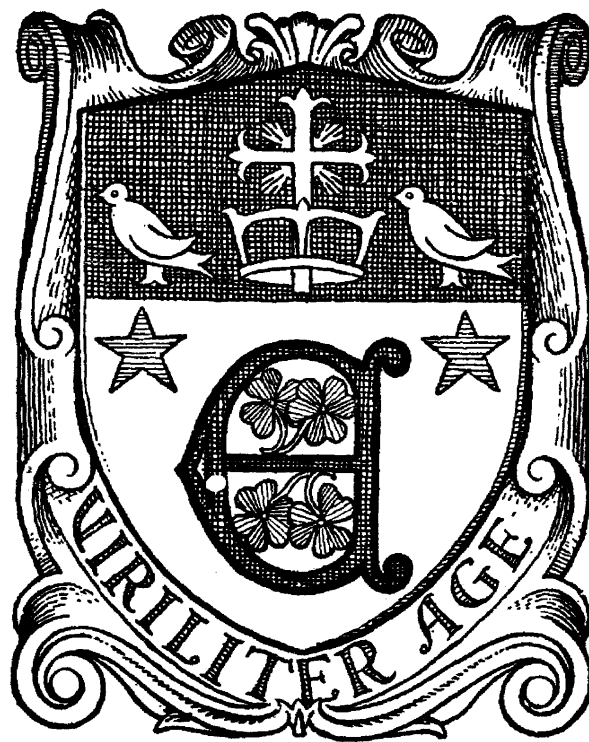


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School Notes

ALMOST two terms have passed since the last issue of the School Magazine, and during that time we have been busy at our studies, at our prayers and at our games. In all three spheres we have reached a competent standard of efficiency. The Magazine in this issue and the next will tell the story of our success or failure in the class-room and on the games field, but only God can measure the success of our efforts to advance in His love.

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On 3rd March the Archbishop of Liverpool, Most Rev. Dr. Downey, D.D., L.L.D., distributed the prizes at our Annual Speech Day held in the College Assembly Hall. An account of the function will be found elsewhere in the Magazine.

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The annual Retreat during the first three days of Holy Week was preached by Rev. Fr. Hall, S.V.D., an Old Boy of the College. His sincerity and eloquence, together with his deep, manly piety made a lasting impression on all, and we hope we have derived much good from his practical and devotional talks. He gave a special discourse each day for the benefit of the Upper Fives and Sixes and these talks were greatly appreciated by the Seniors.

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We offer our congratulations to Rev. Br. M. C. Wall, a former Headmaster, on his appointment as Provincial of the English Province of the Brothers, and to Br. C. E. Francis, a former member of St. Edward's College staff, on his appointment to the Provincial Council.

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The Coronation was celebrated by four free days and, in spite of the proximity of the General Certificate Examinations these were greatly enjoyed by Staff and pupils alike. Our prayer for the newly-crowned Queen is that her reign may be long, happy, prosperous and peaceful.

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The annual School Sports were held on 6th

June. The weather was good and a large gathering enjoyed a varied programme of athletic events. The gymnastic display under the direction of Mr. Maher was again the popular item of the afternoon. An account of the Sports will be found elsewhere in these pages.

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The General Certificate examinations were held in June, and as a result most of the Seniors had a very busy term. We await the results in August with feelings of confidence diluted by a tinge of anxiety.

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The annual Cricket game against the Old Boys was played on the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. The School won handsomely and were warmly congratulated by Mr. T. Smith after the tea at the Old Boys' headquarters.

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Last Easter Mr. Boraston retired from class teaching. He now confines his active work in the School to training the choir, taking the General Certificate pupils who wish to present themselves for music, and teaching his private pupils at the college. After 28 years of very active work in the interests of music at the college he has been persuaded in the interests of his health to confine his activities. No one who has known Mr. Boraston during his years at St. Edward's will grant him a place other than in the highest rank of musicians on Merseyside, and those who heard his choirs in the Philharmonic Hall, in the Festival and Jubilee Concerts, and in the College Assembly Hall on Speech Days agree that he is one of the most capable of all choirmasters. He is beloved of Staff, Old Boys and pupils alike, and during the years of his semi-retirement we are sure they will join with us in wishing him a well earned rest after his strenuous labours in the Classroom.

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This summer, too, Mr. Maher retires from the staff after 33 years as Gymnastic Instructor.

His genial presence in the gymnasium and on the Sports Field will long be remembered by Edwardians, and the rhythmical precision of the Massed Gym. Displays on Sports Day will be treasured memories for both parents and boys. We wish him many years of good health and every blessing during his retirement.

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To the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Tickle we offer our sincere congratulations on his appointment as Rector of the English College in Rome. Mgr. Tickle is an Old Boy of St. Edward's, and he succeeds another Old Boy, Mgr. Macmillan who has resigned owing to ill health. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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Our warmest congratulations are due also to the following Old Boys who have been ordained since the last issue : Rev. J. Beary, S.M.M. or-

daind at Church Stretton ; Rev. J. Mythen, C.S.S.R. and Rev. B. Ashearn, C.S.S.R., both ordained at Bishop Eton ; Rev. J. O'Brien (Liverpool) and Rev. V. Burrowes (Liverpool) both ordained at Upholland. Rev. K. Mullen (Liverpool) ordained at St. Cecelia's, Liverpool, and son of Mr. J. Mullen of the College Staff ; Rev. D. O'Callaghan, O.F.M. Conv., ordained at St. Antony of Padua's, Liverpool. May God bless their labours in the ranks of the clergy, secular and regular, and may they enjoy many long years in His fruitful service.

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The School gratefully acknowledges its indebtedness to many benefactors for their kind gifts during the last two terms : Messrs. G. C. Doyle, A. A. Gilbertson, P. J. Lynch and F. Molyneux. To these and the very many others who have helped the School in a variety of ways we express our deep and sincere thanks.

He who laughs last . . .

I HAD just entered the house and taken off my sachel when I heard the doorbell ringing. I opened the door, but to my surprise, there was no one waiting on the doorstep. I was alone in the house at the time, my mother and father having gone out earlier in the day. Ten minutes later I heard the bell again, and once more there was no one there. But this time I caught a glimpse of fast-vanishing feet. It then struck me that this was a continuance of the "rag" that my friends had been playing on me on the way home from school. Naturally I had felt rather peeved then and this peevishness came back when I caught sight of the feet. Ten minutes later I heard the bell ringing again. I was suspicious, but answered the door in case it was a genuine caller. Again it was not, and instead of feeling peeved, I felt angry.

A pail under the scullery sink gave me an idea. Quickly I filled it with water. Then I attempted to carry it upstairs to the window directly above the front door. The first few attempts gave the

stair carpet a "wash," and only served to make me angrier. At last the pail was balanced on the window-sill, and I was waiting also, waiting and listening.

I did not have long to wait, for the door bell was pressed five minutes after my preparations were completed. When I heard it ring I tipped the water over the sill. In doing this I also tipped the pail over, which was not actually a part of my plan. Instead of hearing as I expected the sounds of boyish wrath, I heard the voice of an enraged adult. I knew that voice. I knew it very well indeed. I went downstairs to meet a very wet father (with a bump on his head, suggesting that the pail's descent had been broken) and a rather damp mother. It is needless to say what happened afterwards.

The next day at school the story was spread around by the conspirators in the plot. Was my face red !

BRENDAN KENNY,
III Alpha

The Coronation Regalia

THE regal emblems which Her Majesty formally assumed on 2nd June, are full of historic interest and romantic association. Their value and beauty is well known but few people who visit Wakefield Tower to see them are fully aware of the associations which have been for many centuries attached to the Crown Jewels.

The Crown of England placed upon the Queen's head during the solemn ceremony is known as the Crown of Saint Edward the Confessor. The actual crown worn by that monarch was destroyed by the Roundheads, but at the time of the Restoration the Regalia were re-made and the old names kept. Many old, historic gems were also incorporated in the new Crown.

Among these ancient gems is the Black-Prince ruby which was worn in the fourteenth century. This, however, is not in the Confessor's Crown but in another diadem known as the State Crown. This is relatively light in weight and is used to prevent fatiguing the Sovereign during the Ceremony. The necessity for this will be appreciated when it is known that St. Edward's Crown weighs five pounds. As well as the Black-Prince's Ruby the State Crown contains a sapphire which King Edward is supposed to have given to an old beggar who returned it, after having revealed himself to be the Apostle John.

Despite the splendour and historic interest of these gems it is a newer one which excels them all. This is a portion of the Star of Africa diamond which weighs 516 carats and is as pure as water. Its flawless brilliance is set in the head of the Royal Sceptre, but in such a way as it can be detached and worn as a pendant.

