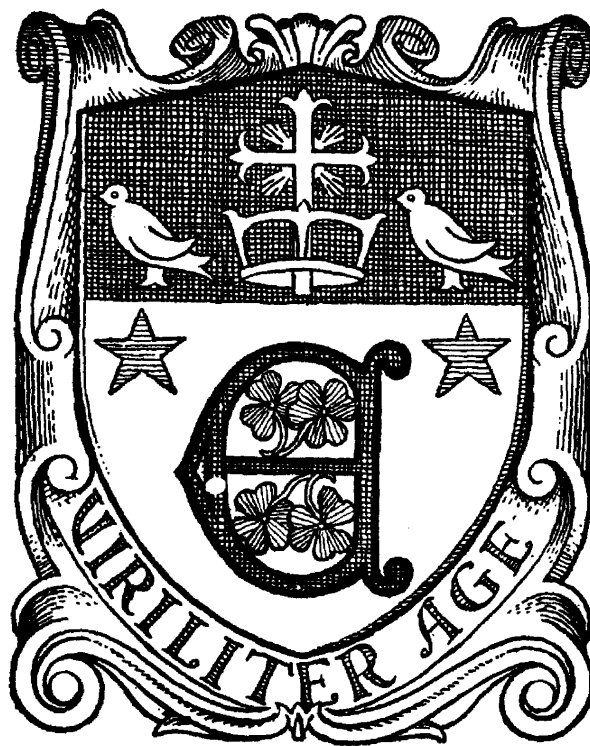


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Editorial

EDUCATION is both an individual and a social process. Each nation transmits to posterity its culture, acquisitions, and ideals with a view to perpetuating what is beneficial and, if possible, to increasing the renown and welfare of the race in the years to come.

It is evident, there can be no collective progress unless success is achieved in bringing about development within the individual. Self-activity is the indispensable condition for progress. St. Thomas Aquinas, in his tract on the teacher, puts the principle this way: "As then a doctor is said to cause health in a sick person through facilitating the operation of nature, man is said to cause knowledge in another through encouraging the activity of the learner's natural reason."

In the early stages of the world's history, learning in the main was by rote—a system that resulted in the accumulation of facts not knit in logical sequence. To the scholastics and especially their crowning glory the Angelic Doctor just quoted, we have learned by using their method of delving into causes and effects, to show the relation between isolated items of factual knowledge and to harmonise the various findings in a philosophy that leads to a fuller understanding of the marvels to be had in the physical, intellectual, and spiritual order by assigning to each new discovery its due place in the Divine scheme of things.

St. Edward's is heir to great traditions. Prudent planning, wise direction, and co-operative effort have put the college on an enduring basis. From this vantage point we must, whilst maintaining what is best in our past, press forward to new conquests, ever bearing in mind the sublime conception of the saintly and renowned Pius XI of glorious memory: "That the true Christian product of education is the supernatural man who thinks, judges, and acts constantly and consistently in accordance with right reason illumined by the supernatural light of the example and teaching of Christ."

School Notes

VERY Rev. Br. E. F. Clancy, newly appointed Pro Superior General, spent a few days with us in February when on his way to Rome. He has our good wishes and prayers for success, in fullest measure, in his very difficult and responsible post.

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Rev. Br. E. B. Doyle, Head Master of our college in Stoke-on-Trent and Rev. Br. P. C. Curran, one of our governors, were with us in February. We offer the former our heartiest congratulations on his appointment as English representative on the general executive—a position which raises him to the dignity of assistant to the Superior General.

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St. Edward's lost two of its former teachers by the recent deaths of Rev. Br. M. F. Regan who died in Bristol and of Rev. Br. J. A. Stirling in Brisbane, Australia. Both were on the staff from 1919 to 1924. In that year Br. Stirling went to Australia. Br. Regan continued in St. Edward's for a further two years at the end of which his superiors directed him to go to Bristol. R.I.P.

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Rev. Br. J. E. Delaney, St. Joseph's training College, Ledsham, died suddenly, on February 5th. He was a former headmaster of St. Mary's College, Crosby. The headmaster and a number of the members of the staff attended the obsequies. R.I.P.

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Palmas, qui victoriam meruit, ferat. Domingo House, though unconquerable in the preparatory "quizes" held in connection with Prize Day, had to yield the palm of victory to Hope House on the great day itself. The members of the latter team well deserved their triumph. Those in the former must find solace in the Latin adage *satis est meruisse*. Sefton House was third in the contest. As to Mersey, well—"Let us not burden our remembrance with a heaviness that is gone."

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We offer congratulations to James Dryhurst,

VI A. Mods. on his selection for the semi-finals in the Latin Reading contest, held under the auspices of the Classical Society of Liverpool University.

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Prize Day took place on Wednesday, March 8th. The Assembly Hall was filled to capacity with the parents and friends of the boys and large number of distinguished guests. His Grace, Archbishop Downey, made the presentations on the conclusion of the concert programme. The successes of the present year in public examinations are superior to the best attained in the previous history of the college. The record number of fourteen scholarships including three state scholarships was secured. Thirty were awarded Higher School Certificates and seventy-seven Junior School Certificates. *Sic itur ad astra.*

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St. Patrick's day this year fell on Thursday. It is customary to have a holiday given in honour of the prize-winners. His Grace, Archbishop Downey, thoughtfully suggested that the Friday immediately following St. Patrick's day should be the holiday. With a flash of characteristic wit, he added that the hard-working staff ought to be given at least a half-day for themselves on Saturday. The long week end was most acceptable to the boys and need we add to the members of the staff.

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The Annual Retreat, conducted by Rev. Fr. Gibson, C.S.S.R., was held on the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week. The Assembly Hall was a chapel for these three days. The exercises were very impressively carried out and, no doubt, were productive of great benefit to all the participants.

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The presentation of the colours to the athletes who fulfilled the exacting requirements for their

award took place in the Assembly Hall on Friday, April 8th, in the presence of the whole school. The Head Master complimented each boy as in answer to a roll-call, he appeared on the stage. The vociferous reception accorded by their school companions more than compensated for the difficulties undergone in order to secure these badges of honour. The school song and "yell" brought the function to a fitting close.

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Generous gifts for the Reference Library have again been made during the last two terms. All who use the Library would wish to express their sincere thanks to our Benefactors: Mrs. M. C. Wren, Messrs. A. Barter, P. Magee, G. M. Dobbins, J. B. Burke, R. A. Thomas, J. Quinn, M. Hennessey.

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Pleased we were to meet at St. Edward's the following Christian Brothers who, at one time or another, did service on the English Mission: Rev. Br. T. L. Rice, one of the pioneers of Mersey House; Rev. Br. J. S. Galvin, formerly on the staff of St. Brendan's College, Bristol; Rev. Br. M. W. Birmingham, who was the first Novice Master of the English Novitiate; and Rev. Br. M. G. Dalton, of Prior Park College, Bath, who addressed a number of the Forms on the subject of Vocation. - In addition, we had callers from India, Australia, and South Africa. All expressed themselves as highly pleased with everything they saw in St. Edward's and with the cordial warmth of their reception.

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We offer our congratulations to Rev. Fr. P. Connolly, who is one of our Old Boys and who is the son of an Old Boy. He was recently ordained to the holy priesthood for the diocese of Northampton. May he have many fruitful years in his sacred calling.

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We had a visit recently from Rev. Br. P. L. Duffy, of Strathfield, Australia. He had travelled many miles over land and sea to be the representative of that great continent on the general executive of the Christian Brothers. We tender

our congratulations and wish him every success in this onerous and responsible post.

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Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Healy on the celebration of their Silver wedding, 30th April. A very enjoyable function in the Adelphi Hotel marked the occasion.

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College trophies have been increased in number by the following to whom we return sincerest thanks:—

Mr. Gerard C. Doyle: Silver Cup for College Victor Ludorum Competition.

Alderman James Farrell: Silver Cup for distinction in Form VI Science.

Mr. T. P. Healy (President of the Old Boys' Association): Silver Cup for Debates

Mr. N. A. Kearney: A Silver Cup awarded annually to the Head Boy.

Mr. William Williams: Silver Cup for House Cross-Country.

Mr. Arnold Yates: Silver Cup for distinction in Form VI Moderns.

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Congratulations are in order to the pupils of 2R Runnymede and their teacher on the very successful issue to the recent examinations. Of thirty-two entries, thirty were awarded scholarships.

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During the term the following lectures, by way of vocational guidance, were given to all the Sixth Form Classes: "Insurance as a Career," by F. R. Brinton, Esq.; "Banking as a Career," by R. H. Price, Esq.; and "Local Government Careers," by E. L. Riley, Esq. Our thanks are due to these gentlemen for very serviceable information and to Mr. E. T. Fetherstone for his great kindness in arranging the series.

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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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To all at St. Edward's we wish an invigorating holiday and to the seniors, in addition, self-satisfying success in their examinations.

Through London and Paris by Tube

IT is quite possible that some of our senior boys may this summer be making a trip to France. On their journey they may have to pass through both London and Paris. It would be a lamentable oversight, therefore, if they were to neglect the possibilities offered by the underground transport systems of the two cities for the study of the English and French characters.

It is said that the population of London is now close on eleven millions. I feel sure that this figure is arrived at by a head-count carried out in the Underground at a peak-hour. That the whole eleven millions of them succeed in reaching their destinations more or less sound in wind and limb is a tribute not only to their quasi-Japanese agility in self-defence, but also to their powers of memory and deduction. They get little help, I fear, from the planners of the tube network.

Suppose I wish to reach Ealing, for example, a district which is the terminal point of one of the underground lines. Can I expect to find an Ealing line? Not at all. The line required is called the District Line, and serves some hundreds of other districts besides Ealing. Similarly the Central line serves far more than the centre of the city. The Northern line serves far more than the small area of North London which it does, by a happy coincidence, serve. The Piccadilly Line serves far more than the notorious street the name of which it bears. The name of the Bakerloo line is something of a mystery.

Ask a Londoner for directions and you will perhaps, be told to follow the green line. In this case, it is fatal to depend on green-painted carriages. You will be told that maps and platform numbers will leave no room for error. This might be so, if (a) the maps displayed in the carriages consisted of something more than an incoherent maze of loops, whorls, branch-lines, and doublings-back, and (b) all trains arriving at a given platform were bound for the same destination. But of course that would be too obvious.

Take the Ealing case again. Leaving Euston,

I am sent to the west-bound platform. But although all the trains leaving are west-bound District Line trains, I must watch like a hawk for the destination board—the very small destination board—which flashes by on the front of each arriving train, because an Ealing Broadway train will leave me tangled miles from Ealing Common or South Ealing, which are also tangled miles apart, and on different branches of the line.

Londoners never talk on the underground—whether because of deafness incurred from years of travel in hollow-roaring and dashing trains, or through native taciturnity, I know not.

The network of tubes is clean and well-ventilated, well-lighted, and gaily coloured, the mural decorations being of a wide chromatic range, from shades such as Ash-blonde, to such as Brown beer. The seating and hanging arrangements are very restful.

You see, your stolid Britisher likes his creature comforts, even if getting through the job in hand may take a couple of hours of interchanging and escalator-flying, well, he'll muddle through from Epping to Morden somehow or other, and may as well be comfortable in the process.

If the would-be tourist succeeds in making his way from Euston, where the Liverpool train arrives, to Victoria, whence the south-coast trains depart, he may in a few hours, be faced with the problem of negotiating the Metro—the “chemin de fer metropolitain de Paris.” Even the few words of pidgin-French which have survived the pidgin Franco-English of the tip-hunting porters at Calais or Dieppe, should be sufficient to get him through. First of all, there are no currency complications—a metro ticket costs the same no matter where you go on the network. The lines are designated by their terminal points—thus the line called “Nation-Etoile” goes from Place de l’Etoile to Place de la Nation. The station you have entered is ringed clearly in red on the numerous maps to be found on the walls. (And it is a genuine street map of

Paris, which can help you to find your way about, whereas the map displayed in a London tube station is a cubistic rectilinear affair with no representational value whatever.) You find, from the map, that your destination is a station intermediate between the station in which you find yourself and, let us say, Etoile. You proceed along passages marked "Direction—Etoile" until you arrive at a platform bearing the same information "Direction—Etoile"—a huge notice. This means that every train leaving that platform is bound for Etoile, and nowhere else; and it will stop at all intermediate stations.

Supposing your journey involves a change. The map will show you clearly the "correspondance" stations as they are called, and in some cases, an illuminated map will show you, on the pressing of the appropriate button, the journey and changes you must make to get from the station in which you are to any particular station you may want on the whole system.

At an interchange station, the lines (or tubes, since each line in Paris is a separately-built tube) with which correspondance is made are clearly indicated. You follow the placards until you reach the line and direction you require, and there you are. Every train from a given platform is going to the terminus indication in the "Direction" notice, and will stop at all intermediate stations. There are no confusing "inner circles" branch lines, alternative loops, and so on.

The map displayed on the carriage wall of a Metro-train, therefore, is just one straight line from one of the termini of the line to the other. Correspondance-stations are ringed clearly and the termini of lines with which correspondance is made are clearly indicated.

So, as far as reaching your destination is concerned, you just can't go wrong.

But that is not all of the story.

Metro-stations are not over clean. Ticket checkers look dowdy. The number of multi-coloured acres of advertizing space is far less than in London (*est-ce pitié, ça?*). The network is poorly ventilated, very hot in summer, and stuffy and sweaty in winter. While the carriages are constructed to carry one hundred and ten passengers, of these only thirty are seated, and those usually on hard wooden seats. Lengthy wordy notices call the attention of travellers to such items as the sale of any articles whatsoever within the precincts of the Metropolitan railway, the correct procedure to be followed in the case of prolonged delay between stations—"It is recalled to messieurs the voyagers that in case of prolonged stop between stations, it is formally interdicted to descend from the carriages, the company cannot accept, etc., etc."

Parisiens—and Parisiennes—often talk in the Metro. Often, however, they don't. They have other things to occupy themselves.

Your Frenchman is a realist. The function of a transport system is to get you there, as quickly as possible. The *réseau*, of the Metro, reflects the systematic logic of the normal French way of thought. The efficient running of the system demands numberless rules and regulations, which must be proclaimed in notices to all passengers. It is in a man's home that he expects comfort and cleanliness. All he wants of the train is that it get him to and from his place of work with the minimum of delay.

And if minimum delay alone be the criterion of travel, the Metro is a wonderful achievement.

But if the criterion of travel is more than mere speed, if it is speed in arriving and comfort and ease of body in the process, then the British genius for compromise has triumphed yet again in the London tube.

A. MCGLOUGHLIN, M. A.

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Ancient Liverpool

AT the time of the Domesday survey 1086, the area between the rivers Ribble and Mersey was wild and desolate. It contained six divisions called Hundreds, and one of these was West Derby which stretched from Southport to Hale and thence inland as far as Wigan, and contained the small villages of Allerton, Childwall, Esmedun or Smithdown, Walton, Toxteth, Wavertree, Kirkdale and Woolton. Liverpool itself was not even mentioned.

The inhabitants of these villages were called peasants and they lived huddled together near the site of the present Town Hall. They lived in houses of wood and grew their own corn, green vegetables and fruit. They kept their own cows, pigs, and domestic fowls and they caught their own fish which abounded in the Mersey.

The landlord of the district was the lord of the Manor who lived at West Derby where once stood a castle ; its site can still be traced by looking down from the tower of the Church.

