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## School Notes

IT may be wise for a School Magazine to comment on nothing but the weather. The severe reproof we administered to the said weather last July did not go unheeded. Who can remember a more brilliant summer or a milder November?

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The new school year has seen some changes in the personnel of the Staff. We bade good-bye to Rev. Bros. Power, Cushenan and Daly and to Mr. Meldon who had been on the Staff for twenty-three years. To each of them we extend our best wishes for success and prosperity in their new spheres of work and hope they will always retain pleasant memories of St. Edward's.

We welcome to the Staff Rev. Bros. Daly, Aspinall and Hawkins and Messrs. O'Hagan and Eady. We hope their impressions of Liverpool boys will be of the best.

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Many generations of Edwardians will join with us in congratulating Mr. Boraston and in wishing

him God's blessing on his seventieth birthday which he celebrates on 10th January, 1948. Mr. Boraston won a place in our affections long ago. His cheerfulness, his kindness, his constant willingness to help we have always admired and no less has been our wonder at his extraordinary punctuality—distance, weather, season, not even these can prevent his arriving a half-hour before time. To write of his devotion to Music would be superfluous. It is apparent to all in his class-teaching, in his training of choirs, in his lectures and recitals to the Sixth Form and in his availing himself of every opportunity to deepen a love and an appreciation of Music in the hearts of his pupils.

We salute you, Mr. Boraston, wish you many years of health and happiness and agree that

“The man that hath no music in himself,

Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds

Is fit for treasons.”

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A pleasing feature of the term has been the large number of younger Old Boys calling to the School after their war service. These visits are much appreciated by us and we are very glad to see so many familiar faces still smiling and happy after the troubles of recent years.

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Which reminds us to give a word of explanation about the absence from the Magazine of general news of Old Boys. In such a flourishing state is the C.I.E.A. now—may it always be so—that it publishes a monthly Bulletin of interest to all Old Boys. To avoid duplication we are satisfied to record the progress of the Association and to confine ourselves to student Old Boys and outstanding events.

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Our congratulations to Rev. Frs. J. Higham and E. Greene, O.M.I., on their ordinations last summer. We hear Fr. Higham has gone to Cambridge for higher studies and Fr. Greene to British Columbia on missionary work. Congratulations also to Mr. J. G. Bryson on his recent appointment as joint registrar of the Liverpool County Court.

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We extend our deep sympathy to the parents and relatives of Rev. Fr. Burke, O.M.I., Norris

Green, one of our chaplains, and of Rev. Fr. J. J. Healy, Liverpool, an Old Boy, both of whom died recently ; also to Mr. T. P. Healy, J.P., President C.I.E.A., on the death of his daughter. May they rest in peace.

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We avail ourselves of this opportunity to thank those who have made gifts to the Reference Library : Messrs. A. Barter, R. Nolan, R. A. Sadler, A. Yates, and VI A Moderns (1946-1947), and Mr. O. Murray for his gift of a barometer to the School.

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It may not be out of place to draw your attention to our Advertisers. By their "copies" the firms concerned keep their names before the public and also help substantially towards the cost of the Magazine. May we ask you, then, to support, when possible, our Advertisers.

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The Magazine Committee for this year is :  
P. Brown, F. Kane, J. Merriman and A. Thompson.

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**Results of Associated Board, Royal Schools of Music examination held in November :**  
Grade IV D. V. Blackburne.  
Grade III C. Dobbin (Distinction) ;  
A. Gilbertson and J. Moorhead.

## Christmas

**T**HE yearly recurrence of Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Christ into the world should surely underline those virtues which are essential to man's happiness, whether personal, domestic or international. The example of self-abnegation, of humility, of patience and of charity shown by the Babe of Bethlehem is lost to those countless thousands who associate Christmas only with a merry-making which has its origins in the pagan rites of the Roman Saturnalia.

For Christians, merry-making has a meaning, at once deeper and more inspiring. For truly with

the advent of the Redeemer can the human race rejoice. With the grace purchased by His Blood man can do all things and endure all things. For adopted sons of the Father there is a basis for human solidarity more fundamental than feelings of friendship, often evanescent, grounded on humanitarianism, sincere though it may well be.

Christmas is then the feast of the Family, when, as individuals and as nations, we salute the Prince of Peace and join with the choirs of Angels in adoring the Infant Christ :

"Glory be to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will."



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WE WISH ALL  
OUR READERS

## A Very Happy Christmas

### THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

In Bethlehem was Jesus born  
 Upon a Christmas Day ;  
 He came to buy us back from sin  
 And with His blood to pay.  
 Adoring, Joseph watched the Babe,  
 While Mary knelt to pray ;  
 Then Angels filled the sky with song  
 And told of where He lay.  
 The shepherd's came from o'er the hills,  
 From watching of their sheep ;  
 And in the stable of an inn  
 The Babe they found asleep.  
 The Three Wise Men came from the East  
 To see their new-born King ;  
 And myrrh and gold and frankincense  
 As presents did they bring.

J. DOYLE, Form L.V. A.

### CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a festival  
 Supreme throughout the year  
 Conveying joy to all our hearts  
 And bringing us good cheer.  
 With gifts for everybody  
 And greeting cards as well,  
 With tinsel bright and holly  
 And the tinkling sleigh-bell.  
 And when the snow is falling  
 And the winter sports are here ;  
 With skating and snow-balling,  
 'Tis a happy time of year.  
 With carol singers, fairy lights,  
 And many other things ;  
 Let's give great adoration  
 To the Blessed King of Kings.

J. BRADY, L.V. Alpha.

## A Fairy Tale

**ONCE** upon a time there lived a celebrated mountaineer, who decided to find a strange and wonderful land, a land of everlasting happiness, a place where one lived forever, and the sun shone perpetually.

He was a mountaineer from the country near Quito, a man who had been down to the sea and had seen the world. Alone he set off early in the morning, climbing, climbing, always climbing, until suddenly he realized that it was now sunset, and time for sleep. Slowly he climbed to the last great height. This was to be the place where he would pitch camp. But he never did. Somehow he slipped and fell down the other side of the mountain, into the uncharted depths of the unknown.

At the end of a slope he fell a thousand feet, and came down in the midst of a cloud of snow upon a snow-slope even steeper than the one above. Down this he was whirled, stunned and insensible, but without a bone broken in his body; and then at last he came to gentler slopes, and slowly rolled out and lay still.

When he awoke the sun was shining down on him and he heard the songs of many birds. He sat up and perceived he was on a little alp overlooking a wonderful valley. Slowly he got up, aching in every joint, and walked down towards the valley, and the houses.

They were very strange to his eyes, and indeed the whole aspect of the valley became, as he regarded it, queerer and more unfamiliar. The greater part of its surface was lush green meadow, starred with many beautiful flowers. The houses, as the sun's rays shone on them, made a bright sparkling. First of all he thought they were made of glass, but no, they were made of a translucent material unknown to the civilized man whence he came. He drank the wine of Paradise, the wine that makes one forget for ever. He forgot who he was; whence he came; all he knew was that he never wanted to leave the land of Paradise.

And now the sun was setting; the whole sky was like pure gold, and as he stood there in wonderment, he heard from afar a voice calling him from out of the clouds, and he stood listening for a long time. Then he looked up and all he could see was a bright star sparkling away in the distance. He wanted to be there also, inside that star, for all eternity. That was what he wanted, to be high up in the heavens. And he was told that Paradise blooms there also; he shall enter therein, and remain in the star—that bright sparkling star—for ever.

And so he passed away from us altogether, into the unknown—into the dark, into that silence that has no end.

M. WALSH, U.V Beta.

## Liverpool and the Famine

**THIS** year 1947 is the centenary of the Irish Famine, that terrible scourge that seared the soul of Ireland and drove thousands of her children to foreign lands. Liverpool was the centre from which these poor people made their laborious way to the industrial cities of England and America; and to thousands it became their grave.

What kind of a town was the Liverpool of that period? It was known as "the black spot of the Mersey." About 1843 a Dr. Duncan showed that

half the working-class population dwelt in narrow closed courts, devoid of all sanitary provision, or in damp, musty cellars below the level of the street, without light or ventilation. Sewerage was for the most part unknown; water was available for only fifteen or twenty minutes on alternate days, and sometimes at such inconvenient times as 6.00 a.m. or 11.00 p.m. congestion was at the rate of 100,000 to the square mile and this included the spacious and airy quarters of the wealthy. The population was about 400,000.

No town in England was so densely peopled and no town in England was so unhealthy. The mortality rate was unparalleled ; one in every twenty-five was stricken with fever each year ; forty-nine in every hundred children died before the age of nine.

Catholics in Liverpool numbered over 40,000 at this time. There were several Catholic Churches, St. Nicholas', St. Patrick's, St. Anne's, to mention a few ; flourishing schools under the direction of nuns and brothers. The Irish Christian Brothers had six schools in Liverpool attended by about 1,400 pupils.

This, then, was the asylum of the Irish. Of the half million who crossed the Irish Sea not all remained in this city ; the majority continued their weary pilgrimage to find work or death in other areas. Still the poorer quarters of Liverpool were overcrowded and this fact allied to the unhealthy, damp cellars could have only one result, typhoid. The Irish immigrants, without friends, without strength, many of them already suffering from disease brought on by starvation, fell easy victims to the plague. At one period over 500 a week were dying.

It was at this time that Liverpool's priests gained, many of them, their martyrs' crowns and that beautiful virtue, Charity, lighted up the desolation that enveloped the city. The Liverpool clergy, who went undaunted from room to room in crowded, typhus-stricken houses, from cellar to garret, ministering to the sick and dying, were truly heroic and shining examples of the Good Shepherd. Few in number in proportion to the thousands of their parishioners, they underwent a fearful strain and the toll of life was heavy. Many contracted the terrible disease and died in a few days. An eye-witness, Rev. Br. John Norris, wrote, "It was a sad sight to see five

priests, living almost under the same roof with us, dead in two or three months" ; and, "What more alarming not to be able to find in the whole city of Manchester for a time a single priest to attend the dying!" All honour to those noble priests who died in the service of God's poor and to those who survived and continued the holy work despite the havoc wrought among their numbers.

The self-sacrifice of these zealous priests spurred on the citizens of Liverpool to deeds of charity. Calls for funds for the relief of the suffering were readily and generously answered ; Church collections brought £1,000 and fifty evidently wealthy people subscribed £2,000 in the course of a few minutes. In face of this awful visitation distinctions of race, religion and party were forgotten ; charity united all to help the sick and hungry.

The Christian Brothers, aided by the alms of Catholics and Protestants alike, were able to relieve the pangs of hunger of the poor Irish children who now crowded their schools and in many cases to provide for their afflicted parents also. The Brothers worked night and day to ease the burden of suffering and privation borne by their fellow-countrymen but, fortunately, lost only one of their members to the typhoid plague. A Bro. O'Mahoney, of St. Patrick's school, contracted the disease and died within the week.

This united effort in Charity had its reward. The fever and the cholera abated and, though Liverpool had undergone a harrowing experience and thousands of Irish had died deaths, terrible in their physical suffering, Charity and self-sacrifice, even to death, had brought men closer together and to God.

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## Chronicles of the Sioux-Bee

**A**ND now many moons had passed and it was after the times of the Oli-Daze. And after those times many new braves joined the four elders of the tribe, and among them was a brave of great fame, Bon-Zoquin, which gave great joy to an ancient of the tribe who was also of mighty proportions.

And this brave did afford great enjoyment to the commons, for his words were weighty and his wit supreme.

Furthermore the warriors of Sioux-Bee smoked the pipe of peace with the warriors of Sioux-Ai, a neighbouring tribe of reputed high learning and prowess. Whereupon the elders of Sioux-Ai did perform mightily before Sioux-Bee in the land of the Ly-bra-ree. And there was great acclamation thereof, and the hot-bloods of Sioux-Bee would

have performed the tribal quick-step, but the king of that land forbade it, and there was great weeping and gnashing of teeth among the children of the tribe.

Nevertheless, the members of the Maw-dern philosophy journeyed far across the sea into a strange land, where quaint deeds were done. And many and divers things were said, which gave much joy to Miz-Tercurtin, a sage of the tribe who spake that tongue, but which was but little comprehended by the children of the tribe.

And it came about that great pow-wows were held, and trials of eloquence, at which warriors of Sioux-Bee showed great promise.

. . . . Thus endeth the chronicles of the Sioux-Bee tribe.

*Chief Scribe* : Machdee of the Long Quill.  
J. McDERMOTT, VI B Mods.

## Tempus Fugit

TUES., 9 SEPT.—New boys make acquaintance with the school—they look happy and excited.

10 SEPT.—The Park re-echoes to the tramp and noisy voices of 700 scholars ; the old trees seem glad and shed some tears of happiness, the grass looks disconsolate, the school building—well ! The veterans return, unencumbered. All show the effects of an unusual August ; there are bright faces, burned faces, determined faces, a few eager faces but no business faces. The books' free-for-all scheme has robbed opening Day of the old spirit of salesmanship and barter. Too bad !

11 SEPT.—We renew our close friendship with School dinners. Our new classrooms are becoming familiar and our desks are filling up expeditiously and ominously.

12 SEPT.—Some new boys enter the dining room. Has anybody an apt quotation ?

13 SEPT.—Tired of school already, we have our first holiday.

15 SEPT.—Rested and refreshed we rise to the

inevitable : Monday mornings now no longer free.

16 SEPT.—Evidently work has begun in earnest. We take stock of the Staff and notice some changes.

17 SEPT.—The Senior School loosens up on the field of battle. Blood-curdling yells disturb the trees in their half-dream.

