriously tackled. It may well be that we have reached a turning-point in our career as an Association—let us make sure that we turn in the right

direction and go forward to a bigger and better future. All Old Boys who wish to further the scheme by becoming Life Members or making a donation to the Capital Fund should get in touch with the Secretary as soon as possible. Remember—he gives twice who gives quickly.

Things look promising! A donation from the Social and Sports Club is assured and the K.O. Ra-Jahs have given a show, the proceeds of which will go to swell the fund.



K.O. RA-JAHS.

From Leo Murphy, the Financial Secretary of the Minstrels, comes the following :—

"A short note about the K.O. Ra-Jahs—and, believe me, it's gratifying to record the great pleasure they have afforded a fair number of audiences. To each member of the Troupe I accord a slap on the back and words of hearty congratulation for their faithfulness in attending rehearsals (which were numerous), their splendid spirit, and the good work they have done. A number of shows have been given since Christmas; the quality of the show has been tip-top, and, in my estimation, it is better than ever before. Several really good causes have benefited considerably from their efforts."

On Wednesday, May 18th, the Concert in aid of the Headquarters' Fund was given in the Picton Hall. Owing to unforeseen difficulties, tickets were in circulation for only a short time. In spite of this, about 500 good people attended the performance and, as a result, a substantial profit was made. We thank all these kind folk for their interest and practical encouragement. We trust that they enjoyed themselves and hope to have a further opportunity of entertaining them at some future date.

We particularly thank those who have

been kind enough to send in criticisms and suggestions for future shows. Many of the suggestions made should be most helpful to us.



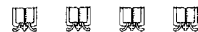
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

On Sunday, May 8th, we held our Annual General Meeting. The President was in the chair and about 150 Old Boys attended. This is easily a record for an A.G.M. and bears testimony to the interest aroused by the notice that the main business would be to discuss the question of Club Rooms for the use of Association members.

Various possibilities were considered and, after a lengthy deliberation, it was decided to take a Card Vote among the Old Boys to assess the support which could be expected if we decided to rent "Bishopscourt," a large, detached house in Sandfield Park.

The result of the Card Vote to date shows that an overwhelming majority are in favour of renting the premises for Club purposes and are prepared to guarantee their support for a trial period of twelve months at sixpence per week.

Fortified with this assurance, the Executive Committee has pursued the matter and negotiations are now in progress with the owners. It is hoped that a satisfactory solution will be found to the one remaining difficulty. In this event, arrangements will be made to open the premises in September. Old Boys will be notified as soon as a definite conclusion is reached.



COLLEGE TESTIMONIAL FUND.

The appeal, which Br. Roche made at our Annual Dinner, for donations large or small on the occasion of the transfer of the

College to its magnificent new home at Sandfield Park, must not fall on deaf ears.

Naturally every Old Boy, worthy of the name, will be not merely willing but anxious to "do his bit." Realising that many Old Boys are absolutely unable to donate in a lump sum an amount which they would consider adequate, arrangements have been made for various Old Boys in different districts to act as Collectors.

For some time now they have been making regular calls on Old Boys in their neighbourhood gathering in the harvest of regular weekly contributions. If *you* have so far escaped the net, please don't feel slighted and annoyed. It's simply because we don't know your present address. We want *every* Old Boy to have an opportunity to express in tangible form his appreciation of what he owes to his Alma Mater. Whether it's the "widow's mite" or a munificent cheque doesn't matter. It's the spirit that counts—and, anyway, the amount contributed remains confidential between yourself and the collector.

We want to establish a fund which will do us credit and open the eyes of the College authorities by its size. Please communicate with : G. J. Alston, Esq., 65 Richland Road, Liverpool 13 (Tel. No.; Old Swan 414).
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It has just been decided that the Fund shall form the nucleus of a Scholarship Fund to be associated with the name of the Old Boys. Only sons of Old Boys shall be eligible for the Scholarship. Truly, a noble object!



FOOTBALL CLUB . ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

We have every reason to feel proud of our activities during the 1937-1938 Season! Faced with heavy additional financial liabilities and serious discomforts and difficulties, owing

to the transfer to Gillmoss, all members of the A.F.C. cheerfully banded together in a splendid joint effort.

The result was magnificent! Never has there been a better spirit among the players; never have the Dances been so successful, socially and financially, of recent years; never have we paid such mountainous bills (and still remained solvent); and never have we experienced such discomforts when changing due to the semi-finished state of the pavilion.

However, we have survived and our playing record is wonderfully good. The First XI, in particular, had a remarkably successful season—the other teams have no reason to feel ashamed of their performances.

All attempts to secure better accommodation and pitches than Gillmoss affords having failed, we are making plans for improving conditions at Gillmoss for the coming year. We are confident that great improvements can and will be made.

Gerry Furlong is our new Secretary for the coming season and all applications from players for enrolment forms should be made to him.

We're not out of the wood yet, but our experiences last season give us hope and confidence for the future. Nothing can go wrong seriously whilst our members are so eager to pull their weight and co-operate with the Club Officials.



CONDOLENCE.

We were all deeply grieved to hear of the death of Br. Walsh. We shall always remember him for his kindly geniality and ready welcome for every Old Boy who visited the College. Right up to the last we hear that he followed the vicissitudes of our Football teams with great interest. We all feel better men for having been associated with Brother Walsh, and we are sure he is

now enjoying his eternal reward. May he rest in peace.

To Br. MacNamara, also, we offer our deepest sympathy in the sad loss he has sustained recently, owing to the death of his sister who, as a nun, had dedicated herself to the service of God. We shall remember her in our prayers. May she rest in peace.