Now, let us suppose we have stepped back into the year 1565 and we are crossing the ferry from the ancient quayside of Birkenhead. The fare is a farthing, except on Market days. There on the left, as we approach Liverpool, stands the tower of St. Nicholas' Church and the building at the top of Water Street is Liverpool's Town Hall with its original roof of thatch. On the crest of the Castle Hill stands Liverpool Castle where dwells Sir Richard Molyneux, the King's Constable.

Having safely crossed the Mersey we find an opening through a glade of clustering apple trees and on the crest of the hill we see again the eastern side of the battlemented walls of Liverpool's Castle. For the moment, we will turn our back upon the Castle and make our way down the hill to the tidal creek where the rivulet flows through the fields.

This tidal creek, called the Pool, is the most interesting geographical feature of the district. It joined the Mersey near where the present Custom

House stands and ran inland in a north-easterly direction for about half a mile, along the line of Paradise Street, Whitechapel and Old Haymarket, close to the entrance of the new Mersey Tunnel. Before there were docks, it afforded some protection to the frail craft from the violence of the tides and north-west gales of the Mersey. It was filled in when the first dock was made in 1715.

Where in after years we find Paradise Street and Whitechapel, there is at the time of our excursion a place of willows and bullrushes, and the Castle boat is waiting to carry us across the stream. The Ferryman's house is on the opposite bank, and within the walls of this house the Plague started in Liverpool in the days of Queen Mary.

Beyond the south side of the Pool, which to-day is covered with warehouses, factories, shops and offices lay the Great Heath. It stretched as far as the little village of Toxteth, whose boundary lay along the line of the Parliament Street of to-day.

Eastward lie the marsh lands around the Moss Lake which was in the district now occupied by Abercromby Square. The Moss Lake was a marshy stretch of land, and overlooking it, where the University now stands, was the Brown-low or hill. From the Moss Lake two streams ran, one in a southerly and the other in a northerly direction. The southerly one flowed in the direction of Toxteth, where later it turned two mills and the northerly one flowed by way of the modern Moss Street and joined the Pool near the bottom of what is now William Brown Street. Only recently has the Moss Lake been successfully drained by an under ground tunnel cut out of solid rock.

In the year 1699 Lord Molyneux threw a bridge over the rivulet so that his cattle could be driven dry shod from the Great Heath into the courtyard of the Castle, for which privilege he had to pay two pence a year to the Corporation. Beyond the bridge the masons are raising the

walls of St. Peter's Church and immediately behind the church, in the hayfields stands Captain Bryan Blundell in a three-cornered hat ; he is holding in his hand what appears to be the original plan for the building of the Old Blue Coat School.

As we proceed up the narrow tree-bordered roadway which is now Church Street we pass a famous fish pond, and upon our left hand is the newly planned site of Basnett Street, a country lane at the date of our visit. At the top of Church Street there stands the site of Liverpool Lyceum and beyond lies one of Liverpool's roperies on, or near the site of what one day we shall know as Bold Street.

Our track lies now a little to the left, for we are making our way up the hill to Ranelagh's famous Tea Gardens where the strawberries grow. We continue along Lime Street, and notice Public Waterwomen filling watercasks at the Fall Well which later became one of the chief sources of water supply.

As we pass along in the fields at the foot of Low Hill we see the captured highwayman with his ear nailed to the Public Whipping Post, and we see the Stage Coach tearing down the London Road with mail for Liverpool.

Now we are in Dale Street and as we make our way towards Mersey's side we walk near the Chepesyde or Market Place and we will turn up Dig Lane to Tithebarn Street where we may view the stump of the ancient cross our ancestors erected in honour of St. Patrick, who, it is

maintained, visited our town. As we continue down Tithebarn Street on our left lies Mr. Hackins' hey just past the " Moorfields " and on the right stands the site of Mr. Bixteth's Street ; and our excursion takes us through Mr. Lancelot's hey.

Right ahead at the top of Water Street stands the Town Hall. We have already spoken of the thatched roof, and many times in history the Hall has been burnt down and rebuilt. In front of the old Town Hall stood the High Cross and from the steps of the Cross we look down the length of Castle Street. On one side of Castle street there used to be a horse-driven corn-mill and on the other a ropewalk.

At the end of Castle Street stands Liverpool Castle on the site of the present Victoria Monument. Four square the Castle stands with towers at each corner and a great gatehouse overshadowing Castle Street and dominating the little Hamlet of Liverpool.

In the fields, on the south side of the Castle, exhibitions of Bear-baiting were held, and Bull baiting near the place to be known later as Red-cross Street by Mr. Preeson's Row.

We are now at the end of our journey and the scene is transformed by the passing of years. The Pool Stream has become dry land and where the sluice gates stood Liverpool's first dock was built. In the Goree can still be seen the marks of the irons used to secure the slaves brought into Liverpool by the slaving ships.

J. H. SHENNON, VI B. Mods.

AUTUMN

Autumn leaves come tumbling down
Their colours are yellow and brown
They weave a carpet on the ground
And falling, make a rustling sound.

Birds desert their nests and fly
For dark clouds gather in the sky
All wing to south this time of year
And don't come back till Spring is here.

K. BLACK, L.V.Alpha.

THE SCHOOLBOY'S LOT

When a schoolboy is busy on his employment,

And is doing all he can to fill his books,

He will often find his labour lacks excitement

In his long and patient search for hidden truths.

To produce the wanted answers needs discretion ;

For his tutors are a staff of able men.

They are good at both addition and subtraction

And get busy when the answers are less than ten.

Ah well ! you can't exactly credit all the figures
when they come,

For the schoolboy's lot is not a happy one.

J. KEATON.

Annual Prize Day

THE Annual Prize Distribution took place, on March 10th, in the Assembly Hall of the College. His Grace, Most Rev. R. Downey, D.D., Archbishop of Liverpool, honoured the function by his presence. Amongst the audience were members of the Clergy, Christian Brothers from neighbouring communities, the governors of the College, and the parents and friends of the boys. The programme opened with songs by the school choir followed by selections from "Rigoletto" and other well-known compositions played by the school orchestra. Both choristers and instrumentalists won their way to the hearts of an appreciative audience. Instrumental solos and duets completed this part of the entertainment. There then followed a competitive "quiz" between representatives of Hope and Domingo, the former winning by a safe margin of points. The distinguished visitors, conducted by the Head Master, then went on to the stage. At the conclusion of the Annual Report, His Grace distributed the certificates and prizes, and then paid tribute to the teachers and the boys for the excellent programme and the great successes secured, during the year, both in studies and sports. The Report of the Head Master is as follows :

Very Rev. Chairman, Your Grace, Rt. Rev., Very Rev., Rev. Fathers, Reverend Brothers, Ladies and Gentlemen, on behalf of the staff I extend a cordial welcome to you all. Honoured are we by the presence of Your Grace. Despite numerous and pressing calls on your time and energy you have come to show your interest in the welfare of the College and to encourage us in our endeavours in the cause of Catholic Education.

Before reading my Report I wish to offer to Your Grace on behalf of all in St. Edward's, our sincere sympathy on the death of Rt. Rev. Mgr. Traynor who for many years was the Chairman of the Governors of the College, and I beg to assure you of our remembrance of him in our prayers. I avail of this opportunity to welcome

Dean Grace, his successor as Chairman of the Governing Body.

A Headmaster's Report on Speech Day is intended to give parents an account of school activities during the completed academic year, and this I shall do as completely and as briefly as possible. Of first importance in a School are tone and spirit. They are the pulse of its power of achievement, and they depend in great measure on the Staff. I am pleased to tell Your Grace that the College has a loyal and enthusiastic Staff, who in their work for the boys, whether in the class-room or on field of play, aim at the highest standard of formation of character, and they realize that Religion must play a vital part in its formation. I wish also to pay a tribute to the Prefects and boys for their co-operation with the Masters and for their upholding of the College ideal expressed in our College motto "Viriliter Age."

The College results in the last public examinations showed that the high standard of other years had been surpassed. The successes included thirty Higher School Certificates out of thirty-two presented, six Letters of Success or Subsidiary Higher School Certificate, seventy-eight School Certificates out of one hundred presented.

In all, fourteen University Scholarships were obtained. These included three State, six Senior City Scholarships, one Lancashire County, one Wallasey, two Hull, and one Ormskirk. Two Distinction marks were reached in English, two in History, four in Chemistry, and one in Mathematics. Excellents in Scholarship papers included one in English, one in Mathematics, and two in Chemistry. Three Bursaries in Education for prospective teachers were also obtained.

All will agree that the Staff and boys deserve high praise for their achievements to which the examination results testify. In the Middle and Lower Forms the satisfactory results of examinations at the end of the terms showed that pupils responded to the endeavours of their teachers,

and that we may look forward with confidence to a continuation of our success in public examinations. Keen competition for first places was evident and in some cases few marks separated prize-winners from their rivals.

In the Prospective Teachers' Religious examination the ten boys who presented were successful. The mark "Excellent" was awarded in the Religious examination conducted by the Archdiocesan Inspectors. Four boys entered Seminaries. I would remind parents of the crying need to-day for vocations and I ask them to foster any desire their children may express for the Priesthood or the Religious life.

Vocational guidance is necessary. Hence we arrange for talks on careers by experienced professional men. The College offers its best thanks to Mr. Featherstone who has arranged a series of lectures on various careers for boys with Grammar School education.

Yet for all that, the College cannot pretend to relieve the parents of their duty towards their children, for it knows full well that at the mother's knee begins education—the true purpose of which is to cherish and unfold the seed of immortality sown within us: to develop to their fullest extent the capacities of every kind with which God Who made us has endowed us. Education fits us for our lifework by the formation of character—the principal obstacle to which is restlessness so prevalent in the world of to-day; but it must avail itself of the supernatural aid of Religion to build up character. The natural is incapable of realizing its own ideals while the supernatural lays down the sublimest principles, proposes the noblest models and urges the strongest motives for persevering efforts. It enables us to do and see at all times what is most becoming. And this is the perfection of character.

The Annual Retreat for the boys during Holy Week was given by Rev. Fr. Harris, C.S.S.R. The daily round of spiritual exercises began with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and ended with Benediction. The boys entered whole-heartedly into the spirit of the Retreat and they much appreciated Fr. Harris's practical discourses.

At the beginning of the year there were some Staff changes. Amongst them were Mrs. Ambrose and Francis who for many years contributed much to the academic successes of the College and who took such a prominent part in all its activities. To both I wish continued successes in their new spheres.

Athletic records are in keeping with scholastic attainments as the results of the various teams show:

RUGBY

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XV	16	9	1	6
2nd XV	11	6	0	5
Senior Colts	3	2	0	1
Junior Colts	10	10	0	0
Bantam XV	16	6	3	7
Junior Bantam XV ...	9	8	0	1

CRICKET

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XI	9	3	1	5
2nd XI	6	3	1	2
Under 15 XI	11	4	2	5
Under 13 XI	8	2	0	6

Ideal weather and youthful enthusiasm contributed to the success of our Sports Meeting last June. I join with the many who paid tribute to the College Staff for the efficiency with which a rather long programme of events was carried through.

To parents I would say encourage healthful vigorous exercise calculated to strengthen the body and relax the mind, but guard against the excesses to which it is so often carried to-day. To counteract the evils attendant on these excesses exercise a firm and watchful control over your children, moderate their excessive ardour for sport, foster in them a love for home, and teach them to take an active part in the duties of the household. Thus educated, they will be able to draw in later life upon their own resources and be prepared, if need be, to battle with evil influences now so common.

The aesthetic activities of the College are many. Literary, Historical and Scientific Societies have their regular meetings and occasional lectures are given by specialists in their subject.

In the Mersey-side inter-Catholic Colleges debate Peter Brown was awarded second place. Teachers in Art, drama, music, vocal and instrumental, give every boy the opportunity of acquiring skill in these subjects and of creating interests that will be of value in after life. I am glad to be able to state that the hope expressed in last year's Report is being realized, and that the contract for stage equipment has been placed. We take advantage of the many advantages Liverpool offers of attending educational films and lectures and of seeing the industrial processes of some of our scientific investigations.

Members of Form VI Modern studies are associates of the Foyer français of Liverpool and avail of the advantages membership offers.

I quote from a letter received last week: "We had the pleasure of welcoming some half a dozen of your boys at our first summer Holiday course last year at Juilly, and it is largely through the excellent impression they made on the authorities at the Collège Libre that it has been decided to make the course an annual affair." We readily pay tribute to Local Education Authorities, Liverpool included, for making grants available to enable our boys to take advantage of such courses abroad.

Great thanks are due to the many who have donated books or contributed to the Reference Library Fund. Special mention must be made of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Yates who have given very many books of great value and have supplemented their gift by a handsome sum of money to be devoted to prizes. Gladly do I

assure these donors, whom I am pleased to see here, of our appreciation, as a proof of which the College is offering a perpetual trophy—the Yates Cup—for inter-house debate.

Foremost amongst our spiritual activities is the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of which senior boys are active members and who, thanks to monetary contributions from the school, are enabled to assist the cases assigned to them. The generosity of the boys is also shown in the amounts collected for the Foreign Missions and for the Good Shepherd Fund.

Past pupils have a strong representation at the various Universities. There are over 70 pursuing University studies. Others are doing their National Service before commencing their University courses. In the finals of 1948 ten obtained degrees, one obtained the M.Sc., and one the Ph.D.

Our Old Boys' Association continues to increase its membership and to extend the sphere of its influence. College authorities strongly urge all School-leavers to avail of the many advantages of membership and to partake in the social and charitable activities of the Association. Besides the companionship of school-fellows parents are assured that their boys' leisure hours are profitably spent and in a Catholic atmosphere.

Your Grace, without the help of parents the successes which I have enumerated, the tone and satisfactory progress of the College would be impossible. To them the College acknowledges its indebtedness and expresses its sincere thanks.

THE WAGES OF FOLLY

A little boy in the Lower Fives,
Was very fond of playing with knives.
"You'll cut yourself," they all would say
But he would rudely turn away.
He cut up his Latin book; carved on the door;
Ruined his school-bag and scratched all the floor,
Played during French, and again during Gym
And cut at the bench all during the hymn.

But justice came one sunny day
He still continued to fool and play
The knife slipped, and then suddenly swung,
His left hand very limply hung.
He shrieked and bawled and yelled in pain
His thumb was never seen again.
And he'll remember to this day,
To play with pen-knives does not pay.

MICHAEL A. GLOVER, L.VA.

House Notes

HOPE

Hope House looks back upon the year 1948-1949 with rather mixed feelings, for though there has been much success, individual and collective, yet there has also been disappointment. The Rugby Shield went to Domingo by the closest of margins. The vital game was the final Domingo v. Hope Junior 1st XV in which our lads, though putting up a tremendous fight in which Bates and Gillespie covered themselves with glory, went down before a much heavier team. Congratulations Domingo! Next year Hope.

This defeat was more than balanced by the House's runaway (sorry) victory in the Athletic Sports—boys in green carried off almost every sprint and in the Senior Division the 100 yards, Senior Championship, mile and Cross-country, were won by Hope men. E. Randall kept the Victor Ludorum for Hope with another Hope man, P. J. Brown runner-up.

At the present time, we cannot, of course, comment on scholastic results, but we trust that the high standard of the House, in this field, will be more than maintained. To all those taking the examinations, we wish the best of luck.

