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Editorial

EDUCATION begins in the home with the parents as the first teachers. There the child learns by a gradual process the purport of his being. In the early stages before the light of reason fully illumines the mind correct habits, attitudes and ideals are fostered by precept, by correction and above all by good example. It is at the mother's knee that the little one lisps the first prayers and begins to appreciate everything that is uplifting and ennobling. Just as the brightness of the Summer day increases as the hours move on to noon so, too, the mind of youth has a gradually deepening realisation of things till maturity is reached. The animal part of his being predominates at the outset but with the advance of the years, reason gains sway until at the age of seven years or so, what is right and what is wrong are clearly and unhesitatingly understood. External pressure, necessary in the early stages, is eliminated by degrees to enable the child, through an innate urge, to act in conformity with a consciousness of his obligations to God and his fellow-men.

The home does not contain within itself all that is necessary for the fullest development. From its sheltered precincts, the boy moves on to the school to broaden his knowledge of things spiritual and temporal. In this wider sphere, he learns that there are other beings who, like himself, have been put in the world to fulfil the purposes of an all wise Providence. Teachers experienced and enlightened, initiate him into the mysteries of the knowledge necessary for making his way in the particular vocation he desires to pursue. Religion is the warp and woof of the fabric of life in a Catholic school. Through its means, he acquires a deeper appreciation of what he owes to God and to the society of which he is a member. A sound mind in a sound body, truth on his lips and purity in his heart, undeviating loyalty to Christ, his King, are the ideals that every boy must have as he leaves school to enter the lists of life.

Finally through the Church which Our Divine Lord founded, does he get the fullest help in all matters pertaining to his moral and spiritual life. In times such as these through which we are now passing, the world, as a result of its defection from infallible truth, is drifting farther and farther from the moorings of Christianity. Paganism is rampant. Hatred of the Church and her ministers is deepening. The crying need at the moment is loyalty to the Christian principles enunciated by the Vicar of Christ with such force, unction, and clarity. The Church is a mighty reservoir of grace. Through her prayers, her administration of the sacraments, her zeal in the furtherance of the interests of her Divine Master, man is enabled to steer a safe course through besetting dangers and difficulties to the haven of abiding peace and bliss.

School Notes

THE Runnymede choir boys, under the direction of Mr. H. W. Barchi, L.R.C.M., sang some very appealing part-songs at the Christmas Concert. It was the first time that they added a contribution to this entertainment. Both teacher and pupils deserved well the applause generously given by the whole school.

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It is with regret, we note the prolonged absence from his classes of Rev. Br. J. B. Thompson, Vice Principal. Report speaks goldenly of his progress on the road to recovery. We trust we shall see him with us in better health than ever when classes resume in September. His absence is "as a gap to our feast and all thing unbecoming."

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Rev. Br. J. S. Roche, founder and first principal of the new St. Edward's, celebrated in December last the Diamond Jubilee of his entrance to the Congregation of the Christian Brothers. Despite the sixty years of his active service, basing our judgment on his recent appearance in our midst, he is still hale and hearty. What better reward could he have, so far at least as this world is concerned, than to see the seeds of his early labours attaining to such manifold fruit? *Ad multos ac felices annos.*

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We bid a very cordial welcome to Rev. Br. D. F. O'Brien who came to join the staff of the senior school after spending some years in Newman College, Buenos Aires. He is not a stranger to the English Mission having taught in a number of colleges before taking up duties in South America. May his stay with us be long and pleasurable.

Mr. R. J. Thomas is another addition to our Staff. He has our best wishes for his success and happiness.

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The cross-country runs, both in the Senior and Junior sections, were a decided success this year both from the large number of entries and the keenness of the competitors. Congratulations

are in order to H. Davenport, VI A. Mods. and S. Rogers, Lower V Alpha, who broke records in their respective divisions.

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Our Rugby teams have had a most successful season. Special mention must be made of the Second Team which emerged from its many gruelling contests without a single defeat. The crowning event of the season was the winning of the "Sevens" by the Seniors and the Bantams—competitions held under the auspices of Liverpool Collegiate school. The Coaches, Captains, and teams have justly earned the approbation of both boys and staff.

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At the end of the Rugby season the following received School Colours for having completed the exacting requirements laid down for their acquisition: J. Moorhead, G. Ludden, E. Johnson, J. Shennan & E. Randall. The distribution took place in the presence of the whole school. Their records, given separately by the Head Master, evoked the enthusiastic plaudits of all present. Rev. Dom Laurence Gocher, O.S.B., at the invitation of Rev. Br. Hooper, presented the Colours. Many a junior, in the gathering, must have felt keen longings within him to be, on some day in the not too distant future, in the proud position of these favourites of fortune.

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We were very pleased to welcome for the first time to St. Edward's College, two rugby teams from St. Joseph's College, Blackpool. The First XV were under the direction of Rev. Br. D. C. Phelan and the "Colts" under that of Rev. Br. J. R. Murray. Though the games ended in our favour, the visitors took their set-backs in a fine spirit of fellowship and sportsmanship. The Old Boys honoured them by allowing the use of their clubrooms and generously providing a dinner for the officials and all the participants in the games.

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The Rev. Clifford Murphy, P.P., St. Anthony's, an old boy of St. Edward's, was, in recent months, awarded the Territorial efficiency decoration. All at St. Edward's tender him heartiest congratulations.

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We tender deep sympathy to the relatives of Wilfrid Nickson who died, during the course of the term, at the untimely age of twenty-one. God grant him refreshment, light, and peace in the kingdom of His love.

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During the lenten season, as is customary, a collection for the "Waifs and Strays" was taken up in all the Forms; the amount realised exceeded one hundred pounds. When it is remembered that most of this munificent gift was the result of giving to charity pocket-money ordinarily devoted to the satisfaction of personal pleasures, all concerned in this expression of practical sympathy for the poor are deserving of congratulation. They are laying up for themselves treasure in heaven.

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Rev. Fr. Holden, C.S.S.R., conducted the exercises of the Annual Retreat during the last three days of the Easter term. Eight years have passed since he did us a like service. His discourses held the rapt attention of his youthful audience. To judge by the outward demeanour and the marked devotion of the boys, throughout the retreat period, the subject-matter of his talks made deep impressions. We feel assured that much lasting good will result.

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The annual Distribution of Prizes took place on Wednesday, February 15th. The results, on the whole, were very creditable. His Grace the Archbishop made complimentary references to them and also to our achievements in sport. The choir, orchestra, and the violin solo of Michael Serrano, U. V Alpha, elicited loud applause from the large audience of parents, friends and distinguished guests. On the conclusion of the function, the Head Master invited those present to visit the Art-room wherein was arranged a display of

the work done, during the year, by the pupils of the various forms.

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As a conclusion to an excellent series of debates held, for the sixth form classes, on successive Thursdays in the Assembly Hall, a prize debate took place at the end of the Easter term to determine the winner of the Brother Wall cup. James McDermot, VI A. Mods. won the unanimous decision of the judges. Michael McGowan, VI A. Mods., the head-boy of the school, was declared second. The winner, the second, and indeed all who took part in these debates as well as the organisers are worthy of high commendation. The training resulting therefrom will be of inestimable advantage in the years to come.

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We were pleased to welcome to St. Edward's the following visitors: Rev. Brs. Cookson, Price, Moloney, from South Africa; Rev. Br. T. L. McHenry on his way to South Africa; Rev. Br. E. B. Doyle, Assistant to the Superior General; Rev. Br. P. D. O'Connell, Provincial of the English Province, accompanied by one of his Consultors, Rev. Br. M. D. Gibbons; Rev. Br. J. D. Fitzpatrick of the Irish Province; Rev. Br. T. I. O'Leary of the Indian Province; Rev. Br. J. S. Roche, First Consultor of the English Province; Rev. Dom Laurence Gocher, O.S.B., of Buckfast Abbey; Rev. Br. M. G. Dalton of Prior Park College, Bath; Rev. Fr. M. McEveney, P.P., Barcaldine, Queensland, Australia; Mr. James Kent, Kenyon Lancs. formerly of St. John's, Newfoundland.

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In an oratorical contest, confined to the members of the 2A form, the judges unanimously declared James Harris the winner. Rev. Br. Hooper generously awarded him a valuable book-prize. The winning orator and his companions gave evidence of the power of speech to hold in close attention the large gathering composed of the pupils of the lower school and incidentally to impress on them the appealing beauty of the various selections rendered.

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The following plays will be staged in the Assembly Hall for the benefit of the student-body before the end of the summer term : L. V Alpha, "A Night at the Inn" by Lord Dunsany. Director : Mr. J. Hoey. III Alpha, "The Merchant of Venice" Act III, Scene I. Director : Mr. R. Allen. II Alpha, Nick Bottom's Entertainment from "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Director : Mr. R. Allen.

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Through the kindness of Mr. E. T. Fetherstone who arranged a series of talks by prominent business and professional men, the senior classes had an opportunity of getting an insight into the requirements and qualifications needed for varied vocations. The information gleaned will be helpful in making a decision as to the career in life best consonant with their inclinations and fitness. The lecturers and their subjects were as follows : Mr. Coglan on "Careers in General," Mr. Price on "Banking Careers," Mr. Brinton on "Insurance Careers."

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Members of religious orders, both clerical and lay, set forth the advantages and opportunities of a life dedicated to the sublime purpose of leading souls to God. Apostles are a crying need today. The drift towards materialism and atheism can be offset only by prayer, sacrifice and zeal directed towards turning the hearts of men from the things of time and centering them on those of eternity.

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The School gratefully acknowledges gifts of books for the School Reference Library from : Messrs. A. Barter, D. Adair, J. Hillman and L. Benson. Also the gift by donors, who wish to remain anonymous, of a magnificent English Silver Ciborium presented to the College Chapel in honour of the Old Boys who gave their lives in the War.

The School acknowledges, too, the following gifts : Mr. & Mrs. Webster : tennis rackets ; Mrs. Large : badminton net. We are very grateful for their generous and welcome gifts.

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Through the kindness of B.C. Government (Canada) each of the boys and the members of the staff received a donation of apples. These tasted all the sweeter, in as much as we were made to realise the thoughtfulness and generosity of British hearts segregated from us by thousands of miles of land and sea. In a world, compact of greed and selfishness, there are still, thank heaven, people who are not unmindful of the suffering, sacrifices and sorrows of those who bore, at close range, the brunt of the savagery of two world wars. To the people of British Columbia, in whose name their representatives acted, we tender our cordial greetings and sincerest thanks.

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After much persuasion, the Old Boys have at last succeeded in overcoming the deep-seated reluctance of Rev. Br. M. C. Wall, our previous Principal, to visit Liverpool for the purpose of presenting him with a gift in token of their gratitude for his eighteen years of scholarly and successful activity in connection with their Alma Mater. We join with the Old Boys in tendering to him our greetings, compliments and congratulations.


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The following committee helped in the production of this issue : T. Maguire, G. Slater, J. Shennan, M. McDermott.

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The School closes on 20th July and re-opens on 13th September. We take this opportunity to wish the Staff, Parents, boys and friends of the School a very happy vacation.

Speech Day

 ON Speech Day the Headmaster read his Report for the previous scholastic year which we print below :

Very Rev. Chairman, Your Grace, Rt. Rev. and Rev. Fathers, Rev. Brs., Ladies and Gentlemen and boys. My first duty is to welcome you, Your Grace, and with you the parents and other friends of the School to our Prize-giving. We had hoped to secure a hall more likely to accommodate the whole School and the parents but we were unsuccessful. But the audience here present is representative of the parents and the boys of the School.

I am to report on the School during the period which has elapsed since our last Prize Day. For most of that period the Principal was Br. Wall. The School in the current number of our Magazine has already paid tribute to the truly magnificent work he accomplished during the period of his office and indeed during the long years of association he has had with St. Edward's. At all times zealous for the School's name and for the welfare of the individual boy he was unsparing of himself in his efforts to accomplish the ideals for which Catholic education stands. We should be ungrateful indeed did we not remember him today.

It is nearly fifty years since the Brothers took over the Catholic Institute. The years have run their course ; but the aims of the School have not changed. Nor will they. We endeavour to deepen the spiritual lives of our boys, to train their intellects, and to mould their characters, as well as to care for their physical well-being. The School is but an extension of the home. The Faith is not merely taught here, but lived . . . or so is our aim. There are indications of the Catholic spirit of our boys in the number who last year joined Religious Orders or who commenced their studies for the priesthood, in the highly favourable report of the Archdiocesan Inspectors of Schools, in the attitude shown by the boys to the annual Retreat preached by Rev. Fr. Gibson, C.S.S.R. Generosity ever a characteristic virtue of the

Liverpool Catholic continues to be an outstanding trait among Liverpool's sons. Over £40 was collected at Christmas for the St. V. de Paul Society. The Foreign Missions and the Rescue Fund too were generously supported.

The conduct of the boys which reflects so much their home and school training has been uniformly good. Several tributes have been paid to their good manners . . . and this is as it should be. Primarily I believe that credit for such behaviour belongs by right to parents. I am a firm believer in home influence. If it is good it can in some part mitigate the unsavoury influence of a bad school, if it is bad, it can nullify whatever good influence a school can wield.

We are only too willing to recognize the great encouragement we derive from the co-operative spirit of the parents of the boys but in some instances the co-operation could be somewhat fuller. Let them insist on their sons being punctual, and regular ; and on completing satisfactorily their homework. Let them respect the School Regulations which have been made for the common good ; and exercise, as all wise parents do, a prudent control over their children's leisure hours.

We shall now rapidly survey the various activities of the School in its day-to-day life. The School Societies continue to flourish and we hope to add to their number in the immediate future so that more interests will be catered for. I would in particular like to stress two Societies : The Society of St. Vincent de Paul which does so much good for the poor and which enables our senior boys to visit the sick poor. A tender solicitude for others is surely a virtue which should flourish among boys educated in a Catholic environment. Secondly, the Debating Society has recently commenced a series of debates not merely among themselves but before a critical audience of junior boys. A cup has been presented in honour of Br. Wall to encourage public speaking. You have on many occasions, Your Grace, pleaded for more Catholics to take part in public life. We

are making some contribution towards this vital need. A dramatic group is being formed in the School and we hope to produce our first school play in this Hall next year.

On the sports side we are fortunate in having a fine sports field at our door. Our School Cricket teams enjoyed a pleasant, if not too successful, a season.

I must not pass over our instrumental classes which every boy for the first four years of his school course can now enjoy. I think you will agree that the Orchestra which you have heard today can contribute much to the life of the School and indeed much to the individual player. Again, the School Choir is ever more ambitious and with the years is developing.

Of the academic work in the School I can honestly say that good sound work is being done generally, and that a good standard is being maintained. The spirit ever willing and the flesh weak, it is sometimes necessary to spur on the unwilling school-boy of whom Shakespeare feelingly speaks. In the S.C. examinations 68 boys were successful. The percentage of passes, although not as high as in some former years, is quite satisfactory. Twenty-eight boys passed the full Higher School Certificate—over 80%. Of these 8 have entered the University before doing their National Service. On the results of the H.S.C. ten boys were awarded University Scholarships. I need only refer you to the programme for these details. This is the last year of the School and Higher School Certificates. In 1951 the General Certificate of Education replaces them. In this examination there are no group requirements and no minimum number of passes demanded. A success in one subject at the present credit standard for example will merit a certificate of success. It has already been called by one Headmaster the "slacker's charter." In this age of paper qualifications there is no need for me to underline one obvious reflection: in future the stress will be on the quality and the number of the passes in individual subjects. Previously it was on the quality of the Certificate. It is more than a change without a difference. For we hope

to offer a greater choice of courses. To this end we have increased our Staff and hope to enlarge it still more if funds allow. Our classes are on the whole manageable—in size. To parents who are eager for their sons to pursue an advanced course I would give one word of advice. Ensure that your son fully co-operates with the Staff. In these classes far more individual work is expected from the boys and it is sheer waste of time to prolong schooling unless there is a clear understanding that sacrifices of leisure will have to be made. The habit of hard work cannot be learnt too early, nor maintained too long—and it kills no one.

The School Roll last September stood at 705, of whom 149 were in the Lower School and 556 in the Upper School. May I remind parents of boys in the Lower School that admission to the Upper School is made on examination only. Last year 15 of the boys in the senior class in Runnymede gained admission to the Upper School on the results of the local authorities' examinations and 19 gained places on the School's own entrance examination. I am sure you will agree that this is a clear proof of the vigorous intellectual life of the Lower School and of the enthusiastic spirit of the Staff who work so devotedly there. Applications for admission to the Lower School are far more numerous than we could ever hope to admit. And again admissions are made only on the results of an examination set in the Summer term.

We, too, of course, being Catholics, have our building schemes and our financial worries. We have had plans drawn for a new Dining Hall and Kitchen unit. The Dining Hall which will preserve the architectural features of this building will accommodate 350 boys. We wait for the necessary permits . . . and waiting is inevitable today . . . This building will give us more room in the Upper School for our present classes.

This is I consider a fitting occasion to return thanks to all those who have in so many ways helped the School in its work. Those who have contributed to our Library Funds, those who have presented Prizes at Sports Day, and most parents

have especial happy recollections of these singularly successful meetings, and to all those who have rendered so many services, and whom I am unwilling to name to save them embarrassment. I would like to thank the School Staffs . . . canteen, cleaning, and maintenance staffs. We tend too often to take their services for granted : it is only by their absence that we recognize how indispensable their services are. A word too of thanks to our School Prefects for services so generously taken and for setting a fine standard of loyalty, scholarship and manliness. Of the School teaching staff, lay and Religious, I cannot speak too warmly. There is in human life very little to compare to that grand spirit which comradeship in a common endeavour creates and fosters. I can conceive of few nobler works than to educate the young : and I know of no more devoted team of men—and women—more enthusiastic and single-minded in their aim than those who with me shoulder so willingly and yet so anxiously the responsibility which the Church, and the parents and the State have entrusted to us. By their fruits you shall know them. May I therefore speak for a moment of our Old Boys. Many of our Old Boys, including Priests and fathers of present boys are with us today. Of their quality it would be tactless to speak. We have at the present time more than 70 boys at British and foreign Universities. Twelve gained their primary degrees in different faculties last June. Several were ordained Priests, one was consecrated a Bishop . . . for an Indian Diocese, and one was created a C.B.E.

In this area alone three were appointed Headmasters of local schools. Many others have gained distinction in other walks of life ; and most we hope continue to live good Catholic lives in their homes and in the market place. For it is our aim, I repeat, to send forth men not only as ambassadors of the faith but as apostles of Christ.

In this Community of ours in St. Edward's we have our sorrows and our disappointments and our moments too of sheer joy. I have tried to give in some detail an account of ourselves. It is of course an inadequate account, for its most vital work this side of the bar of judgment is difficult to assess. Our real success or failure is to a large extent concealed from our curious gaze. As one cynic has said teaching is the happiest of careers for its results are hidden from the teacher. But on such standards as we may legitimately base our judgment we have, I think, some reasonable justification, Your Grace, for being satisfied with the work of the year. But it is in no mood of idle complacency that I would like to bring this report to an end. In common with every human institution we have our limitations and our failings. It is therefore a wise precaution that we review periodically the past and think of the future. As Catholics we are sure of our aims : it remains that we implement them. With the continued good will of parents, the co-operation of the boys, the support of our zealous Priests, and the patronage which Your Grace has extended to us, emboldened we face the future, be what it may.

The Brook

Flowing down the hillsides
Through meadows wild and dale,
I chuckle through the woodland,
Leaving sweetness in my trail.
I water thirsty cattle,
I shelter playful trout,
I bring to all the message,
That blessings mark my route.

P. BIRTLES, II A.

A Schoolboy's Life

We work all day and sleep at night
And go to school on Monday.
We do our best the whole week through
And go to Church on Sunday.
We long for term to end once more,
And lie in bed till ten.
And after days and days of play—
We long for school again.

BRIAN HIGGINS, II A.

Centenary of the Restoration of the Hierarchy

THE struggle for Catholic Emancipation in the late 1820's is well known by those who have taken any notice at all of history lessons; unfortunately we Catholics very often forget an event which was as important to us as Emancipation, for it resulted in the official Restoration of the Catholic Hierarchy after centuries of persecution.

