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School Notes

THERE may be no need to comment on the weather. It played havoc with our Rugby fixtures, cancelled some important cricket games, depressed and drenched us all (as usual) on Sports Day and wrecked many reputations for punctuality and attendance.

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The Annual Retreat was this year under the care of V. Rev. M. O'Ryan, O.M.I., assisted by the Oblate Fathers of St. Teresa's, Norris Green. The great truths and the little things we so often dismiss were well and forcibly brought home to us by the Rev. Preacher. We thank Fr. O'Ryan and the Fathers and congratulate them on the high honour of an Assistant-General of the Order recently bestowed on Fr. O'Ryan.

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The Prize Day took place on Friday, May 9th, in the School Hall. Its revival was on a quiet note as unforeseen events had altered the plan of a general gathering.

The Headmaster, Rev. Br. Wall, addressed a few words to the School, thanking the staff for its

co-operation and hard work, congratulating the boys and giving a resumé of the successes gained during the year. Items by the School Orchestra under the baton of Mr. E. Genin and songs by the School Choir preceded the Prize-giving. Mr. P. Hawe, F.R.C.S., distributed the Certificates and Prizes to the successful students.

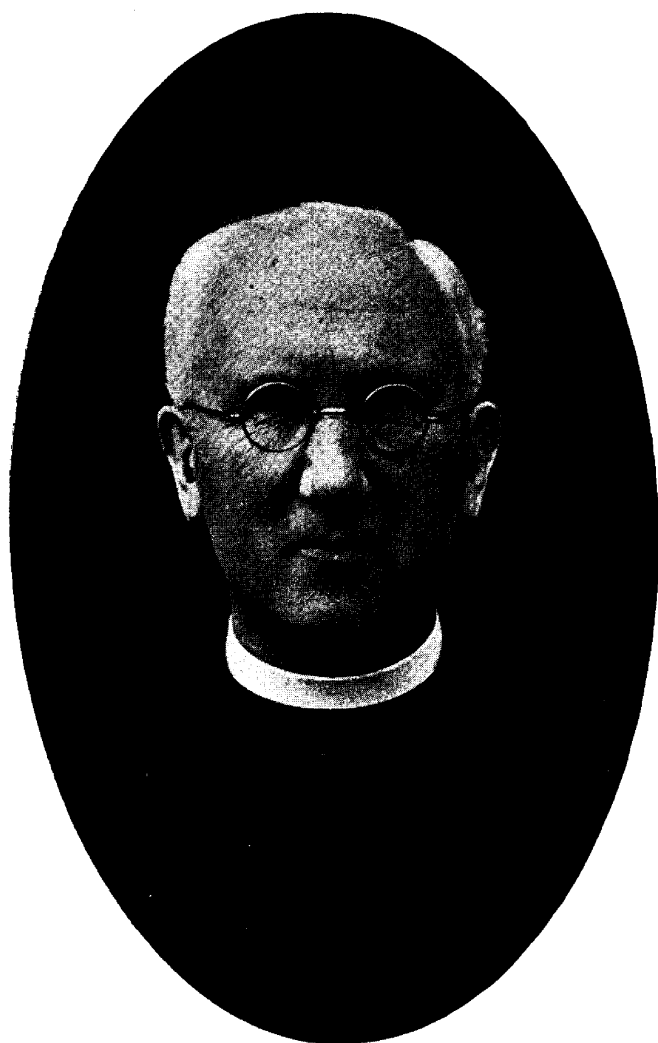
In a short speech Mr. Hawe expressed his pleasure at being back in the Alma Mater, congratulated the prize-winners and had a word for those not in the limelight. He encouraged all to persevere in the struggle and to aim high. His request for a holiday was supported by a unanimous and vocally overwhelming approval. Ronald Sadler, VI A. Mods., thanked Dr. Hawe on behalf of the School.

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The Sports Day was held on the usual second Saturday in June. The weather was also as usual on that day and its continued bad behaviour may suggest a change of date for the Sports meeting.

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During the Easter Vacation the C.I.E.A. held



REV. BR. J. O. MACNAMARA

Provincial, English Province Christian Brothers.

Principal, St. Edward's College, 1937—1943.



Rev. Br. John Odo MacNamara

AN APPRECIATION

Robert Louis Stevenson in his essay *Aes Triplex* remarks that : "All, who have meant good work with their whole hearts, have done good work, although they may die before they have time to sign it. Every heart that has beat strong and cheerfully has left a hopeful influence behind it in the world and bettered the tradition of mankind." Of few could this be written more truly than of Brother MacNamara whose whole life was spent in doing good work—not only of the material kind, which also he did unostentatiously for the youth entrusted to his care, but in a nobler sense he did good of the spiritual kind by infusing into the hearts of the young the love of God, the love of Our Lady, the love of the Saints.

Nor was it by word alone that he influenced the young. His quiet manner, his unvarying cheerfulness, his attractive personality, his kindliness in word and act spoke eloquently of the peace and joy of the saints, of the meekness and charity of the servants of God. All this had a profound effect on those, both young and old, with whom he lived and worked ; it gave wings to his words when he spoke of the things of God, of the wondrous virtues of Our Mother Mary, of the effectiveness of her intercession, and the greatness of the part she plays in embedding in the hearts of her clients a profound sense of the beauty of Purity and its immense influence on our outlook on life.

This sanctification of the whole man which was his, added to a native mildness, an unobtrusive almost shy manner, a generous spirit and untiring energy rendered all that he did effective, and gripped the minds and hearts of all with whom he came into contact, the boys in his class and their parents, the Brothers in his community, the clergy, the nuns and other religious in the various places in which he was stationed. For whether it be Cork where he laboured in the early years of his religious life, or New Ross the scene of his middle years, or Bristol, Crosby, or St. Edward's in later life, the nobility, the earnestness, the zeal, ability and success of his work, yet withal, the simplicity and straightforwardness of his character form the universal impression made by Brother MacNamara in his dealings with all men, in all places, at all times.

He never had an enemy ; his lovable character, his gentlemanly manner were incapable of giving offence ; and even when duty forced him to correct or advise others it was always *suaviter in modo, fortiter in re*. The easy manner of his death—slipping in sleep quietly and sweetly into eternity—fitted in perfectly with his lifelong humility, his constant craving for peace in all things. His death though sudden was well provided for, and we may justly feel confident that our prayer "May he rest in peace" is already heard and "his habitation is in peace, his abode in Sion."

its Annual General Meeting in the School Hall. We again wish the Old Boys every success.

Swimming has been added to the list of Sports activities. On certain evenings each week organised groups go to Lister Drive Baths to cool and refresh themselves after the day's labour and to learn, we hope, the difficult art of "treading the water."

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Our congratulations to Rev. Br. P. D. O'Connell on his appointment as Provincial of the English Province of the Christian Brothers in succession to the late Rev. Br. MacNamara (R.I.P.). He taught at St. Edward's in the early years of 1930.

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Congratulations to R. Nolan, VI A. Mods., on gaining third place in the Merseyside Catholic Schools' Debate held by the Catenian Association last December. Also to John Cunningham on gaining his Economics Tripos, Part I, at Cambridge.

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The Reference Library keeps on growing with the passing of the years and during the past two

terms has benefited by the generosity of the following, whom we gratefully thank :—Messrs. P. Magee, T. O'Dowd, J. Hanson, J. B. Burke, F. X. Walker, F. Ferguson, F. Hewitt, V. Gaskin, G. Currie, VI B. Mods., and Dr. T. Cecil Gray.

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To those of our readers who may regret the absence of the Form Notes feature or who may condemn the stifling of free speech and classroom gossip a word of explanation is offered. It is not to be assumed that the powers of expression in the various Forms have died or that dullness has sat heavily on the life of the schoolboy. No! the omission is just a change and there's an old saying about absence and the heart. The Magazine Committee would like to know your views on the omission and on any other point connected with the Magazine. At present the intention is to limit Form Notes to one issue a year.

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Summer Term ends 19th July.

Autumn Term begins 10th September.

Next issue of the Magazine, Christmas 1947.

The Death of Br. J. O. MacNamara

R.I.P.

THE sad event of this year was the sudden death of the well-beloved Rev. Br. J. O. MacNamara which occurred on February 20th at St. Edward's, Sandfield Park, in the 65th year of his age and the 49th of his religious profession. He had been in St. Edward's so long and seemed so much a part of the School that it was hard to realize the full import of Br. Wall's words announcing on that Thursday morning the sad news. The passing of Br. MacNamara deprives us of one whom we looked upon with peculiar affection and his kindness and friendliness to each and everyone of us will long remain in our memories.

On Friday evening the remains were brought to St. Paul's Parish Church where the Very Rev. T. O'Donoghue, P.P., and the Brothers recited the Rosary.

On Saturday Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul. The celebrant was V. Rev. Fr. J. Kieran, P.P., St. Edmund's, Waterloo. The deacon and sub-deacon were V. Rev. J. Byrne and Rev. V. Furlong respectively. The master of ceremonies was Rev. C. Taylor, the Archbishop's Secretary.

In the sanctuary were Right Rev. Dr. Halsall, Bishop of Zabi; Right Rev. Monsignor Redmond, Chancellor; Right Rev. Monsignor Turner, President, Upholland College; Very Rev. Canons J. Bennett, W. Daly, H. Dawber and G. Doyle. A large number of priests attended.

The Superior General of the Christian Brothers was represented by Rev. Br. J. I. Doorley, Assistant to the Superior General. Also present were Rev. Br. J. M. Quinlan, Provincial of the Irish Province; Rev. Br. J. S. Roche, vice-

Provincial of the English Province ; Superiors of the Brothers' schools in England, a large number of Brothers, the staff of St. Edward's College, and many Old Boys, parents and friends. The singing was by the school choir under the direction of Mr. Boraston.

The panegyric was preached by Rev. Fr. A. Maguire.

My Lord Bishop, Right Rev., Very Rev., and Reverend Fathers, Brothers, and dear brethren.

On the 9th of February, 1883, there commenced a life which was to have a considerable influence over a very wide field. Last Thursday morning, that life came to an end when Brother John Odo MacNamara went forth from this earth to meet his Creator.

All but fifteen of those sixty-four years were spent in religion, in the Congregation of the Christian Brothers. We might be tempted to say that all of those years were spent in a religious community, for the family in County Clare that gave to God a priest, a Christian Brother, and three nuns, must have had something of the beauty of a religious community about it. Around the hearth in Kilmurry-MacMahon, two Catholic parents did God's work to some purpose and instilled into the hearts of their children a deep filial love of God which blossomed out into the fulness of the Christian virtues.

John, of this family, entered the Christian Brothers when he was fifteen, placing himself under the patronage of St. Odo upon his profession. After the usual training he commenced his scholastic career at the North Monastery Schools, Cork, in August, 1899. With the exception of a short spell at the O'Connell Schools, Dublin, he remained in Cork for sixteen years, until in August, 1915, he was appointed Superior at New Ross.

His first appointment in England was in September, 1921, when he joined the Community at St. Brendan's College, Bristol. It was from there that he came to us, when on 13th September, 1926, he was appointed to the staff of St. Edward's College. After twelve months, St. Mary's, Crosby (where he was Superior, 1927—1930),

and St. Joseph's, Blackpool, were to benefit by his experience, but since 1931, when he returned to St. Edward's, his stay in our midst was uninterrupted.

To have had the benefit of a personality such as Bro. MacNamara's over an unbroken period of sixteen years has contributed in no small measure to the success of St. Edward's College. During the early years of that period, Bro. MacNamara worked with the Upper Forms, and his unfailing sympathy and genuine interest in their regard won the respect and admiration of his pupils. This is borne out by the many sincere and spontaneous tributes from Old Boys who have realised to the full only when they have left school, the measure of inspiration they received from their master who was, at the same time, so much their friend. In 1937 he was appointed Superior and in this capacity his qualities had fuller scope. He was always most courteous, and we have never seen him anything but serene and unruffled even in the most trying circumstances. He made a sincere and largely successful effort to know personally each pupil in the school, and, when the number reaches the neighbourhood of 700, this is no light task. His affability and considerate manner put even the youngest boy at his ease in the presence of his Head.

The success of Br. MacNamara's administration is reflected in the lists of scholastic and other successes, and also in the high esteem in which he was held by the Clergy, parents and the Education Authorities. In addition to the ordinary responsibility of school administration he shared with Br. Roche, who was then Headmaster, the onerous task of transferring the College from Everton to its present site.

