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*“ So mighty art thou, Lady, and so great  
That he who grace desireth, and comes not  
To thee for aidance, fain would have desire  
Fly without wings.”*

DANTE.

## Editorial

**T**HE College reopened on September 8th—a fitting day, indeed, as it marks the birthday of Our Lady Help of Good Studies. To her, under God, we owe, amongst many other favours, the inestimable gift of Catholic Education.

Spencer defined the purposes of early training as a preparation for complete living. His vision blurred by agnosticism, limited itself to this earthly scene. From the first day a pupil enters St. Edward's College, he begins immediately to sense that the world beyond the stars is a reality that he cannot afford to ignore. The whole spirit of the school is dominated by the all important thought that God created us to praise, love and serve Him, and thereby save our souls. Owing to the neglect or shelving of this Divine ordinance, the world to-day is tossed on a sea of doubt and despair—a prey to the raging elements of injustice, greed and might :

“ There is no flesh in man's obdurate heart  
It does not feel for man, the natural bond  
Of brotherhood is severed as the flax  
That falls assunder at the touch of fire.”

Love of God with its consequence the love of His image is the golden key that opens the gateway to happiness in this world and in the next. This twin obligation neglected, men are but gilded loam, painted clay, or as history only too plainly evidences “ beasts that prey with bloody claw.”

Education as envisaged in St. Edward's makes due allowance for man as a composite being, owing obligations to God and his fellow-man. Provision is made for the spiritual, moral, intellectual, aesthetic, social and physical sides of his nature. Motivating and leavening each activity is the all-pervading notion that we belong to God, that He keeps us in being, and that one day, we are destined to abide with Him forever in the Kingdom of His love.

## School Notes

THE College reopened on September 8th. Youths varying in age, size, and attainments quickly transformed the place into a hive of activity. There were new faces, both among teachers and boys. To all who have left us we bid farewell and join in wishing them every future success and happiness. To Rev. Brothers Ambrose and Francis, both of whom laboured zealously and efficiently for so many years amongst us, and to their confrères who, like them, have been called to other spheres of duty, we express, in addition, appreciation and gratitude. We bid a cordial welcome to the new pupils and to the new members of the staff. May they find in St. Edward's the realisation of their fondest hopes.

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St. Edward's has lost a sincere friend and ardent admirer in the person of the late Colonel Shute. Extended reference is made to him in this issue. R.I.P.

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During October we had a visit from Rev. Br. D. L. O'Hurley, Vicar of the Christian Brothers. He examined a number of the forms and expressed himself in high praise of the efficiency of the teachers, and the evident co-operation with their efforts of the boys.

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Rev. Br. J. Farrell on vacation from Australia and a former member of the staff gave a very interesting talk to the Upper Fives on that country of huge extent and varied resources. His illustrations on the black-board helped to make the subject matter lucid and memorable.

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St. Edward's has more than maintained its reputation this year in the matter of scholarships and other examination successes. The list is an impressive one as may be seen from a perusal of the page on which the results appear.

Congratulations to the teachers and the boys concerned.

One of the most appealing features of the daily routine is the singing of a hymn at the assemblies before the morning and afternoon sessions. Mr. Boraston's success as a trainer of sweet voices finds here abundant illustration. Our thanks and appreciation for his services.

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St. Edward's Day, October 13th, was duly honoured by a very acceptable holiday, the first since the reopening of the College.

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In mid-October, the seniors were given a chance to see the Mikado. The operetta, staged under Catholic auspices, was for the benefit of the Cathedral fund. All enjoyed heartily the entertainment.

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Some weeks later, they had the great privilege of seeing the motion picture, Hamlet. It was in every way worthy of the high commendations of the film critics.

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Through the kindness of the Head Master, the whole school witnessed the movie film "Treasure Island." This was the first entertainment of that kind given in the Assembly Hall. We are looking forward eagerly to some more profitable and pleasurable entertainment.

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The house-matches are of absorbing interest. Loyalty to one's colleagues, the desire to do and suffer all in the interest of the House, to play the game in accordance with the rules of sportsmanship, to be modest in victory and cheerful in defeat, are traits that designate a real man in the making. These games, moreover, teach the necessity and advantages of co-operation for bringing about a desired end and lay an enduring basis of experiences that at some time or other will give pleasure to recall.

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It is at once a pleasure and a duty to acknowledge our indebtedness to those who have made

gifts to the Reference Library. Recent benefactors are : Mrs. Walsh, Messrs. A. Barter, N. A. Kearney, J. B. Burke, J. Quinn, R. Nolan, J. Dryhurst and M. Hennessey.

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Readers of these School Notes will have observed how regularly the names of Mr. and Mrs. A. Yates recur amongst the lists of benefactors to the School Library. We wish to record once more our deep appreciation for the further proofs they have given of their deep-seated interest in the Library within recent weeks.

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We are under debt of obligation to the art-teacher, Mr. Bolger, for the new artistic sketch heading the account of the sports activities ;

to one of his pupils, Michael Taylor, of Upper Five Alpha for the excellent lino-cut that appears in this issue ;

finally to the advertisers and contributors of articles.

All merit our sincerest thanks.

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The school prefects for the current year are as follows :—A. T. Meldon, A. H. McNally, P. Sherry, P. J. Brown, G. J. Ludden, J. Dryhurst, R. J. Mulcahy, M. Hennessey, A. J. Gregory.

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The Committee who helped in the preparation of this issue of the Magazine are :—P. Brown, T. Maguire, A. Gregory, M. Bennett.

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We had a visit from Rev. Br. J. S. Roche, the Brother to whom we owe in great part, the wonderful facilities we have at St. Edward's. His interest in our concerns has not waned one whit through the years.

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During the last week of November, Rev. Br. J. H. McDonald addressed a number of the forms on the subject of Vocation. His youthful hearers gave him close attention and, no doubt, received great enlightenment on a matter of such concern, for their happiness both in this world and in the next.

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Since July last, painters have been busy in the class-rooms and on the corridors. The college is now looking its best. The co-operation of all is needed to maintain its present freshness and attractiveness.

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Peter J. Brown was awarded second place in the Speaking Contest organised by the Catenian Association. Both he and James Dryhurst deserve congratulations for their masterly addresses, delivered before a very large audience at the Adelphi Hotel.

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Each day from 1-30 to 2 p.m., musical selections from the best composers are broadcast from the Headmaster's Office. These are varied and of such a nature as to awaken responsive chords in the hearts of all true lovers of music. Our appreciation for what is worth-while in the compositions of the Masters deepens with the passing weeks.

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The Christmas holidays begin on December 21st ; the College re-opens on January 12th.

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To all our readers, we extend best wishes for a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

We deeply regret the illness of His Majesty, and wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

The Editors offer heartiest felicitations and best wishes to Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on the happy event of the birth of a son and heir to the throne.

absence of monograms on the pillow-slips.

In an hour or so, the new volunteers felt like old hands, and having tested the menu of the establishment and found it ample and tasty, they went down to Hereford to have a look at the yokels, and sample, "this 'ere zider." A sample was definitely enough for some members of the party, though they did not admit it readily at the time. The night progressed swimmingly thereafter, though the proposal of a visit to the dance was abandoned.

The rest of the week-end was spent in making new friends and good friends, and in realizing just what a magnificent place this was. The party settled down in the eminently comfortable lounge on the Sunday evening, and treated their new-found friends to a recital of popular ballads, which bore the unmistakable mark of their Liverpool origin. ("After the ball," the School song, and "Mississippi honeymoon," were rousing successes, and founded the basis of the camp's repertoire of songs for the rest of the week).

If they had a gay time over these two-days, the volunteers were to work hard on the morrow. Their high spirits were really high, and were not to be quelled by the mere idea of an 8-hour day on the farm. Monday morning saw them finish an excellent breakfast with commendable speed and enthusiasm which was, regrettably, not emulated again for the rest of the fortnight.

They found themselves together on the work lists, and blithely set off on a lorry to teach these yokels a few things about threshing. These lorry trips were, by the way, rollicking affairs, where everyone held on, told the weakest jokes, and sang at the top of his voice. There was one dapper little character, for instance, who nearly caused a riot of mirth when he bawled forth, in a serious tone—"Form fours, you three!"

The trip home was equally jolly, a lorry-load of people, dog-tired, with between ten and thirteen bob in their pockets, shoes or hats, as the case may be (and, of course, a sandwich-tin full of pilfered apples). These were the scenes each morning and evening.

The worst part was the eight hours in between.

The work, my dear boys, was most decidedly hard, and never did the patriots sing more lustily, "How're your going to keep 'em down on the farm?" than when they wallowed in hot baths after a full day of pitching sheeves on to a thundering great wagon, or toting 90 lb bales up a 10 ft. stack, with, of course, intervals of cider-drinking and shifting piles of flying chaff which slowly blinds you, gets down your neck, your shoes, your sleeves and in your hair. Happy days! Happy days!

The contingent were, however, extraordinarily lucky, their first employer was a Catholic who had moved down from Crosby, and who had a delightful habit of driving them about in his car, and supplying them with ample quantities of tea, cake and advice.

Needless to say, this gentleman's crop was speedily and efficiently threshed, and in three days the patriot's earnings amounted to 33/- each, which, you must admit, is quite good. So good did some consider it, that they lived on it, and their merits, for the rest of the week, and did not go out to work.

That first seven days was, for most, the "time of their lives," the food remained excellent throughout, the company likewise (notably two young gentlemen from St. Bede's College, Manchester, who were taken into the field, and apprenticed to the noble arts of cider-bibbing, grub-hunting, singing and other pursuits which found popularity with the Liverpool party). The two days of idleness were spent in table-tennis, billiards, and sight-seeing generally. One rainy day, however, will live in memory, for six patriots alone and unaided disposed of the rations of twenty five able-bodied men, and several bottles of Bulmer's best apple-juice; that day, needless to say, was spent in rest from servile work, and in making the work of the chalet-cleaners decidedly awkward, by remaining immovably rooted, three to a bunk in room G-42, and giving an amateurish, though lusty, performance of several novel, and strictly original comic operas.

The jollifications continued all that day, and the fact that they were protracted late into the night,

merely had the effect of attracting our neighbours from "Newcassell," and thus increasing the load of the respective bunks from three, to six.

All good things, must, as the party's philosopher said, come to an end. Their friends of the past week left, for the most part, on the Saturday, and they were left, somewhat sad, these gay volunteers. They brightened up, however, at the prospect of being able to leer patronisingly at the confusion of the new arrivals. I regret to say that this Saturday afternoon *was* spent in leering at the confusion of the new arrivals, and most patronisingly.

This second week-end was spent more restrainedly than the first, but it was not without its moments,—old friends had gone, so the comrades set about making new ones. These pursuits were somewhat overshadowed, I am bound to say, by the uninviting, but inevitable prospect of helping the nation's agricultural recovery programme for a further few days of next week. I am bound to say that it was not patriotism pure and simple which made work a necessity, it was also a certain falling-off in the state of finances of the party.

Luck, as regards the benevolence of the employers did not change with the second week. The friends were engaged to help with the threshing of a very generous and amiable gentleman farmer's crop. He, in turn, used to run them to work and back in his car, and besides paying well, loaded them down with food and hot, sweet tea, at break-times. Three days were spent on this work, and then—the rains came. The rains came just in time to catch certain unlucky Liverpooldians in the middle of a hop-field, and speedily reduced this expanse of land to a state of incredible impassability. The mud was not only plentiful, it was red, it was dirty, it was ubiquitous, and finally, it was disgusting. The new employer was paying according to the number of bushels picked,

and not under the customary rate of 1/5d. per hour. The Liverpool hop-pickers, besides being inexperienced, had spent a considerable part of the day grumbling under a hedge, and it was therefore hardly surprising when they received a sum somewhere in the region of 4/- each for their trouble.

That turned out to be the last day's work any of the volunteers did, for the rain continued heavily, and the decision was made to return home the next day (Friday) to avoid the week-end rush. The cases, the rucksacks, the kit bags were packed again, and a very self-satisfied and healthy-looking crowd appeared before the powers that be, and demanded their ration books and receipts at the time when they were least expected; this fact must have struck home to the Herefordshire Board of Agriculture that they were losing perhaps the best set of volunteers they were ever likely to get, for they seemed unwilling to let them go. Determination prevailed, however, and these sweating, muttering, individuals trooped aboard a train bound for Liverpool, eventually, and steamed out of Hereford, wiser, prouder and stronger men.