18 SEPT.—Rain deprives the new boys of their first game of rugby.

19 SEPT.—The grass is recovering.

27 SEPT.—The First XV take on an Old Boys' team in a trial game. We forget the result.

30 SEPT.—Disquieting news about the School Certificate. Is the solid building to be replaced by a pre-fab. ?

WED., 1 OCT.—Pheasant shooting begins. The First and Seconds don their armour and bag a 1½. The Upper Fives take an interest in the " buskin'd stage " and attend the Royal Court to see " Macbeth."

4 OCT.—More School XV's try out their skill—successfully—against outside opposition.

6 OCT.—A large number of studious-looking young men calling at the School about this time turn out to be our University Freshmen. Floreant.

13 OCT.—St. Edward's Day and a holiday. Purple caps invade the town and later Blundellsands where an Irish XV is buried in a silence reminiscent of Corunna.

14 OCT.—The Highway Code put over appealingly to various Forms.

16 OCT.—The assortment of French "twangs" picked up by some VI Mods. in France last August is disappearing and the garçons are becoming intelligible.

20 OCT.—New rationing cuts look less ominous to a schoolboy; he has his daily tot of milk and a school dinner.

21 OCT.—Our weekly bacon ration just covers Count Curly Wee's strip in the *Echo*. Ginger Dick must be recalled.

29 OCT.—Senior House Games suffer their usual set-back. It rains at twelve. Who prays?

SAT., 1 NOV.—All Saints' Day. We enjoy a holiday and watch worried expressions of our elders as they weigh the pros. and cons. before voting. When will representation be given to school children? We have everything else but that.

2 NOV.—Really bad weather.

3 NOV.—Sounds of music. The juniors are learning the secrets of stringed instruments.

6 NOV.—Excitement this morning. In the afternoon the School seems empty; the Juniors are playing for the honour of the House and the

VI Mods. have gone to Wallasey to see a French play.

8 NOV.—The holocaust of the Green Goddesses last night ruins many reputations for punctuality. Religious exam. for Prospective teachers.

9 NOV.—The Annual Mass for deceased Old Boys (R.I.P.) is held at the Pro-Cathedral to-day and attended by representatives of Staff and School. In the afternoon wreaths are laid on the Memorial at Bishop's Court.

10 NOV.—Decided views expressed on potato rationing. Our winter clothes will maintain our weight.

14 NOV.—Rumours that the potato rationing scheme will not work.

17 NOV.—Our white friend, the snow, makes his first (un)welcome appearance. Just a morning call apparently.

19 NOV.—Unexpected return visit by Snow. But, like the old mail in the West, the House Games must go through this time. They did.

20 NOV.—The Royal Wedding and a holiday for us and, as they share our few privileges, our teachers. We wish the Bride and Bridegroom God's blessing and happiness.

22 NOV.—The strain is telling. Do we see any Edwardians "creeping like snails unwillingly to school"?

25 NOV.—A small group of Latin enthusiasts go to the University to follow a Roman dinner party.

MON., 1 DEC.—Christmas is in the air.

2 DEC.—The Magazine goes to the printer. A wise person has said, "You cannot believe what you hear, but unfortunately you can repeat it."

## Travellers

**G**OING to the same place each morning for six days out of seven becomes quite an interesting occupation rather than a monotonous one, if you observe the people you meet. Most of them are on their way to their daily work and their actions speak loudly of their inward feelings.

There is the tall, lean man by the car-stop. He carries a leather case and a neatly folded morning paper under his arm. He gives one the impression that he rises early and just strolls down to get his usual car. I am sure he never misses it—if he is not there, then you know you are late. He gives a brisk "Good Morning" to another daily

passenger—a plump motherly-like lady who insists that you wait for the car to stop before boarding it.

Then there is the bus-queue—the usual string of people, each wearing his or her different expression. The small, fat man with the red face and the fussy manner is there. He looks as if he has had to rush from the minute he got up to the time he left the house. He is hot and bothered and glares at everybody, particularly the schoolboys, and is ready with a sharp reprimand should they disturb him by word or action.

There is, of course, a crowd of purple caps, talking loudly, arguing perhaps, shouting about their favourite team or their hope for Saturday afternoon's game. The fat man is not in the favour of this part of the queue, and should the bus be late his irritation knows no bounds; but a fatherly old gentleman with a benign face and a twinkle in his eye listens with smiles and interest, remembering that he was a boy once.

Then the bus arrives. The queue moves together orderly and hopefully.

Then we meet the conductor. He is a character

with which to reckon. He can be placed into many categories. Perhaps he is the type who does not like schoolboys and says, "Inside Please," or perhaps he does not mind your going upstairs, but gives you a piece of his mind when he comes to collect your fare.

Then there are the passengers. There is the funny fellow who cracks a joke or joins in the conversation and tells you what he did when he went to school.

There is the solid looking man in the corner who reads his paper and, when the conversation becomes too loud or the argument too heated, looks over his glasses and frowns.

Near him sits the business lady, trim and neat, showing a sign of anxiety if the bus is late, and the woman with the shopping bag and the ration books, on her way to the shopping queue.

These are all interesting people and it is surprising how an absent one is missed.

Then comes the "Sandfield Park" stop. With one accord we arise, and out we go down the familiar road to begin another day's labour.

J. SHENNAN, U.V.A.

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**A**CCORDING to the decision of the General Council that the title "aspirant conference" should be dropped and that the new conference should have more work to undertake, St. Edward's Junior conference was constituted. After its character and work had been explained by Bro. Danson and Bro. Gavin, Bro. Adair was appointed President, Bro. Merriman Vice-President and Bro. Monaghan Treasurer with Bro. Kieran as Secretary.

The membership of the Society has risen since its inception and, at present, there are eleven

Brothers actively engaged. The idea that a Brother from St. Edward's Junior conference should visit cases in his own parish has been taken up with enthusiasm, and several cases have, as a consequence, been entirely handed over to the Brothers from this conference.

So far, over £8 has been spent in relief and over thirty visits have been made. The annual collection made in the School during a week in November realised over £32 and the Society expresses its sincere thanks for such a generous response.

J. A. KIERAN, Secretary.

## Music Notes

**T**HE junior orchestral classes are now being taken by Mrs. Kiddle, A.R.C.M. She is a lady of wide experience, having taught

singing, verse speaking, and the playing of stringed instruments in schools in Poona, India, for the past eight years.



We welcome her, and hope that she will be happy at St. Edward's College.

This year, for the first time for many years, the music of the Mass for deceased Old Boys of the College was sung in the Pro-Cathedral by the College Choir.

Sir Malcolm Sargent has appointed Mr. Bernard McKey (cellist) to the Philharmonic Orchestra. His brother, Mr. James McKey (drummer), is a member of the Sheffield Philharmonic Orchestra.

He has recently been offered the post of drummer to the Capetown Municipal Orchestra, but being under contract to the Society at Sheffield has been unable to accept this latter post.

We watch with pride the names of Old Boys who are very prominent in the musical world—Eugene Goossens, Leon Goossens, Eugene Genin and now Bernard and James McKey.

*Exam. Result* : D. Blackburn, Credit, School Certificate.

## Literary and Debating Society

THE Autumn Session opened with the debate, "**That self-interest is the best form of foreign policy.**" Mr. Gaskin (pro.) challenged the opposition to produce any instance of philanthropy in diplomacy. Mr. Ludden (con.) attributed to a policy of self-interest the hostility towards Britain of India, Ireland and Egypt. Mr. Doherty (pro.) asserted that, were self-interest not evident in its policy, a nation would lose all prestige and power. Finally, Mr. Monaghan (con.) denounced the belief of Mr. Gaskin in the "end justifying the means" and pleaded for the replacing by Christian charity, as defined by St. Paul, of all that diplomacy has come to mean.

The next debate was held on October 2nd and was "**That elementary domestic science should be taught to boys as well as to girls.**" Mr. Hennessey (pro.) pointed to the bachelor's plight as an example of what a lack of domestic science could lead to and asked for more help for the harassed housewife. Mr. Croft (con.) despatched man and woman to their respective places, i.e., the factory and the home; Mr. Bennett (pro.) refused to accept this direction; and Mr. Bowden, for the opposition, painted a picture of domestic strife, caused by man's interference in the kitchen. Mr. Chairman asked in conclusion: Had they observed the sex of the leading cooks and house-decorators?

On October 9th, the motion, "**That modern**

**youth is decadent,**" was most warmly debated. Mr. Brown described modern youth as intolerant, selfish and morally degenerate. Mr. Dryhurst (con.) said youth had always been criticized as decadent—original sin was not degeneracy—and the spread of education had led to tolerance. Mr. Nyland (pro.) retorted that modern youth had not developed education, while Mr. Barnwell (con.) blamed laxity of morals on the war, the army, factories, association with older people, and, also, the intrusion of Education into the field of parental discipline. Mr. Chairman condemned the defensive attitude of the opposition in assuming the subject of the debate.

Next week's debate was: "**That British films will benefit from the tax on American productions.**" Mr. Devine urged British feature and documentary producers to seize their chance and consolidate their position. Mr. Rorke (con.) predicted a decrease in quality if more British films were produced. Mr. Kane (pro.) asked for more economy in production and showed that Britain had sufficient skill to produce all the films hitherto monopolized by America. On the other hand, Mr. Berry, for the opposition, argued that Britain's skill could not make up for lack of equipment and studio facilities.

On October 23rd, great interest was aroused by the debate: "**That the craftsman has no place in modern industry.**" Mr. Ledwidge deplored the triumph of utilitarian, mass-produced goods, and

was promptly told by Mr. Quinn (con.) that machines themselves were the work of craftsmen. The argument of Mr. Nolan was that machines made for cheapness and neatness. Finally, Mr. McGowan (con.) said that to deny the craftsman his position would be to deny the efficacy of our civilisation.

This term, also, we had a play-reading by members of the VI.A moderns, the Epilogue to Shaw's "Saint Joan," which was supervised by Messrs. Kieran and Rorke. Notable performances were given by Mr. Croft (the Maid), Mr. Bennett (Charles), Mr. Nyland (de Stogumber) and Mr. Bowden (the cockney soldier); and the entire cast was complimented for its enthusiasm and competency.

The next debate was on the motion: "**That football pools should be abolished.**" Mr. Melia opened the proceedings by deploring the waste of energy and paper and by showing that the winnings are hardly ever spent wisely. Mr. Croft, however, said every investment meant fivepence postage for the government, and abolition would bring unemployment to many who were unfitted for other work. Mr. Dryhurst (pro.) condemned all who indulge in the pools and suggested national lotteries as an alternative. Finally, Mr. Hunt (con.) ridiculed talk of large pools' "investments," and stated that if money were not wasted on pools, it would be wasted in more harmful pursuits. Mr. Chairman's decision went in favour of the pro.: a show of hands indicated that the assembly thought otherwise.

On November 4th, we followed with interest the debate: "**That this assembly deplores the present attitude towards Russia.**" The first


speaker, Mr. Dillon, condemned American tactics concerning the atom bomb. For the opposition Mr. Nolan said Britain's Russophobia was a reaction against Russian secularism. Mr. MacDermott (pro.) ridiculed fear of Russia—a country which, he said, was only fighting for her rights. He was answered by Mr. Nelson (con.), who declared that Russia did not desire a new and better world but, instead, a Russian Empire.

**"That the powers of the House of Lords, as at present constituted, should be modified"** was debated on November 13th. There were only two speakers. Mr. Nyland described the Lords as set up by reactionaries to defeat the realization of the wishes of the people. Mr. Doherty praised the fairness of the Lords in passing, with helpful amendments, legislation which was not in their own interests. The debate was now thrown open and speedily developed into a battle royal between Mr. Nyland (pro.) and the assembly (con.). Messrs. Dryhurst and Brown defended the Lords, and Mr. Rorke argued that the Socialist Government, not having a mandate, could not override that august assembly. Mr. Nyland combatted each speaker in turn and at the close of the meeting his spirited defence won great applause. It was decided to continue the debate later.

Finally, on Tuesday, November 18th, we were entertained by the VI. B moderns with a lively reading of the play "**Village Industries,**" produced by Mr. McGowan. The performances of Mr. Nolan as the innkeeper, and Mr. Meldon as the young man with a fondness for rabbits, were particularly outstanding and mention must also be made of Mr. Doherty who, barring his accent, was an American Tourist to the "T".

JOHN KIERAN, Hon. Secretary.

## French Literary and Debating Society

 ON September 26th, M. Dryhurst launched the season's programme with a talk on his recent visit to France, where he participated in a vacation course for British students organized by the British Institute in Paris.

M. Dryhurst described the Cité Universitaire, where the fortnight's course was held, the student body proper—with representatives from every country in the world—and the daily programme of work by the British visitors—two hours' class each

morning on phonetics, conversation, translation and "explication de textes" and lectures on French life and literature. He took us on a conducted tour around the "Museums, Exhibitions, and places of interest" in Paris—the Louvre, the Petit-Palais, the Jeu de Paume, Gobelius and the Invalides, etc.—and spoke of the one-class, roomy, and very cheap trains of the Paris Métro. Finally in answer to questions put to him by the members, he told us that though cigarettes might be more expensive in France than in England, they were definitely inferior in quality, as also were food and sweets.

A fortnight later, the society debated a motion proposed by M. le Président, "**Que la raison du plus fort, est toujours la meilleure.**"

M. Berry argued that the strength of a nation lay in its people and that if the wishes of the majority were observed, then crises could be averted. M. Bennett (con.) cited the example of Hitler as a strong ruler who had brought disaster in his train, and of Russia and the Balkan countries as places where "might" could by no means be called "right."

M. Barnwell quoted Rousseau's "Du Contrat Social" ("La volonté du peuple est toujours la meilleure") and said that here in England a Labour government, chosen by the majority, has certainly shown itself to be "du meilleur." Finally M. Bowden contended that the motion was contrary to Catholic principles and cited American party-bosses and French Revolutionaries in support of his case. Result: cons. 14 points, pros. 9 points.