The only Coronation ring in possession of

the Nation is the ring kept with the Regalia of Scotland at Edinburgh Castle. It was used by Charles I and is of gold set with a large ruby of pale colour.

Each article of the Regalia is linked with the past. Crown, Sceptre, Ring and Sword is held to convey much symbolic meaning and to suggest much constructive imagery. The Crown is the embodiment of the regal character; by being assimilated to the helmet of a chief warrior, in former times, it was thought to have a definite military significance. The Sceptre, like the Bishop's crozier, represents the Sovereign's duty to guide and, if necessary, correct the people. The Ring is a reminder that the Sovereign's interests are those of the Nation and are wedded to it. There is a tradition that the tighter the ring fits the longer the reign and the more fervent the Sovereign's devotion to his people. The Sword, like the Spurs, is at once knightly; suggesting the Royal power to punish the wicked whilst at the same time protecting the weak.

There are a number of Swords, and perhaps the most well-known is the great two-handed Sword of State which is carried unsheathed before the Sovereign on the way to the Coronation.

These emblems with which I have been dealing are to be found in England alone. But we know only too well on account of recent paper reports, that the Queen is also the Sovereign of Scotland. This country has a deeper and more intimate connection with the Crown than one would think and is just as rich as England in the traditions upon which we often depend for comfort in times of despair. Vivat Regina!!

P. A. ANWYL,
VI.B Mods.

The Spider

There came a small spider,
Who drinks ale and cider.
He drinks all the day,
And spends his small pay,

But he's happy and free
Like a wasp or a bee,
That small, little spider
Who drinks ale and cider.

HUGH FITZPATRICK, III A

Dr. Downey

AN APPRECIATION

TO do justice to so important, brilliant and forceful a figure as Most Rev. Richard Downey, D.D., Ph.D., LL.D., late Archbishop of Liverpool, in the space at our disposal would be impossible. We think of him as our kindly patron, our sagacious guide in the manifold and varied educational problems of the last twenty-five years, and as our beloved father in Christ, under whose guiding hand the Church in Liverpool has prospered and developed into one of the most important strongholds of the faith in this country.

Dr. Downey's association with St. Edward's College began at a very early age when it was a Junior Seminary, and his attachment to the College and its work grew with the years. Here he received his secondary education before proceeding to his theological studies at Upholland in preparation for the sacred priesthood. Ordained in 1907, he laboured, taught and lectured in the Westminster diocese for many years, and became renowned for his championship of the Catholic cause, his wide scholarship, and outstanding ability as a preacher and lecturer. He returned to the Archdiocese of Liverpool as Vice-Rector of Upholland in 1926, and was appointed Archbishop two years later on the death of Archbishop Keating.

During the long and fruitful years of his episcopate he manifested a keen interest in educational problems and was always kindly disposed to St. Edward's College and the Christian Brothers, in whose schools in Ireland he had received part of his early education, before he settled in Liverpool. When plans for the transfer of the College to Sandfield Park were first mooted, he was most enthusiastic, and his advice and co-operation in solving the many difficulties were greatly appreciated by all who had the welfare of the College at heart. He blessed and opened the new premises in 1939. The many generous and eloquent tributes to the work of the College staff in the interest of Catholic education on the many occasions on which he presented the prizes on Speech Day bear witness to his life-long interest in the Christian education of youth. Finally, his generous tribute to the work of the College on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee celebrations was in keeping with that whole-hearted patronage of His Grace which the College has always enjoyed.

The C.I. Edwardian Association, too, received many marks of Dr. Downey's favour. His frequent appearances at the Annual Dinner, and the brilliant speeches which he made were greatly enjoyed. Not content with his appearances he consented to bless their premises at Bishops Court when it was opened and entrusted the Association with a splendid crosier to commemorate the occasion.

May he rest in peace.

The Solar System

THE ancients thought of the universe as quite a small affair with our planet as its main body. Then, about 2,200 years ago, Aristarchus published a book called "On the Size and Distance of the Sun and Moon." His observations were not very accurate, but from them he deduced that the sun must be many thousands of times the size of the world. Then apparently, seeing the absurdity of a massive sun revolving round a much smaller earth, he argued that the sun and fixed stars are motionless and that the earth revolves round the sun.

These views were very near the truth, but the influence of Aristotle and Plato during the previous 2,000 years drove the exponents of the new theory into hiding.

We do not find another exponent of the new theory until Copernicus, in his "Concerning the Revolutions of the Heavenly Bodies," put forward the theory that the planets like the earth, revolve round the central body of the sun. The orbits of these planets are approximately circular all lie approximately in one plane and all are described in the same direction towards the sun.

Some sixty years after Copernicus had put forward this interpretation of the observed planetary motions, Galileo turned his newly-made telescope on to Jupiter and observed four satellites revolving round it in exactly the way Copernicus maintained the planets revolved round the sun. This provided direct visual proof that the Copernican interpretation of the Solar System was tenable and even plausible.

Before we delve any further into the workings of the Solar System, it is as well to see just what a planet is. A planet is a body similar to the earth, which revolves round the sun in its own particular orbit.

Some idea of the sizes of the planets may be obtained from the following model. Take an average sized pea to represent the sun, on the same scale the planets would be represented by grains of dust. Now imagine a space the size

of Piccadilly Circus in London and in it we will place our model of the Solar System. Piccadilly Circus would only just be big enough to contain the orbit of Pluto, the outermost planet. On the same scale the nearest star would be represented somewhere near Birmingham.

All the planets except Mercury, Venus and Pluto, the planets nearest to and farthest from the sun have one or more moons or satellites, the giant central planets, Jupiter and Saturn, being exceptionally rich with at least nine satellites each.

Mercury completes its journey round the sun in far less time than Pluto. Actually it moves round the sun in about three months while Pluto takes a thousand times as long—250 years in fact, to travel round the sun, and stays in the same part of the sky for year after year. The other planets naturally move round the sun in times intermediate between these extremes.

Now let us look at each of the planets in turn, starting nearest to the sun and working outwards.

We can fairly well sum up the conditions prevailing on Mercury. Mercury always turns the same face to the sun, i.e., it turns once on its axis in the same time as it takes to revolve round the sun. The side facing the sun is so hot that not only would any water present, but any metal present, would be in a molten state. The side facing away from the sun on the other hand experiences a continued night, and with it a cold far more intense than anything we experienced on earth. The temperature on the side of Mercury is only a few degrees above Absolute zero. Mercury has no atmosphere, for the low gravitational pull of Mercury combined with the intense heat renders the planet incapable of retaining an atmosphere.

The next planet in order of distance from the sun is Venus, which is some sixty-seven million miles from the sun. In many respects Venus is very like our earth, its diameter being seven thousand, seven hundred miles against the earth's

seven thousand, nine hundred miles. Venus is considerably warmer than the earth, but water could still exist in the liquid state so that we would expect to see seas and rivers, atmosphere and clouds. Certainly our expectations regarding clouds and atmosphere are fulfilled, in fact there is so much fog and cloud that no one has ever seen the surface of the planet.

The next planet is the Earth, and after that, that planet of controversy, Mars. Mars is very much smaller than the earth and is also much colder, the average temperature being well below the freezing point of water. Many astronomers have seen markings on Mars which they describe as canals and believe to have been artificially constructed. On the other hand, photographs of the planet give no indication that intelligent beings have left their mark on its surface. The evidence for the existence of such marks has so far rested almost entirely on direct visual observations, and various experiments have shown that the eye is notoriously unreliable when working under bad light. There is, however, no question that certain seasonal changes take place on Mars. During the planet's winter a large snowcap forms round the North Pole. In Summer this melts, and as it does so, the country further south changes its appearance, which is probably due to the growth of vegetation.

The next planet, in order of distance from the sun, is Jupiter, which is by far the biggest of the planets, having a diameter of 88,000 miles. Jupiter is considerably colder than Mars, which is cold enough. The surface, however, is by no means dormant. Jupiter is surrounded with clouds like Venus. These clouds show remarkable and continual changes. These changes are not due to a high surface temperature, as it was at one time believed to be.

Uninviting as Jupiter is, Saturn, the next planet, is even less inviting and Uranus, Neptune and Pluto are probably even less inviting than Saturn, but we know very little about these planets. Saturn is surrounded by a system of rings which makes it the most picturesque object in the sky when viewed through a telescope. These rings consist of myriads of little moons each of which circles round Saturn in a very nearly circular orbit. These would, however, be a disadvantage to a traveller on this planet for these moons must be continually colliding and crashing on to the planet.