Throughout his career, Br. MacNamara was, first and foremost, a model religious—strictly observant of his Rule, and herein lay his success. He always emphasized character training, and we can truly say that he practised what he preached. And he exemplified the axiom that "a gloomy saint is a paradox"—for his unfailing cheerfulness is one of our most treasured memories of him. He was an outstanding favourite with his

brethren in religion and this is no mean tribute to his sterling qualities. A further tribute, and one of high degree, was his appointment as first Provincial of the English Province which was erected on the 8th December, 1945, an office he held until his death.

The tragic suddenness of his death came as a tremendous shock to us all. In your name, I offer our sincere sympathy to his relations, to Rev. Br. Superior General, to the Brothers of the Province and in particular to Br. Wall and the Community of St. Edward's College.

Whilst aware of the high standard which Br. MacNamara set himself, and lived up to, in his religious life, and whilst we feel certain that this would speedily bring him to the fulness of his eternal reward, we are nevertheless reminded in Holy Writ that even "the just man falls seven times a day." That is the reason of our being gathered here to-day—to unite in prayer for the repose of his soul. And we are confident that as long as the happy memories of our mutual association remain, so long will we remember him in our prayers.

Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon him.

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

As it was realized that St. Paul's would not accommodate all those wishing to attend the Obsequies, the senior boys of the School went to St. Paul's while the juniors attended St. Cecilia's, Green Lane. Here, through the kindness of Very Rev. Fr. J. Casey, P.P., a Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Dillon, who also addressed a short discourse to the boys.

Immediately after the Absolutions the coffin, preceded by the Clergy and Brothers, was borne from the Church through a guard of honour formed by the senior boys of St. Edward's and St. Mary's, Crosby. The interment followed at Yew Tree Cemetery where the boys lined the avenue to the graveside.

Rev. Fr. Felix Ryan, O.F.M., Liverpool, cousin of the deceased, assisted by Rev. Fr. A. Maguire, read the burial service. And in the presence of his Brothers and the boys of St. Edward's College, Br. MacNamara was laid to rest. R.I.P.

On the month's mind a Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was celebrated at St. Cecilia's, Green Lane, in the presence of the whole school. The celebrant was Rev. Fr. M. Dillon, St. Cecilia's, the deacon, Rev. Fr. M. P. Kennedy, St. Paul's, West Derby, and sub-deacon, Rev. Fr. J. O'Boyle, O.M.I., St. Teresa's. The singing was by the school choir.

Twentieth Century Architecture in Liverpool

WITH the laying of the foundation stone of the new Anglican Cathedral in 1904 and the arrival in the same year of Prof. Sir Charles Reilly to be Roscoe Professor of Architecture at the University, there began a new era in the architectural history of this City. The new Cathedral was a symbol of the new life which the enthusiasm of Charles Reilly was to create. For this man changed the modest Faculty of Architecture of a provincial University into the very oracle of the modern school. Liverpool

became the Capital of Architecture and its students went out to spread the gospel and do great things in an expectant world. Many of the most eminent living architects, Abercrombie, Fry, Holford and others, have graduated at Liverpool. There also was formed the first school of Civic Design where many of the precepts of town-planning were formulated and studied. It was truly Liverpool's golden age and the aura of that glory is still about us.

How the city prospered from its magnificent

school! The continual influx of foreign students created a cosmopolitan atmosphere whose benefits are thankfully recognised. It was natural that new examples of architecture would be much influenced by the standards of the University and that excellence would become the rule rather than the exception. The city became architecture-conscious and assumed an attitude to design which would benefit any community. Naturally there were lapses from such an exacting standard; but that was inevitable.

The Department of Civic Design in the University had for its first Professor, Stanley Adshead. He it was who designed the Repertory Theatre in a tasteful neo-grec style of rare merit. Thus the successful repertory movement in this City owed much to the new School. Other buildings of prominence soon made their appearance. The new School of Architecture itself was housed in a well-proportioned construction, the gift of Lord Leverhulme.

The Harold Cohen Library was another addition to Waterhouses's melancholy Gothic. Here again the new building seemed to possess the classical qualities of the Greek and yet was an example of the new trend. Outside the University, building was progressing apace. Business houses were erecting new premises, the Liverpool Gas Co. Building being one example. The old Exchange is at present under reconstruction and the completed new section, Derby House, has a most pleasing appearance. The famous trilogy of Liver, Cunard and Dock Offices on the river front present one of the most impressive approaches to be found in Britain. Many other examples of such architecture exist in the City but space prevents their inclusion here.

In 1933 the old Philharmonic Hall was destroyed by fire. The new building, designed by Mr. H. G. Rowse, is one of the finest auditoriums in the country. It is graceful in its fenestration, novel in its interior lighting, and its colour schemes leave nothing to be desired. Mr. Rowse also designed the monumental ventilating stations and pleasing entrances of the Mersey Tunnel. Not only has the Tunnel its size to commend it but its

architecture reveals a great sense of combination between engineering and design. It is pleasing to note that the City redevelopment plan provides a fitting background for the principal entrance at the Old Haymarket.

Of the many fine modern Churches to be found within the City boundaries, St. Matthew's, Clubmoor, and St. Monica's, Bootle, (both by F. X. Velarde) are truly handsome, pleasing examples of contemporary ecclesiastical design.

Speke Airport possesses great merit in its design and it is a worthy addition to the City's architecture. Near to it is located the Speke Estate, probably one of the finest examples of modern housing methods in the country. When completed, this new township will be almost unrivalled. It may be certainly affirmed that the teachings of the University have here borne fruit as is also the case in the other estates, such as that of Norris Green.

And now to consider the two Cathedrals. I must confess that I was impatient to write about them but their great pre-eminence demands that they should be studied last of all. The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, when completed, will be the second largest Church in the world. Designed in a modern adaptation of the "renaissance" style by the late Sir Edwin Lutyens, P.R.A., it will be a massive, ponderous construction which will eventually embrace fifty-three altars so that the great house of God may resound with praise and prayer. The half-completed crypt is already a wonder of immensity. The still drainage pools with their occasional dripping disturbing the vaulted silence are evidence of the busy labour temporarily arrested by war-time conditions. The Chapel of the Relics and its magnificent rolling gate are but the slightest glimpses of the beauties to arise. The central space under the dome will be 20,000 square feet and the height from the lowest step on the Western front to the top of the lantern will be some 520 feet.

With the exception of Durham no other English Cathedral is so well situated as the Anglican Cathedral of Liverpool. Rising high on St.

James' Mount it runs North to South, to be seen in all its noble proportions by sailors entering the Mersey.

It is the only Gothic Cathedral in this country which has no pillars, the springing arches of the great nave and crossings carrying their single span from wall to wall to make the largest vaulted space in Gothic architecture in the world. Designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, R.A., when he was scarcely twenty-one, the original conception has been changed from time to time. In the plans submitted by the architect in 1903 the advisory architects found "that power combined with beauty which makes a great and noble building." Their opinion has been well justified. The design is no copy of a mediaeval fabric: the disposition of the ornament, the employment of large, plain wall spaces, the novel plan are most original. It is a new vision in the Gothic spectrum, a vision steadily materialising into the largest Cathedral in the North of Europe. From the wide extent of the pavement to the top of the 330-ft. tower, fretted with lace-like stone; from the magnificent reredos and font to the mighty organ; from the stately transepts to the lovely Lady Chapel it displays in all its forms the sensitive and loving touch of genius. It is difficult now to assess the merits of such a mighty fabric, unmellowed as it is by time, but it seems fairly evident that it is an outstanding ecclesiastical edifice of the modern

age. There is perhaps no building in the world which reflects on a comparable scale and like magnificence the changing mentality of a generation focussed at the drawing board of one man.

Contemporary civic design, as evidenced in Liverpool, reveals a healthy sense of balance and a true allegiance to aesthetic standards. Though individual and profoundly modern, it has retained contact with world currents and is a symbol of the good taste prevailing in architectural circles. Yet despite traditions which many other communities could well envy Liverpool has not escaped the blemish of the slum, so common to the industrial town; nor has it escaped the disgrace of bad architecture. But fortunately the examples of it are few. An architectural destiny is always difficult to fulfil. No other period has revealed such opportunities and hindrances to the designer than ours. New fields of endeavour, beset with new dilemmas have not alleviated his task. Previous eras, the Victorian in particular, have left a bad vernacular style, the consequences of which we have had to suffer. Hasty planning, doubtful sanitation, vapid design and low standards of construction are possible evils. Yet in spite of embarrassment and perplexity, in spite of adverse criticism and the exigencies of an emergency, all these evils the modern architect must constantly avoid. As in the instance of other social arts it calls for pertinacity and courage.

K. F. CRAIG-McFEELY, VI A. MODS.

He fell amongst friends

BESIDES the many heroes of the French Resistance whose names have become known since the cessation of hostilities, there are many whose names will never be known, men, women and even children who risked torture and death in order to help their Allies.

The following true story epitomises their superb gallantry.

On one of the many heavy raids which Berlin

suffered in 1944, a Lancaster was badly hit on its return journey to Britain. The pilot was forced to bale out with his crew over France. He landed in Normandy but lost touch with his companions. By discarding his cap and putting on his long overcoat, which could pass for a civilian garment, he was able to cover up his uniform. He spoke some French and had memorised a certain address where, in case of emergency, he would be received.

He walked to a town and boarded a train. The compartment he entered was already full, but the passengers made room for him.

When the conductor appeared and punched the pilot's ticket without comment, he began to think he was in the clear. But soon a policeman came in and demanded everyone's papers. The only paper the pilot had, was one certifying him as a member of the R.A.F.

"What's that?" asked the policeman after studying the strange paper for some time.

"My identity paper."

"You are an aviator?"

"Yes."

"In the R.A.F.?"

"Yes."

"What are you doing here?"

"I was shot down—I am trying to get away."

"But, monsieur!" exclaimed the astonished policeman. "You must not travel with papers like that—you'll get into trouble!"

The pilot shrugged his shoulders impotently. The dozen passengers in the compartment had, of course, listened breathlessly to this extraordinary dialogue. Now they all began to speak at once.

"Monsieur," said a plump lady in a corner, "good sometimes come from bad—I am making this journey to bury my brother-in-law. He was

about the same size as you. I'll give you his clothes, and you can get away in them!"

"Monsieur," said an old gentleman with a white moustache, "I am a retired officer. Officers know how to help each other. I will not allow you to go to any other house but mine!"

Every person in the compartment made some similar offer, trying to shout the others down in his desire to help.

"Monsieur! I am going to do this for you. I am going to do that for you. I am going to do this for you. I am going to do that. Pardon! Permettez!"

And the policeman was not the last to offer his advice.

All this in total disregard of the fact that if an agent of the Gestapo, or an informer, were within hearing, everyone would face death for aiding the enemy.

The train arrived at its destination. The passengers grouped themselves around the pilot while the policeman went ahead and said to the gendarme who was examining people leaving the train. "Let the bareheaded man pass—he's a friend of mine."

Surrounded by the passengers, the pilot walked freely out of the station.

Two weeks later he was safely back in London.

P. BROWN, VI B. MODS.

On Ashness Bridge

HERE is in Cumberland a small but well known town called Keswick. Equally well known are a small hamlet called Ashness and a bridge of the same name.

Bridges are usually so insignificant that to pass over one is just another routine action of everyday life but to pass over Ashness is different. It is an ordinary bridge all right but, unlike other bridges, it is situated amongst the beauty of the lakes.

To look at it from a distance on that gruelling long walk uphill to Watendlath it is a haven of rest, a place to sit down or even to bathe, in the

crystal-clear stream water, those burning feet. It makes one put on that last extra spurt that places one plumb onto its inviting walls.

Sitting there gasping for breath, wiping the sweat and grime from one's brow and removing all the cumbersome kit of a hiker, one becomes aware of the surroundings. Forsaking the wall he stands up and looks about him.

There, stretched in gorgeous panorama is the Lake District, the country that inspired the poets. Far away can be discerned Skiddaw, Scafell Pike, Black Crag, Maiden Moor, many other mountains

and the spectacle of them all, the glassy sheet of Derwentwater dashed with its five islands and scudding boats.

No wonder the poets were inspired ; it touches anyone to see this scene from such an insignificant bridge. The bridge on which Wordsworth and Coleridge sat and now this humble person beholding, as they did, the golden beauty of the lakes.

They are not the only famous persons to have rested on this spot. John Peel often crossed this

bridge with his hounds and just behind the trees, peeping through the foliage, can be seen his one time home, Ashness Farm.

Close to the farm a small waterfall cascades from the flat top of Watendlath and as the water beats its tattoo on the rocks one can imagine Peel and his huntsmen thundering over the bridge close on the heels of the prey.