On October 24th, M. Brown gave the second talk in our series "**Impressions de la France.**" He stressed the importance and the advantages of private sight-seeing as against conducted tours—and it appeared there was not much of Paris he had not seen while "over there." But his main stay had been at Nevers, a town on the Loire, population 30,000. He described the life there, the vineyards and orchards, the bathing, the cafés with their open-air tables and lively orchestras, meals of eggs and of cheese. His return had been by foot, except for lifts in the cars of sympathetic

priests and Anglophiles—and there are many in France, so M. Brown assured us—and he had visited the Jamboree at Soissons and the Scout Headquarters at Rouen, before crossing from Dieppe to Newhaven, and hitch-hiking from a London youth hostel back home to Liverpool. He had been very impressed by the friendliness of the French, and by what he had seen of Paris, with its tree-lined boulevards and myriads of cars.

The second debate of the session was on the motion "**Que les chef-d'œuvres anglais valent mieux que les chef-d'œuvres français.**" M. Devine compiled a formidable list—Shakespeare, Sheridan, Goldsmith, Galsworthy and Shaw as dramatists, Shakespeare, Milton and Keats in poetry, Scott, Dickens and Thackeray, novelists, Lamb, Hazlitt, Chesterton and Belloc, essayists, all of whom, he asserted, were far superior to any French writer of the same artistic medium. M. Croft hurled Molière, Racine and Hugo at his head, and said that Montaigne had a great influence on the English Essay, while England could produce no preacher equal to Bossuet. Each century had its own peculiar way of expressing sentiment in verse. France had produced famous schools of painting:—Classic, Romantic, Impressionist, post-Impressionist, etc., and great masters, Lorraine, Corot, Renoir—while its sculpture exemplified by the work of Rodin was world-famous. Could M. Devine, then, explain why, if English art was so superior to the French, so many Englishmen should study art at Paris? M. Barnwell stressed the incapacity, as he thought, of the great French writers—Molière, Hugo, Racine—and was given a great ovation. Molière's plots, he declared, were weak, and his style intricate, and Racine's "Les Plaideurs" had a very weak dénouement. Winding up the debate, M. Dryhurst, for the opposition, emphasized the difference of approach of a French and an English writer towards any one problem, both aiming at perfection of style, the one by the aid of the unities and metrical laws, the other dispensing, like Shakespeare, with such mechanics. The Victorian age was arid, from the view point of literature; in France at the same time the great Romantic

movement was afoot, while Flaubert and Zola were producing work which was to have a great influence on English novel writing. Result : pros. 12 points, cons. 16 points.

On November 18th M. Meldon addressed the society with an account of his visit to Limousin. He had spent six weeks as a guest at the local château, in the small hamlet of Magnac-Bourg. This is on the main road from Toulouse to Limoges and has shops, white-bricked, shuttered houses, none of which is quite like its neighbour,

a mill, and a magnificent 14th century church with very beautiful stained glass windows. He spoke of the fair and the crowds it attracted, of the sport there, and the local war memorial. M. Meldon also spoke of the porcelain for which Limoges is famous, and, in answer to questions, he spoke of the widespread nature of the black market in France. A vote of thanks was proposed by M. Murray and seconded by M. Berry, and the meeting ended after M. le Président had congratulated the speaker.

FRANCIS KANE, Hon. Secretary.

## Le Foyer Français

**U**NFORTUNATELY, meetings were rather late in commencing this year—a fact which permits but a short survey. However, the lack of quantity has been out-weighed by the high quality of the “conférences,” which we have so far attended. At the annual general meeting, a hope was expressed that the success of the previous year might be maintained ; nor has the committee cause to dismay. Already, we have received news of another possible “Semaine Française,” which is being awaited with avid interest.

Of recent events much could be said. The first lecture, delivered by Mlle. Lecoq, of the “Alliance Française,” concerned the architecture of “Quatre Cathédrales Gothiques,”—those of Paris, Amiens, Rheims and Chartres. Emphasis was laid upon the growth of Classicism which, she declared, was of equal importance as French Literature.

The second meeting was of a unique and very interesting nature. It comprised a recital of French folk songs by M. Jean Rosol of the Comédie Française. The vivacity and melody of his voice added to his intriguing French accent to produce that exquisite charm of French songs.

The final meeting upon which I can write was also of a special type, and was devoted mainly to the efforts of the members themselves. After a short talk by M. Page, Assistant at the Liverpool Institute, on “La différence entre une ville anglaise et une ville française, there was a play reading of “La Grammaire,” presented by one member from each of five schools. St. Edward's was represented by J. Dryhurst, who, as Poitrinas, gave a very creditable interpretation, which did not pass uncomplimented by the audience.

V. GASKIN, School Representative.

## Scientific Society

**M**R. ADAIR delivered the first lecture to the Society. It dealt with “Paper” and the great advances made in the technology of paper-making. A short summary on the blackboard kept up interest while the lecture was in progress.

A very interesting talk on “Sunspots” was given by Mr. B. O'Dowd. The theories of their origin,

nature and behaviour were discussed ; their scientific and unscientific effects were mentioned. The illustrations were very beautiful and the lecturer was quite at home with his subject.

At the next meeting the members of the Society welcomed Mr. W. Lowe. He dealt with the “Indicators,” giving a very lucid explanation of their action and performing a number of experi-

ments. The final lecture was entitled "Chemistry and Medicine." It was given by Dr. Basil Whalley who is always very pleased to visit his *Alma Mater*. Some of the new drugs produced for medicine were described and we were assured that their study was most fascinating.

On the third of December the Sixth A Science form and a few members of the Sixth B Science went on a visit to the British Enka Silk Factory. The visit was organised by Mr. McManus of the

British Enka, an old boy, and the Headmaster, Rev. Br. Wall. The party of thirty split up into groups of six and each group was conducted around the factory by a guide. The guides explained the various processes and answered questions put to them. In conclusion, Mr. Merriman said a few words of thanks to the management and the guides for a very enjoyable afternoon.

T. MURPHY.

### ON WRITING FOR THE MAGAZINE

A tedious task awaits my pen,  
I view it with displeasure,  
To wrack my brain for rhymes and then  
To sacrifice my leisure  
In writing down the banal thoughts,  
Though scarce the name they merit,  
To constitute a tale of sorts  
My Muse would wish I ne'er writ.

With honied words, complaisant looks,  
This night I would entice her  
To aid me here, among my books,  
And then I'd sacrifice her  
A grateful scribe's sincerest thanks,  
A humble heart's impromptu praise,  
If she would from her serried ranks  
Of words release the merest strays.

But she's tonight aloof and cold,  
With ardour though I've wooed her ;  
She thinks my venture overbold,  
And vainly I've pursued her.  
Rejected then I must retire  
The laureate's lot bewailing,  
Who, Art refusing to inspire,  
Has found his verses failing.

A. MCGOWAN, VI B Mods.

### THE BATTLEFIELD

The sun was setting in a sea of blood,  
Rippled with waves of horizontal light.  
Between the spot of earth on which I stood  
And the red west, there waged a fearful fight,  
As if some fiendish voice had, from afar,  
Cried, "Havoc and let slip the dogs of war."  
All round the air was rent with battle cries  
From those who thought they triumphed in the  
fray.

I watched the combatants with awe-filled eyes,  
Nor knew which side at last would win the day.  
I saw them fall, and rise, and fall again  
And wondered who was wounded, who was slain.

I mused how tender mother-hearts would bleed  
To see their cherished sons so hardly pressed.  
I asked my spirit, "Wherefore was the need  
Of all this strife, and frenzy, and unrest ?"  
I pondered why such dreadful things should be,  
That froze my stricken soul so fearfully.

What was the sight that made my blood run cold ?  
No dance of cannibals on far-off shores ;  
No hosts of warriors, as in days of old  
Arrayed to slay their fellow-men in wars.  
'Twas neither strife nor tumult, but a batch  
Of schoolboys struggling in a Rugby match !

L. HINCHLIFFE, U.V.A.

### THE ROSE

What is lovelier than a Rose ?  
It's hard to say by one who knows,  
It's known by fragrance and sweet scent,  
Always given, never lent.

Yet the last and loveliest  
Has often waning summer blessed ;  
And even when the rose is dead,  
It leaves memories, sad, and best unsaid.

J. FRANKLIN, IV Beta.

**TWENTY QUESTIONS**

**Suitable for interviews. Answer any three to pass.**

1. Are the figures on your classroom clock Roman or Arabic, i.e., ordinary?
2. What is the area of your classroom black-board?
3. What is the length of a drinking straw?
4. If a boy gives this excuse for being late, "Fog on the river," how would you know he was not from Wallasey?
5. How many gallons of milk have you drunk since September 9th?
6. How would you drop an egg two feet without breaking it? (2 Answers).
7. If October 1st is a Wednesday, what day and date would be the middle of (1) October, (2) November?
8. How long would it take you to walk from the School to Queens Drive (1) if you were in a hurry, (2) if you were not in a hurry?
9. How many eyes on a potato?
10. If two men eat a cake in 15 minutes, how long would two hungry boys take to eat it?
11. When is a cow not a cow?
12. If you were beating about a bush with a bull would you end up by being on the horns of a dilemma?
13. Put the following in order of popularity: Getting up, going to bed, doing homework, staying in after 4 p.m., missing games, not doing homework.
14. If the kettle called the pot black, what would it call the cook?
15. Name any Counties that are in towns?
16. If a rugby ball is not a football, what is a hand ball?
17. If your ship is sinking after striking a rock, what could you do?
18. Who was "Poor old Joe?"
19. If a man ran round the world twice, how old would he be?
20. Take 2 from 3, what have you?

*Answers on page 62*

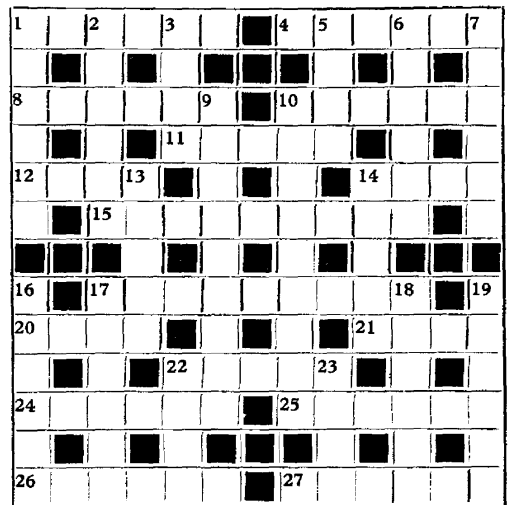
**CROSSWORD**

**Clues Across.**

1. Bats originate in this tree (6).
4. Found in a potato (6).
8. Devours greedily (6).
10. The earth has only one of these (6).
11. Type of race (5).
12. Not, we hope, our long-lost ancestors (4).
14. Certain; Definite (4).
15. A beginner (9).
17. These need two feet, at least (9).
20. What one does in felling a tree (4).
21. A wing has one (4).
22. Very often in a sum (5).
24. Bird of prey (6).
25. A steam-engine has one, and the sun can give it (6).
26. Decorative waist-bands (6).
27. Calmed down (6).

**Clues Down.**

1. Red Indian pre-fab? (6).
2. Played the fool (6).
3. It gives the bowler a rest (4).
5. A member of the right party? (4).
6. Such a party is good for a sinking ship (6).
7. To hurry for two over the eight (6).
9. A New Brighton ragamuffin, for example (9).
10. Roomy, and money to pay in the end (9).
13. Resting places (5).
14. Male Deer (5).
16. Banter (6).



17. Inflating snobs? (6).
18. To push out new shots (6).
19. Contained in the act (6).
22. Of which the style is seen in a dome (4).
23. This murder is all bats (4).

A. MELDON VI. B Mods.

*Solution on page 62.*

## Opinions

We here present a cross-section of opinions held by the boys of the School. The interviewers were P. Brown, F. Nyland, F. Bowden and M. McGowan.

PETER COOKSON, Prep., was a shy lad, slow in reply, but definite in opinion. He finds his elder brothers help little with his homework. Although in favour of the abolition of homework, he did not find it irksome. Liking Big Bill Campbell, he was naturally a Labour man, and so thought all the sixth formers were "lazy, ignorant and conceited," and to crown all, they threw snowballs. He did admit however that they had a jolly sight better aim than he had. So honour satisfied, I let him get up from the ground where he was holding me, and he went his way. P.B.

Here in little RORY GIBBONS of Lower One, with seven years' growth under his dark brown hair, was a "man" to make the Government gasp in these days of the "grab 'em young" policy. Its carefully planned propaganda, calculated to appeal to all ages, had had no effect on him. He had never heard of Molotov or the Marshall Plan and when asked his opinions on the Budget he regarded me in a manner which suggested he had doubts about my sanity. His ambition was to be a doctor, but I couldn't say whether the dozen odd pencils he carried in his top blazer pocket had any connection with this. P.B.

KEITH LAMB, Middle I, belied his name, being a confident, even aggressive, little boy. He thought that all the masters were lovely, but did not agree with homework, which he said was a bad thing. Lamb did not like sixth-formers: he preferred tailor's dummies—they look intelligent. He wanted to be a sailor. Altogether a little angel. F.N.

EDWARD HUGHES, of Upper I, is a tactful chap. The first question he was asked was his opinion of

the Sixes. Looking at the question, he replied that they always seemed well-dressed and tidy. Thereafter the interview moved on swimmingly. He had no comments to make on the budget—nearest the interviewer's heart. Edward is a strong Conservative—Party, Empire, King, etc., but in his opinions on tramcars showed Radical tendencies, wanting to scrap the lot. The interview terminated on both sides with good will. Mr. Hughes's final and anxious query of "Will it be in the Mag?" being satisfactorily answered. F.B.