By 1850, it was felt that a regular hierarchy should be established in England; this feeling was mainly the result of the noticeable increase in the Catholic population—the influx of Irish labourers about this time (just after the famine) was an important factor. A petition for the Restoration had already been sent to the Pope in 1847 but the events of the following year—the year of Revolution—held all his attention.

Dr. Wiseman, was at this time, the Vicar of the London district and in 1850 he was informed from Rome that the Pope intended to re-establish the hierarchy and to create him a Cardinal. As his services were so obviously needed by the English Catholics, he was excused from going to Rome. On September 29th, 1850, Pius IX published the brief re-establishing the hierarchy in England—twelve bishops with a metropolitan; the next day Dr. Wiseman was created Archbishop of Westminster, Metropolitan of England and Cardinal. He announced the two events in his celebrated pastoral "From our the Flaminian Gate," and set out on a tour of Europe.

It was evident that he did not expect the storm of protest which greeted the publication of the Papal brief in England. Anti-Catholic feeling which had been dormant for some time, now rose to a new pitch; matters were completely distorted and the general impression among non-Catholics was that the Church intended to set aside the Anglican bishops and the Established Church and, by parcelling out England, to attack her national independence.

The Times opened the onslaught with an article condemning the Papal brief as the greatest act of

folly ever committed by Rome; the Prime Minister, Lord John Russell, followed the example set, by sending an inflammatory letter to the bishop of Durham, in which he compared the Restoration to an attempt to impose a foreign yoke on England with the help of her own renegade sons. Feeling grew against the Catholics and was expressed in petitions to the Queen and by the holding of monster meetings all over the country.

Cardinal Wiseman immediately returned to England and composed "An Appeal to the English People" which was published in all the newspapers and succeeded in moderating a lot of the violence by pointing out the true nature of the Papal proposals. Public men soon became ashamed of their intolerance and the Tories condemned Lord John Russell for the lead he had given. As he had already promised to introduce legislation concerning the matter, however, he could not draw back now. Parliament passed the Ecclesiastical Titles Bill which imposed a fine of £100 on bishops who assumed pretended sees in the United Kingdom; invalidated everything done by them; and forfeited their endowments. The Act was never enforced and twenty years later, Gladstone repealed it without any protest.

This then is the outline of the events resulting from the Restoration of the Hierarchy. There only remains one last result of note—the conversion of Manning to Catholicism; for a long time he had disliked the obvious authority which secular courts wielded over the Anglican Church; he had seen a number of examples of late—examples which had caused a great deal of dissension among the Anglican hierarchy itself. He could not, however, bring himself to take the last step without some external influence; this arrived in the shape of the Anti-Catholic agitation. Ordered by his bishop to formulate an anti-Catholic petition, Manning, as Archdeacon of Chichester, convoked the clergy and presided over the meeting. When the resolutions were

passed, however, he declared he could not agree with them ; he still hesitated over that final step and it was not until some five months later (March, 1851) that he at last severed his connection with the Anglican Church in the famous scene with Gladstone in the chapel of Buckingham Palace ; Manning suddenly whispered to his companion that he could not receive the Communion and rose and left the chapel to resign his mission. A month later he was received into the Catholic Church.

The importance of the restoration is obvious, not only because of the decisive step it was in itself but because of the effect it had on Manning—to

say nothing of many more of his companions. This year we celebrate the centenary of this event and all over England there are large-scale demonstrations planned to take place in the summer months especially. In Liverpool His Grace, the Archbishop, has arranged a solemn High Mass to be sung in the Cathedral. On the same day, a great public demonstration is to take place in St. George's Hall. The success of all these celebrations will depend on the support given by the Catholic population of England—the descendants of those who had to bear the brunt of so much misunderstanding and hatred just a hundred years ago.

T. MAGUIRE, VI A. Mods.

Wordsworth

WORDSWORTH'S reputation stood at its greatest in the last century. A philosopher-poet whose works were set in the clean air and on the bare mountainside (with a passing tribute to an indefinite Supreme Being) was congenial to the Victorians. He was regarded not only as a poet and philosopher but as a religious and moral teacher. This opinion was shaken by some revelations of his youth which helped to destroy public confidence in his righteousness. Perhaps that was fortunate ; for after a temporary eclipse, Wordsworth has now come into his own again. A service has been done him ; for he no longer occupies the uncomfortable position of sage and religious teacher. More attention is paid to his poetry now than formerly, while only the attention it merits (which though great is not supreme) is paid to his philosophy.

The poet's first business—in my own opinion and in the teeth of many distinguished writers, but with the support of many others—is with beauty and the emotions ; to the extent to which a passage of literature is more emotional, it is more "poetic" (if I may use another dangerous word). The sincere, if restrained emotions, of Wordsworth—especially in his more successful "Lyrical Ballads"—tend to receive an appreciation discriminating between it and the too frequent

sentimentality or bathos. The simple sincerity of "a violet by a mossy stone" is not confused with the crudity of the gentleman whose ankles were swollen. Deep but simple emotion combined with observation of the less imposing beauties of nature provides many of Wordsworth's happiest poems : the symbolism of his daffodils which "Flash upon that inward eye which is the bliss of solitude." differs from that of Herrick's which "haste away so soon ;" but those of Wordsworth remain in the memory as long ; there is the same lyrical quality.

Such poems as the last can be appreciated by all. More difficult for the Catholic reader are those poems which seem to bear the main current of his philosophy. When reading poems like "Tintern Abbey" we meet this sort of statement :

" . . . And I have felt
A presence that disturbs me with the joy
Of elevated thoughts ; a sense sublime
Of something far more deeply interfused
Whose dwelling is the light of setting suns
A motion and a spirit that impels
. . . And rolls through all things."

That is the fuller statement of his hint that one impulse from a vernal wood could teach more than all the wisdom of men. Now we cannot accept the

literal or even the poetic truth of this philosophy in toto. But the power and beauty of the thoughts must claim our admiration, as must the nearness to the truth of the doctrine these lines contain: the closeness of God to Nature, its function as what Hopkins calls "Word-of-God"—these fully explain the error which could lead so sensitive and meditative a man as Wordsworth to pantheism. But happily one of the functions of modern criticism, as practised for example by Herbert

Read, has been to shake the Biblical prestige, the literal acceptance of this philosophy; the poet has been recognised as at least equal in stature to the philosopher in the Wordsworth personality, with the result that in this centenary year we can appreciate what I may call the "definite" Wordsworth—appreciate him more or less at that stature which future generations will accord to him as one of the three greatest of our poets, the companion, if not the equal of Shakespeare and Milton.

MICHAEL MCGOWAN, VI A. Mods.

A Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome

ROME, this year, was the focal point of the great religious revival of the Holy Year. I count it a great privilege to have been able to visit this great capital during this Holy Year. However I will begin this wonderful and interesting journey from under the clock at Victoria Station.

I made this pilgrimage with 108 fellow members of the Arch-Confraternity of St. Stephen. Our first stage was Newhaven. Having passed the Customs, we were soon en route for Dieppe on the cross-channel steamer. The weather was beautiful and soon our last sight of England faded.

We now had to undergo a tedious journey through France. As we approached Paris, we saw for the first time the Eiffel Tower bathed in the rays of the setting sun. Our journey through France lasted twenty-four hours and we experienced our first taste of continental road manners. The driver of the bus drove through crowded streets at full speed sounding his very effective horn at any rash pedestrian who might attempt to step off the pavement.

After a very poor night, we crossed the Alps by the St. Cenis tunnel and soon we had passed Turin and the Italian Riviera with the sea a mere stone's throw away. This afforded an excellent opportunity for the photographers of the party—especially when we saw the leaning tower of Pisa.

We eventually reached Rome at 10 o'clock at night and we went to the Hostel of St. Martha

which was to be our Roman home. There we were welcomed by the Sisters of Charity and eventually we were in bed by midnight.

Our first morning's arrangements were upset because our priests had to wait in a long queue to say Mass. And so we made some private inspections of the Great Basilica. From the outside St. Peter's was not as big as I expected but once inside it was a huge size. The great height was certainly realized by those who went up on to the roof and I, myself, went higher still to the top of the dome.

After our "siesta," which lasted for two hours, we made our official Jubilee Visit to St. Peter's. We entered by the Holy Door in clerical garb chanting hymns prescribed in the "Pilgrim's Prayer Book." Then we moved to the High Altar and recited the Pope's Holy Year prayer. We left singing one of our English hymns.

Next day we made our three Jubilee Visits. We went to St. Paul's Outside-the-Walls. This is the most modern of the four major Roman Basilicas. Everyone thought it the most beautiful. We examined St. Paul's in peace because the Pope was holding an audience. Then we visited the famous baptistry and the wonderful cloisters of the adjacent Benedictine monastery.

In the afternoon we went to St. Mary Major's and the Lateran Basilica. Close to the Lateran Basilica there is the Scala Sancta, the building housing the stairs up which Our Lord is said to have been dragged into Pilate's house.

Next day was Sunday. We venerated some relics of St. Stephen. That evening we had Benediction in the Basilica of St. Lawrence-outside-the-Walls. This was the only Church bombed during the war. We now had the rest of the time left for visiting places of interest in and about Rome.

We visited the catacombs of St. Callisto and there we heard Mass. This was followed by a candle-light procession through the passages.

We visited the Vatican Museum and the famous Sistine Chapel. It was very dim but yet it was beautiful. Of the paintings I liked Rafael's "Transfiguration." We visited the Coliseum and we saw a notice strictly forbidding the removal of any stones.

Our last day was spent in Rome buying mementoes and presents. It rained heavily for the first time. We had an uneventful return and arrived home happy but tired.

J. COOKSON, VI B. Science.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

IT is customary for the society to contribute a short article to the magazine, describing its activities during the previous terms. At the present moment, the society is in imminent danger of having no activities whatsoever and so we present these notes in the form of an appeal.

Our reason for appealing, is that in recent years, there has been a gradual, but marked, decrease in the support given by the members of the sixth form to this, the main religious society of the school.

Although everybody is very generous in the November collection, and, we hope, will continue to be so, it is a sad, but definite, fact that most pupils seem to think their donations relieve them of any obligation in respect to Catholic Action. We feel that the present membership, twelve out of almost eighty sixth-form boys, is a very poor reflection on their awareness of the poverty and squalor which is in the world around them.

What exactly does it mean to be in the S.V.P.? It means just one hour per week. That is, half an hour at the weekly meeting of the society and half an hour spent visiting someone who is in real need of help. It is usual to give financial assistance to those visited but this is not the primary object since we go to old, friendless people who are

only too glad to talk to somebody and to think that they have a friend in the world.

I would not suggest that six-sevenths of the sixth form would willingly deprive such people of a little happiness in the twilight of their days but would like to think that it is ignorance of the fate to which these unfortunates are condemned which prevents them from giving more generously of their time.

It must not be thought that to join the Society one must be of an angelic disposition. On the contrary, many of our most conscientious workers have joined as a last resort to better their faltering faith and have found an awakening of it as the reward of their labours. Neither is an easy, confident manner a necessary quality because the congenial atmosphere which pervades all the visits and the homely comradeship of our members draw out even the shyest and often reveal in them unsuspected qualities.

The lot of a member is not, however, a wholly happy one. It does undoubtedly take an effort to go out visiting, especially when the weather is unfavourable and the journey ahead is long. Here an effort is required but such an effort brings its own reward—a peace of mind which results from concrete work in the service of God.

So we make our appeal, in particular to those who will be in next year's sixth form to infuse new blood into the society and to avoid the scathing denunciation of the words "I was hungry and you gave me not to eat"

In conclusion we extend our thanks for their

devoted work to all those Brothers leaving our ranks this summer and in particular to Bro. Ludden whose quiet but determined Presidency has been for so long the mainspring of the Society and the inspiration of all its members.

M. M. MURRAY, President.

P. O'BRIEN, Hon. Secretary.

Scientific Society

President : Rev. Br. J. J. Dowling.

Hon. Secretary : J. V. Shennan.

Recorder : J. Hopkins.

Committee : M. Murray, M. Serrano, A. Gilbertson, E. Randall.

THE academic activities of the Society have been reduced somewhat by the proximity of the H.S.C. examination and by the members' penchant for wandering off on a Monday afternoon to visit some nearby factory in search of knowledge of the industrial processes therein. Visits were arranged by the President to Messrs. Lever Bros., Dunlop's, Lancaster House, English Electric Co., Safety First Exhibition, Vintage Cars exhibition by Burrell, Garlick and Edwards, Ltd. I am glad to report that their zeal has been rewarded by an abundance of refreshment supplied by the factory managements at the conclusion of each visit. However, despite these diversions, we managed to have six meetings in the Physics Laboratory on various branches of physical science.

The first talk was given by M. Serrano, the practical genius of the Society, on the subject of transformers. With the aid of diagrams; he explained the theory of the transformer and illustrated it by practical demonstrations of many transformers of his own make. M. Serrano discussed the use of them by dividing them into two main categories—those used in wireless, television, etc., and the high frequency transformers used in the manufacture of certain alloys. This part of the lecture was well illustrated with slides. The customary votes of thanks were given on behalf of the Society and the President delivered his own appreciation of the lecture.

After a considerable period of hard work, M.

Murray produced an exhaustive account of astronomy, a branch of science which had its beginning when Ptolemy produced its first textbook in A.D. 150. He introduced the subject with a brief history of its early development from the Ptolemaic System and continued with a detailed treatment of its many branches with a particular regard to the solar system.

Having described the chief instruments used in astronomy he proceeded to treat of the celestial bodies, the chief characteristics of the major planets and their satellites, the stars and the asteroids. This inevitably led to the sun on which subject he explained within the time at his disposal the most modern treatment of this almost infinitely inexhaustible reservoir of energy. This talk of well over an hour was terminated by prolonged applause and merited special commendation from the President.

After a break for several of the organised tours of interest and education, we resumed our series of lectures with one on television, delivered by J. Kane, VI B. Sc.

Mr. Kane began by drawing a comparison between television and human vision. He outlined the attempts made by earlier workers to communicate electrically by wire, up to the discovery of the photo-cell effect in 1873 with its far-reaching and widespread application in scientific work, particularly in the domain of television. Mr. Kane continued by giving a detailed account of the television process, concluding with a reference to

more recent developments and the possibilities of colour in television. The lecture was of absorbing interest and Mr. Kane deserves credit for giving an up-to-date talk on an up-to-date subject and for being the first member of VI B. Science to address the Society.

Colour was the subject of the next talk by J. Hopkins. Commencing with a historical account of spectrum analysis, he led us to both a qualitative and mathematical treatment of dispersion, the formation of pure spectrum, and the examination and uses of spectrosopes. He explained the "colour" and "pigment" triangles and the differences between pure colours and pigments.

C. Atherton gave his long-awaited lecture on glass which was absorbing and informative. At the conclusion the President informed us that the


glass industry was still a field of research and suggested it as a likely career.

R. May in his fascinating talk on "Projectiles" brought the year's serious activities to a fitting finale. The usual musical appreciation was arranged and was much enjoyed.

The British Electrical Authority held an exhibition of Plant and Equipment associated with the Industry at Liverpool University, which the Society visited and were much impressed. We also saw films on "Electronics in Industry," "Water Power" and "Steam Turbines." Dr. Teago, Professor of Applied Electricity, personally showed us over his department and explained the working of equipment. He also arranged for several 1,000,000 volt discharge flashes for our benefit.

J. V. SHENNAN, Hon. Sec.

French Literary and Debating Society

 WING to the very early start of the H.S.C. examinations this year, the class debating activities have been greatly curtailed. In all, up to the time of going to print, we have had only three debates, including a mock election.

Our first debate was on the motion "Que les motocyclettes devraient être abolis." M. Haughton first decried motorcycles as outmoded and dangerous, they are used by a fanatical band of Jehues who created dust and danger in equal proportions wherever they went. Unfortunately M. Haughton's feelings, in the matter, were reflected in the violence he did to grammar and pronunciation.

M. Maguire, rising to oppose the motion, pleaded for the motorcycle as very economical and convenient, especially for the man with the smaller wage-packet. He mentioned their value in war-time and declared that people greatly exaggerated the number of accidents they were involved in.

M. Hunt supported M. Houghton by an almost verbatim concurrence with the points he had made. In addition he mentioned the speed-skid and the

degradation of the dirt-track. He took more time than his partner but revealed the same views and the same shortcomings.

M. Hillman was the last speaker against the motion. He was even more factual than his predecessors but otherwise there was a striking resemblance.

The debate, in fact, was marred again by bad and careless pronunciation and grammar; except on the part of M. Maguire; chiefly to his speech must be attributed M. le Président's decision that the cons won the day.

After the poor debates we have been having, the mock election was a pleasant change. Each of the candidates revealed an unusual competence in grammar, pronunciation and effective delivery. M. Ludden was the Labour "candidate," M. McDermott wore the unaccustomed robes of Conservative, and M. Maguire was the Liberal.

Little of note was put forward in the arguments, but, I must repeat, it was refreshing to hear even moderate fluency from a speaker other than M. le Président. M. Ludden's arguments amounted to, "Look on my works you mighty, and despair,"

he was in fact complacent. But looking on Labour's policy, M. McDermott doubted (without a blush) whether Britain could take it. Even the dullest observer, however, might have detected sarcasm in M. McDermott's Conservative policy, for it included the pleasure of watching the unemployed parades.

M. Maguire, of course, offered us a Gladstonian via media, quite ignoring Cardinal Newman's eventual decision as to that policy, and the Radicalism, at the time, of Gladstone's work.

The successful candidate was the most vigorous and histrionic of them; M. McDermott was elected by a very large majority—a testimony not to the party but the speaker.

Our last debate before going to print was on the motion, "Que le journal reste notre source de nouvelles principales." With this debate, the standard took a sharp slump again. M. Nolan's facts and arguments for the motion were quite sound e.g. he mentioned the great popularity of

newspapers today, their cheapness and variety but his pronunciation and delivery were defective.

M. Rose, who was steady and more or less correct throughout, attacked newspapers on the ground that what they provided was not news but scandal and like trivia. M. Scott (for the motion) had a simple faith in Owen's advice, "Never argue; repeat your original assertion." He was convinced that newspapers would never yield to radio or films and told us so, without distinction, for the period of his time.

Finally M. Ryan attacked his opponents as backward and urged them to wake up: the future lay with films and radio (but we were concerned in the debate over our present source of news). The last debate your secretary will ever report in this chamber was concluded by some familiar remarks concerning reading of debates and bad pronunciation. I wonder what your next secretary will be reporting on that score next year?

M. MCGOWAN, Hon. Sec.

Literary and Debating Society

I DO not think these notes have ever been the most widely read of the magazine features. The Sixth Form Debating Society must seem a very remote and exclusive activity of School life to most non-members.

This year, though, the "Br. Wall" Cup competition gave the School a good view of school debating. It was not, however, a complete view.

In those debates, when four prepared speeches were to be delivered in front of a large audience, the temptation, and most competitors will agree, was to write a very good case from your own point of view, and then "get it off your chest," no matter what the other side had said. That is not really debating.

Debating is a battle of words, argument against argument, point against point. All that is lost in spontaneity and verve when delivering a considered speech, is regained in the free-for-all of a really good debate.

The Physics Lecture Theatre is the natural home of the Debating Society, and there it is that

you can appreciate the value, from an entertainment or any other point of view, of the Society.

Another full School Year has passed, and the affairs of the 1949-'50 Debating Society are practically wound up. I am not going to give you a list of the debates we have had, or a resumé of the speeches. Be it said that the standard of speaking last year has been as good as in any other. We have had a great deal of fun, and derived a fair share of benefit from those activities.

September will come, and all the weeping and shouting over the exam. results will have died away. Into the Sixth Form will come a new band of innocents. We only hope that they will maintain the Society in the good health it usually possesses. We hope they will approach it in the right spirit:—don't make it another lesson; be enthusiastic, and put something into it. Always be willing to speak, or question the speakers. Above all, don't be a passenger.

J. F. McDERMOTT,
Hon. Sec.

Music Notes

It is a far cry to December, 1949, but as this Summer Term issue of the Magazine is the first since that date, it is the earliest opportunity afforded us to make any mention of the Annual Christmas Concert.

As usual it was held on the last day of the Autumn Term.

Concerted items were given by the Choir and Orchestra whilst solos were rendered by members of the School.

