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School Notes

WE tender our congratulations to Father Gregory Doyle (C.I. 1909-1914) of the pro-Cathedral on being appointed by Archbishop Downey, a member of the Metropolitan Chapter. On leaving the Catholic Institute, Canon Doyle studied at the English College, Lisbon, where he was ordained and on the Professorial staff of which he remained for about ten years. He was also Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, Warrington, from which he came to the pro-Cathedral. Very sincerely do we wish Canon Doyle *ad multos annos*.

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We learned to our regret on our return from the Easter Holidays that Brother Finnegan was no longer on the staff. We appreciated his sterling worth as a teacher and his keen interest in out-of-school activities such as the National Savings and his training of the redoubtable Bantams. He has been transferred to the Christian Brothers' College, Gibraltar, and we sincerely wish him every success in his new surroundings.

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The Exercises of the Annual Retreat were conducted by Rev. Fr. Giles, O.F.M. His interesting and persuasive discourses were much appreciated as was evidenced by the keen attention of his audience. We confidently trust that the Retreat was a great spiritual success.

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VE Day was celebrated by a short religious Service in the Assembly Hall followed by prayers for the deceased Old Boys who had fallen in the War. The British and American flags were flown during the week.

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The following Old Boys of the school—Rev. Gerard Gilbertson, Kevin Ashton and William Boyle were ordained on 26th May. We tender them our sincere congratulations and wish them many fruitful years in the Sacred Ministry.

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We are glad to welcome back Mr. J. C. Bryson as a member of the Governing Body of the College. Ill-health compelled him some years ago

to resign his position as representative of the Catholic Secondary Schools on the Education Committee and so he ceased to be one of our Governors. He has always taken a keen interest in the welfare of the College.

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Both the Ministry of Education and the Head Postmaster at Liverpool, wrote to express their thanks for and appreciation of the "assistance so willingly and cheerfully given by the boys in helping to dispose of the Christmas Mail. Your boys were interested and worked with enthusiasm and the successful accomplishment of the work was due in no small measure by their valuable

assistance."

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From the list of names of those accepted for entrance to St. Mary's College, Twickenham, given in the last issue of the magazine, that of Arthur Thomas was inadvertently omitted.

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The Reference Library has benefitted from the thoughtfulness of the following:—Messrs. A. Barter, P. Magee, N. A. Kearney, J. Worrall (Crosby), P. Ryan, K. Craig-McFeely, F. Taylor, T. Walsh. Many of the books donated are now unobtainable and for that reason they are highly valued.

State Ownership or Private Enterprise

HIS Holiness Pope Pius XI, in his encyclical "*Quadragesimo Anno*," states, "It is an injustice, a grave evil and a disturbance of right order, for a larger and higher association to arrogate to itself functions which can be performed efficiently by smaller and lower societies." Thus the Church does not condemn public ownership or control of industries if this is necessary for the common good, but she does condemn it if carried out simply for its own sake. Let us consider how the happy medium between the unlimited state control of industry and the cut-throat competition of unbridled private "enterprise" may be found.

The best policy with regard to the ownership of industry is one of compromise, a policy in which Englishmen excel. In my opinion, it would be well to differentiate between public ownership and public control. Let public ownership be reserved for such basic industries as the postal services and telegraph and telephone communications, but do not spare public control, for it is needed in many industries. For instance, there should be a central direction of agriculture to see that full use is made of the most vital resources of the land, the corner stone of our national economy, and to prevent indiscriminate growing.

Another disturbing feature of present day industry is the growth of great monopolies and combines. In the future the government should set up bodies to investigate strictly the absorption of smaller companies into these combines, both in the past and in the future, so that if necessary it could enforce the dissolving of groups into smaller companies or prevent the further absorption of companies already working efficiently.

There is another form of ownership which is worth considering, namely a status like that of the B.B.C., which is neither state-controlled nor a commercial company. The B.B.C. is a "public corporation" consisting of a body of governors appointed by the Crown, who are (1) vested with a monopoly of broadcasting in this country and with an annual income whose disposal is at their own discretion, but (2) bound by their charter to act as "trustees for the national interest and to use their monopoly as a means of "information, education, and entertainment." It is generally agreed that the B.B.C. has worked well, and this type of corporation is worth considering in relation to basic industries, such as coal and the railways.

Here then are some suggestions for avoiding on the one hand the "almighty state," and on the other, unlimited, selfish private enterprise.

On Reading in Bed

WITHOUT being voluptuous the loungers of this world are of an infinitely more attractive personality than the hasteners. To an eastern mind the western business-man proves their theory of physical laziness ; a laziness which approaches the Scot's ca' canniness. The Chinese philosophers see the foolishness of the man who cavorts through life like a juggernaut with the sole intention of making money. Yet, "the whirligig of time brings in his revenges," for by the time he is forty years of age the business-man suffers from chronic dyspepsia and duodenal ulcers.

How much better would it have been for the prosperous but benighted hastener to have stayed in bed ? There is a comforting sense of security that only a bed—and a book—can give. If, instead of bolting his morning cereal and coffee, the magnate had remained in bed, read his letters and business reports, ruminated, and then gone to the office fortified with a comprehensive programme of the day's work, he would not now have perforce to stay in bed eating bread and milk.

This gentleman's condition is a sad one. All doctors fail lamentably in their treatment, for he will persist in moving quickly. In fact the doctors become fascinated with his motions ; fascinated as are a sailor's eyes by a swinging lamp. and why does this dynamo of energy keep moving ? He moves because he has not read in bed.

He has spent so much of his time making money that he now cannot appreciate the beauties of art and literature. He has not the capabilities to grow old peaceably. So now, frustrated, hopeless, helpless and unloved he has to read vapid novels to satiate his desire to read. This hypothetical man's mind is mirrored in the modern vortism and

symbolism paintings ; foul, vivid splashes of colour with no unity or depth.

Oh that a man can be so reduced because he would not read in bed !

Since we have seen the possibilities which may result from not reading in bed, we shall consider the bed. At the moment manufacturers build beds for one purpose only, namely that we may put our bodies somewhere while we are asleep. The bed serves a strictly utilitarian purpose, and not one of comfort. The beds must be altered.

After a series of elaborate experiments and numerous prototypes we have designed a "bed-for-reading." Approximately three feet of the upper part of the bed should be inclined at thirty-five degrees to the horizontal. Now climb on to the bed, lay on the left side, with the left arm under the head, and you are in a comfortable position for reading. The cultivation of the practice of reading in bed brings its own rewards. Besides being comfortable, you repel visitors, for they either think you have a hideous disease, in which case they flee ; or they think you unspeakably lazy and shun you. In fact you have a salon.

The choice of books is entirely dependent on the reader, but certain facts should be borne in mind when making purchases. Never buy science or history tomes, they have a decided disadvantage in being heavy. Poetry and philosophy are admirable choices : poetry because one needs serenity to enjoy it, and philosophy because one needs time to digest the subject. Nevertheless there is no reason at all why certain books should monopolise, any book you are reading will suffice.

One last word of advice, cultivate the habit but never make excuses for the practice or you will arise a hypochondriac.

R. THOMAS.

Literary and Historical Society

THE Society meetings were unavoidably few, owing to the plethora of holidays which fell on a Thursday, and to the

delightful recitals and lectures by Mr. Boraston which were held under the auspices of the Society.

A very lively motion "That the United States

is more democratic than Britain" opened the Society's proceedings for 1945. Mr. Carter (Pro), vehemently declared that Britain could not be truly democratic while it retained the redundant House of Lords. Mr. Burns (Pro), further argued that American Law is not chained to ancient traditions, and can be changed with more ease. Mr. Molloy (Pro.), decried the lack of good education for the poor in Britain. In the U.S., "Public Schools" are truly public. The position of the Catholics in Northern Ireland was also cited as a failure of British democracy.

The merits of individual election, as practised in Britain, were stressed by Mr. Sadler (Con.), who also deplored the bellicose (sic) attitude of the police in the U.S. Mr. Frayne (Con.), pointed out that "capital" is more powerful in America than in Britain. Moreover, the fluctuation of public opinion ensures a change of government in Britain with each election. Mr. Frayne also lamented the treatment of their Negro population. Mr. Gallagher (Con.), although cut short by the bell, pointed out that the U.S. had not rushed to fight Germany as a champion of democracy.

Mr. Chairman, in summing up, awarded the decision to the Pros., and commented upon a certain lack of conviction on the part of the speakers.

The next meeting was an interesting lecture delivered by Mr. Ryan on "Stalin, man and leader." Mr. Ryan traced Stalin's life from his birth in Georgia to his present position of authority in the U.S.S.R. Amongst the more unusual facts brought to light by Mr. Ryan is Marshal Stalin's predilection for American "gangster" films, and his patronage of the Arts.

Mr. Ryan's efforts to portray the character and achievements of Marshal Stalin were appreciated in terms somewhat ironically fulsome; and it was urged that a strong policy towards Russia must be adopted in the peace.

There next followed an impromptu discussion on "Our Future Towns." This meeting was met with great approval and was continued for two meetings. Mr. Pennington demanded country planning to save the rural areas, but there must be

no ribbon development. Playing fields and an Art Centre were asked for by Mr. Osborne. Mr. Duggan supported the housewives in their demands for labour saving devices. Mr. McFeeley suggested "flats" as a method of practical housing. Mr. Ryan suggested the building of houses on the Swedish and Russian principle. Mr. Ryan supported his suggestions with photographs of the "Paylov" house, and Swedish flats. Mr. Walsh argued that brick-built houses are little dearer than timber houses and are safer from the danger of fire. Mr. Chairman defended flats and said if there was a "concièrge" the standard of living need be no lower than elsewhere. Mr. Loughe retorted with the cliché "an Englishman's home is his castle." Mr. McFeeley made especial note of the rival plans for Birkenhead, that of Robinson and that of Riley.

Mr. Chairman summed up by pointing out the all importance of a home in the upbringing of a child in the correct manner, an almost impossible task in the tarred-paper bungalows with which we are faced.

The next meeting was a discussion, "Will France become a major power again?" Mr. Loughe gave a brief resumé of French history since Henry IV, and based his argument on the previous reawakenings of France following defeat. Mr. O'Dwyer hotly retorted that France's former greatness was not sufficient reason for France to become a great power. Mr. Ryan inspired by his Russian sentiments applauded France's alliance with Russia and its consequent benefits. Mr. Duggan quickly took up the gauntlet and pointed out the Communist factions had been responsible for revolts and strikes in Paris during the 1930's. Mr. Thomas cited the benefits Poland had received under Russian benevolence—the Curzon Line.

Mr. Ryan stated that the Communists were very popular in France, as is reflected in the French newspapers we receive. Mr. Thomas pointed out that since we had received only one Catholic newspaper this was hardly a shrewd judgement. Mr. Chairman summed up by stating that the French were always stern fighters and would undoubtedly arise from this carnage as a nation

reborn.

A spirited debate, "That we are happier than our ancestors," aroused much laughter but also some profound thinking. Mr. Taylor (Pro.), stated dogmatically that happiness is essentially of the soul, and pleasure (often mistaken for happiness) and happiness are only equated in the child below the age of reason. Mr. Taylor added that social security and religious toleration made for a happier world than our ancestors knew. Mr. Osborne (Pro.), continued the argument by showing the great advances made in medicine, and the prohibition of child labour. Mr. Osborne also cited the more reasonable attitude taken of crime and punishment meted out.

Mr. Ryan (Con.), who had obviously studied Rousseau and "1066 and all that" demanded a return to communing with nature. He upheld the complete satisfaction to be found in "hunting, shooting and fishing." He felt sure that our forefathers were happier careering around the primaeval forests of Britain, clad in skins and

persuading opponents with a short length of Oak called a club. Mr. Ryan's synonym for happiness was health. Mr. Duggan (Con.), showed the hum-drum life of to-day with its utility suits, dried eggs, and the incomparable spam. He argued that war had now lost the atmosphere of Arthurian legend and had become the ghastly orgy we know so well. Mr. Duggan gave the pre-Shakespearian era as the golden-age when men were careful and still believed in God.

In summing up Mr. Taylor maintained that pleasure and happiness are only equated in the child not yet at the age of reason.

Mr. Ryan for his part emphasised the lack of religion and the muzzling of individuality by excessive government control.

Mr. Chairman mentioned the essentials needed to make a happy peace-time world, namely security and opportunity for "contemplation" in its widest sense. An opinion in which all philosophers concur!

R. THOMAS, Hon. Secretary.

Scientific Society

QUALITY rather than quantity has been the watchword of the Scientific Society this year. There are only three lectures to record, and two of these were given by an old boy, Mr. Lowe, M.Sc., F.R.I.C. In this respect he has set a shining example for other Old Boys, and the society is very grateful to him for the interest he has shown in its welfare.

His first lecture dealt with the colourful, though rather technical, subject of indicators. The Ph value varies with each indicator, and some indicators (e.g. thymol blue) exhibit two colour changes at different Ph values. Thus, by taking suitable mixtures of indicators, such as the B.D.H. universal indicators, it is possible to obtain several colour changes covering a wide range of Ph values.

Mr. Lowe then considered the conditions governing the colour changes. He pointed out that, in order to mark effectively the formation of a salt, an indicator must change colour at the Ph

value of the salt. However, the presence of proteins or large salt concentrations will affect such colour changes.

The lecturer also dealt with other types of indicators. He described certain substances, such as dichlorofluorescein, which colour the precipitate when a titration is complete. The effect is produced by selective absorption of the ions and these compounds are known as absorption indicators.

Mr. Lowe ended by referring to some of the latest advances in this branch of Chemistry. He mentioned that, until recently, an external indicator was necessary in many reactions involving oxidation and reduction. Now, however, this process has been replaced by the use of such internal indicators as diphenylamine. These greatly simplify the titration besides increasing its accuracy.