MARTIN EVANS, II R. perhaps because of his tender years, perhaps owing to his association with the flesh pots of school dinners, was a most materialistic young man. He didn't like music, didn't like the violin, wasn't keen on Rugger or Soccer; he brightened when we introduced the subject of pantomime and confessed to a liking for it and variety. Further enquiries brought to light the fact that he was fond of annuals in the way of reading matter. He intends to hang up a Christmas stocking but our pleasure at finding one child unspoiled and innocent was destroyed by his strenuous assertions of infidelity towards Father Christmas. Perhaps this abrupt dismissal of our favourite character hastened our departure.

M.McG.

PETER ANWYL, II A., is, as his name suggests, a Welshman, and a fervent supporter of "The Land of My Fathers," rejoicing still in Wales' victory over Scotland in the international competition. He likes school dinners—an amazing lad! His political views were Rightish, his opinion of the Labour government being that of a true Conservative. His favourite characters are Laurel and Hardy. He confided to me the wish for a fountain pen from Father Christmas. How about it, father? Peter's distressing propensity for asking me questions on life in the sixth form caused rupture in our hitherto pleasant relations. As he said in his delightful Welsh accent, "Do you really bisect cow's eyes?", a chuckle of delight

greeted my affirmative. A nice lad, Peter. P.B.

JOHN MULHOLLAND, II Alpha, is another of the school of mercenary scientists who seem to monopolize the scientific side of St. Edward's, although he agreed, on its being mentioned, that no doubt science did help humanity. We feared that mercenary motives, and not a simple child-like faith in Santa Claus, also persuaded him to hang up a Christmas stocking, for he seemed to anticipate its being filled by a less spiritual and more familiar hand than that of "Father Christmas." Despite his tender years, Mr. Mulholland does not buy comics; nevertheless, he expressed a liking for the "Wizard" and "Wilson." He didn't think modern youth decadent, an opinion he qualified by a preference for sweets and lemonade. M.McG.

BRENDAN ALGER, II Beta, is an assertive little lad. He gave me the impression that he would have what he wanted. He prefers teaching, and thinks Sefton will win the shield (I wrote "silly" in the margin). He doesn't blame the "spivs"; and doesn't believe in budgets. He thinks that Communism ought to be abolished and so should homework. Before I could make him say any more he escaped. F.N.

JOHN LECOUSTRE, IV Beta, doesn't like any sauce, and as that embraces tomato sauce we were unable to get any "forrader" on the subject. As he dislikes Socialism it is only natural that he should loathe Communism, but we were tactful enough not to press him for the basis of his very downright opinions. We ventured into intellectual realms and discovered that he doesn't like music; consequently he strenuously objects to having to learn the violin. His taste in literature runs to the "Dandy" and "Beano" of whom his favourite characters are contained in the Crusoe Family. And that is all we were able to elicit from Mr. Lecoustre. M.McG.

JOHN FRANKLIN of IV B is a fairly big chap, with fair hair, always meticulously arranged. He informed me he is to be seen any weekday between

half-twelve and one in his official capacity as a hander out of dinners, a dinner hander out. His favourite subject is Music and he tells me he hopes one day to play the Blue Danube. He likes orchestral music. A shy whisper carried the information that he was hoping for a pair of skates for Christmas. A future farmer, John has read much on agriculture and is determined to possess his own farm one day. Good luck, John. P.B.

JAMES BRADY, L.V Alpha, was rather bewildered and seemed to think the interview was some sort of inquisition. After some cajoling he confessed that he would like to be a teacher. He had a high opinion of schoolmasters, but was strangely mysterious on modern youth. He was completely ignorant of political affairs, but seemed very knowledgeable about the latest films. A fervent Socialist he thought that the Royal Wedding was a magnificent pageant. He complained, with typical Widnesian humour, when sent back to his Latin class. F.N.

PADDY SUPPLE of L. V B is a quiet and confident chap. As befitted his age—15½—frivolities were avoided in this interview and we concentrated on serious subjects. He wanted more firmness with Russia and was a supporter of the American Loan and of America. He is of the "Abolish homework party," considering that if a schoolboy does an honest day's work, he should be allowed free evenings and week-ends. He supports spivs as men who live on their own wits and other people's money. He reconciles Chopin and popular music, liking Bach. His favourite author is Richmal Crompton, his favourite actor James Mason. P.B.

JOHN JENSEN, L.V A is a bit of a humourist in his own way. His highest aim in life, he told me confidentially, is to be in the Upper Fives. He had never heard of Communism or the Marshall plan, and didn't want to hear about them. He didn't care for either toothpaste or water, and has no favourite author. When I asked him why, he said that he could not read. His rather flat



humour intrigued me. Altogether an interesting little chap. F.N.

ROBERT GRANT of L.V Beta, although he had seen this world from one angle or another for the past twelve years, was singularly lacking in ideas on the topical subjects of controversy. He had scant respect for the ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Dalton, he was still waiting to be converted to either of the political creeds regarding the Budget. In his spare time he was busy reading W. E. Johns in the hope of one day attaining to the dizzy intellectual heights of the VI Moderns—a sound grounding indeed. He assured me there was no misbehaviour on the 61 bus route, but he could not decide on the all important question “Is modern youth decadent?”

F.B.

RONALD SMITH, U.V Alpha was indifferent to the present crises and also to the Royal Wedding, but he rated the mentality of the queuers very low. His reason for preferring Rugby to Soccer was unquestionable; he liked it better. His musical tastes lie more in the direction of “Popular” than “Classical” music but he admitted to an affection for Tchaikovsky and certain of the lighter classics. We left Mr. Smith after learning that he thinks Latin is useful in some ways. M.McG.

LAURENCE DOYLE, U.V A., we found to be a rock of common sense. He spells his name with a “u” and not a “w.” I'm afraid that mundane reasons guided his choice of profession, journalism, because it is the easiest he can think of. His reflections on trams as compared to buses were also very sound. The former are cheaper but the latter quicker and more comfortable. It was refreshing to discover that such an eminently sensible young man intended to hang up a Christmas stocking, albeit without expectations. To our final question Mr. Doyle returned the very modest answer that he preferred Rugger because he was “No good at Soccer.” M.McG.

F. EDWARDS, U.V. Beta is a tall fellow and wants to be a sailor. He prefers cricket to football and

thinks that Mersey will win the Shield. A man of strong views, he supports “spivs” and modern youth, but considers Communists neither novel nor interesting. He criticized the magazine strongly: form notes, he thought, were ridiculous and, being interviewed, he considered silly. He is, however, in favour of the School Certificate; but, in his opinion, homework is the bane of student-kind. Very broad-minded, Fred! F.N.

G. POPE, VI B Sc. We contrived to obtain an audience with Mr. Pope, a genial gentleman from Lydiate, but we were somewhat disappointed at his replies to certain of our questions. For instance, Mr. Pope joined the Science side of the Sixth Form for purely utilitarian motives. He looks forward to bettering, not the conditions of humanity, but of Mr. G. Pope. Mr. Pope is a staunch Conservative and so we were rather surprised to learn he didn't intend to hang up a Christmas stocking. As might have been expected from a loyal Northerner and Conservative, Mr. Pope is also a monarchist and very pleased with the recent royal romance. M.McG.

GERARD CURRIE, VI A Sc., has been so long at St. Edward's that he is considered almost a pillar of the school. Fair-haired, athletic, scholarly-looking, he still likes tomato-soup, for as he says in his own inimitable way “it tickles my fancy.” Deeply materialistic, Mr. C. confessed he entered the Science because of the wider scope offered to a science student on leaving school. He admitted to a deep interest in chess. He seems to think that this game is eminently suited to develop the mental and mathematical powers. That is typical of Currie, he is always thinking of his work—even on the Rugby field where he plays stand-off half. He likes animals; this follows naturally from his generous nature, a nature whose generosity is universal, embracing all species of animals. P.B.

FRANCIS NELSON, VI B Mods. This young man is one of the few members of St. Edward's operating under an alias. Universally known as “Nick” Nelson, he was baptised Francis. He

started off the interview very promisingly. He joined the Modern side of the Sixth Form because its curriculum provides more scope for thought and general reflection. He further displayed his aesthetic leanings by stating a preference for "Classical" rather than "Popular" music, qualifying this with a veto on "That Third Programme stuff." It was only natural that as a member of the 2nd XV he should prefer Rugby to Soccer. He also expressed a distressing preference for Mr. Crosby to Mr. Sinatra. We then parted.

— M.McG.

McDERMOTT J, VI B Mods., bids fair to be a successor to Gaskin, and made vigorous attempts to imitate that Gentleman's exclusive lack of humour. He thinks people laugh at his jokes. He began promisingly by saying that he came into the Sixth Form because of his eager desire to work. McDermott, commonly known as McDermott (J.), expressed a strong preference for some game or other called "Postman's Knock," and thought the Communists in Europe were the same as everywhere else except that they were in Europe. When I mentioned Conservatives, he

flung back his blonde, "god-like" locks and said tersely: "We're all right." His favourite author is the Rev. Fr. Hart, and he likes tomato soup only when it has not got the flavour of spearmint. A very enjoyable interview. F.N.

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VINCENT GASKIN VI. A Mods. is an institution. There is no one who can remember the time, when this Grand Old Man of less than 18 was not at the School. Indeed, the story is told that when the builders came they found Gaskin here studying intently his books. It was therefore with a degree of awe that I approached this impressive little man and listened intently to his weighty words. Mr. Gaskin informed me that he came into the Sixth to enjoy the beauty of deep thinking, and that he considered the House which would win the Shield would probably score most points. Communists in Europe failed to achieve unity of language, in his opinion, and speaking as the G.O.M., he thought modern youth failed to attain the grace and charm to which he was accustomed. Mr. Gaskin waxed eloquent on recent taxes but I had to cut short his protestations. F.N.

## Examination Results, 1947

### HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

Adair, D.	Murphy, T. W.
Andanar, E. M.	Nolan, R.
Avery, J.	Oakley, J.
Batin, T. R.	O'Callaghan, A. J.
Berry, J.	Rorke, B. J.
Craig-McFeely, B.	Rose, F. R.
Craig-McFeely, K.	Sadler, R. A.
Currie, G.	Skillicorn, G. T.
Devine, A.	Smyth, D. J.
Dickson, W.	Suffield, H.
Gaskin, V. F. X.	Thompson, A. I.
Gilmore, T. E.	Wilkinson, J. O.
Kieran, J. A.	Williams, C. A.
Merriman, J.	Yeoman, M.
Murphy, J. J.	

### DISTINCTIONS IN PRINCIPAL PAPERS

History : J. A. Kieran ; M. Yeoman.

Art : K. Craig-McFeely.

### EXCELLENTS IN SCHOLARSHIP PAPERS

Art : K. Craig-McFeely.

Chemistry : B. Craig-McFeely.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

British Architects' Registration Council  
Scholarship : Craig-McFeely, Kevin.

Senior City Scholarships: Murphy, John J.,  
Murphy, Terence W., Sadler, Ronald A.

Lancashire County Exhibition : Smyth,  
Daniel J.

Woolton Scholarship: Craig-McFeely, Kevin.

Manchester Open Scholarship : Williams,  
Cyril A.

Ministry of Education Degree and Teaching  
Diploma Awards (tenable at University  
College, Hull) : E. Andanar, T. Gilmore, R.  
Nolan, K. O'Callaghan, M. Yeoman.

Letters of Success : Ball, F. R., Kane, F.

**SCHOOL CERTIFICATE**

Acred, C. J.	Lunt, B. W.
Ashton, P. W.	McDermott, J. M.
Atherton, C. I.	McGowan, M.
Ball, B.	McGrath, T.
Barkley, G.	McQuaid, J. J.
Beirne, J. J.	Maguire, J. J.
Blackburn, D. J.	Maher, P. B.
Bowe, H.	Marron, F. J.
Bradley, B. E.	Melia, C.
Brash, G. H.	Melia, E. F.
Byrne, E.	Mercer, A. J.
Caddick, R. F.	Moran, J.
Cooper, J. A.	Moran, J. M.
Corcoran, T. M.	Morris, R. J.
Craven, A. J.	Murphy, A. J.
Diamond, J.	Murphy, R.
Dillon, J.	Murphy, V.
Donovan, B. P.	Murray, R. J.
Dorr, F. K.	Nelson, F.
Eames, F. K.	Nelson, G.
Finegan, P.	Noonan, G.
Fishlock, W.	Nursall, T.
Gogerty, W. G.	Nuttall, W. P.
Gorman, K.	O'Neill, J. H.
Grace, T. M.	Pope, J. G.
Hall, C. B.	Prior, J. F.
Hannigan, D.	Quinn, J.
Holme, A. J.	Roberts, D.
Hopkins, J. W.	Robinson, G. V.
Hopkins, P. T.	Rogers, V. B.
Houlton, J. G.	Rose, F. G.
Hughes, R. J.	Schofield, P. A.
Hunt, A. W.	Shennan, J. V.
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Littler, F. R.	Williams, L.
Loftus, J. F.	Williams, R. H.
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3. T. Broadbridge.

L. V Alpha. Religion : F. Scott.

1. T. Hayes ; 2. K. Harrison ; 3. F. Birkenhead.

L. V Beta. Religion : M. Prince.

1. M. Prince ; 2. J. Almond ; 3. M. Walsh.

L. V A. Religion : V. Houghton.

1. M. Lennon ; 2. E. Randall ; 3. L. Connor.

L. V B. Religion : J. Snape.

1. H. Ross ; 2. F. Edwards ; 3. P. Moorhead.

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1. F. Durbin ; 2. J. Cookson ; 3. G. Slater.

IV Beta. Religion : M. Taylor.

1. J. Corrigan ; 2. A. Connolly ; 3. M. Taylor.

IV A. Religion : K. Rorke.