We were pleased to welcome Mr. Austin Mitchell, who gave us a splendid performance of conjuring and ventriloquism. We are very grateful to him.

On Speech Day, February 15th, the following programme of music was submitted :—

- (a) Three Welsh Melodies *Traditional*
 " The Ash Grove "
 " All Through the Night "
 " March of the Men of Harlech "
- (b) " Che Faró " *Gluck*
- (c) " Minuet and Country Dance " *Grétry*
 (from " Cephalus and Piocris ")
- (d) Selection from " Rigoletto " *Verdi*

THE ORCHESTRA

Violin Solo " Andante Tranquille " *De Bériot*
 (from " Concerto in G Minor, Op. 76 ")

MICHAEL SERRANO

- (a) " Welcome, Heroes of Renown " *Mendelssohn*
 (" The Cornelius March ")
- (b) " Deep in the Shady Forest " *Handel*
 (from " Tolemeo ")

(c) " Non Nobis Domine " *Quilter*

THE CHOIR

We wish to congratulate Michael Serrano on his masterly rendering of De Bériot's " Andante Tranquillo " for which he received a well-deserved encore.

The following boys have obtained successes in the examinations conducted by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music :—

Pianoforte Playing

- Grade I :—Michael Crane, Michael Gibson *,
 Dominic McAleer *, Peter Roche.
- Grade II :—Frank Harkins.
- Grade III :—Brian Burke.
- Grade V :—Christopher Dobbin, Anthony Gilbertson.
- Grade VI :—Mario Serrano.

Violin Playing

Grade VII :—Michael Serrano *.

Theory of Music

Grade V :—Michael Serrano.

*Passed with Merit.

Hubert Moore, an Old Boy, who recently sang at our Christmas Concerts, has been singing for the B.B.C. He specializes in Italian Opera.

At the recent Rushworth Musical Festival, James Frayne obtained 80 marks out of a possible 100 for Violin playing.

As we go to Press we learn that two boys have sat for Music Scholarships offered by the Liverpool Education Authority. We do not yet know the result, but wish the candidates every success.

The Annual Sports

AFTER two consecutive Sports Days favoured with brilliant sunshine, this year we were not granted fine weather a third time. After a rather damp start to the day the weather remained tolerable and allowed the programme to be carried out successfully.

Ron Smith gave us the first surprise of the day in winning the 100 yards in the record time of 10.4 secs. ; this was to be only the first of a long line of victories for Ron. The juniors amused every one by their antics in the Obstacle and Variety Races ; we must congratulate Rev. Br. Doherty on his ingenuity in finding unusual but entertaining obstacles to keep the competitors occupied. After the light relief, we saw some more serious running in the 440, 220 and Hurdles events; in the 440 event (Div. H) we were treated to an exciting finish in which the three leaders crossed the line almost simultaneously—Randall being given the decision. In the 880 yards event (Div. S) we saw a lesson in stamina ; Ron Smith seemed, as did most of his rivals, to be exhausted, but an amazing burst of speed over the last 100 yards showed us what a fine runner he is. To cap everything he went on to win the Senior Championship and with it the Victor Ludorum—a fine display ! The Mile Event was won by diminutive Steve Rogers who led the field from start to finish ; many of us remember his brother Vin when he won the same event a few years back. The Rogers' family was represented by Vin (2nd) and Brian (3rd) in the Old Edwardians' 880 yards—an event won by that stalwart Jimmy Johnson.

The prize-giving took place in the quadrangle and the prizes were distributed by Mr. G. C. Doyle, a great friend of the school. As stated above, R. Smith won the Victor Ludorum, the runner-up being R. Ferrigno. Hope again won the Athletic Shield and the Cross-Country. In the Seniors Domingo won the Tug-o'-War (for obvious reasons) with Hope as runner-up ; they repeated the feat in the Juniors but Sefton was the runner-up there.

The day was brought to a close by a speech from Dr. B. Whalley, President of the Old Boys, followed by the School Song and Cry.

Our thanks must be given to Rev. Br. O'Keeffe who organised the day ; to Mr. Maher for his magnificent drill display which drew a lot of appreciation ; to the competitors for a fine display ; to Recorders, Judges, Time-keepers, Stewards, Starters for their useful work ; in short to the whole of that band of Brothers, Masters, and Boys which worked so hard to achieve the successful day we had despite the threat of the weather.

T. MAGUIRE, VI A. Mods.

SPORTS RESULTS

EVENT 1—100 YARDS		Div. E
1 Kenny, J.	2 Quigley, A.	3 Melvin, B.
EVENT 2—100 YARDS		Div. F
1 Maloney, G.	2 Rice, J.	3 Lewis, A.
EVENT 3—100 YARDS		Div. G
1 Colford, J.	2 Large, N.	3 Laird, E.
EVENT 4—100 YARDS		Div. H
1 Brownbill, A.	2 Doyle, J.	3 Randall, E.
EVENT 5—100 YARDS		Div. S
1 Smith, R.	2 Hughes, D.	3 Ferrigno, R.
EVENT 6—100 YARDS		Div. D
1 Anwyl, P.	2 Ashton, T.	3 Hunter, C.
EVENT 7—100 YARDS		Div. C
1 Snape, P.	2 Johnson, G.	3 Edwards, A.
EVENT 8—80 YARDS		Div. B
1 Lomas, W.	2 Maxwell, L.	3 Wolfenden, B.
EVENT 9—80 YARDS		Div. A
1 Taylor, D.	2 Brown, W.	3 Williams, J.
EVENT 10—SLOW BICYCLE RACE		OPEN
1 Logan, C.	2 Dolan, P.	3 Capstick, R.
EVENT 11—OBSTACLE RACE		Div. F
1 Burke, T.	2 Flaherty, J.	3 Mullholland, A.
EVENT 12—OBSTACLE RACE		Div. E
1 Logan, C.	2 Johnston, M.	3 Finnegan, G.
EVENT 13—OBSTACLE RACE		Div. D
1 Keenan, W.	2 Blackburne, R.	3 Carrier, P.
EVENT 14—OBSTACLE RACE		Div. C
1 Shannon, S.	2 Cunningham, J.	3 Rawlinson, W.
EVENT 15—VARIETY RACE		Div. B
1 Wolfenden, B.	2 Burke, D.	3 Chamberlain, D.
EVENT 16—VARIETY RACE		Div. A
1 Brown, W.	2 McQuirk, J.	3 Williams, J.
EVENT 17—440 YARDS		Div. S
1 Smith, R.	2 Ferrigno, R.	3 Davenport, H.
EVENT 18—440 YARDS		Div. H
1 Randall, E.	2 Doyle, J.	3 Brownbill, A.

EVENT 19—440 YARDS		Div. G
1 Large, N.	2 Colford, J.	3 Granby, T.
EVENT 20—JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (220 Yds.) OPEN		
1 Rice, J.	2 Moloney, G.	3 Martin, D.
EVENT 21—220 YARDS		Div. D
A Anwyl, P.	2 Ashton, T.	3 Franey, J.
EVENT 22—220 YARDS		Div. C
1 Snape, P.	2 Addison, P.	3 Pinnington, M.
EVENT 23—HURDLES		Div. S
1 Hughes, D.	2 Ferrigno, R.	3 Ellis, W.
EVENT 24—HURDLES		Div. H
1 Randall, E.	2 Dolan, P.	3 Hitchings, R.
EVENT 25—HURDLES		Div. G
1 Rogers, S.	2 Curran, A.	3 Granby, T.
EVENT 26—HURDLES		Div. F
1 Rice, J.	2 Lewis, A.	3 Harris, P.
EVENT 27—EGG AND SPOON RACE		Div. B
1 Tindall, J.	2 O'Hara, D.	3 Butchard, B.
EVENT 28—EGG AND SPOON RACE		Div. A
1 McQuirk, J.	2 Armstrong, J.	3 Taylor, D. F.
EVENT 29—JUNIOR HOUSE RELAY		
1 Domingo	2 Sefton	3 Mersey
EVENT 30—880 YARDS		Div. H
1 Fishwick, B.	2 Doyle, J.	3 Mackay, P.
EVENT 31—880 YARDS		Div. S
1 Smith, R.	2 Doyle, L.	3 Ferrigno, R.
EVENT 32—SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (220 YARDS)		
1 Smith, R.	2 Davenport, H.	3 Ferrigno, R.
EVENT 33—440 YARDS		Div. E
1 Kenna, P.	2 Wren, M.	3 Melvin, B.
EVENT 34—440 YARDS		Div. F
1 Harris, P.	2 Martin, D.	3 Craig-McFeely, L.
EVENT 35—MUSICAL CHAIRS		Div. D
1 McKenna, P.	2 Jordan, A.	3 Norris, F.
EVENT 36—SENIOR HOUSE RELAY		
1 Hope	2 Sefton	3 Domingo
EVENT 37—SIAMESE RACE		Div. B
1 O'Hara, D.	2 Cox, J.	3 Boon, J.
Cookson, P.	Williams, B.	Callaghan, J.
EVENT 38—SIAMESE RACE		Div. C
1 Snape, P.	2 Carberry, B.	3 Shaw, A.
Azurdia, M.	Bushell, A.	Tipping, P.
EVENT 39—OLD EDWARDIANS' 100 YARDS		
1 Dryhurst, J.	2 Johnson, J.	3 Rogers, B.
EVENT 40—MUSICAL CHAIRS		Div. E
1 Blackburne, M.	2 Parrish, P.	3 Marron, B.
EVENT 41—FATHERS' WALKING RACE		
1 Mr. H. G. Manghan	2 Mr. L. Anderson	3 Mr. W. Williams
EVENT 42—MOTHERS' RACE		
1 Mrs. Jensen	2 Mrs. Scott	3 Mrs. Lennon
EVENT 43—OLD EDWARDIANS' 880 YARDS		
1 Johnson, J.	2 Rogers, V.	3 Rogers, B.
EVENT 44—MILE		OPEN
1 Rogers (off 70yds.)	2 Davenport, H.	3 Bennett, B.
EVENT 45—BAND RACE		
1 Young, H.	2 Mullaney, C.	3 Boyce, M.
EVENT 46—UNDER 15 CONSOLATION RACE		
1 Bate, F.	2 Gannon, B.	
EVENT 47—OVER 15 CONSOLATION RACE		
1 Murphy, R.	2 Millington, T.	

EVENT 48—UNDER 11 CONSOLATION RACE		
1 Williams, R.	2 Stubbs, A.	
JUNIOR TUG O' WAR		Domingo
SENIOR TUG O' WAR		Domingo
SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY TROPHY		Hope
JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY TROPHY		Hope
SENIOR VICTOR LUDORUM	R. Smith	R Ferrigno runner-up
JUNIOR VICTOR LUDORUM	J. Rice	
HOPE 206 points	DOMINGO 200 points	
SEFTON 192 points	MERSEY 140 points	

LONG JUMP

		Div. S
1 Ellis, W.	2 Moore, H.	3 Smith, R.
(18 ft. 10½ in.)		
		Div. H
1 Carroll, G.	2 Hargreaves, J.	3 Cooper, L.
(18 ft. 2 in.)		
		Div. G
1 McLachlan, A.	2 Colford, J.	3 Granby, T.
(17 ft. 2 in.)		
		Div. F
1 Fay, P.	2 Rice, J.	3 Burke, T.

HIGH JUMP

		Div. S
1 Ferrigno, R.	2 Shennan, J.	3 Hughes, D.
(5 ft. 4 in.)		
		Div. H
1 Cooper, L.	2 Hargreaves, J.	3 Dolan, P.
(5 ft. 1 in.)		
		Div. G
1 McLachlan, A.	2 Marron, P.	3 Ferrigno, S.
(4 ft. 11 in.)		
		Div. F
1 Harris, P.	2 Chadwick, E.	3 Dolan, K.
(4 ft. 6 in.)		

PUTTING THE SHOT (12 LBS.)

1 Nolan, J.	2 Ferrigno, R.	3 Dolan, P.
(37 ft. 6 in.)		

INTER-COLLEGE SPORTS

Two teams were entered and the Seniors took 5th place from the twelve schools competing.

RESULTS :

R Ferrigno, 2nd place in High Jump.
 J. Nolan, 3rd place in Shot.
 3rd place in Senior Relay (Team : J. Moorhead 220, E. Randall 440, H. Davenport 880, R. Ferrigno 220).
 J. Rice, 2nd place in 220 (Junior).

INTER-HOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY

(decided in March)

There was a total field of 240 runners in the four divisions and Hope House teams were first home in the Junior and Senior School sections.

INDIVIDUAL PLACES :

SENIOR (5½ miles, approx.)		
1 Davenport, H.	2 Smith, R.	3 Donleavy, M.
(32 min. 16 sec., Record)		
INTERMEDIATE (3½ miles, approx.)		
1 Rogers, S.	2 Laird, E.	3 Bennett, B.
(19 mins. 52.4 secs., Record)		

JUNIOR
1 Browning, B. 2 Moloney, G. 3 Murphy, W.

UNDER 13
1 Kelly, A. 2 Ashton, T. 3 Hayes, E.

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Vae Victis!

The great day had come,
I rose from my bed,
I blinked my dim eyes,
And shook my red head.
I ate a quick breakfast,
And dashed for the bus,
My friends were aboard,
There was a great fuss.
The morning passed slowly,
The lessons were dry,
When midday arrived
There were clouds in the sky.
In the yard we talked anxiously
Of the afternoon's game
Would it stay fine?
Or would it pour rain?
When play had just started,
Opposition was strong,
But a few minutes later,
This statement proved wrong.
Our forwards played well,
Our three-quarters were fast,
Their defence was now weakening,
And we scored at last.
Then came the rain,
We still kept ahead,
The pace was terrific,
We all felt half-dead.
After half time,
We piled on the pressure,
We fought very hard,
We gave them good measure.
We turned out the victors;
We'd all done our best,
And gave three loud cheers
For our visiting guests.

J. A. RATCHFORD, II Alpha.

My Grandma's Home

It's only a little thatched cottage,
But it's cosy, it's neat and it's rare,
Surrounded by green fields and flowers,
Can't you guess? My Grandma lives there.
It's neat little lace-curtained windows
It's covers so sweet and so clean
Show a welcome to all who may chance to call
It's the cosiest cot ever seen.
It's the home of the sweetest old lady
The kindest, the dearest, the best
Her smile is so sweet, she dresses so neat,
She's the greatest hostess to her guests.

ROBIN GREEN, II A.

The Storm

The galleon sped upon its way,
The day was bright and warm,
The Captain to his Mate did say,
"There's going to be a storm."
The storm came on, it raged and blew,
And earnestly worked the gallant crew,
They worked without a bite or sip,
To try and save that gallant ship.
That trusty ship no more did sail,
Nor neither did the crew,
For one and all, they now do lie—
Down in the depths so blue.

J. HARRIS, II A.

The Wallasey Ferries

THE first ferry boats were single-masted, little larger than a lifeboat of one of today's vessels. A landing on the Wallasey side was achieved by either wading ashore or being carried through the shallows at low tide. A projecting pier or slip at Liverpool near St. Nicholas' Church enabled boats to tie-up at any state of the tide.

There is a record of the villainous methods of the boatmen who demanded exorbitant tolls from the unfortunate passengers, but in 1792 the toll was fixed at two pence for the common people and six pence for the "upper classes."

By 1823, hourly steam packets were plying from Seacombe. It appears that the first steam vessels in service were the *Seacombe*, forty-four tons, and the *Alice* of fifty tons, which were built in 1823 and 1824 respectively.

In 1820 came the *Sir John Moore*, built by Lang and Denny in Dumbarton. One hundred and four feet long, she was wooden, and had a boiler pressure of ten pounds to the square inch, compared to today's two hundred pounds.

1835 saw the introduction of the *Admiral*, and in the same year a stone slipway was built at Seacombe followed by a "running-out" stage, in which a pair of railway-lines were laid on the slip; the second half of the stage rolled upon these rails, and was hauled up or down according to the tide.

Stories are told of the inconvenience often caused by the ferry-boat being out, hired for touring, and keeping would-be passengers waiting for hours. Sometimes people, having crossed to Liverpool, were left stranded when the ferry ceased running.

Many interesting stories are to hand of the trials and tribulations of passengers and crews; for instance, the *Thomas Wilson's* engines frequently refused duty, whereupon passengers were called upon to help in pulling the paddles round to a position from which a fresh start could be made!

Shelter on the decks of the old ferry-boats was usually confined to the little enclosed space

between the paddle-boxes. In rough weather this was no joke, particularly so when vessels such as the *Elizabeth*, which sat very low in the water and shipped enormous quantities of water, were on the service!

In 1860, however, the ferry rights were purchased by the Wallasey Local Board, and efforts were made to improve the conditions. Thus, in the same year, the *Gem* had more sheltered accommodation. Unfortunately, it fell foul of a sailing-ship whilst sailing in a thick fog; the funnel was knocked down; and in the panic several passengers lost their heads, jumped overboard and were drowned. The same ship was later sold to a West-African firm, but, still dogged by ill-luck, was wrecked on its way there.

The *Waterlily*, built at Liverpool in 1862, was quite an experiment in itself. It had two saloons on deck; and gas lighting, for which purpose a large gasometer was stored beneath decks, and the supply was replenished from a special gas-main at Seacombe. As it was not, for obvious reasons, considered 100% safe, the arrangement was scrapped and oil-lamps substituted. For this boat, too, balance gangways were designed and built at Seacombe and Liverpool; this is the type of gang-way in use today.

The first passenger screw vessels were built in 1885—these were the *Crocus* and *Snowdrop*. Their success was uncertain, for three more paddle-steamers were built. In 1906 came the *Iris* and *Daffodil*, famous for their part in the sea action at Zeebrugge in the Great War, for which they were rewarded by the addition of the prefix "Royal."

The oldest vessels of the present fleet are the *J. Farley* and *Francis Storey*, built in 1922. More modern are the *Wallasey* and *Marlowe*, 1927. Incidentally, these two boats have the largest carrying capacity of the fleet—two thousand two hundred and thirty-three passengers. Their twin rudders enable them to be turned in their own length.

The *Royal Daffodil II* and *Royal Iris II* are the most recent. The former boat received a direct

hit one May evening in 1941, but was raised, reconditioned and in service again by June, 1943. Today she is used mainly for cruising.


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This ex-bricklayer, baptised Manuel Rodriges, earned £100 a *minute*, stopped a whole town working, and for years was the idol of Spain.

Two weeks after the fight I saw, he was killed by a type of bull he had never fought before, and was given a state funeral. All Spain was in mourning for their hero, and he received every civil honour a man could have had. On his deathbed, at the demand of the people, he was given the two ears and tail of a bull, which are like what a cup-final medal or international cap would be to a footballer.

The Corrida (bull-fight) took place in the evening, about seven-fifteen. The ground, which was situated on the outskirts of San Sebastian, was a vast stadium, something like a football ground only far more highly, tiered and with no standing room. On one side, at ground level, there were six gateways, and at intervals on the circular sand-arena there were small "fences" behind which the toreadors could dodge.

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All around the ground, the women (and men) gorgeously dressed, were fanning themselves and it appeared as if half the stadium were waving to the other half.

Promptly on time, a small gate opened, and to a flourish of trumpets, two men in black, astride magnificent chargers, dressed in sixteenth-century Spanish clothes rode out to the Royal Box. There they bowed, and announced with another flourish that, with the permission of His Excellency, the fight would begin.

Out of the same doorway came the parade, the toreadors some five deep. First came the stars, the matadors who are the killers, then the bandarillos who have long, barbed, coloured darts, the mounted picadors, who, armed with huge lances, almost break the unfortunate bull's back with one blow, and last but by no means least, the attendants, and their equipment. All, except the attendants, are dressed in short, bejewelled jackets, small hats, and pink, blue or green knee breeches. They also wear a short, tarred pigtail. All this may not sound much, but to look at, they are dazzling, beautiful, and indescribable. The attendants, however, are dressed entirely in white, like cricketers, with scarlet berets. Their work is carried out with top-speed precision, and consists mainly of raking the sand, clearing up the blood, and dragging out the bull's body.

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A trumpet sounds, a deathly hush ensues and a bull, dazzled, bewildered by the noise and crowd, stumbles out of the first gate to a roar of greeting. This poor creature has been kept locked up for several days in the dark, and now gives vent to its anger. It charges at the first man it sees, always it so happens to the left, but the man dodges behind a fence, and the bull jars its horns horribly in the wood, splintering both.

