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## School Notes.

**T**HE Annual Retreat for the boys of the day and Wednesday of Holy Week. College took place on Monday, Tuesday. It was conducted by Rev. P. MacDonnell, O.M.I. The boys followed his practical and helpful instructions with rapt attention, and we are sure derived from them much spiritual profit.

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We offer our congratulations to Fathers William Doyle and Edmund Geoghegan, Old Boys of the College, who were ordained at Upholland on June 7th by His Grace Archbishop Downey. We wish them every blessing in their sacred calling.

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Fortunately, the College has escaped all damage in the many raids that Liverpool has endured; not even a pane of glass has been broken. We earnestly hope and pray that the Almighty may protect us to the end.

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After the heavier raids on the city, some of the senior boys, in common with boys from other secondary schools, volunteered to act as messengers for the City authorities. As telephonic and other communication had broken down, rapid and reliable communication was essential in such emergencies, and the boys were able to render useful assistance to the local Control Officers. Letters expressing appreciation of their

services were received from the Director of Education and the Chief Constable.

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Congratulations to B. Ludden, F. Hayes, K. Kieth and J. Breslin on being accepted for St. Mary's Training College, Strawberry Hill. We wish them every success in their careers.

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Owing to the prevailing conditions, it was thought wiser not to hold the Annual Sports this year. This is regretted by both masters and boys, and all eagerly look forward to the time when they can take place. Rugby and Cricket fixtures were held as usual.

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Great enthusiasm has been aroused in the Upper Forms by the establishment of the A.T.C. Practically every boy eligible has enrolled.

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Fr. Duddy, C.S.Sp., gave two addresses during the Term on the Missionary work of the Fathers of the Holy Ghost. He would be pleased to hear from any boys who feel called to devote themselves to such noble work.

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We were sorry to lose the services of Mr. F. H. Loughlin, B.Sc., who left us to undertake work of national importance. He found time to visit us recently, and we are glad to know he finds his work so congenial.

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We desire to thank the following, who, since the last issue of the Magazine, have presented valuable books to the Library:—

Mr. A. Barter	P. Drew
J. McGrory	J. Callender

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To all Old Boys of the College who are serving their country in His Majesty's Forces we send the assurance of our earnest prayers for their safe and speedy return.

## A Victim of Enemy Action.

THE family was sitting round the fire, the mother and father, son and daughter. Outside a full moon palely illuminated the roads, and was reflected on the shiny tiled roofs. A peaceful and common enough scene, no doubt, but to-night there was something more; searchlights traversed the sky, and the flashing of guns and bursting shells lit up still more the roads, and sharply outlined the houses. Let us again return to the fireside and the people surrounding it. Mother was knitting,

the son, shall we call him John, was reading, and his sister, whom we shall call Mary, was reading too. Now a word about the father, for he was no ordinary man. He was a permanent cripple, unable to move a hand for himself. That I think answers the unspoken question as to why this family was not in a shelter. He was smoking his pipe and reading without the least trace of fear, a truly brave man you will agree, knowing that if anything happened he could not move from his chair; he was helpless.

The crash of the guns increased in intensity, and the drone of a powerful machine could now be plainly heard. Each asked himself: "One of our's, or —?" It was soon answered by the whistle and explosion of a heavy bomb. The doors rattled, the house shook, and the mother made the sign of the Cross and muttered a prayer to herself; otherwise no one took any notice. John had been thinking early that night (he told me this later) how lucky they were to have escaped so far, and what it would be like when the "unknown" did arrive. Another bomb fell, and this time the electric light flickered and then went out. Nobody screamed, but instead candles were soon lit and everything was normal again, except that John and Mary had to abandon their reading. The house shook again at the blast of another bomb, and John asked his father if he was all right. "I'm fine," was the answer, "but I think I'll have that steel helmet on, just in case." John got up to put it on (his father could not do it himself), and was adjusting the chin strap. He had just sat down on the floor again (it was safer there) when, without warning, the windows in the living-room were blown in, the air filled with flying glass, dust, smoke and soot; the room was now lit up by the light of the moon, the flash of the guns and a tremendous fire about five miles away. John jumped up to run to the front door but found it had "beaten him to it," for it was half-way up the hall. He scrambled over it and ran next door to see if the neighbours were uninjured. They were in their shelter at the bottom of the garden, and Mr. Jones (a convenient name) was just getting out; as yet he did not know the state the house was in. He stopped dead when John told him the news, and stared into space; he was only a little, insignificant man, but John told me he will never forget his first words, "A life's labour lost in a few seconds," he said.

John returned to his own house where,


even now his mother was making tea, "the solace of all our ills." Father was shaken badly, his chair was surrounded by pieces of wood (for there **had been** a French window in front of him with a slight wooden framework) and glass of all shapes and sizes, but he himself was not scratched. The tea was ready, and John made to gulp down the steaming beverage, for it's rather cold in a windowless, doorless room, but his mother stopped him: "Let us say a prayer of thanksgiving for our deliverance from injury, and thank God for our lives," she said quietly; and there, in that darkened, shattered room, lit spasmodically by the terrific fire which sprang up at every exploding bomb, and surrounded by the wreckage of their belongings and home, four people prayed before a picture of the Sacred Heart.

Soon after, the warden came round to see if there were any casualties, and to enquire about John's father, who in answer to his question said, as before, "I'm fine, go and look after people who need you more than I do; there must be plenty." "There are!" replied the warden gravely; and with five last words he went; they were, "You're a brave man Mr. ———."

The guns were still roaring, the bombs still fell, and John had gone to help to rescue some trapped people. However, we will leave them there, this family, awaiting the dawn, and the coming of another day. No one spoke, but each was thinking, even John, occupied as he was, "What shall we do now? Where shall we go? What will tomorrow bring?" For they fully realised that now they were homeless—Homeless! The mother, I am sure, was saying to herself, "O God, help us out of this terrible plight." And indeed He did—but that is another story.

J. F. Callander.

## Air Training Corps.


 ON 28th April Flight 1547 of the A.T.C. was established in the College. The practical direction of the flight is in the capable hands of two members of the College Staff: Acting Flying Officer J. S. Meldon and Acting Pilot Officer P. O'Brien. There are about 40 boys in the unit.

The Flight has already got into its stride and the syllabus of training is being pursued. The cadets have been divided into those suitable and willing to join aircrews, and those for ground duties only. Administration, Morse, English and Mathematics

are common to both sets; Navigation, etc., is for aircrews only. The cadets have shown great earnestness in their new role.

It is most pleasing to note the co-operation of other masters with the officers. Navigation is taken by Mr. Barter. The Foot Drill in the experienced hands of Mr. Maher. The mysteries of Morse are being revealed by an old boy of the College, himself in the Liverpool University A.T.C.—Mr. R. Pope. The Chairman of the Committee and the officers wish to express their keen appreciation of the services thus readily rendered.

## Social Reform.

URING the last two terms members of the Sixth Form have had the good fortune to hear Rev. Fr. Ripley lecturing on Social Reform. These fortnightly talks were both instructive and topical. Thus in a very practical way we have been keeping the fiftieth anniversary of the "workers' charter," *Rerum Novarum*.

In his first talk the reverend lecturer outlined the history of the various medieval guilds, stressing the organisation which ensured equitable treatment not only to the employee, but also to the employer. Standards of workmanship were fixed; inferior work brought punishment on the craftsman. Prices, too, were controlled, excluding profiteering and unfair competition. The Guilds offered many advantages to their members, such as supporting the family of a retired worker. Then, too, the master craftsmen were responsible for the training of the apprentices.

Fr. Ripley, in a later lecture, advocated the urgency of our return to such a system, so modified as to suit our modern conditions, if we were to enjoy peace and prosperity. These "vocational organisations," as we call

these modern guilds, would each be associated with a particular trade, and would perform roughly the same functions as their medieval counterparts. They would, therefore, ensure a just living wage, settle disputes between the workman and his employer, and control the demand for articles now created through such medium as the newspaper advertisement. The difference between such a guild and the trade union would lie in the cordial relationship between the owner and employee: there would be an atmosphere of friendship. Amongst other basic principles upon which these organisations would have to be erected, the lecturer enunciated these two: the guilds would have to be absolutely independent, but have the power to enforce laws upon their members.

No doubt it is difficult to assess the value of a man's work; but, as Fr. Ripley stated, a just wage would be a wage that would enable a man to support an average family in frugal comfort. A supplementary allowance would have to be paid by the State to larger families. Intermixed with the wages question are the problems of capitalism and unrestricted competition. A com-

plete view was given of capitalism; both the good and the ill it entails were fully dealt with.

A lecture was devoted to one proposed remedy for these evils of capitalism. Fr. Ripley pointed out how illogical the Communist position was. Man has a right to private property, but the abuse of this right does not mean that it should be denied him. This Communism sets out to do, and has done to a large extent in Russia. We were given a full account of the social conditions prevailing in that country, of the wholesale murdering of priests and religious, of the desecrations of churches, of how, in fact, religion was not merely suppressed, but positively ridiculed as the "opium of the people."

Finally, in a later series of lectures, Fr. Ripley dealt with Education and Unemployment. The State's duty with regard to education was fully explained. The pre-


requisites for a good education were formulated.

The solution of the unemployment question, one of Britain's greatest problems to-day, will become after the war more insistent. The lecture briefly suggested how unemployment could be at least reduced, if not entirely abolished, except in the case of those unable to work, for whom the State should provide proper allowance.

This brief account can only give a hint at the thoroughness with which Fr. Ripley has treated this immense and complex subject; but it will suffice to show that Christian principles must guide our steps towards Social Reform. In conclusion, the Sixth Forms are all deeply grateful to Fr. Ripley for his generous interest in our welfare.

F. G. Irving (VIa Sc.).

## A Shakespearean Novelty.

 ON December 3rd of last year the Modern side of the Sixth Form was invited by the Rev. Headmaster of St. Francis Xavier's College to be present at a performance of "Twelfth Night" given by a company of actresses. It is no exaggeration to say that we were immensely pleased with the presentation.

The various characters were played surprisingly well, when we consider that the majority were written to be played by men. That this is no mean praise will be readily granted when we call to mind the judgment of Thomas Coryate, the Elizabethan traveller, passed on a play he saw performed in Venice. After noting that it was the first time he had ever seen actresses, he continues: "They performed it with as good a grace . . . as ever I saw any masculine actor."