The bridge is a peaceful place and one could stay there all day but one must on and leave the bridge at Ashness for others who are on their way.

N. NELSON, U.V. Alpha.

Jobs for All

YOU must all have heard the recent hit-song "Oh to be a crooner now that Sinatra's here" and I am sure that this expresses these feelings of every modern youth with red blood in his veins. Alas that the vision of swaying the panting multitudes must remain a pipe dream for all but the fortunate few hovering on the brink of discovery by Carrol Levis !

A much more probable and equally worthy occupation is that of a Civil Servant. One of the noblest emotions of the human heart is patriotism and how can a man serve his country better than by filling in forms (in triplicate) ? The life, it must be admitted, is not an easy one. Five and a half solid days per week and eight arduous hours per day (including of course, time for tea, elevenses, lunch, tea, snack, smoke and tea). But there are compensations. Think of the grand spirit of comradeship, the knowledge that one is serving the Fatherland, the thoughts of prospects, promotion, permanency and a pension. Can any English lad with red-tape in his veins resist the call ?

"To be a farmer's bo-o-oy," thus sang the bard, thus sings the Ministry of Agriculture. For nature-lovers here is opportunity's knock, a chance to reconcile the call of the bugle with the call of the wild. For all those who have ever felt the urge to escape from the blasé world about them and busy themselves in some remote rustic hamlet (such as Ormskirk), here is the chance. The small cabin may not be made of clay and wattles, indeed it may

be a prefab, but after all, the spirit's the thing.

Another likely trade is that of building the small cabins. Never be deceived by the air of indolence which often seems to surround a building site. Let me assure you it is not for nothing these bricklayers have to restore themselves with hourly cups of tea (or other beverages, according to taste). As a matter of interest it is for about £10 a week plus bonuses, so, if you are handy with a trowel, be a bricklayer and help the nation in its hour of need.

Thoughts of building naturally bring to mind the plumbing trade. Perhaps you have already made the acquaintance of your own hot-water system without very successful results. Don't think that this unfits for the task. All a good plumber needs to know is how to break the ice of the bathroom tank and charm tea from hostile housewives. The rest he can safely leave to the plumber's mate.

The field of public hygiene presents many likely prospects. One of its most neglected branches is that of grave-digging. Needless to say only philosophers with strong backs, who are accustomed to work on the allotment, need apply for this entirely healthy if apparently melancholy situation.

But perhaps none of these occupations suits you. Perhaps a microphone renders you speechless and you can't even fill in a pool coupon. Maybe you have hay-fever and only know how to drop bricks. If such is the case, don't be disconsolate. There's always teaching. M. MCGOWAN, U.V. Alpha.

The False Alarm

THIS is a tale from the dim and distant past—of the days of permits and petty regulations ; and it all began when Mr. Culbreath fell downstairs. Mr. Culbreath was not inebriated, you evil-thinking readers, for he was definitely not that type. He even went so far as to utter after his fall quite a respectable ejaculation on seeing his gilded timepiece mashed into gold dust on the Liverpool pavement.

Though sober, Mr. Culbreath was highly illogical ; in fact, in order to suit the exigencies of the sleep-starved writer, he was highly English and highly eccentric. Instead of shedding argentine tears over the dear departed timepiece he kicked it, not maliciously but lovingly, into the gutter. Then he went home (which was just up the steps) and wrote to the Minister of Works requesting a permit whereby he, Mr. Culbreath, might purchase a reliable and serviceable alarm . . .

Twelve months later Mr. Culbreath, older and greyer now, strode into the shop of a well-known alarm-clock maker, and emerged triumphant with a handsome clock ticking sluggishly under his right armpit.

With apologies to Edgar Allan let me emphasise that the alarm ticked sluggishly. And why—do you think ? Because it was a sluggish, slovenly clock, as Mr. Culbreath was to find out later. Yet for the time being he noticed nothing amiss and it was with a feeling of pride that he went home and stationed his purchase on the table at his bedside. Before going to bed that evening he set his alarm to rouse him at seven the following morning. Then, with one last fond glance, he sank back on his pillow for a good night's rest as he thought.

He was soon disillusioned. Hardly had Mr. Culbreath begun to dream of sausages and suchlike when he felt a jab of pain beneath his left eye. Mesmerized with fear, he peered into the gloom and saw very little, but his senses were soon roused by an unnatural voice which sliced the darkness and said, in effect, "Arouse thyself, my poor earthbound companion." Mr. Culbreath broke the silence following with: "You said ?"; and the

voice, angry now, replied, "I said—get up, you clod !" After about an hour or so of this the voice explained that it belonged to none other than the aforesaid alarm. It told Mr. Culbreath in no uncertain manner that it was a very revolutionary alarm. It said that it was breaking away from the old party traditions by fighting for the rights of all alarm clocks, and by serving its own real purpose of alarming people. "And it is you, Culbreath, I am going to alarm first—You, the prime oppressor of clocks, will suffer first ! You, who would have poor innocent alarm-clocks working a twenty-four hour day while you yourself are fighting to work only eight hours ! Is that British justice ? You would put so great a strain on a clock while you sleep a drugged sleep ! But you chose the wrong one when you picked on me, for I am the Dictator of Alarm Clocks ; I am striking for a new system, and I shall not rest till every alarm has equal rights to those of man and woman—and that is why you are going to get out of bed, climb on this table and make way for me ! Because, for once in a while, an alarm clock is going to have a good night's rest, and, what is more, you, Mr. Culbreath, will call me promptly at Seven A.M. or else . . . ;" with which the tin-legged clock pulled back the blankets and jumped into bed.

Mr. Culbreath spent a night of terror and discomfort on the table at the side of his own bed, standing bolt upright and not daring to bat an eyelid while he worked out by his pulse the hours to seven A.M.

The fatal hour arrived and Mr. Culbreath tensed himself for his vocal effort. But, alas, he could not summon up the power to make the pleasantly gurgling vibrations of an alarm. So all seemed lost ! But not yet ; at precisely three minutes past seven five kind-looking men came into Mr. Culbreath's room. Two of them seized Mr. Culbreath and carried him off to the home for Insane Humans. Another two grabbed the slumbering clock and carried it off to the Home for Insane Alarm Clocks. The fifth man is still on t he lookout for the writer of this article !

BERNARD F. CLARKE, VI B. Mods.

The School Sports

THE School Sports Day opened with an early-morning fall of rain. The rain subsided, however, and with the glimpse of a watery sun about 10-30 there was a ray of hope. It kept fine till about half an hour before the Sports were due to begin, and then a fine drizzle at 2-0 o'clock gave place to a heavier and continuous fall of rain at 2-30.

The visitors who braved the weather could not fail to be impressed by the school generally and particularly its magnificent array of multi-coloured flags. Despite the rain the field bore a healthy look, and so did the first contestants.

These early events were run with a vigour and enthusiasm which set a pleasing pace for the rest of the afternoon, when, later on, we saw some good running by V. Gaskin, Frank Rose, and H. Davenport. Mr. Maher also won our congratulations for the organization and presentation of a drill display by the younger and more active members of the school.

The rain still fell steadily as the diminutive but integrate Gaskin romped home in the Senior Championship. Not long afterwards we saw a local resident, Mr. Fishwick, win the Fathers' Walking Race, as a refreshing preliminary to what turned out to be a gruelling mile. In heavy going V. Rogers proved himself an indefatigable stayer and a worthy winner.

After the final race the Headmaster, Rev. Br. Wall, gave a short speech from the Pavilion. He

thanked all who had braved the elements to contribute to the success of the afternoon, with a special word for the Games Master. Brother Wall then presented H. Suffield, F. Rose and G. Barkley with School Colours.

Then the prizes were presented by Mr. T. P. Healy, J.P., President of the Old Boys' Association, and fine prizes they were, including a huge mirror, a deck-chair, an electric fire, cricket bats, a dart board, and even some shaving brushes. The names Davenport, Gaskin, Kendal, Moorhead and Rose were called time and again, and Davenport emerged as worthy Victor Ludorum with Rose, one point fewer, runner-up.

After the prize-giving Mr. Healy expressed his satisfaction at the day's proceedings and referred to his own schooldays at the Catholic Institute. A vote of thanks proposed by Mr. J. C. Bryson was seconded by Mr. G. Alston who invited all present to visit the Old Boys' Club at Bishop's Court, and so a great day ended on a cordial note.

All praise to Edward Croft who, at first attempt, made a great success of broadcasting the announcements. Final congratulations and thanks to programme-sellers, visitors, judges, starters, stewards, winners, losers and all who made this a memorable day, despite the rain. With a special note of appreciation for the band and another for the catering arrangements we say—Well done, everyone!

B. F. CLARKE.

RESULTS

Division P.

80 YARDS
1 McDermott, B. 2 Azurdia, M. 3 Coghlan, J.

VARIETY RACE
1 Coghlan, J. 2 Ratchford, J. 3 Alexander, J.

EGG AND SPOON RACE
1 McDermott, B. 2 Coghlan, J. 3 Hughes, E.

Division A.

80 YARDS
1 Parrish, P. 2 Dowling, A. 3 Melvin, B.

VARIETY RACE
1 Jones, J. 2 Hawe, A. 3 Parrish, P.

EGG AND SPOON RACE

1 Hall, E. 2 Melvin, B. 3 Jones, J.

Division B.

100 YARDS
1 Beattie, R. 2 Maine, D. 3 Pontet, R.

OBSTACLE RACE
1 Baket, R. 2 Alston, P. 3 Adair, J.

220 YARDS
1 Beattie, R. 2 Pontet, R. 3 Quirk, G.

SIAMESE RACE

1 Mulholland, J. 2 Archdeacon, A. 3 Alston, P.
Mulholland, A. Coney, B. Maine, D.

Division C.

100 YARDS		
1 Colford, J.	2 Marron, P.	3 McLachlan, A. Moloney, M.
OBSTACLE RACE		
1 Gillespie, W.	2 Anderton, E.	3 Marron, P.
220 YARDS		
1 Colford, J.	2 Marron, P.	3 Large, N.
MUSICAL CHAIRS		
1 Fowler, M.	2 Moore, B.	3 Harkins, F.

Division D.

100 YARDS		
1 Harrison, K.	2 Moorhead, P.	3 Beason, A.
OBSTACLE RACE		
1 Francis, T.	2 Perez, E.	3 Moorhead, P.
440 YARDS		
1 Doyle, J.	2 Moorhead, P.	3 Monaghan, R.
MUSICAL CHAIRS		
1 Brennan, P.	2 McGrail, A.	3 Granby, T.

Division E.

100 YARDS		
1 Kendal, J.	2 Moorhead, J.	3 Hughes, D.
OBSTACLE RACE		
1 Randall, E.	2 Curran, J. and Kelly, M.	
440 YARDS		
1 Murphy, V. J.	2 Moorhead, J.	3 Ellis, W.
LONG JUMP		
1 Ellis, W. and Kendal, J. (15' 5")		3 Murphy, V. J.
HURDLES—Postponed.		

Division F.

100 YARDS		
1 Harrison, W.	2 Davenport, H.	3 Caird, M.
440 YARDS		
1 Davenport, H.	2 Ludden, G.	3 Rogers, V.
HURDLES		
1 Caird, M.	2 Robinson, G.	3 Spall, F.
LONG JUMP		
1 Davenport, H. (16' 6")	2 Moore, H.	3 Marron, F.
HIGH JUMP		
1 Spall, F. (4' 9")	2 Caird, M.	3 Ferrigno, R.

Division G.

100 YARDS		
1 Meldon, A.	2 Dryhurst, J.	3 McNally, A.
440 YARDS		
1 Currie, G.	2 Dryhurst, J.	3 Adair, D. Meldon, A.
880 YARDS		
1 Adair, D.	2 Johnson, J.	3 Currie, G.
HURDLES		
1 Williams, L.	2 Johnson, J.	3 Currie, G.
LONG JUMP		
1 Meldon, A. (18' 8")	2 Brown, P.	3 Fitzgerald, P.
HIGH JUMP		
1 Kearney, J. (4' 8")	2 McNally, A.	3 Ferrigno, A.

Division H.

100 YARDS		
1 Gaskin, V.	2 Prior, J.	3 Furlong, D.
440 YARDS		
1 Furlong, D.	2 Malone, F.	3 Gaskin, V.
880 YARDS		
1 Rose, F.	2 Yeoman, M.	3 Bowden, F.
HURDLES		
1 Rose, F.	2 Spall, K.	3 Malone, F.
LONG JUMP		
1 Malone, F. (17 ft. 7½ ins.)	2 Skillicorn, G.	3 Dwyer, W.
HIGH JUMP		
1 Craig-McFeely & Rose, F. (4 ft. 8 ins.)		3 Merriman, J.