I should like to end on a personal note. This will be my last year as your House Captain and I cannot finish without expressing my gratitude. I thank all those who have done so much for the House—the rugby players, the cricketers, the scholars, all who have helped to make Hope what it is—the best House in the best school in England. To those coming up through the school I say, "Give of your best to your House, for by doing so you are a threefold benefactor—to your House, to your School, and to yourself." Best of luck and God bless you all.

P. J. BROWN.

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MERSEY

Since our last short edition of House Notes, we have been very busy. By now it is common

knowledge that we relinquished the Rugby Shield to Domingo, but not because we didn't fight. Ill-luck has dogged our footsteps this school year, mainly due to injuries during, and since, the Rugby season; so we have been, in consequence, very much weaker than usual. Still we are all set to regain our old position next year. At the presentation of the colours and shield for Rugby, Mersey were represented by C. Brown, who received colours.

Not long ago we had an inter-House Cross-country. Here we must congratulate Mersey's Intermediate runners, and in particular R. Hutchings and P. O'Brien who came first and second respectively. Credit is due also to F. Marron who obtained second place in the Senior Cross Country. Congratulations also to J. Moorhead and F. Marron on being elected to play for the Liverpool Schools' Rugby Team against Birkenhead Schools. Well done Mersey!

We have started a new Cricket season, now, and unless our ill-luck persists we should win the Cricket Shield. As usual we have our representatives in the School teams but what about some more of you fellows joining in the sport?

We had great success in the sports this year, even though we didn't win the Athletic Shield. Again great credit must be given to the junior members of Mersey on the fine show they put up, particularly J. Rice and G. Pilkington and those chaps whose names occurred so frequently in first, second, or third positions. But they weren't the only ones who deserve credit. Mersey Seniors, again weakened due to injury, did very well. Just to show how well everyone did, we say that at the beginning of the afternoon, Mersey was at the bottom of the points table, but before an hour had passed we were challenging the leaders (we finished in that position!).

Cheerio, and God bless us all.

C. BROWN.

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DOMINGO

Since the autumn edition of our Magazine, Domingo has succeeded in keeping well to the fore in athletics. The first item of importance in which our House was prominent was the presentation of the Shield and School Rugby colours.

James Nolan (our Captain), Tony Meldon and Austin McNally, three of our most stalwart men, received their colours from Rev. Br. Wall. Then came the climax of the day : amidst thunders of applause, our Captain went up to receive the Shield—the coveted prize so well earned by our House's activity during the Rugby Season.

On Speech Day, March 10th, the Domingo team were runners-up in the General Knowledge Quiz ; our team was captained by A. Meldon.

At our Annual Athletic Sports (which took place on June 11th) the House succeeded in gaining its usual honour ; both the Junior and Senior tug-o'-wars this latter being anchored by our one and only J. Nolan were won by our House and our Captain received both Cups 'midst rounds of thunderous applause. Tony Meldon and J. Pennington succeeded in gaining several prizes in other athletic departments.

In the more recent inter-College Sports, both James Nolan and Bill Doherty represented our interests in putting the shot. Both threw admirably and Nolan succeeded in gaining third place in this sphere. This, however, is not J. Nolan's only achievement. He is the 1st XI's vice-captain.

J. NOLAN, VI. A.

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SEFTON

"Health and benediction" to all Edwardians.

Here we are still struggling manfully on. Though we finished 3rd in Rugby, we had at least the consolation of being at the top for a while. Before the season finished, however,

H. Davenport was presented with his Colours and played in our successful 7-a-side team at Collegiate.

Cricket is in force now and here we claim the School XI Captain for our own: B. Wardley. Our other representative, A. Holmes, has, like his captain, brandished bat and thrown ball with consummate skill. May we remark that this season is the 1st XI's best for several years.

In the 2nd XI, Cunningham, Smith, Nunnery, and Hunt keep the flag flying, as do many others in the remaining teams.

Our luck deserted us on Sports Day, but Anwyl, Colford, Smith, Gillespie and Wardley were prominent in their respective divisions. In the senior relay, we were second, and, in the junior, we were third ; the best for some time. The Senior Cross Country saw a Seftonite pass the post first. In the "Inter-College" sports Sefton was represented by J. Colford and H. Davenport. The complete athletic results are elsewhere.

As may be seen from this, we play our own small part in the life of the school.

Our School prefects, R. Mulcahy and M. Hennessey can be congratulated on taking successfully the Civil Service Executive Examination and on being accepted for Liverpool University. We wish good luck to both.

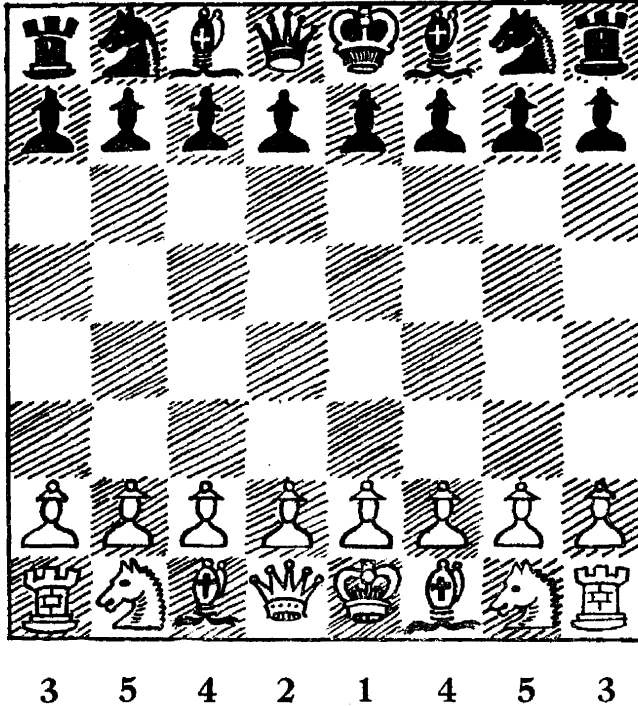
On prize day we were well represented in public examination successes and form positions.

Sensing that next year will be our turning point I ask next year's House members to pull together harder than ever, and I take the opportunity of thanking all last year's members for their support. Wishing the best to all in examinations, and holidays, I still find strength to say once again.

Viriliter Age.

H.D.

Chess



CHESS is played on a board of 64 squares between two people, one of whom has a series of 16 white-coloured pieces, and the other has a series of 16 black pieces.

The men are arranged at the commencement of the game as shown above.

Thus, each side has :

- 1 King—marked No. 1 on diagram.
 - 1 Queen—marked No. 2 on diagram.
 - 2 Rooks (or Castles)—marked No. 3 on diagram.
 - 2 Bishops—marked No. 4 on diagram.
 - 2 Knights—marked No. 5 on diagram.
- And eight pawns.

White always moves first and thereafter the moves are taken alternately.

All captures in chess are made in the same way, i.e., by removing the captured piece from the board and replacing it by the man with which the capture is made.

The Rook (or Castle) moves any number of squares along a straight line parallel to the sides

of the board. **General Rules.** If obstructed by (1) one of its own men, it must stop before it reaches the obstructing man, or (2) by an opposing man, it **may** capture it but cannot jump over it.

The Bishop moves any number of squares along a diagonal line and obeys the same general rules as the Rook.

The Queen combines the moves of the Rook and the Bishop and thus can move any number of squares along any straight line in any direction. The Queen obeys the same general rules as the Bishop and the Rook.

The Knight does not move in a straight line but travels first one square parallel to any side of the board and then two squares at right angles to the first direction. It can take an opposing piece which is on the square upon which it finally lands, and, in moving at all, can jump over any intervening piece.

The King moves one square in any direction and the object of the game is to "checkmate" the opposing King, i.e., to place the opposing King in such a position that its capture on the next move is inevitable.

N.B.—If you attack the opposing King you should say "check" and on no account can any move be made so that the person making the move leaves his King open to capture.

All the pieces so far described have the power of moving either up or down the board but the last of the chessmen, the pawn, can only move forward. When first used, each individual pawn, may be moved one or two squares straight forward but thereafter it can only be moved one square at a time. The pawn can take any piece which is one square diagonally ahead and if it reaches the further edge of the board it can be exchanged for any other piece (except a King or another pawn).

A game is drawn if (1) the same position occurs 3 times in a game, (2) on his turn to move, a player cannot make any move other than one which will leave his King in check (the King is then

said to be "stalemated"), or (3) 50 moves are made by each player without any capture or any pawns move.

There is one other move in chess called "castling" and is the only move in which more than one piece of the same colour is engaged. The pieces affected by the move are a Rook and the King. The player who is castling moves his King two squares along the line joining the King and the Rook taking part, and towards the Rook, and then puts the Rook on the square over which the King has just passed. Castling is very useful for defending the King but it cannot be made use of if (1) either the King or the Rook involved have previously been moved, (2) there are any pieces between the King and the Rook, (3) the King is in check, or (4) the King would, in castling, have to pass over an attacked square.

By this time the reader should know the moves and should now learn the rudiments of good play.

Possibly you will already have formed your own estimations of the relative values of the pieces but if you are faced with the prospect of an exchange (i.e., of taking an opposing piece for the loss of one of your own pieces) it is advisable to have a standard to guide you.

Thus we use the pawn as the unit of measurement and say :

- 1 Queen = 10 pawns (approximately)
- 1 Rook = 5 pawns (approximately)
- 1 Bishop = 3 pawns (approximately)
- 1 Knight = 3 pawns (approximately)

All these values are very rough and, of course,

the question of exchanging your King never arises.

The following principles, if observed faithfully, should give your play a sound basis :

(1)—It is advisable to bring Knights and Bishops out quickly and, to facilitate this, the central pawns should be the first to be moved.

(2)—Best results are obtained if you concentrate your forces in the centre.

(3)—The best pawn formation is not, as is commonly thought, a diagonal line, because the pawns can then be picked off one by one. A preferable arrangement is to have your pawns in pairs, side by side.

(4)—Never make unnecessary or senseless moves but always think before moving.

(5)—"Prevention is better than cure." This adage is very applicable to chess, for if you do not foresee and forestall your opponent's plans they may prove fatal. Thus, after every opposing move investigate all the threats to your position which result from that move. If there is no real danger, carry on with your own plans—but if there is a threat, discover it and eradicate it.

Book knowledge alone will not make you a proficient player, although it will help. The great thing is to practise and keep on practising, and as your experience increases, so your play will improve.

Finally, in chess, always maintain your sense of perspective and do not be discouraged by losses or loss of form. Try rather to find where your weaknesses lie and by eliminating them, to improve your play.

M. MURRAY, VI B. Sc.

The names of the boys who passed the Prospective Teachers' Religious Certificate in November, T. 1947, were inadvertently omitted from an earlier issue of the Magazine. They were : Barnwell, T., Croft, T. E., Dwyer, W., Ferguson, P.A., Furlong, D. A., Gaskin, V. F. X., McNally,

A. H., Merriman, J. A., Monaghan, P., Murray, A. L. The following boys entered for and passed this examination last November : Hunt, A. W. (First Division), Doherty, W. J., Hopkins, F., Johnson, J., Loftus, J. F., Lunt, B., Melia, C., Melia, E. T., Williams, K., Wilson, J.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

WE wish to thank all concerned in the success of our annual collection which realised £20 10s. This year's activities finished with a satisfactory balance in hand. Our Junior Conference maintained close contact with St. Oswald's Conference and also with Old Swan Particular Council. Although our numbers are rather small (fourteen to be exact) we have been

particularly active in visiting our four cases. Br. Blackburne has been outstanding in this respect.

We hope that these brief notes will bring the work of the Society to the attention of the School and that next year we may expand our activities still further.

G. J. LUDDEN,
President and Acting Secretary.

Literary and Debating Society

THE term opened with a debate "That Columbus went too far!" Mr. Brown spoke of the once contented peaceful life of the Indians and negroes before the discovery of America in comparison with their lives after that wretched event. He launched into a tirade against the Americans' lack of culture and their bad influence through films and "literature" upon English morals. Mr. Doyle (con) upheld the culture of America as shown in the works of such men as Poe and Twain; told us of America's saving us in two recent wars and of her being the rock and centre of democracy. Unswayed by these noble sentiments, the Chairman awarded the debate to Mr. Brown.

"Conscription" afforded us a lively debate. In defending it Mr. Hennessey maintained that the possession of a good regular army backed up by a reserve of men trained under conscription was essential to the world in its present disrupted state. Mr. Dryhurst was his usual moral self in the arguments on conscription ruining individualism and initiative, ruining careers and leading to an arms' race. He was supported by several of our pseudo-moralists who in general simply repeated his arguments as coming from the bottom of their Christian souls. They were attacked by Mr. MacGowan who asserted that army discipline was a better former of character than the rampant freedom of the ego.

In a session of impromptu debates in which

the "B's" participated we found that Mr. Ellis is a master of his facts; that Mr. Connor can be relied upon to take the most original or obscure meaning out of a proposition; and that the society in general has the utmost capacity for the maintenance of a perfectly rigid state of body, mind and tongue during any debate whatsoever.

In an attempt to arouse the society from a state of apathy which was becoming indistinguishable from rigor mortis the next proposition was as wide as possible—"Politics to-day." It was opened by Mr. McDermott who attacked the Tory policy of negation and supported the present government. The society, however, seemed to prefer to allow the usual few to carry on the debate and fell into the habitual soporific state on the back benches while a discussion on nationalisation and other points went on among the discussion group of five members (Brown, MacGowan, MacDermott, Dryhurst and Hennessey), the only members who have made any attempt to put life in the Society.

"That the closed-shop is injurious to industry" was upheld by Mr. Meldon who assured us that if we had had any hope of getting away from morals we were mistaken as he launched forth with the old arguments on the restriction of personal freedom, incentive and individualism, etc. We saw no change either in Mr. MacDermott who told us of union privileges won by blood, sweat and tears, and of the danger of blacklegging

if the closed-shop was abolished. Bombarded from all sides with objections, he put up a fine show and had an answer ready for all of them.

"A man who crosses the floor should resign and seek re-election" maintained Mr. Dillon, who saw the value of representative government destroyed by the indiscriminate changing of party allegiance. Mr. Ledwidge, however, thought it immoral to penalise a man for honesty and pointed out the cost of a second election. An attack on Mr. Dillon led to our faithful discussion group arguing on points whose relevance to the debate was dubious but whose entertainment value was supreme.

To close the Easter term we had a fine lecture, illustrated by slides, given by Mr. Shennan on Liverpool through the years! The lecture was greatly appreciated and the illustrations were profuse. Mr. Shennan was thanked for the society by Mr. Dryhurst who extended a welcome to those of the Upper-Fives who were present and hoped that they would help to maintain the standards of the society next year.

A very heated debate was held on "That an immediate end should be put to the partition of Ireland." Mr. Davenport and Mr. Ludden (pro.) proved in strong words that the present system was unjust and immoral and their points were much superior to those of Messrs. Lennon and Maguire (con.) who thought that racial and religious differences would make union impossible. Mr. Chairman awarded the debate to the proposers.

"That there should be no censorship of the Arts" was strongly upheld by Messrs. Evans and McQuade who saw censorship as repressing and stifling good art. Messrs. Shennan and Ellis however maintained that censorship was essential

to prevent indecency in literature and to keep the standard high. The debate was awarded to the proposers.