Sir Andrew Aguecheek, with his falsetto continually coming to the fore, was very humorous. His companion, Sir Toby Belch,

followed closely his example. Together they produced a riot of laughter that no music-hall comedian could possibly excel. They indulged in a great amount of foolery and play-acting, no doubt calculated to "split the ears of the groundlings;" and we must admit that our "intellectual" minds were none the less amused.

Maria, on account of her hearty and very natural laughter, was one of the most pleasing characters. Malvolio, too, is highly to be commended. The parts of the Duke and of the other masculine characters were played well, but somehow they did not lend themselves to be played by women. The clown, especially, was disappointing, and his teasing seemed ineffectual.

On the whole, we must say that the players were exceptionally talented. To conclude, we must express our gratitude to the Rev. Headmaster for his very kind invitation.

P. Shaw.

## Fire Preventing.

**I**N accordance with the Fire Prevention Order, another activity has been added to the duties of the Community and Staff, viz., fire-preventing. The community anticipated the regulation, beginning operations late in December. The masters joined the scheme on proclamation of the Order in the area. Thanks to very friendly

co-operation, a scheme has been worked out so that all those obliged by law do what is necessary.

A visit from a fire brigade inspector resulted in the equipment being pronounced satisfactory, though the "tin hats" and sandbags were very elusive. Thanks to Providence, the school has escaped all harm.

## Poets' Corner.

### A TASK.

Oh, what a task is this before me laid,  
To write a sonnet when my mind is set  
On things of lower plane, and never yet  
Has this poor tongue one line of beauty made.  
For long with damp and furrowed brow, the  
aid  
Of Muse I sought, with hope that on this jet-  
Black gloom she might some inspiration let.  
In vain—No help from this elusive maid!  
Though gifted poets have oft her aid  
obtained,  
I dared to try alone as on my ear  
The chimes of midnight stole; with desperate  
zeal  
I seized my chance, and 'ere my courage  
waned  
These lines I penned, and now await in fear  
My fate the carping critics soon will seal!  
P. Brennan, VI.B. Mod.

### A WALK IN THE COUNTRY.

(Near Ormskirk).

While strolling down a country lane,  
'Twixt fields of waving, ripening grain,  
Blushing apples on the trees  
Peeped at me from 'tween the leaves.  
And coming to an old mill-stream,  
And rustic bridge, I pause and lean  
Against the rails and wonder me,  
How peaceful is this scenery.  
And farther on, just o'er a stile,  
I stop by a meadow and watch awhile,  
The frolics of some frisky lambs  
Skipping past the fleecy rams.

The lane is now a cobbled street,  
With rows of houses, small and neat,  
A little inn just farther down  
To form a sleepy, country town.

And then back home I turn and go  
With pondering look and stepping slow,  
Wondering whether this beauty can  
Ever be reproduced by man.

T. Croft, Lower Va.

### THE MASTERS.

(With apologies to Alice Meynell.)

They walk—the Masters of our delight—  
The Men of Lower Five A.  
Their class are "duds"; they keep them  
bright  
During the endless day;  
They strive at Chemistry, History, French.  
To keep us on our way.

They roam paternal through the class,  
Explaining clear and plain,  
The easy way next year to pass  
The scholarship to fame,  
Although the class is deep in thought  
Of Saturday's coming game!

They give us work to learn and write,  
They teach us how to play,  
Our battles, too, we learn to fight  
In many a hard-won fray.  
They walk—the Masters of our delight—  
The Men of Lower Five A.

K. Mulhearn, Lower Va.

## In Memoriam.

### REGINALD HOLYOAKE.

Few of us particularly noticed that Reginald Holyoake's place in the Assembly Hall was unoccupied on the morning of Thursday, March 12th; his classmates probably put his absence down to dislocation of transport or to illness. Quite possibly his absence escaped their attention; for Reggie was always of a quiet and reserved nature. What a shock it was to learn that on the Wednesday night previous he had been killed!

Amongst our mingled emotions admiration seems to predominate. Admiration for his equableness of temperament. Admiration for his persistent application to his work. Essentially a retiring boy, he was not morose. His piety was undoubted. Faithfully every Monday he attended the meeting of the S.V.P. Society. The badge of the Knights of the Blessed Sacrament in his button-hole testified to his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, and by that badge he was identified after he had paid the final sacrifice. And one last call on our admiration for this faithful one: he died on duty—fire-fighting.

The Class showed its sympathy by having several Masses offered for the repose of his soul. On Wednesday, March 10th, the Headmaster his Form-Master and the Class attended a Requiem Mass in his Parish Church.

Our own ties of friendship and comradeship with one who was so amiable and gentlemanly called and still call for our prayers for him and for his bereaved mother and relatives. May he rest in peace.

### JAMES F. NOLAN.

It was with very sincere regret that we learnt of the tragic death on May 3rd of yet another of our pupils in the person of James Francis Nolan. His death came as a great shock to all his companions for he had been in school on the previous day.

He had volunteered for fire-watching duties in his street. He was on duty on the night of May 3rd, and was warning the neighbours of imminent danger when he and his dear father were called to their eternal reward.

James entered St. Edward's in September, 1937, and had reached the School Certificate Form. He was a hard-working and earnest pupil. Quiet and unassuming in disposition, yet he made many friends. His disarming smile and straightforward manner helped him along in the daily routine of School life.

We feel confident that, although his end came suddenly, he was not unprepared. He was deeply religious and only a short time previously had taken part in the exercises of the Annual Retreat. Little did he then think that his sojourn here was to be so brief. Let us who remain learn the lesson of being ever ready, and then we can justly hope to rejoin him in years to come in the happiness of Our Heavenly Father's Home.

The boys of his Class said prayers and had Masses offered for the repose of his soul. On Saturday, May 10th, the Headmaster, Form-Master and several of his companions attended Mass in his Parish Church. The funeral took place on Monday, May 12th to Ford Cemetery. A number of his classmates acted as pall bearers.

To his fond mother and family we offer our sincerest sympathies, and pray that God may console them in their great and unexpected grief. May he rest in peace.

## Literary and Historical Society.

**A**S the Society Notes had gone to the print before the Christmas Anthology, which marked the close of the Autumn Session, was produced, some brief comment on it is necessary. Innovations are not generally well received by even the most progressive societies, and consequently we were naturally anxious as to the fate of this experiment. Fortunately it fulfilled our highest expectations, for it was even more enthusiastically received than anyone had dared to hope. The programme consisted of short extracts from literary works dealing with Christmas from different viewpoints, and was terminated by a ghost story. Most of the credit for this achievement was due to Mr. Shaw, who made an excellent compère and whose hard work in compiling this anthology was well repaid by its success.

A series of lectures by various members of VIa Modern was commenced at the opening of the Society's activities in the Spring Term. On Thursday, January 16th, Mr. Murphy delivered a talk on the Elizabethan Stage. Picking out the salient points of the matter, the lecturer gave a brief account of these in turn. First, he explained the origin of the theatre, and the construction of the stage itself, which he illustrated with the aid of a sketch drawn by Mr. Shaw. Then he passed on to deal with actual performances and the lives and conditions of the actors. At the close of the talk the chairman complimented the speaker on his effort, which he stated was most enjoyable.

At our next meeting on January 30th Mr. P. Connolly delivered a lecture entitled "Peeps at the Past." Beginning with the Eleventh Century, he gave an impressionistic account of the life of our early ancestors, with many illustrations from contemporary authors and writers. The subject was divided into three sections, namely:

the Eleventh to the Thirteenth Century, the Fourteenth Century, and finally the Fifteenth Century. Mr. Connolly dealt in full with Religion, Commerce, and Domestic and City life, while only briefly touching upon the minor events of the times. Although from its nature the discourse was serious, Mr. Connolly did not neglect the humorous side of his subject, and thus greatly added to its interest. He was warmly congratulated at the end of his lecture by the chairman, who expressed the hope that the subsequent lectures would maintain the high standard set by Mr. Connolly.

Some time elapsed before Mr. Hayes, the final speaker, delivered his lecture to the Society, but on Tuesday, February 4th, we had great pleasure in listening to a talk on the Royal Mail. In the very dawn of the Christian era, Mr. Hayes declared, there was some crude form of postal service, proof of which we obtain from the Epistles of St. Paul. However, it is to Richard III. that we owe our first regular postal service. This King, fearing Henry Tudor's threatened invasion, established a method for the rapid transference of news from all over the country to the Metropolis. From then onwards, Mr. Hayes, advancing through the centuries, gave a vivid description of the conditions of mail-carrying during these times, taking great care, however, to be coherent, and thus preventing the facts from becoming disjointed. He concluded his talk by giving an extremely comical picture of the scenes at the sorting office during the Christmas rush.

In complimenting the lecturer for his excellent speech, the chairman stated that Mr. Hayes had treated his subject very skilfully indeed, and had produced an exceedingly fine lecture.

Mr. Hayes' lecture concluded the



Society's activities on the literary front, with the exception of two contests, which have taken place during the Summer Term. The first of these was a Spelling Bee between VIb Mods. and their rivals, VIb Science, the second being a general knowledge test, in which VIa Mods. and VIa Science took part. On both occasions the Scientists emerged victors from the conflict.

On the Historical side, because of present conditions, our meetings have not been very numerous. However, on Thursday, the 23rd January, a series of impromptu debates took place, the subject of the first being "That all City schools should be evacuated." Mr. Lane (pro) asserted that it was of primary importance that the welfare of school children should be carefully looked after, and stressed the bad effects on children if subjected to the merciless bombing of the Nazis. Parents, too, he said, would be relieved of a great anxiety if they knew their children were safe in the country. In conclusion, he stated that the children would be able to continue their education uninterrupted, which would not be possible in the cities, if the raids became fiercer. Speaking against the proposal, Mr. Shields affirmed that the children's spiritual welfare was much more important than their physical or temporal welfare. Evacuation splits up the family, which is the basis of Catholic life. Finally, he pointed out that if the Germans did attempt an invasion, the country and not the town would be the arena, and consequently the children would be in a most dangerous position.