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eyes viciously round the arena. The next man steps forward and does a magnificently executed "Veronica,"—to the layman, just standing on tip-toe, while the bull rushes within two inches, while his red cloak is waved fanwise like a flail. The crowd grows enthusiastic, thirsts for blood, howls for blood; the passes, tarantulas and other complicated bits of artistry continue to delight the connoisseurs, otherwise the gallery.

Then on to the "field" ride the picadors. They stand some twenty yards apart, and one cries out, "Toro, toro" (bull). He waits until the bull is almost upon him, and then lunges; his lance catching the wretched animal right on the spine. The unfortunate creature reels, a veritable fountain of blood gushing from a ghastly hole in the centre of its back. It staggers, falls upon its front knees—and goes for the poor horse!

In former times it was a common sight to see more than one horse ripped open and cut to pieces by the bull. Nowadays, however, the horse is well padded all round and is also blind-folded.

The bull charged madly at the horse, it got underneath the padding, and threw both horse and rider completely over! It gained but little from this however, as the other toreadors raised a fuss until the picador was again horsed.

Next come the *bandarillos*. They have a coloured dart in each hand, festooned with streamers, and as the bull rushes past them, they stand on tip-toe and plunge the barbed arrow-heads into the bull's back. The idea is that the two darts should enter in the one hole, the closer together they are, the more expert are the *bandarillos*.

Sometimes fastened to the darts are fire-crackers with the streamers, so that when the fight ends, the bull is literally *covered*—and I mean covered—in blood and flying streamers.

The passing and back-play continues, with occasional thrills. One man slipped at the feet of the onrushing bull. Women screamed, men cried aloud, as the bull caught him a glancing blow on his knee. He scrambled away, while his companions diverted the bull's attention, with nothing worse than a hole in his leg and a ripped pair of trousers.

The crowd grew restless, and howled for Manolete and—the kill! At last he condescended—the only way to describe his indifferently arrogant attitude—condescended to kill the bull. He takes his finely-tempered blade of beautiful Toledo steel, and "Toro," he calls softly, "Toro."

The bull, seeing the uplifted red cloak behind which was hidden the sword, approached suspiciously. Manolete whipped out the sword, and just tapped the bull on the nose with it. The bull lowered its head, and flick! he jabbed the bull in a vulnerable point at the back of the neck once, and the bull dropped like a log, and just as dead!

At this, the crowd go wild with joy, throwing programmes, hats, flowers, handkerchiefs, and strange leather wine-bottles peculiar to the Basques, into the ring. Manolete bowed, kissed his hand to the crowd, and took a drink or two from one of the many wine-bottles, after which he threw the bottle back.

As soon as the bull is dead, the attendants race into the ring. One gang fasten the dead animal onto a sort of hurdle which is dragged out at top speed by a pair of horses. Another gang rake the ground and throw sand or sawdust on the blood.

Within a couple of minutes of the death of this first bull, a trumpet sounds, and in rushes another. This is treated in exactly the same way with very little or no change, and when killed is succeeded by another and another! This process continues until in all six bulls have been fought and killed.

During this period there are of course, one or two minor incidents such as hissing or booing a participant who has particularly raised the crowd's ire. But at the conclusion of the fight, everyone stands up and cheers his or her particular hero.

The meat of the bulls is cooked, and on the same evening is thrown away, free, to the poor.

Thus an evening of excitement and bloodshed comes to an end happily, i.e. of course for everyone except the bulls. It is impossible to recapture in writing the tremendous thrill, the great excitement of something people only see once—if that—in a lifetime.

ROBERT AZURDIA.

House Notes

HOPE

Ludden has left us! A sad opening to an otherwise happy collection of glorious achievements. First let me appeal to the lesser lights of the House through the only medium which they seem to understand—sport.

We ended the Rugby season rather ingloriously but we seem to be atoning somewhat for our Rugby demise in the sphere of cricket where we form the nucleus of the First XI and have representatives in the other school teams.

Sports Day saw our usual triumph. We emerged victorious, and although we gained no exceptional individual honours, our all-round strength turned the scales in our favour. Our being team winners in the Inter-House Cross-Country and Senior Relay, and second in the Tug-o'-War, give ample testimony to the fact that our success lay more in team-work than in individual triumphs, although R. Ferrigno, E. Randall and mile champion S. Rogers cannot be too highly praised for their contributions.

In the field of academics, it is not too difficult to visualise continued successes to all members in exams., and the usual triumphant exit of some of our friends to the Universities. Down to earth, however, the members of Hope have acquitted themselves admirably on all occasions—M. McGowan and J. Morgan in particular, were prominent in the Prize Debate, without managing to carry off the treasured trophy.

With the end of the year fast approaching, we may view in retrospect the achievements of our Prefects in keeping the school in smooth running order—M. McGowan, who has carried out the difficult task of Head Prefect with distinction, aided and abetted with equal nobility by E. Randall and our former compatriot, G. J. Ludden.

In like manner, the men of Hope have distinguished themselves in both the Literary and Historical Debating Society, and the French Debating Society, emerging with "honour un-

tarnished and glory unstained," despite attempts to the contrary. Equally prominent were the Christian charity and kindness displayed by the ennobled members of the S.V.P. Society. Keeping the flag flying high also are the Hope members in the School Orchestra, in the list of promising artists and in the ever-increasing number of embryo musicians.

In passing, an appreciation of our former House Captain, G. J. Ludden, here will not be amiss. Always to the fore in all school activities, distinguished in his own peculiar manner, he ended his sentence in a blaze of glory, passing the Civil Service Executive with flying colours. He left us promptly to assume his new responsibilities.

W. J. ELLIS, VI A. Mods.
House Captain.

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DOMINGO

Once more we have won through; the coveted Rugby Shield still reposes in the hands of Domingo. Jim Nolan was presented with the Shield by Rev. Dom Laurence Gocher, O.S.B. of Buckfast Abbey.

Now this house, permit me to tell you, is pretty sound—of course it must be since I am a member thereof; in fact so good is the house that I would have entered the First Eleven Cricket team but I was unwilling to show up the others.

Perhaps you would like to know what has happened in the House. Well, you would probably be bored to be told who are in the various school teams—you can get this information elsewhere in the magazine. About what is really important, I shall hereupon endeavour to enlighten you. Whether you know it or not, there has germinated herein a society which is graced by the appellation of "The Hobgoblins," a few prominent members of this Society, which is an important feature of life at this establishment, belong to Domingo: there is Jim Nolan and of course myself (by the way, excuse the "ego" but this has been instilled

into me by an associate of Scottish lineage). In other aspects the House has basked in the effulgence of its glory. The Tug-o'-War was easily won (actually, I think, we succeeded because of our great pull in the school).

Such a conglomeration of victories makes one think of the future glory of the House. Let Domingo supporters remember always to serve their House well and help it to surmount all obstacles.

F. LEDWIDGE, VI A. Mods.

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MERSEY

I should not be surprised if quite a few members of Mersey who read these notes have rarely attended one of the House Meetings we called before feverishly picking the Rugby teams. If a few more of these had been present, and had arrived early, our task would have been much easier.

We cannot complain, however, about the fellows who did turn up, and did play, during the long winter months which now seem so far-off. Remember the Sefton game, for example. The First team played really well—good open Rugby and gave more satisfaction than the mere margin of victory.

Hope, as might have been expected, beat us, but admitted that we had tested them in a fine game. Domingo beat us by one point, and while we extended the hand of congratulation to Jim Nolan and his robust henchmen, we remembered several large slices of ill-luck.

I should have liked to make these House Notes for Summer, 1950, a record of victories. We do not always manage to achieve what we like. Mersey was weak this year, let us admit it, but a great deal of weakness can be made up for by enthusiasm. This was not always apparent.

Every House Captain for many a year back must have used the phrase, by now a cliché, that "games are not everything." If that has not been impressed upon you already, it soon will be.

I can do no better than repeat it. Off the games

field, the next most important thing, perhaps, was this year's Brother Wall Debating Cup competition. Mersey won that. The exam. results, for better or for worse, have yet to come. When you sit for them, I know you are not particularly concerned with reaping honour and glory for your House, but if some of you should manage to do anything brilliant, it will give next year's House Captain a good middle for his Christmas House Notes.

I have said this before, and I am saying it again. The House system, artificial as it is, is one way of pinning us all down to a responsibility; I know it does not continually arouse great enthusiasms, but its value is this: if one youngster can claim association with a chap who has done well, if he can say "I am in his House," and feel ever so little pride, or derive ever so little inspiration from him—then the House system is worth its salt.

This year Mersey went down, next year we may be on the way up. You will receive in honours exactly what you expend in effort.

J. F. MACDERMOTT.

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SEFTON

As an ancient scribe has it:—

"To meet, to know, to love and then to part
Is oft the tale of many a human heart."

Such has been my sojourn at St. Edward's; but immediately I think of another scribe:—

"We only part to meet again."

I crave pardon for such an opening, but after many years in residence, I suddenly realize that this may well be my last year, nay term! That this may be my last report of Sefton's activities.

I feel, therefore, that it will not be out of place to stress the rise of Sefton over the last three years. During the war she was at her nadir—the butt of all. Now, while not yet at her zenith and, because of tradition, still the butt of all, she has made the others "sit up and take notice."

The prestige of a House is falsely related to sport. But, even in this, Sefton last year won the

Cricket Shield. As for Rugby, she climbed into second place, only losing by ten points. For this achievement, the praise is mainly due to the Juniors, from whom great things are expected in the future. In Athletics, she can now add the Victor Ludorum and achievements in the Senior Cross-Country, in which she had three out of the first four, the fruits of R. Smith's toil, which gained him this year's "Victor" and the Senior Championship. Indeed Seftonites have won two out of the last four "Victors." Sefton was unfortunate in only being placed third in a "photo-finish" for the Shield, and of the many I could thank, I mention Hughes and Colford (Seniors) and Anwyl and Snape (Juniors)—the former indeed ran nobly in the Senior Relay. Well done, lads!!

Two last thoughts on sport are that R. Stannard, Captain of the "Colt's XI." is stealing the lime-light with two "fifties" and that four Seftonites played in the successful Bantam Seven-a-Side team. Such is our sport record.

In the academic side of school life, I uphold the claims of Sefton *vienne qui voudra*. She has ever played her part in it. Our three Prefects, our

scholarship-holder Maguire, our members of the S.V.P. Society, of the Orchestra, of the Choir, and our Class Prefects, all bear witness to this fact. In addition to the musical side, the artistic side is well patronised in the persons of McSorley, Black, and Brady. The Debating Societies, flourishing more than ever in the Sixth forms, contain many ardent Seftonites, and in the "Brother Wall Debating Trophy," Mr. Jensen fought bravely, though unavailingly through to the final. Maguire in the French Debating Society, and Smith and Lunt in the Scientific Society feature prominently, while a member who shall remain unknown had the English Debating Society wildly cheering his election speech for Nihilism.

Such are the "Chronicles of the Rise of Sefton." Though they may be my last chronicles, Sefton will live for ever. At the parting of the ways, I can only hope that future generations will keep and foster that fighting spirit and loyalty. Then, indeed, will the flag fly right gaily!

All I can say now, in the words of F. Howard, Esq :—"The best of luck" to all.

J. H. DAVENPORT VI A. Mods.
House Captain.

The Old Clothes Line

There is a proverb, old and hoary,
"Waste not want not" is its story.
We practise this in every way,
Our wealth increases day by day.
Jam jars, paper, bits of string,
Potato peelings, any thing,
An old clothes' line that's seen its prime
It's strong and useful all the time,
It has new uses every day,
And it's never given way.
One day it's used for drying clothes,
How it stands it, no one knows!

We have a dog whose name is Tim
We use it as a lead for him.
In summer and in winter weather
It's used to tie our things together.
When our old car was near decease
The clothes' line held it in one piece.
But then I used it once too often,
It nearly put me in my coffin.
When towing on a river path,
It snapped—I got a sudden bath.
That clothes' line now, it is no more
It's lying on the river floor.

J. P. DONLEAVY, III Alpha.

School Successes

Civil Service (Executive Grade)

Ludden, G. J. Meldon, A. T.

Civil Service (Clerical Grade)

Ayers, T. W.	McKenna, R. B.
Byrne, D.	McQuade, H.
Cunningham, T.	Pearse, B. G.
Hinds, W. A.	Meehan, K.

Prospective Teachers' Religious Examination

Atherton, C. Holme, A. Murray, M. M.

AUTUMN TERM, 1949

VI A. Sc. : Religion : Shennan, J.
 1, Shennan, J. ; 2, Harrison ; 3, Reddington, C.

VI B. Sc. : Religion : 1, Cookson, J. ; Moore, H.
 1, Finnegan, J. ; 2, Freeborough, R. ; 3, Francis, T.

VI A. Mod. : Religion : Cunningham, T.
 1, Ludden, G. ; 2, Maguire, T. ; 3, Dillon, J.

VI B. Mods. : Religion : Morgan, J.
 1, McLoughlin, L. ; 2, Slater, G. ; 3, Byrne, D.

Upper V Alpha : Religion : Hockenhull, F.
 1, Hinds, A. ; 2, Edwards, D. ; 3, Rand, L.

Upper V Beta : Religion : Pearse, Brian
 1, Brady, J. ; 2, Pearse, B. ; 3, Beason, A.

Upper V A. : Religion : Norman, B.
 1, McNally, T. T. ; 2, Hargreaves, J. ; 3, Hunt, M.

Lower V Alpha : Religion : Goodall, P.
 Dukes, D. ; 2, Bate, F. ; 3, Craig, McFeely, L.

Lower V Beta : Religion : Harrison, R.
 1, Franklin, J. ; 2, Kennaugh, A. ; 3, Croft, B.

Lower V A. : Religion : Gloyne, G.
 1, Canning, J. ; 2, Laird, E. ; 3, Baker, R.

IV Alpha : Religion : Moran, P.
 1, Moran, P. ; 2, Keating, P. ; 3, Murphy, P.

IV Beta : Religion : Brooks, G.
 1, Stevens, D. ; 2, Martin, D. ; 3, Prendergast, J.

IV A : Religion : Drury, M. ; Woods, G.

1, Anderson, B. ; 2, Edge, M. ; 3, Drury, M.

III Alpha : Religion : Connor, J.

1, McDonnell ; 2, Ludden, L. ; 3, Morgan, F.

III Beta : Religion : Clarke, B.

1, Blackburn, R. ; 2, McMahan, B. ; 3, Cullinane, J.

III A : Religion : Sullivan, P.

1, Lloyd, P. ; 2, Addison, K. ; 3, Kenny, J.

II Alpha : Religion : Maybury, T.

1, Hughes, E. ; 2, McGonagle, E. ;
 3, Goulbourne, P.

II Beta : Religion : Goodall, B. ; Melarange G.

1, Melarange, G. ; 2, Sullivan, J. ; 3, Kinsella, P.

II A : Religion : Berry, W.

1, Snape, P. ; 2, Jordan, H. ; 3, Comerford, J.

II Remove : Religion : Cookson, P.

1, Lowe, B. ; 2, Benson, J. ; 3, Cookson, P.

Upper I : Religion : Wolfenden, T.

1, Gibson, M. ; 2, Gillespie, B. ; 3, Moran, A.

M. I : Religion : Kearney, J.

1, McDermott, A. ; 2, Waite, J. ; 3, Bryson, I.

Lower I : Religion : Irving, R.

1, Thompson, J. ; 2, Shreenan, W. ; 3, Wolfenden, B.

Preparatory : Religion : Gray, P.

1, McGuirk, J. ; 2, Addison, P. ; 3, Taylor, Derek.

SPRING TERM, 1950

VI A Sc. : Religion :

1, J. Shennan ;

VI B Sc. : Religion :

1, J. Moorhead ;

VI A Mod. : Religion :

1, T. Cunningham ;

VI B Mod. : Religion :

1, McLachlan, A. ;

Upper V Alpha : Religion : Rand, L.

1, Hinds, A. ; 2, Rand, L. ; 3, McNally, T. P.

- Upper V Beta : Religion : Pearse, B.
 1, Pearse, B. ; 2, Beason, A. ; 3, Brady, J.
- Upper V A : Religion : McCann, A. ; Snape, J.
 1, McNally, T.T. ; 2, Sherry, J. ; 3, Norman, D.
- Lower V Alpha : Religion : Goodall, P. ; Alexander, A.
 1, Bate, F. ; 2, Alexander, A. ; 3, Craig McFeely, L.
- Lower V Beta : Religion : Kelly, G.
 1, Duffy, T. ; 2, O'Brien, T. ; 3, Thomas, E.
- Lower V A : Religion : Baker, R.
 1, Canning, J. ; 2, Baker, R. ; 3, Laird, E.
- IV Alpha : Religion : Wren, M.
 1, Moran, P. ; 2, Keating, P. ; Alger, B.
- IV Beta : Religion : Mullholand, A.
 1, Fleming, M. ; 2, Illingworth ; 3, Griffiths, T.
- IV A : Religion : Scott, L.
 1, Anderson, B. ; 2, Scott, L. ; 3, Drury, M.
- III Alpha : Religion : Kenna, P.
 1, McDonnell ; 2, Morgan, F. ; 3, Ludden, L.
- III Beta : Religion : Leddy, M.
 1, Blackburn, R. ; 2, Le Roi, J. ; 3, Cullinane, J.
- III A : Religion : McKellar, T.
 1, Lloyd, P. ; 2, Kenny, J. ; 3, Addison, K.
- II Alpha : Religion : Hughes, E. ; Maybury, M.
 1, Hayes, E. ; 2, Hughes, E. ; 3, Maybury, M.
- II Beta : Religion : Blanchflower, J.
 1, McBrearty, J. ; 2, Prince, A. ; 3, Weston, B.
- II A : Religion : Radford, B.
 1, Snape, P. ; 2, Harris, P. ; 3, Jordan, H.
- II Remove : Religion : Lowe, B.
 1, Lowe, B. ; 2, Cookson, P. ; 3, Cassidy, P.
- Upper I : Religion : Moran, A.
 1, Moran, A. ; 2, Gibson, M. ; 3, Johnson, T.
- M. I : Religion : Maxwell, L.
 1, McDermott, A. ; 2, Jordan, B. ; 3, Waite, J.
- Lower I : Religion : Irving, R.
 1, Moore, P. ; 2, Shreenan, W. ; 3, Wolfenden, B.
- Preparatory : Religion : Addison, P.
 1, McGuirk, J. ; 2, Walley, P. ; 3, Addison, P.

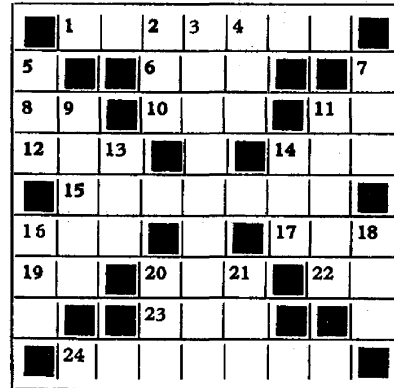
Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

1. Summer game.
6. Part of foot.
8. Personal pronoun.
10. Girl's name.
11. Preposition.
12. Friend.
14. To play a part.
15. Well-known liner sunk on first voyage.
16. Solidify.
17. Soft, wet earth.
19. Not out.
20. To drink in small quantities.
22. Royal Engineers (abbr.).
23. Schoolboy name for lemonade.
24. A port in South Wales beginning with a bird.

Clues Down

2. Latin for thus.
3. One who accompanies.
4. Instrument to open a lock.
5. Mischievous fairy.
7. Industrious insect.
9. Consumed.
11. To happen.
13. Illuminated.
14. To point at with a weapon.
16. To offend God.
18. Animal's home.
20. Place where health-giving waters are found.
21. Letter so often found at the end of a letter.



D. LAMB, III Alpha.

Solution on Page 263.

A Visit to the Baths

IT costs one shilling to go in. We walked along a marble corridor lined with old paintings and with a thick carpet on the floor, down a curved staircase, and there it was—a big open-air tank filled with hot water looking very like pea-soup. The bathers? The only bathers were gold-fish swimming gaily about, obviously enjoying the hot water. The baths were the old Roman ones in the city of Bath.