In a debate on "Equal pay for equal work," Mr. Hennessey maintained that when equal amounts of work were done equal pay should be given; that there should be no indiscriminate penalisation of women and that a system of equal pay for all could be worked out within limits. Mr. Dryhurst maintained that the equality of men and women was anti-Christian and would threaten the position of man in society. A heated discussion ensued in which Mr. Brown came forth with some most un-Christian arguments and Mr. MacGowan upheld the flag of morality. Mr. Chairman awarded the debate to the proposers.

A debate in the usual moral strain was provided by "That direction of labour is unjustified." Mr. MacGowan and Mr. Sullivan maintained that to interfere with a man's liberty was immoral; that the government had no mandate to direct labour and that a revival of a man's work and not direction will lead to more production. Mr. Hennessey (con.) and Mr. Scott asserted that the precautionous economies of the country justified direction of labour while it was also necessary because of the general apathy and lack of initiative in the country. Mr. Brown asserted that the only way in which to have efficient industry, harsh and immoral though it may seem, was to have a large unemployment list. This was condemned by both Mr. McDermott and Mr. McGowan who expressed disgust at this example of materialistic and un-Christian reasoning. The Chairman awarded the debate to the proposers.

M. HENNESSY,

Hon. Sec.

French Literary and Debating Society

THE first meeting of the New Year, on 21st January, was a debate on the relative merits of under 35's and over 35's. M. Hunt held that energy departs and senility begins at 35, while M. Ledwidge preferred life to begin at 40, and

had the backing of literary men from Bacon to Shaw to prove his case. M. Ludden had historical authority for the bungling of old men and the wisdom of youth, but M. MacDermott, true old sage that he is, told us of the impartiality of age.

Youth is but the apprenticeship for the mastery which comes with years of maturity.

M. le Président gave 11 points to each side in his summing-up.

On 22nd February M. Meldon defended the Twentieth Century in a most erudite philosophical discourse, with the emphasis on the doctrine of Progress. M. Maguire, for the Opposition, deplored the fever of modern life—and progress—and longed to be back with the “neiges d’antan.” M. Melia then spoke of modern scientific achievement, saying that modern war differed from past wars only in scale, not in evil. The concluding speaker, M. McGowan, looked about him and thought civilization would soon collapse; he bade us beware of Communism, materialism and hedonism, then returned to his meditations, leaving M. le Président to give 13 marks for and 15 against the motion.

Our next debate was on the educative value of the cinema. M. Murray had much to say about the box-office. The public gets what it asks for, and that is amusement, as Bernstein says. M. Quinn, in a well-illustrated speech, held that the cinema’s great power is that of educating by amusement. M. Ashton then elaborated on M. Murray’s theme with particular reference to Hollywood, and M. Melia did the same for M. Quinn, saying that if a film shows us something new, then it is educational.

On a show of hands, 11 votes were given for the motion and 9 against.

The growing dependence of this country on America was debated on 5th April. Once more we saw M. Ashton in the breach, this time demonstrating our economic debt to America, the quickest way to total subjugation. M. Connor spurned the workaday economic angle for the cultural standpoint. He acclaimed the immeasurable superiority of British over American jazz bands and abhorred the vulgarity of American speech.

M. Ayers took a very grim view of the American invasion of Warrington, and visualized Britain as the battle-ground for the imperialistic hordes of the U.S.A. M. J. Quinn propounded the bona fides of the Marshall Plan and its intentions in a very categorical speech. The result was 7 points for and eight against the motion.

Next was a debate on the relative merits of boarding-schools and day-schools.

M. Davenport began with a eulogy of the public-school, the salvation of the only child, the nursery of leaders. The day school has none of its spirit of comradeship. Then came M. Cunningham with an attack on the insularity of the boarding-school outlook, and its lack of parental love and family spirit. M. Ellis defended the boarding-school as teaching its pupils how to live in society, and as being far superior to the day school in its environment and moral atmosphere, whereupon M. Doyle uttered a scathing indictment of boarding-schools as hotbeds of snobbery, backwaters of a bygone age where the cult of athleticism and the classics was taken to dire extremes.

The debate was then thrown open. M. Hillman showed a wide knowledge of economics in his condemnation of boarding schools as sources of bankruptcy to parents. M. Hennessey agreed with M. Doyle, and on being asked for documentary evidence quoted that great and noble classic “Six Years in the Third Form at St. Fanny’s.” This quashed all opposition, since none but M. Hennessey had read the book in question.

At the end M. le Président gave 10 points for the motion and 11 against.

The meetings for the year terminated on 21st June with a “Vingt Questions” session in which Messrs. Brown, Hennessey, Dryhurst, Meldon and Ludden demonstrated that they could guess as well in French as in any other language.

JAMES DRYHURST,
(Hon. Sec.).

Le Foyer Français

THIS has been another memorable year for the Foyer. We began 1949 with a very learned and deeply engaging lecture from M. Chicoteau, French Vice-Consul in Liverpool, who spoke on the Fireside (le foyer—hence the Society's name) in Poetry. This lecture was of a very high standard. Of equally high standard was the Annual Social held at Childwall Valley High School, where the Edwardians showed that they can trip quite as light a fantastic as any.

Another outstanding lecture was that on Belgium by M. Berbiers, Head Master of Bootle Grammar School, who took infinite pains to answer the many questions put to him.

Yet another lecturer of note was Professor Fletcher of Liverpool University, who greatly added to our literary knowledge and appreciation with a talk on the Romantic movement. In the

same vein was a lecture on La Fontaine by the French Consul General, Monsieur Cauvet Duhamel.

The next to last meeting of the year was a play—reading of "Topaze", by Marcel Pagnol, or rather one act of it. This was given by all the School representatives, who hope that the audience enjoyed it as much as they did.

The final meeting was a return visit from the man with the guitar—M. Jean Rosol of the golden voice, who is becoming quite an institution at the Foyer. You can still hear French folk-songs being hummed in the corridors after his visits, a reflection of one of the best features of the Foyer. It teaches us to know France as well as French.

JAMES DRYHURST,
(School Representative).

Music Notes

AT the end of the Autumn term there was given our customary Christmas concert. We were pleased to have Mr. Hubert Moore again with us. He sang several operatic arias and received a great and thoroughly deserved ovation. This end-of-term concert would not be complete without humorous items from Mr. Curtin and these he ungrudgingly gave us. Anthony Gilbertson and Mario Serrano played a piano duet. Pianoforte solos were given by Mario Serrano, John Moorhead, and George Rouse whilst concerted items were given by the orchestra, the choir and the VIth form (Mods.) Choir.

Old Boys and others, who remember the concerts and Prize Days of ten and more years ago, will regret to hear of the death of Mr. John McKey, which took place on Sunday, May 1st. Mr. McKey died whilst hearing Mass. Before

orchestral training became part of the school curriculum, Old Boys and their parents strengthened the orchestra which consisted of boys who learned music privately and who volunteered to use their talent for the benefit of the school. Mr. McKey invariably played the double bass. We gratefully remember his splendid help and also that of his three sons (Old Boys of St. Edward's College) to whom, and also to their sister, we tender our deepest sympathy.

"There is no death
What seems so, is transition
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of that place Elysian
Whose portal we call 'Death'."
May our old friend rest in peace.

F. R. BORASTON, A.R.C.M., A.R.C.O.

Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

1. Place whence stone or slate is obtained by digging or blasting.
7. Dish of fruit or meat baked with a pastry-cover.
8. Between marquis and viscount.
10. To make ready.
11. Is said to be "laid" when the building of a ship begins.
12. Ridge of rock near the surface of the sea.
13. In the middle of ; among.
16. Slender or lean.
18. A formal speech.
19. Accustomed.
20. One of the supports of a chair.
21. Russian grain-port on the Black Sea.

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Clues Down

2. Highest in place ; predominant.
3. River on which stands Leeds.
4. Lively Scottish Dance.
5. " Four seasons fill the measure of the — "
6. Salutations.
9. Part of the verb " to be."

14. Anger.
15. A skirting of wood along the lower parts of the walls of a room.
16. Part of a roof
17. Found in Plymouth gardens ?

G. CARROLL.

Solution on Page 174.

The Annual Sports

GLORIOUS weather, a very large attendance well-contested sports, appetising teas, cool drinks, and ice-cream were some of the things that made the Sports Day of June, 1949, memorable.

Archbishop Duke from distant Vancouver, at the invitation of Very Rev. Monsignor Taylor, the Chairman, honoured the proceedings by his presence. On the conclusion of the sports all went to the " quadrangle " for the presentation of the prizes. Monsignor Taylor, who is an Old Boy, distributed the trophies. E. Randall was the Victor Ludorum; the runner-up was P. Brown. Speeches by the Head Master, the Chairman, Archbishop Duke, Mr. Bryson, and the singing of the school song brought the proceedings to a close.

SPORTS RESULTS

Division A.

- 80 YARDS
 1 Wolfenden, B. 2 Prescott, P. 3 O'Hare, M.
 VARIETY RACE
 1 Nelson, R. 2 O'Hare, M. 3 Wolfenden, B.
 EGG AND SPOON RACE
 1 Nelson, R. 2 Dobson, P. 3 Coyne, G.

Division B.

- 80 YARDS
 1 Lomas, W. 2 Pinnington, M. 3 Coglan, J.

VARIETY RACE

- 1 Bushell, A. 2 Rignall, W. 3 Pontet, P.

EGG AND SPOON RACE

- 1 Walsh, M. 2 Rignall, W. 3 Blower, B.

SIAMESE RACE

- 1 Gray, D. 2 Lavery, H. 3 Azurdia, M.
 Pontet, P. McGonagle, E. Ratchford, J.

Division C.

- 100 YARDS
 1 Pilkington, G. 2 Franey, J. 3 Hughes, E.
OBSTACLE RACE
 1 Wharton, J. 2 Carrier, P. 3 Green, R.
 220 YARDS
 1 Pilkington, G. 2 Hughes, E. 3 Wharton, J.
SIAMESE RACE
 1 Pilkington, G. 2 Addison, K. 3 Robertson, P.
 Carrier, P. Murphy, P. Sheridan, M.

Division D.

- 100 YARDS
 1 Anwyl, P. 2 Ashton, T. 3 Dowling, A.
OBSTACLE RACE
 1 Walsh, P. 2 Anderson, B. 3 Logan, C.
 220 YARDS
 1 Anwyl, P. 2 Ashton, T. 3 Marmion, V.
MUSICAL CHAIRS
 1 Brooks, G. 2 Johnston, M. 3 Walker, J.

Division E.

- 100 YARDS
 1 Rice, J. 2 Bate, F. 3 Lewis, A.
OBSTACLE RACE
 1 Fitzpatrick, J. M. 2 McNeilis, A. 3 Mulholland, J.
 440 YARDS
 1 Rice, J. 2 Browning, B. 3 Harris, P.
MUSICAL CHAIRS
 1 Baker, R. 2 McNeilis, A. 3 Mulholland, J.

Division F		
100 YARDS		
1 Large, N.	2 McLachlan, A.	3 Colford, J.
OBSTACLE RACE		
1 Black, D.	2 Harlow, J.	3 Edgar, G.
HURDLES		
1 Marron, P.	2 Granby, T.	3 Colford, J.
440 YARDS		
1 Large, N.	2 Marron, P.	3 Rogers, S.
LONG JUMP		
1 Laird, E. (15' 2½")	2 McLachlan, A.	3 Granby, T.

Division G		
100 YARDS		
1 Randall, E.	2 Brownhill, A.	3 Doyle, J.
440 YARDS		
1 Randall, E.	2 Hitchings, R.	3 Bridge, N.
HURDLES		
1 Randall, E.	2 Dolan, P.	3 Carroll, G.
LONG JUMP		
1 Carroll, G. (17' 2")	2 Brownbill, A.	3 Randall, E.
HIGH JUMP		
1 Randall, E. (4' 9")	2 O'Brien, P. Cornthwaite, J	

Division H		
100 YARDS		
1 Moorhead, J.	2 Smith, R.	3 Moore, H.
440 YARDS		
1 Moorhead, J.	2 Smith, R.	3 Ellis, W.
880 YARDS		
1 Gillespie, R.	2 Wardley, B.	3 Smith, R.
HURDLES		
1 Ellis, W.	2 Harris, M.	3 Wardley, B.
LONG JUMP		
1 Ellis, W. (18' 6")	2 Wardley, B.	3 Moore, H.
HIGH JUMP		
1 Wardley, B. (5' 3")	2 Hughes, D. Pinnington, J	

Division S		
100 YARDS		
1 Brown, P. J.	2 Dryhurst, J.	3 Meldon, A.
440 YARDS		
1 Dryhurst, J. Davenport, H.		3 Marron, F.
880 YARDS		
1 Davenport, H.	2 Johnson, J.	3 Marron, F.
HURDLES		
1 Brown, P. J.	2 McNally, A.	3 Ferrigno, R.

LONG JUMP		
1 Brown, P. J. (18' 9")	2 Meldon, A.	3 Dryhurst, J.
HIGH JUMP		
1 Ferrigno, R. (5' 3")	2 Marron, F. Mulcahy, R.	

Open Events		
SLOW BICYCLE RACE		
1 Dolan, P.	2 Kelly, M.	3 Logan, C.
JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP		
1 Large, N.	2 Granby, T.	3 Colford, J.
SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP		
1 DRYHURST, J.	2 Brown, P. J.	3 Meldon, A.
MILE		
1 Johnson, J.	2 Davenport, H.	3 Bridge, N.

House Events		
SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY		
1 Davenport, H.	2 Marron, F.	3 Pinnington, J.
INTERMEDIATE CROSS-COUNTRY		
1 Hitchings, R.	2 O'Brien, P.	3 Bridge, N.
JUNIOR TUG-O'-WAR		
1 Domingo	2 Mersey	
SENIOR TUG-O'-WAR		
1 Domingo	2 Hope	
JUNIOR RELAY		
1 Domingo	2 Mersey	
SENIOR RELAY		
1 Hope	2 Sefton	

Other Events		
BAND RACE		
1 Keighary, B.	2 Verner, M.	
FATHERS' WALKING RACE		
1 Mr. W. H. Addison	2 Mr. McCarthy	
OLD EDWARDIANS' 100 YARDS		
1 Mr. G. Pagendam	2 Mr. B. Donovan	
OLD EDWARDIANS' 880 YARDS		
1 Mr. B. Donovan	2 Mr. V. Rogers	

Consolation Races		
SENIOR CONSOLATION RACE		
1 Quinn, J.	2 Granby, T. J.	
JUNIOR CONSOLATION RACE		
1 Millington, T.	2 Madden, P.	
UNDER 11 CONSOLATION RACE		
1 Carberry, J.	2 Addison, P.	

Victor Ludorum	
RANDALL, E., 26 points.	Runner-up : BROWN, P. J., 22 points.

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HOPE, 233 points ;	Mersey, 142 points ;
DOMINGO, 136 points ;	SEFTON, 116 points.

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SUCCESSSES AT THE INTER-COLLEGE SPORTS

Senior

J. Dryhurst, 3rd, 440.
H. Davenport, 3rd, mile.
J. Nolan, 3rd, Putting the Shot.

Junior

N. Large, 3rd, 440.
A. McLachlin, 3rd, High Jump.

Old Boys' Letters

UPHOLLAND

Upholland College,
Wigan,
19th June, 1949.

Dear Mr. Editor,

The traditional way of beginning the Upholland letter, having looked back at a few of them, seems to be first of all to express great surprise at the suddenness of the request for a letter. But as I have known for the last couple of weeks that a letter was wanted I can't begin that way. Then in the first paragraph of these past letters the writer usually goes on to say that he has nothing much to tell you about the activities of the old boys here. Although it would be very true to say that I haven't much to tell you, what little there is I will pass on to you. So here goes.