In his second lecture, Mr. Lowe dealt with

Chemistry in the garden. Chemistry was man's attempt to classify his knowledge of the universe, and therefore does not stop outside the garden wall. Although, many common plants contain a large amount of water (95% in lettuce, 85% in apples), there are some 150,000 organic compounds which are known to occur in plants. It is therefore obvious that the classification will not be an easy matter, and, in fact the classification is not complete. Most of the organic matter will, however fall into one of the following categories : carbohydrates, fats, proteins, odoriferous oils, colouring matter, vitamins, and drugs. The first two classes are the most common and compounds in them are composed of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen only. Compounds in these two classes are cellulose, starch (in wheat and potatoes), sugars, olive oil, cocoa-nut oil, and vegetable oils. About 2% of the dry matter in plants consists of inorganic substances. In these potassium, sulphur and phosphorus occur most frequently. Calcium, magnesium, iron, chlorine, sodium, and silicon are also found, while traces of manganese and boron may be found.

Mr. Lowe then proceeded to describe the growth of the plant. The necessary oxygen and hydrogen are obtained from water, while the plant absorbs carbon dioxide to supply it with carbon.

Nitrogen and phosphorus are derived from soluble nitrates and phosphates in the soil, the supply of which may be increased by addition of fertilisers. The other inorganic elements also occur in the soil, and these, in the presence of heat and light, are built up into the complex organisms which constitute the plant.

After these two lectures by Mr. Lowe, Mr. Hewitt explained some of the intricacies of aero-engines. With the help of diagrams, he explained the principle and action of the four-stroke engine and also gave several practical modifications. The timing of the engine was very fully dealt with, and then the lecturer considered the problem of fuel supply.

The fuel, he said, must be supplied in the form of a vapour, and the device which converts the liquid fuel to a vapour is known as a carburettor. The carburettor should not only supply the fuel in the form of a fine spray, but it must also control the amount of fuel supplied. Normally the air : fuel ratio is 14 : 1 but for slow running a higher proportion of fuel is necessary. The problem of fuel-control at high altitudes was also considered, and Mr. Hewitt finished his lecture with a description and explanation of supercharging.

F. BRENNAN, Secretary.

French Literary and Debating Society

A SERIES of debates commenced on March 2nd. The first subject discussed was : "*Est-ce que le cœur de l' Empire devrait être situé au Canada.*"

The argument in favour of the motion was opened by Mr. Osborne who considered that the proximity of turbulent Europe prejudiced Britain's outlook on Empire affairs. America in his opinion was the focal centre of world affairs and aviation would shorten distances. In reply Mr. Pennington stressed the traditional and political importance of London and the success with which the Empire has been defended and developed in the past. In support of Mr. Osborne, Mr.

Merivale considered that tradition is out of date and that a government in Canada would strengthen our bond with the Americas. The last speaker Mr. O'Dwyer referred to the climatic and geographical disadvantages of Canada and did not want to see the independence of Canada impaired.

In summing up *M. le Président* considered that greater attention must be paid to pronunciation and intonation. In granting his decision in favour of the opposition he commended Mr. O'Dwyer's effort.

The next debate was held on March 16th on the subject : "*Que l' invention de l' aéroplan a apporté plus de mal que de bien dans le monde.*"

The opening speaker, Mr. Merivale, remarked upon the destruction caused by aerial bombardment during the war to cultural and irreplaceable monuments, whilst Mr. Pennington considered that the aeroplane was the finest scientific triumph of our day and he stressed its post-war use as ambulance and rescue means of transport. Supporting Mr. Merivale, Mr. Ryan looked to the moral as well as physical evils resulting from the blackout and the destruction of family life. Mr. Osborne, however, declared that war-time use of the bomber is the abuse of the aeroplane as it was designed as an instrument of peace.

M. le Président noted a marked improvement in all respects and commended Mr. Ryan especially.

A third debate on April 20th, 1945, discussed the question: "*Que la jeunesse est la partie la plus importante de la société.*"

Mr. Thomas, opening, considered youth as the life-blood of the nation, full of enthusiasm, initiative and originality. Mr. Walsh, however, declared that all constructive work and productive labour is done by adults whilst all government work requires experience. The effect of an over-emphasised youth he saw in Germany. The first representative of the VI. B. Moderns, Mr. Carter, stressed the fact that youth had won the war and he considered that our highly educated youth of to-day was worthy of its eminent place in present affairs. Mr. Burns, closing, showed the ages of the Big Three as proof of the superiority of experience over energy.

In passing judgment in favour of the motion, *M. le Président* declared that the VI. B. had commenced their debates favourably.

The last debate before going to press was held on May 18th, 1945, on the subject: "*Laquelle est à désirer la vie professionnelle ou la vie des affaires?*"

Speaking in favour of the professions, Mr. Craig-M'Feely opened by remarking on the service to the community performed by profes-

sional men and the mental discipline and balance which these men acquired. Replying to this argument Mr. Frayne looked more to the lucrative remuneration of a business life, at the same time noting the disaster in a man's career which any professional mistake entailed. Mr. Fell appreciated the dignity of the doctor and the temptation to base practices to which a business man was exposed. He saw the need of educated men in a new society. A business life, in Mr. Gallagher's opinion, offered an opening to the poor man without education and he was conscious of the international value of world-wide business.

Judgment was decidedly in favour of the professions.

An innovation in the society's activities was made on June 1st, 1945, when three speakers made election speeches and a vote was taken at the end. The Conservative, Labour and Liberal parties were represented respectively by Messrs. Ryan, Pennington and Loughe.

Mr. Ryan relied more upon the time-honoured reputation of the Conservative party rather than on its principles and post-war aims. He eloquently stressed the security and initiative he would represent if returned.

Mr. Pennington set out his party's policy carefully differentiating between Socialism and Communism. A gradual nationalisation of all mines, railways, factories, etc., he declared to be the party's immediate aims.

The cause of the Liberals was upheld by Mr. Loughe who declared that the country needed a moderate administration for rehabilitation and reconstruction. He feared the extreme principles of the Labour and Conservative parties and was conscious of the danger of neglecting our armies in the Far East.

In the ballot that ensued the Conservatives received 10 votes, Labour 9 and Liberals 5. This novel arrangement proved most interesting and gave scope for greater initiative and expression.

J. LOUGHE, Hon. Secretary.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

THIS session of the Conference has been by no means an uneventful one. The number of Brothers has decreased slightly owing to various causes but those who are left take a great interest in the activities of the society as is evidenced by their attendance. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the boys of the school who helped to raise a record sum at the annual collection. The amount collected was £36 4s. 3d., which was donated to such causes as the Cathedral Fund, the Apostleship of the Sea, the Catholic Social Service Bureau, etc.

The other activities of the Conference have flourished. The very beneficial talks given by some of the Brothers continued for a while but were unfortunately discontinued. Since the "Life of Frederick Ozanam" had proved to

be of such a benefit and was of such great interest it was decided to purchase several books of the "Life of St. Vincent de Paul." Besides being very interesting these books have provided the Brothers with an example on which to model a good life.

An important part of the work of the Conference is the weekly secret collection which has added a considerable sum to the funds of the society. It has been decided to dispose of some of this by making donations to the Druid's Cross Orphanage and the University Chaplaincy Fund. With these few notes we hope that the new members of the Conference will carry on the good work of the society in the coming year.

J. PENNINGTON, Hon. Secretary.

Music Notes

SINCE the last issue of the magazine, there has been considerable Musical activity in the School.

At the end of the Autumn term we were more than pleased to hold a very successful Christmas Concert. A brief account of the proceedings may be of interest.

The Orchestra played two selections, and the following items were also given :—

Piano solos by P. Tighe and J. Occleshaw ; Tonette solo, V. Gaskin ; Organ solo, Mr. P. O'Brien ; Songs by Mr. Curtin and Mr. Boraston, and a Christmas Carol by Form IV Alpha.

After the Headmaster had thanked those who had taken part in the entertainment, the proceedings closed with the singing of the School Song and the National Anthem.

The Junior School attended six concerts given by the Philharmonic Society, by arrangement with

the Education Committee. These have been thoroughly appreciated.

Ordinarily these concerts are conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent, but owing to his touring Australia, Dr. Reginald Jacques is taking his place until next season.

It is interesting to study the methods of different conductors, and whilst we regret the absence of Dr. Sargent, we are glad to have such an able conductor as Dr. Jacques in his place.

The words and music of the School song have now been published and may be obtained at the Book Room.

We hope, and expect that every boy will purchase a copy of this, his National Anthem, certainly one of the ties binding all Edwardians together :—Present to Present, Past to Past, Present to Past, Brothers, Masters and Boys.

F.R.B.

National Savings

NOW that the war in Europe has come to an end, our first duty is to thank all those who have so generously lent their aid to the upholding and forwarding of the National Savings Campaign in the College. But the Savings must not end with the European war. Soon after the cessation of hostilities a copy of a letter, containing a message of thanks from the Rt. Hon. Sir John Anderson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was received. In this "salute" to all officers of the National Savings Group the Chancellor, among other things, said: "On behalf of the Government I wish to thank the many thousands of voluntary workers in the movement for the great service they have rendered to the country by their work for the War Savings Campaign." In particular, he wished to convey the Government's thanks to "that great army of

Officers of Savings groups, whose persistent and unostentatious work on the financial and economic front has made such a vital contribution to victory. The country owes them a great debt of gratitude."

The Chancellor then proceeded to stress the importance of savings after the war and said that if we are to reap the full fruits of victory, "it is essential that regular saving should continue, particularly in the difficult transition period when we shall be passing from a war to a peace economy. *During that period the work of the National Savings Movement will be as vital to the Country as it has been during the war years.*"

Let us not, therefore, slacken in our efforts, but with characteristic generosity let us do our share in the re-modelling of post-war Britain by saving. Think twice about spending but not about saving.

Examination Results

CHRISTMAS, 1944.

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| VI A. Science, Religion : R. Crawford, F. Hewitt. | L V. Beta. Religion : A. Bellew. |
| 1. D. Peel. 2. R. Crawford. 3. F. Finetty. | 1. F. Bowden. 2. C. Hall. 3. G. McKenna. |
| VI B. Science, Religion : B. Boggiano. | L V. A. Religion : D. Hartley. |
| 1. S. McNamara. 2. T. Sharrock. 3. B. Boggiano. | 1. E. Croft. 2. M. Bennett. 3. F. McCumiskey. |
| VI A. Moderns. Religion : J. Pennington. | L V. B. Religion : J. Penketh. |
| 1. J. A. Loughie. 2. R. Thomas. 3. A. P. Duggan. | 1. P. Servini. 2. W. Slattery. 3. G. Tiernan. |
| VI B. Moderns. Religion : K. F. McFeely. | IV. Alpha. Religion : J. Shennan. |
| 1. R. A. Sadler. 2. W. J. Burns. 3. F. G. Molloy. | 1. J. Shennan. 2. G. Gogerty. 3. E. Johnston. |
| U V. Alpha. Religion. J. Merriman. | IV. Beta. Religion : J. Beirne. |
| 1. B. C. McFeely. 2. P. Mulville. 3. J. Merriman. | 1. J. Beirne. 2. D. Mullarky. 3. F. Finn. |
| U V. Beta. Religion : G. Davies. | IV. A. Religion : A. Brown. |
| 1. G. Davies. 2. K. Woods. 3. J. O'Shea. | 1. J. Brash. 2. P. Langshaw. 3. W. Fishlock. |
| U V. A. Religion : R. Hill, T. McKenna. | IV. B. Religion : J. Cooper. |
| 1. W. Dickson. 2. R. Riley. 3. B. Lynch. | 1. J. Diamond. 2. N. Clague. 3. A. Holme. |
| L V. Alpha. Religion : D. Dunn. | III. Alpha. Religion : J. Morgan. |
| 1. H. Roche. 2. J. Dryhurst. 3. F. McGrail. | 1. P. Rose. 2. J. McDonald. 3. R. Freeborough. |
| | III Beta. Religion : B. Fishwick. |
| | 1. P. Doyle. 2. A. Broad. 3. B. Fishwick. |
| | III. A. Religion : P. O'Brien. |
| | 1. P. O'Brien. 2. T. Harrison. 3. J. Finnegan. |

III B. Religion : F. Scott.

1. F. Scott. 2. J. Shennan. 3. J. Connell.

U II. Religion : K. Cain.

1. G. Slater. 2. A. Curran. 3. R. Ahearn.

L II. Religion : P. Harris.

1. L. McFeely. 2. P. Harris. 3. E. Robinson.

I. Religion : P. Murphy.

1. J. Hart. 2. G. Gloyne. 3. G. Mills.

Preparatory. Religion : P. Doyle.

1. J. Howard. 2. M. Evans. 3. M. Broad.

EASTER, 1945.

VI A. Science. Religion : F. Hewitt.

1. T. Murphy. 2. F. X. Brennan. 3. R. V. Crawford.

VI B. Science. Religion : S. McNamara.

1. S. McNamara. 2. T. Sharrock. 3. B. Boggiano.

VI A. Moderns. Religion : J. G. Osborne.

1. J. A. Loughe. 2. J. Walsh. 3. J. Pennington.

VI B. Moderns. Religion : M. F. Nolan.

1. R. A. Sadler. 2. G. M. Carter. 3. F. G. Molloy.

U V. Alpha. Religion : P. Mulville.

1. P. Mulville. 2. B. C. McFeely. 3. F. Rose.

U V. Beta. Religion : J. Avery.

1. G. Davies. 2. K. Woods. 3. J. Avery, W. Tully.

U V. A. Religion : R. Hill, T. McKenna.

1. R. Riley. 2. W. Nickson. 3. T. Batin.

L V. Alpha. Religion : D. Dunn.

1. B. O'Dowd. 2. J. Dryhurst. 3. P. Sherry.

L V. Beta. Religion : A. Bellew.

1. F. Bowden. 2. J. O'Keeffe. 3. C. Henshaw.

L V. A. Religion : M. Bennett.

1. E. Croft. 2. M. Bennett. 3. R. Mulcahy.

L V. B. Religion : J. Penketh.