They were sorry to go, in most ways, no matter how Hereford must have felt about their departure. They had had an unforgettable fortnight, with innumerable experiences they would be able to tell each other of in the long winter days ahead. They would be able to recall the time W.D. almost knocked a venerable old farmer off his cart with an extra-hefty swing of his pitchfork, they would be able to recall the night Fred fell over somebody's front garden fence, and crawled through a flower bed; and all the time they will be gripping the cloak-room pipes, or standing in the corridor on a misty, wet January day. They will remember, these things are worth remembering.

I remember.

J. McDERMOTT, VI A MOD.



**" SOUVENIR D'ORADOUR-SUR-GLANE "**

Pas un son dans les champs, pas un cri dans les bois,  
 Et la vie du village est cachée sur les toits  
 Qui sont ouverts à l'air, au soleil, à la pluie,  
 A la neige d'hiver qui tombe sans souci . . .  
 Car la vie sous ces toits n'est pas celle des gens,  
 C'est la vie des esprits, des esprits soupirants  
 Dans leurs maisons désolées leur juste vengeance.  
 Sur ce coin limousin se répand un silence . . .  
 Mais il faut se rappeler un beau jour de juin—  
 'Quarante—quatre, c'est vrai, mais la guerre était  
 Des pensées pacifiques des bons villageois (loin  
 Le village, pourtant, devint plein, à la fois,  
 De soldats allemands. Ils y mirent le feu . . .  
 Personne n'échappa le carnage hideux ;  
 Plus de cinq cents souffrirent cet enfer affreux . . .  
 C'est pourquoi il y a ce silence piteux—  
 C'est le berceau des morts et l'on peut ici voir  
 Un aspect de la guerre, un morceau de l'histoire.

A. T. MELDON VI A Mods.

**THE LIVER BIRDS**

The silent guardians of this city stand,  
 Watching the river's ceaseless ebb, and flow  
 Watching the ships, strong, splendid, moving slow  
 From this our land.

Poised as in prayer above the milling street  
 Counting the hours of leisure and of toil  
 Counting the hours of peace and of turmoil  
 And time is at their feet.

Thus proudly braced against all time and tide  
 Fearfully clouds and rain can beat them  
 Cheerfully sun and breezes greet them  
 Still they bide.

Ye Birds of Liver, ever proudly stand  
 Ye Birds of Liver charm the ocean's deep  
 Ye Birds of Liver guard us in our sleep  
 And this our Land.

PETER M. LENNON, UIV.

**A COUNTRY SCENE**

I, looking from the topmost branch,  
 Of a sturdy old oak tree,  
 Upon the ground for miles around  
 This beauteous scene did see.  
 Close by, a decayed windmill stood  
 Its sails were broken down  
 And round it were some fields of corn  
 Of colour golden brown.  
 The corn was ripe, the grass was green  
 And in 'most every field  
 Small white specks, they were young sheep  
 Which jumped, and sprang and wheeled.  
 And then I saw a little hill  
 Of bracken covered over,  
 A tiny beck of silvery hue  
 Meandered in the clover.  
 Upon one ploughèd field I saw,  
 The ploughman and his team,  
 Trudging along the deep brown earth  
 And far beyond, a dene.  
 At night time when the sun goes down  
 And stars begin to peep  
 The scene has changed considerably  
 For all is wrapped in sleep.

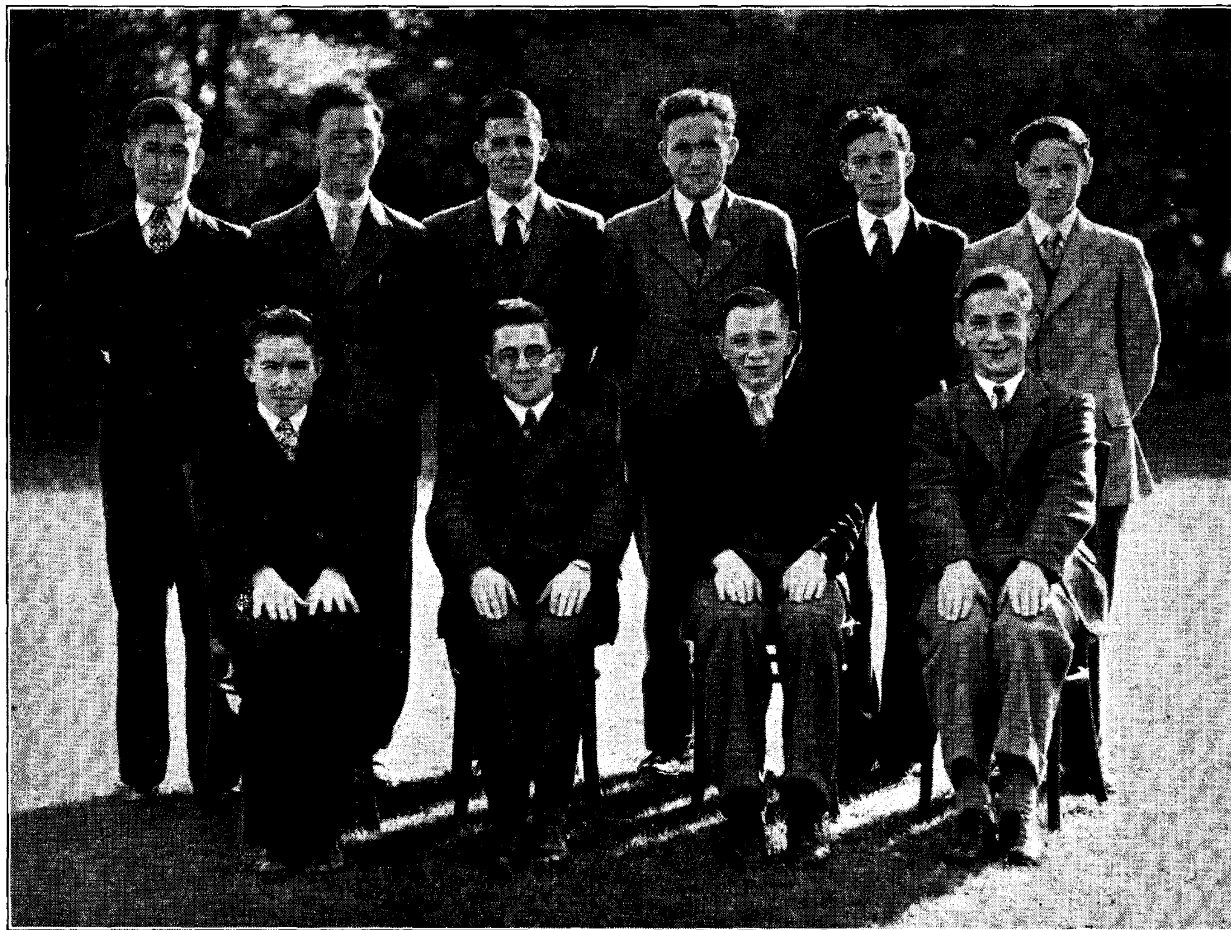
JOHN CORNTHWAITE, L.V Beta.

**" YOUTHFUL REFLECTIONS "**

Warm danced the firelight flickering o'er the room,  
 Its peaceful silence crept into my soul,  
 O'ercame my sense, transmuted, in the gloom,  
 My being to a disembodied whole,  
 And caused my sleepy memory to roam  
 O'er paths of yester-year. These have I seen ;  
 Bright Nature's leafy birth, true friends at home,  
 Pale snowflakes settling light on willow green,  
 Soft, lilac-scented mists of summer-eve,  
 Reflected clouds in water near a farm . . .  
 O youth and strength ! For thee I mostly grieve—  
 For then the glow of life was free and warm,  
 While now the spark's near dead. Sad thought, it  
 seems,  
 To find the solace for one's life . . . in dreams !

A. T. MELDON, VIA, Mods.

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 1948



*By courtesy of The Star Studios*

*Standing :* G. CURRIE   D. ADAIR   F. R. ROSE   P. J. BROWN   B. CRAIG-McFEELY   J. A. MORGAN  
 (State, Senior   (Senior City)   (Senior City)   (Wallasey)   State, Senior   (Senior City)  
 City, Hull)   City, Hull)

*Sitting :*   J. BERRY   V. F. X. GASKIN   T. W. MURPHY   E. T. CROFT  
 (Lancashire Major)   (Senior City)   (State)   (Ormskirk)

# School Successes, 1948

## HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

Adair, David	Merriman, Joseph M.
Bennett, Michael H.	Monaghan, Peter.
Berry, John	Mulcahy, Robert J.
Bowden, Frederick D.	Murphy, Terence W.
Brown, Peter J.	Morgan, Joseph A.
Craig-McFeely, Brian E.	McNally, Austin H.
Croft, Thomas E.	Nyland, Francis
Currie, Gerard	O'Dowd, Brian J.
Devine, Arthur	Pope, Joseph A.
Dryhurst, James	Rogers, Brian A.
Furlong, Denis A.	Rorke, James B.
Gaskin, Vincent F. X.	Rose, Francis, R. G.
Gregory, Anthony	Sherry, Peter E.
Hennessey, Maurice	Thompson, Anthony I.
Kane, Francis P.	Wardley, Brian J.

## LETTERS OF SUCCESS

Barnwell, Terence	Fitzgerald, Philip A.
Broadbridge, Thomas E.	King, Maurice M.
Ferguson, Paul A.	Murray, Alfred L.

## DISTINCTIONS IN PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS

**English** : Berry, John ; Brown, Peter J.  
**History** : Bennett, Michael H., Brown, Peter J.  
**Pure Mathematics** : Craig-McFeely, Brian E.  
**Chemistry** : Adair, David ; Craig-McFeely, Brian E. ; Currie, Gerard ; Rose Francis G. R.

## EXCELLENTS IN SCHOLARSHIP SUBJECTS

**English** : Brown, Peter J.  
**Pure Mathematics** : Murphy, Terence W.  
**Chemistry** : Crieg-McFeely, Brian E. ; Currie Gerard.

## UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

**State** : Craig-McFeely, Brian E. ; Currie, Gerard ; Murphy, Terence W.  
**Senior City** : Craig-McFeely, Brian E. ; Currie, Gerard ; Gaskin, Vincent F. X. ; Morgan, Joseph A. ; Murphy, Terence W. ; Rose, Francis R. G.

**Lancashire Major** : Berry, John.

**Wallasey** : Brown, Peter J.

**Hull** : Craig-McFeely, Brian E. ; Currie, Gerard.

**Ormskirk** : Croft, Thomas E.

**Civil Service (Executive Grade)** : Bowden, F. D.

## SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

Addy, William T.	Howell, Peter
Almond, John	Hughes, Derek D.
Archdeacon, Maurice D.	Johnson, James
Ashton, Philip W.	Kennedy, John
Ayers, Terence W.	Lamb, John J.
Ball, Charles	Lennon, Michael
Birkenhead, Thomas F.	Lyons, Peter
Bowe, Harold J.	McMullin, Vincent E.
Bridge, Charles N.	McParlin, Bernard
Burns, Robert	McQuade, Henry
Caird, Michael J.	Mooney, James
Connell, John W.	Moorhead, John F.
Connor, Leo	Moorhead, Peter J.
Clague, Norman C.	Mitchell, Francis W.
Cunningham, Thomas	Mulrooney, Terence M. J.
Curran, John M.	Murphy, James C.
Davenport, Joseph H.	Murray, Michael M.
Dobbins, Philip G.	O'Brien, Paul
Doyle, Laurence	O'Sullivan, Donald D.
Dunning, Henry E.	Prince, Michael J.
Edgar, Francis B.	Proctor, Joseph K.
Edwards, Frederick E.	Randall, Edward W.
Ellis, Walter J.	Redmond, Thomas
Evans, Gerrard P.	Richardson, Leonard
Ferguson, Cyrus J.	Rose, Philip H.
Finnigan, Brian F.	Ross, Hugh A.
Finnigan, James	Rowan, Frederick J.
Finnigan, Joseph	Ryan, Arthur
Flynn, Robert H. S.	Scott, Anthony
Fishwick, Francis B.	Scott, Francis D.
Freeborough, Robert C.	Serrano, Mario
Gilbertson, Alfred A.	Shennan, Joseph H.
Harrison, Thomas K.	Smith, Ronald J.
Hayes, Thomas J.	Snape, Joseph
Healey, John	Walsh, Ambrose M.

Hillman, John A.           West, Geoffrey B.  
 Hinchcliffe, Leonard      Williams, Thomas  
 Hinds, Walter A.         Woods, Francis, D.  
 Houghton, Vincent P.  
**1st place in School Certificate : Modern**  
**Subjects :** Rose, P. H.  
**Science Subjects :** Randall, E. W.