"That the Navy is no longer an important weapon" was the subject of the second discussion. In support of this motion Mr. Hands contended that a powerful Navy such as ours was not always necessary. He said the chief work of the Navy was the maintenance of the blockade, but as this was not effective in this war, the Navy was of little use. The speaker against the motion, Mr.

Ley, unfortunately made a mistake over his side, and thus vigorously supported Mr. Hands. Following this, Mr. Kavanagh upheld the motion: "That it would be disastrous to 'stay put' in the event of an invasion." If people did not move they would become involved in the fighting, which would greatly hamper our forces. Mr. O'Donnell (con) stated that this was incorrect, for if people refused to "stay put" and fled, they would certainly impede the movements of our troops in the same way as the stream of refugees had greatly hindered the Allied armies in Belgium and France. The meeting was closed with the debate: "That the Liverpool transport system does not function efficiently." In favour of this, Mr. Peters stressed the length of time people wasted waiting for cars, which even when they did arrive were generally full. Any small trouble causes complete anarchy in the transport system. Mr. Drew (con) pointed out that traffic in the port of Liverpool functions very efficiently, in spite of heavy air raids, and contended that on the whole there was little reason to reproach it.

A formal debate with the provocative title "That the Air Force has replaced the Navy," followed at our next session on Feb. 13th. For the pros Mr. O'Grady argued that the Air Force can execute all the duties of the Navy more efficiently and at a lower cost. He maintained that while the upkeep of the Air Force is much less than that of the Navy the latter does not render any compensating advantages. Mr. Drew (con) contradicted the last speaker's statement that the Air Force can execute the Navy's duties, for he said, the onus of transporting our army to the continent had fallen on the Navy; this certainly was a duty the Air Force could not have accomplished. It was the Navy, not the Air Force, that so heroically rescued our army from Dunkirk. In support of the motion Mr. Dempsey cited the opinion of famous military experts, who hold that the

war will be decided in the air. Without the help of aircraft, he continued, convoys would be useless as they would be exposed to the relentless attacks of hostile 'planes and submarines. Winding up the debate for the cons Mr. Ley demonstrated that aeroplanes have a very limited range, while warships can operate thousands of miles from their base. He claimed that the blockade was playing an important role in defeating Germany, since it had ruined her overseas trade, which is bound to have grave repercussions. Therefore, as this is something the Air Force could never do, the latter cannot replace the Navy. An open vote was taken on the matter, and resulted in a clear victory for the cons.

After many delays and postponements, the promised debate entitled "That it is lawful to bomb civilians" was translated into a reality on Thursday, June 5th. Mr. Murphy (pro) commenced by denying that any such being as a civilian exists in modern warfare, since everyone plays a vital part in helping to defeat the enemy, and consequently has no right to expect immunity from attack. Bombing is more humane, for

it soon decides the issue, thus sparing thousands of lives. In conclusion, the speaker pointed out that blockade is legal, yet this is more cruel than bombing, since the former results in a slow death from starvation, while the latter is instant annihilation. Taking the Catholic point of view, Mr. Connolly (con) severely criticised the latent materialism of the former speaker's proposals. By quoting extracts from the rulings of different eminent theologians, Mr. Connolly proved that bombing was directly contrary to Christian ethics. He showed that no one has any right to kill non-combatants, citing in support of this statement a quotation from a recent Papal Encyclical. Furthermore, he disagreed with Mr. Murphy's assertion that civilians no longer exist, for although a minority is engaged in war work, the vast majority of the population is carrying on its normal peace-time occupation. The fallacy of the previous speaker's argument lay in the false assumption that the end justifies the means. In conclusion, he stated that because a war is a terrible evil, it cannot be argued, as his opponent had, that it is absurd to attempt to lessen this evil.

A. Murphy (Hon. Sec.)

## French Debating Society.

**T**wo debates were held this school year during the Autumn term; consequently, the opening session took place on Friday, February 14th. Messrs. Brennan, P. Connolly and Hayes supported, and Messrs. J. Connolly, Cunningham and Donegan opposed the motion: "Que patience et longueur de temps font plus que force ni que rage."

Opening the debate, Mr. Brennan quoted the war in Africa as one example of the power of patient preparation. Without this preliminary delay, when provisions of war and food were accumulated, the final

attack could never have been successful. Mr. J. Connolly (con) pointed out that a sudden assault is far more successful than a long siege: the war in France proves this. Mr. P. Connolly quoted the fable of La Fontaine, from which the subject of this debate was taken, and showed us how angry passions and brute force often fail when a crisis is reached. Against the motion, Mr. Cunningham related how men fight for reform because they know patience to be of no avail in this matter. Without law and order, life would be intolerable—but it is impossible to enforce the law without strength. He in-

formed Mr. Brennan that victory can only be gained by force. Mr. Hayes (pro) asserted that if we have sufficient patience and wait long enough to amass war materials, we will be able to defeat Hitler. He pointed out the great service Mr. Chamberlain did for his country by delaying the war for a year. Winding up the debate, Mr. Donegan said that individuals have to be forced to work in everyday life. Anger and rage, he thought, are necessary parts of the human constitution.

M. le Président commended Mr. P. Connolly and Mr. Donegan, and the decision was given in favour of the pros. by the narrow margin of 18 points to 17.

The second debate of the term was held on March 7th. This was the first time that any first-year members took part. The motion discussed was: "Que la raison du plus fort est toujours la meilleure." Pro: Messrs. Shaw, Brennan and Brown; Con: Messrs. Irving, Murphy and Ludden. Unfortunately, Mr. Murphy was absent, and Mr. Hayes volunteered to take his place at very short notice. Every speaker laid great stress on modern events. M. le Président, summing up, said he was very pleased with the first attempts of Mr. Brown and Mr. Brennan. He found that the pros. had won the day by 20 points to 19.

On March 28th the question: "En temps de guerre devrait-on mobiliser tous et tout?" was debated. All first-year members took part; Messrs. Callander, Carew and Drew supporting, and Messrs. Hands, Hughes and Kavanagh opposing the motion. Mr. Callander stated that the events of the past year have proved how necessary conscription is. Mr. Hands (con) thought that some cannot be conscripted, as factory work is more important than anything else. The Merchant Navy must be supplied with men, and the woman's place is in the family. Mr. Carew (pro) declared that the end justifies the means, and therefore to obtain full

liberty we must be willing to undergo the greatest restrictions. Even public buildings should be mobilised to house troops. Mr. Hughes, misunderstanding the significance of the word "mobiliser," as did several speakers, maintained that such a measure would mean the standstill of all industry and the life of the country. Mr. Drew (pro) showed, among other things, the suitability of women for conducting buses, etc. Winding up the debate, Mr. Kavanagh went back to Christian principles, and declared that on no account must family life be broken up. After several members of the Society had stated their own views on the subject, M. le Président gave victory to the pros. by 15 points to 14.

Owing to circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to hold another debate until May 20th, when Messrs. Drew and Breslin upheld the motion: "Que la machine est le fléau de l'humanité," against Messrs. Keith and Ley. Mr. Drew laid great stress on the part played by the machine in the present conflict, which Mr. Keith countered by pointing out the purpose for which we are using the machine, i.e., to retain our liberty. The machine is necessary for our very existence at the present time. Mr. Breslin (pro) stated that before the invention of machinery, everyone was "heureux et sans souci." (We can only wish that we lived in those idyllic times!) He went on to show how machines have caused both unemployment and immense wealth for capitalists. Thanks largely to Mr. Ley's final speech, the cons. were victors by a considerable margin. The meeting concluded with some impromptu speaking.

Nine days later Messrs. Drew, Kavanagh and O'Donnell supported, and Messrs. Lane, Ludden and Shield opposed the motion: "Que les anciens (jusqu'à 1600) valaient mieux que les modernes." The pro. speakers had evidently not compared notes beforehand, for each and every one of

them laid stress on the excellence of the same Greek and Roman writers, philosophers, scientists, mathematicians, comparing them in one instance to Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin, whom Mr. Kavanagh took to represent the normal modern individual. Mr. Lane (con) pointed out some of the improvements which had come after 1600, and was later congratulated by M. de Président for his fine speech. Mr. Ludden drew instances from modern buildings, such as Liverpool Cathedral, to show that art had not been lost in late years. Mr. Shield (con) wound up the debate with a lengthy speech in which he treated most aspects of the case, helping to bring victory to the cons. by the wide margin of 18 points to 12.

The last debate we are able to record took place on Tuesday, June 10th. The subject was "Que Hitler a accompli plus que

Napoléon." Pro: Messrs. McGrory, Peters and Shield; Con: Messrs. Kavanagh, White and O'Shaughnessy. The subject was treated very fully on both sides; space unfortunately does not permit a full description beyond saying that this was a very matter-of-fact debate. Mr. Peters and Mr. Shield, who were congratulated by M. le Président, had a large share in bringing victory to their side (pro) by 17 points to 15.

It is regretted that this year, owing to stress of time and adverse circumstances, we were prevented from holding the usual lectures. They will be recommenced as soon as possible; and meanwhile the French Debating Society wishes everyone good luck: success to all who must face the approaching examinations!

G. P. Shaw (Hon. Sec.).

## Scientific Society.

**A**LTHOUGH the term has not been outstanding in the number of lectures, we must, nevertheless, admit that the quality has improved.

The first lecture was given by Mr. O'Donnell on "Explosives." He considered the structure and action of explosives, the relative advantages and disadvantages of high and low explosives, and mentioned as examples dynamite, cordite and T.N.T.; he also mentioned liquid air used as an explosive, and mercury fulminate and lead azide as detonators. He concluded his discourse by a reference to the intricacies of the demolition carried out by the sappers using explosives. Mr. Ley followed by a lecture in the same style on "Chemical Warfare." This concerned the uses, or rather misuses, of Chemistry in modern war. Mr. Ley considered the preparation, recognition, action and treatment of poison gases, including phosgene, chlorine, arsenical gases, mustard

gas and tear gas. His descriptions were extremely detailed. He included in his lecture the preparation, action and uses of several explosives, e.g. in the trench mortar; he concluded his lecture by a detailed description of a fire-bomb. His lecture was illustrated by blackboard diagrams, which led to great clarity in the explanations. Unfortunately, owing to lack of time, Mr. Ley was unable to finish his lecture. The next lecture was given by an old boy, Basil Whalley, Esq., B.Sc., Ph.D., and was on the subject "Some aspects of Chemotherapy."