The tank is six feet deep all over, and although you cannot see the bottom, it is lined with the original thick lead worth six thousand pounds. The tank is fed, in one corner by a stream which comes from the subterranean caverns of the hot-spring itself. Surrounding the tank is a series of colonnades with statues of the most notable Romans who bathed in the bath. It is rather disappointing to find that the statues are not really Roman ones, but were put there in the late 19th century. Leaning against the pillars of these colonnades are the usual doubtful-looking art-students drawing the tower of Bath Abbey which stands next door.

To the right of the main bath is a smaller one, presumably made by Romans for children, while to the right of that again there is reported to be another bath which has not yet been excavated sufficiently to allow viewers to inspect it. On the other side of the main bath are the remains of a steam-bath which was charged with hot air through ducts in the floor by a furnace sited nearby. The floor of this room is made of original Roman mosaic some of which is of course worn away.

Lying all round the baths are huge boulders, slabs of mosaic, heads of statues, pottery, pieces of pipe, and other litter all fashioned by the Romans. The baths themselves lie about twenty feet below the surface of the present-day streets and the whole was covered over by shops and houses up to a hundred years ago. It was not until these were removed that the baths were discovered. In fact a bath had been built nearby, by James II without the knowledge that there were ready-made Roman ones there already.

The pieces of lead pipe made by the Romans were not "drawn" as they are these days. They seem to me to have been just long strips of lead rolled into a tube, and the joint beaten out to make it water-tight.

The hot springs' cavern is entered by air-tight doors, and we were almost suffocated by the thick steam and its salts. The water is at a temperature of 120° F. here, although it cools down to about 80° F. when it comes into contact with the open air in the baths. Glasses were steamed over and women's hair resumed its natural style, much to their consternation.

The pump-room is in the main building and overlooks the baths. Antiquated tables and arm-chairs together with antiquated men and women bestrew the hall, and all the latest periodicals are to be found there. Portraits of Beau Nash and distinguished visitors including Royalty from many lands adorn the walls. The "pump" or fountain stands in a bay surrounded by tumblers. The liquid itself is lukewarm and tastes like sulphuric acid, but has less devastating effects.

J. A. HILLMAN, VI A. Mods.


Season's Contrast

Winter, Winter, cold and bitter
At the finish of the year
Snow-flakes, snow-flakes, how they glitter
To the children they are dear.

Comes the Spring, days are longer
When the clouds begin to weep
With their tears the buds are watered
And the flowers begin to peep.

GERARD MURPHY, II A.

A Tour of Lancaster House

 ON Tuesday, 28th February, members of the Scientific Society had the privilege of visiting Lancaster House, the main telephone centre of Liverpool. The visit, which was arranged by Rev. Br. Dowling, was obtained at short notice by Mr. G. Alston, an Old Boy of the College.

To commence we were given a talk by Mr. Alston in which he gave us a brief account of what we were to see. Our tour started on the fifth floor in the trunk switch-room which is one of the largest in the world, dealing with over 30,000 calls per day. In this room, we saw working about 500 operators busy dealing with calls for other exchanges in the Liverpool area which cannot, as yet, be handled by the automatic equipment. They were also putting through "long distance" calls to other parts of the British Isles.

The party was now divided into two groups which were conducted separately round the room and shown the various departments in the switch-room. The next room we visited was the Direct Inquiry Room where the operators were answering queries from subscribers having difficulty in obtaining the calls they required.

Our visit was now pleasantly interrupted by tea and biscuits after which we were taken to see the Speaking Clock, designed and built by Post Office Engineers. When it is switched on, a voice gives the correct time every ten seconds. The clock is kept correct by a pendulum which is maintained at a constant temperature since a change in temperature would cause deviations in the period of the pendulum.

There are only four of these clocks in Britain (two in London and two in Liverpool) and subscribers situated in towns in different parts of the country can obtain the correct time by dialling TIM. Strangely enough, this does not include Liverpool.

We then saw the Voice Frequency Telegraph System on the second floor. The frequencies

used by this system fall between 400 and 2,500 cycles per second. This is the approximate range used for the transmission of ordinary telephone conversation. It is thus possible for circuits to be used for the transmission both of speech and telegrams by means of the teleprinter and it is not necessary, as it used to be a few years ago, to provide separate cables for telephone and telegraph circuits. In the system we saw working 18 teleprinters which can work to 18 teleprinters at another town. Each group of teleprinters can send and receive telegrams simultaneously over four wires connecting the two terminals. A demonstration of the teleprinter was given and we heard the 18 frequencies or "tones" which are used to transmit messages.

The next visit was to the Cable Chamber in the basement where all the underground lead-covered cables from other telephone exchanges and subscribers premises are led into the building. The cables are made in various sizes and contain up to as many as 1,400 pairs of paper-insulated copper conductors.

It requires over 1,000,000 units of electrical energy per annum to operate all the equipment and maybe you are wondering, as we did, where all this energy comes from. This was explained when we visited the power plant. Quite a large proportion of the plant is worked from secondary cells which, in some cases, have a capacity of 10,000 ampère hours. We saw the motor generator sets used for charging the secondary cells and also the emergency arrangements provided to maintain the plant in operation in the event of a breakdown of power supplies.

This concluded our tour of Lancaster House and we departed having enjoyed our slight insight into some of the activities of the Post Office Engineering Department.

K. HARRISON,
P. HOWELL,
VI A Sc.

A Visit to Dunlop's Rubber Factory

COVERING a sizeable portion of Speke is Dunlop's Rubber Factory where the senior members of the Scientific Society spent an afternoon as visitors. This was the second time we visited a factory which was in some way outstanding. Dunlop's is the only rubber factory in the world where the products are manufactured in a continuous flow system, that is, raw material enters one end of the factory and the finished product leaves the other. The size of the building made this possible since it was originally built for the manufacture of large bombers.

We were conducted on a tour of the building by Major Goodwin. He gave us the impression he was very well acquainted with the layout of the grounds and the industrial processes involved. This was very helpful as we had many questions to ask about the various processes. Many of our questions, however, were anticipated by the Major, who would have talked the clock around but for the time limit.

We were first rushed through the administrative building to an observation booth overlooking the main building. Here rubber was converted from the raw material to tyres for cycles, cars, and lorries. It might interest the cyclists to know that 100,000 cycle covers and tubes per week are manufactured at Dunlop's. The rest of the afternoon was spent in visiting the laboratories

and testing departments. Other sections covered were the tennis balls, golf balls (which, by the way, require 30 days to make) and overshoes manufacturing room. It was indeed a quick-moving afternoon and we found as with the other visits, that the time allotted to us for the visit was hardly enough to see anything but the bare essentials of the plant.

The visit came to a pleasant end when we were invited to tea which was tasty and sweet, and a vote of thanks with a touch of humour was given, greatly amusing Major Goodwin. He asked us to work out a small problem in our spare time so that we might grasp more fully the work involved in obtaining the rubber supply for this particular factory.

The problem and result are shown below.

Question :—If 20,000,000 lb. of rubber are used every year by Dunlop people, how many single trees are required to furnish this amount?

Answer :—128,000,000 trees, but if each tree gives $2\frac{1}{2}$ ozs. every day (which we will also assume) 350,000 are required. This number is a large number of trees to be used by a single factory.

We are now in a better position to understand why motor-car tyres are scarce since each requires 475 trees to obtain the rubber.

MARIO SERRANO, VI A Sc.

A Visit to the Safety First Exhibition

LARK Lane Police Station was the object of one of the Scientific Society's visits. It may seem unusual that everybody was keen to get inside but it may have been because of the cold wind outside and the inviting glow of the fire inside. Many of the boys seemed quite at home and took immediate interest in their surroundings. We were all seated, formally welcomed and then shown a couple of films

regarding road users which proved both amusing and instructive.

After the films, we broke up into two parties, each under the guidance of a very proficient police officer. We each tested a stationary car—complete with gears and brakes. The realistic effect was obtained by darkening the room and projecting the picture of a moving road on to the screen opposite the car.

Our high-speed adventures were short-lived and we transferred our attentions to a well-made miniature village in which small cars were moving automatically along the roads, halting, starting and turning according to the traffic lights and road signals. It would take too long to describe this village in detail but it can be said that it was all of high mechanical precision, having been made by the officers themselves.


There were also many other electrical instruments of a unique character, designed for in-

struction in road safety. One wall of the room was almost filled by a large scale map of Liverpool, pin-pointed by small coloured flags. Each flag denoted the type of accident which had taken place at the point in question on the map.

By the time we had finished examining everything it was getting dark and so thanking the officers for their courtesy we made our way home being careful to look both left and right before crossing the road.

B. W. LUNT, VI A Sc.

A Visit to Lever Bros.

 ON 3rd April about 20 members of the Scientific Society, accompanied by Rev. Br. Dowling were entertained by Lever Bros., Port Sunlight.

We discovered that the works employed about 8,000 workers and that the Company owns 2,000,000 acres of land on the West African coast where are grown the nuts to provide the oils necessary for making the soap.

We were conducted through the various departments of the factory in which we observed with great interest, the making of not only the crude soap, but also the preparation of the various perfumed soaps. In a vast room we viewed the making and packing of the canisters for "Vim," "Lux," and "Rinso" products.

When we had completed the rounds of the

factory we came to the most interesting part of our tour, the visit to the laboratory.

This was a fine modern building magnificently equipped with all the latest apparatus. We were cordially welcomed by the members of the staff who, I am sure, did their best to explain to us, with our limited intelligence, the working of their complicated apparatus for testing the quality of the products.

After a pleasant hour there, which passed all too quickly, we retraced our footsteps to one of the main buildings where we were provided with a hearty repast which was very welcome. When we left we did so with very happy recollections of two and a half hours spent in this mammoth factory on Merseyside.

B. FISHWICK, VI A Sc.

It's Not Cricket

CRICKET is rather a silly game. When I first saw it, I thought only athletic people played, but listening to the radio commentaries I find that people with all sorts of odd limbs play. Quoting a commentary:—"Bedser has now got a square leg, and two short legs." Poor fellow!

But we really must confess that cricket is brutal. Taking another "snatch" from a commentary:—"So-and-so' has now bowled a maiden over, and gets a cheer from the crowd." Who the maiden was, and how she got there, I don't know, but even the crowd seemed to be blood-thirsty!

Silly men also play the game—usually taking up the position of mid-off, or mid-on.

Another instance of the cruelty of this old English game comes from "leg-breaks," as they call them. I read in the paper that Hutton was beaten by a leg-break, but made a century in his second innings. He must have been brave to carry on with a broken leg.

As a method of self-defence the players have pointed studs in their boots in case anyone tries to give them a square cut.

I say again "It's not cricket!"

F. MORGAN, III Alpha.

Let's take a Photograph

I HAVE found that almost every household possesses a camera and that, in the majority of cases, it makes its appearance in the summer months only. The results obtained vary tremendously and the question of cost seems to be the main obstacle to practice and consequent improvement. I am endeavouring to set out here some notes which are the outcome of my own experience over the last two years, and I feel that if they can be read with understanding, they will save much time and money to my impecunious school friends, and will inevitably lead to the attainment of a hobby which can have few competitors.

I will deal first with the camera. There is a wide range of cameras, from the fixed focus box costing about £2, to the Leica or other good miniature, costing £100 or thereabouts. Get as good a camera as you can and my advice is that you can spend say £5, far more profitably on a second hand camera, than on any of the new models. My second-hand camera is worth twice as much as a new one bought at the same price!

If possible get a focussing model in which the front lens is moveable to conform with the distance between the camera and the subject taken. If possible get a camera which allows you to use varying areas of the lens, and the greater the area possible, the better the camera. The cheapest cameras work at about f8, which means that the diameter of the lens is $\frac{1}{8}$ of the focal length, while the dearest can be opened to f2 or $\frac{1}{2}$ the focal length. The latter camera can thus admit more light, in any given time, than the former and thus can be used in very poor daylight or indoors, when the cheaper camera would be useless. You will see now why summer time sees so many box cameras in use. The other important point about the camera is that the shutter should be under as much control as possible. The cheap camera offers only one twenty-fifth of a second, and "time exposure" which is seldom used. The dearer camera offers speeds varying from

one thousandth of a second, to one second, together with "time."

Practice in the use of the "stops" in conjunction with the "speed," especially when using an exposure guide, will quickly improve results. Before leaving the question of "stops" let me remind you of a cat's eye. See how small the slit (stop) during bright daylight, and how wide the slit (stop) during the dusk of evening! A slow speed and a wide stop will get you a picture in poor light. A fast speed and a wide stop, will capture the hurdler at the School sports.

You will see then, that good photographs depend to an enormous extent on what we must call "speed." The "stop" enables us to control the amount of light entering the camera, the shutter enables us to control the time during which light enters. There is another very important factor, the film. The new recruit to the hobby simply buys "a film," the more knowledgeable buys a film according to its speed. Films are marked in "Degrees Scheiner." A film marked 30° is twice as fast as one marked 27°. Three degrees will halve or double the time of exposure, so you must be careful in calculating exposure time, and "stop" or "aperture" to take the film speed into account also.

Now to give a few practical hints. Do not take your "snaps," as they are so often called, in direct sunlight unless you cannot avoid it. I make this statement because 90% of your snaps will be of your friends, or else you are different from almost everyone else. Direct sunlight gives harsh shadows on the face. A portrait taken just in the shade during bright sunshine, is much more pleasing. When taking buildings or scenery, observe the darkest portions in which you want details to appear, and give enough exposure for these. The bright portions or the high lights will take care of themselves.

Having got so far, the films are usually taken along to "the Chemist" who is allowed, at a price, to do perhaps the most interesting part of

the work. Do it yourself! The cost of a developing tank, printing frame, paper and the necessary chemicals will very quickly be covered by the profit you keep putting in the chemist's pocket, and you will be gaining also in experience, and in the fascination of a hobby that keeps you at home instead of spending even more money in seeking the relaxation of the local Picture House.

But here you may say the question of high cost does arise. Let me say at once that if you take the trouble to look about this city of ours, or watch the advertisements in the *Amateur Photographer* which can be seen at the Picton, you will find that Government surplus material can be had, which will save you much money, and

that very soon you will become expert enough to undertake little commissions for your friends and neighbours, and their "offerings" will very largely cover your running costs, thus making your hobby self-supporting and no longer a drag on your finances.

And now a last word. My greatest photographic thrills have come since I rigged up an old camera and used it to enlarge my prints. This is a very simple step, and one which you can begin to think about when you have perfected your technique in taking, developing, and contact printing, but it is one that turns a snap into a picture and I feel sure that if you once take that step, photography can claim you henceforth as a willing slave.

JOHN LOFTUS, VI A Sc.

Sport

Sport is essential in the formation of every person's character. Such games as Rugby and Cricket create a strong sense of comradeship and sportsmanship. There have been complaints, since the war, of the decline of British sport. This, in my humble opinion is not correct, the decline is not of the sport but of sportsmanship generally. People who make their living out of sport have a tradition to upkeep, the tradition of British sportsmanship.

Before the war all foreign countries respected and tried to imitate the way in which British sport was played. Nowadays one frequently reads in the papers complaints lodged by foreign people of bad sportsmanship in this country.

When English sportsmanship is restored to its old tradition, then once again British sport will be known and respected all over the world. Sportsmanship comes naturally to any healthy person. Schools and Colleges should do all in their power to encourage boys to fight fairly.

R. STANNARD, III Alpha.

Hints on Holidays

Have you decided where you are going for your summer holidays yet? If not, here are a few hints on that interesting subject. Let your destination be the Isle of Man, and if you do go, don't travel by aeroplane or by car. You will find yourself—if you do so—with Father Neptune. If you have the misfortune to go on a boat called the *Manx Maid*, leave your stomach behind, at home. If you notice anybody looking rather "green," give him some nice fat pork, and a lovely hot drink of thick, black, cocoa. Whilst you are on the journey, if you notice one "end" of the boat to be "higher" than the other, don't worry, but keep near the rail. This action, on your part, will save the deck-hands a great deal of trouble. When you get there you will have no worries, except to make quite sure that you *don't* return on the *Manx Maid*.

PETER PRENTON, II Alpha.

Desolation

The night is silent, wonderfully so,
Cloaked with a mantle of soft, yielding snow.
No sounds come from the castle on the rim
Of yonder hill ; no laughter from within
Its gloomy walls, now clothèd with a dress
Of dazzling white, and latticed with a mesh
Of shadows from the half obscured moon ;
No human foot now treads its stony floors ;

No watchman sweeps the rocky cliffs and tors ;
No servant to the pump his bucket takes ;
No human voice the murky silence breaks ;
But come yet nearer and observe within
The shadowy figures, ghosts of bygone men
Which watch the castle's losing fight 'gainst time.

T. J. MARSDEN, VI B Mods.

Last Wicket Stand

Nine big ducks, one to fall
We still want a hundred.
On to the cricket pitch ;
The last batsman lumbered.
" End up ! my brave McQuade,"
" Last wicket stand," he said.
On to the cricket pitch,
The bold batsman lumbered.
" Forward, my brave McQuade,"
Did he stand there dismayed ?
No ! though the player knew
The whole bunch had blundered.
Why on earth should he be shy ?
He'd break his coming duck or die.
On to the cricket pitch,
The grand hero lumbered.
Square leg to left of him,
Slips to right of him ;
Fielders to the front of him,
Alone, and outnumbered !

Stormed at by length and pace,
He played those spins like Dr. Grace.
Not to him could come disgrace,
The villagers' last number.

Not every one a cricket stroke
But vain the cunning off-spins broke :
Boundary on boundary,
Came from our friend's strong poke.
Runs beyond number.
Soon the end, in glory, came ;
How his pals looked on in shame !
—McQuade on the road to fame,
" Not out 100."

" When can his glory fade "
Oh ! the wild swipes he made !
Cricket like that has ne'er been played
All the world wondered.
Honour the game he saved ;
Cherish the bat he waved ;
" Gallant one hundred."

P. ALGER, III Beta.

The Editors tender Jubilee greetings and felicitations to Rev. T. O'Donoghue, P.P., whose parish of St. Paul's includes within its boundaries St. Edward's College. May he see many more years of fruitful and meritorious activity in the Master's service.

Old Boys' Letters

UPHOLLAND

Upholland College, Wigan.

Dear Mr. Editor,

We received your letter shortly after the ordinations at Trinity—the event of the year. Among the Ordinati this year were John O'Brien and Vincent Burrowes who received the Minor Orders of Lector and Porter. Both remember Br. Baylor and his tireless efforts in driving home the truths of third form algebra. How many of us will forget? To him and other painstaking masters who may remember them they send their regards and best wishes.

Terence Walsh, a newcomer (fatal word), though now with a year's Upholland growth upon him, looks forward to being joined next year by many of his former classmates from Sandfield. John Suffield, now firmly established, will soon be joining other Edwardians, P. Cook, D. Peters, P. Doyle, J. Keaveney and T. McEvoy, in the Higher Line of the Junior Seminary.

In the Senior Seminary, Kevin Mullen, as vice-deputy, sub-assistant organizer to the Scout troop keeps himself and others busy arranging inoculations, passports, camp-fires, woggles, etc., etc., for the troop's forthcoming pilgrimage to Rome. Holy Year and the many methods of reaching the Holy City have been discussed at great length, but the sub-assistant insists that organization will out!! To all Edwardians who will make, have made, or cannot make the pilgrimage he sends his greetings—in this alone we join him.

We also send our congratulations to Br. Hooper on his new appointment. *Ad multos annos!*

Yours sincerely,

UPHOLLAND.

HULL

University College, Hull,
31/5/50.

Dear Sir,

The noticeable absence of Edwardians now

venturing to this College is causing a great amount of concern to old Edwardians here. Who is to bear the torch and maintain the traditions of St. Edward's, so painstakingly entrenched here in Hull, if no new blood is forthcoming? Edwardians, past and present, have set a high standard and built up a great reputation. This is likely to wane unless new adherents to the cause are encouraged to come here.

Dick Lane has just reached the zenith of every undergraduate's career—he has been elected President of the Student's Union for the coming session—in his election address his former Edwardian grounding was very prominent. Often seen in Dick's company is Tommy Ambrose, still as calm and serene as ever, though his moustache has now reached alarming proportions.