1. J. Brady ; 2. J. Kane ; 3. B. Crilly.

IV B. Religion : A. Sullivan.

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1. M. Glover ; 2. F. Bate ; 3. L. Rand.

III Beta. Religion : K. Black.

1. K. Black ; 2. P. Zanetti ; 3. R. Hughes.

III A. Religion : D. Roxburgh.

1. D. Roxburgh ; 2. A. Harrop ; 3. M. Moloney.

III R. Religion : F. Morgan.

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II. Religion : R. McDonnell.

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1. J. P. Donleavy ; 2. B. Carberry ;  
3. P. McKenna.

Lower I. Religion : J. Ratchford.

1. E. Hughes ; 2. F. Johnston ; 3. P. Goulbourn.

Preparatory. Religion : H. Lavery.

1. S. Murphy ; 2. H. Lavery, A. Culshaw ;  
3. J. Taylor.

### MY DOG

Fond creature trotting by my side  
 In you I centre all my pride.  
 What will I have when you are gone?  
 Just mem'ries of my treasured one.

The way you run ; the way you walk !  
 Oh, how I wish that you could talk !  
 I sometimes think you understand  
 The slightest movement of my hand.

You're not a pampered pedigree ;  
 You'll never win a prize for me,  
 But I will always cherish true  
 My little dog. I'm proud of you.

T. J. MARSDEN, L.V A

### TO THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

You merit not this fate, most noble dust—

A mute memorial to the whims of man ;  
 But rather to pursue the life that must  
 In each endure its own allotted span.

What are your thoughts as with the dead you lie,  
 Resting in Stygian vaults of death-like stone,  
 Beneath a starry dome of changing sky,


Far from the cares of life, yet not alone ?  
 What were your childhood hopes of dreams un-  
 dreamt,

Your life's ambitions lit by fires of youth,  
 Which smouldering to manhood now unspent

Were suddenly extinguished ? But in truth,  
 O valiant heart, such deeds require no name ;  
 Your sacrifice persists in glorious fame.

A. MELDON, VI B Mods.

## Another Fairy Tale

 ONCE upon a time there were three little pigs called Pip, Squeek and Archibald Reginald Alexander. Now each pig, Pip, Squeek and Archibald Reginald Alexander, had a little house ; being lucky little pigs and having friends on the pigs' council they had had their names placed first on the waiting list. Now Pip's house was an evacuated Nissen Hut, Squeek's house was an American pre-fab, and Archibald Reginald Alexander's house was a post-war British all-brick affair.

The three little pigs, Pip, Squeek, and Archibald Reg . . . well, you know the rest, being nice little State-educated animals all dealt in the official State-sponsored Black Market. So one bright Tuesday morning the three little pigs P., S., and A.R.A. set out with their little baskets filled with vegetables, milk, butter, and passes of various kinds. They reached town and by noon they sold all their produce to the broadshouldered "spiv" pigs with tails of the two-twist fashion.

On their way home, as they were chatting over their various experiences—as little pigs do—Pip looked over his shoulder. He saw with horror the Big Bad Wolf, who acted as Tax Collector for the

pigs' council. The three little pigs, P., S., and A. began to run, and living in post-war Bringland they had no surplus fat on them and so were able to reach their respective homes before the wolf could catch them.

The B.B.W. went up to the evacuated Nissen Hut in which, you remember, Pip lived. "Little Pig, Little Pig, if you don't open the door, I'll blow and I'll blow, and I'll blow the house down." So he blew, and he blew and he blew the house down and the next morning there were extra rations all round for the little Wolf family.

The next day he went up to the American pre-fab in which Squeek lived and said : "Little Pig, Little Pig, if you don't let me in, I'll blow and I'll blow and I'll blow the house down. So he blew and he . . . ; but lo, the house went down at the first blow. So, the next day, the Wolf family had stewed trotters for tea.

On the third day, Mr. Big Bad Wolf went up to the British all-brick effort in which A.R.A. lived. "Little Pig, Little Pig, if you don't let me in, I'll blow and I'll blow and I'll blow the house down." So he blew and he blew and he blew and he blew : but still the house stood firm. So the Wolf sat

down and pondered deeply. He tried to break the door down, but the solid oak stood firm. He thought of smashing the windows, but realized he was too big to climb through the frames.

Finally he had the great idea of climbing down the chimney. So he crawled on to the roof and began to make his way down the chimney. Meanwhile the little pig, realizing the Wolf's intention, set a huge bath on the gas fire and began

to fill it with water. Unfortunately the automatic water control switched off at the five inch mark. The pig lit the gas but a sudden cut for industrial purposes left the water as cold as water usually is. So down came the wolf, and jumped at the little pig. Next day the Wolf family had boiled ham for breakfast, dinner and tea. So ends the saga of the three little pigs.

UNCLE PETER (B) VI Mods.

## Old Boys' Letters

### LIVERPOOL LETTER

Dear Mr. Editor,

I think I will simplify my task this year and just give you the names of Edwardians attending the University and some idea of their courses.

#### Back from Forces and Freshers :

Tom Peters, left S.E.C. 1943, First year Medical.

John Begley, left Varsity for Navy, Second year History.

F. X. Walker, left S.E.C. 1944 for Intelligence Corps., Malaya, now First year Arts—doing History.

Aubrey Yates, left S.E.C. 1943, Army in India, in First year Arts, doing History.

Bill Hosey, left Varsity for R.A.F., has come back to Third year Physics.

Terry Walsh, left S.E.C. 1945 for Navy, has come up into First year Medicals.

Len. A. Sinnott, back in First year Architecture after illness.

K. Craig-McFeely, in Architecture, First year.

John Murphy, in Second year Science.

**Arts.**—A. Duggan, R. Thomas, J. Loughie take Finals this summer.

**Law.**—Denis Gaskin, J. Connolly and J. Kinnane, Second year.

**Science.**—R. Crawford, J. D. Peel, F. Ford take Finals this summer.

T. Burd is President of the Biological Society.

F. Hewitt, B. Boggiano, F. Ferguson and E. Ley, Third year.

Joe Brown, M.Sc., and Harry Dunn doing Research.

**Engineering.**—F. X. Brennan, Finals in Summer, T. Sharrock, Third year ; F. Rossiter.

**Medicals.**—Gus Cunningham, Fifth year (Hospitals), Joe Brown, Fourth year, Joe Occleshaw, Third year, L. Gould, Second year.

**Vets.**—Brendan Cunningham, Third year.

We believe there are others but so far we have not got in touch with them.

With best wishes to Staff and boys for a Happy Christmas and a New Year of Prosperity.

Yours sincerely,

LIVERPOOL.

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### UPHOLLAND LETTER

Dear Mr. Editor,

On reading through recent numbers of your magazine I noticed that Upholland remarked in his letter for Autumn 1945 that we had our Summer Holidays extended a week until the 22nd of September to celebrate the victory over Japan. Well once again we had our holidays extended, this time for a fortnight, and for an equally important reason so far as the stomach is concerned, namely the installation of a new cooking range in the kitchen. Up to the present it has functioned quite well, and even succeeded in providing "chips" for supper the other evening.

Fr. James Higham who wrote the last letter for your magazine has now gone to St. Edmund's House, Cambridge, for higher studies in English and French. I am sure you will join with us in wishing him all success. We must also congratulate our Headmaster, Fr. W. Byrne, on his

appointment as Parish Priest of St. Robert Bellarmine's, Bootle. *Ad multos annos.*

Once again we are pleased to welcome Edwardians among the new students, namely Declan Peters, John Suffield and Francis Williamson, and we hope they will be very happy here.

Kevin Mullen and John O'Brien, who had to join the Forces, have now been "demobbed," and are back studying Philosophy.

We must close now, Mr. Editor, but not without wishing all Edwardians a very happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,

UPHOLLAND.

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## HULL LETTER

Dear Mr. Editor,

In past years, one could arrive at Lime St. Station as the Hull special was leaving the platform, and still be certain of having a choice from half-a-dozen compartments; and having chosen one it was yours for the rest of the journey. But times change. A trail has been cut through the Pennines, and each year reinforcements are despatched in ever increasing numbers, only returning to "base" for a brief rest at infrequent intervals.

Among the crowds we were pleased to notice the large contingent of Edwardians, old and new. After the traditional "welcome," they settled down rapidly to the routine at College and in Hull. Two of the freshers, Tom Gilmore and Bob Nolan, were soon elected to responsible positions; Tom as a member of the Common Room Committee at Camp Hall; Bob to Union Council. Bob certainly caught the limelight as compere at a recent concert; we hope he will do the same at the forthcoming Xmas show.

This year there seems to be a general forsaking

of practical courses which were the magnet in the war years. The Edwardians in the Economics and Commerce Department—John Osborne, Frank Hayes and John Carter—have not had the pleasure of welcoming new members, for the newcomers have distributed themselves evenly between the French and the English Departments. Bob Nolan, Tom Gilmore and Ted Andanar prefer to be bilingual; while Kevin O'Callaghan, Mike Yeoman and Dickie Lane are finding that there is more to the English Language than meets the eye. Frank Molloy, alas, has still to battle alone through the pages of history.

Dickie Lane is not a stranger to this part of the world. He was here in 1942, before being commissioned to rediscover Africa and India. Tom Ambrose is another much travelled man; but that has not stopped him from settling down to an unhurried life in the Education Department.

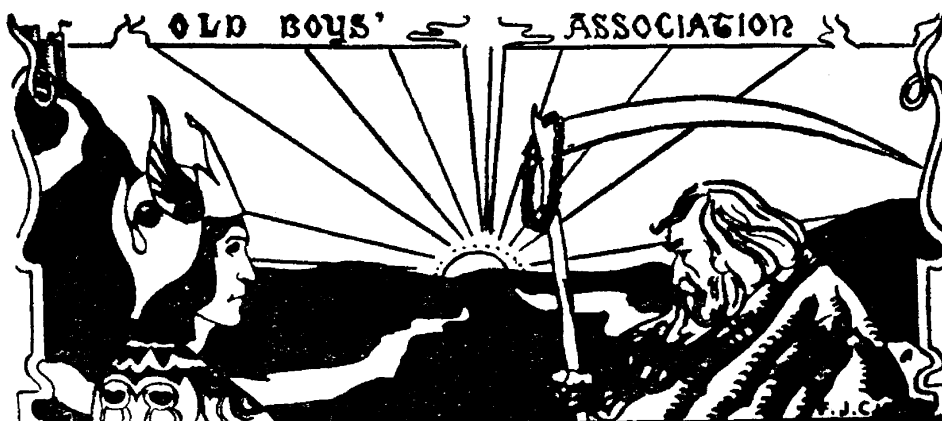
The Catholic life of the college has been marked by the Academic Mass at the beginning of the session; the weekly discussions of the Society; and the overcrowded Masses. The Catholic body of students has reached the point where we can at least consider the possibility of having a Chapel at Camp Hall.

In a different sphere altogether, behind us lie a very successful "smoker"; the bonfire, which was preceded by a torchlight procession of such magnitude that the warden and police thought it a matter for congratulation that the village of Cottingham was not burned down. In front of us lie the Union Ball at the Guildhall, the Xmas Dinner and Show, and terminals. But there are still thirty shopping days to Christmas and, who knows, one may find just the "gift" to please an examiner.

With best wishes to staff and boys at St. Edward's for a very Happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

HULL.



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**T**IME was when Boys left School, severed all connection with St. Edward's and lost touch completely. Some there were who desired the "clean break" with the immediate past. Some there were who were desirous of maintaining contact but lacked the necessary information concerning the Old Boys' Association and some there were—the great majority—who were just the normal "school-leavers" with no pre-conceived ideas as to their future, no experience of life as wage-earners and no knowledge of the Association. A simple sum in arithmetic will give an idea how many became Old Boys without knowing what that means.

The Association was formed about 1908 and has survived two World Wars. It would be more correct to state that it was re-born after the 1914-1918 War. That catastrophe killed the

Association as a physical body but the spirit lived on. The recent war, more terrible in its effects on the home front, was unable to kill the Association which carried on through difficulties, which laid low other older and more powerful societies, and emerged stronger than ever before in its history. The credit is due to Old Boys of many generations. These same Old Boys who once occupied the desks that present scholars occupy. They sought out the Association, joined and put their energies into it.

How much easier it is for "Freshers" these days and rightly so! Because the Association has something to offer, always has had, and always will have, it is endeavouring to recruit the "new" Old Boys whilst still at school. Through the kindness of Brother Wall, the Association is allowed to address the Senior boys in what may be

their final year at St. Edward's. This development has been carried a stage further by the distribution of "Bulletins" to Seniors. In this way, the Association hopes to dissipate that feeling of "nervousness" that must deter many a boy from making his first visit to "Bishop's Court." It is a tremendous change from schoolboy to Old Boy and it is the Association's aim to make it a smooth one. The rest remains the responsibility of the individual.

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### FRESHER'S SOCIAL

Of seventy-seven Freshers contacted, some thirty-six attended this function and were introduced to the Association. They were welcomed by Mr. E. P. McManus (Chairman) and Rev. Fr. A. G. Maguire (Chaplain). After refreshments had been served our newcomers were entertained

### IN DOUBT

I really cannot see why Chaps prefer,  
 To boot a muddy ball up in the air,  
 And wait their chance until on wintry day,  
 A brutal game of Rugby they can play ;  
 With kicks and bites and scrummages full sore—  
 They stop at nothing so that they can score . . .  
 Instead of learning with delight  
 The Differential Calculus  
 Or gladly reading all the night,  
 Cicero or Ovidius.  
 I really can't see why !  
 And when the cricket season comes along,  
 These lads neglect their studies with a song  
 And waste their time in trying to break a " duck,"  
 Or knock a " six " if they have any luck . . .  
 When they should be at Dynamics,  
 Hydrostatics and Mechanics,  
 Moliere and Greek Philosophy,  
 Binomial and Chemistry.  
 I really can't see why !  
 But a compromise I see  
 Which is good for you and me  
 A bit of work, a bit of play  
 Always " Viriliter Age ! "

A. MELDON, VI B Mods.

with Billiards, Table Tennis and Darts. They have "settled in" in the ensuing month or so and are frequent visitors to the Club. Several of the remaining 41 have since joined the Association so that recruitment is fairly satisfactory. We, however, will really be content when the response is 100 per cent.