1. W. Slattery. 2. P. Servini. 3. T. Barnwell.

IV. Alpha. Religion : J. Shennan.

1. J. Shennan. 2. E. Johnston. 3. M. McGowan.

IV. Beta. Religion : P. Ashton.

1. F. Finn. 2. K. Williams. 3. L. Connor.

IV A. Religion : W. Fishlock.

1. J. Brash. 2. W. Fishlock. 3. P. Langhsaw.

IV B. Religion : P. Finegan, A. Walsh.

1. J. Diamond. 2. T. Nursall. 3. P. Finegan.

III Alpha. Religion : J. Morgan.

1. F. Birkenhead, J. Morgan. 2. P. Rose. 3. W. Ellis.

III Beta. Religion : F. Edgar.

1. P. Doyle. 2. N. Bridge. 3. F. Edgar.

III A. Religion : P. O'Brien.

1. P. O'Brien. 2. R. Smith. 3. T. Harrison.

III B. Religion : F. Scott.

1. F. Scott. 2. J. Shennan. 3. T. Ayers.

U II. Religion : L. McFeely.

1. G. Slater. 2. A. Curran. 3. R. Ahearn.

L II. Religion : P. Zanetti.

1. M. Gregory. 2. E. Anderton. 3. B. Wilson.

I. Religion : F. Gloyne.

1. F. Gloyne. 2. G. Mills. 3. J. Hart.

Preparatory. Religion : T. Laphan.

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In Memoriam

ANDREW GORDON

Born 21-7-1931

died 22-3-45

Andrew Gordon first came to St. Edward's in 1943 when he entered the College as a pupil of Form II. He made the normal progress and was in Form IV A at the time of his tragic death which, though not sudden, came as a great shock to all his classmates and friends. Andrew was in some respects an unusual boy but, being of a happy, carefree disposition, he was popular with his classmates. Though somewhat temperamental, he was straightforward, had a very determined character and was very much in earnest about his work. The shock of his death was all the greater as the mishap which led to it was so slight that so grave a result could hardly have been envisaged.

Following a slight accident, Andrew was admitted to Alder Hey Hospital, suffering from meningitis. After being unconscious for a couple of weeks an improvement took place and hopes were entertained for his recovery. But God had other designs in his regard. After a sudden relapse he lingered on unconscious for almost a week and on the night of Thursday, March 22nd, fortified by the rites of Holy Church, Andrew departed from this life to go to his heavenly home, there to rejoin his parents, both of whom death had claimed as air-raid victims some years before.

Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul in St. Paul's, West Derby, on Wednesday, 28th March, the last day of the College Annual Retreat. The funeral took place to Yew Tree Cemetery. The College was represented at the Requiem and Funeral by two of the Brothers and Andrew's classmates were also present, along with some of his friends from other Forms. The last laying to rest of one of their companions made a deep impression on Andrew's classmates, who had been assiduous in their prayers for his recovery and had day by day anxiously enquired after his condition. After his death their fervent prayers were offered for the repose of his soul and they had several Masses offered for the same intention. We offer our deepest sympathy to the relatives and friends of our young departed friend, but, though we grieve at the early cutting short of his span of life, we cannot fail to find consolation in the thought that he was thus early found worthy to be called to enjoy the reward of his merits. May he rest in peace.

Form Notes

Form VI A Moderns

FEW philosophers have hit the nail so adroitly upon its proverbial head as Rivarol whom we may well imagine to have been referring to us, denizens of the noble

sixth in his memorable words : "*sur dix personnes qui parlent de nous, neuf en disent du mal, et souvent la seule personne qui en dit du bien le dit mal.*" Neither Ovid nor his literary counterpart Livy have yielded such immortal aphorisms. We feel it imperative that we quote, for, we are told,

examiners hearts are wont to beat faster with pleasure when their all-seeing optics alight upon such an opposite saw as we cite here.

The last six months have seen twelve ambitious youths straining at the leash, thirsting for enlightenment. From time to time we have seen fit to entertain for thirty minutes the neophytes of VI B with our oratorical powers. Indeed their latent spirit of oral expression has been occasionally stimulated, both in the French and English tongues. Almost everyone's political opinions are now quite evident even though it seems customary to ascribe certain opinions, during debating sessions, to those to whom they are most nauseating. But "you cannot keep a good man down" and with this reflection foremost in our minds we recall, with no little jubilation, that at a debate on Housing, which continued for some days, a shrill voice was heard piping from behind the cover of the back bench, expressing ultra-socialistic tendencies. That voice, dear reader, "propertyed by all the tuned spheres," belonged to none other than Mr. O'Dwyer. He also dabbles, in what is known among cultivated circles as "chicanery," which gentle art he has exploited during French periods.

A wave of bibliomania surged over the form about the Ides of March. Evidently under the inspiration of some heavenly force, this was followed by an exodus into the Wirral of some three notables, who, as it was formally disclosed, took up their humble abode in a small shack at no small distance from the nearest semi-civilised hamlet. Two of the worthies who participated in this escapade thereby exonerated themselves from the arduous task of collecting pennies to augment the good work of Atlantic House. Apart from their other pastimes which are of no topical interest, their five days' sojourn was quietly spent in fishing under the expert tutelage of the ubiquitous Mr. O'Dwyer, in midnight card-sharpping and in generally tasting the joys of unbridled liberty.

A strong predisposition towards the previously untapped resources of philosophy and psychology, has been exhibited of late, principally by Messrs.

Taylor and Thomas. The latter hero, who is also entrusted with the representation of the school at the select committee of the now celebrated "*Foyer Français*," has revealed the hitherto unknown secrets of the philosophy of the Chinese sage, Lin Yu Tang—not to be confused with his old friend and admirer, Kung Fu Tsu, honourable ancestor of the Amalgamated Laundering Company of the Lin Min Yung brothers. Mr. Taylor confined his researches to nearer home, paying particular attention to the heterodox philosophies of Ancient Greece, upon which he expatiated in the recent debate on "Were our forefathers happier than we?"

There has been no lack of interest in our French studies. With Mr. O'Dwyer's bizarre interpretations of certain words, French periods proved quite merry and bright; for, encouraged by the kind assistance of Mr. Curtin, many an amusing legend was narrated by Denis about knights and their steeds, either inextricably entangled in mortal combat, or armed from head to foot with unusual weapons, varying from false visors to sharp-pointed knee-shields. Certain obliging assistants at the Picton Reference Library will remember for years to come their tireless efforts to find Petit de Jourville and Faguet, who eventually presented themselves, thick with the dust of wasted years. If the reader would refer to Mr. Loughe's notes upon the momentous events of the French Literary Society, he would, we are assured, be pleased to review the great perorations of "*Les Orateurs*."

Perhaps it was the pressure of the history studies that caused the general mental inertia which gripped the Form after Easter. Some have become quite adept at answering questions of their own creation, a useful gift, but not very auspicious at the present moment. History periods are usually heralded by vigorous propulsions in all directions of the rostrum, sedulous dusting of the chalk-powdered lid of that structure, then violent pulmonary exertions to disperse the few remaining dust particles. The periods, however, once in progress, were made quite interesting by constant topical and diverting anecdotes. It would be

foolhardy to name any one historical expert after the rather disquieting remarks which have been passed. Readers will, however, recall that previously Tom Merivale held the laurels.

Always full of virile zest and enthusiasm the form has been well represented upon the Rugger and Cricket fields. Tom Merivale, school captain of both first teams, and our philosopher friend, Frank Taylor, both received the priceless colours. Likewise, though not aspiring to such heights, Messrs. Osborne and Ryan participated in many a memorable scrummage. However, before we pass on, one more incident may be quoted. Youthful readers of the City "Echo" will have no need of introduction to the history of those two genial characters, to wit, Curly Wee and Gussy Goose. One evening there appeared a few verses of—you will observe—iambic metre in lines of varying length which delighted the hearts of all who are acquainted with a little knowledge of Edwardian Sporting Life. Rigid censorship demands circumspect remarks, but with due deference to its author, and kind thoughts to Tom, to whom these lines are respectfully dedicated, we quote but one verse:—

"As time went on in Chartermouse a 'person'
M. became

Till even stately Sixth Form Mice just almost
knew his name.

They watched him on the Rugger field and
squeaked: 'a likely chap,'

He ought to get his colours soon and wear a
tassled cap."

We must congratulate ere the ink of inspiration dries up, Mr. Kennedy on his promotion in the ranks of our A.T.C. At last his capabilities have been appreciated! At last his untiring efforts, in spite of the pressure of recent studies, have reaped their true reward! The only two other members of the form still in blue are Cadets Loughie and MacDonnell; the latter, who has kept a position near the door, with the large ink-bottle near at hand, reminds the classic scholar of Nero with a large goblet of choicest Falernian, and has of late added valuable dramatic criticism which has aroused justifiable surprise from all in his succinct

and lucid manner. Nevertheless we are informed that he is quite a sturdy wicket-keeper, and is one of the few remaining cognascenti of Aircraft Recognition.

We must tender our best wishes to Corporal Kennedy and philosopher-cum-sportsman Taylor who have volunteered for the Army. There is among us one whose tastes in ties have evoked the observation of more than one member of the staff. This predilection for multi-coloured neckties he blends with a profound admiration for swing music. Here we must thank Mr. J. Osborne and Mr. Thomas, who at imminent risk of virulent criticism from "those that hath no music in them" provided an interesting afternoon with an orchestration of the very latest jazz "hits," which was prudently terminated with Handel's "Largo." Great hopes are entertained, therefore, that next year, which will see the return of Johnny O., a more comprehensive series of lectures will be devoted to this, the music of the moderns. To gentle Arthur Duggan, who is the proud possessor of tomes of loose-leaf notes, to Mr. Loughie, secretary of the French society, and to Mr. Thomas, known better as Ray-proselyte, you may remember, of our earlier friend Lin Yu Tang, we wish the sincerest hopes of success in their University Examinations. John Pennington, quiet and unassuming but of prepossessing personality and Skipper Merivale are likewise bidden a fond farewell to their respective Training Colleges. With the passing of the Higher School Examinations we wish Mr. Walsh, whose feats at Latin were almost incredible at Paschal time, all the best in his researches and explorations into the verdant fields of romance.

Sincerest thanks, then, to all who have helped, after a happy and memorable two years, to achieve this millenium of sixth form happiness. Our heartiest acknowledgements also to Brother Francis and to Mr. Curtin who have played their part in conducting the agenda . . . We part, then, with those weighty but gallant words, learnt in the early days: DO WIDZENIA.

A. RYAN.

P.S.—With all his usual self-effacing modesty Mr. Ryan informed us of his gaining of a valuable book for a prize-essay entitled “The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.” We learn from reliable sources that he (always devoted to Lyly) has adopted a Persian cat which purrs most silkily and mellifluously : unavoidably the cat is Persian and not from a more northern region.

May his success this summer be on all fronts !

R.T.

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Form VI B Moderns

Since our last notes our life has been uneventful, except for VE Day Celebrations, but it has by no means been monotonous. We have found that after the tentative circling in Form IV, the forceful introduction in Lower V, and the reasoned and deliberate approach of Upper V we are now in a favourable position to understand what Latin is. Cicero was really quite thrilling ; we wonder what he would have done to devastate the A's electioneering campaign. He has the vocabulary !

Congratulations were bestowed on four members of the form who participated in a French Debate. This contrasted comparatively favourably with the previous attempts of the super-léite, and we hope to give further justifications of what may seem conceit. We were not so confident, however, at some of the meetings of the Foyer Français, or, as Nolan would have it, the Club. When Frenchmen, unaware of our presence, spoke too fast and fluently we often found ourselves a few sentences behind, but otherwise we enjoyed the meetings. While speaking of French we must mention that no lesson is considered complete without a diversion from Anthony Rigby—ever cheerful—much to the amusement of all.

We must admit that we have a pleasant life especially since we have taken up Arithmetic instead of Calculus. Some of us find time to visit social gatherings ; some even, fie upon them ! extend their pleasures to the day-time : weddings always were an excuse, even in Apostolic times ! Ronald Sadler is content to reserve his enthusiasm for life, and all that implies, to Saturday

afternoon when he sells his soul ! He stoutly maintains there is only one local football team. Another football enthusiast, George Skillicorn, was accused of imitating his fellow supporter when a box of matches entrusted to him in his position as High Master of the Candles, was found in his desk. What is the world coming to ? “ *O tempora, O mores !* ”

The end of the war in Europe relieved us from the burden of listening to a monthly chorus of sirens, and was marked by the introduction of fireworks. Several playful children have been quite amused to see a stately sixth-former nonchalantly stroll away when one of these explosives has been dropped behind him. This should call for another “ *O tempora, O mores !* ” but to show you we do know some more Cicero we shall astound you with an erudite(?) “ *Ubinam gentium sumus ?* ”

After that morbid reflection on the decline of our successors let us seek consolation in the laurels earned on the field. A. Rigby and J. Carter are in the School first teams both in Cricket and Rugby. Denis Gaskin was in the second Rugby fifteen, while Vincent Gaskin and George Skillicorn played in the glorious Bantams. Skillicorn is captain of the second eleven in Cricket, two of his men are Francis Molloy and Denis Gaskin. J. D. Gloyne played with notable success as a bowler in the first Cricket eleven.

Alas ! all are not filled with zeal for studying reform bills. McFeely (of Poster fame), tired of the Benevolent Despotism of Joseph II and his fellow workers, cast aside those green exercise books ; and now, at least once a day, he deserts us to peer into the vastness of Architecture. We have made short work of the imperialism of Disraeli ; and Growney and Gallagher, on ardent collectors, would do likewise with Gladstone's finance had they the opportunity.

Johnny's comfortable and artistic pose is appreciated and envied by all the form ; but one man of moment prefers the right pocket to the left—merely a matter of taste !