The other Edwardians, when not engaged with Finals' studies, are also to the fore in other fields of activities. Bob Nolan's stentorian voice still rings throughout the precincts of Camp Hall. He is always ably seconded by his henchmen Kevin O'Callaghan and Mick Yoeman—especially when any jest is to be had in the dining hall. Sam Andanar, more angelic, still attends frequently the College dances, immaculate in dark suit, white collar and white socks.

Most of these finalists are quietly confident about their coming examinations while Tom Gilmore is to crown his undergraduate course by a post-graduate year in France.

The last of this happy group, Ted Croft, had the honour (or misfortune) to be crowned Rag King, during Rag Week, under the guise of the devil incarnate. When he's not playing, his spectacles make him even *look* studious.

The hour glass runs on, finals are one hour nearer. With that solemn thought in mind I must end this Hull letter. Best wishes to all Edwardians—and remember us—sometimes.

Yours sincerely,

HULL.

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HOPWOOD LETTER

Once again the time has come to send greetings and good wishes to our Alma Mater. Good wishes, we think, are the more important at this time of the year. The Old Edwardians at Hopwood Hall sincerely wish success to all present Edwardians taking public examinations this term, and also to our brother students at Simmaries. We hope there will be much cause for jubilation and none for sorrow when the results are announced.

At Hopwood, we now have a new Brother Superior, Rev. Br. Augustine. Rev. Br. Columba,

our ex-Superior, had to retire at Easter because of illness. On Tuesday, June 13th, the College was honoured by a visit from His Eminence Cardinal Griffin and most of the English Hierarchy. On the same day, we had another singular visitor, this time in the person of the Most Honoured Brother Athanase-Émile, Superior-General of the Brothers of the Christian Schools who was visiting England from his headquarters in Rome.

Time is pressing so we must hurry away to do some more "candle-burning." Once again we send our sincere wishes for success in this year's examinations. Goodbye,

from HOPWOOD HALL.

The Seasons of the Year

In Spring bloom the flowers and blossoms so gay,
Which fill the air of the new-born day,
With perfumed fragrance and beauteous array,
To tell that Summer is on the way.

In Summer, the sun doth shine so bright,
That children play from morn till night,
The men in the fields are carting the hay,
And safe into barns they store it away.

Now Autumn comes in russet gown,
And paints the woods a golden brown,
On orchard boughs the fruit hangs high,
And parting swallows fill the sky.

Then follows Winter with heavy tread,
Squirrels and dormice hasten to bed,
But Robin does his best to cheer,
And wish us all a Happy New Year.

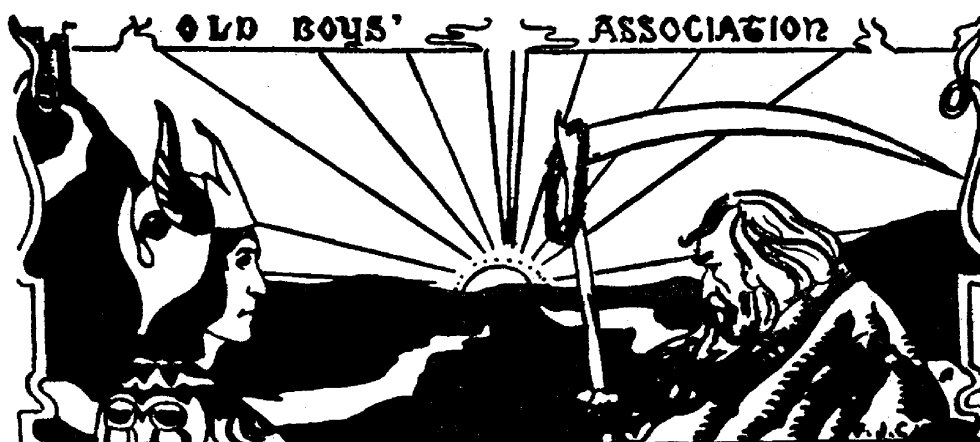
M. MAYBURY, II Alpha.

A Day at School

I come from home,
I come to learn,
I come from Childwall Valley,
I sparkle seldom in my form, I bicker, fight, I dally.
By 60 bus I reach the place
The crowd resembles Wembley,

Thro' leaving late I have to rush,
And breathless reach Assembly.
I chatter, chatter, loud or low,
My master's patience sever,
Tho' lessons come and masters go,
Yet I drift on for ever.

M. FETHERSTONE, II Alpha.



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It is ever our aim in this preamble to touch upon some phase of Association policy or aims in the hope that we shall strike a chord in some so far unresponsive breast and thereby awaken that dormant sense of loyalty to College and Association that is the life-blood of the organization ; or, possibly, open up a new line of thought leading to hitherto unsuspected possibilities. Let us, therefore, enlarge on a certain item of our Constitution, to wit, Membership.

Many of our readers will learn to their surprise that the fathers of present and past pupils are eligible for Membership of the Association. We have never made any general approach to gentlemen in this category since we were concerned mainly with the principal source of our strength—ex-pupils. Prior to 1938, we had not the organization nor the facilities to “capture” the potential Member at the College gates ; consequently, we have spent the post-war period in seeking out the sheep that were lost and ensuring that no pupil left the College in ignorance of the Association.

There is a vast difference between parent and pupil, but if any father enjoys good company in comfortable surroundings ; is young-in-heart and interested in any of the many social activities provided at Bishop's Court ; feels that merely lending his moral support to an Association that fosters loyalty and gives service to Alma Mater, let him apply now for Membership, which is gladly offered, and achieve a sense of unity with a great undertaking.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

The second half of the winter season offered a very varied and attractive programme of functions and the excellent attendances demonstrated the fact that a well-planned and efficiently run series of entertainments will always command the fullest support of our members. Apart from the regular Sunday night Dances and the Wednesday night Whist Drives, three Bohemians, one Hot-Pot Supper and several informal re-unions were outstanding successes. It is worthy of note that all these events were staged at Bishop's Court and

were run without outside help. This does not mean, however, that additional help is not welcomed—quite the reverse. The more members who take an active part in affairs the better the Council are pleased.

The culminating event of the season was the Annual Dinner held in the College Hall by kind permission of Rev. Br. Hooper. One hundred and twenty members and guests sat down to an excellent meal and were regaled by some grand speeches from His Grace, The Archbishop, Rev. D. Lyons (the "hit" of the evening), Jack Curtin and many others. The Chairman for the evening was our President Dr. B. W. Whalley.

Among minor attractions was the "Musical Appreciation" Section's weekly gramophone recitals of classical music, during which, four one-composer programmes and three complete operas were given. The devotees, though not numerous, were faithful and regular in their attendance despite some wretched weather. Why is it that as soon as a function even faintly redolent of "soul" (or flowing locks and dirty finger-nails) is announced members either break into jeering laughter or leave hurriedly for the bedside of a sick aunt. Theatre programmes state without fear of contradiction that "This theatre can be emptied in two minutes." An announcement of an all-Beethoven Recital in the Lounge can lower that figure for the Club. And still we persist.

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SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

In this field, numbers at the various Benedictions were low but we fully realise that the spirit is the thing and so many of our members are very prominent workers in their own parishes, which is as it should be. This year's Day of Recollection was better-attended than in previous years. Father Daniel Lyons proved himself the ideal Director and all present derived great spiritual benefit.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The main interest this year, apart from the Election of Officers—always a fascinating item, was the Re-construction Scheme for Bishop's Court. After a two-hour's discussion, the meeting gave its

approval to the project but could not make up its mind on the question of the best way of meeting its cost. It was decided to hold a Special General Meeting about the middle of June to debate this very important point.

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SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The Special General Meeting on June 18th proved as contentious as the A.G.M. and after a lengthy discussion Mr. Tom Everson found a formula acceptable to the great majority of the Meeting. The essence of the proposal is the launching of a Re-Construction Scheme Fund to raise sufficient capital to finance the project. The Council, in due course, will carry out the wishes of the Meeting, but more of this anon.

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CRICKET

The season opened with a win at Bromborough against Knockaloe in a game of low scoring. We were all out for 38, but retaliated through Tom Smith (6 for 10) and Bill Davies (4 for 13), dismissing our opponents for 24. The following week we were the guests of Old Anselmians, but although Jim Hill declared at 61 for 7, the challenge was not taken up and the game ended in a draw with Old Anselmians 20 for 4. Whit week-end brought two very attractive fixtures. On the Sunday we travelled to Warrington where slipshod fielding helped to bring about our first defeat. At Netherton Park on Whit Monday Litherland became the first club to score 200 against us, due to a fourth wicket stand of 120. We went in at 6-10 p.m. and after a couple of early batting failures we began to settle down. At 8 o'clock Litherland claimed the extra half-hour and with eight minutes to go our last wicket fell with our total at 91—a truly tense finish.

Once again the College 1st XI beat us in a close game which was played in very uncertain weather. We declared at 76 for 6 but were unable to prevent the College from passing our total for the loss of only four wickets. To conclude, will some kind gentleman with the necessary inclination and qualifications volunteer as Umpire to the Club?

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YOUTH SECTION

The Juniors have been very active this winter both on the football field and in the Club. Their latest effort to interest and amuse was a Revue "Black and White" staged in the Annexe on Friday, June 16th. An audience of about 80 thoroughly enjoyed a grand show which produced talent of no mean order.

Steve Lowe has been elected Youth Leader in succession to Jim Boggan. We wish Steve, who is very popular with the Juniors, every success in this difficult task.

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COMING EVENTS

By the time you are reading this, Rev.Br.Wall will have received his Presentation consisting of a Papal Blessing, a handsome Missal and a Mass in Perpetuity to be celebrated at Prinknash Abbey. A full description of the occasion will be given in the next *Monthly Bulletin*.

The next Quarterly Conference, preceded by Benediction at St. Paul's, West Derby, at 4-15 p.m., will be held at Bishop's Court on Sunday, October 15th at 6 p.m.

A Joint Dance with the Catholic Metropolitan Club will be held at the Carlton Rooms, Eberle Street, on Friday, 29th September. Tickets will be on sale at the Club about the middle of August.

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INVITATION TO SENIOR BOYS

Once again, the Association extends a cordial invitation to Senior Boys to use the Club during the Summer Vacation. To avoid mutual embarrassment, please note that this invitation applies to Senior Boys ONLY and for the period of the Summer Vacation ONLY.

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NEWS OF OLD BOYS

J. G. Wilkinson, B. Arch., A.R.I.B.A., A.M.I.P.I. (College 1919-22) is City Planning Officer at Bath. He is in London occasionally and would be welcomed at any of the London Group functions, as also would J. P. Adderley of 21, Whitecross Avenue, Whitchurch, Bristol, 4. It is with regret that we have to inform you that G. J. Cunningham has moved up to the Midlands,

having been transferred by H.M. Customs & Excise, for whom he works. While wishing him every success in Brum, we hope that we shall see him again from time to time. Bernard Sharpe, a late Treasurer of the London Group, is now on his second trip to U.S.A. for the Ministry of Supply. Lucky fellow! A. A. Keating, who is an Assistant Film Director, looked very brown after his three months at Falmouth on "Treasure Island." Despite the gloomy outlook in the Studios he is keeping busy on "shorts" and hopes to continue.

News from the Mill Hill Fathers in Africa:— Larry Murphy's brother, Father Bill Murphy in Kenya mentioned two other Old Boys—Father Frank Heraty (1921) also in Kenya, and Father Jack Fowler (1922) in Uganda. He mentioned that the Christian Brothers were expected to open a school there, but nothing materialised.

Bernard Sharpe's brother E. J. is living at Sunningdale and travels each week to Brighton to work passing through London on Mondays and Fridays as a rule.

Rt. Rev. Mgr. J. Hogan, O.F.M., who was recently consecrated Bishop of Bellary sailed some months ago in the *Caledonia* for Southern India. Another Old Boy who has just embarked for a foreign shore is J. D. Peel (1945) who has gone to Malaya to take up a position as chemist with Lever Bros.

Paul Reilly (1939) and his wife were blessed with a daughter who arrived just ten minutes too late for New Year's Day. Congratulations are also due to Joe Supple (a daughter), Owen Crowley (a son), Cyril Gradwell (a son), and Frank Rossiter (a son). Jack Basley also has had "further offspring"—whatever that means!

We were pleased to note that Leon Goossens, who attended Hope Street, received the O.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List.

P. Monaghan (1948) is studying at Leeds University. P. Hampson (1943) is going to East Africa for three months on the "Groundnuts Scheme." John Moran (1947) is in Hong Kong serving with the Royal Navy and expects to be there for another two years. Ray Pratt (1929) is

on board a fishing trawler. J. G. Spear (1947) ERA/A is in the Royal Navy stationed at *H.M.S. Caledonia*, Rosyth. J. P. Keaney, Cpl. R.A.F., thanks us for *Bulletins*. He is stationed in the Officers' Mess, Watnall, Notts. George Cain (1948), A.C. R.A.F., is stationed at Abyad, Egypt. Tony Echave (1944) is serving in the Merchant Navy and rarely sees home. N. Bridge (1949) has been completely wrapped up in his exams. lately. Cecil Braniff (1917) sends the Association his best wishes from London. Rev. Br. McHenry has arrived in South Africa and expects to take up his duties soon. Dermot Doyle (1932) recently returned from Rome where he found that the Christian Brothers were a very powerful force. Vin Briscoe (1932) has returned from South Africa and has taken up an appointment in Dublin. Mick Beauchamp (1923) sends his best wishes to Joe Le Roi, Tom Egan, Con Ratchford, John Maher, John Romano, Arthur Blackledge, Jack Smith, Gerry Bolger, and Jim Nestor.

A. F. Williams (1946), A.C. R.A.F. is stationed at Cranwell. Dr. J. D. Bates (1948) has taken up an appointment with the Stack Medical Research Laboratories, Khartoum, Sudan. Peter Schofield (1947) is in the R.A.M.C.

J. G. McCormack (1920-24) writes from San Francisco where the Christian Brothers have two excellent schools in the vicinity. He sent his best

wishes to the Association and greetings to Bernard Jefferson, Felix Carney, Jack Pozzi, Chas. Boon, Frank Hyde, and the Murray brothers.

The following members are ill and in need of your prayers : Bob Basley (1908) and Jack Woods (1935). We are sure you will also remember in your prayers the following members who are studying for the priesthood—John O'Brien (1940) at Upholland and Anthony Connolly (1948).

We regret to announce the death on April 23rd of Wilfred Benedict Nickson, at the early age of 21. He had been ill for nearly a year with a very painful disease but still retained his interest in the Association and its affairs. To his sorrowing family and friends we offer our deepest sympathy and assure them of our constant prayers on his behalf. May he rest in peace.

The following Members are now serving in H.M. Forces and Steve Lowe will be glad to receive any details concerning their whereabouts or activities. He is also keen to have the names and addresses if possible, of other Old Boys who are maintaining their country's defences : Colin Cafferty, Michael Caird, Bernard Cooch, Norman Clague, Francis Dorr, Anthony Gregory, R.A.O.C., Dennis Hannigan, R.A.O.C., John Howe, John Keaney, Francis Rose, Norman Rigby, R.A.F., Francis Whitelaw.

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RUGGER NOTES

The season was the most successful since Rugby was introduced as the School game and was a just reward for constant practice and the desire of members of all sides to look upon themselves not as potential scorers but as members of a team. More important than the results obtained was the spirit in which the games were played and the open type of rugby witnessed. Players gave of their best and a healthy competition from those on the "verge" compelled the members of the various sides to show their worth if they were to hold their place in any particular team. To all team members we offer sincerest congratulations on their splendid achievements.

W. Ellis proved an admirable captain for 1st XV and his all round high standard of play was an example to spur on the other members of the side. J. Nolan (vice-captain) was an enthusiastic forward and a valuable long distance place-kicker who has given many year's service to 1st XV's. J. Hargreaves and A. Beason were good full backs though differing in their tactics. The former relied on his ability to link with the "threes" while the latter was a fearless tackler and a good touch-finder. The wingers J. Moorhead and H. Davenport were clever and speedy and Moorhead developed into a clean tackler, while Davenport's anticipation was often uncanny. A. Ryan at centre had good ball control and his strong determined dashes made him a prolific scorer. P. Marron and J. McDermott (when called upon) were spectacular out-halves who tackled well and knew when to part with the ball. E. Johnston, a capable

scrum half right through the School, added many blind side tries but his long passes to the open and neat kicking were responsible for much of the open rugby. J. Shennan, hooker, was the most improved forward at the end of the season. His quick breaking from the line out and his determination in attack paved the way to many scores. Another improved player was N. Ryan who, with his front row partner J. Doran, was tireless in his efforts. A feature of most games was the clean jumping of R. Ferrigno in the line out. He was a strong running forward with a good hand-off. Lock forward G. Ludden was a sound tackler and tricky runner with all the characteristics of a centre three-quarter. He played in many positions in backs and forwards throughout the season. Blind side forward E. Randall, speedy and elusive, was outstanding for his positional play and backing-up. G. Evans, scrum-leader and open side wing forward was indefatigable—a fearless tackler and a grand all-round forward.

A special word of thanks to J. Quinn who so willingly acted as linesman in all weathers.

Colours

The School Colours were awarded to the following members of the 1st XV:—J. Shennan, J. Moorhead, G. Ludden, E. Johnston and E. Randall.

Representative Games

W. Ellis played for Liverpool P.S. v. Manchester P.S. and got a very favourable press. W. Ellis captained the

Merseyside Schools in the game v. Birkenhead Schools and J. Moorhead, R. Ferrigno, N. Ryan and G. Evans were selected for the same game.

A. McLachlan, J. Doran and M. Murray played in the pack for the Liverpool P.S. Junior team.

The House Shield

Domingo pulled out from Sefton in the last round of the series. The games were well attended and there were many keen encounters. Final positions :—

Domingo (J. Nolan)	92 pts.
Sefton (H. Davenport)	82 pts.
Hope (G. Ludden)	52 pts.
Mersey (J. McDermott) ...	38 pts.

Record of School Teams

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	
					For	Agst
1st XV.....	21	16	—	5	367	149
2nd XV	14	14	—	—	513	49
Senior Colts ...	4	4	—	—	59	17
Junior Colts ...	14	12	1	1	165	26
Bantam XV ...	17	13	—	4	231	69
J. Bantam XV	9	5	—	4	65	48
1st Year XV ...	6	2	2	2	33	35

FIRST XV

St. Edward's College v. Birkenhead Institute At Sandfield Park.

17/12/49

An open game with the home forwards getting the greater share of the scrums but the defence of both sides was better than the attack. A. Ryan had a good run till he was brought down and from a line-out Nolan crashed his way over for an unconverted try. Ferrigno's clear jumping and passing from the line-out was a feature of the game. Birkenhead Institute should have scored but Hargreaves got us out of difficulty and put his threes on the move. A Randall—Shennan move was checked by a touch finder and again Nolan could not be prevented from going over for his second score. Moorhead, who was well served by Ellis, had a good game but could not finish his moves. B.I. tried hard for a score till Evans and N. Ryan brought the ball at their feet to the visitors' 25 and from a scrum Johnston went over on the blind side for an unconverted try.

Half time : S.E.C., 9 pts. ; B.I., Nil

The second half was more closely contested but the home pack never gave in and took honours in line-out and scrum. Marron kept his opposite number guessing and had one of his best games. Davenport's efforts on the wing petered out and Ludden and Cookson were short after a dribble. Johnston played his backs well but the centres were well watched and too often ran into trouble. B.I. pressed hard for the last ten minutes till Ellis intercepted and outwitted four defenders before touching down for the best try of the game. Ellis converted.

S.E.C., 14 pts. ; Birkenhead Institute, Nil.

TEAM : J. Hargreaves ; J. Moorhead, W. Ellis (Capt.), A. Ryan, H. Davenport ; P. Marron, E. Johnston ; N. Ryan, J. Shennan, R. Lovelady, J. Nolan, R. Ferrigno, G. Evans, G. Ludden ; E. Randall.

St. Edward's College v. Rock Ferry High School At Rock Ferry.

25/1/50

Playing on a bone hard ground both sides were careful about tackling but there was some good hard running. Shennan regularly got possession from the set scrums and Marron, Ellis and Davenport had good penetrating attacks. A forward rush by Doran, Randall and Evans was checked near the line and from the scrum Johnston made ground to send over Randall for a try. Ellis added a penalty goal before a fast Rock Ferry winger got over in the corner. Ryan and Doran were having one of their best games and Ferrigno and Nolan played well in the line-out. Rock Ferry came again into the attack but Moorhead was sent on a lengthy run before being bundled into touch. Hargreaves

fielded many difficult balls and made brave attempts to get the threes moving.