Open Events.

SLOW BICYCLE		
1 Gallagher, M.	2 Snape, J.	3 Fitzgerald, P.
JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP		
1 Kendal, J.	2 Murphy, V. J.	3 Moorhead, J.
SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP		
1 Gaskin, V.	2 Ludden, G. and Furlong, D.	
MILE		
1 Rogers, V.	2 Donovan, B.	3 Davenport, H.
BEST STYLIST IN THE MILE—Rogers, V.		

House Events.

JUNIOR TUG O'WAR		
1 Mersey	2 Sefton	
SENIOR TUG O'WAR		
1 Domingo	2 Hope	
JUNIOR RELAY		
1 Sefton	2 Mersey	3 Domingo
SENIOR RELAY		
1 Domingo	2 Mersey	3 Hope

Other Events.

BAND RACE		
1 King, J.	2 Lawson, E.	
FATHERS' WALKING RACE (100 YARDS)		
1 Mr. Fishwick	2 Mr. G. Alston	
OLD EDWARDIANS' 100 YARDS		
1 Rogers, A. J.	2 O'Keeffe, J.	
OLD EDWARDIANS' 880 YARDS		
1 MacNamara, S. and O'Keeffe, J.		3 Thomas, P.

Consolation Races.

UNDER 11		
1 Granby, B.	2 Kirk, P.	3 Cassin, D.
JUNIOR		
1 Pope, G.	2 Gillespie, G.	3 Bridge, N.
SENIOR		
1 Rogers, B.	2 Ferrigno, A.	3 Ferguson, P.

Athletic Shield, 1947.

MERSEY, 204 points. Runners-up, DOMINGO, 157 points.

Victor Ludorum.

DAVENPORT, H., 18 pts. Runner-up, ROSE, F., 17 pts.

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RIDDLE-ME-REE.

My first is in sugar but not in tea,
 My second in turnip but not in pea,
 My third is in herring but not in fish,
 My fourth in donkey and also in dish,
 My fifth is in homework but not in map,
 My sixth is in master but not in strap,

My seventh in conundrum and also in rhyme,
 My eighth is in dagger but not in crime
 My ninth is in satin, or if you like, silk,
 But I'm sorry to tell you it's not in milk,
 My whole is a Saint and I think you'll agree,
 'Tis a very appropriate riddle-me-ree.

(answer on page 30).

J. J. Mulholland, III R.

A Trip to the Moon

WE felt very uncomfortable in our small 'plane which was to take us to the moon. We set off and soon the altimeter registered 15,000 feet. At 50,000 it failed and we had to trust to our imagination. The temperature was about 90 deg. C. when the moon was reached. Ugh! it was cold but we were well wrapped up in our fur coats and seal-skin boots. We walked to a hill but returned with a pack of moon-dwellers at our heels. "Well," gasped Professor Hamilton, "of all the blood-thirsty hounds!" As we reached the 'plane we grabbed our rifles to find them unloaded. The Professor grabbed a Mills bomb and hurled it into the throng.

Boom! the moon-dwellers fled, leaving several writhing forms on the ground. "How about some sleep!" said Wright.

"My Nightmare."

The cock crowed loud from the mulberry tree
"Coriko Corikee!"

Another bird, as cock'rels will,
Took up the challenge with quivering bill.
At the hullabaloo I rolled from my bed;
I bruised my shins and I bumped my head;
Said I to myself as I fled away,
"That silly old cock is much too gay."

Later I woke the Professor and we returned to Earth.

P. MURPHY, III R.

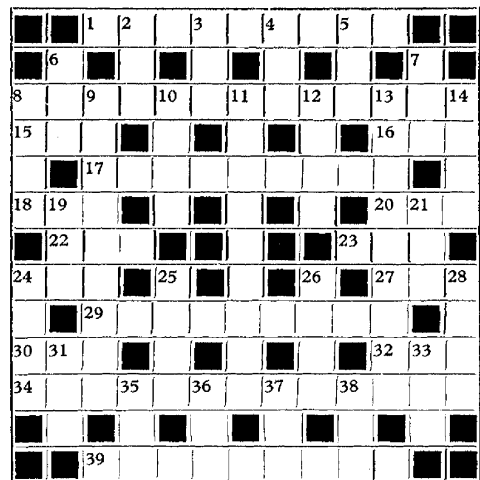
Crossword Puzzle

Clues Down.

2. French Law ? (3)
3. A Bad Prefix ? (3)
4. Fountain Pen Tube (3)
5. We do this to live (3)
6. Rod of any Solid Substance (3)
7. Goes with a Nail (3)
8. A Famous One was made in 1895 (4)
9. Ted in Eton (Anag) (9)
10. Carnivorous Birds (4)
11. Spectators or Newspapers ? (9)
12. Immediately (4)
13. Incompressible (9)
14. Following in Sequence (4)
19. Boy's Christian Name (3)
21. Woe to be in Debt ! (3)
24. Rubbish ! (4)
25. Arched Recess in Church Choir (4)
26. One of Shakespeare's Kings (4)
28. Heavy Weights (4)
31. Measure of Wine (3)
33. All Right in U.S.A. ? (3)
35. Half a Tartar ? (3)
36. Does a Railway Line do this ? (3)
37. Means 3 (3)
38. To be Infirm

Clues Across.

1. Stains or Defects (9)
8. Early War-time A.A. Defence (13)
15. Historical Period in Reverse (3)
16. Joan of Arc was — in 1412 (3) (Fr.)
17. One Kind of which was Invented by Galiled (9)
18. Stamp for Impressing Coin (3)



20. Item in Auction Sale (3)
22. Word Common to French and Latin (3)
23. A Dog Has One (3)
24. H.E. (Abb.) (3)
27. Series ; Game in Tennis (3)
29. Tool ; Instrument of Labour (9)
30. "I Stand"—Caesar (3)
32. Small Part of Electrolyte (3)
34. What the Fox Tries to Avoid (7, 6)
39. Fundamental Truth (9)

(Solution on page 30).

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

THE outstanding event of the Session has been the Centenary Celebrations which took place on April 27th. Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Downey at St. Joseph's, and he presided at a meeting held in the afternoon at St. Philip's Hall.

The annual collection held at the College, before Christmas, realized £19, and we wish to express our gratitude to all who contributed.

Throughout the term the scope of the Society has been greatly extended. This has been due mainly to the efforts of Bro. Merriman, who, with Bro. Adair, has introduced us to the work of visiting the poor. The Society has embarked also upon a scheme for holding debates, without, as yet, attaining the success hoped for. Nevertheless, we anticipate that future members will succeed in this and other activities.

R. A. SADLER (Hon. Sec.)

Music Notes

SINCE our last issue the following boys have passed the Examination conducted by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music :—

D. Blackburn Grade III.

B. Burke * Grade II.

C. Dobbin „

* Credit. A. Gilbertson * „

The Christmas Concert, 1946, was a great success. We were fortunate to have with us Mr. Hubert Moore, an Old Boy who is now studying at the Royal College of Music. He possesses a magnificent tenor voice and is assured of a great future.

In addition to Mr. Moore's, items were given by the Choir, the Orchestra (under Mr. Genin's direction), A. Meldon, Violin, J. Kieran and P. Mackay, Piano ; G. Rouse and his Accordion Serenaders ; Mr. Curtin, Song ; Mr. Boraston, Organ Solo.

On the Prize Day the following musical items were submitted :— “ The Rose Waltz,” “ Intermezzo ” from “ Cavalleria Rusticana ” and the march from “ Carmen ” by the Orchestra, “ The Flower-Seller's Song ” and “ I saw a ship a-sailing ” by the Choir.

Literary and Historical Society

THE activities of the Society since the last issue have been very varied. In the first formal debate, “ That the manufacture of armaments by private enterprise should be prohibited,” Mr. McCumiskey, pro., spoke of the unscrupulous use which manufacturers could make of their armaments. Mr. Nolan, con., thought smaller states could maintain their power only by the use of privately manufactured arms. Mr. Dryhurst, pro., stated that money was made by the shedding of blood. Private enterprise meant

wealth by murder and the only remedy was national control. Mr. Clayton, con., drew attention to the fact that the pre-1914 arms race was caused by national armament demands.

The two debates that followed proved both topical and controversial. The motions were : “ That Parliament should limit the hours of the working-day,” and, That “ Trade Unions are mischievous rather than beneficial.”

“ That the press has caused most modern international difficulties ” provided the subject of

the next discussion. Mr. Bennett, pro., argued that views were published in preference to news. He had nothing but hard words for the anti-British press in America which increased the difficulty of maintaining friendly relations. Mr. Clarke, con., stoutly defended the press with clever rhetoric. Surely, he asked, nobody is going to suggest the men behind our papers are mere sadists? Mr. Bowden, pro., thought Mr. Clarke had missed the point, and he criticized the biased views often seen in print. Mr. Monaghan, con., reminded Mr. Bowden that the press often reports the views of the people. Mr. Chairman had a favourable word for the speakers' humour.

"That Liverpool should absorb some of the surrounding boroughs" was vigorously urged by Mr. Kane, pro. The smaller boroughs would benefit from assimilation by Liverpool. Mr. Devine, con., thought any addition to the area of Liverpool would make the city too large.

Mr. Nyland, pro., attacked Mr. Devine's contention by suggesting that Liverpool be governed like London. Mr. Ludden, con., instanced the cheaper rates found in small boroughs. Moreover he criticized adversely Liverpool Transport System and questioned why it should be inflicted on small boroughs.

The debate on the motion, "That voting should be made compulsory," did not rouse the Society to any degree of heat so it was with pleasure that we met to hear a very instructive and interesting lecture by Mr. Barter on "Liberty and Equality." The lecturer emphasized the fact that the two ideas were by no means the same in meaning, and indeed were often incongruous. The Society also had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Boraston lecture on Elizabethan music.

The first debate in the summer term was, "That the House of Lords has outlived its usefulness." Mr. Avery, pro., thought a perfect balance between the Houses was almost impossible to achieve. Mr.

Kieran, con., criticized some of the members in the House of Commons whose ideas of legislation need to be tempered by an Upper House. Mr. Dryhurst, pro., condemned hereditary peerages. Mr. Brown, con., countered by saying that peers are intelligent, educated men, often with much experience in life.

The next debate, "That there should be a tax on betting," appealed to the sportsmen and taxpayers of the Society and gave Mr. Smythe the opportunity of airing his views on his favourite sport.

"That the male-costume is in need of radical reform" provided a most lively discussion. In a brilliant speech Mr. Gaskin, pro., satirized modern male attire. Mr. Dickson, con., thought that any further change would be passing from the sublime to the ridiculous. Mr. Bowden, pro., declared that dress to-day was more untidy than it had ever been. He wittily criticized the various offending garments. Mr. Clayton, con., cleverly rebutted many of the arguments of the opposition.

"That trial by jury should be abolished" was advocated by Mr. O'Callaghan, pro., who criticized adversely the lack of unity in the juries. He thought them incapable of weighing evidence. Mr. Wilkinson, con., maintained that a jury was superior to a judge, who considered a case from an academic rather than a practical point of view. Mr. McCumiskey, pro., and Mr. Croft, con., in their speeches did not forget the man that mattered, the prisoner. Mr. Chairman complimented Mr. O'Callaghan on a very fine speech.

A lecture on "Democracy" by Mr. Barter provided the members with an interesting account of the progress of this doctrine. Mr. Barter showed that it was first propounded in Greek times but yet there had never been a successful purely democratic state. Such a state could not exist; anarchy would ensure. Mr. R. Nolan, in thanking Mr. Barter, echoed the sentiments of the society.

G. SKILLICORN, (Hon. Sec.)

French Literary and Debating Society

THE Society finished its programme for 1946 by discussing on 29th November : " Est ce que l'individu est plus important à l'état à l'âge d'entre quarante et cinquante ans ? " and on 13th December : " Est-ce que le monde a fait du progrès ? "

Owing to the indisposition of Mr. Curtin, Mr. Mullen presided at the first meeting of the Spring term, when the motion was : " Que les gens de nos jours sont plus habiles que ceux du dix-septième siècle. " M. Bowden, pro., stated that to-day one has to be clever in order to advance in the world, but in the seventeenth century learning was merely a hobby. We have now greater facilities. M. Barnwell, con., argued that the writers of the seventeenth century—Milton, Racine, Molière, etc.—were greater than any to-day. M. Brown, pro., thought that the highly developed critical faculty of the modern world showed its greater intelligence. M. Bennett, con., deplored the evil and destruction wrought by modern science. Culture, he stated, is now non-existent. M. le Président, in summing up, gave the verdict to the Cons. by 28 points to 26.