As many of you will already know, the football and cricket fixtures with the Old Edwardians have returned again. I would like to say how much we enjoyed those visits and we look forward to having you with us again next year. It is many years since some of us last met and it was good to see so many of the old faces again. Some looked older and some were stouter than when we last saw them but all were as cheerful as ever. Notice my modesty does not allow me to say who were the victors in these games.

Now for some news about the old boys here. Three of us are within a few weeks of finishing our Philosophy course, the three being J. O'Brien, K. Mullen and V. Burrowes. W. Mills will soon be donning cassock and collar when he comes into the Senior House next September. Lower down in the School D. Peters and P. Cook will be preparing to move their quarters into the Higher Line wing.

I could not let this letter go without telling you about some of the spare time hobbies of one or two of our Edwardians. There is many a student here who, after dinner likes to sit outside by the lake and enjoy a pleasant cigarette or a pipe. But on some days recently that has been impossible

because they have hardly settled down before they are roused by the clattering of clogs, and into view come a group of stalwarts bearing shovels, spades and wheelbarrows. One hefty looking youth we recognise as Kevin Mulhearn (we know it is he because he is wearing that khaki shirt which, so he tells us, was bleached by the tropical sun). What are they going to do with their shovels, spades and wheelbarrows you may ask. You are not left wondering for long. These men are the reed removers from lakes. They attack those reeds with great gusto tearing them out by the roots strewing them on the bank and forcing you to withdraw.

So your rest is disturbed outside and you retire to the common room hoping to find a bit of peace and quiet there. But your hopes are soon shattered and so are your ear-drums because there is a noise coming up from the basement below as if hell has been let loose. The bench menders are at work led by John O'Brien and his brother hammerers. So the best thing I can do is to go up to my room and take it out of my typewriter in getting that letter off to the magazine.

And so we leave with with this peaceful picture of life at Upholland. Best wishes to all Old Edwardians wherever you may be.

K. MULLEN.

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LIVERPOOL

Dear Mr. Editor,

It is especially difficult at this time of year to give news of our large Edwardian colony. The impending threat of exams. has driven many to earth in the deepest recesses of the Cohen Library and elsewhere. However, one does occasionally catch fleeting glimpses of disappearing Old Boys.

One frequently sees B. Rodgers attempting to entice G. Carrie out of the Union into the fastnesses of the Engineering buildings.

The Part I chemists, D. Adair, J. Morgan,

B. Craig, McFeeley, T. Murphy and F. Rose all seem to be flourishing. This is the largest Edwardian group in any single course of studies. The work of these embryonic scientists is in part supervised by two Old Boys who are on a higher plane, viz. Dr. Basil Whalley and V. G. Occleshaw.

While on the subject of chemistry and chemists, it should be mentioned that J. Brown, complete with his wonderful lab. coat is busy doing research on fungi; R. Crawford is similarly engaged on fats and oils in the dark labs beneath the Gossage. F. Hewitt and B. Boggiono are tackling their honours exams in physical and organic chemistry respectively.

S. Murphy and D. Ferguson also dabble in chemistry although they spend most of their time trying to decipher the mysteries of mathematics.

Tim Murphy and P. Ryan are frequently to be seen strolling together deep in conversation. The former is fresher representative on Catholic Society Committee and distinguishes himself in their Dramatic Productions as well as on the Rugger field. F. Sharrock in his final year in Engineering is another Edwardian leaving his mark on the rugger teams.

W. Dickson who is following in K. Craig Mc Feeley's footsteps studying architecture is a prominent member of the University Rifle Club.

Little is seen of F. Nyland, J. Wilkinson and D. Gaskin, our Law Students who are condemned to their lonely existence in Abercromby Square. E. Burns, V. Gaskin are distinguishing themselves in the Faculty of Arts. B. Rorke is ploughing a lonely furrow in economics.

B. Cunningham is one of the leading lights among the vets, whilst his brother Gus, who incidentally throws a very handy javelin is now walking the wards. B. O'Dowd is just starting on the long medical trail thus following in the wakes of J. Occleshaw, J. Brown and L. Gould, who are moving inexorably on towards finals.

It is felt that owing to the shortcomings in the knowledge of your correspondent some Old Boys' names have escaped mention. An apology is extended herewith.

Wishing the best of luck and every success to those about to take exams,

Yours sincerely,

F. ROSE.

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VARSAITY

THE UNIVERSITY,
LIVERPOOL.

Dear Mr. Editor,

This letter is being written during that period when Old Boys in company with others up here are taking advantage of the weather to enjoy some relaxation after the unwonted activities of the past few weeks. In brief, examinations being over, we are enjoying a fool's paradise while we await results.

This is certainly true for most of us, though it is impossible to be accurate in such comprehensive generalizations while our members are scattered through the faculties and schools. Men here range through many generations of Edwardians, from this year's freshers, such as Brian O'Dowd, a Medic whom we inadvertently omitted from our last letter, to Brendan Cunningham who came up in 1942 and has yet a bumper of terms before him. It thus becomes difficult for your correspondent to be *au fait* with their activities, especially as so many of them appear so rarely in the Union.

One wonders, sometimes, what happens to the enthusiastic debaters of the science lecture theatre, for they are never to be seen in the Gilmour Hall trying to catch Mr. Speaker's eye. They are neither to be seen nor heard in that Chamber. Perhaps it is timidity or shyness which keeps them away, but is it not an object of secondary education to breed self-confidence! It is understandable that so few Old Boys take part in dramatics here, for they have no school experience in that field, but surely the regular contributors to the School Mag., are not so overpowered by the literary merit of "Sphinx," or our newspaper "Guild Gazette" that the ink runs dry in their pens.

Edwardians are not wanting on the sports field, either in the regular teams or in the frequent

tennis parties which are made up about this time. Rambles in Wirral are as popular as cross-country running in which J. P. Brown, who expects his Doctorate soon, likes to indulge. Gus Cunningham, likewise at the end of his course and expecting to become a doctor, but M.B., Ch.B., not a Ph.D., is an enthusiast with a javelin. Recently he taught a fellow-athlete the technique of pole-vaulting. Unfortunately Gus's tuition was so effective that his friend defeated him shortly afterwards at the Annual Sports.

This letter is rather a departure from the usual catalogue of names which regularly appears over the signature of "Varsity" but perhaps, as

Old Boys' activities were described in some detail in a previous letter, you will pardon this lapse. However one feature must remain, namely the concluding expression of our best wishes to the Headmaster, staff and students at St. Edward's. Particularly do we extend our sympathy to those now enduring public examinations and wish them every success.

Yours sincerely,

J. B. BURKE.

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(We are deeply grateful to these Contributors for supplying interesting information about our Old Boys.—EDITOR.)

SUSPENSE

The tall, lean man crouched. For two and a half hours he had been there, hemmed in by the ruthless band. He had, so far, managed to resist any attack, but now the strain was beginning to tell.

The sweat stood out on his brow. He peered around, alert. Time was the main factor in this grim struggle. Could he hold out only another five minutes? But no! Surely the odds were too great, he thought, and smiled mirthlessly to himself as he saw five men on his right side, trying to conceal their eagerness for the kill.

Out of the corner of his eye he saw another four approaching stealthily; he knew their tactics perfectly. They planned to trap him with his least false move. He could expect no mercy from them.

He glanced round hesitantly and perceived two more on the far side. They stopped short as he looked at them. That was the eleven accounted for.

A sharp word from their leader and the attack was on. He took a quick step forward, and with a deft, wristy flick, sent the ball skimming through the slips for a perfect four to complete his century.

R. AZURDIA, IV A.

MOTHER

Along the endless road of memory,
To the place where I was born.
To those youthful years of happiness—
My dawn.

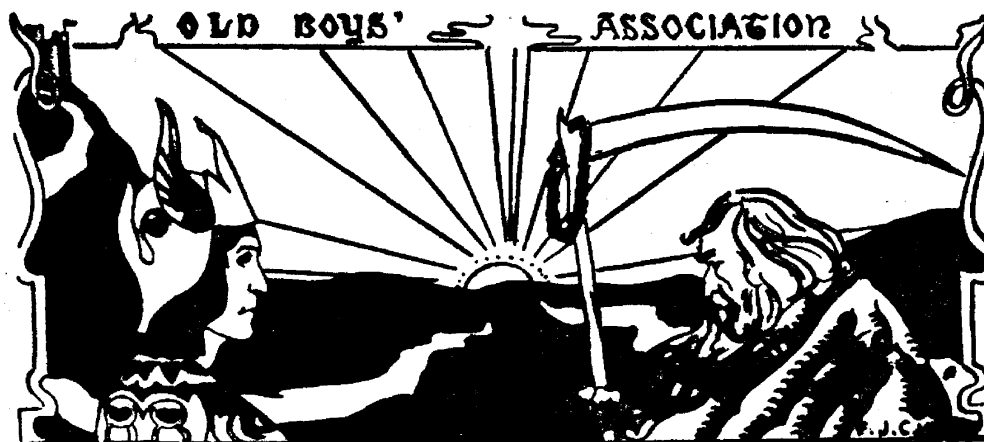
Through the forgotten past I wander
To my mother's sweet caress.
To that goal, which I strove my hardest—
Her happiness.

In vacant mood, I see her,
Beckoning across the years,
Expelling, with touch sweet and tender—
My fears.

'Neath the flowery grave she lies now
She answered death's harsh call.
A Godly woman she was then—
Loved by all.

Absence makes the heart grow fonder.
My heart o'erflows with love.
Dear Lord, I pray I may meet her—
Above.

V. J. MURPHY, U. V A.



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THIS is a critical period of the year for the Association, when the Senior Schoolboy of July becomes the Old-Boy of September. There is a time-lag of three months before the Freshers' Social and it is this gap which is the cause of a 50% "leakage" from the Association. We do our best to interest the prospective school-leavers by means of a talk by officers of the Association and an invitation to use the Club during holidays. Nevertheless, we lose half of those who leave.

We firmly believe that, just as the Association needs the Freshers, so too, do the Freshers need the Association. It is only natural for a boy to leave College with feelings of relief. He has cleared the first hurdle of the obstacle race called Life and looks forward to the seemingly freer existence of a University or Commerce. As the novelty wears off, however, he realises that the freedom gained merely means freedom to do the right thing or the wrong thing. No longer are his wise mentors, the Christian Brothers and the lay Staff, at his side ready to guide him along the path he should travel. All around him are the

wise ones of this world, glib of tongue and prodigal of advice.

Parents can do so much to keep their adolescent sons on the right track but they are handicapped in dealing with outside influences. We assert in all humility that the Association can, does and **MUST** play its part in the responsible task of making true Catholic citizens of our Old Boys. We have laboured long and hard in building-up an organization, which, of its kind, is second to none. **IT IS THE DUTY OF EVERY OLD BOY TO JOIN THE C. I. EDWARDIAN ASSOCIATION.**

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RE-ORGANIZATION

Following the recommendations of the 1948 Annual General Meeting, a small sub-Committee spent the greater part of the year investigating the workings of the Association, and their Report and Recommendations were duly adopted by the 1949 Annual General Meeting. The ensuing changes have been made in the structure of the Association.

The former Executive Committee has been

abolished and in its place is a Council consisting of the President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, a Christian Brother, and three elected Members. This body is responsible for the running of the Association as regards Policy and Finance. All other Committees, with the exception of the Football Club, the Cricket Club and the Junior Section of the Association have been dissolved and three new Offices have been created, namely: Publicity Manager, House Manager and Entertainments Manager, each responsible for the control of these very important branches of the organization. These Officers are assisted by a team of helpers who undertake to do a particular job in their chosen branch. In this way, it is hoped that a lot of time will be saved and direct action will result much more quickly. Committee Meetings, with their long hours of discussion, in which only one or two members of the Committee are interested in the point under review, will be avoided and the Manager will be able to consult his helpers as the need arises. More important is the fact that speedy action will follow.

The last important change is in the character of the Executive Committee. This will live up to its title and be executive and conduct the day-to-day business, receive reports from sub-Sections, co-ordinate effort and disseminate Association propaganda. It will meet at least once per month and be composed of the Council (less the President and Christian Brother), the Youth Leader and the Secretaries of the larger sub-Sections in addition to the three Managers.

This new disposition of our precious voluntary labour is on trial but we feel confident that, given a fair chance and a little bit of luck so essential to all new enterprises, the full effect of these changes will be noticed by Members in the near future. If any Old Boy who reads this article feels he would like to help in running the Association, will he please communicate with the Secretary at Bishop's Court? There is no diminution in the volume of work. In fact, we are prevented from launching activities like Amateur Dramatics, Old Boys' Choir (and Orchestra?) and kindred

cultural and recreational pursuits because we have not the necessary man-power. We would rather not start an activity at all than have it die a quick death for lack of an organizer. Think it over.

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OLD EDWARDIANS' C.C.

Our Cricket team started the season in grand style but has since fallen from grace. The record, at the time of writing, is Played 9, Won 4 and Lost 5. We have lost the services of Gerry Turner who has gone to work in the South of England and injury has curtailed the effectiveness of Gerry Alston, still our best opening bowler. There has been an all-round improvement in the team as a whole, nevertheless and the outlook is very promising. Our display against the School was too bad to be true but this in no way detracts from *their* very good win. They displayed great keenness in the field, their attack was very steady and accurate and when faced with the task of getting the by no means inconsiderable total of 67 runs to win, they set about our bowling from the out-set and passed our score for the loss of 6 wickets. A very fine all-round performance. There is Net Practice on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the College.

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ANNUAL DINNER

By kind permission of Brother Wall we were, for this year, allowed the use of the College Hall for our Annual Dinner and 177 Members and Guests, who included His Lordship Bishop Halsall and the Mayor of Birkenhead, enjoyed a memorable evening. The Proposers of and Responders to the Toasts were in good form and none more so than Bishop Halsall, whose short speech was in his happiest vein. While we are on the subject of Dinners, we would mention that we have a request to hold a Dinner for Old Boys and their Ladies, and if any of you have any suggestions on this subject, please let the Secretary know as soon as possible. If anything comes of the scheme, details will be announced in a future issue of the Bulletin.

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These may be had in quantity from Messrs. Hope Brothers, Ltd., Lord Street, or on application to the Secretary at Bishop's Court. The price is 5s. 10d.

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LONDON GROUP

The Annual Dinner was a great occasion. It was good to see so many fellows from Liverpool and to have a chat but, like all good things, there was not enough of it and the evening all too soon. Those who so kindly acted as hosts to some of our guests had a further chance and, I imagine, burned the midnight oil.

The arrangements at the K.S.C. Club for breakfast and lunch met with unrestricted approval and the Liverpool party were very well satisfied. As far as we in London are concerned, the meal was considered superior to last year's. The other arrangements need improvement and something will have to be done about this for next year. Meanwhile, I, as Secretary, would like to thank John Mullen, our Chairman, for putting me in the Chair at the Dinner. It was an honour which I deeply appreciated. I want to thank also those Hosts who, by their hospitality, helped me out, and those who did the odd jobs at the Dinner and did them very well.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday, May 29th, at the K.S.C. Club at Lansdown Road. The Secretary reported as follows:—

“During the past year, we have held four Meetings, one at Ealing Priory, a Dinner and Social Evening at the K.S.C. Club and the Annual Dinner, all of which have been reasonably well attended. Of the 90 Old Boys resident in this area and whose names I have, 65 have either attended our functions or written to me. The average attendance has been 35, but it is not a case of always the same ones, and about 60 have in fact been present on more than one occasion. I did not in fact consider that important during the past year. Now, however, we are taking that matter up and I am sending everyone a form of application for necessary action.