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

On the resumption play was ragged for a time but from some quick heels Ellis found holes in the home team's defence and Ludden brought Davenport into the game. A forward rush led to Marron's try which Ellis converted. Rock Ferry came back to add a penalty goal. A combined Ryan—Doran—Randall foot rush from the visitors' 25 allowed N. Ryan to touch down but the try was not converted. It was now all S.E.C. and Johnston rounded the blind side to score a try which Ellis converted. Cookson's footwork was good and both he and Davenport almost crossed again. A feature of the game was Hargreaves' clever linking up with the three-quarters.

S.E.C., 19 pts. ; Rock Ferry, 6 pts.

TEAM : J. Hargreaves ; J. Moorhead, W. Ellis (Capt.), G. Ludden, H. Davenport ; P. Marron, E. Johnston ; N. Ryan, J. Shennan, J. Doran, R. Ferrigno, J. Nolan, G. Evans, R. Cookson, E. Randall.

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

4/2/50

The home team played a very open game and the strong running of the backs proved too much for the visitors. Shennan got a scrum monopoly and Moorhead collected a cross-kick from Ellis to score between the posts. Ellis converted. Quick service from the line-out by Ferrigno and Evans allowed A. Ryan to put in a strong run and from a scrum near the line Johnston went over for a blind-side try which Ellis converted. St. Anselm's had a good forward foot rush checked and both sides cancelled movements by good tackling before Ellis and Marron broke away for Davenport to race over for an unconverted try. An intercept by the visitors' scrum half was checked by a Hargreaves' tackle.

Half-time : S.E.C., 13 pts. ; St. Anselm's College, Nil.

There was much faulty handling in the early part of the second half and the St. Anselm's forwards attempted to keep the ball close until the home side took over the superiority in the loose-scrums. A break from the line-out by Nolan and an interpassing movement among the forwards got Ellis away and he made room for Moorhead to use his speed for another try which Ellis converted. N. Ryan and Doran were prominent in the loose and Johnston opened up the game, being well partnered by Marron. The forwards still battled it out but the S.E.C. backs looked the more dangerous. Clever backing up by Randall and Evans saw Shennan picking

up a loose ball and going over for a try which Ellis converted.

S.E.C., 23 pts. ; St. Anselm's College, Nil.

Team : J. Hargreaves ; J. Moorhead, W. Ellis (Capt.), A. Ryan, H. Davenport ; P. Marron, E. Johnston ; N. Ryan, J. Shennan, J. Doran, J. Nolan, R. Ferrigno, G. Evans, G. Ludden, E. Randall.

St. Edward's College v. Birkenhead Institute At Whetstone Lane.

8/2/50

The clean heeling and open rucker served up made this the best game to date. The scrums were shared in the loose but S.E.C. had a slight advantage in the set-scrums. Nolan and Ferrigno were good in the line-out. B.I. went into the attack and opened the score with a penalty goal but a brilliant move by Marron and A. Ryan got Ellis going and he placed a beautiful cross-kick for Davenport to touch down by the corner flag. Davenport soon gathered a similar cross-kick but was pushed on the flag. B.I. now called the tune and Hargreaves came to the rescue with a lengthy kick to touch. The home team next tried a diagonal move and then got the ball back along the line to find our threes out of position and their centre scored. The try was converted. Moorhead put in a good run and the forwards brought on to the 25 where Doran and N. Ryan took over and the latter scored for Ellis to convert.

Half-time : S.E.C., 8 pts. ; B.I. 8 pts.

On the resumption play was faster but the tackling of both sides was deadly. Shennan and Randall were now to the fore in the loose and the former was at his best in breaking from the line-out. A blind side move by Johnston almost came off but we were forced back to our own territory. The B.I. centres were always dangerous when in possession but were well watched by Ellis and A. Ryan. Eventually their centre cut through and when tackled their forwards were there to carry on and score an unconverted try. Ellis was pulled down short of the line and A. Ryan's effort was similarly checked. N. Ryan and Ludden made another unsuccessful attempt and B.I. forced us back. A prodigious kick by Nolan for a penalty awarded in our territory came back into play and B.I.'s backs brought the ball to our "25" where A. Ryan got possession, side stepped his man and parted to Ellis, who with a 70 yards effort of speed, jink and dummy, beat man after man. A Ryan who had cut inside him, took the ball and parted to Moorhead, who with little room to move in, brushed aside the full-back, avoided the corner flag and went on to score between the posts. Ellis made no mistake with the convert.

S.E.C., 13 pts. ; Birkenhead Institute, 11 pts.

TEAM : J. Hargreaves ; J. Moorhead, W. Ellis (Capt.), A. Ryan, H. Davenport ; P. Marron, E. Johnston ; J. Doran, J. Shennan, N. Ryan, R. Ferrigno, J. Nolan, E. Randall, G. Ludden, G. Evans.

St. Edward's College v. Birkenhead Park III At Sandfield Park.

11/2/50

The visitors had a heavier pack but were much slower behind than the home team. Shennan once more gave a regular service from the scrums but Park were never able to cope with a smooth-running back-line which slung the ball about in rare fashion. The Park were first to the attack but a Marron—Ellis scissors movement outwitted their defence and sent A. Ryan over for a try which Ellis converted. Straight from the kick, the forwards brought on and a long pass, from a loose scrum by Johnston, got the three's going

and A. Ryan took an inside pass from his winger to score between the posts. Ellis converted. Park found Ellis too elusive and he soon sent Davenport over for a try which he again converted. The visitors had a break through our back-line but Hargreaves dealt confidently with his opponent and brought off a good tackle for Shennan and Randall to start a movement from which Ellis flashed a ball to Moorhead who went over by the corner for a try which Ellis converted. Park followed up a punt ahead and swept the ball from the full-back's hands to score an unconverted try which was soon negated by Johnston's blind-side score.

Half-time : S.E.C., 23 pts. ; Birkenhead Park III, 3 pts.

The second half was more evenly contested through a few switches in the Park side. Park got a better service from the scrum and made ground but the backs tackled well and a ball went right across the three-quarter line for Moorhead's unconverted try. Rain made the ball very slippery and foot-work became the order. N. Ryan, Ferrigno and Ludden brought the ball into the Park territory and Randall was up to touch down. Ellis converted. Hargreaves gathered from the feet of the opposition and dummied his way through to get A. Ryan and Davenport moving but the latter was forced into touch. During a scrum on the "25," Park backs moved up to watch Ellis while Johnston slipped over on the blind side for an unconverted try.

S.E.C., 34 pts. ; Birkenhead Park III, 3 pts.

TEAM : J. Hargreaves ; J. Moorhead, W. Ellis (Capt.), A. Ryan, H. Davenport ; P. Marron, E. Johnston ; N. Ryan, J. Shennan, J. Doran, A. Ferrigno, J. Nolan, G. Ludden, G. Evans, E. Randall.

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

28/2/50

A very open game with good defensive play in both back divisions but the heavier S.E.C. forwards gave their backs more opportunity. A quick heel from a loose-scrum found Johnston getting the backs on the move and Ellis caught the whole Park defence on the wrong foot before cross-kicking for Davenport to score. The try was not converted. Nolan and Ferrigno had matters their own way in the line out and N. Ryan and Shennan were forceful in the loose. The ball swung along the threes and a reverse pass to A. Ryan sent Davenport over for an unconverted try. St. Helens were on top for some ten minutes but could not make the last few yards. A good break by Moorhead gained valuable ground but we were soon on the defence again and West Park went over for a goal. Randall, Evens and Ludden brought the ball to the "25" where Ellis picked up and speed, swerve and determination brought him over for a try which he converted.

Half-time : S.E.C., 11 pts. ; West Park, 5 pts.

There was sound forward work and good back play in the second half and Shennan once more out-hooked his opposite number. West Park went to the attack but Hargreaves relieved pressure by a good run and touch-finder. Johnston sent out a long pass to Marron who eluded two backs to score an unconverted try. The ball moved up and down the field but neither side could clinch their movements. Evans and Doran made ground along the touch-line and Ludden put in a tricky run to score by the corner-flag. Nolan converted with a very fine kick. Park put on the pressure and their winger shook off a tackler to score by the flag but the kick at goal failed.

S.E.C., 19 pts. ; West Park C.G.S., 8 pts.

TEAM : J. Hargreaves ; J. Moorhead, W. Ellis (Capt.), H. Ryan, H. Davenport ; P. Marron, E. Johnston ; N. Ryan, J. Shennan, J. Doran, R. Ferrigno, J. Nolan, G. Evans, G. Ludden, E. Randall.

St. Edward's College v. Park High School
At Sandfield Park. 4/3/50

A game fought out by both sides with great gusto. There were some good spots of play but the loose scrumming was too robust and too ragged. N. Ryan and Ludden were prominent with their feet and a long pass from E. Johnston sent Ellis off on a spectacular run to score between the posts and then convert. Nolan and Ferrigno were a power in the line-out and the former, time and time again broke through to find a good touch. Park's forwards were good but their backs had no penetrating power and were too often forced across the field. Ludden and Evans fought their way down field and from a rough and tumble loose scrum near the line Johnston sold the dummy and went over for a try which Ellis converted. A neat move by A. Ryan and Davenport was checked short of the line and the Park winger had a good run until tackled by Hargreaves. The latter then side-stepped his way and parted to Moorhead who was forced into touch. Shennan who was hooking well, was forceful in the line-out. Ellis landed a penalty goal from the touch-line.

Half-time : S.E.C., 13 pts. ; Park High School, Nil.

The second half was more evenly contested but still play was ragged and a little on the robust side. Park were on top for a period till a Randall breakaway eased pressure and S.E.C. now battered at the Park line for a good 10 minutes but without success. Hargreaves anticipated a Park move and intercepted only to be tackled in possession. Park put everything into a last-quarter rally but Nolan, Ludden and N. Ryan stood firm. Johnston opened the game up and Marron swerved round his opposite number and got Ellis going. He drew the defence to his side of the field and Davenport had no trouble in collecting a cross kick and scoring an unconverted try. Park ended the scoring with a penalty goal.

S.E.C., 16 pts. ; Park High School, 3 pts.

TEAM : J. Hargreaves ; J. Moorhead, W. Ellis (Capt.), A. Ryan, H. Davenport ; P. Marron, E. Johnston ; N. Ryan, J. Shennan, J. Doran, R. Ferrigno, J. Nolan, E. Randall, G. Ludden, G. Evans.

St. Edward's College v. Oldershaw Grammar School. At Sandfield Park. 8/3/50

The heavier home pack proved too much for the visitors and a regular service from the scrum and line-out gave the backs abundant opportunities. A dash by Ellis and Moorhead ended in a scrum on the opponent's "25" and Johnston went over unopposed. Oldershaw had a really good run down the middle but Beason brought off a timely tackle. Nolan and Ferrigno broke through the line-out repeatedly and were well backed up by Randall and N. Ryan. A long pass from Johnston sent Marron on a swerving run which A. Ryan carried on. Ellis landed a penalty goal and soon after, Nolan broke through the line-out from the "25" and scored an unconverted try.

Half-time : S.E.C., 9 pts. ; Oldershaw G.S., Nil.

Oldershaw opened well in the second half but were too often bewildered by the swift changing of attack by the home team. Evans and Shennan broke up an attack before the former put in a good run and found Ellis with a pass. Ellis led the defence to the right and put

in a neat cross-kick which Davenport gathered to score by the corner flag. While the visitors were giving attention to our centres Johnston slipped over for an open side try from the base of a scrum and Ellis converted. Ludden and Doran brought the ball at their feet and heeled from a loose scrum and Johnston again slipped the defence to score his third try. Nolan converted from a difficult angle. Oldershaw rallied in the last few minutes and Beason with a splendid tackle prevented their speedy winger from scoring by the flag.

S.E.C., 22 pts. ; Oldershaw G.S., Nil.

TEAM : A. Beason ; J. Moorhead, W. Ellis (Capt.), A. Ryan, H. Davenport ; P. Marron, E. Johnston ; J. Doran, J. Shennan, N. Ryan, J. Nolan, R. Ferrigno, G. Evans, G. Ludden, E. Randall.

St. Edward's College v. St. Joseph's College (Blackpool). At Sandfield Park. 17/3/50

This was the first rugby encounter between the two schools and the game was more evenly contested than the result suggests. The home backs were served more frequently from line-out and scrum but the visitors showed a greater turn of speed with less opportunities. Blackpool went into the attack and a tackle by Ellis prevented a score. A run by A. Ryan and Davenport eased matters and McDermott opened the score with a drop-goal. This was negated by an unconverted try from a St. Joseph's forward. Tackling was keen on both sides and good footwork by N. Ryan, Shennan and Randall relieved pressure on our line. Johnston got the ball away to McDermott who interplayed with Ellis before the latter sent the ball out to Davenport who scored a try which Ellis converted. The visitors came back to the attack and a speedy run by their centre resulted in an unconverted try. Play moved quickly before A. Ryan dropped a goal.

Half-time : S.E.C., 11 pts. ; St. Joseph's College, 6 pts.

Nolan, Ferrigno and Evans were prominent in the line-out during the second half and there was some good back play by Beason who broke up a St. Joseph's attack with a splendid tackle. A run by Moorhead just failed. The visitors were again checked by Beason and Ellis and A. Ryan's thrust down the centre came to nought. Johnston and Ellis interpassed before the latter put in a cross-kick which Davenport touched down. Ellis converted. Blackpool came back to the attack but could not penetrate. Nolan relieved the pressure and a McDermott—Ellis movement saw A. Ryan taking his pass and opening the defence to score an unconverted try after a 40 yards run.

S.E.C., 19 pts. ; St. Joseph's College, 6 pts.

TEAM : A. Beason ; J. Moorhead, W. Ellis (Capt.), A. Ryan, H. Davenport ; E. Johnston, J. McDermott ; J. Doran, J. Shennan, N. Ryan, J. Nolan, R. Ferrigno, G. Evans, G. Ludden, E. Randall.

St. Edward's College v. St. Mary's College
At Sandfield Park. 23/3/50

"The St. Mary's forwards, overweighted in the scrummage and beaten for height in the line-out, where Ferrigno was excellent for the other side, could do little to give their backs a chance. However they gave no ground in the open and their foot-work was admirable.

"Ellis, the St. Edward's centre and captain, who has earned favourable comment in the P.S. holiday games, was the mainspring of most of his team's attacks, and

so well did his halves and other threes co-operate that the losers' middle triangle, Connor, Kelly and Fenerty, often brought their men down but could not halt the move. In addition to kicking 3 good goals, Ellis whose unselfishness made him the more dangerous when he decided to play a lone hand, scored two tries, one by anticipating McDermott's kick ahead, and the other through use of jink, acceleration, and swerve and had a hand in two other scores.

"The first came from a short punt, a gather and an instantaneous pass, high and wide, which sent Moorhead on the wing clear away. In the other Ellis' part was less, as he was only one of a line that flashed the ball right for Davenport on the wing to whip it back to A. Ryan, who went hard through the gap made in the stretched defence. The winner's other tries came from a good break through Johnston, the scrum half, and from a determined run by N. Ryan, a right shape and a very useful front row forward.

"St. Mary's scored through Hearty from a quick pass out from Fitzgerald and Griffiths converted."—*Daily Post*.

S.E.C., 24 pts. ; St. Mary's, 5 pts.

TEAM : A. Beason ; J. Moorhead, W. Ellis (Capt.), A. Ryan, H. Davenport ; E. Johnston, J. McDermott ; J. Doran, J. Shennan, N. Ryan, J. Nolan, R. Ferrigno, G. Evans, G. Ludden, E. Randall.

St. Edward's College v. Old Boys' XV At Sandfield Park. 1/4/50

The School barely got home and so avenged their earlier defeat by the Old Boys. Attempts by Gill and J. Johnson were checked but the Old Boys came back and efforts by Brown and Tiernan almost brought a reward. A combined movement by McDermott, Ellis and A. Ryan eased matters but Marron's kicking frequently frustrated our endeavours. A. Ryan's running in particular was very penetrative but Johnson's tackling was sure. Moorhead broke away only to be collared by Brown. A Randall—Ferrigno—Shennan dribble was negated by good close football by Barclay,

McNamara and Short. Shennan had a monopoly of set scrums but Hickey's speed round the scrums prevented Johnston from getting the ball away quickly and Brown and Short did magnificent covering. The Old Boys were having the better of matters in the line-out and Hughes and Johnson eagerly seized the opportunities. The tackling of both sides was keen and relentless and no score seemed likely. A run by Gill and a foot-rush by Murphy, Tiernan and Clayton looked dangerous but the School were relieved by a long penalty kick by Ellis. Nolan, Doran and Ferrigno were taking well from the line-out and Randall intercepted but was brought down by Marron.

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

Shennan still hooked regularly but the Old Boys penned the School to their "25" from which Johnston time and again relieved pressure. Ellis used speed and side-step but was closely watched. A Marron cross-kick was fielded by Gill but Moorhead and Beason checked him and Evans, Ludden and N. Ryan were to the fore in stemming an all-out raid by the Old Boys. The School got on top again and A. Ryan found touch in the Old Boys' "25." Johnston when challenged by Brown and Hickey got in a diagonal kick which Ellis gathered at full speed to score by the corner flag. Nolan's fine effort at converting was just wide. The Old Boys came back and Ambrose and Clayton made ground on the right wing before Davenport forced the latter into touch. Barclay, Brown and Robinson had a final onslaught on the School line but Johnston again saved the day.

S.E.C., 3 pts. ; Old Boys, Nil.

SCHOOL TEAM : A. Beason ; J. Moorhead, W. Ellis (Capt.), A. Ryan, H. Davenport ; J. McDermott, E. Johnston ; N. Ryan, J. Shennan, J. Doran, J. Nolan, R. Ferrigno, G. Evans, G. Ludden, E. Randall.

OLD BOYS' XV : F. Marron ; T. Ambrose, T. Burke, J. Johnson, F. Gill (Capt.) ; R. Hughes, G. Hickey ; S. McNamara, B. Clayton, G. Barclay, T. Murphy, J. Tiernan, P. J. Brown, J. Robinson, F. Short.

MERSEYSIDE SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

At Holly Lodge. 25/3/50

For the second year in succession S.E.C. won the Merseyside Sevens. Faster and more elusive than their opponents in all rounds, their tackling was so certain that in no game was their line crossed.

Quarter final v. St. Anselm's College.

A. Ryan scored from an opening carved out by Ellis and the latter converted.

S.E.C., 5 pts. ; St. Anselm's College, Nil.

Semi final v. Liverpool Collegiate.

Moorhead scored from a Johnston—Ellis effort. A. Ryan got the opposition concentrating on Ellis while he cut through to score. Ellis converted. A. Ryan had an unconverted try.

S.E.C., 11 pts. ; Liverpool Collegiate, Nil.

Final v. Wirral G.S.

Though they never looked like scoring Wirral brought us to extra time mainly because of their good tackling. Johnston slipped his opposite number and parted to Ellis who in turn eluded his man. A. Ryan took the ball and strength and speed brought him over for a try which Ellis converted.

S.E.C., 5 pts. ; Wirral G.S., Nil.

TEAM : A. Ryan, W. Ellis (Capt.), J. Moorhead, E. Johnston, H. Davenport, J. Shennan, N. Ryan.

Caldy Sevens

The same team got to the semi-final of the Caldly Sevens and N. Ryan's unconverted try was not enough for Caldly G.S. scored a goal in the last second of the game.

SECOND XV

After a triumphal Autumn term of success, the 2nd XV opened the Spring season against Rock Ferry High School at Rock Ferry. The pitch was heavy so that back play was at a discount and the game was mainly a dour struggle between two well-balanced packs. St. Edward's made sufficient openings to enable the backs to score tries through V. Murphy (1), P. O'Brien (2), R. Smith (1), and R. McKenna (1). The only reply by the home team was an unexpected converted try which was against the run of play. At the no-whistle the game ended in our favour by 20—5.