Surveying the whole scene, it seems likely that we may travel through the whole of the Solar system without meeting life as we know it, but there may be life of a kind we not only do not know of, but cannot even imagine, that exists on the strange conditions of another planet.

PETER J. ZANETTI

VI.B Science

Mont Saint-Michel

FROM the dreary expanse of mud, in the estuary of the river Coueson which separates Normandy from Brittany, rises the gigantic pyramid of Mont Saint-Michel. Frenchmen will tell you that Mont Saint-Michel is to France what the Pyramids are to Egypt. The distance of one and a half miles, which separates the Mount from the mainland, is spanned by a broad causeway on either side of which are perilous quicksands.

The actual origin of the island dates back to the beginning of time. Until the eighth century,

however, it was known as Mount Tombe. In 708 the Archangel Michael appeared to Aubert, the Bishop of Avaranches and requested him to build a chapel in his honour on Mont Tombe. The Bishop did as he was asked, and from that day the island was called Mont Saint-Michel. A community of twelve monks settled on the island and it soon became a well known place of pilgrimage. To-day the small chapel does not exist, but that was how the first seed of religious fervour was sown.

In order to provide for the pilgrims, inn-

keepers and dealers in souvenirs made their homes on the island. In 966 Richard I had the little chapel removed in order to establish a Benedictine Abbey. The monks busied themselves in adding their own extensions to the abbey. In 1017 Duke Richard II donated a large sum of money for the erection of a magnificent sanctuary. This deed inspired the Abbot to build a basilica on the island—a gigantic task which took over a century to complete. The hardships to be endured during the building of the basilica were colossal on account of the quicksands, the tides, and even the structure of the rock itself.

Soon after the work was completed, the English tried to capture the island. The abbot, who was held responsible for the defence and safety of the island, had the battlements reinforced, and the Mount proved itself impregnable against all attacks.

During the next four centuries, life on the Mount proved fairly quiet and the monks found the solitude admirable for the pursuit of their studies.

Then came the Revolution. Many of the relics and treasures were destroyed. Under Napoleon, it became a prison for political prisoners. By a decree issued in 1863 the abbey was restored as a place of Divine Worship and was handed back to the monks. A few years later, the monks themselves handed it over to architects so that the edifice might be restored. During the last war, the Mount was used as an observation post by the Germans. Fortunately, it was not damaged.

To-day, Mont Saint-Michel is a thriving little town. There is one steep and narrow street on the island, lined with shops and a few hotels. Behind these shops are some small houses, crowded close together on the slopes beneath the walls

of the abbey. At the top of the street there are two museums; one contains the history of the island, vividly illustrated in wax tableaux; the other contains the treasures of the Mount, including the old vestments and habits worn by the monks. There is a special section devoted to instruments of torture and methods of punishment employed on the prisoners.

When you reach the top of the street you have to continue the ascent to the Abbey by means of a broad staircase. Inside the Abbey one can see the actual places where the monks lived and slept; even to this day the cloisters and the monks' cells are in perfect condition. Next to the Abbey is the Basilica which, although it is exactly as the monks left it, is nothing more than a museum. Six times a year, however, solemn services are held there.

Beneath the Basilica, deep down in the rock, are the dungeons. These great chambers are hewn out of the stone and in them one can see the actual racks and wheels on which the prisoners suffered.

After visiting the Basilica and the dungeons, it is refreshing to walk around the battlements. Looking down, one can see the little Parish Church with the tiny houses clustered around it, and farther below, the innocent-looking but perilous quicksands, darkened by the sinister shadow of the edifice. Gazing skywards one sees the pinnacles of the Basilica and the tall, slender spire with the image of St. Michael mounted precariously on its summit, stretching majestically towards Heaven.

All too soon the visit is over and it is time to depart. On reaching the mainland again, one cannot resist the desire to catch a last glimpse of the vast, grey mass, silhouetted against the glow of the setting sun.

J. RATCHFORD,
L.V Alpha

A Narrow Escape

I REMEMBER the incident well, almost as if it had happened only yesterday. It was about six o'clock on a January morning when we left port and the sleet that was falling made the deck very treacherous to walk on. We could just make out the beam of the lighthouse which was only a mile or so away. The Captain, thinking this was like any other day, did not notice the blanket of fog, which was gradually increasing as the ship sailed out into the Channel.

The sea was not very rough and the slight rolling of the ship seemed to destroy any fears of bad weather ahead. It was not until about eight o'clock that the Captain noticed and began to worry about the fog. Immediately he ordered the engines to be slowed down and extra look-outs posted. It was now snowing quite heavily and the men with their collars turned right up, had difficulty seeing ten yards ahead. The sea was calm and still except for the continual hooting of the fog horn.

Suddenly there was a shout of alarm from one of the look-outs on the forecastle. "Captain, Captain, there's a ship dead ahead." In a moment the ship was in utter confusion as the men, running to their stations, slipped on the icy deck. Then out of the fog the shape of a steamer appeared. The men seemed to be paralysed with fear but

the Captain's sharp commands ordering the ship to port brought them back to reality. The men seemed like a pack of wolves as they sought safety, many slipping on the deck just waiting for what they thought inevitable.

Then, amidst this confusion, there was a grating noise as the ship, still turning to port, was struck by something. I was forced towards the davits as the men shouted in fear, "To the boats, to the boats, this ship's done for." The Captain, who was still on the bridge, was disgusted with the men's behaviour, and did not hide it. "Cowards," he yelled. "What are you afraid of? The ship's not sinking, there is no collision." The men, amazed at the Captain's bravery, looked at each other and tried to spot the other ship. I myself was now ashamed and surprised as I looked around me. I then saw what had happened. The other ship had just missed us but had hit the life-boat which had been swung out in emergency. I could not see the other ship and never did afterwards.

When we arrived in Calais, our destination, we were allowed five days leave while the ship was being repaired. Many times now when I think of my life and its adventures I always think of that as the most exciting and narrowest escape from death I have ever had.

P. CAMPBELL,
Lower V.A

Has it occurred to you

FEW people if any ever give a passing thought to the herring, that most delicately flavoured denizen of the deep sea, when it enlivens some meal or other whether it be a fresh herring, a salt herring, a smoked herring, a kippered herring, a potted herring, a tinned herring or even a helping of synthetic herring paste. Yet we ought to give some thought to this fish which can prove such a tasty dish. What other fish is so palatable, so nutritious, is found in so many waters, feeds so many people

and is the means of giving employment to so many thousands?

This valuable, but unassuming fish is found everywhere in the cooler northern seas, both east and west. These fish are found in large numbers around the coasts of the British Isles. Herrings perform seasonable migrations, their cycle of migration falling into three main parts: the feeding movement, the movement to the spawning beds, the dispersal after spawning.

At the end of autumn dense shoals make for

the frozen Arctic Circle, their winter rendez-vous. There the eggs are deposited, each female will yield from 20 to 50 thousand, and on hatching, the larvae are carried southwards by the tides away from the spawning beds to the various coasts.

Many of these tiny herrings become the prey of countless large fish, but those who remain live near the surface, finding their food in small floating organisms, which they absorb by straining it through the jaws. They are fully mature at three, or at the most, four years old.

In May shoals of adult herrings rise near the surface round the northerly coasts and move slowly southwards. Sometimes to the anxious

watchers on the shore, the presence of a shoal is made known by the appearance of a phosphorescent glow visible a small distance below the surface of the water. And from May to October is the harvest—the blue and silver harvest of the sea.

The British Isles is one of the great centres of the herring industry where it is the most important fish industry. For the hardy herring-fishers the question, "Will they come this year?" decides whether these people will spend in comparative comfort or in grinding poverty, the bleak winter months. And great is the joy when the gleaming shoal arrives, and great the gloom when it passes by to call at some more fortunate port.

WILFRID LENNON

VI.B Mods.

The "Q-Ship"

THE "Q-ship" was used extensively during the first World War proving to be of considerable value in bringing about the destruction of the German "U-boats." The craft used for the decoy were small, innocent coasting vessels, fitted with a hidden twelve-pounder gun. The crew (on a Q-ship) was far greater than that used by the ship in peace-time, but the majority of the men had, naturally, to remain concealed so that they should not arouse suspicion.

When the "U-boat" sighted the "Q-ship" and the commander saw that his proposed victim was too small to waste a torpedo on he would surface to sink her by gunfire. Immediately the men on the decoy sighted the submarine they sent off a "panic-party" and left the rest of the crew on board. The "U-boat" captain seeing the boat leave the decoy would think that she was now abandoned and would signal to the men in the boat to give all particulars of the ship he had just captured. When he had gained all the information he wanted he would then leave the men in the boat and get into a convenient position for sinking the decoy.