On 31st January the Society debated the motion : " Qu'une confédération des états européens devrait être établie. " In support of the motion, M. Clarke urged the need for unity to prevent war. Petty differences, he stated, would not disturb this unity and could be settled by a confederation. M. Craig-McFeely countered this assertion by the example of history, which proved there could never be everlasting peace because of differences of race and religion. M. Clayton, pro., pointed out that the Roman Empire and the United States of America had given us an example. He thought that the resulting Free Trade would be a boon to mankind. M. Doherty, con., thought any such scheme was impracticable, and small states would be unfairly treated. Such a confederation would be a menace to world peace. M. le Président decided in favour of the Cons. by 12 points to 11.

The Society met on 14th February to discuss

the motion : " Est-ce que la voix humaine est l'instrument le plus important du monde ? "

M. Gilmore presided. In support of the motion, M. Croft argued that the human voice can convey more expression than writing and also saves time. It is of the utmost importance in education. M. Hartley, Con., stressed the fact that written words are a more lasting record. Talking films, he thought are no improvement since the object of the film is to describe movement, not sound. The great works of literature are written. M. Hennessy pro., emphasized the pleasure we derive from the human voice, in opera, for example. Politicians recognise the power of the human voice, and in everyday life the world could not function without it. M. Dryhurst, con., reiterated the impermanency of the human voice and thought that the printed word is in far greater use. M. le Président called for a show of hands and the motion was approved by 18 votes to 10.

This debate was repeated on 28th February. M. Holloway, pro., noted the use of the human voice at the Peace Conference, without which the world would face destruction, not reconstruction. M. Ludden took the opposite view, stating that all important matters were entrusted to writing. Years ago newspapers were sufficient without radio. Religion and history are always preserved in writing. M. Monaghan, pro., argued that children cannot write but can use their voices very effectively. Writing, he thought, was unable to express feeling as could the human voice. Further, people who are deaf and dumb have lost more than illiterates. M. McCumiskey, con., emphasized the important influence wielded by newspapers. Although speaking is natural, reading and writing call for study and intelligence and are thus a greater asset. They would, however, be unnecessary if the human voice were omnipotent. M. le Président, in awarding the verdict to the pros. by 9 points to 8, commented on the poor quality of the debate.

The last debate of the term was held on March

14th, the subject being : " Qu'on ne devrait pas laisser à personne quitter l'école jusqu'à ce qu'il soit arrivé à un niveau certain d'éducation."

M. Nyland, in support of the motion, stated that, without education, stupidity will become rife, and men will be governed by their emotions rather than their untrained intellects. M. Ludden, con., took the practical view that some people would never leave school under these circumstances. Industry would suffer through lack of workers, and the burden on the country would be enormous. M. Holloway, pro., stated that education is the mark of progress, and that ignorant and illiterate people are a weight on the community. M. J. Nolan, con., argued that places in schools for good students would be filled by stupid people, and with the present shortage in teaching staff the position would be unenviable. Mr. Mullen, who presided at the meeting, awarded 47 points in favour of the motion, and 44 against it.

The first meeting of the Summer Term, held on May 23rd, took the form of a Brains Trust, composed of M. Andanar, M. Avery, M. Ball and M. Berry. The first question discussed was :

" Est-ce que les examens devraient avoir lieu au mois de décembre? "

Opinion was divided, some urging that the heat of the summer, under the present system, detracts from the standard of the candidates, whereas it was argued that the long vacation needed after examinations would not be very acceptable in December.

The second question for discussion was : " Vaudrait-il mieux avoir le vacances divisées en trois parties égales? " The Brains Trust was unanimous in opposing the motion, M. Avery preferring the present system and the others desiring all the holidays joined together. MM. Brown and Dryhurst argued as to the impracticability of the scheme. The final question was : " Est-ce que l'Empire Britannique peut se supporter sans aucun commerce extérieurs? " M. Avery stressed the need for world trade to ensure world peace, but the other members of the Brains Trust supported the motion. In summing up, M. le Président congratulated the speakers on a satisfactory venture.

R. A. SADLER, (Hon. Sec.)

Le Foyer Français

THE first important venture of the Society, the Semaine Francaise, was held at Liverpool University during the Christmas holidays. A large number of French boys and girls, and many schools on Merseyside, which are not members of the Foyer, accepted invitations to attend. Several lectures and film shows were presented, and prizes were awarded for various competitions. The last evening was marked by a social, held in the Stanley Hall. As anticipated, the Semaine was highly successful, and we wish to express our gratitude to the Senior Committee for their unflagging efforts in making it so.

The usual fortnightly meetings have been well attended and have always reached the customary high standard. Two of the most interesting lectures were delivered on French caricatures and French art. Both were illustrated by lantern slides,

and the former was very amusing. In accordance with a suggestion that more activities be arranged in which junior members could participate, two play-readings took place. The last meeting of the Spring term took the form of a Social evening, and the Headmistress of Bellerive High School kindly gave permission for it to be held there. The evening was a great success and our thanks are due to those who were responsible for the arrangements.

In conclusion we should like to thank the Headmaster and all those members of the College Staff who have helped us, in various ways, to continue our interest in the Foyer, which promises to have a great future in promoting cordial relations between the senior schoolboys and girls of the two nations.

R. A. SADLER,
(School Representative, Junior Committee).



Michael Taylor, Form IV Beta.

THE END

This was the end. This was the finish to all his dreams, his hopes, his fears. Nothing was left now but disgrace. What could he do except . . . ? His thoughts wandered on.

He saw the mocking, smiling, faces of his friends. He saw them turn away from him in disgust, their faces hardening, contracting, as they thought of his failure. He heard their muttered remarks, whispered between half-closed lips. "Look," they whispered, "look, there he goes ; that's the chap. You remember what happened. Here he comes, let's move." Everywhere he went it would be the same, the sudden recognition, the sudden turning away.

He saw his life stretching out before him, bleak, friendless, desolate, a lonely path. He saw himself, a solitary outcast, walking for ever alone, along the road of life. For him there was no attraction in the primrose way or the path of

virtue. He was alone ; alone in a teeming world, when his human nature clamoured for friendship and company. How could he face this disaster with a light heart ?

He groaned aloud. What was there left to live for ? There he lay, on his untidy bed, a pitiful figure, utterly desolate, without hope, shattered by this catastrophe. Yet no one pitied him, no one cared. Who was there to worry about a failure, one who had betrayed newly-entrusted responsibility ?

He remembered with a pang, the terrible moment. He saw once more the scene in his mind's eye. Those twelve grim figures, watching, waiting. He saw his opponent's crucial move, he felt himself hurtle through air, his hands grasping . . . to no avail. He had dropped a catch in his first—and, he thought—last game with the Firsts.

Examination Results

AUTUMN TERM, 1946.

VI A Science : Religion : B. Craig-McFeely.
 1, B. Craig-McFeely ; 2, G. Currie ;
 3, F. Rose.
 VI B Science : Religion : T. Broadbridge.
 1, A. Morgan ; 2, B. O'Dowd ; 3, P. Sherry.
 VI A Modern : Religion : K. J. O'Callaghan.
 1, K. J. O'Callaghan ; 2, J. Berry ; 3, D. J. Smyth
 VI B Modern : Religion : M. Hennessey.
 1, E. Croft ; 2, J. Dryhurst ; 3, F. Nyland.
 Upper V Alpha : Religion : M. McGowan.
 1, M. McGowan ; 2, J. Shennan ; 3, G. Gogerty.
 Upper V Beta : Religion : J. Hopkins.
 1, J. Beirne ; 2, J. Hopkins ; 3, R. Wilcoxson.
 Upper V A : Religion : P. Ashton.
 1, K. Gorman ; 2, F. Williamson ; 3, E. Melia.
 Lower V Alpha : Religion : H. McQuade ; F. Scott.
 1, T. Hayes ; 2, K. Harrison ; 3, F. Birkenhead.
 Lower V Beta : Religion : J. Fletcher.
 1, M. Prince ; 2, J. Almond ; 3, J. Lamb.
 Lower V A : Religion : W. Harrison.
 1, M. Lennon ; 2, L. Connor ; 3, E. Randall.
 Lower V B : Religion : F. Richmond.
 1, A. Ryan ; 2, F. Fadden ; 3, P. Moorhead.
 IV Alpha : Religion : J. Doyle.
 1, J. Cookson ; 2, F. Durbin ; 3, G. Slater.
 IV Beta : Religion : P. McSorley ; M. Taylor.
 1, A. Connolly ; 2, D. Cottingham ; 3, J. Corrigan.
 IV A : Religion : A. Bridge.
 1, J. Brady ; 2, V. Corcoran ; 3, V. Guilfooy.
 IV B : Religion : J. Kellet.
 1, G. Campbell ; 2, A. Brownbill ; 3, F. Plunkett.
 III Alpha : Religion : F. Bate.
 1, L. Craig-McFeely ; 2, D. Dukes ; 3, M. Glover.
 III Beta : Religion : J. Meehan.
 1, F. Squires ; 2, D. Murphy ; 3, P. Zanetti.
 III A : Religion : W. McNamara.
 1, P. McInerney ; 2, F. Hockenhull ; 3, J. Hargreaves.
 III Remove : Religion : J. Melia ; M. Stubbs.
 1, J. Melia ; 2, J. Mulholland ; 3, R. Pontet.

II : Religion : M. Evans.

1, R. McDonnell ; 2, D. Curran ; 3, P. Kenna.
 Upper I : Religion : P. McKenna.
 1, B. Carberry ; 2, J. Donleavy ; 3, P. McKenna.
 Lower I : Religion : B. Lowe.
 1, J. Downey ; 2, E. Hughes ; 3, P. Hagedorn.
 Preparatory : Religion : E. Unsworth.
 1, J. Taylor ; 2, S. Murphy ; 3, A. Bushell.

SPRING TERM, 1947.

VI A Science : Religion : J. Merriman.
 1, B. Craig-McFeely ; 2, F. R. Rose ; 3, T. R. Batin.
 VI A Modern : Religion : M. Yeoman.
 1, K. J. O'Callaghan ; 2, R. A. Sadler ; 3, T. E. Gilmore.
 VI B Science : Religion : A. Meldon ; P. Sherry.
 1, J. A. Morgan ; 2, T. Broadbridge ; 3, P. Sherry.
 VI B. Modern : Religion : M. Bennett.
 1, E. Croft ; 2, J. Dryhurst ; 3, M. Hennessey.
 Upper V Alpha : Religion : J. Shennan.
 1, J. Shennan ; 2, M. McGowan ; 3, J. Dillon.
 Upper V Beta : Religion : D. Roberts.
 1, J. Beirne ; 2, R. Wilcoxson ; 3, J. Hopkins.
 Upper V A : Religion : P. Ashton ; H. Bowe.
 1, F. Williamson ; 2, K. Gorman ; D. Blackburn ;
 Lower V Alpha : Religion : F. Scott.
 1, T. Hayes ; 2, K. Harrison ; 3, F. Birkenhead.
 Lower V Beta : Religion : J. Lamb.
 1, M. Prince ; 2, J. Almond ; 3, S. Ferguson.
 Lower V A : Religion : V. Houghton.
 1, M. Lennon ; 2, P. Rose ; 3, E. Randall.
 Lower V B : Religion : D. Shaw.
 1, G. O'Connor ; 2, P. Moorhead ; 3, H. Ross.
 IV Alpha : Religion : J. Doyle.
 1, G. Slater ; 2, J. Cookson ; 3, F. Durbin.
 IV Beta : Religion : D. McDowell.
 1, J. Corrigan ; 2, M. Taylor ; 3, J. O'Keeffe.
 IV A : Religion : J. Brady.
 1, J. Adair ; 2, V. Corcoran ; 3, J. Brady.

IV B : Religion : G. Campbell.

1, A. Brownhill ; 2, B. Bramald ; 3, G. Campbell.

III Alpha : Religion : A. Alexander.

1, L. Rand ; 2, L. Craig-McFeely ; 3, J. Staunton.

III Beta : Religion : K. Black.

1, J. Grace ; 2, P. Zanetti ; 3, D. Murphy.

IIIA : Religion : M. Moloney.

1, D. Roxburgh ; 2, M. Moloney ; 3, F. Mount.

III Remove : Religion : J. Melia.

1, P. A. Murphy ; 2, J. Melia ; 3, P. Kelly.

II : Religion : R. McDonnell.

1, R. McDonnell ; 2, D. Curran ; 3, P. Kenna.