### FORM EXAMINATIONS, JULY, 1948

VI A. Science : 1, Craig-McFeely, B. ; 2. Currie,  
 G. ; 3, Murphy, T. W.  
 VI A. Moderns : 1. Brown, P. J. ; 2. Berry, J. ;  
 3. Gaskin, V. F. X.  
 VI B. Science—Religion : D. Blackburne ; 1. J.  
 Shennan ; 2. G. Robinson ; 3. A. Murphy.  
 VI B. Modern—Religion : F. Ledwidge ; 1. M.  
 McGowan ; 2. J. Dillon ; 3. T. Maguire.  
 Upper V Alpha : 1. Lennon, M. ; 2. Randall,  
 E. W. ; 3. Rose, P. H.  
 Upper V Beta : 1. Serrano, M. ; 2. West, G. B. ;  
 3. Proctor, J. K.  
 Upper V A. : 1. McParlin, B. ; 2. Shennan, J. H. ;  
 3. Finnigan, J.  
 L. V Alpha. Religion : A. Curran.  
 1. L. McLoughlin ; 2. F. Durbin ; 3. J. Morgan.  
 L. V Beta. Religion : J. Kellett.  
 1. B. Norman ; 2. P. Mackay ; 3. B. Burke.  
 L. V A. Religion : P. Brennan.  
 1. G. Slater ; 2. J. Jensen ; 3. M. Brown.

L. V B. Religion : A. McCann.  
 1. R. Plunkett ;         2. A. McCann ;  
 3. A. Mulholland.  
 IV Alpha. Religion : F. Bate.  
 1. L. Rand ; 2. F. Bate ; 3. P. Goodall.  
 IV Beta: Religion : J. Snape.  
 1. J. Hawkins ; 2. F. Moore ; 3. J. Snape.  
 III Alpha. Religion : G. Mills.  
 1. C. Burns ; 2. B. Moore ; 3. A. Archdeacon.  
 III Beta. Religion : P. O. Hare.  
 1. J. Colford ; 2. E. Laird ; 3. R. Baker.  
 II Alpha. Religion : D. McAleer.  
 1. P. Moran ; 2. P. Keating ; 3. P. Murphy.  
 II Beta. Religion : J. Sheridan.  
 1. B. Alger ; 2. S. Jensen ; 3. K. Hinley.  
 II A. Religion : J. Devine.  
 1. A. Lomax ; 2. T. Griffiths ; 3. A. Billington.  
 II R. Religion : J. Donleavy.  
 1. R. McDonnell ;     2. D. Curran ;  
 3. W. Cookson.  
 U. I. Religion : E. Hughes.  
 1. E. Hughes ; 2. P. Prenton ; 3. P. Hagedorn.  
 M. I. Religion : M. Azurdia.  
 1. F. Waring ; 2. J. Taylor ; 3. H. Lavery.  
 L. I. Religion : R. Gibbons.  
 1. P. Hayes ;           2. J. Callahan ;  
 3. P. Fitzpatrick.  
 Preparatory. Religion : M. Gibson.  
 1. P. Cookson ; 2. M. Gibson ; 3. P. Cassidy.

### HOW WE DID IT

I sprang from the bus, and Willie and he,  
 I ran, Willie ran, we ran all three,  
 Away went the bus, the dust sank to rest,  
 And down through the park-gates we all ran  
 abreast.  
 Round the corner we came ; Willie now lagged  
 behind  
 He soon gave away when put to the grind ;  
 As we came through the gate I heard the bell chime,  
 I called to the others, it's a minute to nine.  
 We raced down the pathway, we shot through the  
 door  
 We tore round the corner with three seconds more  
 The bell rang, we'd made it hip-hip-hurray  
 I'll never forget it that dread Saturday.


M. A. GLOVER, L.V 2

### SONNET TO A MOUNTAIN STREAM

I liken man unto a mountain stream  
 Which weakly trickles down the mountain slopes  
 Coping with flowing as a baby copes  
 With walking. Both look pretty as a dream.  
 A babbling brook is the next stage to be seen  
 O'er the meadows and through a tiny copse  
 It chatters on ; telling the trees its hopes  
 And fears, just as a schoolboy likes to dream  
 Of lofty castles, towers and dragons bold,  
 The path on which it races never straight.  
 As young men marry in the course of life,  
 It joins a stream to form the river old  
 Which gently flows beyond my garden gate  
 And sadly dies away from scenes of strife.

T. J. MARSDEN, U.V Alpha.

## A Journey in Switzerland

 OF the many impressions of my holiday in Switzerland, one is outstanding: a walk, perhaps one of the most beautiful in the Bernese Oberland, from Wengen to Grindewald.

Wengen Youth Hostel was my starting point, the town of Wengen, nestling in a recess in the sheer sides of the great range, our first destination. Far above was the 15,000 feet pinnacle of Jungfrau, highest mountain in the range, far below the green valley.

Wengen was only a short distance away and was soon left behind. Already some of our party, which had numbered about twenty, had departed to use the mountain railway rather than their legs. The path was rocky and a mist began to fall as we toiled through a dark forest. Others of the band felt their energy to be wasted already and joined the previous deserters.

We survivors continued our climb, reminded of nature's beauty as we saw the familiar buff cattle with their bells jangling in a confused medley, then of human failings as the less-able 'hikers' passed in the comparative luxury of the mountain train,—a luxury which became more apparent

when the sky darkened and a blizzard dashed its hail, rain, and sleet against us.

Still our pleasure was all the greater at the warmth and comfort of the half-way house of Kleina Scheidegg; we enjoyed all the more the coffee and biscuits with which we were provided . . . especially when we saw what the Swiss called biscuits, slabs about three-quarters of an inch thick, packed with savoury fillings.

Our path now led downwards towards the valley of Grindewald, but even there we would be three thousand feet above sea-level. As we sat eating, I could hardly realize that we were more than twice as high as Snowdon, itself easily the highest mountain in England and Wales.

The storm had passed and through the now-clear air, I could see the higher mountains down their crevices, like a transparent green snake, the first glacier I had ever seen. As we walked down the steep slope, Grindewald lay below, with its squat wooden chalets and stretches of hayfield, seeming to grow bigger as we approached. There was a ripple of excitement when we saw a deer jumping the fences but our main pre-occupation was to relieve our weariness.

We had been walking for five hours.

J. HILLMAN, VIB Mods.

## Local Retrospect

**T**HERE are many interesting historical features in the various districts of Liverpool but I intend to deal chiefly with West Derby, Stoneycroft, Wavertree, and some items of general interest.

In West Derby Village, one may see the iron stocks, which took the place of wooden ones in 1800 and which stand on the site of an ancient pound. In the plantation is a commemoration stone, which records 'the happy reign of Queen Victoria,' 'the Coronation of Edward VII,' and that 'pound was at that spot,' but unfortunately the inscription can scarcely be read now, because of an overgrowth of weeds and grass.

The field, at the foot of West Derby Village

Church, is believed to be the site of an ancient stronghold of Saxon Times. If one looks down from the top of this Church, this field appears to be different from the other fields and has depressions on it, indications which prove to some extent the existence of a castle on this spot. In the year of Henry I's accession, it is recorded that the sum of £6 9s. 7d. was spent on the castle. King Richard held the castle in 1197, and during his struggle with the barons had many troops in this fortification. A point to be noticed is the constant repair which was required for the Castle, perhaps, this is, as any person visiting the site will see, because the field is of sand, as is the ground adjoining where St. Mary's Church stands.

This Church took a big part in the history of West Derby, for on the anniversary of the dedication of this Chapel, St. Mary the Virgin, the local highlight of the year, the West Derby Wakes came, and in the Eighteenth Century this was an occasion for great revelry. In the little Church, a service was held, while outside, people could obtain ale and cakes. Later the religious part of the festival was forgotten and many hawkers, showmen, and other disreputable characters came to West Derby.

In Stoneycroft, one may see Moss Cottage which was built in 1753, and stands in Derby Lane. This road has only fairly recently become modernised, and people still living can recall when the trees touched over head, and there was room for only one cart to pass at a time. This shady country lane was in olden times, a favourite walk for sailors from ships in the Mersey.

Green Lane tram sheds is the position of an ancient inn called the Traveller's Rest. Here a turnpike was established for fifty years, and many of the coaches proceeding into Liverpool had to pass through it.

Green Lane was once a beautiful country spot, astonishing as it may seem to those that know it as a hive of industry. The brook meandered its way along the whole length of the Lane, making it a pleasant place for a walk. Many people who became famous lived in the Lane, James Nelson, who was head of a cattle importing firm of South America lived there, so did Reginald Radcliffe, founder of the Sailor's Rest, and a ragged school, and Fenwick Harrison of the Harrison line of steamers.

Old Swan took its name from an inn, which had a coat of arms with three white swans on it. This portrait was the crest of the Walter Family who owned the district.

At the back of the inn was a cockpit, patronised by the local dandies. Because the inn was the middle point between Liverpool, Knowsley, and Prescot, it was a common occurrence for fights to take place between the champion cocks of these districts.

Midway between Old Swan and West Derby

is an old house, which formerly was called the Old-Hall, but just over two hundred years ago its name was changed to Sandfield. Thus the surrounding district was known as Sandfield Park, which we know so well to-day. In one of the barns is the inscription GSAS 1635, which is believed to be the initials of George Standish and Annie Agmont, who were married in West Derby Parish Church, April 1628.

Opposite the Abbey Cinema one may see Wavertree lock-up, which was built in 1793, because Constable John Leach had to keep the prisoners in his own dwelling. Part of a book he kept, recording the cost of keeping the prisoners, read thus—Meat for male prisoner—4d., Bread and milk for three boys, for two nights—2/1, Straw 1d.

It was reported that the constable used to collect the drunkards from the Lamb Hotel and the Coffee House, on a hand-cart. Places of these names still stand to-day, although, I hope, not with the same reputation.

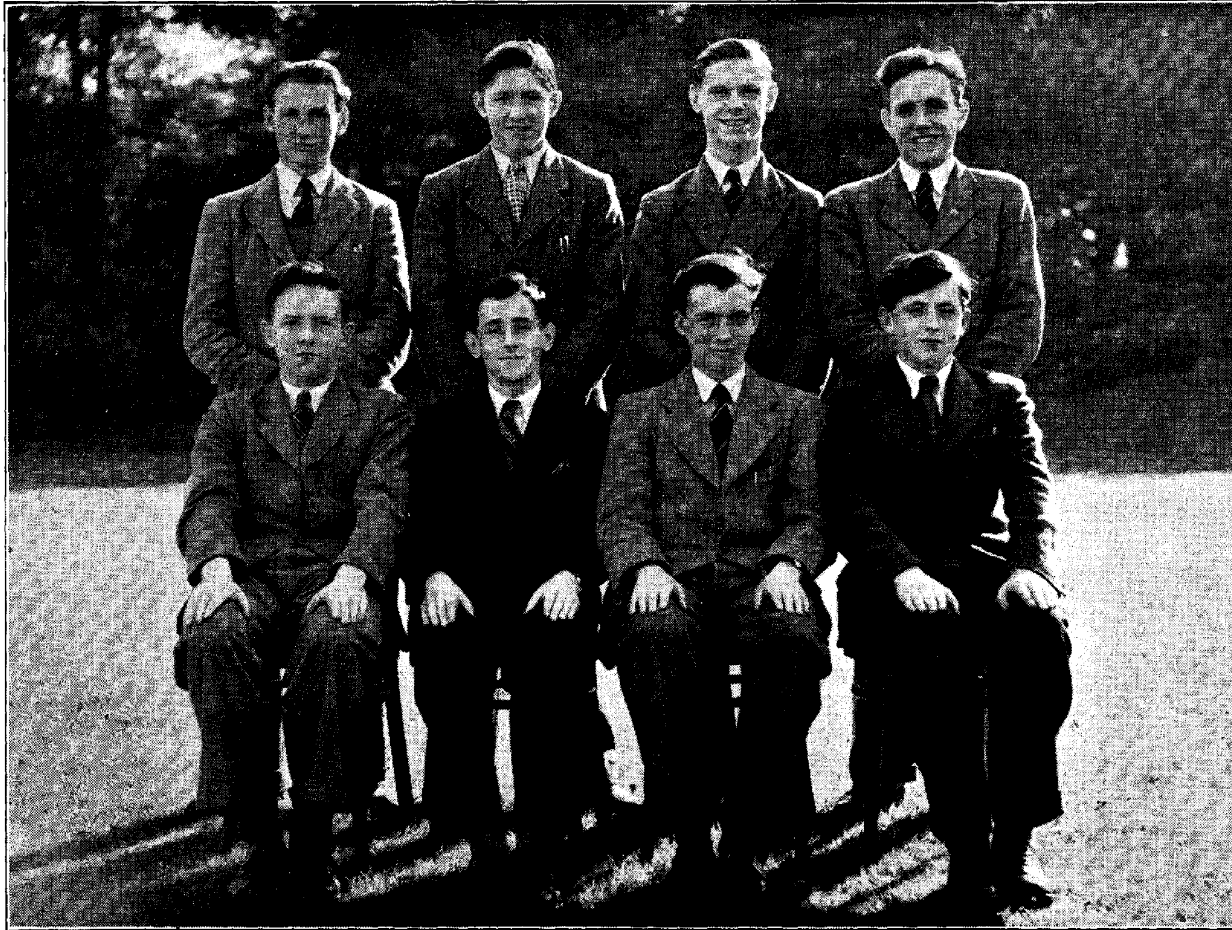
Many Irish immigrants came to Liverpool during the 1847 Potato Famine. The local authorities "kindly" granted a number of them permission to lodge in the cramped quarters of Wavertree Lock-up, because they had nowhere to stay.