“The social side of our functions has been successful; friendships have been re-newed and memories revived. If we exclude the occasional shortage of beer, the only criticism to date has been that we have not yet invited the ladies to join us. I had hoped to lay on a Garden Party at the Club, but now I hear that this is out for the present. I hope that this meeting will be able to solve the problem for me. I believe that our present progress, though slow, is sound and its tempo should not be increased without justification.”

The Accounts for 1948/49 show a balance in hand of £8 6s. on a turn-over of £44. Mr. F. E. Howard was elected Chairman and Capt. L. J. McAdam was re-elected Secretary. His address is:

35, Princes Road North, Dartford, Kent.

All Old Boys resident in London, even if only temporarily, should get in touch with him. It will be to their mutual advantage. The next London Group function will be a Social Evening at the K.S.C. Club, Lansdown Road, on Wednesday, June 22nd, at 7.30 p.m.

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The main attraction of a School Magazine lies in its personal appeal. The love of seeing ones name in print, or the fact that the *iratus scribendi* has succeeded in producing something printable and printed, never fails to raise a thrill. Even the Form notes hiding the name of Murphy Minor under the pseudonym of “P.M.”—“Spud” to his cronies—will leave “P.M.” lingering long and oft over the particular passage. Doubtless in many book-cases throughout the land, many old copies of School Magazines repose in honoured retirement, mainly because the owner is listed as a successful competitor at sports, or the acquirer of an academic distinction.

In producing the purely local effort, it is quite unnecessary to emulate Blackwoods or any such literary gem, and personally, I look askance at the “attraction” of some renowned Literati, or quasi distinguished celebrity, giving the production his benediction by condescending to write something, and by his patronage plainly showing that this effort of his is a pearl in a poor

setting. To me such articles are as out of place as a silk hat on Sundays.

What matter if the magazine is a repetition of previous numbers? After all it was Jones who gained Victor Ludorum this year, and not Brown. Who cares if the photograph of the First Fifteen depicts them as a gang of thugs? they look no worse than many professional teams, and play a lot harder. A schoolboy is never a hero to his masters, and very seldom to his classmates.

As one engaged in the compilation of a kindred magazine, my heart goes out to the editor. What to put in, what to leave out. The terror lest some genius from the Upper Fourth, or some hawk-eyed alumnus just entering Bishop's Court, will spot a split infinitive, thereby hoisting one, with one's own petard! The hankering after advertisements to make the thing pay, the harrasing of the printer for a pulled proof, and the awful March of Time that seems to presage

impossibility to going out to time.

Printers! Some day I am going to go hay-wire. I am going to stalk up to our printer, and thrust into his hand a lovely Greek Ode, written in faultless copper-plate, and give him that dirty look he gives me when reading my copy, and remarks that there are two "r's" in embarrassed. Printers always can spell, I can't.

Somehow or other the magazine appears, and the joy of seeing this product of one's toil and imagination, amply compensates for all the toil and sweat and tears.

Comparisons are therefore always odious when Magazines are at issue. Editors alone can, in their secret hearts, mentally congratulate themselves that past editors did not achieve such brilliance in past editions. For the rest, its just the Magazine out again, and that riffling of pages to find "our" name in print. In the long run it's Persons not personality that counts.

THE BLISS OF SOLITUDE

Beneath an old shady tree,
A cloudless blue sky,
I was contented to see
The world passing by.
Peace and calm o'er sea and land,
Held me in its lure,
I was one of a happy band
Who lived, and felt, secure.
Reasons crowded through my mind,
For this wondrous calm event;
And I knew that I could never find,
A better, than this, Heaven-sent.

ANTHONY J. F. BRETHERTON, U.VA.

EXILES

When pitch'd upon some foreign shore,
We start to muse on days of yore
Of happy times spent near our home
With no care or desire to roam.
'Tis at such times we like to think
Of strengthening our one last link
Of strolling down a wooded lane
And in our hearts, is felt a pain.
In our mind's eye we see the town
Where once we thought we'd win renown
The very port from which we sailed
Ne'er again by us to be hailed.

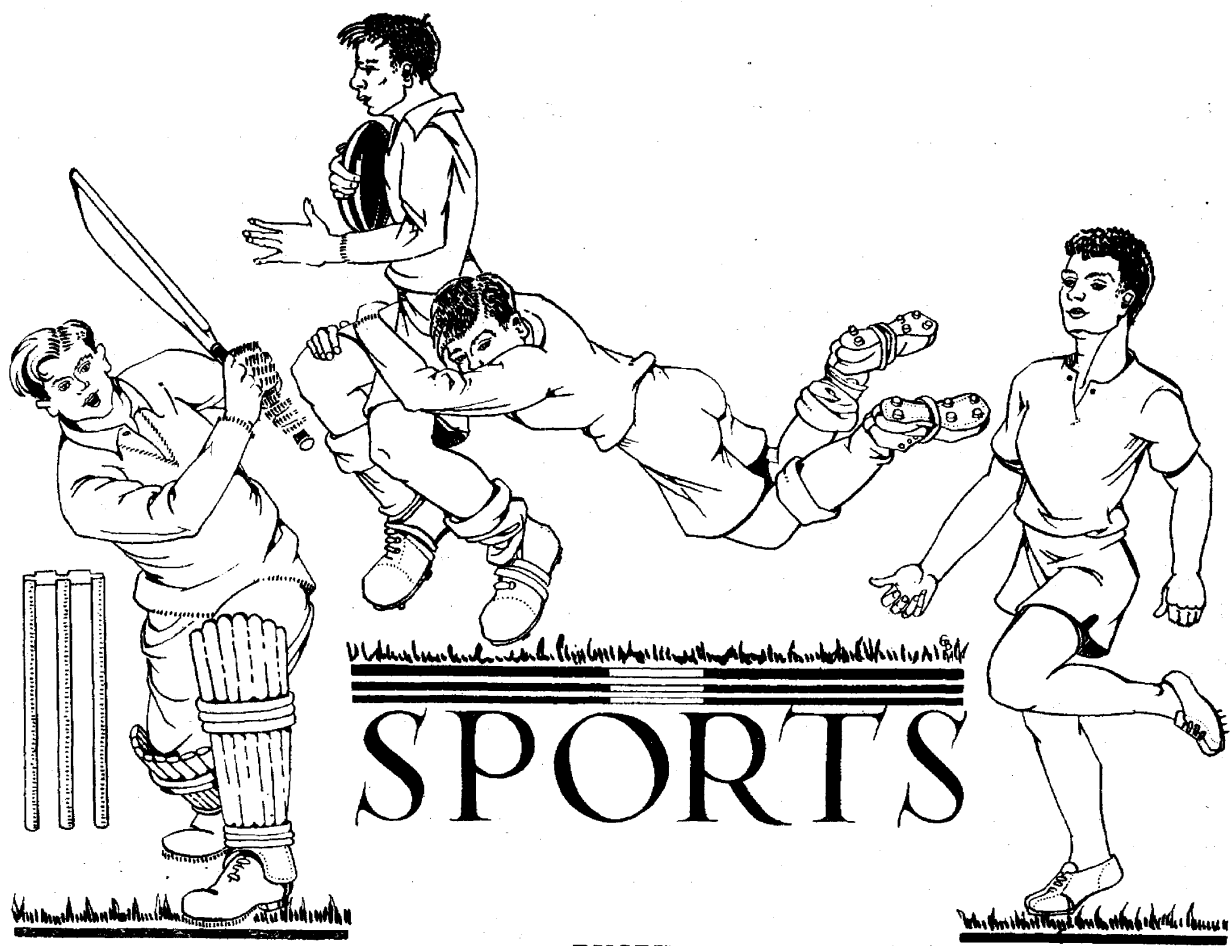
R. MONAGHAN, U.VA.

PERFECTION

My life's work's done I laboured—now I rest
That which I did another now will do.
Though I did always try to do my best,
The old is always bettered by the new.
For even Shakespeare did not reach perfection
Yet he attained much greater heights than I.
And though I feel ashamed at my presumption,
But he and I had yet a single tie.

We had this likeness that is in all men
Connecting lowly peasants with great lords.
This unity which we find exists in
Peaceful men and those who live by swords.
For they are ever striving to attain
A gift which only God himself can claim.

T. J. MARSDEN, U.VL.



RUGBY

The season as a whole was a success, due not so much to the brilliance of a few as to the team spirit and the desire of each to give of his best. P. Brown (captain) distinguished himself as a leader and showed amazing stamina and speed. The backs improved with every game and here W. Ellis and J. Johnson formed the spearhead of attack. J. Nolan and A. McNally were towers of strength in set scrum and line-out and F. Marron and E. Randall proved to be speedy forwards who gave great assistance to the backs. In the last games A. Ryan showed up as one of our strongest players, and E. Johnston who was brought on as scrum-half combined well with his partner. H. Davenport was at home in any position and J. Moorhead and A. Meldon never played so well as in the last few games. C. Brown and G. Robinson gave valuable service while V. Guilfoy's play at centre was a decided success.

Our thanks to a team which tried to play fast open rugby, took victory or defeat in the proper spirit and set an example of team spirit and loyalty to those who are to follow.

School Colours

P. Brown and J. Johnson received their Colours the previous season and the following members of the 1st XV were awarded their Colours for their standard of play and loyalty to school teams for a number of years: C. Brown (front row forward), H. Davenport (wing three-quarter and forward), W. Ellis (centre three-quarter), A. McNally (2nd row forward), A. Meldon (wing three-quarter), J. Nolan (2nd row forward), A. Ryan (full back).

W. Ellis played scrum-half for Liverpool Public Schools Junior XV and with P. Brown, F. Marron, J. Johnson, J. Moorhead and A. Ryan, represented the Liverpool Grammar Schools in the game against

Birkenhead. Ellis "was quite the best back on either side, doing all the things expected of a more mature centre."—(LIVERPOOL POST).

Seven-a-Side

The grand finale of the season was the winning of the Merseyside Schools Senior Seven-a-side at Holly Lodge. The speed of the S.E.C. team as a whole and in particular the all-round brilliance of W. Ellis (especially his place-kicking) and the defensive work of P. Brown, paved the way for our victories. We were behind in all games at the interval but the second half rally produced the results: v. Wirral G.S., won 8-5; semi-final, v. Park High School, won 5-3; final, v. St. Mary's College, won 5-3.

Team: A. Ryan, J. Moorhead, J. Johnson, W. Ellis, P. Brown (Capt.), H. Davenport, F. Marron.

Rugby House Shield

Each House had its turn at the top till the final between Hope and Domingo Juniors swung the points' balance in Domingo's favour after keenly contested games.

Domingo (J. Nolan)	84 points
Hope (P. Brown)	68 points
Sefton (H. Davenport)	57 points
Mersey (C. Brown)	55 points

Record of Teams

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst
1st XV	19	11	1	7	304	175
2nd XV	14	7	0	7	172	169
Senior Colts	3	2	0	1	59	11
Junior Colts	14	11	0	3	302	105
Bantam XV	18	7	3	8	128	120
J. Bantam XV	12	10	1	1	206	36

St. Edward's College v. Wirral Grammar School. At Sandfield Park.

4/12/48.

An ideal day for Rugby and a fast open game. The visitors' pack was the heavier and, with Granby off, only two scrums came our way in the first half. Yet our forwards were livelier and concentrated on getting the ball to the backs who had one of their best games. Johnson dropped a goal after five minutes' play, and from the kick off, Ryan got the three-quarters moving and some seven players had a hand in the try which C. Brown scored. Ellis converted. There were delightful duels in the line out between Nolan and a big Wirral forward. The visitors got to our 25 and their centre burst his way through for a try which was improved. Meldon put in some good runs before being brought down.

Half time : S.E.C. 8 points ; Wirral G.S. 5 points.

On the resumption play was very fast and tackling keen—Marron showing up well. S.E.C. were still losing the set scrums though Wirral seldom got to our territory and the quick-breaking P. Brown and Randall gave little scope to the visitor's backs. P. Brown snapped up a Wirral knock-on and sped past the full-back to touch down between the posts. Ellis converted. Wirral now made a determined effort and from a scrum on our line, Ludden and Marron took the ball at their feet and Marron won the race for the touch down. The try was not converted. After another attack Johnson sold two dummies and burst through to score in the corner. Nolan converted. Wirral worked the reverse pass in one of the best moves of the day but Ryan saved at the corner flag.

S.E.C., 21 points ; Wirral G.S., 5 points.

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

St. Edward's College v. Rock Ferry H.S. At Rock Ferry.

8/12/48

This was a good game despite the sodden ground. S.E.C. were on the offensive for the first quarter and were winning the set scrums. P. Brown narrowly missed and Ellis was brought down on the line. Two brilliant three-quarter moves, originated by Ludden, petered out at the corner flag and then Rock Ferry took over.

Shennan, the hooker, was injured, and this gave Rock Ferry possession from the scrums and their powerful stand-off made holes in our defence. Rock Ferry's winger was put into touch and from a scrum near our line their centre scored a try which was converted.

Play moved quickly from end to end and a good S.E.C. movement was spoiled by a knock-on. The home forwards took over in a foot-rush which led to another try which was not converted. P. Brown and McNally were playing very well in the line out and loose but few scrums came our way.

Half-time : S.E.C., Nil ; Rock Ferry, 8 points.

The second half produced some good Rugby and fine movements were engineered by the home fly-half. Ferry attacked again but Ryan was a tower of strength at full back and repeatedly broke up their attacks. Ryan begun a good three-quarter movement which Meldon carried on only to be forced into touch at the flag. Ellis was now on the move and side-stepping two men, found a good touch, but Ferry came back again

to score an unconverted try and later added a penalty goal.

Johnson and Marron were having an off-day and Ellis started a movement for Ludden but the line was closed. There were some hectic duels in the loose and players revelled in the mud. Rock Ferry brought the ball to our 25 where play remained for some time till Nolan relieved pressure from a line out. S.E.C. were brought to the attack by an Ellis—P. Brown movement and Davenport just failed to reach the line. The home team came back to finish the scoring with a try.

S.E.C., Nil ; Rock Ferry, 17 points.

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

St. Edward's College v. Wallasey Grammar School At Leasowe.

19/1/49

S.E.C. took advantage of the stiff breeze and soon had Wallasey on the defence, but a strong run by their backs looked dangerous. Ryan found touch in the Wallasey territory and neat play by Ellis and Johnson saw the former giving a grand cross-kick from which Guilfooy scored an unconverted try. S.E.C. got possession from the majority of set scrums and Johnson paved the way by his side-step and clever kicking to keep S.E.C. in the attack. Marron put Meldon through from the 25 but he struck the corner flag before touching down. P. Brown and Randall gave the Wallasey backs little scope and Marron proved a fine tackler and opportunist. Nolan and McNally brought the ball from a line-out and Granby opened the play for Ludden who made a great dash only to be tackled by two men. The home team relieved pressure and from a scrum in our "25" they got the ball away but P. Brown worried the centre, brought the ball at his feet, picked up on the half-way and ran round the full-back to score a good try which Ellis converted.

Half-time : S.E.C., 8 points ; Wallasey G.S., Nil.