We find little to say of Burns—he is unimpeachable (these prefects always are) ; at any rate we

may record his sound mathematical talent : he scores for the 1st XI (Infants of the VIth Sc., please note). And then, finally, we come to David. How can we sing his praises ? You would need to know David—and that is difficult, for he is very elusive, is happy-go-lucky David ! very !

To Herbert Davies, whom ill-health compelled to leave us, we offer our sincerest wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

Hearty success to all examinees ! Cheerio.

A.T.Z.

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Form VI A Science

" and they were led like lambs to the slaughter." This perhaps would be in the eyes of the majority, a fitting opening to this last chronicle of the present VI A Science, who await with trepidation the momentous event hanging over our heads, but, "nil desperandum," we carry on with the hope of success.

This term has been rather broken by holidays for one cause or another, but these have served to break the spell of that potent narcotic mathematics. We have had the great fortune to hear some more of Mr. Dowe's interesting scientific talks, for which we extend our heartiest thanks. We have also heard lectures by representatives of the Foreign Missionaries and even of the Armed Forces.

It was with great pleasure that we heard at the beginning of May that our Arms had been victorious in Europe. Many of us with relatives in the fray will appreciate the feeling of thanks which we owe to those who have achieved victory, and who, we hope, will soon achieve final victory.

On Monday afternoons the variety of reasons rattled off, extempore, as excuses for missing P.T. has begun to inaugurate the seed of doubt in the minds of those who consider such conduct definitely "infra dignatem." We must remind our followers of XI B., that this is not one of the ways in which they should try to emulate us.

The glory of our achievements in the laboratory is not totally hidden from the remainder of the school. The ethereal odours of phenyl isocyanide

and hydrogen sulphide continue to permeate the atmosphere of the school, satiating the sensitive nostrils of those who love the pleasant scents of the chemist's laboratory.

We sympathise deeply with our gallant compatriot who impended so much nervous energy in the checking of our chemistry books, and, at the same time, cannot but admire those, who with lupine faces have been able to devour so easily (in their own opinion ?) the knowledge offered by those very books.

During May we had the privilege of the May Altar's being erected in our class-room. It was tended by one who, we know, would prefer to remain anonymous, but who at the time was identified by the oily hands and fingers and the sudden interest in anything remotely artistic. The hymns this year were led, on various evenings, by different members of the class though we would desire it to be remembered that we could easily force someone else's hand or rather voice.

As a warning to pedestrians we have to announce that one of our members recently obtained a Driving License for his (or someone else's) car. On seeing a photograph of the car one morning we could perhaps withdraw the warning, but, if the car does start, look out ! Another member, who is, however, not interested in photography, likes to experiment with flashlight powder air pistols and other weapons of war. This same enterprising person has conceived the brilliant idea of patenting a four-neck Woulfe's bottle for the manufacture of sulphuric acid on a small scale.

As the year rolled on we noticed that another of our stalwarts had had additions made to his A.T.C. uniform (we deny that it was too small for him) and is now spoken of in awed undertones as, the "Sergeant" (Congratulations).

However "tempus fugit" and we end by wishing success to all S.C. and H.S.C. candidates reminding them that "labor omnia vincit." In closing we append a memento to those who have helped in our work, Brothers and Masters alike :—

"Never in the field of human conflict"

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Form VI B Science

Once again we raise our heads from our books to compile a few form notes from the higher regions of the school. We have at last come to the end of our first year in the Sixth Form and we look back upon it with a certain amount of satisfaction(?) Most of us have worked hard during the year but unfortunately those in authority seem to think otherwise—in some cases. Despite this we would like to thank the masters for their untiring efforts to bring us up to the required standard. Some members of the class, unable to stand the strain of three terms, retired in despair of ever attaining this standard.

The class, however, managed to keep together in spite of losses. Next year, perhaps, we will not be so united. S. Jones left us at Easter to take up an army commission at Belfast University. T. Walsh and C. Parr have also left us to follow new occupations.

Two of our number are taking the subsidiary H.S.C. this summer and we hope that success may attend their venture. While we are on the subject of exams. we wish success to all who are taking H.S.C. and S.C. exams. Though we ourselves have not got to face the ordeal of public exams., we fully realise that much depends upon our Summer terminals as to whether we will attain the coveted position at the top of the school.

During the month of June, we were privileged to have the Sacred Heart in our form room, the altar for May being in the A's.

Each evening the Sixth Form corridor was filled with the sound of sweet (?) voices as we sang our hymns. Of course, the Mods., incapable of such masterly renderings, could only stand in *ecstasy* (or horror) and listen.

Although the weather has not been good for the cricket season the attendance has been good. We are represented in the School XI by T.S. and J.B. and P.F. plays for both First and Second XI's. Several members of the form find a greater attraction at the tennis courts and some already show signs of playing at Wimbledon in the near future.

By far the most important event of the term was

the announcement of V.E. day for which we thank God and the men who toiled for it. Much to the schoolboy's delight this announcement carried with it two day's holiday.

In concluding, we should like to thank Mr. Lowe and F. Hewitt for their interesting lectures during the term. Once again we wish the best of luck to all exam. candidates and will close on this note.

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Form Upper V Alpha

We know it is a fact that U V Alpha's contribution is one of the high-lights of the magazine—but this term we must disappoint our admirers. Our poets have unfortunately got sense and our jokers are strangely silent. It is rumoured that they are on a bean dietary and their mood is consequent by that of Kinglake's Greeks. Possibly exam.-fever has had its little say too.

Poor Jack Davidson is making Gerundive constructions in his sleep while the man behind him enjoys the reverse process. Silver Latin has a devoted client in Francis Kane and our modern Mysseri speaks in four languages and prompts in one. Then Raymond gives us the Flemish, Short the Irish and our old friend the Widnesese. We feel quite out of it—we few that speak the English—so politics are taken up to preserve our prestige. Then we have artists four, scriptural students, chemistry lecturers, an Australian bowler and an extra-mural student, i.e., he believes in mastering—chewing, Brutus would call the process—a day's work before appearing for another dose. Sound psychology there!

Next item is to pass round the honours. First on the list is Bob Nolan, who must be thanked for all his work during the past year and he has been ably assisted by Smyth and Wren. Next comes Domville, who kept the draughts out and whose umpiring was both efficient and impartial; then the irrepressible Powell (long o, we believe) who made plenty of noise and did such noble work in effacing(?) sketches, notes and sums from the board. Joe's care for our French must not be forgotten and our gratitude goes out to Furlong for

his musical selections, to Mulville for getting all the sums out, to McFeely for keeping quiet, to Thompson for his eagerness in accepting half-crowns as official treasurer, and last but not least to our Bob of the fair hair for turning over so many new leaves. Special mention must be made of Eric for his long-suffering patience and devotion to duty.

We'll say little about our cricket powers except that many a batsman has come to fear Yeoman's bowling and Bob has "inspired terror" in many a field. We enjoy cricket every Wednesday afternoon and those of us who don't wander in the East or in the strange bye-ways of S.C. Maths.

Now that's that; but we are not forgetting Victory Days, which brought us a three days' holiday. We thank God for Victory and that the war is over while our prayers are that the world will be blessed with true peace.

Before we finish this ramble we must wish good-bye and God speed to Raymond Decrop and Peter Mullarky who are soon leaving us for their own native air. Raymond is returning to Belgium after a three year's stay with us during which he gained a place in the Second XV and in Hope first teams and finally we hope a School Certificate. Peter is going north-east more or less and though not yet 14 with the S.C. almost in his bag—the results are not out yet. To both we wish the best that life can give and that they will think occasionally of old friends in St. Edward's. To those leaving school this term we wish every success and brilliant careers. Then to Br. Finnegan, of whom we have such pleasant memories, we send greetings and good wishes.

Now everybody, Good-bye and may there be smiling faces on August 25th.

D.J.S.

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Form Upper V Beta

We have just time to lift our weary heads and bid you all "Good-day!" Such is, was and always will be, the pressure of work in this class of bright, intelligent boys that time does not exist in sufficient quantities to enable us to accomplish

all our homework, schoolwork and odd jobs. No wonder we sympathize with poor Hugh's many vain excuses, particularly those on Monday morning. Our heads have been filled with theories and theorems, with policies of blood and iron, with Irregular Verbs (in our opinion the true cause of the Franco-Prussian War of 1870, as old Bizzie was a dud at French) plus despotic atoms, absolute liquids and laws both fixed and "un-fixed."

Oh, for the patience of a Kinglake! But we have had some moments of relief. The various collections afforded us every chance of lightening our cargoes and we fully availed ourselves the opportunity. Then Elocution lessons at 4 p.m., on certain days of the week attracted full attendance, and which one of us would not gladly listen again to Tim's sorrowful rendering of Antony's speech to the mob? "In truth, such things have been." A further relief was the introduction of graphs towards the end of term, while the print of St. Jude, which recently appeared, has given us food for thought. Still the exams. will soon be over and there lies before us a holiday longer than usual.

In the games line we cannot boast of our usual quota in the First XI but are well represented in the Seconds and Colts. Recently we played the Alpha's, but there is no need to describe our victory. We challenge any Form in school, offering them a start of 50 but keeping our famous mathematician as scorer. That minus fifty would soon change to one hundred and fifty.

We offer our sympathy to Walter Brownbill on the death of his mother. We wish Good-bye and God Speed to Raymond Decrop and Peter Mullarky, who are leaving us, after a few happy years, for their own native air. Our best wishes to Br. Finnegan on the Rock of Gibraltar and we hope he enjoys many a cruise up and down the Mediterranean and round the West African coast. To the Brothers and Masters are due our thanks for their many acts of kindness or otherwise during the term and to all and sundry we wish a pleasant holiday with fine weather and a little rain.

J.D.

Form Upper V A

It is true that we study maths., and hard at that but we have not yet advanced so far as Einstein's fourth dimension, hence we may be excused if we restrict our comments to recent happenings—to remember facts of the last two terms is too much. So we may begin from the day that we, a bunch of weary pupils crept furtively into our seats, with heavy hearts, long faces and empty heads for the third time this year.

Heads—scalps ! We use them and some of us are scalped in the process. Scamps—another significant word with a meaning out of the ordinary. Here we may say—at least some of us in L V Beta last year—that we are pleased to inform all, and Mr. M. in particular, that the views expressed in last year's summer magazine, page 776. column 1, paragraph 3, sentences 2 and 3 are now definitely out of date—believe it or not. But enough of this

One fact is obvious, we are well represented in all the school teams. In fact, we are reliably informed by one who knows, or should do, that we form the backbone of the school sides. Ten players were in the Rugby XV's and a similar number are on the cricket sides.

Our National Savings have been keeping the collector busy ! It must be admitted however, that he has a rival in the art. Money flows in our class—one way traffic. We have had the satisfaction of featuring well in the totals of the various efforts and in maintaining our May and June altars in a fitting way. Hearty thanks to those, too, who brought the numerous and beautiful flowers.

The end of the political truce is at present being celebrated : those with—and without fixed views are to be heard daily on the topic of the moment. All parties are well represented—and led. First there is B—, a fugitive adolescent, now resting in Wallasey (Liverpool's dormitory—is that why he is so often late ?) : he leads the Conservatives—and claims to be “ National,” at least, he is nearly all-round.

Then there is N . . . , a former arms-smuggler from Widnes, a rather excitable leader of the

Liberals (who said the Liberals are a dying party ?)—rather more ready to ask than to answer questions. Several compete for the office of Labour leader. In addition we have the United Irishmen who are sea-green in politics but do they come up to the second part of the reference ? There is also an embryonic dictator.

Our representative in the A.T.C., being in uniform, takes no part in these deliberations. There is wonder, admiration and envy at his numerous and growing number of decorations. We congratulate him on the honour paid him in being selected as the School representative for the special course held in London lately.

We wish to tend our thanks to all who have spent their efforts on our behalf and will close with hopes for success and best wishes for a good holiday.

A.D.

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Form L V Alpha

As an indication of our superiority, we will *not* begin with the time-honoured “ . . . Lower five Alpha calling ! ” We assume that you can see the heading, and therefore proceed without more ado.

First, let us send our regards to our Pilgrim in Gibraltar ; your place has been taken, sir, by a worthy successor. We rather think he is wasted in his present position—he would do better in Petticoat Lane, judging from the amount of cakes, tea and, of course, savings stamps, which he persuades us to buy !

There is, in our midst, a poet who wrote excellent Form notes in rhyme ; but, as a demonstration of human perversity, they were not accepted. But as we think at least some of his genius should be shown to the many-headed, don't be surprised if we suddenly break into poetry. We quote : “

“ In the scholastic line we're exploring new paths ;
We've mastered (?) our English, our French and
our Maths.

But for some poor fellows, it's really sad,
The Latin Subjunctives drive them mad,
So dear old B.R., from this terrible pest,
Has decided it meet to take just a rest.”

All of which, just goes to show”

Now, meet our Rogues Gallery. J.D. heads the list ; he doesn't exert his authority very much, but is renowned for his periphrastic meanderings. (Probably James will be the only one to understand that !) His bosom friend, Brian (the smaller Brian, that is) has a pleading manner which wins over the hardest of hearts.

Our Master of Facial Expression, of course, is the famous W-n. We think the masters should get a decoration for carrying on in the face of such contortions.

As for B.C., we can do no better than return to our Bard ; "Our ' Brutus ' expression, when acting his part, is enough to make even the strongest men start." Just compare his acting with that of the listless "crowd !"

While on the subject of stoics, let us take an admiring glance at "Jimmy" who surveys all, as we are told, with a "bovine look."

Not far away from this interesting gentleman, sits our French expert P.F.G., whose chief occupation is, as far as we can see, "laughing at nothing !"

Little Teddy has become a lepidopterist overnight, and with his packet of "Mothaks" may be seen hunting each day.

Anthony G. is a hypnotic personality ; during "break" he eats raisin sandwiches, and during lessons he gazes, round-eyed, into the middle distance, until roused from his soliloquy by some inconsiderate master.

"Billy" has a partiality for refined jokes and witticisms ; we hereby wish to state, that all he does is to repeat those of the author, as if they were original !