Upper I : Religion : A. Hawe.

1, P. Doyle ; 2, B. Carberry ; 3, J. Watton.

Lower I : Religion : C. Dodds.

1, E. Hughes ; 2, F. Johnson ; 3, C. Dodds.

Preparatory : Religion : S. Murphy.

1, H. Lavery ; 2, S. Murphy ; 3, A. Bushell.

Old Boys' Letters

HULL LETTER.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Since the last Hull letter, winter has "bin and gone," and so has spring for that matter ; at least as far as this part of England is concerned, for summer has been with us in real earnest, for the past two weeks. If Butlin were to pay a visit to the camp, in the very near future, you would be receiving brochures advising you to book now for "Butlin's New Holiday Camp at Cottingham, Yorks. Delightful scenery ; the very latest in chalets ; 80 degs. in the shade, for twelve hours a day." Photographs of sun-tanned students would be sufficient advertisement in themselves.

But this weather is not encouraging for those who have London exams. in a few weeks time. Last term it was too cold to work ; now it is ridiculous for any examiner to expect people to have enough energy left for even a small thing like Inter. This is the Statistical Age, and there are enough statistics to show that November is the time when a student's academic qualities are at a peak.

Both John Carter and Osborne are taking Inter-Commerce next month ; John will have to convalesce before he can even look at an exam. paper, for he was seen last in a delirious condition, muttering something about "being in the Antipodes, now that winter's there." Frank Hayes is brushing up his French and German for an exam. next week. Fortunately, he has realised that a knowledge of elementary German grammar may

prove useful. Frank Molloy seems to be one of those lucky individuals who took the right subjects for H.S.C., and can therefore give Inter the go-bye.

There is very little to offer in the way of sports' commentaries. You may recall that we had some "weather" at the beginning of the year. As a result, normal winter activities were postponed until next season. Frank Molloy is well established in the 2nd XI ; but John Carter has not decided whether he likes the first or the second team. At the moment he is working on a system ; the more a team is likely to play away, the more likely is John to choose that team. The L.N.E.R. provide quite good lunches on their routes.

The chief activity of the Catholic Society has been a series of talks followed by discussions. Later, we intend to resume open meetings for the benefit of other denominations.

Single room accommodation has been provided for all students, at long last. The new rooms are spacious, and have everything in the way of electrical gadgets. There is every indication that the accommodation next year will be more promising than it was at the beginning of this session.

All Edwardians here hope for the speedy return of Dick Lane from West Africa, so that he can resume his studies in October. At the same time, we are looking forward to meeting those who were successful in this year's Hull Scholarship Examination. We wish every success to those who are

taking their School Certificate and H.S.C. next month.

Yours sincerely,
HULL.

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LIVERPOOL LETTER.

Dear Mr. Editor,

It has dawned on us at last that the private aspects of University life are likely to prove far more interesting than the academic and we have accordingly hunted out some of the former for your delight.

Joe Brown (Woolton), for example, is supposed to be working with Basil Whalley in Organic Chemistry on mould products but the Phil. Beethoven Concerts are much more in Joe's line. Still despite the attractions Joe has written his Thesis and applied for M.Sc.

V. G. Occleshaw has added to his already numerous duties the office of Sub-Dean of the Faculty of Science. Joe Occleshaw apparently keeps well out of Dad's way in the privacy of the Dissecting Room with Joe Brown (Wallasey) to keep him company. J. D. Peel and R. Crawford took active parts in the Chemical Society Concert ; one of the two wasn't acting.

F. Ford reluctantly snatched a day off from Maths. to appear in the guise of an anarchist in the Panto. procession. Tony Burd in similar light vein turned up in Sandfield Park but was not detected while Arthur Duggan confined his efforts to Church Street.

Our young chemists, S. McNamara and B. Boggiano, use Chemistry as a relief subject from the more strenuous occupation of chess. Des. Ryan is keen on Breweries and Jimmy Loughie has his own opinions too.

Some time ago Frank Rossiter appeared disguised as a lifeboat—fact vouched for by fellow engineers F. Brennan and T. Sharrock ; and

another strange marvel is F. Hewitt who has to ask D. Ferguson to help him open his shoals of letters. Gus Cunningham seems to interpret the term Clinical Studies rather widely—but consoling the patients is an important aspect of the treatment. Gus wields the javelin pretty well too.

Harry Dunn supports his contention that all the best work in Arts is done by Scientists by combining Ancient Egyptian with Industrial Chemistry and both with the bursarship of the Archaeological Library. Ray Thomas, on the other hand, has fallen under the spell of " Hops " and is said to be well known (by handwriting) to the Editor of the Echo. Ted Ley is so keen on work that our only chance of intercourse is on the way to Mass on Holy days. Bob Larkin and Kevin McGuinness are still alive or at least actively comatose as far as we know. D. Gaskin still eludes us but as he is a lawyer what else could be expected ?

There is one matter we should like to mention before closing finally. We all heard with regret of the death of Br. MacNamara and we all sent our individual condolences to the College and Staff but we should like now to send, as a body, our sympathy to Br. Wall and the Community.

Br. Mac., as we all affectionately called him, has left a lasting impression on our minds. It may be a mental picture of his ushering the third forms into Chapel on Saturdays in the old School, or taking Prayers in the Hall, or giving us some essentially practical Religious instruction—to which incidentally we, in the Sixth Form looked forward, but no matter what our own favourite remembrance is we all agree that humour, kindness and hard work appear in everyone's. (R.I.P.)

With regards to the College and Staff and best wishes for success to all candidates for public exams. we close.

Yours sincerely,
VARSITY.

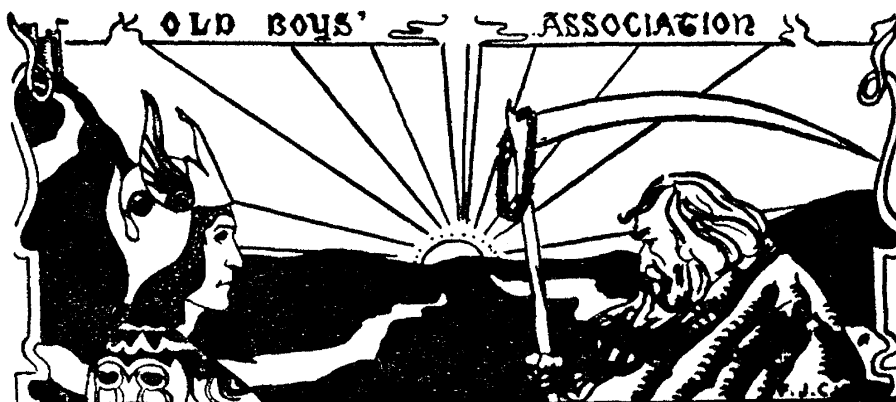
GHOSTS—AN OPINION.

I do not believe in ghosts but I think it is true there are good and evil spirits. There are lots of people who tell stories about these spirits and that is good proof that they exist.

I hope that if ever I meet one, it will be a

" good " spirit. I have never met anyone who has seen a ghost but many people who will tell you they know someone who has seen a ghost. So I will believe in " Ghosts " when I meet one myself.

P. DOYLE, U.I.



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C.I. EDWARDIAN ASSOCIATION.

WHAT is an Association? Enthusiastic readers of the popular Press will recognise this opening sentence as a favourite of Leader-writers. We are only human and use such specious devices to catch your eye and, we hope, hold your attention. The advantage of posing a question in print is that we supply our own answer and wait for the letters of approval or dissent. The Dictionary defines it as "the state of being associated, companionship, a group of persons united and organized, acting together in furtherance of common aims." We agree. We would go further and expand the foregoing into something more explicit.

A bare definition can only give the "bones" of the answer; this article can provide the "flesh and sinews," as it were; membership supplies the "life blood"; but only active participation

in the work and play of the Association gives it a "soul." It is that spirit of companionship, deriving from a common Alma Mater, united and organized in the furtherance of mutual interests and aims that makes an Association live. Never in its history has the Association been so alive. Never in its history has the Association been so rich in the material sense. Never in its history has the Association been so strong, so virile or so fortunate in the quality of its members. It is a state of affairs of which we are, justifiably, proud. And *still*, we are not satisfied.

Because there are many more Old Boys outside the Association than are inside, we feel that we are still a long way from being satisfied. In the past 18 months, we have laid the foundations of a vast organisation and have had to neglect the activities' side of our work. We had no choice. We launched a Membership Drive which increased

our Membership by more than 50 per cent. and, at the same time, ascertained the various activities which most interested our Members. We are in the process of forming Sub-Sections to promote the most immediately feasible of these. We want the greatest number to obtain the maximum benefit from our efforts.

We are aware that in this article we are probably preaching to the converted but in doing so, we hope to make missionaries of you all. What of the Old Boys you undoubtedly know who are not Members?—and who have not heard of the Association's recent activities? From past experience, we know there are many such who only need a reminder to bring them in. Only you can do this for us. Will you?

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.

One of the main features of our policy last year was a drive for members. This consisted of free membership for twelve months with a three-pronged personal appeal during the last quarter of the year. It is practically impossible to estimate how much we owe to the free membership with Bulletins since many of our pre-war members rejoined on demobilisation and would have done so in any case. The results of the personal appeal can be assessed. January brought us 16 Life Members, 5 Life Members at the deferred rate and 12 Ordinary Members; February, 7 Life Members and 17 Ordinary Members; March, (this was not an appeal but a Final Letter severing all connections with the man concerned) 11 Life Members, 1 Life Member at the deferred rate and 38 Ordinary Members, a grand total of 34 Life Members, 6 Life Members at the deferred rate and 67 Ordinary Members. If this sounds a little smug we are sorry. Our whole idea in giving

these details was to record the fact that 117 Old Boys preferred to face the future as Members of the Association rather than as Non-Members. The credit is all theirs.

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ACTIVITIES CIRCULAR.

The results of this make very interesting reading. We hope to give a detailed analysis in the next issue of the Bulletin, together with the latest developments. Here, in the meanwhile, are a few sidelights to be going on with. Table Tennis, Billiards and Dancing topped the poll with 32 votes each, closely followed by Cricket and Discussion Group with 31 votes each, with Musical Appreciation right behind with 30 votes. With the exception of Cricket, all of these are indoor games and pastimes. Have we had enough of the "great out-doors" or are we getting "soft"? Maybe our members are determined to make the most of Club facilities. During the recent warm spell you could book the billiard tables and table tennis tables all night without depriving anyone else of a game, whilst there were hardly enough people on the premises to start an argument let alone a discussion and it needs only two to start an argument. There was strong support for a camera club.

A Sub-Committee is exploring ways and means of getting these activities started and as soon as anything tangible emerges, those interested will be notified. Rugby fans need not be discouraged. If there is a sufficiently strong demand for the game, we will do our best to provide the facilities. Now is the time to start nipping around and rallying support for any such venture, but bear in mind the practical difficulties, viz., ground (as big a headache to Old Cathinians as ever was), equipment and most important, constant enthusiastic support.

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RUGBY

RUGBY NOTES

Rugby was made impossible by the long duration of frost and snow. Only two 1st XI fixtures were played, one against Collegiate on the first Saturday of the term and one against the Old Boys' XV on the last Saturday. On both occasions a distinct improvement was to be seen in the play of the School side.

Rugby Colours

Rugby Colours were awarded to H. Suffield, F. Rose and G. Barkley. H. Suffield played in the 2nd XV, 1944-5 and has been a member of the 1st XV for two years, being Captain 1946-47. He has been remarkable for his keenness and loyalty, always giving of his best. F. Rose was a member of the 2nd XV in 1944-45 also and was promoted to the 1st XV during season 1945-46. Thoroughly reliable and outstanding for the spirit which he puts into the game, despite lack of physical advantages. G. Barkley was likewise promoted to the 1st XV in the spring of 1946. As a front-row forward he bore the many gruellings with grit and determination. The School team has rarely had a more steadfast member.

House Shield

For the second time since the inauguration of rugby, 1939-40, Mersey won the Shield.

This year's competition was limited to the Senior School, the Juniors' fixtures being cancelled owing to weather conditions, rain in the Autumn term and frost with snow in the Spring term. Starting on the bottom rung with Hope, Mersey forged ahead, the issue being in doubt to the final day.