It was a slender lead against such a breeze but S.E.C. now opened the three-quarter play and Guilfooy raced through for Ludden to carry on the move. A grand movement by the Wallasey scrum-half brought us back but Ryan was safe and found great touches against the breeze. There was good open play by both sides and an Ellis—Johnson—Marron move looked promising, but Wallasey switched the attack and Ryan with three men to face intercepted to get our backs moving again. C. Brown and Davenport were now to the fore with a dribbling movement, but soon S.E.C. were on the defensive for a good ten minutes till McNally relieved pressure. Robinson later broke through from a line-out and got the backs moving, but Meldon was bundled into touch. It was a ding dong struggle till P. Brown gathered in our "25" and swept through the Wallasey defence to score a good try which Ellis converted.

S.E.C., 13 points ; Wallasey G.S., Nil.

TEAM : A. Ryan ; G. Ludden, V. Guilfooy, F. Marron, A. Meldon ; J. Johnson, W. Ellis, C. Brown, J. Granby, H. Davenport, J. Nolan, A. McNally, P. Brown (Capt.), G. Robinson, E. Randall.

St. Edward's College v. Liverpool Collegiate. At Sandfield Park.

22/1/49

A good game in which S.E.C. had a decided advantage in their lively pack. Collegiate were soon on the defen-

sive and a grand service from the scrum by Ellis, saw Guilfooy eluding three defenders before touching down. Ellis converted. There were hectic duels between the forwards but both scrum-halves opened the play. Ludden and Marron had a good move stopped. P. Brown and Davenport were lively forwards and the former's thrusts from the line-out proved a constant worry to Collegiate. Johnson worked the reverse pass with Ellis, who sent Meldon on a fine run but the Collegiate full-back was sound. Ryan's touch finding was good and he snapped up balls quickly to get his backs moving. Collegiate came back to land a great penalty goal which Nolan negated with a similar score before the interval.

Half-time : S.E.C., 8 points ; Collegiate, 3 points.

Straight from the kick-off Ryan gathered and side-stepped his way to the centre of the field for Ellis, Johnson, Meldon, Marron and C. Brown to carry on for Marron to score. Play moved quickly from end to end and the visitors' pack had the better of things for a time, but a Granby—Randall movement eased pressure and Guilfooy put Marron over for a try which Ellis converted. Collegiate now attacked and their forwards went over for a try from a loose scrum near our line. The try was converted.

Collegiate's winger was on the move again and was well away till P. Brown got in a fine tackle. Ryan was then called on but his pass was intercepted and the visitors had another goal. Clever kicking by Ellis and good line-out play by McNally eased matters and Ellis got Meldon away to score an unconverted try

S.E.C. 19 points ; Collegiate, 13 points.

TEAM : A. Ryan ; G. Ludden, V. Guilfooy, F. Marron, A. Meldon ; J. Johnson, W. Ellis ; C. Brown, J. Granby, H. Davenport, J. Nolan, A. McNally, P. Brown (Capt.), G. Robinson, E. Randall.

St. Edward's College v. Oldershaw Grammar School. At Wallasey. 2/2/49

This was a surprise victory for the home team, but the game was a poor one. S.E.C. opened in good style and Meldon was forced into touch at the corner flag. It was the only three-quarter move in the whole game. S.E.C. were too confident and an early attack by Oldershaw resulted in a surprise score when S.E.C. could easily have found touch. The visitor's forwards were on top right through but early injuries in our backs, left our pack with much work to do. Great line-out work by P. Brown, Nolan and Randall brought us to the attack, but the Oldershaw full-back found a lengthy touch and Ryan fielded a difficult ball well, beat two men and in an effort to get his backs moving, his pass was intercepted and Oldershaw scored their second goal. Guilfooy was the only back who could make any progress and a punt by Ellis was carried on by Guilfooy and P. Brown for the latter to score an unconverted try. S.E.C. pack had the better of things, but try as we might, Oldershaw kept their line intact till the interval.

Half-time : S.E.C., 3 pts. ; Oldershaw G.S., 10 pts.

There was more pep in the second half but the game still developed into a forward duel and there was little open play. The ball moved quickly from end to end and Ellis, who had no support from a re-arranged back division, concentrated on attack. McNally and Robinson were prominent in the loose and line-out, and a diagonal kick by the former saw P. Brown gathering and touching down for an unconverted try. Oldershaw had two good runs but P. Brown saved the situation

by his timely tackles. Randall and P. Brown made great efforts to get through, but were brought back when just on the line. Nolan broke through from a line-out and got Meldon moving but there was no support from our backs.

S.E.C., 6 points ; Oldershaw G.S., 10 points.

TEAM : A. Ryan ; G. Ludden, V. Guilfooy, F. Marron, A. Meldon ; J. Johnson, W. Ellis, C. Brown, J. Shennan, H. Davenport, A. McNally, J. Nolan, P. Brown (Capt.), G. Robinson, E. Randall.

St. Edward's College v. St. Anselm's College. At Noctorum. 12/2/49

There was little open play, but there were keen duels between the packs. S.E.C. went into the attack and Meldon was well tackled. St. Anselm's full back found touch in our "25" and after a period of pressure Ryan relieved. E. Johnston was having a good game at scrum-half and Ellis and Johnson were elusive runners. From a loose scrum in the St. Anselm's "25," Marron won the race for a touch down but the kick at goal failed. From the kick-off, Ryan gathered and got Guilfooy moving, Johnson carried on the move and took an inside pass from Ludden to put Marron over for a try which Ellis converted. The home team had an advantage in the line out but S.E.C. got possession from the set scrums. The greasy ball became more difficult to handle and there was much fly-kicking. P. Brown broke repeatedly from the line-out to start a move with Ludden, but the home team tackled well.

Half-time : S.E.C., 8 points ; St. Anselm's, Nil.

There was more fire in the game after the resumption, but neither set of backs made much ground. Nolan and Robinson were getting more of the ball in the line-out and Guilfooy made some tricky runs. A determined effort by the St. Anselm's pack was checked on our line and Ryan found a safe touch. Ludden and Johnson moved quickly to home territory and play was switched frequently. Both sides came near scoring till Randall broke through and allowed Guilfooy to touch down for an unconverted try.

S.E.C., 11 points ; St. Anselm's College, Nil.

TEAM : A. Ryan ; G. Ludden, V. Guilfooy, J. Johnson, A. Meldon ; W. Ellis, E. Johnston ; C. Brown, J. Shennan, P. Sherry, J. Nolan, G. Robinson, P. Brown (Capt.), E. Randall, F. Marron.

St. Edward's College v. St. Mary's College. At Chesterfield Road. 19/2/49

The home team concentrated on opening up the play while the visitors tried to make it a forward game. S.E.C. went into the attack and P. Brown was dangerous till well tackled. An intercept from their 25 gave St. Mary's their first goal and poor tackling by our backs led to their second. There was some exciting play for a time and Nolan and McNally were good in the line-out. Davenport picked up a loose ball and touched down for Johnson to convert.

Half-time : S.E.C., 5 points ; St. Mary's, 10 points.

St. Edward's went into the attack and Randall, Marron and Johnston tried hard, but a quick pick-up by the home team's centre added another goal. Johnson was the best of our backs, but the line never got moving. P. Brown tried hard and was soon rewarded with an unconverted try, which was negated by a similar score by St. Mary's. Meldon and Davenport were checked in turn and after a period of pressure St. Mary's added a goal followed by a try.

S.E.C., 8 points ; St. Mary's College, 26 points.

TEAM : A. Ryan ; H. Davenport, V. Guilfooy, G. Ludden, A. Meldon ; J. Johnson, E. Johnston ; C. Brown, J. Shennan, E. Randall, A. McNally, J. Nolan, P. Brown (Capt.), G. Robinson, F. Marron.

St. Edward's College v. Old Boys' XV
At Sandfield Park. 26/2/49

The Old Boys' fielded a strong side which included F. Gill and D. Martin both of whom play regularly for Liverpool 1st XV. The game was evenly contested, but the school side were a little too lively. Most of the set scrums came our way and the elusive running of Ellis and Johnson proved too much for the Old Boys. The ball came slowly to the Gill—Martin wing which was well covered by Brown and Marron. A good run by Ludden and a miss-kick by Currie allowed Robinson to touch down for our first score. Handley, Burns and Boggiano showed up well in the line out but Nolan, McNally and Robinson for the school were not to be denied. Lyon and Sharrock got going for the Old Boys but were checked and a Davies—Martin movement sent the latter on a dangerous run till Ludden came to the rescue. Fearon's tackling prevented further scores till a tricky run by Guilfooy brought us an unconverted try. Rose and Moran brought the ball at their feet to our 25 only to see Ryan getting our line moving.

Half-time : S.E.C., 6 points ; Old Boys, Nil.

After the interval, Keenan and Barclay led the Old Boys' forwards but McNally and P. Brown defended. Play moved quickly, and an elusive run by Gill brought the ball to our 25 for Rose to battle his way over for a try. This was soon answered by a good three-quarter movement from the school, which Moorhead finished near the corner flag. Martin went off on one of his characteristic runs but Meldon checked him to switch the attack. From a scrum in the Old Boys' 25, Ellis danced his way through for a score which he converted. Martin finished the scoring with a penalty for the Old Boys.

S.E.C., 14 points ; Old Boys' XV, 6 points.

TEAM : A. Ryan ; J. Moorhead, J. Johnson, V. Guilfooy, G. Ludden ; W. Ellis, E. Johnston, A. McNally, H. Davenport, E. Randall, J. Nolan, G. Robinson, P. Brown (Capt.), A. Meldon, F. Marron.

OLD BOYS XV : G. Currie ; F. Gill, D. Martin, T. Sharrock, T. Lyon ; J. Moran, W. Davies ; F. Keaman, G. Barclay, E. Burns, E. Handley, T. Murphy, P. Fearon, B. Boggiano, F. Rose.

St. Edward's College v. Birkenhead Institute
At Sandfield Park. 19/3/49

The home team were on the alert during the first half and aided by the breeze and the clever touch-finding of Ellis soon held a commanding lead. P. Brown raced over for a try which Ellis converted and following good line-out play by Marron and McNally Moorhead had an unconverted score. A Randall—Brown effort was finished by Brown and Ellis again improved. B.I. had two promising movements checked before Nolan broke through for Marron to convert, and later Nolan added another try. B.I. battled bravely but the tackling was relentless.

Half-time : S.E.C., 21 pts. ; Birkenhead Inst., Nil.

The second half gave us much better rugby and the visitors had a goal following a scrum in our 25. Ryan was very safe and from a quick pick-up got the line moving for Davenport to score and Nolan to convert

from a difficult angle. B.I. had us on the defensive for a long period but McNally came to the rescue from a line-out. The visitors fought back and their final goal was the best score of the day.

S.E.C., 26 points ; Birkenhead Institute, 10 points.

TEAM : A. Ryan ; A. Meldon, J. Johnson, V. Guilfooy, J. Moorhead ; W. Ellis, E. Johnston ; C. Brown, H. Davenport, E. Randall, A. McNally, J. Nolan, P. Brown (Capt.), G. Robinson, F. Marron.

St. Edward's College v. West Park C.G.S.
At Sandfield Park. 26/3/49

A good game in which E. Johnston's service from the scrums paved the way for a victory. Play was fast and open and all wingers looked dangerous on occasion. Ellis opened the score with a penalty goal and soon added a drop goal. The St. Helen's scrum half got to our 25 and continual pressure was relieved by Randall and Marron. C. Brown carried on a foot rush and Guilfooy raced through for a try which Ellis converted. West Park were having the better of the set scrums and a neat movement by their centre and winger was answered by a determined tackle by Meldon.

Half-time : S.E.C., 11 points ; West Park, Nil.

On the resumption, the visitors called the tune but Ryan was on the alert and his long touch-finding gained us valuable ground. E. Johnston broke from a scrum and got Johnson going. The latter cross-kicked and Davenport was up to score. Ellis converted. Park tried hard and Ryan had to go off through injury. Moorhead stopped a determined run by the visitors' winger but Park soon had an unconverted try. Play moved quickly over the hard ground and the final score remained ;

S.E.C., 16 points ; West Park C.G.S., 3 points.

TEAM : A. Ryan ; A. Meldon, J. Johnson, V. Guilfooy, J. Moorhead ; W. Ellis, E. Johnston, C. Brown, H. Davenport, E. Randall, J. Nolan, A. McNally, P. Brown (capt.), G. Robinson, F. Marron.

St. Edward's College v. Rock Ferry H.S.
At Sandfield Park. 2/4/49

A warm day and a needle game in which forward duels went to S.E.C. but the visitors had a little more penetration in their back division. Moorhead went over for a try which was soon balanced by a similar score from Ferry. Play moved quickly and P. Brown and Randall gave great support to the backs. A long period of pressure by S.E.C. produced no result though McNally narrowly failed. Marron repulsed a Ferry attack with a good touch and a brilliant solo effort by Johnson was stopped on the line. The visitors pinned us to our 25 for a full ten minutes and eventually their centre battled his way over for an unconverted try. Ellis narrowly missed a drop at goal.

Half-time : S.E.C., 3 pts. ; Rock Ferry H.S., 6 pts.

The second half produced even better play and Nolan and Robinson were to the fore in an S.E.C. attack which petered out. A characteristic Ryan move got our backs going and Meldon was the scorer of the most spectacular try of the game. Ellis added the points. C. Brown and Davenport were not supported in a promising effort but Guilfooy was there to check the counter attack.

E. Johnston had a gruelling time and sent out a good service but the tackling on both sides was too keen. Rock Ferry were back to the attack and Moorhead won the race for the touch down. From the 25 drop-out

the visitors' winger gathered and scored by the corner flag despite a gallant effort to tackle by P. Brown.

S.E.C., 8 points ; Rock Ferry H.S., 9 points.

TEAM : A. Ryan ; J. Moorhead, J. Johnson, V. Guilfooy, A. Meldon ; W. Ellis, E. Johnston ; C. Brown, H. Davenport, E. Randall, J. Nolan, A. McNally, P. Brown (Capt.), G. Robinson, F. Marron.

2ND XV

Date	Opposition	Result	Points
Dec. 4 (A)	v Wirral G.S.	Won	6-3
Jan. 22 (H)	v Collegiate H.S.	Won	19-14
Feb. 2 (A)	v Oldershaw G.S.	Lost	3-9
Feb. 12 (H)	v St. Anselm's College	Lost	9-12
Feb. 19 (H)	v St. Mary's College	Won	22-3
Mar. 19 (A)	v Birkenhead Institute	Lost	11-16
Mar. 26 (A)	v St. Helens C.G.S.	Lost	0-26
April 2 (H)	v Rock Ferry H.S.	Won	12-8

JUNIOR COLTS XV

Jan. 22 (A)	v Collegiate H.S.	Won	14-3
Feb. 12 (H)	v St. Anselm's College	Won	8-0
Feb. 19 (A)	v St. Mary's College	Won	20-8
Mar. 5 (A)	v Park High School	Lost	5-17
Mar. 16 (A)	v Oldershaw G.S.	Lost	0-21
Mar. 26 (A)	v West Park C.G.S.	Lost	11-16
April 9 (H)	v De La Salle G.S.	Won	14-6

BANTAM XV

Dec. 4 (H)	v Wirral G.S.	Drawn	0-0
Dec. 11 (H)	v Oldershaw G.S.	Won	15-0
Jan. 22 (A)	v Collegiate H.S.	Drawn	0-0
Jan. 12 (A)	v Oldershaw G.S.	Drawn	3-3
Feb. 12 (A)	v St. Anselm's College	Won	12-6
Feb. 16 (A)	v Wallasey G.S.	Lost	0-20
Feb. 19 (H)	v St. Mary's College	Lost	3-5

Feb. 26 (H)	v Park High School	Won	23-0
Mar. 19 (H)	v Birkenhead Institute	Won	34-0
Mar. 26 (H)	v West Park C.G.S.	Lost	3-12

JUNIOR BANTAMS

Played 12 ; Won 10, Drew 1, Lost 1.