Meanwhile, the men on the "Q-ship" would be watching the submarine closely and waiting patiently for their opportunity. When the man in charge saw the submarine in a good position he gave the word and the decoy burst with action. Men rushed to the concealed gun, or guns, and uncovered them, loaded, and fired. They nearly always succeeded in their ruse and either sunk the submarine or else crippled her so much that she could not submerge.

However, if the submarine commander was very careful when he saw movement on the decoy he would crash dive and manœuvre into a position to sink the decoy or would turn tail and be thankful that he had escaped with his life and his ship.

The "Q-ships" however, usually sank the submarine and the men who manned these small vulnerable ships must be admired and congratulated on their courage. They knew that any movement or carelessness on their part would bring death instantly in the form of a shell or a torpedo. Also if their ruse succeeded they would have to make their first shots hit their mark as if the submarine replied with her gun, which was much heavier, the decoy would not last very long.

The ships chosen for this job were usually the smallest and most innocent-looking that the Admiralty could find. After the war the surviving "Q-ships" went back to their obscure jobs

again and were soon employed on their old routes. Many awards were won by the men of the "Q-ships" who definitely deserved the highest award their country had to offer.

A. DEVLIN,
U. V.A

Yoga

AS you may or may not know, Yoga is the fourth of the six systems of Hindu philosophy, which are, the Nyaya, the Vaiseshika, the Sankhya, the Yoga, the Mimamsa, and the Vadanta. The main reason for Yoga being placed fourth on this list, is that it was not placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th or 6th.

A dictionary will tell you that this cult "is a system of Hindu philosophy showing the means of emancipation of the soul from further migrations, a theistic development of the Sankhya, and directly acknowledging a supreme spirit Isvara, was invented by Patanjali." Being as we are, one glimpse of this definition will probably make us want to forget all about Yoga, so I will venture a version from my new book "Encyclopedia Gannonica": "Yoga is the art in which a Yogi contorts himself into knots, goes to sleep on a bed of nails, and wakes up in a fit condition to unravel himself."

One of the most famous Yogis now living is Rao, who at the age of sixty-three is thrilling


Hollywood with his tricks. On one occasion he was feeling very hungry, so he settled down to a main dish of glass tumblers, and a dessert of potassium cyanide, all washed down with a cool drink of nitric acid.

A beautiful temple in Gorakhpore is the centre of Yoga teaching. You will be fascinated if you wander through this building, for in one department you will find 1st year students studying the first 30 of the 84 Yoga postures, in another you will find second year students enveloping themselves in the next 30, while 3rd year and honours students will be learning the remainder, and taking an advanced course on acidic soft drinks.

So popular is Yoga becoming nowadays, that many Europeans are participating in its wonderful mystic powers. Thus someday, we may see boys of this very school, wrapping their legs around their neck, or standing on their heads all day. Be that as it may, I would still prefer to keep my feet firmly planted on the ground.

B. GANNON,
VI B. Mods.

Lightning

 **O**f all natural phenomena, one of the most curious and terrifying is that of lightning.

Who has not shuddered, despite himself, as a white streak of lightning flashed across the sky, for here we feel ourselves face to face with the unknown, a prey to the whim of the elements.

Lightning, however, is not quite as mysterious as it may seem, nor are we completely at the mercy of the forces of nature. Ever since Benjamin Franklin's famous experiment, the electrical

nature of lightning has been generally known. Less widely known, however, is the fact that the main discharge in a lightning flash is upwards. First, a luminous dart, or rather a series of darts, more downwards, exploring the easiest path to the ground, and the main discharge takes place upwards along the course mapped out for it by the darts, known as the "leader track."

An almost invariable accompaniment of lightning is thunder: to most people an equally

mystifying if not equally terrifying phenomenon. The only explanation the majority have heard of this is the oft-repeated old-wives' tale, that it is caused by clouds bumping together. Nothing could be further from the truth! In fact, the true explanation is that the heating of the air along the path of the lightning causes it to expand with the violence of an explosion. A steep compression wave is thus radiated and it is this which is the thunder. Further technicalities need not concern us here. Suffice it to say that its study is extremely complex and that there are many problems yet to be solved.

The effects of lightning are extremely varied, ranging from pure comedy to sheer tragedy. There is, for example, a case of a U.S. soldier who was welded into his sleeping-bag, by lightning which melted the zipper, while people have been stripped of their clothes and left naked but unharmed by a flash of lightning. A vivid illustration of the speed and intensity of the heating caused by lightning was provided when a piece of cloth-covered wire was struck. The wire was vapourised but the cloth was left intact. Another

flash struck a building, setting fire to it, and then called the fire brigade by striking a neighbouring alarm! Other instances of buildings being struck by lightning have not, however, ended so happily, as when the arsenal at Brescia was struck, and 80,000 tons of gun-powder exploded with terrible loss of life. Lightning, incidentally, *does* strike twice in the same place—the Empire State Building was struck 13 times in as many minutes during one storm.

Despite the popular fear of it, lightning is not a dangerous killer, only accounting for some 20 deaths a year in this country, so that elaborate safety precautions are not necessary, although in severe storms it is advisable to lie down, when in the open, if possible away from any objects, such as isolated trees or wire fences, which might attract the lightning. Finally, as a consolation to those who fear lightning, let me quote the words of Dr. McEachran: "If you heard the thunder, the lightning missed you; if you saw the lightning it did not strike you. But if it did strike you, you don't know it now."

P. MORAN,
VI. B Mods.

Hocking Valley

HOCKING Valley, in Ohio, besides being the hottest spot in the United States, is one of the weirdest sights in the world.

The temperature is so great that the streams are hot and flowers bloom all the year round. Potatoes can be baked by putting them in the ground and water can be boiled by putting it on the ground!

The reason for this heat is that underneath the ground, vast fires of coal are burning. Already after nearly seventy years £26,000,000 worth of coal has been burnt.

The terrible part of this raging inferno is that it was started deliberately. Back in 1884 there was a bitter strike. A crowd of miners seized some waggons, poured oil all over them, set them alight

and pushed them down the mine. Soon the whole mine was one blazing inferno.

Some attempts to quell the fire have been made. Concrete walls have been constructed and a stream was diverted down a shaft. But all these attempts have ended in failure.

In some places the fire has burnt itself out, and new plants and trees have been hopefully planted there.

To-day people living near the fire area have got used to their homes being overheated, both in summer and winter, and even say that they do not notice the acrid fumes blowing over from the abandoned and desolate area.

JOHN LEWIS,
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Speech Day, 1953

SPEECH DAY, 1953, will be remembered by those present as the last occasion on which the College was honoured by the presence of His Grace, the late Archbishop Richard Downey, D.D., PH.D., LL.D. As on so many occasions throughout a long and active episcopate, His Grace kindly consented to distribute the prizes and the occasion was the more joyous as this year marked His Grace's Episcopal Silver Jubilee.

The ceremony took place on March 3rd, in the School Assembly Hall, in the presence of clergy, Christian Brothers from the local colleges, the Governors of the College and the parents and friends of the boys. A short concert, presented by the school choir and orchestra, and individual members, was the first item. The orchestra, under the baton of Mr. Genin, played Meyerbeer's "Coronation March," a rondo by Haydn and a selection "The Land of the Shamrock," by Charrosin. Then there was a pianoforte solo—

"Clair de Lune" by Debussy—from James Harris and a trio consisting of James Franey (violin), John Alexander (cello) and Bernard Curran (piano), who played a Haydn serenade. Finally, the choir, conducted by Mr. Boraston and accompanied by Mr. Evans, sang three songs: "Shepherds' Dance"—Edward German; "The Garden"—Armstrong Gibbs; "Ring Out Wild Bells"—Percy Fletcher.

At the conclusion of the entertainment, His Grace and the other distinguished visitors went on to the stage with the Head Master, and Very Reverend Dean Grace, Chairman of the Board of Governors, requested the Head Master to give his report on the year's work. His Grace then presented the certificates and prizes, after which he gave his address. Votes of thanks were proposed to both His Grace and the Chairman and the proceedings concluded with the School Song and the National Anthem.

THE HEADMASTER'S REPORT 1951—1952

The review of the School Year, 1951—1952, may properly concern itself to much of the matter of the issues of the School Magazine for that period and to comments on some aspects of school life not covered in this permanent record of our day to day life.

Runnymede, the Lower School, does not figure conspicuously in the Magazine, because as yet fluency of pen and indeed wealth of description is denied the young boys, except in conversation.