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### LONDON GROUP

The Executive Committee is considering the formation of a London Group and are, at present, exploring avenues. This project was nullified by the war but the Executive Committee has every reason to believe that the scheme is long overdue. If you know of any "Old Boys" resident in London, will you please give details of name and address to the Secretary ?

### RIDDLE-ME-REE

#### No. 1

My first is in village but not in town,  
 My second is in grin but not in frown,  
 My third is in card but not in dice,  
 My fourth is in virtue and also in vice,  
 My fifth is in lesson and also in class,  
 My sixth is in laddie but not in lass,  
 My seventh is in tune but not in song,  
 My eighth is in strength but not in strong,  
 My ninth is in rhyme as well as in reason,  
 My tenth is in autumn, this very season,  
 My eleventh is in age, now there's a clue,  
 My twelfth is in modern and also in new,  
 My whole is a motto with which we agree  
 And which in our minds forever shall be.

F. RADCLIFFE, L.V. Alpha.

#### No. 2

My first is in less and not in more,  
 My second in apple and not in core,  
 My third is in lent and not in borrow,  
 My fourth is in clipped and not in mow,  
 My fifth is in no but not in yes,  
 Of my whole we could do with a little less.

M. MOLONEY, IV Alpha.

*Answers on page 62*



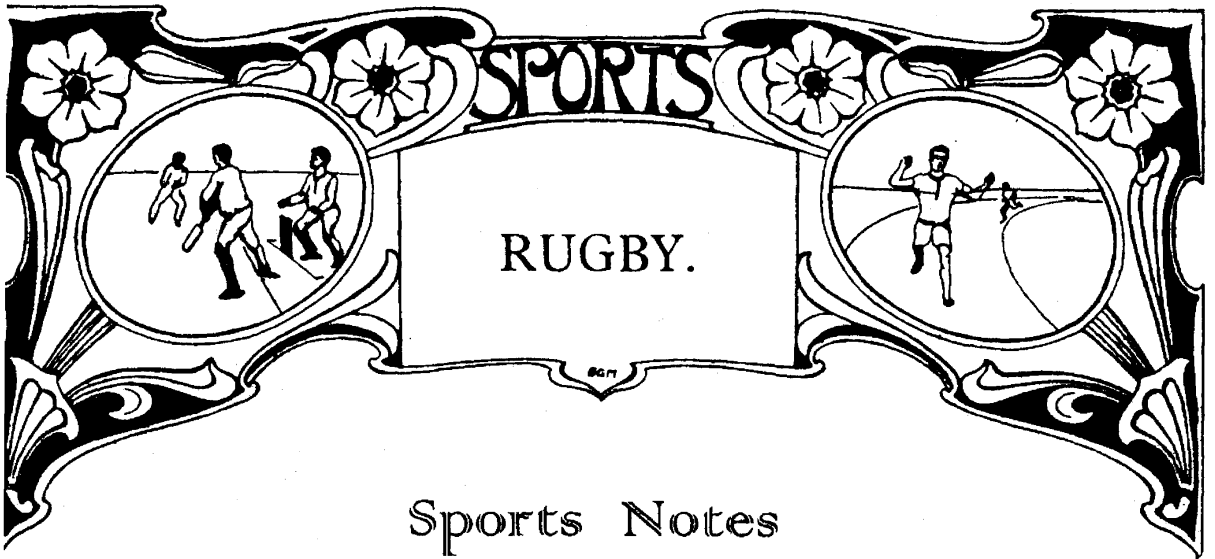
**THE CARELESS MAN**

ONE day a man went into his cellar to look for a book of his. There was a stack of books in a corner, and placing his candle on top of a heap of Black powder, he began to look through the books.

At length he found the one he thought he wanted and just to make sure he began to read it. All this time the candle was burning lower and lower till it was about three inches away from the

Black powder. He kept on reading, becoming every second more interested in the book. But the candle was now about one inch away from the Black powder, and still he took no notice of his candle burning low. Lower and lower it crept, nearer and nearer to the Black powder. Even when it was barely one eighth of an inch away he read on until . . . until . . . until the candle went out because the black powder was only SOOT!

J. HART, Form IV Alpha.



**Sports Notes**

**RUGBY**

A number of last year's XV forms the nucleus of a light but spirited side. Rose, the captain, excels in footwork and plays a man's part in every game. P. Brown (vice-capt.) is perhaps the best all-round player and leads the pack by example and encouragement. Granby is a good hooker and a sound tackler. Nolan and Ferrigno show up in the line out but might get more support. Meldon, a strong runner, tackles confidently. C. Brown and Davenport who bear the brunt of the front row are opportunists and can show a fair turn of speed.

The forwards, however, must learn to move as a pack and must not allow those lone battles to continue.

The backs are good individually but so far there has been little combination. Tackling here will have to improve.

Ellis, who should become a first class scrum-half, is inclined to rely too much on his safe and timely kicking. A better understanding with Currie, our most elusive player, would open up the game. Johnson and Furlong are fast and tricky centres, but might give Harrison and

Moorhead a little more to do. Harrison is an accurate place-kicker. Ryan, the full-back, seldom fails in his tackle and finds touch with ease but is often slow in getting to the ball.

Enthusiasm and team-spirit are very much in evidence and practice and experience should blend all into a useful side. The results do date are quite creditable :—

Played 9, Won 4, Drew 1, Lost 4.

**House Shield**

There is promise of a close struggle in the Shield Competition for losses by the Senior Houses are generally made up for by victories in the Junior and vice versa.

**Table to date**

Mersey	(F. Rose) . . .	38 pts.
Hope	(P. Brown) . . .	22 pts.
Domingo	(J. Nolan) . . .	22 pts.
Sefton	(H. Davenport)	6 pts.

**St. Edward's College v. Old Boys XV.****At Sandfield Park** 27/9/47

The School kicked off but the Old Boys soon attacked and from a passing movement O'Keeffe scored near the corner post. Play then swayed up and down the field for a considerable time before Johnson landed a penalty for the School. Guilfooy and Sharrock worried the School backs until Harrison relieved the pressure by a grand kick from his goal line. The School were now pressing and from a forward movement Moorhead went over for a fast try. Good work by Boggiano, Lane and Latham in the lineout saw the Old Boys' again in School territory and Sharrock scored. Play wavered till Rose and P. Brown dribbled for some forty yards when the latter picked up and grounded by the posts. Johnson's convert gave the School a 5 points lead at the interval.

Half-time : S.E.C. 11 pts., Old Boys 6 pts.

Within five minutes from the resumption P. Brown added another try from a scrum near the Old Boys' goal line, but when all seemed set for a School victory, Granby, who was hooking so well, had to retire through injury. The Old Boys now got more service from the scrums and Ambrose and Guilfooy struck up a fine understanding which led to Guilfooy's try between the posts. Soon after Oakley scored from the base of a scrum and Suffield converted for the Old Boys. The latter were now definitely on top and made all the running when Parry snapped up the ball and sped for a try; Suffield added the extra points. It was now O'Keeffe's turn to put in a good run for another try which Suffield again converted. The School fought gamely only to be driven back time and time again by J. Brown's great work in the loose and Skillicorn's safe kicking at full back.

P. Brown for the School took a ball cleanly from the line-out and after a great run touched down under the posts. Now it was the Old Boys' turn and Clayton put in a run to bring the ball to our 25 before McKeivitt went over for a try, leaving the final score :—

S.E.C. 17 pts., Old Boys' 27 pts.

TEAMS : School XV : A. Ryan, A. Meldon, G. Currie, D. Furlong, W. Harrison, J. Johnson, W. Ellis, J. Moorhead, F. Rose (Capt.), P. Brown, A. Ferrigno, G. Ludden, H. Davenport, J. Granby, C. Brown.

Old Boys' XV : G. Skillicorn, J. O'Keeffe, T. Sharrock, B. Clayton, H. McKeivitt, T. Guilfooy, T. Ambrose, G. Latham, H. Suffield, V. Rogers, R. Lane, J. Brown, B. Boggiano, W. Parry, J. Oakley.

**St. Edward's College v. Park High School****At Park High School** 1/10/47

The game was a forward battle right through and neither set of backs ever got going properly. Early in the game Ellis whipped a ball from a scrum and a Johnson-Currie movement enabled Davenport to score near the corner flag. For the remainder of the first half, play was mostly in Park territory but Park centres often proved dangerous. The heavier Park pack kept St. Edward's out though forward play on both sides was scrappy.

Half-time : S.E.C. 3 pts., Park nil.

On the resumption Park did the pressing and repeatedly it seemed as if they must score, but safe kicking by Ryan and lively covering by Moorhead and P. Brown saved some critical situations. Park were now getting more service from their scrum and after a good run from near midfield followed by a foot-rush they scored

but failed to convert. Ellis passed dangerously within his own 25 and a scrum on the line saw Rose save with a dribble which took play to Park territory. Park, however, were having their own way in the lines-out and a forward rush resulted in another scrum on the School goal-line. Granby hooked and a Furlong-Currie-Johnson movement brought the school to within 10 yards of the Park line when Ellis with the line at his mercy punted to touch-in-goal. A series of forward battles in which neither side yielded left the result:—

S.E.C. 3 pts., Park High School 3 pts.

TEAM : A. Ryan, A. Meldon, C. Currie, D. Furlong, W. Harrison, J. Johnson, W. Ellis, J. Moorhead, F. Rose (Capt.), P. Brown, A. Ferrigno, A. McNally, H. Davenport, J. Granby, C. Brown.

**St. Edward's College v. Liverpool Collegiate****At Sandfield Park** 11/10/47

The Collegiate kicked off but were soon desperately defending as the Collegiate forwards were repeatedly breaking through from the lines-out. Harrison was playing well on the wing and neat kicking by Johnson and Ellis gained valuable ground. For a time it was all St. Edward's and P. Brown again and again found the way over barred by the Collegiate pack. Rose brought the ball over from a foot rush but it slid into touch in goal and Collegiate were relieved by the drop-out. Play hovered around the mid-field and occasional bursts by Currie and Furlong brought us well into the attack. The Collegiate pack were having the better of matters in the loose but Granby and Davenport led some useful counter attacks. P. Brown snapped a ball and dashed over for a try which Johnson failed to convert.

Half-time : S.E.C. 3 pts., Collegiate nil.

On the resumption St. Edward's did the attacking when Nolan and Ferrigno were putting in useful work in the line-out. Ellis served Furlong who got his kick in by the corner post and from a resulting scrumage Ferrigno battled his way over for a try which Harrison converted. Collegiate pack dominated matters in our 25 till Ryan saved by a lengthy kick. P. Brown picked a fast ball near centre field, raced all the way to score between the posts, and Harrison again added the points. From the kick-off Collegiate immediately got possession and a grand foot-rush brought them within 10 yards of the line where Granby fell on the ball but from the loose scrum Collegiate goaled. Collegiate were now having the upper hand and St. Edward's soon conceded another goal. A lengthy kick by Nolan brought us again into the attack and Johnson went over for a try. From the drop-out Ellis gathered and moved over the field, passed to Currie who side-stepped and kicked across to give Furlong a grand try between the posts; Harrison added the points.

S.E.C. 21 pts., Collegiate 10 pts.

TEAM : A. Ryan, A. Meldon, G. Currie, D. Furlong, W. Harrison, J. Johnson, W. Ellis, J. Moorhead, F. Rose (Capt.), P. Brown, J. Nolan, A. Ferrigno, H. Davenport, J. Granby, C. Brown.

**St. Edward's College v. Oldershaw Gram. School****At Sandfield Park** 18/10/47

S.E.C. kicked off and from a three-quarter movement Moorhead put in a good dribbling run till harshly treated by the opposing full-back. S.E.C. were showing up as the livelier team and from a Furlong-Johnson movement the latter cross-kicked for Davenport to gather and score an

unconverted try. The Oldershaw pack were now showing up well but great work by Nolan in the line-out and safe kicking by Ellis relieved pressure and from another Meldon-Harrison attack Davenport was again the opportunist, who, in very limited space, kicked neatly ahead and touched down, but the extra points were not added. Granby was hooking excellently and Rose, C. Brown, Ferrigno and Meldon were at their best in the loose. Oldershaw depending on their pack made some fine rushes and from a fumble by our threes they went over for an unconverted try. Nolan from a line-out paved the way for another S.E.C. attack and from some loose scrumming Currie picked up to touch down between the posts, Johnson adding the points. Soon Furlong ran splendidly only to strike the corner post going over.

Half-time : S.E.C. 11 pts., Oldershaw 3 pts.

The second half saw grand loose play by both sides but S.E.C. had the more powerful three-quarter punch. Currie, by clever side-stepping, made much ground. From a line-out by the goal line Rose went over near the corner-post but the kick failed.

Play was now very even but a little in Oldershaw's favour. After heavy pressure Oldershaw got over from a scrum near the line. The visitors were once more in our 25, and an easy penalty brought no reward. Meldon played exceptionally well as a forward while McNally, who deputised for P. Brown, had his best game. Ryan was very safe at full-back.

S.E.C. 14 pts., Oldershaw 6 pts.

TEAM : A. Ryan, J. Moorhead, J. Johnson, D. Furlong, W. Harrison, G. Currie, W. Ellis, F. Rose (Capt.), A. Meldon, P. Brown, A. Ferrigno, J. Nolan, H. Davenport, J. Granby, C. Brown.