Then of course, there is "Porky," who is forever trying to convince us that he is not corpulent.

McN. keeps us in educational literature, "Young Gordon" lisps his way through life, while Tony (or is it Cyril ?) thinks up splendid orations and becomes hopelessly mudled when delivering them. Gerard, our gentle Ormskirk-ite circumnavigates the class-room before translating his French.

Well, that's about all, except to wish everyone as good exam. results as we'll get and as happy

holidays as we intend to have !

"DUD NIVNA."

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Form L V Alpha

This is L V Alpha calling from a remote class-room surrounded by many laboratories from which issues the smell of Hydrogen Sulphide gas. Just by us is what seems to be an Indian encampment, the inmates of which always seem to be doing a tribal war dance composed mostly of shrieks and wails.

We have a good cricket XI and we are represented by McQuaid and Bowe in the "Chicks" and by C. McKenna in the "Colts." The latter, aided by some mysterious power, is able to flit from desk to desk during lessons.

Our new prefect besides being a combination of army cadet and stamp seller is also a bird's egg salesman.

T. H . . y is the class prodigy ; he is known by us as the class comedian, but by Mr. B . . r as Holingsworth.

Next to him sits J. Mc . . d whose hilarious laughter rings intermittently through the class. When he is not giggling he comes out with his favourite expression, "Our Shed."

The class detective story writer sits behind the "mountain of merriment" who was once an important personage. Chas. disturbs the Physics class by giving non-scientific statements such as, "Sir, the clock's slow."

From the left hand corner of the room gurgles are often heard. It is only T . . r who in learning Latin turns out a mixture of Latin, French and Russian much to the disgust of his tutor C . . t.

At the same side of the class sits our wee Lydiate lad who, when asked a question, pours forth a torrent of H's.

We were very sorry just before "Whit" to hear of the return of Jean Canon to Belgium. We all hope he will fare all right back in his homeland when he pours forth yards of poetry to the great astonishment of his compatriots.

Just before we close we would like someone to lend our furniture removers P.E. and P.T. a small

motor truck. Well, cheerio for now and good luck in the exams.

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Form Lower V Beta

Looking back on the year it is with melancholy we write these few notes. From the number of epithets cast at us while we sat and "stared as long as sheep or cows" we were compelled to believe that we were ignorant—but "a man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still." The so-called ignorance may be attributed to our unwillingness to have anything to do with so *murderous* a course.

Physics consisted of throwing stones. English—the exploits of Madame Guillotine or the Roman mob. Latin—gladiatorial combats or a man *superatus fumo* (K.L.'s translation accepted amid silent cheers from back-benchers!). French—*voleurs d' enfants*. Chemistry—poisonous gases. History—tales of bloody wars while thirty-three half-interested students sat with upturned collars under our thirty-five fully opened windows. Mathematics—daily persecution for an innocent thirty-three. Even such a course could not break the spirit of our noble form.

The monotony was relived by the crooning of Barney, the merry laughter of the Gall in the front bench, the witty and well thought-out answers of S—not to mention the romanticism of Littler.

Doyle, an enterprising youth carried a black-market in home-made ha'penny bombs and cross traded in white mice. Eames, one frosty morning, came fortified with a bottle of hand lotion and judging by the demand there might be he hoped to retire at the end of the term—alas! the specimen bottle fell into the wrong hands. Others with an eye to business are S—and the Widnes boy who once came sporting rings!

To Maysmor goes the prize for the best kept desk—he comes in occasionally to inspect it. To W. Slattery we offer our sympathies for the energy wasted in his vain efforts to keep us quiet; J. Green (door keeper) also deserves special mention for his timely tips.

But "Let us to the field." Aided by a few of

the A's we got a try against the Alpha's and Beta's. In cricket J. Penketh and T. Grace represent us in the Colts and Rex is outstanding on the field.

B.B. sold a Savings Stamp—the one and only sold here during the year—it is highly prized and may be on view some week in August. Please form a proper queue. A budding essayist defines a Television set as "a screen on a box with knobs on it."

We take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed to make our May and June altars a success.

Hope we have a good vacation before going round the corridor to the Upper V's.

P.E.S.

Form IV Alpha

This is the first post-war bulletin issued by IV Alpha. Two of our brigade were reported missing during the year but they have been located in IV Beta. There are some individuals in this Form; J.L., F.D., who do not approve of examinations and who do not think that their intellectual ability should be sounded. These individuals mentioned do not believe in co-operative work lest any merit which should be accorded to both should be unjustly attributed to one. Of the four prize babies in the class, J.D., T.B., P.K. and J.H., the last has not yet succeeded in weaning himself from the babyish habit of sucking his finger. Occasionally too, he bursts into uncontrollable fits of laughter for no apparent reason and when he is asked the cause of the hilarity, his gentle and childish reply is "Nothing, Sir." M.J., who is responsible for the hygienic conditions of the class-room always seems to forget his duties. When about twenty minutes of the first period has elapsed he suddenly jumps up as if awakened from a deep sleep and makes a rush for the window pole accompanying his action with the apology, "Sorry, Sir." J.H.-s. has the record for the sprint from the 60 bus stop to the hall arriving, as he does, about 2 seconds before the bell rings and so the Form has got the idea of presenting him with a medal. Our wireless expert is at present busy in setting up communications between himself and

those who are considered the most conversant with the various branches of knowledge.

We have a clear conscience in saying that we have superiority over the Betas in cricket. Our first game with them was a draw but in a recent match we well and truly trounced them. This should put a stop to their boastful talk "look at our star players F.J. and F.F., they will make mince meat of you, etc., etc." Our 2nd XI has beaten them in both games. We suggest that in future they should play marbles on a Thursday afternoon.

It is very amusing every morning to have a peep at Four Alpha before prayers. You know the examinations are quite near and hence the intensified campaign. T.M., our sub-editor, says we have written enough. It is typical of "fatty;" "why all the exertion?" So we wish all our companions in arms every success in the approaching examinations and hope to see them crowned in glory in one of the Lower Fives after the vacation. Cheerio everybody.

T.M., J.S., M.McG., E.J.

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Form IV Beta

The sonorous voice of IV Beta again reaches the unwilling ears of those readers in other forms, who do not hold our great form in such esteem as we, its members do.

"Speech by Mercer," is gradually becoming the watchword of the form. The author of this saying, is M., who has in him the making of an M.P.

The illustrious but diminutive J.B. is an expert at losing Br. M's place in his maths. books.

F.K. repeatedly protests that he ran a mile in 4 minutes while the record is 4 minutes $3\frac{5}{8}$ seconds to be precise. Instead of gaining renown for himself he is now pestered by certain members of the form asking for his autograph.

Our form evidently has decided to be the last to cease celebrating VE Day and Members of the form, notably M.J.C. and J.B., delight in setting off fireworks at times of recreation.

The appearance of G.N. and the sudden increase

in the supply of pumps (rubber ones) was greeted with wild enthusiasm and B.M., the class orator rose to the occasion with many congratulatory speeches.

The subject we like best is Chemistry where a few hopefuls are waiting for a firework display or a minor explosion to occur, but Br. M. takes care that their wishes are not gratified. Nowadays there appears to be a revival in French and if only the master realized it, the subject is even beginning to be liked. Somebody is developing a very flexible wrist, since whenever a name appears on the board for talking it disappears in the flash of a duster, leaving in its wake a cloud of chalk dust.

We strongly recommend a reinforced desk for L.C. (authorities, please note), the vibrations he creates are rather upsetting to his companions.

The smallest boy in the form is K.G. who is our chief mischief maker, we do not believe the saying that "There is good stuff in small parcels."

Electioneering is a favourite way of passing time away, and every day a battle is waged between "Labour" and "Conservatives," etc. At the moment Conservatives are the predominant party.

Let it be known that IV Beta will challenge IV Alpha to a cricket match any time, and win. Allow us to introduce our star cricket players, namely F.J. and F.F., who go about the game with such vigour and determination that it bodes ill for their opponents.

Judging by the number that went to the Philharmonic Hall there are a great many "music-lovers" in our form.

Concerning the library, popular opinion moves that more books be presented to the Form library and such books as "Geraldine" be put in the museum.

We thank all those who contributed to our May Altar which was kept beautifully decorated.

K.W., P.S., J.McD.

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Form IV A

Once more we are nearing the end of the school year and are eagerly looking forward to the

holidays—but not to the exams which come first.

On these our fate depends, but we are hoping against hope that we shall succeed in surmounting this obstacle with few casualties. We seem to be making some progress in the pursuit of knowledge, though our Latin is still rather unorthodox. As proof of our progress we were even considering writing these form notes in French—or even in the language of the Romans. However, we got no farther than merely considering it. We have been reading lately about Roman schools and schoolboys and we have come to the reluctant conclusion that the modern schoolboy is not as badly off after all. We dare not even think of beginning work “*etim. ante lucem.*” Such an early start would be decidedly unpopular among us; we would like to hear A.B.’s opinion on the matter. He seems to be rather unfortunate lately in the number of mishaps he meets with on the way to school. Even the dogs seem to be in the conspiracy to keep him late. It is a remarkable coincidence that P.L. seems to get punctures on the same mornings, and to come by bus on the same mornings—by the late one, of course—as A. There seems to be a serious shortage of flowers this year—and of candles, too though P.D. may be able to throw light on the latter shortage. P.P. has turned over many new leaves this term—so many in fact that he is slightly bewildered sometimes as to which exercise he forgot last night! A certain row near the centre of the room seems to be bent on keeping its reputation as a kind of “silent partner.” Though we find it hard to stand or even sit straight, we have not yet descended to the depths to which our neighbours in IV B have fallen. We hardly dare to mention the shameful fact, but “truth will out; murder cannot be hid long”—neither can a doll, and a black-faced one at that. However, we must make allowances for the youth of the culprit—it is rather hard to expect him to spend from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day away from his toys.

We offer our deep sympathy to the relatives and friends of Andrew Gordon whom we all miss from the classroom. We attended the Requiem Mass for him in St. Paul’s and the funeral to Yew Tree Cemetery and we still remember him in our prayers.

We must leave some room for IV B to get a few words in, so we shall conclude by wishing everybody a pleasant holiday.

VALETE!

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Form IV B

We are coming to the climax of our long and strenuous term of hard work—thus far W.G. and these words must sound strange on *his* lips. However, we think that most of us can say that we have done a fairly good year’s work and our teachers must, we feel sure, be very pleased with us. We have been making rapid strides with our Chemistry. Our steps towards the mastery of Latin have not been quite as rapid, though F—now feels quite “at home” even in the first declension. We began cricket this term and most of us prefer it to Rugby as being far less strenuous. G. McC—, has represented us once on the Colts XI, while we are well represented on the Chicks XI—P.C. being a live-wire wicket-keeper, while A.H. is their “ace” bowler. We must not forget another representative who has already proved his worth to the side—the scorer, which position has been amply filled by A.W. We cannot believe there is any truth in the rumour that he takes his table book with him to each game. We also hear that large quantities of orange juice are regularly consumed in a certain part of the room—this rumour we find no difficulty in believing. In one corner of the class we have a bright “jewel” whose lustre is sometimes rather obscured. After coming first in class at Christmas and Easter he seemed to think he was entitled to a well-earned rest. The illusion was short-lived! We played IV A at cricket and the clock just saved them from a heavy defeat. We hope to have met them again by the time this appears.

We sympathise with Form IV A on the death of one of their number and also with the relatives and friends of the deceased. Along with IV A we were present at the Requiem Mass and funeral.

Just now we are so “busy” working for our exams. that we can spare little time, even for form notes. We wish all a pleasant holiday and

hope to meet again in a higher form next term.

Au revoir !

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Form III Alpha

Although fighting has ceased in Europe we, in III A are still battling away on the French, Geometry and Algebra "fronts !" The casualties are few and usually of an isolated nature. At the beginning of the term we welcomed one more into our ranks and now we number thirty-eight—just to beat the Beta's !

Most of us also welcomed the advent of cricket and in this game we showed III Beta "how to play *and win*." W.E., our Widnes representative, has played for the "Chicks" (someone enquires, "Does he eat corn or meal?") D.S., J.F., and P.H. are also prominent on the field.

In class we are often disturbed by two little boys in the front of the room, who suffer from periodic attacks of giggles—usually simultaneous ! At physics, M.A. is often troubled when discussing thermometers and K.R.'s desk is simply littered with magnets, compasses and other "scientific instruments" at this time ! We all acknowledge the artistic ability of A.N. in the making of bracelets and serviette rings, but, unfortunately for him our view is *not* shared by the various masters. When certain boys are asked a question, a "short-system" is set in operation but it is soon "jammed" by our form master. Since our last notes we have enjoyed (?) two lectures ; one on "Birds" by our naturalist B.M. and the other on "Stamps" by our philatelist R. B . . ll. A Philharmonic concert gave us an admirable excuse for a half-day and many boys suddenly became "music-minded." There is *no* foundation for the rumour that a certain boy attended so that he could call at his aunties' on the way home.

Much profiteering has been experienced in the manufacture of explosives (fireworks) which succeeded the making of medieval weapons—"swords." We suggest that the government should intervene in the matter. A special note of thanks is due to those "brainy boys" who

enabled us to forget homework for *one* night recently.

We must also thank those who have contributed to our May and June altars. Since the Summer examinations are drawing near we must now come to a close in order to proceed with the good work. We all hope to address you next from Form IV.

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Form III Beta

At the beginning of this term we heard that III Alpha had a new member in their class. When we saw a strange face in our room on the first morning we thought that we had one, too, until someone recognised our long lost companion J.H. ! F.H. is another boy whose face we have not seen for a considerable time—someone suggests that his bicycle is still in reverse !