The first omnibus in Liverpool was in 1833, and its journey was between the Turk's Head, Knotty Ash,—to-day a Turk's Head Café stands on the spot—and the Liverpool Town Hall. The rate-payers of Liverpool may complain of the increase of tramcar and 'bus fares, but the fares then were, outside, 6d., inside, 10d. The inside passengers were treated much better than those outside, having rugs, straw for their feet and looking-glasses. The reason for the length of time taken was not so much the crude type of omnibus, but the fact that the 'bus stopped at most Public Houses en route.

The second omnibus-train built in England was between Manchester and Liverpool, and had its terminus at Edge Hill. The tickets were not so small, as the tickets of to-day, but were as big as playing cards. The guard, a name from stage

# SCHOOL PREFECTS

1948-1949



*By courtesy of The Star Studios*

*Standing :* A. T. MELDON

A. H. McNALLY

P. SHERRY

P. J. BROWN

*Sitting :* G. J. LUDDEN

J. DRYHURST

R. J. MULCAHY

M. HENNESSEY

*Absent :* A. J. GREGORY

coaches, pricked the price on to these cards in shillings and pence.

The first class carriages were painted yellow, and were like stage coaches. The second class carriages, for the poor people, were painted blue and were like cattle trucks.

People from other parts of England criticize Liverpool as being a dusty, uncouth, industrial city. Perhaps it is, in some parts, but if one looks through some local history, one can visualise it as a small country village, with the postal address, "Liverpool, near Ormskirk."

LEO CONNOR, VI B Mods.

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**T**HE Society has, at the time of writing, just passed through one of its most critical periods. At the beginning of term there were serious doubts about the future of the Society but, with the help of the Head Master, it has been established on a firm footing with Brother Ludden as President. Our numerical strength has increased to 10 and we have succeeded in establishing a link with Old Swan Conference. Incidentally, we have been raised to the status of a Junior Council from that of an Aspirant Council.

Despite our position, however, we need new blood and we appeal to boys of the Sixth form to show more interest in the Society. We need more than mere sympathy, we need real help and the more we get the more cases we will be able to undertake. As it is we are in charge of only one case but we expect others soon.

On the whole, however, we have reason to be satisfied with the progress we have made in the

past few months. The Society is determined to progress further and the only hindrance is our lack of numbers. The deficiency is one that cannot be over-stressed or repeated too often. We are now waiting for the Annual School Collection before Christmas which provides our main source of wealth. This will make us somewhat independent of the Old Swan Council for some time, and we ask the boys of the College to contribute generously thus helping what is really their Society.

Finally, we must thank Rev. Br. Wall for the assistance he has given us; without this, the Society could scarcely have survived. We hope that, by these brief Notes, we have brought to your notice the work and also the needs of your Society. If we have succeeded we know that you will respond as well as usual. It is your task now to help us, we are too few to help ourselves really well.

FRANCIS LEDWIDGE (Hon. Sec.).

## Literary and Debating Society

**L**AST term's session ended with the usual mock debate which for a short while appeared serious but soon developed into our annual farce, ably conducted by Messrs. Brown, Nyland, Gaskin, Bowden, and McDermott on the typical subject, "That Britain should become a Soviet Socialist Republic rather than the 49th State of America."

In addition, after this event, an Old Boy, Mr. J. B. Burke, kindly delivered a lecture on "T. S. Eliot and the Moderns," in which he sketched

the main features of Modernist verse, illustrated with apt quotations.

The new session began with a debate on the subject "That the Press and propaganda cause most international difficulties." Mr. McGowan (Pro.) asserted strongly that most wars can be attributed to the evil which the Press spreads abroad with complete disregard for truth and morality, especially the false doctrines of racial hatred and class warfare. Mr. Meldon (Con.) replied with a learned though irrelevant paper on



the history, scope and aims of propaganda. Mr. Maguire (Pro.) stressed the Press's distortion of facts and quoted the change in its attitude towards Russia as an instance of the influence the Papers wield over their readers. Mr. Ludden (Con.) used arguments negative rather than positive for he sought to show that many international conflicts occurred and that problems arose before the advent of the Press and Propaganda. This was on the whole a very disappointing start to the new year owing to irrelevancy, and to a too great reliance on notes.

In the second debate, "That the attitude of the Western Powers is responsible for the present diplomatic crisis." Mr. Brown (Pro.) accused them of being the arch-enemies of freedom; of seeking world domination; of acting in a manner most hostile to Russia because she threatens that domination, and of attempting to stop the natural and healthy growth of that much misused land. This misused land, maintained Mr. MacDermott (Con.), constitutes a greater danger to Europe's peace than the dictatorship of the late unlamented Hitler. Russia, he asserted, has imperialist aspirations, more ambitious than ours ever were or could be. The arguments of both sides were very well presented but suffered, again, from irrelevancy and a tendency to rant.

On the observation that "Parents are not fitted to bring up their own children" Mr. Nolan (Pro.) launched a diatribe against the majority of present day parents, who are, he claimed, pleasure-seekers neglecting their children and their homes, with the result that the rising generation is wild and uncared for. Mr. Bennett (Con.) argued that only a parent can educate children and that the only alternative to parental is state control, which would tend to eradicate individuality.

The Society next debated that "A division of Germany is the only way to world peace." Mr. Hennessey and Mr. Maher (Pro.) emphasized the German nation's utter lack of morality, its many centuries of aggression and the countless false prophets by whom it has been duped into an attitude of arrogance and violent nationalism. Mr. Dryhurst and Mr. Murray (Con.) then pleaded

movingly for Germany. The Germans, they maintained, had been humiliated and pacified by defeat. Furthermore, besides being an important factor in the economic stability of Europe, they are a necessary bulwark against communism, while an attempt to keep them disunited would only lead to more false prophets and more war.

After this debate the VIA Moderns gave a play-reading of "The Refund" under the direction of Mr. Bennett. The cast, Messrs. McDermott, Meldon, Maguire, Ludden, Dillon, and Quinn gave a very creditable performance which received the applause it deserved from the society.

In a debate "That Spain should be admitted into the society of the United Nations," Mr. Hennessey (Pro) hotly defended Spain's present regime. Spain, he asserted, is being boycotted and deprived of the means of economic recovery, thus keeping her people in poverty. Here is the only country in the world whose government is guided by Christian principles and is therefore the strongest bastion against the world's greatest danger—Communism. This fine Christian land asserted Mr. McDermott (Con) is the last remaining Fascist State in Europe and democracy's greatest menace. If she is admitted to the United Nations we will be going against the principles for which we fought a war—the principles of freedom and democracy.

This debate was followed by a discussion on "Modern Examinations" in which Mr. Meldon accused the present system of having several grave defects—the season for the examinations, the mood of the examiner, and the psychological effect upon the candidate. The season is inappropriate for the important examinations in summer, the weather distracts from study, and subsequent failure of the candidate often leads to nervous disabilities. Mr. Brown contradicted these assertions, maintaining that examinations fill a need which could be satisfied in no other way; the test of nerves at an examination is a test for the qualities needed in the crises of life; finally, examinations reveal candidate's intellectual capabilities.

The social services of the country were praised

by Mr. Dryhurst in "Social Reform and the family," for he asserted that they greatly benefit poor families, help neglected children and ensure the health of the nation. The communal meal system he decried as striking at one of the fundamentals of family life. Social reforms, said Mr. MacDermott aid to good family life by assisting the family to live comfortably while respecting its privacy.

The final item in our programme for the term, before going to press, was a play-reading by the VI B Mods. : the players were Messrs. Evans, McQuade, Connor, O'Sullivan and Lennon, the play "The Boy Comes Home," and the whole was ably and successfully produced by Mr. Peter Maher.

M. HENNESSEY (Hon. Sec.).

## French Literary and Debating Society

**T**HIS year's meetings began on October 5th with a debate on a motion contending that "International sports are harmful to peace." Monsieur Bennett started the ball rolling with a few reflections on the incidents which have taken place in many international sporting events, such as the Olympic Games—notably the 1936 Olympiad in Berlin. Moreover such incidents stay and rankle in the mind longer than would any good effects. He minimized the influence of sport as compared with politics in international relations.

Monsieur Brown reminded the Society of the Olympic Oath, with its object, "the glory of sport." Our international football team has a tremendous reputation abroad, and its players are amongst our most influential ambassadors. The past series of Test matches proves that defeat does not cause ill feeling.

Then Monsieur Dillon assailed us with facts on ill-feeling in sport: Olympic Games incidents, body-line bowling and a recent football match against Italy which descended almost to the level of a brawl.

Monsieur Doherty, the last speaker, was a great upholder of the Olympic spirit. The recent Games proved how strong that spirit really was when adverse decisions were accepted without a murmur. All competitors were cheered at Wembley, whatever their nationality. In truth, politicians could take a good example from them.

Monsieur le President's decision gave 11 points to the supporters of the motion and 13 to the opposition.

At the next meeting we had a lecture from Monsieur Maguire, one of our several travelled members, describing his adventure as "Un Anglais en France." After flying to Paris M. Maguire saw all the sights of that delectable city, and in addition visited Versailles. While in Paris he saw the finish of the famous Tour de France, the longest and most arduous of cycle races. M. Maguire spent a large part of his five weeks' holiday in a little village in Normandy, La Chapelle au Riboul. M. Maguire's amiable discourse was illustrated profusely by means of the epidiascope. Votes of thanks were given by Messrs. McGowan and Hennessey.

The following meeting was a debate "that democracy is a bad form of government." Monsieur Dryhurst, proposing, quoted Aristotle's rejection of democracy. The great majoioty of the people are incapable of governing themselves—the newspapers, that they read, prove this. Their wives judge a candidate by his resemblance to film stars. Democracy is preventing the recovery of France by excluding the efficient government of General de Gaulle.

Monsieur Hennessey then went into the attack, upholding democracy as giving equal rights to all. He answered the charge of the people's ignorance with the reply that a democratic state must educate. Those who are less gifted give authority to those who are more capable of carrying out the actual government. Democracy is the only form of government consonant with man's dignity.

When the debate was declared open many opinions were expressed. M. Brown defended the

doubt, rise again. We can claim to have sent a representative to Holland last year with the Liverpool team : J. Granby. He received his colours last year and is still playing hooker admirably. Though our efforts were not very spectacular last Sports Day, we had the first three home in the mile, and R. Gillespie is waiting for another chance. In other events we had a satisfying number of places. In the 7-a-side Bantams last year we had J. Colford on the team and we expect him in a few first places next Sports' Day. On the cricket side we have A. Holmes and B. Wardley in the 1st XI, the former being the fast bowler. On the whole we have a fair representation on the Rugby and Cricket teams.

In other activities we are doing our share. First mention to our two prefects : M. Hennessey and R. Mulcahy of the Moderns and Science clan respectively. We give them our heartiest congratulations on the honour of being our first prefects.

In last Summer's Public Examinations, the honour of the House was nobly upheld. In the H.S.C. six of our members were successful, one is not at Hull University. In the S.C. about twenty were successful and one of these, T. Hayes was first in both the Modern and Science group. T. Maguire also added to the honour of the House by being awarded the Hawe Prize for his efforts in the 1947 S.C.

Donald O'Sullivan is one of the élite of the art section of the School and we hope he "draws" first place every time. Apart from a select gathering of Seftonites in the Orchestra, our musician is N. Mackay who tickles merrily on the piano. Of the few Edwardians who spent their holidays in France last Summer, T. Maguire was one and on his return to School he gave the French Debating Society a very interesting account of his travels.