The Lower School, however, deserves some extended comment. It is a very important section of the College and boys who have passed through it to the Upper or Senior School play their part in all phases of the school life and wholeheartedly identify themselves with the School. Their contribution to the School life in this respect is greater than their numbers

would seemingly warrant. Perhaps length of days in the School gives them a vested interest! Over a third of the total roll of the Upper School is composed of boys who have graduated from Runnymede. Since the 1944 Education Act the pressure on places in the Lower School has been very heavy. Perhaps parents feel that to secure a place there is the best way to secure a place in the Upper School. In actual fact, however, boys entered from Runnymede for the qualifying examinations for admission to the Upper School are treated on the same footing as external candidates. Last year 25 boys from Runnymede secured L.E.A. places in the Upper School; and a further 16 qualified for admission in the Upper School on the Governors' examination.

These successes are an indication of a good standard of work, and reflect the keen enthusiasm

and hard work of the Lower School Staff. The curriculum is neither cramped nor too ambitious. The inherent value of work no less than the contribution of music, art, and play to a child's development is given its importance in the timetable. This year to make Runnymede as self-contained as possible a music room has been provided for their exclusive use. There are 156 boys in the Lower School, fewer than last year. Next September there will be fewer still until the number is reduced to 150. Classes must not be so large that neither the child nor the staff have a real opportunity of succeeding. Some classes have been over 40.

The influence of Runnymede boys is especially valuable in the first year of the Grammar School course when they are joined by some 60 boys from scattered areas of the Archdiocese as well as from Liverpool to make up the three first year classes. Their knowledge of the School and what is required of them can help to create a spirit of co-operation and endeavour more readily. We are grateful for this solid phalanx of those who know the spirit of the School.

May I here publicly correct a common misconception: we take boys into the Lower School at the age of 7, not at the age of 8. Admissions at a later age are but casual.

The general standard of work in the school is good. In many cases it would be much better, if only there were more keenness from the boy, and a more practical co-operation from parents in some cases. To take a live interest in a boy only when he is about to take a public examination is leaving it rather late in the day. I feel that the few failures we have—failures in the right sense, not merely in an examination sense—could have been avoided with a little more care and attention over their leisure hours and companionship. Once again I acknowledge the wise decisions of our parents who, except with solid justifiable reason, rarely withdraw a boy before the G.C.E. examination and thus honour their agreements. Premature withdrawal, which apparently is not uncommon in some areas, does not afflict us; it is grossly unfair without sound reason to

withdraw a boy before the completion of the course . . . it virtually misappropriates a place which another boy could have used. And Grammar School places are not sufficient . . . for boys with ability and whose parents are prudently eager for their education. A high I.Q. and attainment Q. at the age of 11 without a sincere purpose to work and without home backing, as you all know, will neither gain an examination certificate nor train a boy in grace and wisdom and the fear of the Lord. But average ability and determination with good home backing can accomplish much.

I appealed last year to parents of boys in the G.C.E. ordy. classes to allow their sons to take advanced courses if their sons had the ability and the right attitude towards study. I realize that even with maintenance grants it means sacrifice . . . for the parent who has to maintain a growing young man, for the boy who sees his erstwhile school companions enjoying economic independence, perhaps and certainly more liberty . . . and again the temptation to dalliance may be strong for a VIth former who has not the urge to work which an employee has. Our VIth form last September was larger than the previous year's, but still boys who would profit from an advanced course and could be so much better prepared for a fuller life leave at this stage. In order to encourage advanced work and to cater for varied aptitudes a full advanced course in Geography was established last September. Then, preliminary to providing a full Biology course next September, some coaching in Biology was made available to senior boys. The list of occupations to which boys from the VIth departed last July is informative: Universities, 20; Training College, 1; National Service, 1; Forces as a career, 1; Seminary, 1; Solicitor's Office, 1. The programme details academic distinctions gained last year by some of our Old Boys. You will be interested to learn that 68 Old Boys are at ten Universities in England and Ireland reading for degrees, either primary or research.

At the VIth form level last year 7 State Scholar-

ships were gained, 2 Open Oxford awards, 2 Liverpool University and 6 Liverpool Senior City Scholarships. 20 gained admissions to Liverpool, Manchester, Durham and Oxford in different Faculties. These results were better in quantity and quality than in any previous year. At the ordinary level, 85 candidates secured Certificates and the average number of passes was higher again than last year. The number of subjects however had been reduced by one in view of the higher pass mark demanded last year. Schools are now allowed to enter boys below the normal age limit provided it is considered educationally sound to do so. This is a presage of things yet to come, when, perhaps, the criticisms of practising teachers may yet be given weight in the shaping of the examination system.

The continued success of our boys in these examinations sets a high standard to maintain. But it does offer some reward for the Staff whether engaged in these classes or not as their work is a main contributory factor in this success. Again it is a source of satisfaction to the candidates and an incentive to them and younger boys to use their God-given talents for the work of Christ on earth. The prize winners are those who gained distinction in the summer examination in the classes into which they have been grouped according to age, aptitude and ability.

Within limits imposed by our Staffing ratio we have endeavoured to vary the courses and to offer options. How far such developments will be possible will be determined only by matters of finance.

Apart from intellectual development there is offered a training in Music, Art, and experience in School Societies. The Music in the School is of a good standard. You have heard some of the fruits of that training to-day. Last summer we again joined with our other Schools on Merseyside to give a programme of music in the Philharmonic Hall to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the C.I. and the Christian Brothers. Its success was assured and it was very well supported by our parents and friends. The exhibition of Art in the Art Room which will be open after these

proceedings will enable you to judge of the standard of Art in the School. Prizes will be presented later for an Open Art Competition held annually. The School Societies which I mentioned in detail last year continue to flourish. The St. V. de Paul Society again had a ready response to their Christmas appeal for the Poor. Leslie McLoughlin won the French Speaking Competition of the Foyer français de Liverpool last year, and Peter Moorhead gained 1st place in the Catenian Public Speaking Competition for Catholic Merseyside Grammar Schools, in the year under review.

Leaving the classroom, art room and music rooms let us briefly comment on the physical education of the boys. In an endeavour to promote the physical well-being of our charge and to develop their characters in addition to the regular Gymnasium periods and organised games, six boys' teams engage in inter-school Rugby games. The teams, especially the more junior, are as varied as possible to give as many boys as possible an opportunity of playing for the School and meeting other teams.

Our Rugby record last year was substantial.

Work hard, play hard, and pray hard. Pray, whether explicit or implicit, does more for the development of the Christian conscience and the unfolding of the human personality enriched by God's grace than any other agency. If we may judge by such sensible signs as are to hand . . . the favourable reports of the Diocesan Inspectors, the spirit in which by and large the annual retreat is lived, and the level of conduct . . . these are pointers, we have much to thank God for—and no less the parents of the boys.

Last year nine boys left the School to follow a vocation either to the diocesan clergy or to the religious life. A word of congratulations to parents of these boys, whose call has been to a closer union with Christ. In encouraging their sons to accept this call they have given back to God the life which they had received in trust. May God both prosper these vocations and enrich our school life more with His sustaining Grace. May I interject here that 6 Old Boys will be ordained Priests next Easter, 2 for the

Archdiocese. May I also add how sorry we were to hear that Mgr. Macmillan has resigned the rectorship of the Venerable English College on account of ill-health. He has been succeeded by another Old Boy, Mgr. Tickle to whom we send our congratulations.

Life received in trust. No school can supplant the influence of the home. A good home can do much to counteract the poor school influence; even an indifferent home can nullify any good influence which a school can wield. Last year I stressed the wise use of modern aids to recreation and relaxation. May I again touch on a cognate problem. To use well the hours of leisure is a function of home and school education no less than the obligation of work and the importance of prayer. "Leisure should provide the balance of opportunity for the growth of a full personality," and by its very nature properly falls to the out-of-school hours of a boy and to the direction and supervision of parents. The impact of abused or ill-used leisure is strong on the adolescent and manifests itself in many ways. A wise use of leisure and by inference a wise choice of companions is one of the greatest graces we can wish our growing sons. Would that the choice of companions had in some instances been wiser!

It is a natural sequence to thank the Staff, my confrères and the lay-Staff for their outstanding work in the School. On their enthusiasm and self-sacrifice so much depends. Many have spent long years in the service of St. Edward's and have kept the vigour and spirit of youth; and those who have but spent a brief while have caught the spirit of what must have been a grand venture . . . the Catholic Institute. In particular may I single out the Form-masters for their care of those especially committed to them. Their deeper knowledge of the boys in their classes is a wonderful help in training the boys to a fuller Christian life. Individually and collectively I thank the Staff not least in my own name but in yours, the parents, to whom in such great

measure your son's success has or will be due. Two of the Staff will be shortly retiring and I am sure you would like me to thank these two in particular and wish them every blessing during their years of retirement from the stress and strain of school life. Mr. Maher joined the Staff 33 years ago and his years of devoted service in the physical education of the School will never be forgotten. Mr. Boraston has served the School for nearly 28 years. His work for the musical education of the boys is sufficiently well-known and appreciated; his name will be legendary in the annals of the School. His choirs have been superb.