We have been rather fortunate in the way of holidays this term and the "VE-Day" holidays were especially welcome. If by chance you should pass our classroom and hear sighs and groans you will know that we are at French, Maths., English or Physics. A word of warning would not be out of place here. Be careful when passing along the corridor near our classroom for it is quite possible that J.G. might come tumbling out—and not through the door ! It is said that there is a considerable bulge in the wall even now. M.M.'s raucous voice may also be heard disturbing the peace and quietness of the school during our English lessons when he gives us weird and, sometimes, very original definitions of certain words. V.M., our budding soprano seems to prefer showing his talent outside the music-room. We all know the answer now when T. Mc. is asked for his Physics note-book.

For the past few weeks we have condescended to allow the Alpha's into our abode of peace and happiness for one half-hour each day. The motto of P.J., when saying poetry or repeating a French lesson is, "Slow but sure."

Our first "test-match" with the Alphas resulted in a win for them. We could offer many excuses for this remarkable occurrence but this

might cause tears, so we refrain from doing so. Our star cricketers are J.G., B.E., W.N., V.M. and J.P.

We must thank all those who have contributed ornaments and flowers for the May and June Altars and conclude by wishing everyone success in the coming examinations.

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Form III A

Of chief interest to us in Form III A were : a Philharmonic Hall Concert, a lecture in the College Assembly Hall on "Safety First" and Br. C's departure to L.V.A. We hope Br. C's change is only temporary and so on the rare occasions on which he visits us we chorus, "Welcome home, Sir." Congratulations to P.D. and G.R. of this Form who are contributing to the success of the College "Chicks" team.

The Form cricket team has overcome all opposition—the outstanding performances are P.D. 40 runs not out and V.H. 8 wickets for 11 runs. Our successes give us hope to finish our fixture list, on which is III B, an unbeaten team.

To J. Wainwright we offer our sincere sympathy on the death of his mother. R.I.P.

That success will attend our efforts at the exams. and that Fortune will always smile on the endeavours of school leavers is the wish of III A.

T.M., B.P.

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Form III B

One of our sages, who has a nodding acquaintance of H.W.L., that in III B there is toiling, rejoicing, sorrowing as onward through life he goes—the masters rejoicing at the progress of their pupils towards 100% in their subjects at the exams.—the pupils toiling and sorrowing that each morning sees some task begun each evening sees it close before their night's repose. The sage takes this opportunity of offering to each of the form masters : thanks to thee my worthy friend for the lessons thou hast taught, even if occasionally at the flaming forge our fortunes must be wrought.

We offer our deep sympathy to James Duthoit and all who mourn with him on the death of his mother. May she rest in peace.

The exams. are closing in. To all, particularly those taking S.C. and H.S.C. exams., we wish success ; to Brothers, masters and companions, a very pleasant holiday : to those leaving the College, bon voyage.

J.D., J.B.

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Form U II

We are now run by "G.A.S.," a popular successor to R.A., last heard of heading for Australia. When hyenas were mentioned at History the other day, G.A.S. emitted a high-pitched laugh which so strongly resembled a hyena's that much mirth was caused.

The Form takes this opportunity of offering sympathies to Christopher Dobbin upon the death of his father.

The Shoot Club, led by N. K., smallest though noisiest in the class who repels all attacks with a "cherubic" smile, enjoys a big following. At cricket we are very proud of our hand-me-down white garbs. D.O. and V.O'H. are our shining lights. If the latter did not get so much of the field on his "longs," he might shine in more ways than one.

It is not every form that is haunted by a fairy "fay," nor can all boast "wolves" and "dickie" birds among their pets—but then, we are also obliged to keep two "cains !"

P.E. shows pugilistic tendencies lamentable in one of such tender years. His stock-in-trade conversation is of "feint lunges to chest" and more bloodthirsty "lefts to the nose's." Every Saturday we are expecting an invitation to see him fighting someone who always beats him.

At singing we have been hailed as the best form. Has any other class been told this ? We would hate to *push* our claims unjustly !

A thrilling detective story has yet to be written on "The Riddle of the Black Spot" which suddenly appeared on K.K's neck during a writing lesson. Despite strenuous investigation, the enigma continues to baffle all solution, and

upon this note of mysterious frustration we reluctantly bring our chronicle to a close, wishing all boys and even some of the masters, a pleasant and, especially, a *long* holiday.

U.P., E.R., T.U.

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Form Lower II

Since we last gave you an account of ourselves in the magazine, we have many things to tell you.

Before we broke up for Xmas we had a very good concert. The four classes in Runnymede got together and so we had plenty of enjoyment—songs, music and stories. When we came back after Easter, we were looking forward to VE Day for it meant two days free as well as all the sport we had—bonfires and parties. When the month of May came we had a very nice Altar with a good supply of flowers and candles.

Now I must tell you about our Form. The best lessons in the class are English and Drawing. We hear a lot about angles and circles and like them except when we get Geometry for homework. We are working hard for our examination in which we hope to do well.

Since this term began, we have played cricket instead of football, though most of us would have liked to play football the whole time. We have some good bowlers; so we are going to give Upper Two a good match soon. That is all I can think of this time. When we write Form Notes next some of us we hope to call ourselves Form III. Good-bye and a happy holiday to everyone.

B.W.

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Form I

Hidden away in our Runnymede apartment we wish to tell you all how we are getting on. We are

working like blacks. Still we can keep on smiling. We have plenty sources of amusement. A.J., M.D., and C.B., are always ready with a joke, whenever we get tired of our hard work.

Our football season is over and we were all very fond of it. We had a few games with Lower and Upper II, but with little success. Still we were always willing to accept a challenge. We beat Prep. twice. We have some budding stars in Cricket and we hope they will shine later on.

Our May and June Altars were beautiful and we kept them well supplied with flowers and lights.

Our master has planted some flower seeds, some in the conservatory, others around it and we are eagerly waiting to see them in bloom. We like nature study very much. We all are very happy looking forward to our summer holidays. Good-bye we hope to be speaking from a higher Firm next term.

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Preparatory Form Notes

Yes, this is Prep. again! Since last term we had a new master for a few weeks, who told us many ghost stories. We were very sorry when he went away. We had two days off school this term, for VE Day. We have been celebrating since by letting off as many fireworks as we could. The cricket season has now opened but some of us would prefer football. J.H., T.L. and T.D. are our best players. M.E. is the artist of the class, and paints wonderful pictures of fairies, etc. At Nature Study M.B. is the best. One has been heard to say, that he believes the College magazine to be a very popular book among those who can read! He hopes to be able to understand its contents in the near future. We are all working hard for our exams. and hope to have at least *one* form below us next term.

Pianoforte Recitals

SIXTH-FORMERS enjoyed and appreciated the pianoforte recital which Mr. Boraston gave us on Friday, March 2nd. The programme, which contained a Prelude and

Fugue, and a Beethoven Sonata, was prefaced by a comprehensive life-study of the composers concerned.

Of the famous "Forty-eight" Preludes and

Fugues which Bach wrote for the "well-tempered clavichord" Mr. Boraston selected No. 1 in C major, the prelude of which he played with great clarity and precision. Mr. Boraston made the fugue very intelligible. Each entry of the subject consisting of the first part of the diatomic major scale was well announced yet not over-emphasised.

Then followed a magnificent rendering of Beethoven's "Grande Sonate pathétique." This great work, which has delighted audiences for the last hundred and fifty years, opens with a dramatic movement marked "Grave" and is followed by other contrasting movements. Mr. Boraston made the melody of the Adagio Cantabile ring out clearly and concluded the sonata with the rippling Rondo.

At the next meeting, Mr. Boraston began his recital with a short appreciation of Coleridge-Taylor's *Hiawatha*. He showed how it was constructed mainly on one theme, and illustrated this by example taken from various parts of the piece.

He then came to his recital proper, which consisted of four short compositions all of a different character. The first was a Nocturne followed by a Polonaise, then an example of an impromptu and finally a song without words.

For the Nocturne Mr. Boraston selected the Nocturne in A composed by the originator of the Nocturne form—Field. In this piece (which is in ternary form) the calm beauty of the first subject was admirably rendered. In particular we

admired the delicate fingering of the scale passages and also his wonderful interpretation of tempo which really gave aesthetic life to the piece. The rather stormy middle section was very well executed without over-emphasis, and, then, the calm and peaceful conclusion completed the picture admirably.

The Nocturne was followed by the well-known Polonaise in A major by Chopin. In this the pianist combined skilful fingering with good tone and volume. The rhythm of the dance, which was in sharp contrast to the peaceful Nocturne, was well brought out. We can imagine Chopin playing his Polonaise ecstatically when his country was crushed under the tyrant's heel, expressing all the Polish spirit of freedom.

In the impromptu which is really a set of variations on a ground bass, the pianist showed clearly by his playing that he thoroughly understood the unique construction of the piece. The recurring figure in the bass was clearly played without undue emphasis.

The fourth and last piece was a song without words in E minor by Mendelssohn. This is a piece in binary form with a march rhythm which seems to indicate that the composer intended the piece for a military band.

The recitals were received with enthusiasm by the sixth-formers: votes of thanks were proposed and seconded by Mr. R. Thomas and Mr. J. Osborne.

A.N.

Old Boys' Letters

UPHOLLAND LETTER.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE,
UPHOLLAND,
WIGAN, Lancs.
June 9th, 1945.

Dear Mr. Editor,

The last number of your magazine was particularly interesting for us as it gave us a report of your Centenary Celebrations last July. It would have given us great pleasure to have attended the High

Mass, but unfortunately we were kept busy with examination papers that morning. So we had to be content with being present in spirit.

We enjoyed a short but very welcome rest from our labours in celebration of the victory in Europe. As part of our celebrations we had a fine big bonfire after the Solemn Benediction and "Te Deum" on VE night. On the following Sunday the Rector sang the Solemn Mass in thanksgiving for the victory. This was followed by an excellent

dinner reminiscent of pre-war days.

St. Edward's was well represented on Ordination Day, May 26th. Three Edwardians, the Revv. Gerard Gilbertson, Kevin Ashton and William Boyle were raised to the priesthood. May they enjoy many fruitful years in the service of the Eternal High Priest, "*Cui servire, regnare est.*" At the same ceremony Kevin Walsh took the Subdiaconate and James Higham received the Orders of Exorcist and Acolyte.

It is clear from your reports, which are necessarily incomplete, that Edwardians are taking their full share in the war effort. We notice that many of our contemporaries are among those who have made the Supreme Sacrifice. May the Holy Spirit guide us to true peace so that their sacrifice may not have been made in vain.

We wish you every success in the forthcoming examinations and a very happy holiday when they are over. To all Edwardians who are serving with His Majesty's Forces we send our best wishes and pray for your safe keeping. "*Orate etiam pro nobis.*"

Yours sincerely,
UPHOLLAND.

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SIMMARIES LETTER.

• ST. MARY'S COLLEGE,
STRAWBERRY HILL,
MIDDLESEX.

The time has arrived again when we at Simmaries make known to all Edwardians how we have tried to maintain the high standard set by other Edwardians in past years.

With the strain of Certif. now upon us, we will try to wrack our overwrought brains, to give you all the news from Simmaries.

As always, the Edwardians here have distinguished themselves both "in class and field" during the past year. Vin Doyle proved himself the best Edwardian teacher this year, with Jim McGrail coming a close second. All now expect to pass Certif. with flying colours, all things going well(?) and the "stable-hints" coming up. At the time of the "Edwardian" going to press, Frank Gill,

as manager of our magazine is helping in the preparation of the "Simmarian." Incidentally, Arthur Thomas has been elected Editor of next year's Magazine.

With regard to Sport, Jim McGrail and Frank Gill were awarded their Rugby colours. Jim, as Secretary for Tennis, is a probable for his Tennis colours, while Frank, as Secretary of Athletics, is preparing for the Annual Inter-College Athletics which are to take place soon. Bill McLoughlin, Captain of Swimming, has unfortunately had a poor season owing to the difficulty of obtaining fixtures and also the inclemency of the "fair, Southern weather." As a member of the Smoke-room Committee he has, however, done a great deal towards our entertainment, and has contributed no small part to the success of our concerts.

Of the Juniors, Thomas has been the most prominent once "bringing down the house" at a concert. He has also joined in most of the summer sports. Croft, a keen tennis player, is a member of that club. He is also in great demand by the Seniors because of his artistic talents. The other Juniors, Bolger, Ludden and McMullen, without being particularly prominent, have joined in whole-heartedly with the life of the College.

Now with Certif. in about seven days, the Seniors are preparing their assault course, as will shortly be going out into the world as members of the Teaching Profession. With an ordeal before ourselves we can think kindly, as kindred spirits, of all those who are taking S.C. and H.S.C. this year. We wish them every success in these exams.

With the impetus that has lately been given to recruiting for the Teaching Profession, we know that a great number of Edwardians will soon become Simmarians. We feel sure that you will keep up the traditions set by your predecessors and remember that an Edwardian in Simmaries is "someone." We wish you all the very best of luck in all things.

After counting all these words, we can see that the space reserved for us will be filling, so, as always, we will sign,

Yours sincerely,
SIMMARIES.

VARSITY LETTER.

THE UNIVERSITY,
LIVERPOOL.

Dear Mr. Editor,

The hope expressed in our last letter has come true and with the end of the European War, University life can be painted in more attractive colours for those coming up this year. By that time we hope Vacation Terms will have vanished and examinations overshadowed by visions of the Far East very much things of the past.

At the moment the War-time Regulations apply to a few of us only and with conflicting times of Vacations and Exams. it is difficult to glean exact information about any one of us. This is the more

so as we are well dispersed throughout the Faculties.