The lecturer was introduced by Brother MacNamara, who alluded to Dr. Whalley's brilliant career in school and in his equally successful University course.

Dr. Whalley began his lecture by defining Chemotherapy as the treatment of diseases caused by bacteria with organic compounds, poisonous to the bacteria, and called toxics. The first toxics were dis-

covered by accident: when certain arsenical organic compounds were given to persons suffering from sleeping sickness, their condition was much improved. Once one drug was found several others were suggested and tried. The ones which have become most important are prontosil, M & B693 and di-

aniline sulphone. We are all deeply grateful to Dr. Whalley for his instructive lecture, and we hope that other Old Boys at the University will follow his example, and give the members of the Chemical Society the benefit of their experiences.

D. Donegan, Secretary.

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

**I**N spite of war-time conditions, a record collection was made last Christmas for the Society. It was the highest collection since the inauguration of our Aspirant Conference. Particularly noteworthy were the efforts of Forms III. and U.Va. Four pounds were forwarded for relief in heavily bombed areas.

So you see, the S.V.P. moves with the times and makes its influence felt in many spheres.

During the Spring term we were all deeply grieved at the death of one of our members, R. Holyoake. He regularly attended all our meetings, and was most generous in his contributions, both of money and pamphlets. On behalf of all the members of our Conference, I extend to his bereaved relations our sincerest sympathy. May he rest in peace.

This term we have held seven meetings,

with an average attendance of 20 members. A number of pamphlets were received and distributed, but we shall need many, many more. Distributing pamphlets is a work of Catholic Action, and also one of our chief works. Many people have been converted just because they were given the opportunity of reading a pamphlet, so let us hope that next year our members will have greater enthusiasm for this silent but very important work.

Our financial position remains good, in spite of our donations, and I can say with gratitude that the members have been very generous in the weekly collections. We leave a balance of 14/6 for the next School year. And with these few notes we leave the members of the Conference, who will return next year, to carry on the good work of this great Catholic Society.

Patrick Connolly (President).

## Music Notes.

**T**WO boys, Kenneth Roche and Roy Williams, have joined the Orchestra since the last issue of this Magazine. We are pleased to welcome them, and look forward to receiving more applications for membership next term.

We are at present rehearsing Schumann's famous "March in E flat." It is arranged for a small orchestra, with a piano accompaniment for four hands. As the pianist, Richard Lane, has unfortunately but

one pair of hands, he has been joined by Frederick Johnson, of the Upper Fifth.

The Choir is nearing the end of the "Proper" of the Requiem Mass. Probably by the time the Magazine is published the work will have been completed. All that now remains to be rehearsed is the "Libera me."

The "Common" of the Mass is known by the whole School.

We were sorry to hear of the serious accident which befell 2nd Lieutenant Gordon F. Pratt (a member of the Old Boys' Orchestra), but are glad to learn that he is making a good recovery.

His accident occurred whilst he was on the water-waggon of his battalion. The

oscillation of the water caused the waggon to skid violently and to overturn, falling on top of Lieutenant Pratt.

Some (not Old Boys) who have suffered similar misfortune have **not** been on the water-waggon!

## Form Notes.

### Form VIa Science.

**A**FTER twelve days of freedom the arrival of reports brought us back to reality, and also to a new classroom. The old one was temporarily out of use owing to the ravages of frost. This, of course, made no difference to the pursuance of our (ab) normal studies. The long walk to the library, proved too much, however, and we soon returned to the familiar atmosphere. Up to Easter we had frequent breaks during the day, and refreshing strolls to the shelters. Fortunately these are rare now.

Recently we had an enjoyable lecture from Flight Lieutenant Brewer on the "opportunities in the R.A.F." Many of us would like to thank him for recommendations to be trained for air crew duties.

The form appreciates very much the musical lectures from Mr. Boraston.

We will close now to continue our studies for the forthcoming exams. Success to all candidates taking H.S.C. and S.C.

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### Form VIa Modern.

After just surviving our nightmare we are on the point of plunging into the unknown depths of another horror. If it were not for the sake of acquainting our readers with the eminent philosophy of our doubt-

ing "Muffs," we would not know where to begin.

The atmosphere of the form is definitely somnolent, presenting a marked contrast to the hive of activity which surrounds us. We would like to be regarded as exclusive, and, although this will probably give rise to much derision, we can take it.

Speaking on school-work and exams., we have heard so many different opinions of our chances in the H.S.C. that we are wondering why we have not already been awarded the certifs. But opinions differ; only last week, on the very eve of the exam., somebody tried to convince us that the celebrated line, "The face that launched a thousand ships" was written by Tennyson. We are forced to admit our ignorance in class sometimes, but our prestige cannot be allowed to fall so low as to ignore such a mistake.

Debates have been a source of keen interest this term, but although the subject of bombing civilians has been "thrashed out" in the lecture room arguments still arise.

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### Form VIb Science.

Our term in VIb Science having ended, looking back we find that we have successfully passed through a very trying time, with plenty of air raids and much loss of sleep, but our "Go to it" masters have turned a blind eye to it all, and the work has gone on undisturbed.

We were all glad to learn of the official recognition of our A.T.C. unit No. 1547, under the leadership of Acting Flying Officer J. S. Meldon and Acting Pilot Officer P. O'Brien, and we would like to thank our civilian instructors, Messrs. Barter, Maher, and Pope for their voluntary service.

During this term we have attended, each Friday, lectures on "Musical Appreciation," kindly rendered by Mr. Boraston.

A welcome diversion during the term was a lecture given by an R.A.F. Flight-Lieutenant.

The monotony of lessons was broken during the term when a Flight Lieutenant of the gallant R.A.F. appeared, and gave us a most informative lecture about the channels along which one must pass to attain the exalted position of air-crew. While on the subject we might mention that in the A.T.C. unit, which has been formed at the school, we have some members. The others who are too young to join are doing extra work to make themselves look old by getting their books and learning it off.

We are all well versed in French poetry although there is a tendency to think a line a stanza when doing impots. Some of us, however, are inclined to pay great attention to corrections, even to the extent of omitting the exercise completely.

The death of Reginald Holyoake, due to enemy action, was very much regretted in the Form, and we tender to his bereaved relations our most sincere sympathy. May he rest in peace.

A few of our number will be leaving school in July, and to these we say, "May Dame Fortune smile, yea, grin upon your enterprises!" To those who will return with the gold braid we wish a pleasant holiday, which, we are sure, they truly deserve.

W.E. and J.B.B.

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### Form Upper Va.

It is such a long time since Upper Va broadcast its impressions that it might be thought its overworked members have lost themselves wandering through the desert with Kinglake or charging "destrictis gladiis" with Caesar the Helvetian foes of Roman Imperialism. We have endured all this—and more—but still our casualties have been slight. To "prepare for the more boisterous University" one of our friends has gone to sea, impelled, no doubt, to imitate and verify the exploits of Carrigholt.

We support all organisations in the School—the S.V.P., the A.T.C., A.R.P., R.F.C., C.C. and Fire-watching service. Sloan, our Nisus, is an active member of them all, and he is as quick to take your wickets as he is to pull you down on the Rugby field. Then Euryalus, captain of the unbeaten bantams and top-scorer in the 2nd XI; Blanchard and Griffin—steel helmets—you see wood easily takes fire. Pulcher Julius and H.M.S. Patrick are active members of the A.T.C., though Warrington is a long way off. And while Clark is making history, Hughes is thinking of becoming a research chemist. If you want advice on Furniture Removal consult Neyer or if you need prayers go to Gabriel and Patrick.

In conclusion, we would like to wish the VIa Science and VIa Moderns, every success in their Higher School Certificate and Scholarship examinations.

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### Form VIIb Modern.

This last term is for us the conclusion of our first year in the Sixth form, and we find that we have advanced a great deal in our studies since the not so distant School Certificate.

Although the register would die with indignation if it could hear what is now about

to be said it, is a fact that the VIb Mods. have done a great deal of work this term, and not much time has been wasted. In fact, one master has such a high opinion of our capabilities that he thinks a University Scholarship is merely a matter of form for us.

Quite a substantial sum was raised for the Good Shepherd Fund, and grateful thanks are tendered to all who gave so generously.

Recently we have discovered to our amazement and consternation many budding politicians in our midst, and many and varied are the opinions expressed concerning the "Utopia" of tomorrow.

A very interesting series of lectures on "Musical Appreciation" is being given by Mr. Boraston, and we are grateful for the trouble which he has taken to prepare these beneficial talks.

In conclusion, we would like to thank all those who have so generously contributed to the College library and added to its already fine collection of books.

T.P. and R.L.

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### Form Upper Y Alpha.

We started this term with a quiet determination to carry on until the final struggle in July, from which, we hope, we will emerge victorious. However, these notes are beginning on the lines of the hackneyed phrase, "It gives me great pleasure . . ." and so we shall slur over exams., mentioning only the French Oral of the 19th May, which was fairly satisfactory, particularly to those whose names are near the end of the register.

In our "Good Shepherd" collection we aimed somewhat high at first, but once the target came within range a respectable total was reached. E. Maher of the B's provided us with a chart of our achievements, and it is due to him that the formroom is adorned

with maps, which we find very helpful.

In the first cricket XI. we have F. Gill, W. Parry and W. Edwards, while F. Johnson, P. Clementson and J. McGrail are our representatives in the "Colts."

As for generosity—just look at our collection returns for the year, and you will be surprised at the loose strings of our purses; though some cynics remark that it was the Odol smile that emptied our pockets. Our other feats we will not tell you, but, to let you into a great secret—it has just been discovered by one of our research experts that Science has progressed. This genius is now engaged on a method by which he can multiply out by long division.

Before finishing, we sympathise with the relatives and friends of James Nolan and Reginald Holyoake, and with Rodney Clark on the death of his father. R.I.P. We sympathise also with those members of the class who have suffered through enemy action, and send our best wishes to Joe Brown—wherever he is. And that black Waterman!

Wishing everybody long and peaceful holidays.

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### Upper Yb.