Well, now that it is about time I was finishing (that is a polite way of saying I cannot think of anything else). I, in the name of Sefton, wish a holy and happy Christmas to the staff and to all Edwardians. "Viriliter Age."

H. DAVENPORT.

## DOMINGO HOUSE.

House Captain : J. Nolan.

Despite the presence of some outstanding members the past months have witnessed more promise than achievement in the sporting arena. The spirit of the House is, we feel, of more importance than material compensations and it is this we stress, but our hope of successes in the future is strong. However, ability is in this a gift of nature which cannot be instilled but only improved by practice as well as enthusiasm, and we recognize that a preponderance of sporting ability does not necessarily increase the House spirit.

The school teams have been provided with stalwarts like J. Nolan, A. Meldon, A. McNally and W. Doherty in the First Fifteen and the various members of the less exalted, though equally zestful, teams. All have contributed to the best of their ability towards the high level maintained.

In the academic and cultural life of the school there are many who would perhaps blush at the mention of their ability. Let it suffice to mention that the newly-appointed School Prefects include A. McNally and A. Meldon, two of the better-known members of Domingo; that the Domingo members of the School Orchestra have not been forgotten and that, more especially they include in Antony Meldon, the Orchestra leader; that the various Societies of the School are often enlivened by the presence of the various Domingo representatives and that they include in Francis Ledwige, the secretary of the S.V.P. Society. The Magazine Committee and the Magazine itself have benefited from the advice and the efforts of many of our members, while the School Concert and the contributions of the Art Room have been strengthened by our representatives.

In short we can feel sure that the contribution of the House towards the school activities and achievements, both scholastic and sporting, has been no little one. We hope that our future prestige may be even greater.

## Enquiries

**T**HIS year, you have no doubt observed, the magazine is different. Gone are some of the features we knew and loved in our youth—victims of progress, dear boys. The old mag. has lost non of its interest and charm, it is still, I think, well worth while to delve into the amaciated coffers and pay up that subscription.

You see, for the very first time this journal has embarked on an enterprise which will make it as much of a school necessity as a cap, tie, or violin. New boys, old boys, thin boys, fat boys; those who take school dinners and second year boys, all will unite in praising our public spiritedness in securing the invaluable services of Professor Jinja Popp, the eminent authority on all subjects known to man-kind, and some known only to himself.

With great pains, and some small degree of expense (please give generously to the November collection, by the way), we have persuaded the professor to place his enormous intellect at your exclusive disposal by answering your enquiries on a wide range of subjects.

The first letter comes from a pupil who has been at the school 5 years, and who has consequently had time to formulate definite opinions about the College. Some things, he says, have always mystified him:

**Q.** Dear Sir. On Sports Day, I noticed for the first time, a collection of hutments at the lower end of the field. On closer inspection they evidenced a certain resemblance to the stalls erected by Roman gingerbread sellers on market days. Am I right in concluding that we have left unnoticed a collection of ancient remains, of great value to archaeology.

**A.** I investigated with some interest the remains you described. I find, moreover, that you were rather in error in your assessment of their age. In actual fact, they are the sole remnants of a pre-historic civilization. In my opinion, they date from the days when England was joined to Ireland by a large plain, on which the Irish kings used to hold their annual insurrections. The

shacks you discovered form the ruins of the ancient palace of the Irish kings, situated not at Dublin custom house, or the Irish Sweep offices, as was previously supposed, but on the green-sward of merry England. This obviously accounts for three things. First, the College XV's never win at home, because they are not at home really, they are in Ireland. Secondly, it explains why Mr. De Valera said he felt quite at home in Liverpool, despite the trams. And thirdly, it explains why Liverpool people always wish each other good-bye with the cryptic word, "Tara."

The next letter was written at the dictation of a member of VI A Science:

**Q.** Dear Sir: When I get up in the morning, I find an invisible force dragging me back upstairs, and I often collapse on the landing. Why is this?

**A.** Set your mind at rest, you are not yet afflicted with paralysis, although your case is a serious one. There are two courses open to you.

Firstly, you must try to desist from the habit (common amongst scientists) of tying your braces to the bed-knobs at night. If I am mistaken in this diagnosis of your trouble, then you will most certainly be cured by my second suggestion.

This antidote rests on the principle that most of the trousers manufactured in Britain to-day are fashioned with not one, but two, legs. This is a precedent of British tailoring, and we must bear with the conservatism of the tradesman class.

**Q.** We decided to group the following two enquiries together.

1. I went into the sciences, now I wish I was in the mods. What shall I do?

2. I went into the mods, now I wish I was in the sciences. What shall I do?

**A.** You are victims of adolescent restlessness. What you both need is an outlet, when you will be able to exercise your wills without fear of correction. Endeavour to become prefects.

The next letter is from a member of Prep.

**Q.** Who are those men with beards (only little

ones), who shout and scream on Wednesdays and go about looking for milk.

A. You are no doubt referring to St. Edward's highest form of life—the 6th Form Hierarchy. They are a select and ancient body, with doubtful privileges—they get no milk, and there seems to be no form of head-wear large enough to fit them as you have already perceived, dear boy.

These three correspondents have no doubt cleared up questions which have been disputed for several generations in Edwardian life. All of us will no doubt feel indebted to the Professor, and will wish him the best of luck when he takes up

his next post as financial adviser to the itinerant pie-men's mission to gum-tree planters in the darkest regions of Thessalonica. He has great experience in this type of work, having served several terms for offences against the Embezzlement of Private Charities Act (1908), and having given yeoman service for many years in the Wandsworth Old Lags' Recreational Pursuits Society.

Professor Jinja-Popp is a president of the Board of Governors of several colleges. He is, incidentally, a multi-millionaire.

J. MACDERMOTT, VIA.

### Wanted

A wife who can handle a broom,  
To brush down the cobwebs and sweep up the  
room ;  
To make decent bread that a fellow can eat—  
Not that horrible compound you everywhere meet ;  
Who knows how to boil, to fry, and to roast,  
Make a good cup of tea and a platter of toast.  
A woman who washes, cooks, irons, and stitches,  
And sews up the rips in her husband's old breeches;  
And makes her own clothing—an item that grows  
Quite highly expensive, as everyone knows ;  
A common-sense creature, and still with a mind  
To teach and to guide—exalted, refined—  
In fact, a sort of angel and housemaid combined.

BRIAN M. BURKE, U.VA.

### MOTHER

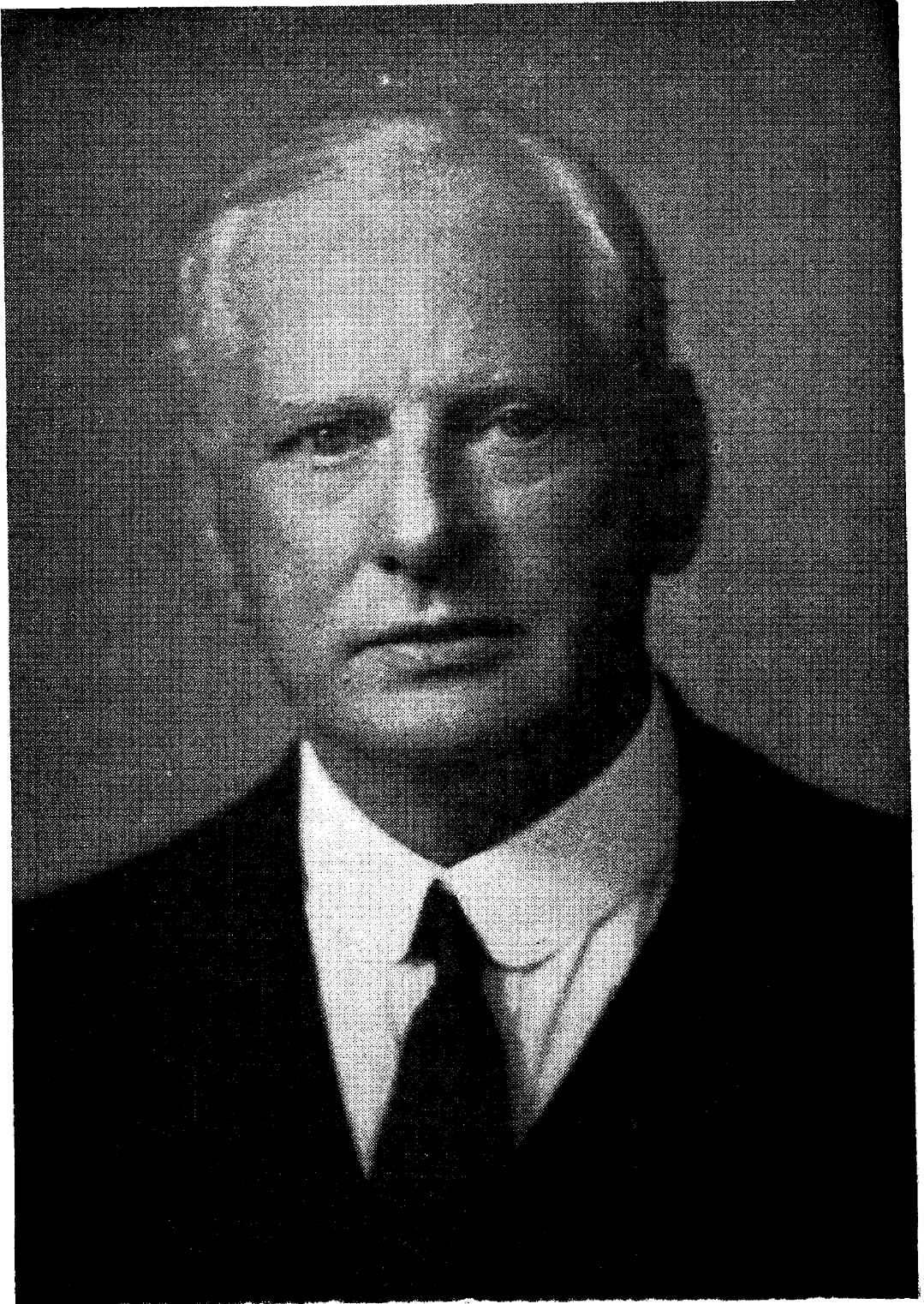
M — for the million things she gave me,  
O — only she's growing old.  
T — for the tears she shed to save me  
H — a heart of purest gold !  
E — for her eyes with lovelight shining  
R — right she will always be.  
Put them all together in a loving murmur,  
And you name the one who means the world to me.

KENNETH HURLEY, III Alpha.

### TREES IN WINTER

A moaning wind goes through the trees,  
The old oaks groan, the ashes creak  
The willows murmur, weep, and sigh  
With upraised arms the poplars shriek.  
The pines sway gently to and fro,  
The hawthorn steady as a rock  
Contemptuous of the winds that blow,  
The graceful birch resists the shock.

M. DONLEAVY, U.VA.



THE LATE COLONEL SIR JOHN SHUTE

## SIR JOHN SHUTE—AN APPRECIATION

By JOHN CURTIN, M.A.

**I**N this appreciation of Sir John Shute the writer does not intend to dwell on his qualities in the role of a leading citizen nor on the long list of his activities in public charities. What is intended here is to dwell on the outstanding devotion, friendship and love which he, for many years, evidenced with regard to the Catholic Institute, St. Edward's College, and the old boys of both these schools. This loyalty was all the more remarkable because Sir John was really a pupil of the Catholic Institute under the old regime, i.e. the secular clergy. In a lesser mind this hiatus could have resulted in an absolute break with any but his own actual school. But no, he carried on the same unswerving loyalty towards the Christian Brothers and their pupils as if he had actually been their own pupil.

His connections with the school functions goes, roughly speaking, to 1912, when he began to attend with his father and such grand old products of the old era as Charlie Waring, T. Burke, C.C., the Reids, C. Fishwick, and R. Taaffe—all products of the old regime and loyal supporters of the new. He had not been very long associated with the Old Boys organisation when his outstanding qualities brought him to the rank of President, to which he was elected in 1914. His first act was to call the Committee to a meeting, after a dinner, at the Adelphi Hotel, where plans were laid down for a strong forward thrust in the activities of the Association. This included the acquisition of club rooms in the City where the Association would have a rallying point. He himself started the subscription list with £100.

Unfortunately, however, as man proposes things, they are sometimes rudely shattered. The war broke out. Sir John and the majority of the Association went to give all their energies to their country. We know how even in the Army his capabilities obtained recognition, and he became O.C. 5th King's.