In this acknowledgment of indebtedness must come our parents who have entrusted to us the education of their sons. Their kindness and co-operation is shown in so many ways. Response to the Sports Day appeal, and the support they give our functions are only two of many. Nor would I omit those who minister to the School by their care of the building and its neatness, our maintenance and cleaning staff, and to our canteen staffs.

Then, too, our Old Boys whose spontaneous loyalty on the occasion of the Jubilee will never be forgotten. Their interest in the School is live and practical.

To the clergy of the Archdiocese, the Staffs of the Primary Schools from which our boys come, and who have the interests of their boys at heart. To the Local Authorities with whom we have relations, cordial and helpful.

Finally, your Grace, may I publicly thank you for the generous word you penned on the occasion of our jubilee last October, and for your deep interest in St. Edward's. Not once during your years as Archbishop have you missed a Speech Day. May your own silver Jubilee as Archbishop be blessed by God with every grace.

May we always be progressing in our work for the youth of the Archdiocese. We but water and sow; it is God who giveth the increase.

Examination Results

Autumn Term, 1952

- VI A Sc. : Religion : Dukes, D.
1, Staunton, J. ; 2, Dukes, D. ; 3, Tipping, G.
- VI A Mod. : Religion : Dickie, R.
1, Craig-McFeely, L. ; 2, Gregory, M. ;
3, Moloney, M.
- VI B Sc. : Religion : Hart, J.
1, Lomax, A. ; 2, Murphy, P. ; 3, Hart, J.
- VI B Mod. : Religion : Anwyl, P.
1, Moran, P. ; 2, Keating, P. ; 3, Anwyl, P.
- U V Alpha : Religion : Rogers, P.
1, Ashton, T. ; 2, Ashurst, B. ; 3, Dingle, R.
- U. V A : Religion : McDonnell, R.
1, McDonnell, R. ; 2, Ludden, L. ; 3,
Curran, D.
- U. V Beta : Religion : Rorke, J. D.
1, Cartwright, D., Ambrose, B. ; 3, Parrish, P.
- L. V Alpha : Religion : Toolan, M.
1, Holden, T., Carberry, B. ; 3, Ludden, B.
- L. V A : Religion : McNulty, P.
1, Rogan, J. ; 2, Blanchflower, J. ; 3, Stan-
nard, D.
- L. V Beta : Religion : Higgins, B.
1, Higgins, B. ; 2, Fletcher, H. ; 3, Bur-
rows, F.
- IV Alpha : Religion : Morgan, P.
1, Roper, F., White, B. ; 3, Cassidy, P.
- IV A : Religion : Blackie, E and Cuckson, C
1, Davis, B. ; 2, Fearn, H. ; 3, Hoffman, J.
- IV Beta : Religion : Brigden, A.
1, Rowan, B. ; 2, Corcoran, P. ; 3, Brigden, A.
- III Alpha : Religion : Kenny, B.
1, Gillespie, B. ; 2, Kenny, B. ; 3, Woolridge, J.
- III A. : Religion : Crawford, J.
1, Wallace, G. ; 2, Volleamere, W. ; 3, Tin-
dall, J.
- III Beta : Religion : Parker, D.
1, Haney, J. ; 2, McGrail, A. ; 3, Cunning-
ham, D.
- II Alpha : Religion : Jones, E.
1, Williams, J. ; 2, Taylor, D. ; 3, McDer-
mott, A.
- II A : Religion : Caulfield, F.
1, Scully, J. ; 2, Cleary, T. ; 3, Byrne, F.
- II Beta : Religion : Lonergan, M.
1, Colquitt, B. ; 2, Clarke, S. ; 3, McClellan, A.
and Massey, B'
- II R : Religion : Murray, M.
1, Murray, M. ; 2, Walley, P. ; 3, Minahan, H.
- U I : Religion : Hawes, P.
1, Lavery, A. ; 2, Hawes, P. ; 3, Sullivan, C.
- L I : Religion : Minahan, D.
1, Kennedy, M. ; 2, Maybury, P. ; 3. Gaff-
ney, J.
- Prep. : Religion : England, M.
1, England, M. ; 2, Dodds, N. ; 3, Rudd, E.

Spring Term, 1953

- VI A Sc. : Religion : Dukes, D.
1, Staunton, J. ; 2, Dukes, D. ; 3, Tipping, G.
- VI A Mods. : Religion : Rogers, S.
1, Craig-McFeely, L. ; 2, Maloney, M. ;
3, Curran, A.
- VI B Sc. : Religion : Hart, J.
1, Murphy, P. ; 2, Lomax, A. ; 3, Hart, J.
- VI B Mods. : Religion - Anwyl, P.
1, Anwyl, P, Moran, P. ; 3, Fleming, M.
- U V Alpha : Religion : Power, J., Rogers, P.
1, Dingle, R. ; 2, Morgan, F. ; 3, Ashurst, B.
- U V A : Religion : Curran, D.
1, McDonnell, R. ; 2, Ludden, L. ; 3, Cur-
ran, D.
- U V Beta : Religion : Rorke, J. D.
1, Manny, J. ; 2, Cartwright, D. ; 3, Parrish, P.
- L V Alpha : Religion : Ludden, B.
1, Carberry, B. ; 2, Holden, T. ; 3, Ratch-
ford, J.
- L V A : Religion : McNulty, P.
1, Rogan, J. ; 2, McNulty, P. ; 3, Blanch-
flower, J.

- L V Beta : Religion : Higgins, B.
1, Higgins, B. ; 2, Cunningham, J. ; 3, Fletcher, H.
- IV Alpha : Religion : Lowe, B.
1, Morgan, P. ; 2, Lowe, B. ; 3, White, B.
- IV A : Religion : Blackie, E.
1, Fearn, H. ; 2, Griffiths, A. ; 3, Davis, B.
- IV Beta : Religion : Brigden, A.
1, Rowan, B. ; 2, O'Hare, B. ; 3, Corcoran, P.
- III Alpha Religion : Nelson, W.
1, Gillespie, B. ; 2, Gibson, M. ; 3, Kenny, B.
- III A : Religion : Wills, R.
1, Volleamere, W. ; 2, Milner, J. ; 3, Tindall, J.
- III Beta : Religion : Haney, J., Kilkelly, T.
1, McGrail, A. ; 2, Haney, J. ; 3, Cunningham, D.
- II Alpha : Religion : Wolfenden, B.
1, Williams, J. ; 2, Foley, M. ; 3, Bryson, I., McDermott, A.
- II A : Religion : Dagnall, J.
1, Caulfield, F. ; 2, Cleary, T. ; 3, Byrne, F.
- II Beta : Religion : Massey, B.
1, Massey, B. ; 2, McClellan, A. ; 3, Lonergan, M.
- II R : Religion : Murray, F.
1, Minahan, H. ; 2, Keating, S., Murray, F.
- U I : Religion : Sullivan, C.
1, Hawes, P. ; 2, Dunn, D. ; 3, Scahill, M.
- L I : Religion : Kennedy, M.
1, Kennedy, M. ; 2, Maybury, P. ; 3, Gaffney, J.
- Prep. : Religion : Rudd, E.
1, England, M. ; 2, Rudd, E. ; 3, Scahill, P.
- The Bro. McNamara Cup**
(Head Prefect)
Murray, M. M.
- The Bro. Wall Debating Cup**
Murray, M. M. Marmion, V. J.
- The Bro. Forde French Debating Cup**
Azurdia, J. P. R.
- Prospective Teachers' Religious Certificate**
Distinction :
McAleer, D. Moloney, M.
Hunt, M. Murphy, W.
Pass :
O'Brien, G. McLean, P.
Quirke, G. Curran, A.
Mills, G.
- School Art Prizes**
Senior : Evans, M. H.
Junior : Brereton, M. G.
- Civil Service (Clerical Grade)**
Clarke, B. D. Kirk, P. G.
Douglas, D. P.

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We look forward with interest to the next number of each of these Magazines.

Buckfast Abbey

THE day on which I set out on my travels promised to be fine. The sun was shining ; Warrington looked unbelievably clean and almost inhabitable ; the meadows of Cheshire and Shropshire seemed as green as those of Tipperary and Kildare. Then the rain began : from Worcester to Devon there was an incessant downpour ; the countryside, though ever changing, became scarcely visible and it was only in the towns that I could see anything distinctly. Even such beautiful places as Bridgnorth, Taunton and Exeter looked dull under the dark sky, while Clifton suspension bridge loomed high above in the mist—a fine spot, as one of our masters has remarked to me, from which to throw oneself.