### St. Edward's College v. Wallasey G.S. 2nd XV.

At Wallasey 25/10/47

A grand day for a game and yet it was a poor display. The game was not five minutes old when P. Brown broke from the line out to score and Harrison added the points with a splendid kick. From then till the interval the game might be summed up as a series of scrummages most of which were in Wallasey's favour. Nolan did good work in the line-out and Ellis was kicking safely in defence, while Moorhead put in some useful runs.

Half-time : S.E.C. 5 pts., Wallasey G.S. nil.

At the resumption Wallasey did the attacking and might have gone over but for the defensive play of Rose, Ellis and Davenport. Close up penalties failed for the home team but eventually poor tackling on the part of S.E.C. let Wallasey through for an unconverted try. A Currie-Johnson breakthrough resulted in a grand weaving movement between the latter and Harrison who beat two men to score near the posts, but the extra points were not added. S.E.C. backs were showing good form and Furlong made a great run for the line but for some infringement the points were not awarded. Wallasey were having the better of the scrummages and safe kicking by Ellis saved many an anxious moment. Feeble tackling by S.E.C. backs allowed the Wallasey centre to go through for another try. Ryan was injured in an attempt to tackle and had to leave the field and in the remaining few minutes S.E.C. were under pressure. Three penalties to Wallasey within our 25 brought no reward and so the final score stood :—

S.E.C. 8 pts., Wallasey G.S. 6 pts.

TEAM : A. Ryan, J. Moorhead, J. Johnson, D. Furlong, W. Harrison, G. Currie, W. Ellis, F. Rose (Capt.), A. Meldon, P. Brown, A. Ferrigno, J. Nolan, H. Davenport, J. Granby, C. Brown.

### St. Edward's College v. Wirral Grammar School At Cross Lane 8/11/47

The game opened with some good three-quarter play on both sides and Wirral were showing more initiative in the line-out. It was soon evident, however, that the heavier and faster Wirral backs would be rewarded and, in spite of gallant efforts by Moorhead, Wirral went over near the corner, but the kick failed. Currie and Johnson weaved through the Wirral defence and when Johnson was brought down there were few to come to the rescue. S.E.C. pressed hard and Nolan sacrificed a try for a kick to touch. Ellis had a poor day behind the loose and tight scrums and presuming a Wirral wing forward was off-side allowed him to go over for a try. Furlong and Harrison were playing a good open game but their breakaways were not supported by the pack. Meldon showed up as a very sound tackler in the loose and Rose tried his characteristic dribbles but was often fighting a lone battle.

Half-time : S.E.C. nil, Wirral Grammar School 6 pts.

After the change-over we pressed for a considerable time but size and weight soon told and Wirral backs ran hard for a converted try. S.E.C. made dogged efforts to get the ball in the loose but were repeatedly pushed off. Rose intercepted and helped by safe kicking by Ellis we again found ourselves attacking. Wirral, however, made a good break from the loose but Johnson was equal to the occasion with a sound tackle. The home team got the ball on our 25 from a set scrum, Currie intercepted and beat two men in a grand run to open the S.E.C. score and Harrison made no doubt about the convert. There was more pep in the S.E.C. pack now and Ryan played a good game at full-back but found himself outnumbered on three occasions when Wirral scored owing to poor tackling on the part of our other backs.

S.E.C. 5 pts., Wirral Grammar School 20 pts.

TEAM : A. Ryan, J. Moorhead, J. Johnson, D. Furlong, W. Harrison, G. Currie, W. Ellis, F. Rose (Capt.), A. Meldon, H. Davenport, A. Ferrigno, J. Nolan, A. McNally, J. Granby, C. Brown.

### St. Edward's College v. St. Mary's College.

At Sandfield Park 15/11/47

We played into the breeze and the visitors were soon attacking as the result of a good run by their winger. Ellis relieved pressure by finding touch and Rose and P. Brown nipped many a move after the tight scrums in which St. Mary's had the advantage. Play moved quickly from one end of the field to the other and on two occasions the visitors' backs looked dangerous but Granby, Furlong and Johnson were good spoilers. St. Mary's got most of the loose scrummages but fast and clever covering by Rose, Brown and Ferrigno counteracted these advantages. Nolan, P. Brown and Meldon tried hard for possession in the line-out. The visitors were again in the attack when from a scrum, P. Brown intercepted, ran hard and passed to Currie who continued the movement to within 5 yards of the visitors' line where he passed to Furlong but the referee got in line of the ball and so prevented a certain score. S.E.C. again pressed hard and a cross-kick gave Davenport a

grand opening. He sacrificed his opportunity for a pass to the winger who was brought down near the corner-post.

Half-time : S.E.C. nil, St. Mary's nil.

In the second half the home team had the breeze advantage and were soon attacking but heeling from the scrum was slow, and determined tackling by St. Mary's kept us out. The visitors had a clear advantage in the loose scrums and good moves by their backs brought them into our territory. Moorhead misfielded a cross-kick, St. Mary's winger gathered and Johnson's gallant effort at tackling did not stop him from getting to the line, but the kick failed. Currie made ground with some useful runs but was inclined to run into the forwards and P. Brown broke repeatedly from the line-out. S.E.C. were now attacking with determination and Moorhead had a golden opportunity but was penalised. Furlong finished the S.E.C. attempts with a good run only to be crowded out.

S.E.C. nil, St. Mary's 3 pts.

TEAM : A. Ryan ; J. Moorhead, J. Johnson, D. Furlong, W. Harrison, G. Currie, W. Ellis ; F. Rose (Capt.), A. Meldon, P. Brown, A. Ferrigno, J. Nolan, H. Davenport, J. Granby, C. Brown.

#### St. Edward's College v. St. Anselm's College At Noctorum

22/11/47

The game was more closely contested than the final score might suggest. The S.E.C. backs were superior but the forward tussles were very even. A foot-rush by our pack saw Johnson touching down and then adding the points. We were soon again in the attack and Furlong dropped a neat goal. The home pack then took over ; play remained in our territory for a time and only sound tackling by Granby and Ryan kept our line intact. Before the interval Johnson landed a penalty.

Half-time : S.E.C. 12 pts., St. Anselm's nil.

In the second half our forwards got most of the set scrums thanks to the hooker, Granby, who was always on the ball and who opened the scoring by a good try, which Johnson converted. Soon afterwards Johnson again broke away for a try but failed to add the extra points. St. Anselm's now played with more fire and a weaving run by their centre opened our defence and ended in a try which was not converted. The home team were now on top in the forward duels but a typical Currie intercept gave him an open field to score an unconverted try. A fast three-quarter movement gave Ludden his first chance and he made no mistake. Nolan added the points from a difficult angle. Currie again slipped through the defence and Nolan easily converted. St. Anselm's fought back gamely and their forwards finished the scoring with an unconverted try.

S.E.C. 33 pts., St. Anselm's 6 pts.

TEAM : A. Ryan ; J. Moorhead, J. Johnson, D. Furlong, G. Ludden ; G. Currie, W. Ellis ; F. Rose (Capt.), A. McNally, P. Brown, A. Ferrigno, J. Nolan, H. Davenport, J. Granby, C. Brown.

#### St. Edward's College v. St. Mary's College At Chesterfield Road

29/11/47

A strange kick-off allowed St. Mary's to score by the corner flag with all our team on the wrong side of the field. After this early shock there was some open play on a rather treacherous ground. A good elusive run by the home team's centre resulted in a goal. S.E.C. were

fast in covering but slow in heeling from the loose ; it was apparent that the backs had not played together before and so Ellis wisely made use of his lengthy kicks. Moorhead and Ryan had to deal with strong three-quarter running but following an Ellis movement Moorhead scored an unconverted try. Nolan was doing well in the line-out and McNally was also prominent. Johnson and Davenport checked the strong clever runs of the St. Mary's centre and Rose and P. Brown had some good dribbling movements for S.E.C. A three-quarter movement finished in an unconverted try for St. Mary's.

Half-time : S.E.C. 3 pts., St. Mary's 11 pts.

The early part of the second half was very much in favour of S.E.C., thanks to the lively pack and in particular to Nelson, the hooker. The threes combined somewhat and a good run by Johnson made an opening for Moorhead to score. The kick failed. St. Mary's were soon attacking for a time till Ryan relieved pressure. Poor tackling allowed the home team's winger to score again. Ellis gained ground by kicking and the safe tackling of Meldon kept us in the attack. Johnson followed up a punt and grounded but the kick again failed. Play was now evenly distributed. A Furlong-C. Brown movement looked promising but a forward rush by the home team resulted in a fast unconverted try by the winger. Furlong and Meldon tried hard to force a way through only to be driven back again.

S.E.C. 9 pts., St. Mary's 17 pts.

TEAM : A. Ryan ; J. Moorhead, H. Davenport, D. Furlong, A. Meldon ; J. Johnson, W. Ellis ; F. Rose (Capt.), A. McNally, P. Brown, A. Ferrigno, J. Nolan, C. Brown, F. Nelson, D. Adair.

### SECOND XV

The Seconds have had a very satisfactory term, winning more games than usual and, what may be more important, playing good rugby. The backs are light and quick and occasionally have given five exhibitions of straight running and smart passing. The forwards have earned their medals. In all games they have won the majority of set scrums and lines-out and lost the majority of loose scrums. Their covering up is sometimes good but their real merit lies in their enthusiasm.

The full-back, Marron, is safe and reliable. Murphy (V. J.), and Broadbridge are the best of the threes, but Moore and Harris are by no means over-shadowed. Ludden and Croft, the halves, have combined very well though failing to open out the game for their fast three-quarters. The front row of the scrum, Randall, Nelson, Caird, is light but successful, Nelson winning usually five out of every eight scrums. Adair and Spall are solid in the second row and with Doherty—a grand forward—most effective in the lines-out. Lyons and Guilfooy are lively wing forwards, the former also being our chief place-kicker. Of the reserves, Kendall and J. Murphy are the best.

TEAM : F. Marron ; H. Moore, M. Harris, V. Murphy, T. Broadbridge ; G. Ludden, E. Croft ; E. Randall, F. Nelson, M. Caird, D. Adair (Capt.), F. Spall, P. Lyons, W. Doherty, V. Guilfooy ; and also J. Kendall, F. McDermott, J. Murphy, G. Robinson, A. McNally, F. Fitzgerald, T. Barnwell.

### Results

Oct. 1st v. Park High School, Away. Won 19—11.

A good, even game in which the weight of J. Nolan and the good hooking of Nelson turned the balance in our favour.

Scorers : Nelson 2 tries, Lyons 1 try, 1 convert, Moore 1 try, Murphy (V. J.) 1 try, Nolan 1 convert.

**Oct. 18th v. Oldershaw G.S., Home. Won 24—3.**

A strong Oldershaw XV excelling in forward rushes took command in the first quarter but were well held by our team. A breakaway by V. J. Murphy led to our first score from which point our three-quarters asserted themselves to bring the team a comfortable victory.

Scorers : Murphy, V. J., 2 tries, Lyons 3 converts, Moore, Croft, Broadbridge, Randall, 1 try each.

**Nov. 8th v. Wirral G.S., Home. Won 17—0.**

A very poor game. Both scrums heeled slowly with the result that there was plenty of action but little movement forward. Scrums and lines-out followed each other drearily and the "no side" was a welcome signal. Our forwards played well, the backs never worse.

Scorers : Lyons 2 tries, 1 penalty goal, 1 convert, Broadbridge, Murphy, V. J., 1 try each.

**Nov. 15th v. St. Mary's College, Away. Lost 3—20.**

This was our first defeat and by a big score. St. Mary's were quicker, more thrustful and opportunist. St. Edward's fought hard but could not overcome the handicap of a bad start when St. Mary's had us all at sea. The opening period of the second half was all St. Edwards, but try as we might we could not score until late in the game. McNally forced his way over from a line-out for our solitary try. We won the majority of the set scrums but our threes seldom got far before being tackled so that Croft was compelled to kick ahead continually to make some ground.

Scorer : A. McNally 1 try.

**Nov. 22nd v. St. Anselm's College, Home. Won 31—3**

An even game for the first half with St. Edward's making more use of their openings. St. Anselm's won almost all the set scrums in this game but were slow in making ground. The second half was all in favour of St. Edward's but Burns of St. Anselm's stole the limelight with a brilliant try.

Scorers : Doherty 3 tries, Lyons 1 penalty goal and 1 convert, Harris, Nelson, Moore, Broadbridge, Croft 1 try each, Marron 1 convert.

**29th Nov. v. St. Mary's, Home. Lost 5—10.**

St. Mary's, after inflicting on us our first defeat, now destroyed our home record but only after a hard battle. St. Edward's opened the scoring and then had to resist a fierce onslaught by St. Mary's. The second half was a grim struggle in which a fine dropped goal swung the balance in favour of St. Mary's.

Scorers : Moore 1 try, Lyons 1 convert.

### SENIOR COLTS

The Senior Colts, i.e., under 16 on September 1st, 1947, played two games and were successful in both. The nucleus of this team was made up of nine of the Seconds, thus giving it some cohesion and combination.

TEAM : G. Ludden (Capt.), P. Lyons, H. Moore, M. Harris, V. J. Murphy, M. Caird, J. Murphy, J. Kendall, N. Nelson, E. Randall, F. Spall, R. Burns, V. Guilfooy, G. Robinson, E. Johnston, F. McDermott, N. Ryan.

**Oct. 11th v. Collegiate H.S., Home. Won 20—0.**

The heavier Collegiate pack got into their stride at once and had our team at sixes and sevens until V. J. Murphy broke away from our half and scored a try well out. A grand kick by Lyons added the points. St. Edward's began to get the upper hand, particularly in the forwards so that our three-quarters got more of the ball and more room to use it in. Collegiate, weakened by injuries, put up a good fight but found it hard to check our threes.