St. Helens Catholic Grammar School for the return game fielded a strong team and provided the hardest fought game of the season. From the outset the struggle was a ding-dong tussle between the packs striving for the mastery for the key to victory rested with them. Both sets of three-quarters were eager and alert but the defence kept the score down to two tries each, one of which was converted by St. Edward's. The slender lead of two points was grimly held until the final whistle.

St. Edward's 1 goal 1 try, 8 pts. ; St. Helens C.G.S. 2 tries, 6 pts.

The next fixture was in a half-gale against Birkenhead Institute at Birkenhead. Birkenhead caused a shock by scoring an unexpected try early in the game but after the initial surprise there was no withstanding St. Edward's. The forwards obtained the ball unflinchingly and the backs scored "as their fancy listeth." But for the time spent in recovering the ball when kicked to touch the score should have reached a mammoth total.

St. Edward's 41 pts. ; Birkenhead Institute, 3 pts.

For the return game at Sandfield Park, Birkenhead Institute fought with great determination for the first quarter of an hour. After the first break through their defence, St. Edward's poured through unceasingly, ending by scoring 23 points in the final ten minutes.

St. Edward's, 62 pts. ; Birkenhead Institute, Nil.

Park High School suffered their second defeat in the return game. St. Edward's threes were in grand fettle despite the mud and were much too fast and incisive for Park's defence. The scoring was monopolised by the backs as the pack was put off their usual game by the lively and vigilant Park forwards.

St. Edward's, 47 pts. ; Park High School, 5 pts.

With memories of their first defeat at Wallasey earlier in the season, Oldershaw elected to play a very close game and thus prevent St. Edward's strength being employed. This policy succeeded until St. Edward's pack gradually wore down the Oldershaw pack and finally dominated it so that a clear-cut victory was registered at the whistle for no-side.

St. Edward's, 32 pts. ; Oldershaw Grammar School, Nil.

The team ended the season as follows :—Played 14, Won 14, Drawn 0, Lost 0. Points for 513 ; against 49.

The outstanding players for points were :—T. Cunningham, 139 pts. (mainly for conversions), P. O'Brien, 97 pts. ; R. Smith, 51 pts. ; V. Murphy, 48 pts. ; B. Pearse, 33 pts.

The unbeaten record was due to the remarkable team spirit which permeated each member of the team. The enjoyment of the game was a marked feature of play.

The scrum was unusually heavy and responded well to the virile pack leader, T. Maguire, an efficient and forceful player. The strong point of the pack was in the line-outs. Always up with the ball, they gave little scope for opposing backs to initiate dangerous movements. F. Ledwidge was outstanding in this respect and enjoyed a Maul. B. Pearse was unsparing in the use of his apparently inexhaustible energy. M. McGowan was an able hooker and was always in the van. K. Harrison was conspicuous by the clever use of his hands and feet and seemed to be ever in the place where his services were most required. Doyle and Lovelady excelled in the line-outs. R. Cookson was an excellent wing forward and shone in defence. T. Cunningham was an adept at making the extra back and was dangerous when a clear opening came his way. G. Carroll gave yeoman service as a hooker when his services were required. J. Doran and N. Ryan were all-round players before promotion to the 1st XV.

The half-backs were a powerful liaison between the pack and the threes, and it was here the real explanation of the team's success could be explained. P. O'Brien, the vice-captain, was a powerfully-built scrum half and had probably no equal among opponents. He was quick off the mark and ever "on the alert" to exploit the blind side when it was opportune. He was most difficult to stop and scored over 30 tries. The outhalf was V. Murphy, the captain, who was quick off the mark and a determined runner, very difficult to stop. He proved a very efficient captain and was never ruffled.

The three quarter line was a particularly strong combination. H. Moore, J. Dillon, R. Smith and R. McKenna combined with almost perfect understanding and each was a sprinter. Their execution of a passing movement was the high-light of the game. R. Smith excelled in remarkable bursts of speed which enabled him to make some incredible runs of seventy yards and over.

The last line of defence was in the expert hands of A. Beason, a safe and hard-tackling player. After his promotion to the 1st XV, the berth was capably filled by J. Hopkins, a promising touch-finder.

TEAM : V. Murphy (Capt.), P. O'Brien (vice-Capt.), A. Beason, J. Hopkins, R. Smith, H. Moore, J. Dillon, R. McKenna, T. Maguire (pack-leader), M. McGowan (hooker), K. Harrison, R. Cookson, F. Ledwidge, L. Doyle, B. Pearse, J. Doran, T. Cunningham, G. Carroll, M. Sampson.

COLTS XV

The Autumn issue of the magazine shows that up to December 10th, 1949, the Colts had lost only one game and won all the rest. Since then one game has been drawn and all others won. While it is natural for any side to feel satisfied with such a record, it would be misleading to allow the members of the team to believe

that their play was always excellent. There were many times when they were fully extended and came through with a slender lead. These are the games that really matter. A run-away victory does more harm to the victors than to the vanquished.

We are happy to relate that the full-back position

which was a great trouble in the first half of the season was filled with great credit by A. Curran for all our remaining fixtures. The loss of our Captain, A. McLachlan, shortly after Christmas was a severe blow, and while E. Laird was a useful substitute in the centre the three quarter line never worked really smoothly, owing mainly to hesitation on the part of the wingers. The forwards played well in most games, in the line out, in the open, and in the tight scrums; but we would like to see the ball coming out quickly from the loose scrums.

We are confident that these few words of criticism will be accepted in the spirit in which they are given. The real test of a successful team is not the result of the games, but that the majority of the players eventually find places on the School's First XV, and show, when they reach that goal of every boy's ambition, that they have mastered the elements. It is almost certain that many of the season's Colts will make the grade, some in the near future.

Senior Colts results Points

Opponents	Result	For	Agst.
St. Anselm's College	(H) Won	23	3
St. Mary's College.....	(A) Won	6	3
St. Mary's College.....	(H) Won	16	5

TEAM : J. Hargreaves, E. Perez, E. Laird, P. O'Brien, P. Marron, J. Colford, A. Beason, M. Murray, A. Brownbill, K. Harrison, T. Laughton, B. Pearce, J. Doran, J. Hawkins, G. Carroll, F. Bate, T. McNally, R. Azurdia.

Junior Colts results (Spring Term) Points

Opponents	Result	For	Agst.
Oldershaw G.S.	(H) Won	8	0
St. Anselm's College	(A) Won	8	0
Park High School	(H) Won	8	0
Wirral G.S.	(H) Drew	3	3
St. Helens C.G.S.	(A) Won	8	3
St. Mary's College.....	(H) Won	24	0
St. Joseph's (B'pool)	(H) Won	8	0
De La Salle G.S.	(H) Won	11	3

TEAM : A. Curran, J. Rice, J. Cookson, E. Laird, B. Wilson, J. Colford, P. Marron, T. Laughton, J. Meehan, E. McSherry, B. Moore, M. Murray, T. McNally, R. Azurdia, R. Murphy, F. Bate, R. Hughes, D. Logan, D. Black.

BANTAM NOTES

The Bantams' record for the season as a whole was quite impressive. They played 17 games, won 13 and lost 4. Their greatest achievement was the winning of the Collegiate Bantam Seven-a-Side Competition. In this they proved themselves the best of the eight schools taking part. P. Anwyl is our most promising three-quarter. He contributed most towards our success in the "Sevens" by his speed and safe handling. Other outstanding performers were : T. Griffiths, W. McAleer, W. McNee, T. Burke and B. Anderson.

The following received Bantam Seven-a-Side Colours : B. Anderson, P. Anwyl, A. McNeilis, T. Griffiths, W. McNee, M. Spall, K. Addison and W. McAleer (reserve).

TEAM (Spring Term) : J. Usher, G. Quirke, E. Thomas, A. McNeilis, P. Anwyl, T. Griffiths, T. Francis (Capt.), M. Spall, G. Edgar, L. Ludden, W. Murphy, B. Anderson, L. McLaughlin, W. McAleer and W. McNee.

Bantam XV results

Date	Opponent	Result	Points
Dec. 17 (H)	v Birkenhead Institute ...	Won	18—0
Feb. 4 (H)	v St. Anselm's College ...	Won	10—6
Feb. 11 (A)	v Park High School	Won	19—0
Feb. 25 (A)	v St. Helens C.G.S.	Won	8—6
Mar. 11 (A)	Oldershaw G.S.	Won	26—0
Mar. 18	Collegiate Seven-a-Side	Won	
Mar. 25 (A)	v St. Mary's College	Lost	6—11
Apr. 1 (H)	v De La Salle G.S.	Won	15—3

JUNIOR BANTAM XV

Feb. 18 (H)	v Oldershaw G.S.	Lost	18—0
Mar. 25 (H)	v De La Salle.....	Lost	6—3

The spring check on limits struck us a blow from which we could not recover with only two fixtures. The newcomers for all their keenness were naturally a weakness. Still with five victories from nine games, with four members on the Sevens team and with both "veterans" and newcomers fast assuming the graces of the accomplished, it has been a profitable year. Outstanding in a whole-hearted side M. Sheridan showed great future promise all through the year as a forward of pace, intelligence and aggressiveness.

TEAM : J. Donleavy, J. Broughton, K. Addison, B. Marron, J. Corrigan, R. Fetherstone, T. McKellar, E. Hughes, B. McDermott (Capt.), G. Finnegan, J. Le Roi, V. Marmion, T. Cruse, E. Dillon, M. Sheridan, P. Alger, B. Weston, K. Crilly.

FIRST YEAR XV

This year saw the inauguration of a new team consisting of boys under twelve years, most of whom were new to the School and never played Rugby before. Many months of gruelling practice were required therefore before we took the field. In our first game against Collegiate our scrum half, J. Ratchford won special commendation for his unselfishness and accurate passing from the base of the scrum. E. Hughes (Capt.) provided a link, which was no less strong between him and the three quarters of whom A. Shaw and B. McDermott were outstanding. B. Ludden and D. Stannard who played in some games were very promising. The forwards, who were of the small type, though getting the best of all the set scrums did not bind enough in the loose and in the line-out. B. Weston displayed great capability as hooker and scrum leader, and Carl Hunter did all that was necessary in the way of tackling. P. Hanlon, G. Bushell, G. Murphy and G. Manghan were consistently good, and with each game seeing our forwards improve we should hear more about them next year.

The following boys played at various times for the team :—J. Corrigan, G. Pilkington, A. Shaw, B. McDermott, M. Azurdia, J. Ratchford (vice-Captain), E. Hughes (Captain), G. Murphy, B. Weston, G. Bushell, G. Manghan, C. Hunter, P. Snape, P. Hanlon, B. Carberry, D. Stannard, B. Ludden, H. Lavery, J. McBrearty and J. Downey.

Results

Date	Opponent	Result	Points
Dec. 8 (A)	v Collegiate H.S.	Drew	6—6
Jan. 14 (A)	v St. Anselm's College ...	Won	3—0
Feb. 4 (H)	v Collegiate H.S.	Lost	6—8
Feb. 18 (H)	v Oldershaw G.S.	Won	9—6
Mar. 25 (A)	v St. Mary's College ...	Lost	6—12
April 1 (H)	v De La Salle G.S.	Drew	3—3

CRICKET

The H.S.C. exams. cut right across the cricket season and what with cancellations and inclement weather no game was played till June 10th. There are seven of last year's team in the 1st XI under the captaincy of J. V. Shennan. Results to date (won 2, drawn 1) are heartening. Fielding appears to be weak, bowling moderate and batting good. Feature of the game with Old Boys' Junior XI was a sprightly 44 by W. Ellis.

In the game v Park High School G Evans (25) and R. Cookson (21 n.o.) added over 40 runs in a last wicket stand. In the same game A. Holme took 4 wickets for 6 runs. The game with the Old Boys' XI will be memorable for the interrupted O.B's innings on a depressing rainy day, the sporting declaration by their captain, J. Hill, and the batting of W. Ellis (40 n.o.) and Stannard (22 n.o.) which brought the School to victory in an exciting last over.

St. Edward's College v. Old Boys' Junior XI At Sandfield Park. 10/6/50

S.E.C.						C.I.E.A. (Juniors)					
A. Holme c. Bridge b. Robinson	...	...	...	...	7	Marron l.b.w. b. Nolan	...	...	...	...	2
J. Shennan c. Lowe b. Marron	...	...	...	...	7	McQuaid c. Cookson b. Holme	...	...	...	...	3
A. Ryan b. Marron	...	...	...	...	6	Robinson c. Cookson b. Holme	...	...	...	...	9
W. Ellis b. Marron	...	...	...	...	44	Wardley c. Ellis b. Holme	...	...	...	...	5
J. Nolan b. Wardley	...	...	...	...	19	O'Shaughnessy l.b.w. b. Holme	...	...	...	...	0
C. Lynch c. Connell b. McQuaid	...	...	...	...	2	Brownbill c. N. Ryan b. Smith	...	...	...	...	32
R. Cookson c. Bridge b. Lowe	...	...	...	...	13	Lowe b. Evans	...	...	...	...	10
A. McLachlan b. Marron	...	...	...	...	7	Connell b. Evans	...	...	...	...	0
R. Smith b. Marron	...	...	...	...	2	Bridge b. Evans	...	...	...	...	5
N. Ryan l.b.w. Lowe	...	...	...	...	10	Gallagher b. Smith	...	...	...	...	0
G. Evans not out	...	...	...	...	0	Kelly not out	...	...	...	...	0
Extras (1 wide, 1 leg bye, 16 byes)	...	...	...	...	18	Extras (1 wide, 11 byes, 1 no ball)	...	...	...	...	13
Total	...	...	...	...	135	Total	...	...	...	...	79
Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W	Avg	Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W	Avg
Marron	12	2	33	5	6.6	J. Nolan	9	1	24	1	24
Robinson	8	1	22	1	22	A. Holmes	8	2	22	4	5.5
Wardley	5	0	24	1	24	G. Evans	8	4	13	3	4.3
McQuaid	6	0	33	1	33	R. Smith	3	1	6	2	3
Lowe	3	0	11	2	5.5						

Result : S.E.C. won by 56 runs.

St. Edward's College v. Park High School At Birkenhead Park 21/6/50

S.E.C.						P.H.S.					
A. Holme c. Antrobus b. Wood	...	...	...	...	0	Holt c. and b. Holme	...	...	...	...	23
J. Shennan c. Nugent b. Holt	...	...	...	...	3	Antrobus b. Holme	...	...	...	...	26
A. Ryan b. Wood	...	...	...	...	5	Wood c. and b. Holme	...	...	...	...	2
W. Ellis c. Antrobus b. Holt	...	...	...	...	18	Smith c. Shennan b. Holme	...	...	...	...	19
J. Nolan b. Wood	...	...	...	...	15	Kendall run out	...	...	...	...	4
C. Lynch b. Potter	...	...	...	...	8	Amery c. Ellis b. Shennan	...	...	...	...	5
R. Cookson not out	...	...	...	...	21	Prescott run out	...	...	...	...	0
A. McLachlan b. Wood	...	...	...	...	0	Lloyd not out	...	...	...	...	5
R. Smith c. Lloyd b. Holt	...	...	...	...	16	Nugent not out	...	...	...	...	1
N. Ryan l.b.w. Antrobus	...	...	...	...	1	Murry and Potter did not bat.	...	...	...	...
G. Evans b. Holt	...	...	...	...	25	Extras (2 wides, 14 byes)	...	...	...	...	16
Extra (10 byes, 1 no ball)	...	...	...	...	11						
Total	...	...	...	...	123	Total (for 7 wkts.)	...	...	...	...	101
Result : Match drawn.						Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W	Avg
						Nolan	6	0	29	0	—
						Holme	12	2	24	4	6
						Evans	8	1	30	0	—
						Shennan	3	2	1	1	1

St. Edward's College v. Old Boys' XI

At Sandfield Park.

24/6/50

Old Boys					
Bruce st. Ryan b. Shennan	...	...	...	...	16
O'Leary b. Shennan	...	...	...	...	17
Hill c. Cookson b. Smith	...	...	...	...	5
Davies b. Evans	...	...	...	...	6
Alston c. Holme b. Smith	...	...	...	...	19
Merrivale st. Ryan b. Smith	...	...	...	...	4
Smith not out	...	...	...	...	0
Johnston l.b.w. b. Holme	...	...	...	...	0
Waring c. Ryan b. Holme	...	...	...	...	0
Clark not out	...	...	...	...	0
Gloyne did not bat	...	...	...	...	0
Extras (byes 12)	...	...	...	...	12
Total (for 8 wkts declared)					86
Bowling Analysis					
	O	M	R	W	Avg
Ellis	8	3	10	0	—
Holme	7	3	13	2	6.5
Evans	8	3	31	1	31
Shennan	4	2	7	2	3.5
Smith	2	0	12	3	4

S.E.C.					
A. Holme c. Merrivale b. Smith	...	...	...	...	2
J. Shennan b. Bruce	...	...	...	...	6
A. Ryan c. Merrivale b. Waring	...	...	...	...	13
W. Ellis not out	...	...	...	...	40
J. Nolan c. Johnston b. Waring	...	...	...	...	4
R. Stannard not out	...	...	...	...	22
R. Cookson, A. McLachlan, R. Smith, N. Ryan, G. Evans did not bat	...	...	...	...	—
Extras (4 byes)	...	...	...	...	4
Total (for 4 wkts)					91

Bowling Analysis					
	O	M	R	W	Avg
Smith	5	2	9	1	9
Gloyne	5	0	16	0	—
Bruce	3	1	7	1	7
Alston	3	1	15	0	—
Waring	2	0	17	2	8.5
Hill	3	0	22	0	—

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

SECOND XI RESULTS

v Waterloo G.S.—Won 40—37.
v Park High School (A)—Won 92 for 8 (decl.)—59.

COLTS CRICKET XI

R. Stannard and A. Lewis, survivors of the 1949 Colts XI, formed a sound basis on which to build this season's team. The former was appointed Captain, the latter Vice-Captain. The XI started rather shakily. The fielding in the early matches left much to be desired. This has now improved. The side possesses no really formidable bowler, though Alston, Body, Kennedy and Lewis have had several "good days." The batting during June has improved tremendously and there have been many splendid individual performances, the most notable being two half centuries by Stannard against Collegiate and S.F.X., Lewis 45 against S.F.X., Fay 40 not out, and Body, 24 on two occasions.

Results

May 13 (H) v Liverpool Collegiate. Won—89—30.
May 18 (H) v Oldershaw G.S. Lost—89—104.
May 20 (H) v Park High School. Won—75—74.
May 27 (A) v St. Anselm's College. Lost—54—79.
June 3 (A) v St. Mary's College. Won 148 for 6—38.
June 8 (A) v St. Francis Xavier's College. Won—160—56.
June 10 (H) v St. Anselm's College. Won—114—29.

"CHICKS" XI

The "Chicks" have had a very successful season. They have played 7 matches so far and have won all seven by very convincing margins. With only the return match to play v St. Francis Xavier's on June 29th, it looks as if they should keep their unbeaten record.

TEAM : A. Shaw, T. Ashton, A. Linford (Capt.), P. Anwyl, P. Doyle, B. McDermott, J. Broughton, E. Hughes, D. Stannard, J. Sheridan, K. Addison and B. Goodall.

A. Linford, who has an average of 28.8, T. Ashton, P. Anwyl, A. Shaw and P. Doyle have been the most consistent batsmen.

J. Broughton, B. McDermott and A. Shaw are the most successful bowlers.

Results

May 6 v Waterloo G.S. (A) 60 (for 9)—18.
May 13 v Liverpool Collegiate (H) 123—23.
May 18 v Oldershaw G.S. (A) 103(for 5)—100 (for 7 declared).
May 20 v St. Anselm's College (H) 82—42.
June 3 v St. Mary's College (A) 43—27.
June 8 v St. Francis Xavier's College (H) 118 (for 8) —47.
June 24 v St. Mary's College (H) 114 (for 7 declared) —33.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Across		Down	
1. Cricket	16. Set.	2. Ita.	13. Lit.
6. Toe.	17. Mud.	3. Companion.	14. Aim.
8. Me.	19. In.	4. Key.	16. Sin.
10. Amy.	20. Sip.	5. Imp.	18. Den.
11. On.	22. R.E.	7. Ant.	20. Spa.
12. Pal.	23. Pop.	9. Eaten.	21. P.P.S.
14. Act.	24. Swansea.	11. Occur.	
15. Titanic.			