Here are a few items from the doings of Upper Yb. It came as a great shock to us to learn that our classmate, James Nolan, had been killed in the "blitz" on May 3rd. A representative body from the class carried the coffin and tendered their sympathies on behalf of the School.

We will not bother you with details of Rugby and Cricket, except to say that we are well represented in the respective teams.

Although we have a budding artist in our class it is very disappointing to find that the fruits of his labour are never seen in our classroom.

Blakeley, like chlorine for hydrogen, has



a great affinity for holidays, but not for exercises. Potter's supposed genius, if it were known, would soon result in the Air Minister losing his job. Burrowes will soon, he hopes, be an authority on weather forecasting. Rooney's absence is made most conspicuous by the fact that when he's here he's heard.

J.O.H. and J.N.

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### Lower Va.

During the last term a diary craze attacked the class; but even though it was speedily followed up by a spate of letter-writing, Lower Va still seems to be uncommunicative in print. Go to the play-ground and you will hear their chatter! Would that you could have been there after May 3rd; "our bomb" gave way to deeds of heroism done by the unsung heroes of Lower Va.

Since we've read Ovid (with that "terra contenta fuisses" strain) at least one intellectual has developed a persistent world-weary attitude, which not even the merry laughter of the Gael, nor even the mystic simplicity of a country lad can dissipate.

Such a policy of "stagnation" was defeated in our recent "mock elections," which were very keenly contested. A liberal campaign was launched and, despite the eloquence of a Peel, Bretherton or O'Leary, it was successful. One candidate advocated a return to the spirit of the Red Indian. Unconditionally two of our "Big Chiefs" pitched their wigwams during the Whitsun break! Much credit is due to our artists of all shades of opinion, who so profusely decorated the classroom (and the waste-paper basket!) with leaflets and posters.

At the beginning of this war we had one wild hope; six months after, it had become a dream. In another six months it was slowly becoming real; yet another six months and it might happen any night; but now we feel certain there will never be a D.A. in the

quadrangle. We feel obliged to confess our admiration for the staff who "do not sleep o'nights" fire-watching. Very rarely have we ever known the night they were on duty. We are sure, for some of us have even fire-fought, that there is definitely a-morning-after-the-night-before feeling; but we cannot agree with Caesar 'that such men are dangerous'!

The class has done its share in supporting the various School teams, both in Rugby and Cricket. Though recently defeated by a combined Lower V Alpha and Beta team, we are sure to win the return match. Cryptically we ask: Who won the Rugby game?

Our School work seems to cause our masters great anxiety. Actually we have become fatalists. If we had three exercises on a Friday night, Monday would find them all done, granted that (1) we were in on Friday, and (2) that we were in on Monday!

Our thanks go to those who supported our various appeals during the year. The Good Shepherd total was a record sum, and a record of keenly-felt sacrifices, too. Our Lady's Altar and the Sacred Heart Altar in May and June respectively were kept tastefully supplied with candles and flowers. We have to thank Ley, Schofield, Walker, Croft and the Kavanagh brothers for generous gifts of books to the Form Library.

The following three tests may be helpful to distinguish any Lower Va boy: (1) His favourite hobby is "messing around," (2) He knows nothing at all about colloidal sulphur! (3) He has a strange interest in Ormskirk. As for confirmation ask the "suspected one" how he would he identify any classmate playing for the School XV.

At present we await the "July Massacres." Schofield is hoping to get a question on that perennial battle, Fontenoy, as he has all the inside story about it.

Our class is represented in the A.T.C. The malicious report that one of the class attended an A.T.S. lecture is completely un-

founded.

A choice of compositions recently given to us included "The lighter side of School life." What blindness!

Any difficulty you would like us to solve please send it along, as our Mathematics master frequently declares that the answer is in Finetty.

To the parents and relatives of our deceased schoolmates, and to all our bereaved friends, we offer our sincere sympathy. To our elders in the exam. classes we wish great results, to our masters (and/or) admirers, and friends our greetings, and to ourselves a real good holiday, and back to work for our Certificate next year. Goodbye.

J.O.B. and J.C.

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### Forms IVa and IVb.

On looking back through the School year now drawing to its close, we can at least say that it has been a memorable one. Fortunately during the past term visits to the shelter have been few indeed—for this we are duly grateful, as we do feel that we are inclined to slack when we subside onto the comfortable seats provided for us there! But life is like that.

We have reason to congratulate ourselves on our endeavour to swell the fund for the Good Shepherd Collection—it has, we believe, far surpassed last year's gallant effort, and though our pockets are the poorer, still the cause is noble, and we know that every little helps. Thanks are due to all who assisted in keeping our May and June altars fittingly supplied with flowers, candles, and night-lights. Rumour has it that some of our masters who while away the best part of the night by gallantly guarding the School's property, take a special paternal interest in our classrooms; they are determined that come what may, at least the "shell" of our hallowed rooms shall remain to be pointed out

to posterity. May we mention that water, according to those in the know, is much more effective than ink in fighting raging infernos. Banging many fists on our desks gets one nowhere, as our observers will inform you. One such fist almost split an inkwell in two, to the amusement of the junior members of Form IVb.

Application to our books naturally takes up some of our time. Progress has been made, but exactly of what kind, we leave to our grief stricken masters to decide. Painful incidents might be recorded, but charity (which covers a multitude of sins) bades us draw the line! "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy"; this quotation (which need not be "explained with reference to the context") we really believe to be true, especially as owing to that "bad man's" intervention, we are now confined to games on Saturday mornings. There will be a reckoning someday to be paid for the deprivation of our Wednesday half-holiday, and we shouldn't care to be in that "bad man's" shoes if the Forms IVa and IVb sportsmen are asked to intervene when the final day dawns. In passing, we wish to state that four of our notables play for the Colts, and about six of them represent the Chicks, not so bad taking all things into consideration.

A promising Air Training Corps is now in full swing in the College. How happy we should be if only two of our young men who are eligible **especially** on account of their age, would only enlist, our cup of happiness would then be full to over-flowing. Just imagine the "pull" we would have over the semi-invalids in the IV Alphas and Betas!

To the youngsters in the III's we give just one piece of advice—apply **now** for admission to the A's and B's. We depend on you to uphold our traditions. When applying for admission, please forward your last term's Report. No coupons will be accepted in lieu of same, though **gifts** of coupons will be gratefully acknowledged.

We salute our Old Boys in the Services.  
We present arms to the boys at home.

V.C. and G.M.

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### Forms IV Alpha and IV Beta.

Since our notes went to press last December much has happened—amongst other things newspapers have been cut down—hence so have our notes. The weather was not too kind during the Easter term, but it was suitable one Saturday for us to beat the A's and B's at Rugby (even though we are not so big or so rough). On two occasions they failed to beat us—both matches ending in a draw.

During Lent we distinguished ourselves by gathering almost £9 for the Good Shepherd Fund. Further, it must be granted that we had the best array of flowers on our May and June altars. Certainly it is not the flowers which count, as such, but their glory and profusion indicate that the deeper side must be there, too.

Now that summer is here, with the trees looking their best our attentions are on other things. Cricket has not had a good innings—due to "Morrison time" and the weather. Then, of course, there is the inevitable looking forward to the seven weeks of freedom!

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### Forms IIIa and IIIb.

We are anxiously awaiting our summer exams.—the great bugbears of all school-boys—which will in a great measure decide whether, we are to retain our places in the old classroom or are to go up higher. Some seem quite contented, and if one could judge by their way of working or their way of not working, they would evidently prefer to "stay put." It may be that they have a dread of harder work, or are afraid of going up into the unknown.

I. Cullen Captains the B's brilliant, though unlucky Cricket XI, while F. Ginaga has invariably led the A's Cricket and Rugby teams to victory—often against great odds.

Both classes have had a very creditable sports' record. In Rugby we have always shown our superiority over the Alphas and Betas, and when Form III united bravely took the field against Form IV, 10 out of the XV chosen to uphold the honour of the III'S were chosen from the A's and B's. The result of the two matches showed that the choice was well made. Be it said in all fairness to the fours that they didn't play some of their heavyweights, though in the second match they did field some of the invincible bantams.

We had a very successful collection for the Waifs and Strays. Our total amounted to nearly £10. Of this sum the B's gave the greater part, though the A's were also very generous.

Our sympathies go to those boys of the College who have had their homes damaged or friends injured by enemy action, and we pray that they and all may be preserved from further injury.

And now, even though the cloud of exams. which hovers overhead is dark, still it has its silver lining. Our summer vacation lies before us when we can say good-bye to school and homework, and enjoy what we think a well-deserved rest.

J.M. and P.F.

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### Form II.

Since our last notes appeared we have increased in numbers. The favourite poem of one of the new arrivals is "The Charge of the Light Brigade," but somebody thinks there must be a mistake regarding the adjective. We welcome them all to our class, as well as John Ord, who has returned to the fold.

Our "choir" leader is F.K. He generally begins on the wrong note, and more often than not on the wrong hymn. We had

beautiful altars during May and June, and we thank all who supplied candles and flowers.

## Old Boys' Letters.

### 'VARSITY LETTER.

'Varsity, July, 1941.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Tempus fugit—so it is said, and again the time has come to review our doings and send you news of old Edwardians down here. Social activities have been so greatly curtailed, due to increased enemy action and the calling up of so many for the armed forces or vital industries that it is exceedingly difficult to keep in touch with all the Old Boys at present at the University. While not wishing to blame the present situation for everything that may go wrong, we hope that any undue shortness or lack of information will be excused.

We met Bill Johnson last term on leave from the Royal Navy, and Frank Egan, who hopes to enter the Senior Service. Now that the A.T.C. has started in Liverpool, we will probably see some more Edwardians wearing wings, for this branch of the Service seems to be the most popular at present.

For most of us this term brings professional examinations, and at present we are plunged into the labours of revision (and maybe remorse) while the dreadful day approaches. We wish all who have to take them the very best of good fortune, specially you still at school, for it is you who must fill up the gap made by those who have finished their courses and obtained their degrees. With this we will conclude our missive, hoping to see some more fresh faces from the old school next term.

Yours as ever,

! 'Varsity.

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### UPHOLLAND LETTER.