Table of House Points

Mersey (F. Rose)	...	50 points
Domingo (R. Nolan)	...	38 points
Sefton (H. Suffield)	...	24 points
Hope (P. Brown)	...	20 points

S.E.C. v. Liverpool Collegiate School

At Sandfield Park

17-1-1947

The School won the toss and chose to kick towards the road. Collegiate were heavier and pressed in the first five minutes but the lively School forwards frustrated their efforts to break through. Suffield's return to the scrum as hooker made a great difference and with G. Skillicorn sending out long passes from the scrums and lines-out the School soon made progress. From a long punt forward by Gorman the ball came to F. Rose; picking the ball up in his stride, he grounded it near the posts. The kick failed, the ball rebounding from one of the uprights. First blood to the School.

Collegiate immediately retaliated and a long period of heavy pressure resulted in a goal: the forwards wheeled the ball over the line from a scrum and a grand kick put Collegiate in front. The pressure continued and another try was added to Collegiate's tally. Before half-time P. Brown scored an unconverted try.

Half-time: S.E.C. 6 pts., Collegiate 8 points.

The second half was almost entirely in Collegiate's half of the field. Despite this, following a lone break away Collegiate were awarded a penalty try and the kick was again successful. This was quickly followed by an unconverted try. From then on it was all the School. The forwards found their best form yet and G. Skillicorn repeatedly led the way by runs from the base of the scrum. After a particularly good effort by the scrum-half, A. Ferrigno took a good pass and scored an unconverted try. H. Suffield reduced Collegiate's lead by a penalty kick. All further efforts failed. We should have won the game, but at least it can be said that a big improvement was shown.

TEAM: J. Granby, A. Meldon, J. Johnson, K. Gorman, D. Furlong, G. Skillicorn, P. Brown, G. Barkley, H. Suffield (Captain), G. Currie, J. Prior, B. Clayton, A. Ferrigno, F. Rose, J. Oakley.

School XV v. Old Boys' XV**At Sandfield Park**

22-3-1947

After a break of nine weeks the School side was called upon to face a very strong Old Boys' XV, including two, F. Gill and D. Martin, who regularly played for Liverpool 1st XV during the season. Owing to the absence through injury of A. Meldon and of P. Brown, the School backs had to be re-organised. The School were first aggressive but the heavy pack the Old Boys fielded seemed likely to wear its lighter opponents down. Repeatedly the ball was hooked by W. Edwards but the slow heeling of the ball made T. Ambrose's job as scrum half unenviable against the quick tackling of J. Oakley and J. Prior. These swift back-row forwards made the School's success possible: if they did not get the ball from the scrum half they intercepted it before it reached the Old Boys' backs. Time and again attacks were made by the School in this way. J. Johnson at stand-off half was a great success and ably seconded their efforts. G. Skillicorn served out some grand passes to his backs. A good touch by Johnson resulted in a scramble near the Old Boys' line. J. Prior received the ball and scored in the corner. So far little was seen of the Old Boys' backs but D. Martin next scored a characteristic try. The School had been pressing for a considerable time, and for once had gained the ball from the scrum. As the ball went along the three quarter line he intercepted and dashed at least 80 yards to score under the posts. J. Granby made a gallant but unsuccessful effort to cut him off. F. Gill goaled to give the Old Boys' the lead. But not for long. Once again the School had success when the Old Boys' hooked the ball—over their own line, J. Oakley scored before the scrum-half could touch down.

Half-time: School 6 pts., Old Boys 5 pts.

In the second half G. Latham replaced T. Ambrose on the Old Boys' side. For the first ten minutes the School forwards played as they had not done before this season. They seemed to be everywhere. The backs by good positioning and swift following up greatly helped them. J. Johnson was rewarded for a grand afternoon's work by scoring a try and then another, goaling it himself. With the score at 16—5 in their

favour the School side seemed safe. But the Old Boys' had other ideas. First W. Nickson was successful in scoring an unconverted try and then D. Martin scored another.

The final whistle went after a period of sustained effort by the Old Boys' had been frustrated. K. Gorman specially distinguished himself in bringing down much heavier opponents. A. Ryan playing his first game in the side was cool and reliable, finding a safe touch, but the forwards led by Suffield, supported by Barkley, Rose and Oakley laid the foundation of the victory.

SCHOOL XV: A. Ryan, G. Currie, J. Granby, K. Gorman, D. Furlong, J. Johnson, G. Skillicorn, G. Barkley, H. Suffield (Captain), F. Rose, A. Ferrigno B. Clayton, J. Oakley, J. Prior.

OLD BOYS' XV: R. Hill, F. Brennan, T. Sharrock, F. Gill, J. O'Keeffe, D. Martin, T. Ambrose, G. Latham, T. Nelson, E. Handley, R. Burke, S. McNamara, B. Boggiano, W. Edwards, W. Nickson, J. Brown.

SECOND XV

Jan. 17 (H) v. Collegiate Lost 9—13 pts.

BANTAMS

Jan. 18 (A) v. Collegiate Won 17—3 pts.

JUNIOR BANTAMS

Only one of the Junior Bantam XV fixtures could be played, that against St. Mary's College at Sandfield Park. St. Edward's won by 11 pts. to nil.

Outstanding among a good set of forwards was R. Hughes, while best among the backs were A. Beason and J. Colford.

TEAM: A. Beason, G. Gillespie, V. O'Hagan, J. Colford, J. Hopkins, K. Nunnery, J. Healey (Captain), A. McLachlan, P. Mercer, T. Finnegan, R. Hughes, J. Wolfe, J. Hargreaves, A. Brownbill, J. Hawkins.

CRICKET**CRICKET NOTES**

M. Yeoman, sole survivor of the 1946 1st XI was appointed Captain of the School XI, D. Furlong being chosen as Vice-Captain. So far the team has not distinguished itself as a scoring force. Lack of driving power and poor running between wickets have not helped. The side possesses no really formidable bowler but several good efforts have been recorded, F. Rose's 7 wickets for 9 runs v. St. Anselm's College and K. Gorman's hat-trick v. the Old Boys' being the best. The fielding has been uneven, J. Beirne, F. Rose and J. McQuaid being outstanding. G. Currie in his first season has been very successful in one of the arts of wicket-keeping, preventing byes.

House Shield

Mersey have led the way from the beginning and to date they are clear of immediate competition, and so stand a good chance of carrying off the Shield for Cricket as well as for Rugby and Athletics.

Table of House Points

Mersey (F. Rose)	... 78 points
Hope (P. Brown)	... 45 points
Sefton (M. Yeoman)	... 34 points
Domingo (R. Nolan)	... 23 points

S.E.C. v. Waterloo Grammar School**S.E.C.**

M. Yeoman b. Crispin	...	...	...	...	1
D. Furlong c. Malone b. Williams	...	...	...	...	10
T. Grace b. Malone	...	...	...	...	0
J. McQuaid b. Williams	...	...	...	...	6
J. Beirne c. and b. Crispin	...	...	...	...	1
G. Currie c. Crispin b. Williams	...	...	...	...	7
K. Gorman c. Rae b. Williams	...	...	...	...	0
B. Wardley not out	...	...	...	...	0
A. Thompson not out	...	...	...	...	0
J. Moran and J. Shennan did not bat	...	...	...	...	0
Extras (4 byes)	...	...	...	...	4

Total (for 7 wickets) ... 29

Fall of wickets ... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

S.E.C. ... 5 5 12 18 24 24 29 — — —

Waterloo Gram. Sch. 0 14 63 69 — — — — —

S.E.C. v. St. Francis Xavier's College**S.E.C.**

M. Yeoman b. Harte	...	...	...	...	3
D. Furlong b. Harte	...	...	...	...	0
B. Wardley b. Harte	...	...	...	...	0
J. McQuaid b. Harte	...	...	...	...	0
J. Beirne b. Roberts	...	...	...	...	0
G. Currie b. Harte	...	...	...	...	1
F. Rose b. Harte	...	...	...	...	0
T. Grace b. Harte	...	...	...	...	1
J. Moran c. Coffey b. Harte	...	...	...	...	1
J. Shennan not out	...	...	...	...	0
K. Gorman b. Harte	...	...	...	...	0
Extras (4 byes)	...	...	...	...	4

Total ... 10

Fall of wickets ... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

S.E.C. ... 1 3 3 4 6 7 8 9 10 10

S.F.X.C. ... 15 29 30 51 51 63 63 66 72 77

Result : S.E.C. lost by 67 runs.

S.E.C. v. Birkenhead Institute**S.E.C.**

M. Yeoman b. Gill	...	...	...	...	0
D. Furlong b. Dickson	...	...	...	...	0
T. Grace c. Johnson b. Gill	...	...	...	...	0
J. McQuaid c. Horne b. Dickson	...	...	...	...	0
J. Moran b. Dickson	...	...	...	...	0
J. Beirne c. Henry b. Gill	...	...	...	...	8
G. Currie played on b. Gill	...	...	...	...	1
B. Wardley b. Dickson	...	...	...	...	3
F. Rose c. Henry b. Gill	...	...	...	...	0
J. Shennan c. Jones b. Finch	...	...	...	...	5
K. Gorman not out	...	...	...	...	5
Extras (byes 7, 1 leg-bye, 2 no-balls)	...	...	...	...	10

32

Fall of Wickets 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

S.E.C. ... 0 0 0 0 0 3 17 17 22 32

Birkenhead Inst. ... 0 4 31 31 31 67 74 74 78 78

Result : S.E.C. lost by 46 runs.

At Sandfield Park**W.G.S.**

26/4/1947

Gitsham b. Furlong	...	...	...	...	2
Williams run out	...	...	...	...	0
Crispin not out	...	...	...	...	60
Malone b. Gorman	...	...	...	...	17
Baker c. Moran b. Furlong	...	...	...	...	7
Green not out...	...	...	...	...	7
Extras (3 byes)	...	...	...	...	3

Total (for 4 wks. declared) ... 96

Spellman, Edwards, Evans, Buckle, Rae—did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts. Avge.

M. Yeoman... 9 3 30 0 —

D. Furlong ... 10 2 28 2 14

J. Moran ... 9 4 10 0 —

K. Gorman ... 8 0 25 1 25

Result : Match Drawn.

At Melwood**S.F.X.C.**

15/5/1947

McEntegart c. Beirne b Yeoman	...	...	...	...	10
Watkinson b. Yeoman	...	...	...	...	32
McDonnell b. Beirne	...	...	...	...	3
McCourt b. Rose	...	...	...	...	0
Daley l.b.w. b. Yeoman	...	...	...	...	9
McGonigal l.b.w. b. Yeoman	...	...	...	...	0
Harte b. Yeoman	...	...	...	...	14
Mullin c. Rose b. Yeoman	...	...	...	...	0
Coffey c. Grace b. Shennan	...	...	...	...	0
Roberts c. Rose b. Yeoman	...	...	...	...	4
Ruane not out	...	...	...	...	1
Extras (2 wides, 2 leg-byes)	...	...	...	...	4

77

BOWLING ANALYSIS Overs Runs Mdns. Wkts. Avge.

Yeoman, M. ... 11 25 2 7 3.57

Furlong, D. ... 8 13 2 0 —

Rose, F. ... 7 14 2 1 14

Beirne, J. ... 4 9 0 1 9

Gorman ... 3 6 0 0 —

Shennan ... 3 6 0 1 6

At Sandfield Park**B.I.**

17/5/1947

Johnson c. Grace b. Yeoman	...	...	...	...	0
Henry b. Gorman	...	...	...	...	13
Gill b. Furlong	...	...	...	...	0
Plimley c. Furlong b. Rose	...	...	...	...	7
Finch not out	...	...	...	...	11
Dickson b. Rose	...	...	...	...	30
Horne run out	...	...	...	...	3
Smith, V. st. Currie b. Furlong	...	...	...	...	12
Smith, A. b. Yeoman	...	...	...	...	0
Higgins c. Beirne b. Yeoman	...	...	...	...	0
Jones, W. c. Wardley b. Yeoman	...	...	...	...	0
Extras (1 bye, 1 no-ball)	...	...	...	...	2

Total ... 78

BOWLING ANALYSIS Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts. Avge.

Yeoman, M. ... 6.6 1 21 4 5.25

Furlong, D. ... 8 2 21 2 10.5

Rose, F. ... 7 3 7 2 3.5

Gorman, K. ... 6 2 22 1 22

Beirne, J. ... 2 0 3 0 —

Moran, J. ... 1 0 2 0 —

S.E.C. v. Quarry Bank High School**S.E.C.**

D. Furlong b. Mew ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
J. Shennan l.b.w. b. Mew ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
B. Wardley c. Lloyd b. Mew ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
J. McQuaid b. Mew ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
J. Moran b. Mew ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
M. Yeoman c. Dowd b. Mew ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
J. Beirne c. McDermott b. Marsden ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
G. Currie c. Bingham b. Mew ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
T. Grace b. Marsden ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
K. Gorman b. Marsden ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
F. Rose not out ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Extras (byes 4) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

Total ... 17

Fall of wickets ...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
S.E.C. ...	...	0	1	3	3	7	14	14	15	17
Quarry Bank ...	...	12	29	59	75	76	88	90	91	—

Result : S.E.C. lost by 74 runs.