After the war his first act was to unveil a tablet at the Catholic Institute in memory of one of the Masters, Mr. Tim Curtin. From then onwards he resumed his endeavours to make the Old Boys' Association the success he felt it should be. Nothing was too insignificant, nothing too arduous. He would ask individual members of the Committee to come to his office to make suggestions and to talk things over generally. The School could always count on him to "grace" the platform at any of its functions. The Old Boys' Association could always count on his mature practical advice and financial help. It would be very interesting to know how many hundreds of pounds he unostentatiously subscribed to the different ventures that have arisen from time to time in the history of the Association. He, a busy man, could attend the Opening of the Club Rooms, General Meetings, the School Prize Days, all with the greatest of interest and alacrity.

The miracle of it all is how, when we read the list of public charities in which he took active part, he could find time or interest to devote to these activities of ours. Would that other pupils, who owed far more to the School than he did, had that deep-seated loyalty, that devotion of sentiment which this staunch friend of ours showed. We may have many other old boys of the school, but Sir John Shute's activities, zeal and devotion will never be surpassed, let us pray for his soul. "Fheu! Fugaces!"

## Old Boys' Letters

### UPHOLLAND LETTER

Dear Mr. Editor,

I hope I am not too late in sending the Upholland contribution to the Magazine but I wanted to wait until the Old Simmarians had paid us a visit and played us at football. My idea was to let the Old Corinthians know what they must be prepared for, when they meet us on the football pitch. I hope they will do here this year. But I don't know quite what to say now because we suffered a defeat at the hands of the Simmarians, the score being 3-2. Their goals, by the way, were scored by Old Edwardians, Joe Burns scoring two and Teeny O'Reilly the third. Their victory was due I think, to the presence of the younger element in the Simmarians team. It was a very good game though and I think we can promise them a tougher fight next time.

We were very pleased to welcome another old boy from St. Edward's this year, in the person of Kevin Mulhearn. After serving in the forces, he went to Osterly and is now commencing his Philosophy course here.

Vincent Burrows must be congratulated on his appointment to Minor Professor, especially as this is, I believe, the first time a Philosopher has received this appointment.

I am late enough with my letter already, so I will say no more than that all Old Edwardians here send you their best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

UPHOLLAND (K. MULLEN).

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### LIVERPOOL LETTER

Dear Mr. Editor,

The task of your correspondent would appear to become, year by year more difficult as a rapidly increasing Edwardian population is overwhelmed by the effects of specialisation and driven far from the haunts of men. Some Old Boys are to be found in the usual meeting places, but some are only to be found after diligent searching in their own departments. However, your correspondent

has been helped considerably by F. Hewitt who has an extensive knowledge of the activities of most of them.

We have been pleased to see the arrival of this session's freshers. K. Kennedy, returned from the Forces, is now studying Arts in company with E. Burns and V. Gaskin. Like the last-named, F. Rose who is studying chemistry, weekly puts on a military air and an S.T.C. uniform. Timothy Murphy is now Fresher representative on the Catholic Society Committee, assuming responsibilities after laying down others in the Army. P. Ryan, ex-service too, is reading science, as are D. Adair, B. Craig-McFeely, F. Rose, T. W. Murphy, J. A. Morgan, all Freshers and all chemists. G. Currie is specially isolated among the wild engineers.

Abercrombie Square is a fastness which few seem to penetrate, and from which few seem to emerge, once an entrance has been achieved. From time to time news reaches us, as, for example, that K. Craig-McFeely and W. Dickson are still busy with architecture, and that R. Thomas is spending his final, post-graduate year studying education. D. Gaskin, F. Nyland and J. Wilkinson will only normally be seen by those who visit the Law Faculty.

J. Occleshaw, L. Gould, J. Brown (who must by now have grown to detest his additional surname of Wallasey) and R. Cunningham are all well advanced on their way to finals and are but rarely to be found outside hospital wards. T. J. Peters and T. Walsh are closer to the other end of that journey. B. Cunningham as representative of the Veterinary Society sits and votes solidly on Guild Council.

The other J. Brown, an almost permanent fixture, though not so permanent as that superannuated lab-coat, is still carrying out research on whatever it is people usually do research into in the Organic Chemistry building, and R. Crawford, in the Dept. of Industrial Chemistry, is similarly engaged with fats and oils.



Also in the Science Faculty are B. Boggiano, T. Tyson, who still looks tanned after a holiday in France, and T. Sharrock, a keen Rugger player, equally keen on irrigation schemes and finals in June. D. Ferguson, E. Ley and S. Murphy also are preparing to follow in the steps of A. Bird and W. Hosey who graduated this summer. H. Dunn, the G.O.M. of Varsity Old Boys, has left us too, taking a pretty red Ph.D. gown with him. Two other graduates, J. Loughe and A. Duggan were recently seen in the Union, on leave from the R.A.F.

In the Arts building, J. Connolly is still muttering disgruntled remarks about maritime history, though no doubt J. Begley and A. J. Yates, well-nigh irremediables, and F. X. Walker also have their worries in the School of History.

But much of this, Mr. Editor, is but idle repetition and mere pandering to the vanity of those who delight in the appearance of their own names, and be it admitted, to the vanity of your correspondent who sees a blank sheet of paper as an unsurpassed opportunity for inflicting himself on a helpless public. However, should there be any omissions in the list of Old Boys now with us, please accept his apologies.

In the conclusion of this letter lies the welcome opportunity to express on behalf of all Old Boys up here, to the Headmaster, staff and students of St. Edward's our best wishes for a happy and holy Christmas. And may the New Year bring with it many blessings.

Yours sincerely,

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### SIMMARIES LETTER

Dear Editor,

In response to your request earlier this month I have managed rather hastily to run together these few hurried notes, which I hope will be of value to your College magazine. Exams. are nearly upon us, and, being hard pressed with the many jobs I have to perform in College, I find literary inspiration singularly lacking. Therefore, I leave it to you, to alter the letter as you see fit.

We are pleased to have this opportunity to renew again the close link between Simmaries and the old College, particularly as such a percentage of old Edwardians find their way down here. Those of us in our second year have witnessed many changes in College life, changes which have in no way, however, interfered with glorious past tradition. Perhaps the most important of these is the introduction of the College Constitution, which to date is working favourably. Leaving the abstract, we now come down to the personalities of the College. Those, of us, who revelled in the success of Edwardian Soccer teams, now have an opportunity of displaying their former ability. Johnny Ireland has been playing consistently with marked success as an inside forward with the College 1st XI, until the re-occurrence of an old ankle injury which has prevented his further participation, but it did not prevent him from winning his Cricket Colours last term. Stan Simpson, now married, and Jimmy McGrory both now recovered from injuries are making their weight felt once more on the left wing. It is portentous that not a single ex-Edwardian is making history on the rugger pitch; even Tom Burke is becoming disconsolate. Jack Bretherton is showing up well in the most masculine game of Basket Ball (N.B.—not Net Ball). Intellectually, Bill Pope is our shining light, he represents us on the St. Thomas More and Music Societies. Joe Murdoch, in his first year here, is finding his feet, and he will be carrying on the Edwardian spirit next year.

The prospect of Exams looms closely upon the horizon, not a particularly pleasant Christmas box for us all, but at least it signifies our return to the old City, and familiar surroundings once more.

With Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

SIMMARIES. J.A.I., W.S.S.

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### HULL LETTER

Dear Editor,

Greetings and Good Wishes from all Edwardians in Hull. We were very pleased to accord our traditionally hearty welcome to Eddie Croft this

younger members, the Junior team has had the benefit of the experience of Mr. Tipping and one and all have helped with the running of the Club and Association. Their present task is the promotion of a Christmas Draw in aid of Association Funds, and results have been exceptional. The scope of this Council is enormous and if they are progressing slowly, they *are* progressing. Parents who are interested in this work can contact Mr. E. T. Fetherstone c/o Bishop's Court.

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### MUSICAL APPRECIATION

This latest activity has been in action for six weeks at the time of writing and, so far, has produced various programmes of classical music on gramophone records. The high light of the season was the complete opera "Carmen" recorded by La Scala, Milan, presented on Sunday, November 7th, to an audience of forty enthusiasts. The sponsors of this sub-section are so encouraged by the interest shown that they are presenting "Il Trovatore" by the same artists on Saturday, December 18th, at 8 p.m.

Scheduled for future presentation are "Messiah" and "Dream of Gerontius."

The next stage of development is to cater for the more enquiring members by means of Lectures, Discussions and Brains' Trusts, but in the meantime, slow but steady progress is our motto. If any member can help us by lending records from his collection we shall be extremely grateful. Musical appetite is insatiable and so far we have had to rely on half a dozen chaps for our programmes. Write to the Hon. Secretary, Musical Appreciation Section, c/o The Club, giving your list of titles available including composer, artist or the Orchestra and conductor. Pleasure shared is pleasure doubled.

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### OLD CATHINIANS' A.F.C.

The football club has more players signed on than it can employ on any given Saturday, and this can be embarrassing. If the ground situation permitted, we could now run six teams and still have players to spare. The solution is friendly games on other teams' pitches, but unfortunately

other teams are as badly off as we for accommodation. If anyone can fix up an "Away Friendly," the A.F.C. Secretary, Dick Roberts, will be pleased to hear from him.

The first XI, after an uncertain start, has picked up again and is now playing well, their last two games producing 4 pts. and a convincing margin of goals. We hope that this form continues as we have a stiff Preliminary Round Tie of the Lancs. Amateur Cup to face on November 27th at Blackburn. It is high time we made our mark in this competition and to give the lads some encouragement we are running a coach trip for team and supporters.

The 2nd XI has lost only two games so far and are well placed in the League. The 3rd XI are having a very in and out season with some big wins and some heavy defeats while the 4th XI is dependent on Friendly fixtures for its existence. The Juniors are experiencing the same fate as the 3rd XI and the general impression of all teams is lack of team work. Individual brilliance is nice to watch but does not produce results. Man to man play opens defences and gets goals.

Finally, if any ex-players have blue and gold shirts lying idle would they like to donate them to the Club? Many of our players cannot get shirts. The psychological effect of playing in a different coloured shirt from the rest of the team is bad and does not reflect any credit on Old Cathinians.

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### APOLOGIA

It is just over 21 years since I left the college and for over 20 of those years I have held some office or another in the Association. During that period, it has been a pleasure and given me a feeling of pride to see the organisation grow and thrive, to witness it survive the worst war the world has known and to appreciate the successes it has gained. At the same time I am conscious of shortcomings and of the greater possibilities that are open to us.

With these convictions in my mind, it is with a somewhat heavy heart that I must sever my official connections with the Association and retire from active work, but as we all know circumstances

can dictate many an action which could not have been foreseen.

My excuse for troubling the Editor for a little space in the magazine is twofold—firstly to express publicly my confirmed conviction in the possibilities of the Association and my own personal enthusiasm for all that it can stand for and secondly to thank publicly those able and enthusiastic volunteers, committee men who have helped to achieve so much during my years as Vice-President, President and Chairman.

With this small recognition of their worth and value to the Association, I must couple my own sincere desire that they will continue to give us the benefit of their talents, enthusiasm and, above all, of the experience gained.

I am confident that my retirement will not be interpreted in any quarter as an indication of frustration, failure or disagreement in any way whatsoever. Far from that, I am absolutely convinced that we now have the chance that many have waited and longed for, to make the C.I. Edwardian Association a real asset to everybody who went to the school, a source of pleasure and companionship for all members and a model for like organisations to copy.

Any member who may be willing to offer his service in any way at all will have, I am sure, the satisfaction of seeing his labours bear fruit. We certainly have need of many such men. My regret is that circumstances prevent me from being one of the band at present.

G. J. ALSTON.

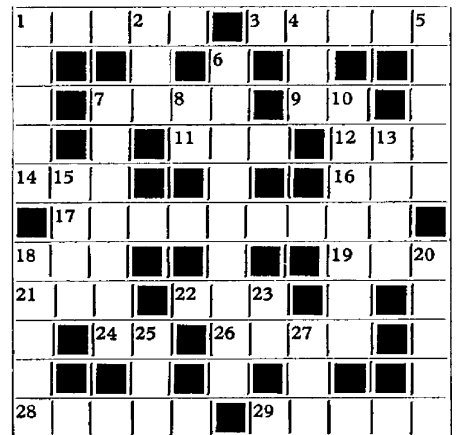
## Crossword Puzzle

### Clues Across.

1. Author of *Endymion*.
3. He has little intelligence.
7. District of London.
9. This is 24 the present 28 of "to be."
11. Industries insect.
12. The norm or standard.
14. Canine ejaculation.
16. This is nationalized (Abb.).
17. "And then in haste her bower she leaves, With — to bind the sheaves."—L'Allegro.
18. One should treat such a gentleman with great respect (Abb.).
19. At the present time.
21. Poetic word for over (Abb.).
22. The alphabet (Abb.).
24. See 24, 9.
26. Terminological inexactitudes.
28. This is in the present.
29. Famous French Minister.