Upholland,

17th June, 1941.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Your request for a letter arrived just after Upholland's greatest day of the year: Ordination Day. You will be pleased to know that on that day, June 7th, two Old Boys of St. Edward's College, were raised to the priesthood. They are the Revs. E. Geoghegan and W. Doyle. I am sure you will join with us in wishing them "ad multos annos." Another Old Boy, P. McCartney, received the Subdiaconite.

Well, Mr. Editor, we are very pleased to hear that the old College has so far escaped all damage from air raids, and we hope that by God's grace it will continue to do so. We at Upholland have formed our own A.R.P. personnel in case of emergencies, and recently we were given a demonstration by the local A.R.P. section. Some of us became "casualties" for the occasion. One such "casualty" had to be lowered to the ground on a stretcher from the top of one of the towers—a ticklish business, as you will admit. However, he eventually arrived safely, though he very nearly became a real casualty in the process. We picked up many useful hints from this demonstration, and now we are ready for anything.

One of the things we missed most of all this year was our usual meeting with the Old Cathinians. However, we hope that when peace reigns once more we will be able to renew a fixture which was regarded by all the Edwardians here as a joyful re-union with old friends.

We were pleased to read in the last Magazine the names of many Old Boys now serving with His Majesty's Forces. We assure them of our earnest prayers on their behalf.

Best wishes to all Edwardians everywhere.

Yours sincerely,  
Upholland.

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### SIMMARIES LETTER.

St. Mary's College,  
Strawberry Hill,  
Middlesex.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Once more it is my happy task to unite North and South with tidings of Edwardians in Simmaries. After a long delay we headed south once more, and were glad to extend a welcoming hand to W. McGrail, P. Sands and A. McCoy.

Their period of residence has been brief, but they have nobly undertaken the task of carrying on the old motto "Viriliter Age" with their new one. Sands and McCoy distinguished themselves in cross-country. E. Brash obtained his colours in the same field of activity; whilst McGrail turned to Hockey and proved a capable player. P. Reilly has

been awarded his colours in Hockey, representing the College First XI. throughout the season.

F. Navein was raised to the office of College Photographer, and has been very active throughout the year.

In the Junior Elections McGrail has surpassed all records by being elected to five Committees, viz.: Magazine, First Aid, Historical Society, Debating Society and the Social Science Guild.

In Athletics, Edwardians gave valuable support where it was most needed, and to all the past C.I., S.E.C. and others who may read this letter we pass the glad tidings of our tenth successive victory in the struggle for the Shield. Edwardians note and emulate!

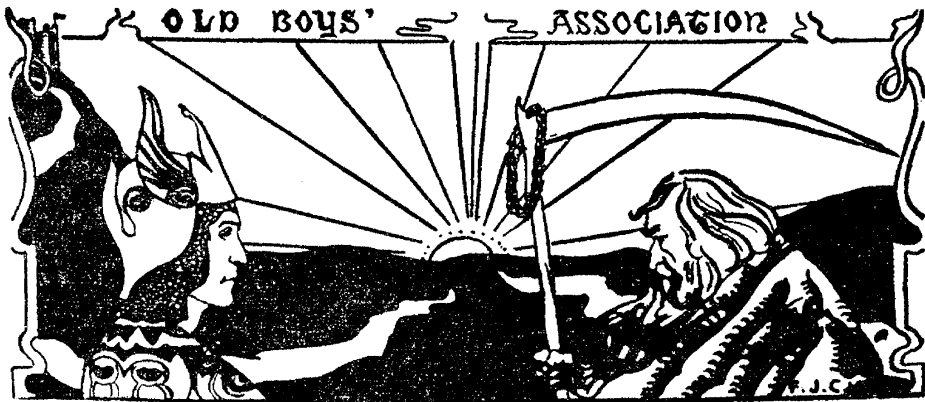
We have heard with great jubilation that next year's contingent includes K. Keith, B. Ludden, F. Hayes and J. Breslin. To these we extend hearty greetings and give them the torch to carry through the days of strife or peace.

Now Certif. is upon us and School's practice on the Juniors, so I must close, Mr. Editor, with all the best wishes to you and all at St. Edwards from Simmaries and her representative.

Simmarian.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

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## Old Boys' Notes and News.

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Are happy to report that the Association and Club still survive in a rapidly changing world, thanks to the untiring efforts of a small band of workers whose ambition it is to keep head above water till the floods subside. A year ago we faced many difficulties, not the least

of which was to keep going. The steady progress that, after years of struggle, had resulted in the opening of an Association Club Headquarters in Bishop's Court, was abruptly halted. Since then we have been content to "stand at ease," but not "easy"! It had to be so. A growing membership of

active supporters was dispersed as will testify the list of Old Boys (216 in all) serving in H. M. Forces. A supplementary, but not exhaustive list is given below.

In a much rationed and censored world, our "news" must follow the prevailing fashion because of a curtailment of supply and the demands of "hush hush."

A glance at the list of the Executive reveals a change of considerable note.

F. H. L.—familiar to so many Old Boys during the past ten years and more as Secretary, later as Treasurer—has, much to our regret, taken his leave of the Association for the duration.

When one looks back over the years one realises how difficult it is to measure Frank's contribution in time and energy to the establishing of the Association as a thing of promise at St. Domingo until a short three years ago he settled down at Bishop's Court. All sections of the Club's pre-war activities: Football, Cricket, K.O. Ra-Jahs, Dances, House management and Publicity—all testify to his untiring energy, unflagging interest and prodigal use of the midnight oil.

Older Old Boys will recall the difficulties of reviving the Association in the years following the first Great War; new blood was needed. Came Frank and around him a group of youngsters inspired with his own enthusiasm and a dream which they had the good fortune to see embodied close to Alma Mater. September, 1939! In the face of an almost overwhelming threat of dissolution his dogged determination to hold on and carry on even as "a pale shadow" was born of a hope that those who **could**, helped by new recruits from Alma Mater, **would** stand to and keep the Association and Club in being till happier days return.

Urged by a desire to contribute his utmost to the National effort he has joined the Technical Staff of a Government concern at ———. To you, Frank, the Association offer their warmest expressions of gratitude

and every good wish to yourself and your family in your new sphere.

Club Members would like through these notes to express their appreciation of the genial kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Buckley, and of the way in which they add to the amenities of Bishop's Court in difficult times, and particularly for their nightly fire-watching.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

It is customary at this time of the year to publish in the School Magazine a report of the A.G.M. Due to present conditions it was decided at an Executive Committee Meeting on March 28th that no A.G.M. be held this year, and that the Executive Committee should remain in office for a further year. It was at this meeting that Mr. F. Loughlin tendered his resignation and handed over his duties to the Secretary, Mr. J. F. Mullen, who will combine the two posts for the present.

The financial position is sound, but leaves only the barest margin. The income from subscriptions has dwindled alarmingly. In this connection it may be permitted to repeat the late Treasurer's exhortation written in these pages a year ago.

"Those who cannot attend the Club are requested to send along their subscriptions or donations to the Treasurer—it seems to be a fact that **most** people have more money to spend in war-time than in peace-time. We could use some of this money—in fact, we cannot continue without financial support, and we are determined to keep our Headquarters until the war is over. Please don't overlook this method of doing your bit!"

The past year has not lessened the urgency of that appeal. Recall the opening theme of these notes, then open your hearts and your purse. Can you refuse? We are confident! In normal times it was a routine reminder that subscriptions become due on

30th April of each year. Let us be normal!

Socials are still being held fortnightly (calculate fortnightly from June 29th, Sunday) at Bishop's Court. An increased attendance would be welcomed by Frank Howard, Dave Nolan, Tom Shennan and friends. The subsequent slender profit would gladden the Treasurer's heart and strengthen our means.

The Secretary, too, would be glad to receive news items, letters, press cuttings and tidings generally which would help to make a pool from which subsequent notes might be drawn.

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#### PRO PATRIA.

Lieut-Commander Bernard Moloney, D.S.O., R.N.R. Lost at sea while in command of H.M.S. Crispin, February, 1941.

Lieut. James Coggar, King's Liverpool Regt. April, 1941.

F. McKeown, Royal Navy. Reported missing, but now must be presumed lost at sea.

Lieut. Commander Moloney, born in New Brighton, began his career as a cadet with the P.S.N.C. in 1917. In 1926 he joined the Naval Reserve, and was gazetted Lieut. Commander in 1937.

In January, 1940, he was awarded the D.S.O. for "cheerful endurance, readiness and resource in patrolling the Seas and bringing in enemy prizes."

Lieut. James Coggar, born in Bromborough, began his military career when he joined the Scots Guards on leaving school some ten years ago. He did peace-time service in India, and on the outbreak of war in the Middle East. Later he was sent to Sandhurst, and in due course received his first commission. Promotion soon followed, and at the time of his tragic death he was about to be promoted Captain.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

##### Mr. C. H. Waring.

In August last year we heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. C. H. Waring. Old C.I. Boys and many early Old Edwardians will remember the encouragement and help unstintingly given at a difficult period of the Association's history. For his work in Committee as Member, Vice-President and President the Association is deeply indebted.

##### Mrs. Kieran.

It is fitting that we should pay tribute to the memory of the mother of a family of Old Boys who have honoured their School and its Old Boys' Association.

Mrs. Mary Kieran passed away after a painful illness patiently borne at the age of 79 on February 25th, 1941.

To our Chaplain, Fr. John Kieran, and to members of his family, the Association expresses its profound sympathy.

##### Dr. J. G. Rogers.

A month ago we were deeply grieved to hear of the sudden death of Gerry Rogers while on duty in a London Hospital during a heavy raid.

On taking his medical degrees at Liverpool University he spent two years attached to Liverpool Hospitals. He was house surgeon at the Northern, and senior house surgeon at Mill Road Infirmary. From there he went to take up duties in the London Hospitals in preparation for his M.R.C.P.

To the members of his family we offer our deepest sympathy in their grievous loss of one so cheerful in the wards and so devoted in his service to humanity in pain.

##### John Donegan.

It is sad to have to report the early death of John Donegan, which came with tragic and painful suddenness. He had scarcely left school and entered upon his career when



met with an accident at his work which happily proved fatal.

To his sorrowing parents we tender our sincerest sympathy.

We shall not fail to remember in our prayers the souls of these faithful departed, and in accordance with the practice of the Association Masses have been said for the eternal repose of their souls.

Requiescant in Pace.