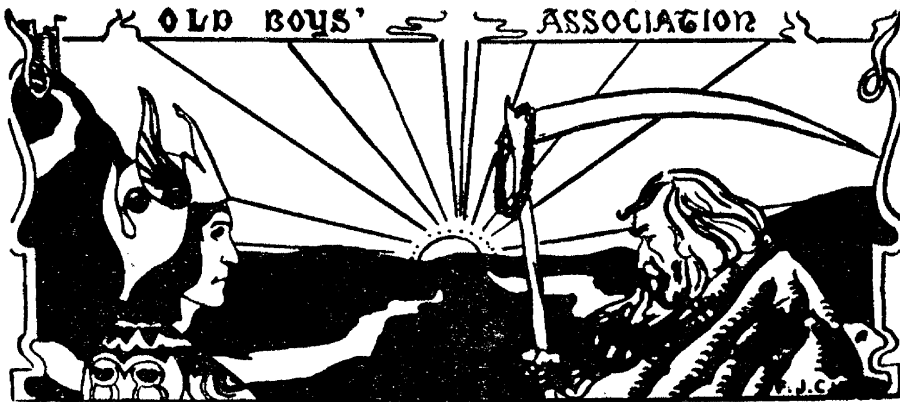
"Dr." Joe Brown and Tony Burd are doing nicely in their respective spheres. Frank Rossitter is following in the steps of our last Engineers and John Rouse, our L.D.S., is often seen here and there. Of the older members Gus Cunningham is well on the way to success and Harry Dunn and Joe Brown are still running the Chemistry Dept.

Brian Burke showed up during term and we hope to see more of him and his associates soon.

With best wishes to those taking exams., we conclude once again.

Yours sincerely,

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These notes are being written at a time towards

which we have looked with hope and in anticipation of achieving great things for C.I.E.A. To what extent that achievement will materialise in the future depends on many factors among which ranks highest the support—chiefly personal, later

financial of those about to become Old Boys. Which reminds us to wish all S.C. and H.S.C. aspirants every success. To return, however, there is one unknown factor which has not yet revealed its potentiality for good or ill. We regret we cannot be more explicit for two reasons ; first, being no longer a member of the Executive Committee, we are not in the known and, second, we understand that the difficulty hinted at has not yet reached its crisis, and may, we hope, disappear. "Keep them guessing" has become quite a technique these days. If the future is not crystal clear, hopes and intentions of the governing body are as vigorous as ever. Now here is where YOU come in, dear reader. Hopes without foundations are at best shaky, and foundations are things one builds on, in a word, supporters. Don't wait for the Freshers' Social sometime next winter. Come along, make yourself known and at home at Bishop's Court. A welcome there awaits you. Hiking and cycle runs followed by socials are the Summer staple. Dancing, too, has been, and will be a feature. Several have already been held in conjunction with the Liverpool Secondary Schools' Club. The next one is sometime in August.

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A.G.M.

On April 14th, a successful Annual General Meeting was held at Bishop's Court, after a supper in the College Dining Hall. Our thanks to Bro. Wall, who joined us for the evening. The function was marked by the issue of a Bulletin to which Sir John Shute sent a letter of encouragement dated March 12th. He wrote :—

"I am glad to know that the C.I.E.A., notwithstanding the strain that must have fallen upon it in common with other bodies of a like nature, has weathered the storm of war and is now making determined efforts so as to be ready when Victory comes, as come it will, to promote and develop the activities for which the Association was founded.

I well remember that after the last war the Association had a serious set-back, probably owing to the fact that, like so many other Clubs, one had not fully realized in advance post-war

possibilities. I am all the more gratified to know that your Committee are determined that this mistake will not be repeated.

I would therefore, wish to appeal strongly to all Old Boys' of St. Edward's and the C.I. to seize the opportunity to rally round and actively support the Association. Strong, virile, well organized Catholic Bodies will be of paramount importance both to the Church and the Country in general after the War, and particularly if such bodies are composed of educated men able to take their full part in dealing with the manifold problems that lie before us. On this account and for the good name of the Old Schools mentioned, I will be glad to hear later that these words of mine have had some effect in active and increased membership."

The sentiments expressed in the final paragraph of Sit John's letter have been the guiding light of the Committee through the dark war years. But youth leadership is a depressing task when there is no youth following. The new committee have already got down to the job of reconstituting the active life of the Association and Club and are already planning an organization to which any Catholic young man will be proud to belong.

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IN MEMORIAM.

In the Autumn issue we reported "missing" Joseph Ferguson, R.A.F., during Coastal Command Operations over the North Sea. A letter was received from his mother a short time later saying that Joseph had made the Supreme Sacrifice on July 18th, 1944, when he was shot down over Heligoland. Three days later his body was recovered on the Island of Juist where it now lies in the Dunes Cemetery.

The sad news has been received that Peter Lindon, R.A., has been killed in action. We have no other details than that he had been serving since the outbreak of the war.

Word has also reached us that John Stewart was lost at sea in 1943, while serving in the Merchant Navy.

To the families of these Old Boys we respectfully offer our heartfelt sympathy.

In a previous issue we regretted to report the

death in action of William Burke. At the time we understood that William was in the Army. We have since heard that he was killed whilst training as an R.A.F. pilot. We are grateful for this correction.

R.I.P.

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MISSING.

Many recent Old Boys will remember J. S. Rice. He came to St. Edward's in 1936 and left at the age of 15 in 1939. On September 15th, 1941, he joined the R.A.F. as an apprentice. In November, 1944, he was commissioned Pilot Officer. On February 15th this year, he was reported missing during operations over the Baltic Sea. No word has since been heard of him. Deep must be the anguish of his family. We offer them our heartfelt sympathy and assure them of our prayers.

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PRISONERS OF WAR.

From time to time many Old Boys have been reported under this heading. Many will have now rejoined their families. We rejoice with them and would be pleased to have news of them. We have heard of the longed for return of three Old Boys from P.O.W. Camps in Germany: Philip Jones and T. Lovelady, both R.A.F., and Montague Johnson, R.A.C.

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DECORATIONS.

Heartiest congratulations to:—Brigadier A. F. Hely, D.S.O., on his being awarded the C.B.E., in recognition of gallant and distinguished service in Burma and on the Eastern frontier of India.

F/Lt. A. P. Sadler and F/O. J. Rigby, who have been awarded the D.F.C.

L/Sergt. Matthew Fitzsimmons and Bdr. Patrick J. Maloney, who have been awarded the M.M. for conspicuous bravery in the field.

Mr. Leo Francis Halpin, operation officer in the Civil Defence Control, Hampshire, decorated for outstanding service with the B.E.M.

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CONGRATULATIONS.

Jubilees.

All Old Boys of St. Cecelia's Parish would like to express in these notes their deep affection for their Rector, the Vy. Rev. Fr. John Casey and congratulate him most warmly on attaining the Golden Jubilee of his Priesthood and rejoice with him on his remarkable recovery from his recent serious operation.

Old Boys of All Saints' offer likewise their heartiest congratulations to the Vy. Rev. Dean Grace on his Silver Jubilee.

Ordinations.

We congratulate Fr. Michael Brosnan (Oscott), Frs. Kevin Ashton, G. Gilbertson and T. Boyle (Upholland), who were recently ordained. We wish them many happy and fruitful years in their ministry.

Weddings.

Congratulations to our Hon. Secretary, Dr. Basil Whalley on his marriage to Miss Marie Alston, Sister of our V. President.

We have heard that another Smerdon has followed his brother's example and taken to himself a wife. Congratulations.

F/O. Joseph R. Rigby, D.F.C., we again congratulate, this time on his recent marriage.

Engagement.

Ray Power has taken a step in the above direction. Congratulations Ray to yourself and your fiancée.

Congratulations to John D. Bates, recently qualified M.B., Ch.B. For the present he is, we understand, on the Medical Staff at Walton Hospital. He may shortly be with the R.A.M.C.

Many of the older members of C.I.E.A. will have heard of the Papal Honour bestowed on Mr. R. Twomey, M.A., B.Sc. One of the original members of the Association, Mr. Twomey has devoted the leisure of many years to Catholic Social work wherever he happened to be: Liverpool University, Cambridge and the Newman Society, etc. For his services in Catholic Action he has been created a Knight of St. Gregory. We offer him our warmest congratulations.

Congratulations to Mr. Roger O'Donnell,

B.Eng., who gained a 1st Class Honours. Roger has now settled down to a Civil Engineer's life in Lagos, and latest reports are that he likes it!

Another Old Boy has also been winning academical distinction. Congratulations to Mr. Frank Irving on his 1st Class Honours in Engineering, a Graduate Scholarship of £50 and the Carlton Stitt Silver Medal. Frank is now co-operating in the work of testing high speed planes at dizzy altitudes and breath taking speeds. But Frank can keep his head!

Congratulations to Mr. P. Connolly on his Graduating B.Eng.

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GENERAL.

Two Old Boys have been distinguishing themselves recently. James McSherry (F.A.A.), while crossing to Woodside one dark cold night early this year, heard a cry of distress. He devied into the river to attempt to rescue a young woman who was seen to fall overboard. His brave action failed unfortunately to effect a rescue due to the darkness and fast flowing stream.

Councillor J. R. Rimmer has been chosen for a seventh term of office as Chairman of the Formby U.D.C. We can well understand their repeated choice of this ever bright and cheery Old Boy. A tribute well deserved!

Among Old Boys we have chatted with recently are Bill Parry waiting for a recall to a W.O.S.B.

A. Drew, is enjoying life serving his apprenticeship in the Mersey Pilot Service. His brother Peter, he told me, has now been commissioned and is in India.

Ken Roche (R.A.C.), back from Germany wounded, seemed to have made a good recovery.

Joe Thompson (F.A.A.) and John Cunningham, now a Sub.-Lt. (A) R.N.V.R., have been doing the rounds at Sandfield Park recently.

T. Maher, Jr. (R.N.) is now studying the geography of that complicated distribution of land and water "down under."

John O'Brien (Border Regt.), lately crossed the Rhine against the wishes of the Rhinelanders and is, for the present, occupying an ammo. dump for which the forementioned Rhinelanders have no further use.

Anthony Ramsbottom is now a Sgt. Pilot recently returned from Canada after a successful course. It was not all work. A few happy va-ca-tions were spent in some of the U.S.A's gladdest spots.

Tommy Ambrose is helping to make Naval History in S.E. Indian waters. More trouble for the Japs. and the chaps in some future U.V.!!

William Hughes has arrived in India for his O.C.T.U. training and some day soon he may be followed there by Bill Davis and Kevin Mulhern who are at present Officer Cadets, Indian Army.

Tailpiece.

We are now looking forward to the early return to home and Bishop's Court of our quota of Old Boys in Groups 1—25. To those in the 25+ Groups we wish continued Good Luck and God Speed the final victory!

P.S.—I have just been informed that the Football Section is forming a Junior team for players under 18½ years and fixtures are being arranged for the coming season.



RUGBY NOTES

On paper the record is not impressive, but it is not a fair method of judgment. In the Spring term, when we suffered most defeats, we were without L. Sinnott and M. Wren. Only those who know the players can appreciate the extent of the loss the XV had to carry. The school side played against heavier and stronger opponents throughout the year.

The games were of mixed quality: on most occasions the XV played hard and gave of its very best, on other days the onlooker was left wondering whether it was the same side as had played with such dash the week before.

The game against Wallasey Grammar School was remarkable for the courage and tenacity of the side. We were soundly beaten and it was a pleasure to see the sweeping movements of our opponents. It was noted too, how sportingly the heavier side played against the weaker. The fact that we had no consistent place-kicker cost us four games and was a grave weakness.

The second match with the Old Boys gave the Past their first win over the Present—and there was never any doubt about it. The School side was weakened and the Old Boys had some of the very best of the School teams for the last three years: J. Brown, F. Gill, J. McGrail, J. Kelly, A. Yates, J. Massey, J. Boggan, D. Martin, A. Crossley, B. Potts, A. Thomas, J. Osborne, R. Whearty, P. Broadbridge, R. Bruce.

This was a very strong side. Exchanges were even till half time but then with the weather advantages and skill the Old Boys taught the School a lesson. The team played together splendidly and the thought passed through the mind—they would give any Old Boys XV in the district a run for their money.

RUGBY COLOURS

Rugby Colours were awarded to: T. Merivale, Captain; L. Sinnott, Vice-Captain; M. Wren; F. Taylor and T. Murphy. The Captain has played consistently for five years in School XV's and was a

member of the first Bantam XV the College fielded. L. Sinnott will be remembered as a courageous and loyal member of the side: his tackling was devastating and always sure. M. Wren was invaluable and a host in himself in the forwards; his height and determination were his characteristics. F. Taylor can be said to have been the best "hooker" any School XV has yet had; he played hard to the last. T. Murphy was a later-comer to rugby sides but always put his back into what he did. Without the advantages of great height or weight he made himself an outstanding member of the pack.

Other players deserve special mention: T. Sharrock, J. Carter, B. Boggiano and G. Hickey. The splendid run from our side of the field to the Wirral line will be long remembered by those who saw T. Sharrock make it—only the most outstanding incident of many during the season. He was always an example to the rest of the side. J. Carter proved himself a safe, sound and very courageous full-back—never an easy position to fill but particularly difficult this year. B. Boggiano made his mark in the pack for his forceful and determined play. G. Hickey came out of a hard season with flying colours—many and many a hard knock came his way. To these and all others who played their part thanks are due for services willingly and ungrudgingly given—often at inconvenience to themselves.

Summary of 1st XV Results

Played 14, Won 4, Lost 10, Points 123-256

Nov. 18—(H.) v. Wallasey Grammar School	nil—45
Dec. 2—(A.) v. Liverpool Collegiate School	10—12
Dec. 9—(H.) v. St. Anselm's College	16—3
Jan. 13—(A.) v. St. Anselm's College	nil—43
Feb. 10—(A.) v. Rock Ferry High School	6—12
Feb. 24—(H.) v. St. Mary's College	nil—31
Mar. 3—(H.) v. Wirral Grammar School	9—10
Mar. 17—(H.) v. Liverpool Collegiate School	28—0
Mar. 24—(H.) v. Old Boys	3—27

SHIELD COMPETITION

This year the competition was restricted to the Spring term so that there was only one series of fixtures. Hope opened strongly and led for the first two rounds—then Domingo came on top and built up a safe lead. The final table was :—

Domingo (T. Murphy) ...	90 pts.
Hope (F. X. Brennan) ...	63 ss.
Sefton (T. Merivale) ...	46 pts.
Mersey (A. Ryan) ...	41 pts.