We also hear that Alf. Kavanagh died recently, from an attack of pneumonia. To his sorrowing relatives we extend our heartfelt sympathy. He, too, will be remembered in our prayers.



CONGRATULATORY AND GENERAL.

His Grace the Archbishop recently invited Dr. A. J. Kieran, Ph.D., F.I.C., to accept the post of Director of the College of Catholic Action. We were delighted to hear that one of our Old Boys had been singled out for this great honour. More recently still, Alf. was singled out by his firm for advancement and has had to make his home in London. Consequently, he had to relinquish the Directorate of the College. Liverpool's loss is London's gain! Good luck from us all, Alf!

We congratulate Harold Kean for his grand work as Association Recruiting Officer at Upholland. The number of Corresponding Members at Upholland shows a steady increase which we are gratified to observe.

The K.O. Ra-Jahs have lost one-third of their "band"! Larry McKeown, who doubled (or is it trebled?) on the violin, clarinet and saxophone, has secured a post in a hotel orchestra at Whitley Bay (or is it Whitby?). No matter! We wish him good luck wherever he may be.

H. Hellyer is at Loughboro' in the Civil Service and is anxious to become a Corresponding Member. He arranged to take his holidays in June as he was anxious to play

cricket against the School on June 29th. We call that intelligent anticipation!

We have pleasure in announcing four other Civil Service appointments. Louis Smith and Bernard Ion have been lucky enough to land jobs in Liverpool; J. P. Kelly and S. Copple have had to go a little farther afield, but they get home each evening. J. P. Kelly, by the way, is establishing a strong claim to the centre-half position in our Second XI, where Louis Smith plays outside-right.

Dick Smerdon has given up soldiering and, after training assiduously, has become a really efficient policeman. Good luck, Dick. May the Bootle Force be proud of you!

Bernard McCourt is Senior English and Music Master at the George Spurgeon School, Folkestone. He conducts the "home-constructed pipe section" of the School Orchestra and is a member of the Folkestone Schools' Sports Committee. An injury caused him to give up football a short time ago.

Walter Burke and A. Hargreaves are doing well as Army Schoolmasters. Hargreaves has recently been transferred to the Education Corps at Aldershot.

We are all delighted to hear that Mr. Mullen has so far recovered from his injury as to be able to resume his duties at the College. We congratulate him most heartily on his speedy and miraculous recovery. We also congratulate his brother, Tony, who has been appointed Veterinary Divisional Inspector to Cheshire County.

C. Mabbs and J. Coleman have both been successful in their Examinations and may now write M.P.S. after their names. We wish them every success in their careers.

Denis Smyth has gone to London in search of a job, and he's found one! We trust that his job will be as good as the news that he has found a job.

Jim Hagedorn has deserted the Municipal Offices for the Post Office. He is still playing

football—for the P.O. team—and, so far, they have not been beaten. Perhaps he will divulge the secret to the Old Cathinians one day. We should like to know how it's done!

Harry Saunders has changed his employment and is now at Milner's. He was surprised and delighted to meet Philip Cassidy there.

Alan Morris writes from Manchester to say that he has opened a business there. He is anxious to get into touch with other Old Edwardians in the same neighbourhood. We all trust that his venture will be most successful.

We are pleased to report a small measure of success in connection with Col. Sir John J. Shute's appeal for leaders in the Boys' Club Movement. Charlie Rice has volunteered to do his share by training these young boys in athletics. Jack Ratchford also, who is now working in Warrington, has come forward to do his share. It is to be hoped that many other Old Boys will follow their example. We owe a great debt to Sir John: let us try to do something for him in return.

From Col. Sir John J. Shute comes a further appeal in connection with the Air Raids Precaution Defence of Liverpool Plans. An invitation to special bodies, such as our own Association, has been issued asking them to form a group of ten young men whose job it will be to man one of the Searchlight Sections. Such a section will be known in the battalion by the name of the special body and will preserve its identity. The members of the section will do no marching and, at Camp during training, will be required to live together, to do their own cooking, and generally be left to fend for themselves. All Old Boys, under thirty years of age, who are interested in this scheme should get in touch

with the Secretary who will be pleased to furnish full particulars.

We congratulate Leo and Mrs. Murphy, who have recently been blessed with another little daughter. Con and Mrs. Ratchford have also a new baby daughter. Heartiest congratulations.

We have just learnt of fresh successes of pupils of the College and Old Boys alike. Five more Civil Service appointments—two in the Executive Branch and three in the Junior Grade. Old Boys at the University have figured prominently in the "Pass Lists" as will be seen elsewhere in the Magazine. We congratulate all the lucky ones and wish them continued success.

We were also delighted to read that no less than four of our Old Boys were recently ordained Priests at Upholland. May they long be spared to labour in the Lord's vineyard. Dom. W. J. Loughlin, O.S.B., is to receive the Sub-Deaconate at Ampleforth this month.

Fr. B. Ramsbottom is to be congratulated on his recent appointment as Parish Priest. We are also pleased to record that Fr. T. B. Healey, as Chaplain to the Territorials, was honoured by presentation to the King on the occasion of His Majesty's visit to Liverpool.

We understand that Dr. Meehan is in Finland as chief of the I.C.I. concern there.

It is good news to hear that Fr. Turner has made a good recovery from his recent operation. We look forward to seeing him on the football field again very soon.

Congratulations to the College Cricket XI, who defeated a strong Old Boy's team on June 29th by a narrow margin. We enjoy this fixture. Perhaps we shall do better next time!