One of my hosts met me at Newton Abbot and drove me to my destination. The rain made visibility very poor ; but neither this nor the windings and bumpings of the road—they reminded me of the cart-tracks in Donegal—prevented the driver from reaching the monastery before nightfall. He had been used to manœuvring a jeep on the missions in East Africa, and he wanted to get home before they locked up. Apparently one of the novices had recently drawn a sketch of him, sitting on the monastery wall and saying his Office by moonlight.

I spent four days at Buckfast and so had ample time to see all the beauties of the place. The Church—designed in transitional style—that is, a mixture of Anglo-Saxon and Gothic—is certainly very beautiful. In the Lady Chapel there is the famous reconstructed statue of Our Lady of Buckfast. Then there is the Refectory with its many-arched roof ; the huge Vestry with each priest's red vestments arranged in order for the morrow's Mass. The Library does not wholly consist of religious books : there are excellent English, History and Geography Sections ; "Murder in the Cathedral," "The Cambridge Modern History" and numerous novels are visible on the shelves.

I was very fortunate in being able to stay at the monastery and not at the guest-house up

the road. Hence I had access to the well-kept grounds, through which the river Dart wends its way, rushing over the weir and slipping between the rocks. I saw the Apiary (where they keep the bees), and the narrow canal in which the younger monks bathe. Though the water cannot be more than five feet deep, the bathers jump off the diving-board, hand to nose and eyes tight closed, as though they were running into a house on fire. The guest master told me that one of the monks had taken a swim in the canal each day for a whole year—probably for a bet. I asked him how long the eccentric individual lived after this experience. He did not reply ; but, as I afterwards noticed, the grave-yard is rather full. The monastery is situated in a valley closed in by well-wooded slopes. Hence one cannot see very far, even from the top of the tower. The brown furze of Dartmoor is visible to the West, while there is the site of a Roman or Anglo-Saxon camp within walking distance.

A Benedictine monastery is a home of ritual. Here, as nowhere else, the Divine Office is performed in all its splendour. Here is the perfect adoration of God. "Let nothing be put before the *Upus Dei*" says St. Benedict in the Rule, and the monks of Buckfast have taken their founder at his word. Their voices are deep and mellow ; their "Glorias" resound through the Church like claps of thunder. Their "Memorare," which they sing every evening after Compline before the Lady Altar, is sung with elegance and devotion. And when the procession of monks make their way down the long aisle two by two after High Mass or Vespers, while the Abbot takes up the rear, blessing to right and left, and the organ rumbles in the distance, it is nearly as good as St. Peter's.

As I came down from Exeter through Teignmouth and Torbay I saw outside the Coach Tour bus offices advertisements reading "Come and see the Benedictines at Buckfast." Indeed, hundreds of visitors come daily to the monastery. One of the monks shows them round.

On Whit Monday, coming back from Torquay

on the bus, I got into conversation with an elderly lady. She asked me where I was staying. "Buckfast Abbey." She eyed me up and down as though I were mad.

"Of course, I always bring my visitors there—it's a beautiful place—and each of the altars has a meaning" (there are about fifteen of them) "—But don't you think it is becoming too commercialised?" I replied that the monks had to earn their living, and that any profit they might make was purely incidental. In fact, it is mostly Catholics who buy Holy pictures and C.T.S. pamphlets in the Repository. There are so few large parishes in Devon that they cannot buy objects of piety elsewhere. However, I saw the lady's point of view. She was interested in the monastery only as a place of interest. Once I mentioned that I had nothing to do with its denizens, she withdrew her interest.

When the average non-Catholic thinks of monks—if he thinks of them at all—he thinks of fat, bald old men, shrouded in a veil of romance. He thinks of Scott's novels or of some medieval romance he may have read. But monks are no madder than the best of us. They do not walk through the cloisters or the monastery gardens with long faces and down-cast eyes. Rather they are a cheerful, charitable community. I remember one afternoon, when we were having lunch, part of the reading during meals—the rest comprised "The Rule" and some verses from Scripture—happened to be a book about Churchill. Winston was having a holiday with the Canadian premier at the latter's country house in Ontario. One day they went out fishing. Within an hour or so, the host had caught more than two dozen fish while Churchill had not caught one! I thought the monks were not listening to this wordly book but contemplating on "The Four Last Things." However, before I could even smile, a round of laughter nearly split the pillars. Evidently the monks are human beings just like you and I. They have their hobbies and their interests. Some paint, some do carpentry, some jump into the canal; while one is a most ardent admirer and military critic of Rommel.

The Cistercians built Buckfast Abbey in the early Middle Ages. It was razed to the ground by Henry VIII's followers, and it was not until 1884 that a group of French monks came over from La Pierre-qui-vive and settled in the Dart valley. The Buckfast villagers peeped from behind their window-curtains to see the "monsters" pass by. However, like the mythological phoenix the Abbey rose from its ruins, solely through the efforts of the monks. At first none of the settlers knew how to build and so they sent Bro. Peter to France to learn the rudiments of masonry. Gradually the building took shape and was completed in 1934.

The Community does not belong to an Order in the same way that the Jesuits or the Christian Brothers belong to one. The monks at Buckfast are a separate self-sufficient group of men. They have no Superior General or Provincial: the Abbot is master and father to all. It is the same with the English or teaching branch of the Benedictines. Thus it is that each monastery has its own traditions and customs.

Nihil volitum nisi praecoqutum. Just as one can learn to love God more by knowing him better, so we can learn to realize the part we play in the life of the Church by seeing the monastic life which is such a vital part of the Church.

The work of Abbot Natter and his successor Abbot Vonier was "to make Buckfast a centre for showing forth a Benedictine monastery to the English and telling them something of the Benedictine way of life." ("The English Catholics, 1850—1950") Let us hope, therefore, that Buckfast and the other monasteries in England will continue to shine as beacons of faith through the pagan darkness of this country.

Buckfast Abbey is undoubtedly a marvellous place, and the memories which I brought back from Devon will remain with me for some time to come. The monks are very hospitable; the beds have a magnetic softness; the cider is definitely first class. But there is more to it than that.

L. CRAIG-MCFEELY,
VI A Mods.

Organic Sensibility in Poetry

DURING the last decade there has been a definite movement among English poets towards that indefinable state of "Pure Poetry." "The Way Without," begun, in this age, by Thomas Hardy, continued by the early Eliot and the Auden group, and fostered by critics like Geoffrey Grigson and to some extent Dr. F. R. Leavis, has been forsaken. "The Way Within" or a synthesis of both these distinct artistic courses has become the trail for the majority of poets writing to-day.

In order to purify their poetry they have tended to examine what leads to spontaneity in expressing emotions. A new revaluation has been necessary and this has led to an increased interest in sense-experiences. Most of them would now murmur "Amen" to "Daddy" Wordsworth's famous statement "A poet must be a man of more than usual organic sensibility." Now as far as the arts are concerned, "organic sensibility" means the capacity to receive impressions from the senses. The sensibility differs from person to person but in nearly all cases it is strongest during the early part of life. To quote Wordsworth again: "Infant sensibility is the great birthright of our being." With many people this infant sensibility is soon deadened by the weight of custom, they become used to certain sense-experiences and fail to be fully conscious of them; in the poet this sensibility must be augmented and sustained, it must be continually refreshed by a renewed consciousness of its existence. It is the consideration of these important aspects of organic sensibility, and their effect on poetry from the Middle Ages to the present day, from Chaucer to Dylan Thomas, that has led me to write this essay.

The senses common to nearly all poets are those of touch, taste, sight, sound and smell. A few poets possess, and give evidence of, attributes which can only be explained by what are usually called "extra-senses" but which are probably unusual developments of the common senses.

Let us now examine the sense-endowments

and experiences of Chaucer, Shakespeare and Milton, poets recognised as being among the greatest, and perhaps what I have said may be made a little clearer. Chaucer, in the opening lines of his best-known work, the "Canterbury Tales," shows a real love and knowledge of nature. Even the most superficial perusal of this particular passage makes it clear that this is an affection obtained through the senses of sight and smell. His auditory sense is equally acute; in the portrait of the monk he tells us that:—

"As he rode men might his bridle hear
Jingling in the whistling wind as clear
And eek as loud as doth the chapel bell";
and when, as the pilgrims approach Canterbury the Canon gallops up perspiring profusely, the poet spontaneously exclaims:

"But it was joy for to see him sweat."