### GENERAL.

One could not have a more difficult task than to express our sympathy with Sergt. John Currie, of the R.A.F., in his terrible loss of father, mother, brother and sister in an air raid last December, and to congratulate him on being awarded the D.F.M. for his gallant work in many raids over enemy territory. Your courage has been doubly tested and we salute you.

During that same "blitz" sorrow and suffering came to T. Whelan, whose little daughter was killed, his wife seriously injured and himself sustained a broken leg. We rejoice to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Whelan have made good progress.

To Jim Higgins we offer our sincere sympathy in the death of his brother, Pat, during an air aid last March.

We congratulate Fr. William Doyle, who was recently ordained at Upholland, and we wish him many happy and profitable years in his ministry.

We heard recently that Lieut. Gordon Pratt met with an accident. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Hearty congratulations to his brother, Raymond, on his promotion to full Lieutenant, R.N.V.R., complete, we were told, with full beard. Lawrence Pratt, too, is in the news. We hear that he has gone over to the R.A.F. Accept our good wishes.

Congratulations to W. Lawler, J. Donnelly, G. O'Brien on receiving their Commis-

sions, and to Maurice Fortune, Bill Smerdon and Henry Loughlin on their being posted to an O.C.T.U. We wish them "full marks" every time.

Fred Tindall, we hear, has been promoted to more responsible work in the Admiralty. Good luck, Fred.

Congratulations to Tony Bradford on his promotion in the Office of Works and Buildings.

We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Nolan, who were married last Easter, and we wish them many happy years.

We congratulate Basil Whalley on receiving his Ph.D., Edmund Sinnott on graduating B.Sc., and John Curran, B.Eng.

### St. Edward's College Flight No. 1547 A.T.C.

The Old Boys' Section meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the College from 7.30 p.m. till 9.30 p.m. Keen cadets are already receiving instruction in Maths., Air Navigation, Morse Signalling by Buzzer and Lamp, P.T. and Anti-gas and Armament.

Old Boys who wish to join the R.A.F., Fleet Air Arm or R.N. when they are called up should join the College Flight. Cadets 16-18 years may be enrolled.

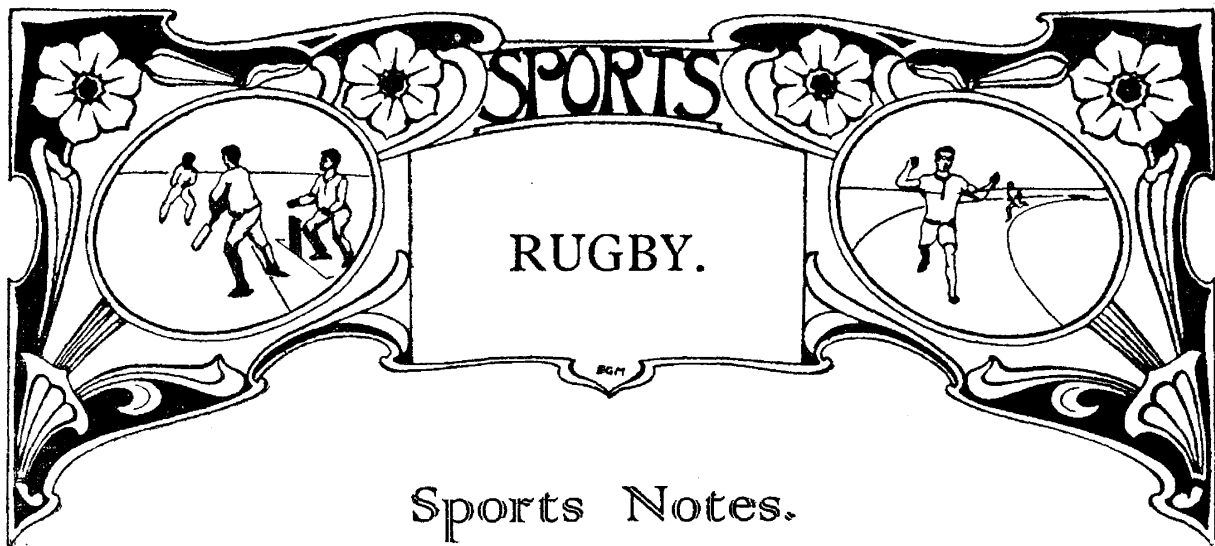
To Mr. Maher (Drill and P.T.) and Mr. Henry (Signals) thanks are tendered for their willing and most able instruction.

Supplementary list of the Old Boys serving in His Majesty's Forces.

Bannon, J.	... ..	Royal Air Force.
Bannon, P.	... ..	Merchant Service.
Callander, J.	... ..	Royal Air Force.
Copple, S.	... ..	Royal Air Force.
Cullen, F. P.	... ..	Royal Air Force.
Cullen, W. J.	... ..	O.C.T.U.
Currie, J.,	D.F.M.	Royal Air Force.
Dooley, T.	... ..	Royal Air Force.
Duggan, D.	... ..	Merchant Service.
Lowe, E. J.	... ..	Royal Corps of Signals.
Lowe, G. G.	... ..	R.A.M.C.

Lynch, F. ... .. R.A.O.C.	O'Neill, C. ... .. Royal Air Force.
McDevitt E. ... .. —	Ripley, R. ... .. Royal Navy.
McGoldrick, G. ... South Lanes. Fusiliers.	Roberts, L. ... .. King's Liverpool Regt.
McGoldrick, R. ... .. R.A.	Roberts, R. ... .. Merchant Service.
McGuinness, K. ... .. R.A.S.C.	Tucker, ... .. Royal Air Force.
McLoughlin, L. ... .. Royal Air Force.	Wells, W. ... .. Royal Air Force.
Mercer, G. ... .. Royal Navy.	
Moore, H. ... .. Royal Air Force.	
Morris, A. ... .. Royal Air Force.	
Molyneux, F. ... .. Royal Navy.	
Murphy, W. F. ... .. R.A.S.C.	

May we, in conclusion, remind readers that the above is not an exhaustive list. We are sure that there are many omissions, and the Secretary would be glad to receive at all times news of Old Boys' activities.



## Sports Notes.

### RUGBY NOTES.

#### Bantams.

The first year of our existence as a Rugby team showed the final tally of:—Played 5, Won 4. Lost 0 Drew 1. Points for—107 Points against—12.

v. Collegiate, away ... ..	11-9
v. St. Mary's College, Crosby, away ...	3-3
v. St. Mary's College, Crosby, home ...	16-0
v. Oulton High School, home ... ..	55-0
v. Birkenhead Institute, away ... ..	22-0

Owing to inclement weather and to other causes the return games were not

played except in the case of St. Mary's College, Crosby. An account of the first game was in the last issue of the Magazine. At Crosby the game was definitely in favour of St. Mary's. K. Roberts scored a penalty goal for S.E.C.; St. Mary's replied with an unconverted try. But for the sturdy tackling of S.E.C. and mistaken attempts to handle a greasy ball, St. Mary's must have won the game.

Regular practice had its reward—the home game was a different story. Against Oulton the outstanding point of the game

was the great pluck of our opponents who kept at it to the end. Birkenhead Institute had a heavier pack than ours, and the match was heavily contested till its later stages. Then, again, regular practice told—our team were still game at the end of the match while our opponents, who had put up a fierce struggle, were exhausted.

Tribute must be paid to the very good team spirit of the boys. Selfishness was never evident; the forwards pushed and heeled like trojans; the backs saw to it that no one crossed our line after Christmas—the tackling and following up was superb. Owing to illness we were without the services of J. Cunningham who, otherwise, would have been one of the outstanding players.

The regular team was as follows:—K. Roberts (Captain), J. Massey, F. Johnson, J. McGrail, E. Ferguson, T. Merivale, J. Cassin, P. Clementson, A. Ryan, P. Foran, P. Broadbridge, W. Edwards, T. Ambrose, W. McLoughlin, N. McNally.

### First XV.

#### S.E.C. v. Collegiate. At Holly Lodge.

We had started our first Rugby Season with a draw against Collegiate in which we held them to a draw after a hard-fought game, so we naturally looked forward to a return match at Holly Lodge.

St. Edward's had three reserves out and once again were at a disadvantage in weight. The game started with ten minutes of very close open play in which the ball travelled up and down the field with great rapidity, but neither side scored. After a determined rush by the Collegiate three-quarters, they managed to force a try and successfully converted it (5-0). Heartened by their early success, the Collegiate pressed on their attack, and largely due to their control of the scrums, succeeded in gaining two more unconverted tries. The first-half ended with play in mid-field. (S.E.C. 0 pts., Collegiate 11 pts.)

St. Edward's took the field for the second-half with a reformed scrum, and from the whistle it was evident they were resolved to try and level off the score. Play was confined to fiercely contested scrums in mid-field. From a lineout just inside the Collegiate half, the opposing forwards got the ball, and with our three-quarters spread across the field managed to break through on the blind side, and despite an excellent tackle by our full-back, in which he injured his leg and had to retire from the game, touched down by our corner flag. The try was converted. Despite being one man short S.E.C. renewed the game with increased vigour. Determined attacks by our forwards confined

the play to the Collegiate 25 line for about ten minutes. The Collegiate were desperately defending, but from a scrum-breakaway our three-quarters got moving and touched down between the posts. The try was converted (S.E.C. 5 pts., Collegiate 16 pts.). The Collegiate defended admirably, but they seemed to have lost their former energy and speed. We had most of the play, and were increasingly successful in the scrums. A strong forward attack penetrated the Collegiate defence, and we touched down behind the Collegiate line. The try was unconverted.

Final Score: S.E.C., 8 pts.

Collegiate, 16 pts.

#### S.E.C. v. Oulton.

#### At Sandfield Park.

Oulton put out a very strong team for their return match with us at Sandfield Park. For the first quarter of an hour the play was of a very scrappy nature, and both sides had about the same share of the ball. The opposing forwards were very heavy and after many attempts they succeeded in breaking through our defence, and crossed our line. The try was unconverted (5-0). This seemed to entirely upset the S.E.C. team, and Oulton had little difficulty in crossing our line twice more before half-time (S.E.C., 0 pts. Oulton, 15 pts.)