2nd XV

Nov. 18—(A.) v. Wallasey G. S. ...	6—16
Dec. 2—(H.) v. Collegiate ...	14—11
Feb. 10—(H.) v. Rock Ferry H.S. ...	3—9
Feb. 24—(A.) v. St. Mary's ...	0—27
Mar. 3—(A.) v. Wirral G.S. ...	6—6

Summary

Played 8, Won 1, Drawn 1, Lost 6

Bantam XV

Dec. 2—(H.) v. Liverpool Collegiate School	30—13
Feb. 17—(H.) v. St. Anselm's ...	46—0
Feb. 24—(A.) v. St. Mary's ...	0—9
Mar. 3—(A.) v. Wirral Grammar School	14—8
Mar. 24—(A.) v. Liverpool Collegiate School	16—8

Again the Bantam team has brought the Rugby season to a successful conclusion. As always, St. Mary's proved to be our greatest rivals. In our second game with their team we succeeded in bringing down the score somewhat, and the enthusiasm and vigour with which the laurels were contested may be judged from the fact that St. Mary's did not score until within eight minutes of the final whistle. T. R. Batin was an inspiring leader in every game.

CRICKET NOTES

Before the School fixtures began the outlook did not seem too promising : we had three of last year's XI, T. Merivale, J. Carter and A. Rigby and only two who played regularly for last year's 2nd XI. The side has, on the whole, played well. The bowling, if not outstanding, is satisfactory. The fielding is a big improvement on some former years. The batting is the least satisfactory aspect, but it has been relieved by some good steady scores.

The first four games were won in a row and it was a very close game which was not quite clinched—with Quarry Bank High School.

T. Merivale has proved a steady leader and capable wicket-keeper. A. Rigby and J. Carter share the credit of the highest individual score to date and with R. Hughes top the batting and bowling averages. G. Hickey puts amazing force into his fast deliveries and is a very keen fieldsmen. The same praise can be given to T. Sharrock, J. Burns, T. McKenna and J.

Dolan. J. Gloyne has the best individual bowling analysis for one match, 5 wickets for 3 runs ; while Rigby has a very good return of 6 for 6 runs.

SHIELD COMPETITION.

Domingo opened the race for honours but after the Juniors had their say, Mersey sprang to the fore. Domingo Seniors then got down to business to restore what looked like an outstanding lead but the results of the Junior matches equalised matters considerably, and Sefton staged a come-back. Mersey returned to the lead as the result of the last round played by the Seniors, leaving the table.

Mersey ...	101 pts.
Domingo ...	88 pts.
Hope ...	87 pts.
Sefton ...	84 pts.

The Junior School has one more series to play—so anything may happen yet.

S.E.C. v. Birkenhead Institute at Sandfield Park**S.E.C.**

J. Carter, b Binyon ...	2
J. Gloyne, b Binyon ...	0
J. Burns, l.b.w., b Binyon ...	6
T. Merivale, l.b.w. b Binyon ...	5
A. Rigby, b Pollard ...	1
J. Dolan, run out ...	3
T. Sharrock, b Pollard ...	8
A. Ryan, c Lovatt, b Pollard ...	1
R. Hughes, not out ...	6
T. McKenna, b Pollard ...	0
G. Hickey, c Hosker, b Pollard ...	0
Extras ...	3

Total ... 35

Result : S.E.C. won by 6 runs.

BIRKENHEAD INSTITUTE

Finch, b Rigby ...	8
Henry, b Rigby ...	0
Lovatt, b Rigby ...	2
Harris, l.b.w., b Carter ...	2
Lamb, c Hickey, b Carter ...	0
Binyon, b Carter ...	1
Pollard, b Carter ...	0
Athol, b Rigby ...	5
Duckworth, b Rigby ...	3
Hosker, c Merivale, b Rigby ...	0
Osborne, not out ...	0
Extras ...	8

Total ... 29

S.E.C. BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
A. Rigby ...	12	7	6	6	1
J. Carter ...	12	5	15	4	3.5

S.E.C. v. St. Mary's College at Chesterfield Road

S.E.C.			
J. Carter, c McLoughlin, b Sanders	...	...	21
J. Burns, c Prescott, b Tickle	...	...	0
P. Fearon, b McLoughlin	...	...	2
T. Merivale, c Bishop, b McLoughlin	...	...	12
A. Rigby, b McLoughlin	...	...	0
R. Hughes, c Cronin, b McLoughlin	...	...	2
J. Dolan, not out	...	...	8
J. Gloyne, not out	...	...	0
A. Ryan, did not bat	...	...	...
T. McKenna, "	...	...	...
G. Hickey, "	...	...	...
Extras	...	...	5
Total for 6 Wkts.	...	...	59

Result : S.E.C. won by 4 wickets.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

Swift, c Rigby, b Carter	...	...	...	0
Nolan, st. Merivale, b Carter	...	...	...	8
Tickle, b Rigby	...	...	...	7
Sanders, b Rigby	...	...	...	9
Shiel, c Carter, b Rigby	...	...	...	6
Quirk, b Carter	...	...	...	2
Prescott, b Carter	...	...	...	0
Broadhurst, c Rigby, b Hughes	...	...	...	10
Cronin, b Rigby	...	...	...	0
Bishop, not out	...	...	...	2
McLoughlin, c McKenna, b Hughes	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	5
Total	...	...	...	49

S.E.C. BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
A. Rigby	9	2	15	4	3.75
J. Carter	7	2	27	4	6.75
R. Hughes	2	0	2	2	1.00

S.E.C. v. Alsop High School at Sandfield Park

S.E.C.			
J. Carter, b Swarbrick	...	...	1
R. Hughes, l.b.w., b Swarbrick	...	...	16
J. Burns, b Swarbrick	...	...	0
T. Merivale, b Swarbrick	...	...	5
T. Sharrock, c Atherton, b Swarbrick	...	...	5
J. Gloyne, played on, b Swarbrick	...	...	3
A. Rigby, c Swarbrick, b Henry	...	...	21
J. Dolan, c Atherton, b Henry	...	...	4
A. Ryan, St. Edward's, b Henry	...	...	1
T. McKenna, c Atherton, b Swarbrick	...	...	1
G. Hickey, not out	...	...	2
Extras	...	...	2
Total	...	...	61

Result : S.E.C. won by 21 runs.

ALSOP H.S.

Heyes, b Rigby	...	...	...	2
Philips, b Carter	...	...	...	5
Cassels, b Gloyne	...	...	...	8
Edwards, c Dolan, b Carter	...	...	...	4
Owen, b Gloyne	...	...	...	12
Bell, run out	...	...	...	0
Fitzgerald, b Gloyne	...	...	...	0
Swarbrick, st. Merivale, b Gloyne	...	...	...	0
Henry, c and b Gloyne	...	...	...	2
Bessel, not out	...	...	...	4
Atherton, b Hughes	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	3
Total	...	...	...	40

S.E.C. BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
Rigby	8	1	15	1	15
Carter	8	2	12	2	6
Gloyne	6	3	3	5	6
Hughes	7	3	7	1	7

S.E.C. v. Waterloo Grammar School at Chesterfield Road

S.E.C.			
J. Carter, b Rimmer	...	...	7
R. Hughes, b Rimmer	...	...	5
T. Sharrock, b Rimmer	...	...	4
T. Merivale, c and b Rimmer	...	...	6
R. Dolan, c Keelan, b Rimmer	...	...	5
J. Gloyne, b Wright	...	...	3
A. Rigby, not out	...	...	15
J. Burns, b Wright	...	...	2
G. Hickey, st. Aspinall, b Rimmer	...	...	0
T. McKenna, did not bat	...	...	...
A. Ryan, "	...	...	...
Extras	...	...	4
Total for 8 Wkts. (dec.)	...	...	51

Result : S.E.C. won by 2 wickets.

WATERLOO G.S.

Gardner, b Carter	...	...	...	4
Aspinall, c. Rigby, b Carter	...	...	...	1
Keelan, b Rigby	...	...	...	0
Wright, b Rigby	...	...	...	0
Mitchell, c Merivale, b Carter	...	...	...	0
Williamson, b Carter	...	...	...	0
Rimmer, c Hughes, b Carter	...	...	...	2
Chrispin, b Gloyne	...	...	...	7
Paton, c McKenna, b Hickey	...	...	...	23
Charlton, b Rigby	...	...	...	9
Jenkins, not out	...	...	...	0
Total	...	...	...	46

S.E.C. BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
Rigby, A.	7.1	1	13	3	4.33
Carter, J.	7	2	17	5	3.4
Gloyne, J.	4	0	11	1	11
Hickey, G.	3	0	5	1	5

Total ... 35

Result : S.E.C. lost by 6 wickets.

S.F.X.				
Lynch, l.b.w., b Rigby	...	...	...	6
Harte, l.b.w., b Rigby	...	...	...	2
Riddle, b Rigby	...	...	...	13
Leddy, not out	...	...	...	12
McEntegart, c Wren, b Rigby	...	...	...	5
Leggett, not out	...	...	...	1
Total for 4 Wkts.	...	...	...	39

PAK.	S.E.C.				
J. Carter, c Arden, b Maxwell	9
T. McKenna, b Maxwell	0
D. Gaskin, run out	4
T. Merivale, b Maxwell	0
R. Hughes, b Maxwell	12
T. Sharrock, b Maxwell	3
A. Rigby, b Maxwell	16
J. Dolan, c Cope, b Arden	0
G. Ford, b Shepherd	2
J. Burns, b Shepherd	0
G. Hickey, not out	0
Extras	7
				Total	50

Result : S.E.C. lost by 1 run.

S.E.C. BOWLING						
		O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
Rigby	...	7.1	0	17	4	4.25
Carter	...	7	2	22	0	—

QUARRY BANK H.S.

Cope, c Rigby, b Carter	...	...	...	...	15
Marsden, b Rigby	...	...	...	...	4
Allan, run out	...	...	...	...	7
Lloyd, l.b.w., b Carter	...	...	...	...	0
Miller, b Hickey	...	...	...	...	2
Shepherd, c Burns, b Carter	...	...	...	...	0
Arden, b Rigby	...	...	...	...	0
Gale, not out ...	...	...	...	...	7
Ng., b Hickey	...	...	...	...	0
Wood, b Hickey	...	...	...	...	0
Maxwell, l.b.w., b Rigby	...	...	...	...	11
Extras	...	...	...	...	5
Total	...	...	...	...	51

Total ... 51

S.E.C.			
J. Carter, c Kane, b Sanders	...	...	9
T. McKenna, c Broadhurst, b Tickle	...	...	2
D. Gaskin, b Tickle	...	...	0
R. Hughes, b Tickle	...	...	4
T. Merivale, b Prescott	...	...	11
A. Rigby, b Tickle	...	...	18
T. Sharrock, st. Broadhurst, b Callaghan	...	...	3
G. Hickey, st. Broadhurst, b Callaghan	...	...	14
G. Ford, not out	...	...	1
J. Burns, b Callaghan	...	...	0
J. Dolan, did not bat	...	...
Extras	...	...	1
Total for 9 Wkts.	...	...	63

Result : S.E.C. won by 18 runs.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.

D. Sheil, c Rigby, b Carter	...	...	...	7
J. Sanders, run out	...	...	...	2
V. Nolan, c Merivale, b Rigby	...	...	...	0
A. Tickle, c and b Hickey	...	...	...	1
E. Swift, c Sharrock, b Carter	...	...	...	13
J. Callaghan, not out	...	...	...	14
G. Kane, b Rigby	...	...	...	2
P. Quirk, run out	...	...	...	0
F. Prescott, b Hickey	...	...	...	1
J. Broadhurst, l.b.w., b Hickey	...	...	...	0
A. McLoughlin, b Hickey	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	4
Total	...	...	...	45

Total ... 45

		S.E.C. BOWLING			Total	...
		O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
G. Hickey ...	12	4	14	4	3.5	
A. Rigby ...	13	8	10	2	5	
J. Carter ...	5	3	6	2	3	
R. Hughes ...	5	1	11	0	—	

S.E.C. v. St. Anselm's College at Sandfield Park

S.E.C.				ST. ANSELM'S COLLEGE.			
J. Carter, not out	...	...	35	McShane, c Gloyne, b Hickey	...	...	7
T. McKenna, l.b.w., b Lowery	...	...	3	Frecman, c Merivale, b Hickey	...	...	0
D. Gaskin, c Lowery, b O'Donnell	...	...	8	McCarthy, c Ford, b Rigby	...	...	3
R. Hughes, c McShane, b Lowery	...	...	2	O'Donnell, b Rigby	...	...	0
T. Merivale, run out	...	...	13	Lowery, c Burns, b Hickey	...	...	2
A. Rigby, l.b.w., b Wilson	...	...	12	Fitzpatrick, l.b.w., b Rigby	...	...	1
T. Sharrock, c Fitzpatrick, b Wilson	...	...	1	Higgins, run out	...	...	1
G. Hickey, c McCarthy, b Anyon	...	...	2	Smith, b Hughes	...	...	8
G. Ford, did not bat	...	...	...	Anyon, c Rigby, b Hughes	...	...	0
J. Gloyne,	...	...	...	Lloyd, b Hughes	...	...	0
J. Burns,	...	...	...	Wilson, not out	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	2	Extra	...	...	1
Total for 7 Wkts.	...	...	78	Total	...	...	24

Result : S.E.C. won by 54 runs.

S.E.C. BOWLING					
O.	M.	R.	W.	A.	
A. Rigby	8	1	13	3	4.33
G. Hickey	7	2	7	3	2.33
R. Hughes	1.4	1	3	3	1

SECOND XI

Apl. 21—(A.) v. Birkenhead Institute	...	43—52
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May 31—(H.) v. St. Francis Xavier's	...	26—33
June 10—(A.) v. Quarry Bank	...	21—49
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