### Clues Down.

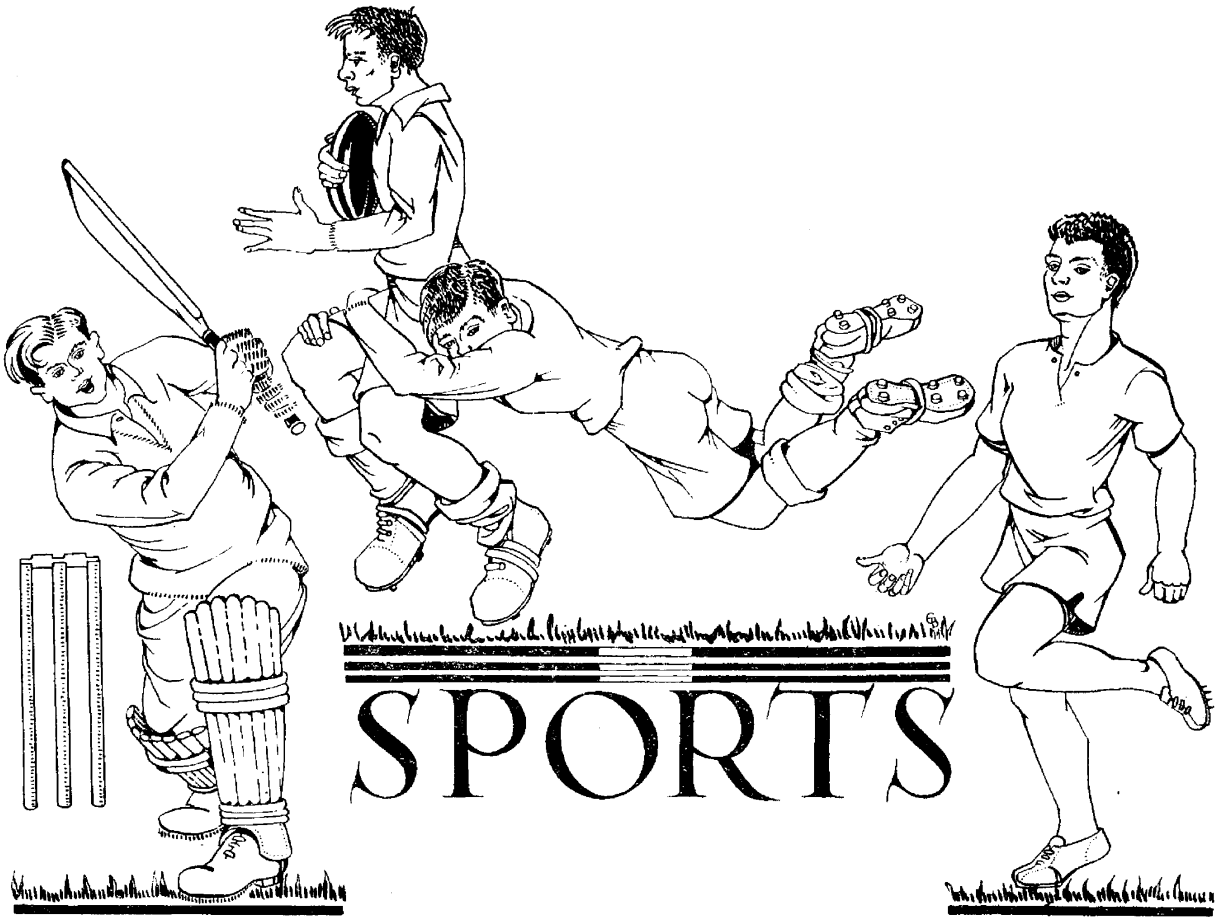
1. Irish town and county (2).
2. 2.
4. Prefix meaning singularly.
5. Kind of fine sand paper.
6. Was the author of *Diaphenia* a policeman?
7. Precious stone.
8. This requires an exclamation mark.



10. Attractions at Sports Day.
13. "They—serve who only stand and wait"—Milton.
15. Tame towards myself? (2 words).
18. Composer of "The Planets."
20. The weather-cone signifies that it is very—.
23. Now St. Edward's (Abb.).
25. Hydrogen, for example.
27. A genus of "Ratitae" in the cassowary family, belonging to Australia.

A. T. MELDON VIA Mods.

Solution on page 136.



**CRICKET**

**House Shield.**

Mersey set up a school record in winning the Cricket, Rugby and Athletics for two successive years—captained on all occasions by F. Rose. Sefton were runners-up at Cricket and the last game decided the issue. Congratulations to Mersey!

The final House points for Cricket were :—

Mersey (F. Rose)	...	...	...	105 pts.
Sefton (H. Davenport)	...	...	...	90 „
Hope (P. Brown)	...	...	...	65 „
Domingo (J. Nolan)	...	...	...	52 „

**St. Edward's College v. Park High School.**

S.E.C.

A. Holme, hit wkt., b. Dhenin	...	...	...	30
A. Ryan, c. Small, b. Holt	...	...	...	4
J. Shennan, b. Dhenin	...	...	...	1
B. Wardley, c. Williams, b. Dhenin	...	...	...	2
D. Furlong, st. Small, b. Dhenin	...	...	...	1
G. Pope, played on b. Holt	...	...	...	14
F. Marron, b. Saunders	...	...	...	7
G. Currie, b. Dhenin	...	...	...	10
J. Nolan, b. Dhenin	...	...	...	0
J. Johnson, run out	...	...	...	1
F. Rose, not out	...	...	...	0
EXTRAS :—(4 Byes)	...	...	...	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	...	...	...	<b>74</b>

**At Noctorum**

P.H.S.

19/6/48

Conde, c. Furlong, b. Nolan	...	...	...	20
Saunders, run out	...	...	...	34
Dhenin, c. Wardley, b. Nolan	...	...	...	2
Williams, not out	...	...	...	2
Holt, not out	...	...	...	14
Antrobus, Hill, Small, Tomkinson, Dykes and Axon did not bat.	...	...	...	
EXTRAS :—(Byes, 5 ; Leg byes 1)	...	...	...	6
<b>RESULT : S.E.C. lost by 7 wkts.</b>				
<b>TOTAL (for 3 wkts, dec.)</b>	...	...	...	<b>78</b>

# FIRST TEAM 1948-1949



*By courtesy of The Star Studios*

*Standing :* A. MELDON, A. RYAN, A. McNALLY, J. NOLAN, W. DOHERTY, F. MARRON, J. MOORHEAD

*Sitting :* H. DAVENPORT, G. LUDDEN, V. J. MURPHY, P. BROWN (Capt.), J. JOHNSON, C. BROWN, J. GRANBY

*Foreground :* W. ELLIS, E. RANDALL

## St. Edward's College v. C.I.E.A. XI (L.B.A.)

S.E.C.

A. Holme, b. Moran	...	...	...	6
G. Pope, l.b.w., b. Moran	...	...	...	0
B. Wardley, c. McDonald, b. Snape	...	...	...	11
D. Furlong, b. Snape	...	...	...	3
J. Shennan, b. Snape	...	...	...	0
B. Finnigan, c. Clarke, b. Moran	...	...	...	4
F. Marron, c. Moran, b. Padgenham	...	...	...	10
G. Currie, l.b.w., b. Moran	...	...	...	32
F. Rose, c. Moran, b. Snape	...	...	...	11
J. Johnson, not out	...	...	...	7
J. Nolan, did not bat	...	...	...	—
EXTRAS :—(Wides 2 ; byes 1 ; by legs 1)	...	...	...	4
TOTAL :—(for 9 wkts.)	...	...	...	87

## At Sandfield Park

C.I.E.A.

17/7/48

Snape, c. Furlong, b. Rose	...	...	...	5
O'Shaughnessy, b. Nolan	...	...	...	0
McDonald, c. Furlong, b. Holme	...	...	...	4
Moran, c. Finnigan, b. Holme	...	...	...	6
Roberts, b. Holme...	...	...	...	0
Padgenham, not out	...	...	...	2
Finn, not out	...	...	...	1
Brownbill, Clarke, Maher and Burrows did not bat.	...	...	...	—
EXTRAS :—(Wides 1 ; byes 4)	...	...	...	5
				23

Rain stopped play.

## Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Rose	5	1	11	0	—
Nolan	8	1	20	2	10
Holme	4	2	10	0	—
Marron	8	1	33	0	—

## 1st XI Batting Analysis.

	Inns.	N.O.	H'est	Score	Runs	Avg.
Currie, G.	7	0	32	64	9.14	
Holme, A.	9	2	34	47	6.71	
Marron, F.	9	2	10	44	6.28	
Furlong, D.	9	0	14	41	4.55	

## Bowling Analysis.

	Overs	Mds.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
Rose, F.	39	11	64	10	6.40
Nolan, J.	44	12	93	14	6.64
Holme, A.	53	15	99	11	9.00

## 2nd XI.

June 19th v. Park High School (h), pts., 89 F., 84 for 9 A. drawn.

## Colts XI.

June 19th v. Park High School (h) 37 F., 64 A.—Lost.  
 June 26th v. Alsop High School (h), 80 F., 43 A.—Won.  
 June 29th v. St. Mary's College (h), 35 F., 46 A.—Lost.  
 July 10th v. S.F.X. (a), 92 for 7 F., 58 for 9A.—Drawn.

## Chicks XI.

June 26th v. St. Anselm's College (a)—Won.  
 June 29th v. St. Mary's College (a)—Lost.  
 July 10th v. St. Francis Xavier's (h)—Lost.

## RUGBY

With most of last year's side back we should have done better. There was much overconfidence in the early part of the season but little good rugby. Players forgot about the team and were inclined to be too individualistic. The forwards are good individually but very slow to move as a pack or to rally for the loose scrum. The backs failed to combine for the first two or three games and few could take the ball at full speed. The scrum-half overworks his forwards by constant kicking and might get the backs going more frequently.

P. Brown captains the side well, plays himself to a stand-still but does not always get the maximum support from the other forwards. Granby is an all-out player and has never yet played a poor game. Nolan, McNally and Doherty show up in the line-out and Randall has put in some useful work as wing forward. Meldon excels in tackling, but should look for more of the ball. C. Brown, who was nursing an injury since the beginning of term, has not yet struck last year's form.

Ellis and Johnson have reached an understanding as halves and produced some very commendable efforts. Marron is a good all-round player and is settling down as a strong and determined centre. Ludden, who has a good side-step, is not being fully exploited. Moorhead and Davenport have done all that is required of them as wing three-quarters though the former is rather hesitant about going for the line.

The team spirit and enthusiasm shown and the willingness to attend practices should blend all into a strong and well-balanced side.

## St. Edward's College v. Old Boys XV.

## At Sandfield Park

25/9/48

Play was evenly contested for the first quarter but a more thrustful school back line narrowly failed to score on two occasions. The Old Boys, led by Guilfooy, Mc Loughlin and Barclay battled hard against the home pack while Davis and Ambrose found good openings but could not make much ground. A footrush by the school forwards was checked on the line and C. Brown went over for the first try which was not converted. A back movement, originated by Ellis, swept from wing to wing and Moorhead finished with an uncovered try. Furlong, for the Old Boys, had a good run till tackled by Marron and excellent positioning by Davenport let to another score. Marron added the extra points. Whearty and Handley were forceful forwards. The latter ran well and parted to Guilfooy, who was well tackled by Johnson. P. Brown and Granby then led an attack and Davenport finished with another unconverted score.

Half-time, S.E.C. 14 pts., Old Boys nil.

Guilfooy and Crossley did herculean work but the livelier school side held on. The Old Boys had the school on the defensive till Meldon picked up and sped 75 yds. to score between the posts. Marron converted. The Old Boys fought back again and Davies landed a penalty goal. McNally battled through from a line-out to score for the School and soon added another which Nolan converted. Rose now led a forward movement for the Old Boys but found himself outnumbered and it was P. Brown who reversed the attack and scored for the School. Handley was good in the line-out but Ellis

took advantage of a dropped pass and wormed his way through for Davenport to finish the scoring with an unconverted try.

S.E.C. 31 pts., Old Boys' XV, 3 pts.