The second half started no better than the last half had ended. Oulton forwards smashed through our lines again and again, giving us no time to gather for a stand. About ten minutes from the end, a very fine wing run by our three-quarters put us across the Oulton line. The try was converted.

For the rest of the match, by desperate tackling we managed to hold the Oulton forwards. Their superior tactics and great advantage in weight gave them a decided victory over our team.

Final Score: St. Edward's 5pts.

Oulton, 45 pts.

#### S.E.C. v. St. Mary's College.

#### At Crosby.

The last match of the season was a return game with St. Mary's College. We were rather unfortunate with our players, and had to go to Crosby with four reserves. The game started at a very fast pace, and it was evident that both teams would go all out for a victory. Most of the play was confined to scrums on the S.E.C. 25 line for the first twenty minutes, and at the end of that time St. Mary's College went across to score. The try was converted. (S.E.C. Nil, St. Mary's 5 pts.)

Encouraged by their early success, and helped by our inability to get our scrum working together, the St. Mary's forwards pressed hard and succeeded in crossing our line again. The try was converted. (S.E.C. Nil, St. Mary's 10 pts.)

The resumption of the game showed a decided improvement in the S.E.C. tactics. The St. Mary's forwards were a pretty heavy pack, so we concentrated on touch-finding, in which R. Sloan did some fine work, ably backing up the forwards with some good kicking. By constant pressure, we forced our way to the opposing 25 line, and then from a scrum a fast three-quarter movement put us behind the St. Mary's line. The try was unconverted.

Half-time: S.E.C. 3 pts., St. Mary's 10 pts.

In the second half S.E.C. continued to force the play, and a fine forward movement saw us across the St. Mary's line within a short time of the resumption. The try was converted by R. Sloan.

The concerted rushes of our forwards, together with the speed of our three-quarters, seemed to have upset the St. Mary's team, and once more, this time from a line-out, we crossed their line. The try was converted.

The St. Mary's team now started to contest fiercely our three points lead, and play became fast and furious, little attention being paid to orthodox tactics. By a very determined three-quarter run, the opposing team crossed our line. The try was converted (13—15).

St. Mary's continued their pressure, and from our 25 line were awarded a penalty. The goal was kicked, and the opposing team were leading by four points.

The game started again with S.E.C. fiercely attacking, but the St. Mary's forwards defended stoutly. After ten minutes of hard pressure, one of our forward thrusts went over. R. Sloan again converted (18—17).

The game now became a race for time on St. Mary's side, and a desperate and successful attempt of the S.E.C. to prevent them from scoring. It was a truly fine game, and a fitting ending to our first season.

Final score: St. Edward's College, 18 pts.

St. Mary's College, 17 pts.

R. Lane.

### 2nd XV.

#### S.E.C. v. Oulton.

#### Away.

Team: Yates, Ireland, Oakes, Jennings, Blanchard (capt.), Griffin, Davies, Blakely, Thompson, Maguire, Guilfooy, Keogh, Whitfield, A. N. Other.

## CRICKET NOTES.

### The Colts.

Up to the time of writing the Colts have been experiencing a good season. Victories have been achieved over the Alsop and Collegiate Colts respectively, but Holt forced us to acknowledge defeat. In all fairness to the team, it may be stated that it was decidedly below par when opposing Holt, owing to "enemy action." Matches to be played include games against Oulton, St. Mary's College, Crosby, and St. Francis Xavier's College.

Good all-round team work characterises the eleven; fielding, in particular, has been exceptionally brisk. Bowlers to be reckoned with are J. Kelly and J. McGrail. P. Clementson, who captains the team, is a reliable wicket-keeper and a safe bat. Promising

Handicapped by the absence of two players, S.E.C. 2nd XV. expected to begin its career with a high adverse score. Nevertheless, we showed up well during the first period of the game, both Blanchard and Ireland putting in several good runs, spoiled, however, by poor following up. Our opponents were much the heavier team, and won most of the scrums; and though our defence held out well, we found it impossible for long periods to reach the Oulton 25. Rain in the second half increased our discomfort and caused the game to become ragged. Oulton crossed our lines several times, but failed to convert, while a good combined effort by Yates and Ireland brought up into their 25. Our defence was still pegging away at the end, and succeeded in keeping the score to a respectable total.

Result: Oulton 15 pts., S.E.C. Nil.

#### S.E.C. v. St. Mary's College, Crosby. At Home.

Reinforced by several of the Bantams, S.E.C. showed greater enthusiasm in this game with Crosby. Though the lighter side, we won several of the scrums, of which our speedy three-quarters, particularly Callaghan, took full advantage. Most of our scores came in this way, and Roberts was prominent in converting. Every player put his best into the game, and no respite was given to Crosby, whose strong attacks were broken up by the close marking and keen tackling of our defence. A feature of the game was the rapidity with which the three-quarters turned defence into attack, and this was the secret of our success.

Result: S.E.C. 29 pts., St. Mary's College Nil.

Team: Barrowes, Yates, Callaghan (capt.), Roberts, Jennings, Ambrose, Johnson, Whitfield, Maguire, Oakes, Davies, Guilfooy, McGrail, Griffin, Clemenston.

young members are J. Cassin and J. Merivale.

The team may look forward with confidence to their forthcoming fixtures.

### First XI. Cricket.

To date, four matches have been played, of which we have won two and lost two. Generally, the cricket has been very interesting, and the matches have been well contested. Our fielding and bowling are up to standard, but lack of a consistently good batsman is very noticeable. K. Keith and R. Lane share the honour of top score, 22, though R. Lane was not out. The bulk of the bowling has been done by R. Sloan and B. Cunningham, each having 15 wickets to his credit. R. Sloan's were at a cost of 34

s, while those taken by Cunningham cost runs. There are still more fixtures to be yed, which will be reported in the next ie.

T. Brennan.

S.E.C. v. Oulton. 21st June at Sandfield Park.

S.E.C.		
Edwards, b Taylor	...	1
O'Donnell, b Barrow	...	1
Cunningham, c Lewis b Taylor	...	3
Ludden, b Taylor	...	12
Davies, b Taylor	...	1
Keith, b Barrow	...	22
Hands, b Taylor	...	3
Lane, b Bedford	...	2
Sloan, b Taylor	...	3
Parry, c Pimentil b Barrow	...	1
Gill, not out	...	1
Extras	...	6
Total	...	56

OULTON.

Anderson, not out	...	21
Loadman, b Cunningham	...	2
Lewis, c Gill b Ludden	...	5
Brodie, b Keith	...	6
Barrow, c Ludden b Sloan	...	6
Pimentil, c Keith b Cunningham	...	0
Busfield, c and b Sloan	...	0
Harris, run out	...	2
Bedford, b Keith	...	5
Taylor, b Keith	...	2
Mackenzie, b Keith	...	0
Extras	...	22
Total	...	71

S.E.C. Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Keith	8	1	17	4
Sloan	10	7	7	2
Cunningham	10	5	9	2
Ludden	4	0	10	1
Davies	2	0	5	0

S.E.C. v. Holt. 10th May, at Sandfield Park.

S.E.C.

Cunningham, c Briggs b Bowker	...	3
Hands, b Jones	...	3
Edwards, b Jones	...	1
Peters, b Bowker	...	0
Callaghan, b Jones	...	5
O'Donnell, c. and b Bowker	...	1
Clark, b Jones	...	7
Parry, run out	...	0
Sloan, b Briggs	...	0
Lane, not out	...	22
Gill, l.b.w. b Jones	...	7
Extras	...	8
Total	...	57

HOLT.

Lovegreen, c Sloan b Cunningham	...	1
Bathurst, c Callaghan b Cunningham	...	0
Watson, b Cunningham	...	3
Jones, b Sloan	...	7
Bowker, b Sloan	...	0
Bickerstaffe, b Sloan	...	2
Abraham, b Sloan	...	0
Ledingham, b Sloan	...	0
Briggs, not out	...	0
Owen, l.b.w. b Sloan	...	0
Extras	...	2
Total	...	15

S.E.C. Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sloan	6	3	2	6
Cunningham	6	2	11	3

S.E.C. v. Collegiate. 17th May at Sanfield Park.

S.E.C.

Hands, b Bruce	...	0
Edwards, b Pugh	...	9
Ludden, b Bruce	...	0
Lane, b Jones	...	8
Cunningham, b Bruce	...	12
O'Donnell, c off Bruce	...	0
Callaghan, b Bruce	...	0
Gill, c off Pugh	...	3
Parry, b Pugh	...	6
Keith, not out	...	4
Sloan, c off Pugh	...	0
Extras	...	12
Total	...	54

COLLEGIATE.

Wildman A., b Keith	...	13
Leadbetter, b Cunningham	...	0
Hughes, b Cunningham	...	5
Morrison, b Sloan	...	3
Marsden, l.b.w. b Sloan	...	1
Bruce, l.b.w. b Cunningham	...	4
Kaye, c Parry b Ludden	...	14
Jones, c Gill b Cunningham	...	0
Clayton, b Sloan	...	1
Pugh, not out	...	2
Wildman G., c Hands b Sloan	...	0
Extras	...	7
Total	...	50

S.E.C. Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cunningham	11	4	13	4
Sloan	10	3	18	4
Keith	5	2	5	1
Ludden	5	3	7	1

S.E.C. v. Alsop.

7th June at Sandfield Park.

S.E.C.	
Edwards, b Jackson-Moore	1
O'Donnell, run out	6
Cunningham, c Doling b Jackson-Moore	0
Ludden, b Jackson-Moore	0
Keith, c Risk b Williams	0
Hands, c Doling b Williams	0
Davies, b Williams	2
Parry, not out	0
Lane, c Doling b Williams	4
Gill, b Williams	0
Sloan, c and b Jackson-Moore	5
Extra	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>

ALSOP.	
Jackson-Moore, b Cunningham	4
E. L. Williams, c O'Donnell, b Cunningham	3
R. J. Williams, b Cunningham	0
Doling, b Ludden	3
Bradley, l.b.w. b Cunningham	11
Deslandes, b Cunningham	0
Sunner, b Sloan	2
Quirek, b Cunningham	0
Spencer, not out	2
Risk, b Sloan	2
Emrys-Jones, b Sloan	0
Extras	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>

S.E.C. Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cunningham	9	3	11	6
Sloan	7	1	7	3
Ludden	3	1	9	1