Scorers : Lyons 1 try and 4 converts, Ludden, Nelson and Murphy 1 try each.

**Oct. 25th v. Wallasey G.S., Home. Won 13—8.**

A very hard game which St. Edward's were lucky to win. Wallasey threes were superior to ours but our forwards would not give an inch, holding on doggedly to every yard gained. The highlight of this game was Murphy's interception of a pass in our twenty-five then his going right through to score between the posts.

Scorers : V. J. Murphy, Randall, Moore 1 try each, Lyons 2 converts.

### JUNIOR COLTS

The Junior Colts, i.e., under 15 on 1st September, 1947, have played only one game so far ; their fixtures are arranged for next term to give them time for training and gaining confidence.

**Oct. 4th v. Park High School, Home. Won 19—9.**

This was a good eager game played in delightful weather. St. Edward's had the upper hand at the beginning but felt the loss of Hughes who had to retire early on owing to injury. Our threes were the faster and scored a few tries by breakaways from midfield ; the forwards were enthusiastic but had no advantage over their opponents.

Scorers : Burns 2 tries, Ellis 1 try and 1 convert, Moorhead 1 try, Murphy 1 try, Cunningham 1 convert.

### BANTAM XV

The Bantam XV is composed of four of last year's team plus several of the 1946-47 Junior Bantams. Although somewhat on the light side they are gradually developing into a sound team, and so far have done very well. They have played 9, won 8, lost 1, with a total of 109 points for and 33 against. Keeness is the outstanding note of the side as a whole, and lack of weight is more than compensated by plenty of grit and tenacity, and the tackling in most cases is well up to standard. E. Johnston, as captain, sets a fine example, and his outstanding play at scrum-half has been a feature of all games. Our full-back, J. Hargreaves, is another who is doing great work for the side ; his handling, tackling, kicking, and sense of positional play being splendid. The other backs, J. Healey, J. Hopkins, E. Perez, R. Gillespie and J. Colford, were slow to settle down at first, but are now proving that they can hold their own with any opponents. The pack is ably led by B. Edgar ; A. Beason and P. Marron are devastating wing forwards ; G. Carroll and R. Hughes, two hard-working forwards, are always in the thick of things, being well backed up by R. McKenna, H. McQuade and J. Dillon. In short, all the players are doing their utmost to keep up the traditions of S.E.C. on the Rugger field, always trying to play the game as it should be played, cleanly, cleverly, without arrogance in victory, without bitterness in defeat.

**TEAM :** J. Hargreaves, J. Colford, J. Hopkins, E. Perez, R. Gillespie, J. Healey, E. Johnston, R. McKenna, H. McQuade, J. Dillon, G. Carroll, R. Hughes, P. Marron, B. Edgar, A. Beason. The following have also played : A. McLachlan, K. Nunnery, T. Finnegan, J. Finnegan, T. T. McNally, J. Kelly, F. Hitchings, R. Smith and A. Brownbill.

### Results

**Oct. 4th v. Park High School, Home. Won 15—3.**

Park H.S. fielded a well-balanced XV but the tackling and greater thrust of our three-quarters carried the day.

Scorers : Tries by J. Colford (1), R. Gillespie (1), H. McQuade (1), E. Perez (2).

**Oct. 11th v. Collegiate School, Away. Won 9—3.**

Both teams began off in a somewhat lazy fashion, but after some time a ding-dong struggle developed. There was no score in the first half. In the second period our backs got a better service of the ball and we scored 3 tries. Collegiate replied with a well-placed penalty goal. A. Beason gave an outstanding exhibition of wing-forward play.

Scorers : Tries by E. Johnston (2), J. Hopkins (1).

**Oct. 22nd v. Oldershaw G.S., Away. Lost 0—3.**

This was a Wednesday fixture so we had to field four substitutes for E. Perez, R. Hughes, J. Hargreaves and J. Colford. Our newcomers played well, and were in no way responsible for our only defeat so far this season. The greater weight of our opponents told in the end, and enabled them to snatch victory by a single try to nil.

**Nov. 1st v. St. Elizabeth's G.S., Home. Won 15—3.**

The work of our pack in the loose did much to win this game. Some of our backs were off-colour so the brunt of the struggle was borne by the forwards. A. Beason and E. Johnston again gave first-class displays.

Scorers : Tries by E. Johnston (3), E. Perez (1), R. McKenna (1).

**Nov. 8th v. Wirral G.S., Home. Won 24—3.**

Right from the beginning our side settled down to work and at half-time the score read 15—0. Playing against the breeze in the second half, the backs defended well, and greater thrust and determination were evident in attack. Good backing-up was responsible for at least four of the tries. Our kicking was definitely poor—eight converts and a penalty goal from an easy position were missed.

Scorers : Tries by J. Hopkins (2), J. Healey (2), J. Hargreaves (1), R. McKenna (1), G. Carroll (1), R. Smith (1).

**Nov. 14th v. St. Mary's College, Away. Won 11—9.**

The conditions completely militated against good rugby, nevertheless both teams played well. We led 11—0 until about five minutes from the end, when St. Mary's scored three quick tries in an all-out offensive. Our backs were affected by the cold, and so might be excused for this lapse. Prominent were Edgar, Beason, Hughes and Healey.

Scorers : J. Hopkins (1 goal), R. Hughes (1 try), A. Beason (1 try).

**Nov. 20th v. St. Elizabeth's G.S., Home. Won 6—3.**

This was our hardest game so far. There was no score at half-time. In the second half a terrific forward battle developed, and it seemed as if the superior weight of the opposing pack would carry the day. Our backs, however, held out and refused to be beaten. The grit and determination of J. Hargreaves certainly saved us to-day.

Scorers : E. Johnston (1 try), J. Hopkins (1 penalty goal).

**Nov. 22nd v. St. Anselm's Coll., Away. Won 11—3.**

On a muddy pitch the players found it difficult to settle down and there was some miskicking. We should have got more scores, as for the best portion of the game we were on the offensive. Prominent were Marron, Hopkins and Hargreaves.

Scorers : J. Hopkins (2 tries, 1 convert), E. Perez (1 try).

**Nov. 29th v. St. Mary's College, Home. Won 18—3.**

On a hard ground both teams tackled splendidly. E. Johnston gave our backs a good service as we secured possession in most of the tight scrums, and a fine open game resulted. The first half was fairly even, and were it not for our resolute defence, St. Mary's might have scored on at least three occasions. After the interval we were mainly in our opponents' "25," and ran out easy winners. All the side played well, R. Hughes and A. McLachlan being very conspicuous in the loose.

Scorers : Tries by E. Johnston (3), A. McLachlan (1), H. McQuade (1), J. Kelly (1).

### JUNIOR BANTAM XV

The Junior Bantam XV are enjoying a successful season so far, having played four games and won four with a total of 62 points for and 12 against. The team includes four veterans of last season's XV : K. Nunnery, V. O'Hagan, T. Finnegan and P. Mercer, while among the rest, who appear for the first time in a school team, there are some very promising players. Outstanding among these is the scrum-half, W. Gillespie.

**TEAM :** P. Goodall, R. Monaghan, J. Usher, V. O'Hagan, T. Finnegan, K. Nunnery (Capt.), W. Gillespie, A. McGrail, J. Blott, J. Morgan, T. Topping, P. Mercer, T. Laughton, S. Barry and P. Meyers. The following also played : T. Francis, J. Staunton, E. Anderton, J. Meehan, B. Wilson, J. Meehan, L. McLoughlin and J. Reilly.

**Oct. 25th v. St. Mary's, Home. Won 19—3.**

As a result of some splendid individual efforts, we succeeded in winning our first match by a comfortable margin. T. Finnegan opened the scoring after three minutes' play. Thanks to strong defensive work on the part of the backs, St. Mary's were prevented from crossing our line during the whole game.

Scorers : T. Finnegan, T. Francis, T. Laughton, K. Nunnery, W. Gillespie, 1 try each, V. O'Hagan, E. Anderton 1 convert each.

**Nov. 15 v. St. Elizabeth's, Home. Won 3—0.**

This game was very evenly contested and, until the final whistle, our victory was in the balance. Again T. Finnegan opened the scoring within the first five minutes and, although both teams seemed to take it in

turns to apply great pressure inside their opponents' 25, there was no further score during the game.

Scorer : T. Finnegan 1 try.

**Nov. 22nd v. St. Anselm's, Home.** Won 32—3.

This was the best display by the team to date. Mainly responsible for this was W. Gillespie, playing in the scrum-half position. Invariably his quick, accurate passing set the three-quarters in motion, while he himself scored four tries.

Scorers : W. Gillespie 4 tries, V. O'Hagan 4 converts, K. Nunnery, J. Usher, J. Morgan, A. McGrail, 1 try each.

**Nov. 29th v. Liverpool Collegiate, Away.** Won 8—6.

This was our hardest game so far. Collegiate, following-up from the kick-off, scored a try in the first minute of the game. Our team fought back vigorously and, after fifteen minutes, were rewarded by a try scored by Morgan. Although Collegiate gained another three-point lead early in the second-half a magnificent breakthrough by O'Hagan resulted in a goal which gave us a two-point victory.

Scorers : J. Morgan 1 try, V. O'Hagan 1 try and 1 convert.

#### "ADDITIONAL, DECEMBER 6th."

##### First XV v. Birkenhead Institute

##### At Sandfield Park.

The visitors kicked off and remained in our territory for some time. A series of lines-out gave advantage to neither side till a B.I. attack was stopped near the posts and a counter attack led by Johnson and Currie brought us at once to the B.I. line. A clever pass by Ellis from a resulting scrum saw Meldon forcing his way over and Johnson converted. We were soon in the attack again and B.I. were defending desperately. The speed of the S.E.C. forwards in the loose completely upset the visitors' defence but the home team were subdued in the line-out where Nolan and McNally put up a good fight.

Attack was changed into counter-attack and after pressing for a long time Johnson cut through to make an opening for Harrison to score. Johnson added the points. B.I. now made some strong forward rushes and when it seemed as if they must score the attack was once more switched and speedy footwork by Johnson, Harrison and Davenport resulted in an unconverted try by Meldon. The visitors attacked for a considerable time but the kicking of Ellis and Currie kept them at bay. From a line-out B.I. scored an unconverted try by the corner flag.

Half-time : S.E.C. 13 pts., Birkenhead Inst. 3 pts.

The second half was in the visitors' favour and strong determined footrushes paved the way to victory. Good work by Nolan, Ferrigno and Robinson kept us in the attack till B.I. relieved pressure by lengthy kicking and from a scrum in our "25" their stand-off went over and converted. Tricky running by Currie and Meldon brought no reward and in the loose C. Brown, P. Brown and Nelson were always up with the play. The visitors were slowly making ground but Moorhead's tackling ended some promising attacks. Ellis once more brought us to B.I. territory and Moorhead put in a good run only to be well tackled. Ryan confidently saved threatening movements. Play moved quickly up and down the field but neither side got the opportunity to make an opening. B.I. with a very good kick landed a penalty to leave the score :—

S.E.C. 13 pts., Birkenhead Institute 16 pts.

TEAM : A. Ryan, J. Moorhead, W. Harrison, J. Johnson, A. Meldon, G. Currie, W. Ellis, P. Brown (Capt.), G. Robinson, H. Davenport, A. Ferrigno, J. Nolan, A. McNally, F. Nelson, C. Brown.

**Second XV v. Birkenhead Inst., Away.** Won 14—3.

A dull game producing very little good rugby. We were well below full strength but still had command of the game right through. Jas. Murphy, Harris and Kendall were outstanding.

Scorers : Lyons 2 tries and 1 convert ; Marron and Kendall 1 try each.

**Bantam XV v. Birkenhead Inst., Home.** Won 31—3.

This score, our highest of the season, in no way reflects the true run of the play, as B.I. with a little more luck might not only have scored on several occasions but also have prevented three or four of our tries. The work of our pack in the loose was very disappointing, and if the opposition had been stronger we might have found ourselves facing defeat. All the backs played well, with E. Johnston and P. Marron outstanding.

Scorers : E. Johnston (3 tries), P. Marron (3 tries), J. Hopkins (1 try 1 convert), J. Healey (1 try), H. McQuade (1 try), E. Perez (1 convert).

**Junior Bantams v. St. Mary's, Away.** Lost 5—14.

A strong attack by our XV gave us a 5—0 lead which we maintained for three-quarters of the game. Towards the end, however, our Backs slackened-up, and, in the last ten minutes, St. Mary's, taking advantage of this, broke through and scored four times. This was our first defeat this Season.

Scorers : A. McGrail 1 try, V. O'Hagan 1 convert.

**House Games fixed for April 30th will be transferred to May 7th because of Hull University examinations.**

**ANSWERS (TWENTY QUESTIONS)**

- 1, 2, 3. Easily solved.
4. Beats me.
5. You know.
6. (1) Get it ; (2) Drop it.
7. Look in the Calendar.
8. It all depends.
9. All.
10. Some time !
11. Turn it into a field.
12. Problematical.
13. The last is the one you have to do.
14. Wait till it boils.
15. Derby, Notts. are two.
16. Ask a Referee.
17. Disembark.
18. Search the cotton fields.
19. Old enough not to make a third attempt.
20. Two, of course.

**ANSWERS TO RIDDLE-ME-REE**

No. 1. Viriliter Age.

No. 2. Latin.

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTION**

**Across.**—1, Willow ; 4, Starch ; 8, Gorges ; 10, Crusts ; 11, Relay ; 12, Apes ; 14, Sure ; 15, Debutante ; 17, Stockings ; 20, Hews ; 21, Span ; 22, Minus ; 24, Falcon ; 25, Stroke ; 26, Sashes ; 27, Abated.

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