A splendid record. Only in the St. Mary's series did we find opposition real. So well matched were these teams in keenness and talent that the issue was never decisive. As games they were the best. Our success in gaining narrow victories or in braving the onslaught on all these occasions rested with the indomitable courage of our forwards.

Play might be punishing but they generally matched the advantage. This virtue received its highest commendation in the game dated March 12th, 1949. The 'flu had hit our backline very badly, the opening scores were adverse, but our pack took over control and won the day. The results themselves are the best tribute to a backline wonderfully correct and talented.

TEAM (Spring Term) : J. Usher, E. Thomas, T. Griffiths, Wm. McNamara, A. McNeilis, W. J. Gillespie (Capt.), F. Francis, D. McNee, B. Melvin, P. Foulkes, B. Anderson, G. Quirke, F. Kennedy, S. Barry, M. Spall.

1948

Sat. Nov. 27 (A)	v St. Mary's	Lost	6-11
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1949

Feb. 5 (A)	v St. Mary's	Won	5-3
Feb. 19 (H)	v Liv. Collegiate	Won	24-0
Feb. 26 (H)	v Park High School	Won	22-0
Mar. 12 (H)	v De La Salle, J.S.	Won	13-5
Mar. 19 (A)	v St. Anselm's	Won	30-0
April 9 (H)	v St. Mary's College	Drew	6-6

CRICKET

First Eleven

B. Wardley captains a strong batting side whose results to date (Won 2, Drawn 4, Lost 1) might easily be improved if "Time" had been kinder. Only once have the ten wickets fallen. *F. Marron, A. Ryan (34 not out v. St. Anselm's), Wardley (29 v. Park High S.), Ellis (20 not out v. Collegiate), Gregory and Holme have been consistently reliable scorers. F. Marron is

leading bowler—his best performance being 7 wickets for 7 runs v. Collegiate—and then come A. Holme, G. Evans and J. Nolan (Vice-Capt.), with 4 wickets for 9 runs v. Old Boys.

The fielding has been patchy ; outstanding being J. Johnson and W. Ellis. A Ryan is a sound wicket-keeper and stands up well to J. Nolan's balls.

St. Edward's College v. Liverpool Collegiate

S.E.C.			
A. Gregory c. McQueen b. Keats	...	...	4
A. Holme c. Jackson b. Southern	...	...	0
A. Ryan b. Southern	...	...	8
J. Shennan b. Keats	...	...	1
F. Marron b. Southern	...	...	1
B. Wardley not out	...	...	8
W. Ellis not out	...	...	20
Estras (byes 15, leg-byes 1)	...	...	16
Total (for 5 wkts.)	...	...	58

At Sandfield Park.

8/5/49

L.C.S.				
McQueen l.b.w. Holme	...	...	...	14
Cooke l.b.w. Marron	...	...	...	13
Jackson b Evans	...	...	...	12
Southern b Marron	...	...	...	7
Hoople b. Marron	...	...	...	0
Carmichael b. Marron	...	...	...	4
Kermode b. Marron	...	...	...	0
Marks run out	...	...	...	2
Williams not out	...	...	...	5
Keates b. Marron	...	...	...	8
Bradley b. Marron	...	...	...	0
Extras (Byes 5 leg-byes 6)	...	...	...	11
Total	...	...	...	76

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W	Avge
Nolan	4	0	9	0	—
Holme	7	0	22	1	22
Evans	10	2	20	1	20
Marron	8	4	7	7	1
Wardley	1½	0	7	0	—

Result : Match drawn.

St. Edward's College v. St. Anselm's College.				At Sandfield Park.				14/5/49			
S.E.C.				S.A.C.							
A. Gregory, not out	...	...	12	Higgins b. Nolan	...	...	0				
A. Holme b. Donnelly	...	...	0	Brown b. Evans	...	...	14				
W. Ellis b. Foxley	...	...	0	Noonan b. Holme	...	...	2				
A. Ryan not out	...	...	32	McCallum c. Ryan b. Wardley	...	...	6				
J. Shennan, B. Wardley, F. Marron, C. Lynch,	...	...		Foxley c. Ryan b. Evans	...	...	13				
J. Johnson, G. Evans, J. Nolan did not bat.	...	...		Gallimore b. Nolan	...	...	8				
Extras (Byes 7, leg-byes 1)	...	...	8	Ferguson not out	...	...	10				
			—	Willis c and b. Evans	...	...	3				
Total (2 wkts dec.)	52	Ellis c. Wardley b. Holme	4				
				Donnelly b. Holme	6				
				Johnson not out	0				
				Extras (Byes 8, leg-byes 1)	9				
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				Total (9 wkts. dec.)	75				
				Bowlers	O	M	R	W	Avge		
				Nolan	13	11	6	2	3		
				Holme	8	4	11	3	3.66		
				Marron	2	0	6	0	—		
				Evans	9	0	27	3	9		
				Wardley	4	0	16	1	16		

Result : Match drawn.

St. Edward's College v. Park High School.				At Sandfield Park.				21/5/49			
S.E.C.				P.H.S.							
A. Gregory b. Dykes	...	...	12	Antrobus c. Ellis b. Wardley	...	...	23				
A. Holme c. Small b. Saunders	...	...	12	Saunders c. Nolan b. Wardley	...	...	38				
A. Ryan b. Dykes	...	...	4	Dykes b. Marron	...	...	10				
J. Shennan st. Small b. Dykes	...	...	0	Tomkinson not out	...	...	19				
F. Marron c. Tomkinson b. Dykes	...	...	19	Small not out	...	...	3				
B. Wardley c. Murray b. Holt	...	...	29	W. Murray b. Marron	...	...	0				
W. Ellis c. Tomkinson b. Dykes	...	...	12	Hall c. and b. Evans	...	...	0				
C. Lynch not out	...	...	1	Cain, Holt, H. Murray and Kendal did not bat.	...	...			
J. Johnson not out	...	...	2	Extras (Byes 5, leg-byes 2)	...	...	7				
Evans and Nolan did not bat	...	...					—		
Extras (Byes 3)	...	...	3								
			—	Total (for 5 wkts.)	...	...	100				
Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)	...	...	94	Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W	Avge		
				Nolan	4	1	15	0	—		
				Holme	4	0	24	0	—		
				Evans	7	0	25	1	—		
				Wardley	4	0	21	2	10.5		
				Marron	2	1	8	2	4		

Result : S.E.C. lost by 5 wickets.

St. Edward's College v. St. Mary's College.				At Chesterfield Road.				26/5/49			
S.E.C.				S.M.C.							
A. Gregory b. McKenna	...	...	2	Gallagher c. Marron b. Holme	...	...	6				
A. Holme b. Connor	...	...	24	Walsh l.b.w. Nolan	...	...	0				
A. Ryan run out	...	...	10	Mitchell c. Wardley b. Holme	...	...	0				
F. Marron, l.b.w. Swift	...	...	16	Swift not out	...	...	21				
B. Wardley b. Swift	...	...	10	Unsworth c. Nolan b. Marron	...	...	2				
W. Ellis b. McKenna	...	...	12	Lovelady c. Ryan b. Marron	...	...	2				
C. Lynch b. McKenna	...	...	2	Griffith c. Johnson b. Marron	...	...	7				
J. Johnson, b. Swift	...	...	3	Connor not out	...	...	1				
G. Evans b. McKenna	...	...	2	Moray, McKenna, Garner did not bat.	...	...			
T. Cunningham not out	...	...	7	Extras (5 byes, 1 leg-bye, 4 wides)	...	...	10				
J. Nolan b. Swift	...	...	0				—				
Extras (5 Byes, 1 leg-bye, 4 wides)	...	...	8								
			—	Total (for 6 wkts.)	...	...	49				
Total	...	...	96	Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W	Avge		
				Nolan	4	2	3	1	3		
				Holme	5	2	9	2	4.5		
				Evans	2	1	2	0	—		
				Marron	4	1	11	3	3.66		
				Cunningham	2	0	11	0	—		
				Wardley	1	0	3	0	—		

Result : Match Drawn.

St. Edward's College v. Birkenhead Institute.				At Sandfield Park.				28/5/49		
S.E.C.				B.I.						
A. Gregory, l.b.w. Dickson	...	...	11	Higgins b. Holme	...	...	...	12
A. Holme c. Turner b. Dickson	...	...	1	Roberts l.b.w. Holme	...	...	...	14
A. Ryan run out	...	...	10	Dickson c. and b. Holme	...	...	...	0
F. Marron b. Dickson	...	...	14	Morris c. and b. Evans	...	...	...	1
B. Wardley c. Turner b. Dickson	...	...	19	Sherlock b. Evans	...	...	...	1
W. Ellis b. Dickson	...	...	8	Turner c. Ellis b. Marron	...	...	...	23
C. Lynch b. Morris	...	...	1	Smith c. Johnson b. Holme	...	...	...	1
J. Shennan not out	...	...	1	Sedman b. Evans	...	...	...	11
J. Johnson l.b.w. Dickson	...	...	0	Kearney b. Marron	...	...	...	0
G. Evans not out	...	...	2	Macdonald c. Ellis b. Evans	...	...	...	0
J. Nolan did not bat.	...	...	...	Adams not out	...	...	...	3
Extras (Byes 5)	...	...	5	Extras (Byes 5)	...	...	...	5
Total (for 8 wkts.)				Total				71		
				Bowling Analysis						
				O				M		
				R				W		
				Avg						
				Nolan	...	4	0	12	0	—
				Holme	...	11	2	28	4	7
				Evans	...	11.5	4	14	4	3.5
				Marron	...	4	1	12	2	6

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

St. Edward's College v. Old Boys' XI.				At Sandfield Park.				4/6/49		
S.E.C.				Old Boys						
A. Gregory b. Davies	...	...	4	Hill b. Nolan	...	...	...	1
A. Holme b. Alston	...	...	10	Bruce run out	...	...	...	1
A. Ryan c. Waring b. Alston	...	...	0	O'Leary b. Nolan	...	...	...	0
F. Marron run out	...	...	16	Bryson c. Wardley b. Nolan	...	...	...	13
B. Wardley c. and b. O'Leary	...	...	11	Harrington c. Ryan b. Holme	...	...	...	0
W. Ellis c. O'Leary b. Davies	...	...	17	Davies, c. Evans b. Marron	...	...	...	23
C. Lynch not out	...	...	7	Alston b. Marron	...	...	...	6
J. Shennan not out	...	...	1	Boggan not out	...	...	...	10
Johnson, Evans and Nolan did not bat.	...	...	...	Waring b. Nolan	...	...	...	0
Extras (Byes 6, wides 1)	...	...	7	Johnston l.b.w. Holme	...	...	...	1
Total (for 6 wkts.)				Total				66		
				Bowling Analysis						
				O				M		
				R				W		
				Avg						
				Nolan	...	12	6	9	4	2.25
				Holme	...	11	3	18	3	6
				Evans	...	5	1	16	0	—
				Marron	...	6	1	18	2	9

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

St. Edward's College v. St. Francis Xavier's College				At Melwood.				16/6/49		
S.E.C.				S.F.X.						
A. Gregory b. Metcalf	...	...	0	O'Connor c. Ellis b. Evans	...	...	...	20
A. Holme b. Ruane	...	...	12	Lee l.b.w. Evans	...	...	...	8
A. Ryan b. Lee	...	...	18	Corless b. Nolan	...	...	...	0
F. Marron c. McDonnell b. Ruane	...	...	6	McDonnell c. Ryan b. Evans	...	...	...	18
B. Wardley c. Corless b. Lee	...	...	2	Ruane c. Ellis b. Marron	...	...	...	7
W. Ellis not out	...	...	6	Roberts b. Marron	...	...	...	0
C. Lynch not out	...	...	17	Murphy c. Evans b. Marron	...	...	...	2
J. Shnenon, J. Johnson, G. Evans, and J. Nolan did not bat.	...	...	...	Campbell b. Evans	...	...	...	1
Extras (Byes 8, leg-byes 3)	...	...	11	Metcalf not out	...	...	...	12
Total (for 5 wkts.)				Total (8 for wkts. dec.)				74		
				Bowling Analysis						
				O				M		
				R				W		
				Avg						
				Nolan	...	8	3	11	1	—
				Holme	...	5	1	10	0	—
				Evans	...	15	7	12	4	—
				Marron	...	10	4	28	3	—
				Wardley	...	2	0	9	0	—

Result : Match drawn.

2ND XI

May 7 (A) v Collegiate—Lost 25—32.
 May 14 (A) v St. Anselm's Col.—Lost 43—44 for 5.
 May 21 (A) v Park High.—Won 72—50.
 May 26 (H) v St. Mary's Col. Draw—94—36 for 9.
 May 28 (A) v Birkenhead Ist. Lost—43—65 for 5 dec
 June 16 (H) v St. F. Xavier's C Won—54 for 4—52.
 TEAM: E. Randall (Capt.), G. Robinson, V. J. Murphy, P. O'Brien, N. Ryan, R. Cookson, T. Cunningham, K. Nunnery, R. Smith, A. Beason, Reddington; also B. Lunt, D. Cottingham, K. Meeham.

JUNIOR XI (UNDER 15)

May 4 v Liverpool Collegiate. Won—43—22.
 May 14 v Birkenhead Inst. Lost—37—45 for 5.
 May 21 v Park High School. Won—96—57.
 May 26 v St. Mary's College. Won—96—23.
 June 4 v St. Anselm's College. Won—62—29.
 June 16 v St. Francis Xavier's. Lost—53—55.
 June 18 v Quarry Bank. Lost—80—88.

The following have played for the Junior XI: A. McLachlan (Capt.), J. Morgan, M. Gregory, R. Stannard, I. Ellis, J. Keaton, J. Kane, E. Laird, J. Colford, A. Lewis, L. McLoughlin, F. Harkins, B. O'Hare, G. Slater, A. Lester, D. Logan, J. Loftus.

ST. EDWARD'S COLLEGE "CHICKS" XI 1949.

Sat. May 7 (A) v Liverpool Collegiate 40—10.
 Sat. May 14 (H) v St. Anselm's Coll. 57—48 for 4.
 Sat. May 21 (A) v St. Anselm's Col. 20 for 6—19.
 Thr. May 26 (A) v St. Mary's Col. 33—29.
 Thr. June 16 (H) v St. F. Xavier's Col. 17 for 4—16

The following have played for the Chicks XI: A. Dowling, P. Alston, B. McDermott, B. Anderson, P. Anwyl, A. Linford, B. Body, J. Broughton, T. Ashton, L. Ludden, M. Knight, P. Keating, B. Melvin, F. Morgan, M. Donoghoe, P. Doyle, M. Wren.

Scorer: E. Hughes.

The strongest batsmen are: A. Dowling, P. Alston, T. Ashton.

The most successful bowlers are: P. Alston, B. McDermott, M. Knight.

The best fielder is A. Linford.

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