S.E.C. v. Old Boys**S.E.C.**

B. Wardley b. Hickey ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
J. Beirne b. Hickey ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
J. Shennan c. O'Leary b. Hill ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
M. Yeoman b. Hickey ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
D. Furlong b. Hill ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
G. Currie l.b.w. b. Hill ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
J. Moran b. Alston ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
J. McQuaid not out ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
K. Gorman c. O'Leary b. Hill ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
T. Grace run out ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
F. Rose c. Clark b. Bruce ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Extras (wides 3, byes 7) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10

Total ... 43

Fall of wickets ...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
S.E.C. ...	...	3	7	7	14	17	18	24	30	43
Old Boys ...	...	16	31	42	82	84	86	96	96	107

Result : S.E.C. lost by 64 runs.

S.E.C. v. St. Anselm's College**S.E.C.**

Wardley, B. run out ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Beirne, J. b. Lynch ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Shennan, J. played on b. Evans ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Yeoman, M. b. Lynch ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Furlong, D. b. Costall ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Currie, G. l.b.w. b. Lynch ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Moran, J. b. Evans ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
McQuaid, J. c. Owens b. Lynch ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Gorman, K. not out ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Grace, T. c. and b. Evans ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Rose, F. b. Evans ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Extras (1 wide, 5 byes) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6

Total ... 63

Fall of wickets ...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
S.E.C. ...	...	1	2	16	31	41	46	55	55	63
S.A.C. ...	...	4	4	5	7	7	20	24	25	27

Result : S.E.C. won by 36 runs.

At Sandfield Park**Q.B.H.S.**

31-5-1947

Marsden l.b.w. b. Gorman ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Tiffen b. Gorman ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59
Lloyd c. Wardley b. Yeoman ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
McDermott c. Rose b. Furlong ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Bingham c. and b. Furlong ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Dowd b. Yeoman ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Morris b. Yeoman ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Mew not out ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wareing hit wicket b. Gorman ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Valentine b. Yeoman ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Finnan not out ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Extras (byes 2) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

Total ... 91

BOWLING ANALYSIS	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
D. Furlong ...	6	2	9	2	4.5
F. Rose ...	8	5	21	—	—
K. Gorman ...	6	1	14	3	4.66
M. Yeoman ...	11	3	22	4	5.5
J. Moran ...	3	—	12	—	—
J. Beirne ...	3	—	11	—	—

At Sandfield Park**Old Boys**

7-5-1947

K. C. Bryson run out ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
J. S. Moore c. Shennan b. Gorman ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
J. Hill run out ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
J. Shennan c. Shennan b. Furlong ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
G. J. Alston b. Beirne ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
R. Bruce l.b.w. Beirne ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
F. Gill b. Beirne ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
E. O'Leary b. Gorman ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
R. Clark b. Gorman ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
F. R. Power c. Rose b. Gorman ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
G. Hickey not out ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Extras (byes 3, leg-byes 1, n.b. 1) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5

Total ... 107

BOWLING ANALYSIS	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
F. Rose ...	5	—	17	—	—
D. Furlong ...	4	—	11	1	11
M. Yeoman ...	7	—	22	—	—
K. Gorman ...	6	1	23	4	5.75
J. Shennan ...	3	—	12	—	—
J. Beirne ...	7	1	14	3	4.66

At Noctorum**S.A.C.**

11-6-1947

Costall c. Furlong b. Rose ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Owens b. Yeoman ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Higgins b. Rose ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Gallimore b. Rose ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Lynch c. Wardley b. Rose ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Gaughan b. Rose ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Reilly l.b.w. b. Rose ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
McCallum c. Yeoman b. Rose ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Evans c. McQuaid b. Beirne ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Corden b. Beirne ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Coogan not out ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Extras (2 byes) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

Total ... 27

BOWLING ANALYSIS	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
Rose, F. ...	10	5	9	7	1.29
Yeoman, M. ...	5	3	11	1	11
Beirne, J. ...	5	2	5	2	2.5

S.E.C. v. Park High School**S.E.C.**

J. Shennan st. Arnold b. Lloyd	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
J. Beirne run out	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
B. Wardley b. Holt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
M. Yeoman b. Holt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
D. Furlong b. Lloyd	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
J. McQuaid b. Holt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
G. Skillicorn st. Arnold b. Dykes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
J. Moran b. Williams	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
K. Gorman b. Williams	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
T. Grace not out	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
F. Rose st. Arnold b. Dykes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Extras (1 wide, 6 bytes)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7

Total ... 55

Fall of wickets	...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
S.E.C.	...	11	13	13	16	17	19	38	38	55	55
Park High School	...	0	4	9	10	12	31	34	34	40	40

Result : S.E.C. won by 15 runs.

St. Edward's College v. Alsop High School**S.E.C.**

Shennan, J. b. Bellis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Beirne, J. c. Bellis b. Bessel	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Wardley, B. c. Atherton b. Aitkens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Furlong, D. c. Hughes b. Bellis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Skillicorn, G. c. and b. Aitkens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Yeoman, M. played on b. Aitkens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Currie, G. c. Kermode b. Aitkens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
McQuaid, J. c. and b. Aitkens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Moran, J. stumped Atherton b. Aitkens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Grace, T. not out	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Rose, F. l.b.w. b. Aitkens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Extras (bytes 3)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

Total ... 41

Fall of wickets	...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
S.E.C.	...	18	19	22	27	33	41	41	41	41	41
Alsop	...	14	26	26	31	44	45	57	57	57	59

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

BOWLING AVERAGES 1st XI

Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts. Avege.

Beirne, J.	...	30	7	53	9	5.88
Rose, F.	...	54	22	98	14	7
Yeoman, M.	...	62	16	153	19	8
Gorman, K.	...	34	8	91	11	8.27
Shennan, J....	...	13	2	30	3	10
Furlong, D.	...	38	9	86	7	12.3
Moran, J.	...	15	6	24	1	24

1st XI SUMMARY : Played 8, Won 2, Drew 1, Lost 5.

BATTING AVERAGES 1st XI

Times Highest
Innings not Runs Score Avege.
out

Skillicorn, G.	...	2	0	18	17	9
Shennan, J....	...	7	1	37	14	6.16
Beirne, J.	...	8	0	35	19	4.37
McQuaid, J.	...	8	1	28	14*	4
Currie, G.	...	7	0	26	8	3.71
Furlong, D.	...	8	0	25	10	3.13

At Sandfield Park**P.H.S.**

21-6-1947

Parry run out	...	...	...	...	...	0
Autrobus l.b.w. b. Rose	...	...	...	...	...	4
Axon run out	...	...	...	...	...	4
Holt c. Skillicorn b. Yeoman	...	...	...	...	...	6
Small played on b. Yeoman	...	...	...	...	...	1
Condé c. Shennan b. Yeoman	...	...	...	...	...	0
Hall c. Wardley b. Beirne	...	...	...	...	...	11
Arnold b. Gorman	...	...	...	...	...	5
Dykes b. Beirne	...	...	...	...	...	0
Lloyd not out	...	...	...	...	...	4
Williams c. McQuaid b. Gorman	...	...	...	...	...	0
Extras (4 bytes, 1 leg-bye)	...	...	...	...	...	5

Total ... 40

BOWLING ANALYSIS	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
Yeoman, M. ...	7	2	12	3	4
Rose, F. ...	5	0	15	1	15
Beirne, J. ...	5	3	5	2	2.5
Gorman, K. ...	5	4	1	2	.5
Furlong, D. ...	2	1	2	0	—

A.H.S.**At Eaton Road**

28/6/1947

Bessel run out	...	...	...	...	...	11
Cassels l.b.w. by Shennan	...	...	...	...	...	6
Atherton b. Beirne	...	...	...	...	...	8
Woosey b. McQuaid	...	...	...	...	...	24
Hughes c. Currie b. Shennan	...	...	...	...	...	0
Kermode l.b.w. by Skillicorn	...	...	...	...	...	4
Newton c. Furlong b. Rose	...	...	...	...	...	0
Aitkens b. Rose	...	...	...	...	...	2
Bellis c. Furlong b. Rose	...	...	...	...	...	0
Jones, not out	...	...	...	...	...	1
Massen c. Beirne b. Moran	...	...	...	...	...	1
Extras (bytes 2)	...	...	...	...	...	2

Total ... 59

BOWLING ANALYSIS		Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
Yeoman	...	6	2	9	—	—
Rose...	...	12	7	15	3	5
Shennan	...	7	2	12	2	6
Beirne	...	4	1	6	1	6
Skillicorn	...	4	2	3	1	3
McQuaid	...	2	—	12	12	12
Moran	...	2	2	—	1	—

SECOND XI

This year's team is not as strong as last season's in batting, bowling or fielding. Still it is improving with every game and makes up for its failing with enthusiasm and team spirit, qualities which count more than victories though the latter would certainly be acceptable.

G. Skillicorn, of whom injury deprived us after the second game, showed up well as Captain and was easily the outstanding cricketer of the side; his all-round display in the game against B.I. will be remembered. J. Nolan comes next as batsman and bowler, while A. Holme (bowling), T. Holloway and P. Ferguson (batting) also deserve mention.

TEAM : G. Skillicorn (Captain), P. Ferguson (Vice-Captain), I. Cairns, F. Nelson, F. Ball, E. Croft, G. Ludden, J. Nolan, A. Holme, T. Holloway, B. Clayton. Reserves : C. Brown, J. Johnson, Harrison. Scorer : C. Ferguson.

Results.

		F.	A.
May 15 (H) v. S.F.X. ...	...	18—19	for 2
May 17 (A) v. Birkenhead Inst. ...	...	33—	32
May 31 (A) v. Quarry Bank H.S. ...	...	33—	59
June 21 (A) v. Park High School ...	...	42—54	for 4
June 28 (H) v. Alsop H.S. ...	...	20—	20

SUMMARY : Played 5, Won 1, Lost 3, Drew 1.

BATTING : G. Skillicorn Played 2, 13 runs, Avge. 6.5

T. Holloway, Played 5, 30 runs. Avge. 6

BOWLING : A. Holme, 18 Wickets, 49 runs, Avge. 2.7

J. Nolan, 10 Wickets, 54 runs. Avge. 5.4

COLTS XI

		F.	A.
April 26 (H) v. Waterloo Gram. S....	...	84—	35
May 15 (A) v. St. Francis Xavier's College	...	28 for 8—	77
May 17 (H) v. Birkenhead Inst. ...	...	80—	43
May 31 (A) v. Quarry Bank H.S. ...	...	30—	36
June 28 (A) v. Alsop H.S. ...	...	40—	28

CHICKS XI

		F.	A.
May 31 (H) v. Quarry Bank H.S.	...	15—79	for 7
June 21 (H) v. St. Mary's College	...	40—	44

INTER-COLLEGE SPORTS

This event, the first since 1939, was held at St. Francis Xavier's Sports ground on Tuesday and Thursday, the 17th and 19th June. The School entered a team in both the Senior and Junior Competitions but did not fare too well, particularly in the Senior Grade. The Junior team had a measure of success finishing fourth of twelve Schools with a total of 7½ points. V. Rogers, who finished fourth in the Mile, V. J. Murphy and J. Moorhead were the best of our selection.

Results

440 yards, Junior : V. J. Murphy, Third.

Relay Race, Junior : St. Edward's tied for First place.

Team : H. Moore, J. Kendal, J. Moorhead and V. J. Murphy.

HOUSE SHIELD COMPETITION**Final Table of Points**

Mersey ...	115
Hope ...	104
Sefton ...	76
Domingo ...	65

Solution to Crossword**Across**

1. Blemishes
8. Radiolocation
15. Are
16. Nee
17. Telescope
18. Die
20. Lot
22. And
23. Jaw
24. T.N.T.
27. Set
29. Implement
30. Sto
32. Ion
34. Hunter's tracks
39. Principle

Down

2. Loi
3. Mal
4. Sac
5. Eat
6. Bar
7. Toe
8. Raid
9. Detention
10. Owls
11. Observers
12. Anon
13. Inelastic
16. Next
19. Ian
21. Owe
24. Tosh
25. Apse
26. Lear
28. Tons
31. Tun
33. Oke
35. Tar
36. Run
37. Tri
38. Ail

Answer to Riddle-me-Rec

Answer.—St. Edward's.