TEAMS: School XV—F. Marron, J. Moorhead, A. Ryan, J. Johnson, H. Davenport, W. Ellis, J. McDermott, C. Brown, J. Granby, W. Doherty, J. Nolan, A. McNally, P. Brown (capt), A. Meldon, E. Randall.

Old Boys' XV—T. Murphy, W. Crossley, M. Tiernan, J. McLoughlin, D. Furlong, W. Davis, T. Ambrose, K. Littler, Ashton, G. Barclay, E. Handley, R. Whearty, F. Rose, T. Guilfooy (capt.), J. Tiernan.

### St. Edward's College v. Park High School.

At Noctorum 29/9/48

A very good game which the fitter team won. S.E.C. were soon prominent in the line-out and most of the set scrums came our way but the backs were slow. Ellis made a few good breaks before being brought down and Davenport with splendid opportunism ran well only to be tackled on the line. Park backs showed more thrust and their centre brought play to our half but Marron cleared at ease. Ellis, with a flying tackle, checked another Park raid and from a ruck on the goal line Park scored. Nolan and Granby played well in the line-out and soon S.E.C. were in the attack but Park won the race for the touch-down. The visitors were again defending when Park added a penalty goal. S.E.C. pressed hard for P. Brown to snap up a loose ball and score. Marron converted. It was now Park's turn and they landed another penalty goal.

Half-time, S.E.C. 5 pts., Park High School 11 pts.

On the resumption Granby made a great effort backed up by Randall and C. Brown. The Park forwards checked them and a good run by their centre saw the winger go over for a converted try. S.E.C. tired visibly and from then on failed to play as a team. Moorhead and Ryan got little scope, and Johnson saw little of the ball. Park kicked ahead and their winger touched down. A defensive error from a loose scrum on the line led to another Park try which was unconverted. S.E.C. made a spirited rally and the forwards were unlucky not to score on two occasions. The home full-back found touch in our half and another good try was obtained by Park backs. The last quarter was all in our favour and though Park were on the defensive the whole time they kept their line intact.

S.E.C. 5 pts., Park High School 25 pts.

TEAM: F. Marron, J. Moorhead, A. Ryan, J. Johnson, H. Davenport, W. Ellis, J. McDermott, C. Brown, J. Granby, W. Doherty, A. McNally, J. Nolan, P. Brown (capt.), A. Meldon, E. Randall.

### St. Edward's College v. St. Anselm's College. At Sandfield Park

2/10/48

This was a hard-fought game in which the visitors had the better forwards, and S.E.C. the better backs. Ellis was slow in getting the ball away but Johnson made two good attempts. Play move quickly up and down the field and Davenport tried hard to score from a kick ahead but the visitors won the race for the touch down. St. Anselm's went into the attack when a long kick by Marron eased the pressure. Granby hooked well, Ellis got Ryan away, and Moorhead was unlucky not to score. Nolan and P. Brown bore the brunt of the forward battles and Randall was a lively

forward. Ellis side-stepped two men and parted to Davenport, who scored for Ellis to convert. Marron gathered well and got his backs moving, but St. Anselm's forwards were there to cover up. Both packs had their attacking turns and there was little back play.

Half-time S.E.C. 5 pts., St. Anselm's nil.

The second half soon saw the home team on the defensive and from a bunch near the corner flag St. Anselm's went over for an unconverted try. Meldon tried hard to battle through but got little support from the pack. Nolan, P. Brown and Granby were playing well in the line-out but the visitors were soon in our territory. Ellis broke away from a scrum and touched down between the posts after a 75 yds. run. He added the extra points. A good three-quarter movement ended with Ryan putting Ludden through for a try which Ellis converted. The visitors' winger gained much ground but C. Brown and McNally covered well and brought us into the attack and Davenport scored for Marron to convert. St. Anselm's three-quarters got moving and an elusive run by their winger ended the scoring with an unconverted try.

S.E.C. 20 pts., St. Anselm's College 6 pts.

TEAM: F. Marron, J. Moorhead, A. Ryan, G. Ludden, H. Davenport, J. Johnson, W. Ellis, C. Brown, J. Branby, W. Doherty, J. Nolan, A. McNally, P. Brown (capt.), A. Meldon, E. Randall.

### St. Edward's College v. Liverpool Collegiate.

At Eaton Road

9/10/48

This was a good game where P. Brown struck top form and Nolan was master in the line-out. Play was fast and open for the first quarter in which Ellis and Johnson showed their paces but eventually Collegiate opened the scoring with a penalty goal within our 25. Davenport was lively and kicked ahead twice but was not supported. Ryan was safe at full-back but ran across at vital stages. The pack were having the better of things particularly in the tight and a Granby-Evans effort got P. Brown barging his way over for a try which was not converted. The three-quarters' handling was poor and Murphy was the only one to show a turn of speed. The full backs vied with each other in finding a long touch till the home player placed the ball in our in-goal and a blunder on the part of S.E.C. allowed a Collegiate player to touch down. The try was converted. From a line-out McNally, Meldon and Doherty got the visitors on the move and a twenty yds dribble by Randall saw P. Brown in position to add another try which Ellis converted.

Half-time, S.E.C. 8 pts., Collegiate 8 pts.

The second half was a forward battle and there were few three-quarter movements. Ryan saved on two occasions and Randall broke frequently from the loose. McNally and Doherty were sound in attack and the forward rushes were rather robust. Ludden intercepted and had a good swerving run but the Collegiate full-back was very sound and saved his line again and again. From a line-out in their 25 Nolan tried to crash his way over only to be checked on the line. Collegiate then had us on the defensive but Ellis gained ground with a good lengthy kick. Meldon picked up a loose ball and went for the line with determination, but was brought down in the 25. The home team brought the ball to our territory where Nolan relieved pressure and P. Brown sold the dummy twice only to be held under the posts. Collegiate were soon on the attack and were actually over our line but good forward play carried

them into touch and Ellis put us into the attack once more.

S.E.C. 8 pts., Liverpool Collegiate 8 pts.

TEAM : A. Ryan, J. Moorhead, G. Ludden, V. J. Murphy, H. Davenport, J. Johnson, W. Ellis, G. Evans, J. Granby, W. Doherty, A. McNally, J. Nolan, P. Brown (capt.), A. Meldon, E. Randall.

### St. Edward's College v. Birkenhead Institute.

#### At Whetstone Lane

27/10/48

It was a glorious day and a very poor exhibition of Rugby. Both packs kept the ball to themselves and neglected the backs. S.E.C. pressed for a long time and Ellis's attempt to go over narrowly failed. Brown, Nolan and Granby repeatedly got possession in the line-out, but our threes made no progress. At length B.I. got to our territory and a penalty goal opened the scoring for them. Johnson and Marron gained some ground but then the game resorted to kicking duels. Ellis and Randall had another good effort checked on the line and soon Ellis evened the scores with a penalty. Ryan at full-back got his threes moving and footwork by Doherty, Randall and P. Brown got us to their 25, but lack of support ended a promising move. The B. I. stand-off and centre were good but tackling by Ludden and Marron was sound.

Half-time, S.E.C. 3 pts., Birkenhead Institute 3 pts.

There was some good forward play in the second half and the visitors were early on the attack. Brown and Granby broke through for the latter to touch down amongst a ruck of forwards, but the referee decided on a five-yards scrum. A good run by the B.I. centre saw himself and Brown battling for possession over the line but the try was allowed though unconverted. S.E.C. forwards now swept down the field with Moorhead and Granby to the fore and the latter scored for Ellis to convert. P. Brown stole away from a line-out and got us once more to the attack till a B.I. break-away found us defending. B.I. got possession from a scrum near our line and with their centre and winger left unmarked had no trouble in touching down.

S.E.C. 8 pts., Birkenhead Institute 9 pts.

TEAM : A. Ryan, G. Ludden, V. J. Murphy, F. Marron, H. Davenport, J. Johnson, W. Ellis, W. Doherty, J. Granby, E. Randall, A. McNally, J. A. Meldon, P. Brown (capt.), J. Nolan, J. Moorhead.

### St. Edward's College v. West Park C.G.S.

#### At West Park

13/11/48

A game played under worst possible conditions—a combination of rain, fog and mud. The home team kicked off and Ryan found a good touch. Handling the greasy ball was difficult and both sides concentrated on footwork. Park heeled from a loose scrum and the centre side-stepped his way for an unconverted score which Ellis negated with a penalty. Both sides revelled in the mud and there was no open rugby. Play moved quickly and both sides had their attacking turns before the West Park centre slipped through for a second score which was converted. S.E.C. now did the attacking but could not get the greasy ball under control in the in-goal. A quick heel from a loose scrum in their "25" and Ellis opened the defence to part to Marron who side-stepped and scored for Ellis to improve. S.E.C. now had a long period of attacking when Moorhead, Davenport, P. Brown and Ludden in turn failed to win races for the touch-down.

Half-time, S.E.C. 8 pts., West Park 8 pts.

The second half saw very little back play and the visitors heavier pack had the advantage in line-out and set scrum. Ellis made two good breaks and wormed his way to the full-back but the kick ahead slipped into touch-in-goal. Nolan brought the ball from the line-out and Davenport failed to touch down. Randall and P. Brown dribbled the ball down field and Johnson took over to score. Ellis converted. West Park three-quarters made some ground but Ellis got away again to find himself unsupported. Play moved quickly from end to end before a Randall-Brown effort was checked. S.E.C. pressed for the last ten minutes but without result.

S.E.C. 13 pts., West Park C.G.S. 8 pts.

TEAM : A. Ryan, J. Moorhead, F. Marron, J. Johnson, G. Ludden, J. McDermott, W. Ellis, C. Brown, J. Granby, H. Davenport, J. Nolan, A. McNally, P. Brown (capt.), A. Meldon, E. Randall.

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

#### At Sandfield Park

20/11/48

The home team kicked off and it was soon apparent that St. Mary's backs needed close attention. Play moved quickly from end to end and S.E.C. had some advantage in the line-out but failed in the loose scrum. Ellis broke away and Johnson punted but the visitors were first for the touch-down. Two promising back movements by the visitors were checked and a Randall-P. Brown movement again brought us to the attack. The tight scrum was evenly divided and only dogged tackling kept the visitors out. St. Mary's landed a good penalty goal for an offside infringement and the home team wilted for a time. McNally and Granby made a determined footrush but our backs could never get moving. St. Mary's again got away on the blind side and their winger beat two men to score near the corner flag. The kick failed. Ryan was playing safely at full-back and found lengthy touches. Marron held too long and had some kicks blocked down and Ellis concentrated on keeping the ball to the pack but was closely watched. McDermott used the ball well and found some good touches. Quick heeling from the loose led to another attack by the visitors and Ryan was called to save.

Half time S.E.C. nil, St. Mary's 6 pts.

On the resumption it was S.E.C. who called the tune and Nolan and P. Brown did herculean work in the line-out. Granby gave a reasonable service from the scrums and the visitors were on the defence for full twenty minutes. Ellis broke away on the blind side and parted to Ludden who ran well and clever backing up by Ellis enabled him to score, but the try was not converted. St. Mary's backs again penetrated our defence but Ryan gathered and ran downfield when he should have got the ball to touch. A three-quarter movement from a scrum saw the winger battling over for an unconverted try. S.E.C. now came into the attack but the backs had no force. Ellis narrowly missed a drop-goal and a Moorhead-Davenport attack ended through poor backing-up. St. Mary's now narrowly missed a drop-goal and the last five minutes saw some hectic forward play with little advantage to either side.

Final score S.E.C. 3 pts., St. Mary's College 9 pts.

TEAM :—A. Ryan, J. Moorhead, F. Marron, J. Johnson, G. Ludden, J. McDermott, W. Ellis, C. Brown, J. Granby, H. Davenport, J. Nolan, A. McNally, P. Brown (capt.), A. Meldon, E. Randall.



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**Across.**—1, Keats ; 3, Dunce ; 7, Soho ; 9, Is ;  
11, Ant ; 12, Par ; 14, Yap ; 16, Rly. ; 17, Thestylis ;  
18, H.M.I. ; 19, Now ; 21, O'er ; 22, A.B.C. ; 24,  
E.G. ; 26, Lies ; 28, Tense ; 29, Sully.

**Down.**—1, Kerry ; 2, Two ; 4, Uni ; 5, Emery ;  
6, Constable ; 7, Sapphire ; 8, Ha ; 10, Sprints ;  
13, Also ; 15, At me ; 18, Holst ; 20, Windy ; 23, C.I. ;  
25, Gas ; 27, Emu.

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