In this line we are presented with an extremely vivid image of the Canon in these circumstances and it is through the senses that the picture comes alive. Seeing is the main sense action but the "sweat" cannot fail to excite the senses of smell and touch. Certainly for the Comedian of Christendom "pleasant sights, sounds and smells" were a "heaven for to hear," a "heaven for to see," and a "heaven for to smell."

Shakespeare's natural poetic qualities are universally recognised. It was his invaluable capacity for sense-experience that has made his poetic digressions interesting and not dramatically fatal. His sight was remarkable. He had a quick eye for movement and yet this eye was equally appreciative of mass and the form of mass. His sense of smell was, at times, almost painfully acute and his ear was as versatile as his eye—tone and rhythm made equally clear impressions on it.

Milton's blindness was at once an advantage and a disadvantage. He could not have Shakespeare's keen eye for characteristic movement, he could not be as observant but like most blind people, particularly lonely blind people, he seems always to be gazing into the distance. This

gave him the unmusical, inward vision which has persuaded critics to name him "the supreme master of the musical sublime." This inward vision is an excellent example of that "extra" sense.

Again with regard to hearing there is a significant difference between Shakespeare and Milton. I say significant because without doubt both these men had great organic sensibility but the results that they obtained were different. The root-cause of this difference is contained in the developments of these sense-endowments. Milton's ear, at birth, was probably similar in its sensibility to Shakespeare's but during his life it was much more highly cultivated. His house was a house of music, his father, a well known composer; so during his many months of misery, due to women, blindness, politics or loneliness, music was his great solace. This musical atmosphere and the musical education it involved made his ear delight most in orchestral harmonies. Both Sir Arthur Quiller Couch and Mr. T. S. Eliot have praised the organ-music quality of his verse. Dr. Leavis has, however, drawn our attention to the difference between Milton's "music" and that of Keats. In Milton the music is divorced from the sense of the passage. In Keats it is not. Again this distinction is due to the difference in the cultivation of the natural sensibilities. Milton's sense of smell was developed to the high degree common to blind people but it was probably the most natural of his senses.

The most interesting aspect of Milton's organic sensibility for the student of poetry and the student-poet is the manner with which he fuses his sense impressions. Sound and smell (a very rare combination) are fused in "Comus" where the Lady's song:

"Rose like a steam of rich distill'd perfumes"

One could understand this unmusical fusion in a blind man but Milton wrote this poem before his sight failed him. Certainly there is little trace of the supposed dissociation of sensibility vaguely suggested by many modern critics, in the passage.

This subject of the mingling of sense experiences necessitates a few remarks about the poetry of Edith Sitwell and D. H. Lawrence. Miss Sitwell

is possessed of unusual sense-endowments. She maintains, and her work bears her out, that she can taste smells, hear colours and see sounds. This bizarre interior fusion of senses gives her work a surrealist flavour. Now D. H. Lawrence developed to a high degree an inborn animal sensibility. He could feel the emotions experienced by animals in certain circumstances. His plea for a return to "blood" rather than "brain" in art and life was caused to some extent by this unique sense-endowment; and it is unfortunate that he was followed, and, to a lesser degree, still is followed by writers without this special gift.

I would draw your attention to the fact that all the poets I have discussed—Chaucer, Shakespeare, Milton, Sitwell and Lawrence—have possessed what T. S. Eliot calls an "Aural Imagination." They have all made drastic changes in rhythm and metre and stanzaic structure and they share, in varying degrees, that instinctive feeling for the right sound and the right beat. You can see then, that the influence of organic sensibility extends even to the field of technique and poetic form.

Its presence, and the degree of its intensity are, I would venture to say, as important as the presence of an active intellect in the making of a poet. In his book "The Meaning of Art," Sir Herbert Read states, on the subject of aesthetic sensibility and intellect:—

"It is the sensibility that is static. What is variable is the understanding which man builds up from the abstraction of his sensible impressions, his intellectual life." This is why I would not say that organic sensibility is essential for the poet who takes the "Way Within" and not for any other but I do use it as a backing for my next statement that in social realistic poetry the intellect dominates the organic sensibility, in purer poetry a more even balance must be maintained. And so in this age of purification in poetry this subject takes on a new importance.

However, I am only too aware that my essay has merely scratched the surface of this intricate and absorbing subject but I will be satisfied if the superficial scratch I have made proves itself

sufficient to arouse an interest in what lies underneath. Through necessity I have been selective : a study of Wordsworth with regard to this subject would be of great interest but it would also be an extremely difficult task. The examples I used were chosen because they show the variable nature of organic sensibility, and I have attempted to relate my subject to the moderns because they appear to me to be coming increasingly conscious of its importance. As a conclusion I will quote an extract from Stephen Spender's "Never Being" which may do more than I have done towards demonstrating the position of organic sensibility in poetry.

"Never being, but always at the edge of Being
My Head, like Death-Mask, is brought into the
sun.

The shadow pointing finger across cheek,
I move lips for tasting, I move hands for touching,
But never am nearer than touching
Though the spirit lean outward far seeing
Observing rose, gold, eyes on admired landscape,
My senses record the act of wishing
Wishing to be
Rose, gold, landscape or another
I claim fulfilment in the fact of loving."

MICHAEL GREGORY,
VI A Mods.

A Parrot

STEWART MCINTYRE was a Scotsman who ran a trading station deep in the Amazon jungle. He bartered with the natives for many things, but mostly feathers from the plumage of parrots. These feathers he sent to the coast, to be shipped to England, to millinery firms.

One day, a native brought in the plumage of several parrots, and a rather small live parrot. Stewart bartered for them, and by way of a favour, as he did not usually take such small ones he bought this young parrot. He clipped its wings, and let it wander about the trading station and fed it regularly. Soon it grew stronger and he taught it to speak English, but as he had a Scottish accent, naturally the parrot had one. His favourite tune was "The Bluebells of Scotland," and it was little surprise when he heard the parrot whistling this song. The parrot also began imitating the laughs and songs that echoed through the trading station, when the natives were bargaining. Soon, however McIntyre tired of it, and gave it to one of his native boys, to sell on his next trip to the coast.

The boy sold the parrot for five shillings, to a sailor in the market place. The sailor was from a visiting British tanker, and he took the bird back to his berth. He fed it, and kept it in a large bird cage, in his cabin. When he arrived home

he sold the bird to a neighbour, who was very impressed by it, for a pound. The neighbour, Mrs. Evans, kept the bird in the hall, where all her visitors might see it. A few days after her purchase she decided to have a bridge party, and she was telephoning invitations to her best friends. "I suppose we will have to invite that old busybody called Brown," she said to her husband, who nodded in assent. That night, after they had all admired the parrot, the party began. The game continued, and then, at a tense and silent moment, the voice of the parrot rang out "Interfering old busybody . . . Mrs. Brown . interfering old busybody." The bird repeated this several times in a harsh, clear voice. There was a profound silence, broken only by the subdued squawkings of the parrot as Mr. Evans tried to silence it. Then some of the guests began to snigger. Mrs. Brown crept from the room without a word, humiliated and hurt, and deaf to all entreaties. Mrs. Evans just walked out hiding her face in shame. The bridge party was a failure, and a day later an advertisement appeared in *The Times* : "For Sale, Beautifully Coloured Parrot, Talks, Whistles, Excellent Pet. Price £5."

At least she meant to make a profit on this *too* talkative bird.

A. BLACKBURN,
Lower V.A

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

RECENTLY the newly-elected officers of the School Conference have assumed the leadership of a flourishing society. It is without exaggeration that we can claim the year's work as well up to the standard of previous years—the present, active membership totals thirty-four out of some sixty odd sixth-form boys, our bank balance is over twenty-six pounds and meetings attract large attendances in every week of the school term.

Possibly the most fundamental cause of this resurgence of enthusiasm is the fact that all the members find plenty of work to do—really active Christian work as opposed to that passive piety which constitutes the popular misconception of the Society. We have, in fact, made fourteen visits each week to the needy and sick of the district. Old and very old, capable and almost

incapable, our cases have given us as much help as we have given them. In fact, some of the members have become so attached to their weekly visits that they have sacrificed comfort, leisure and sometimes even money to further their welfare.

Christmas was a particularly happy time since we were able to share the Yuletide spirit with all our friends and, we hope, to make the season of Advent a little happier for them, than it might otherwise have been.

With this spirit of friendliness and mutual co-operation in mind, may we commend the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul to those who are about to enter the Sixth Form. Membership *might* do you a lot of good—but it is certain to repay a hundredfold any effort it may entail.

MICHAEL MURRAY,
ANTHONY CURRAN.

Literary and Historical Debating Society

THE main feature of this term's debating was the Br. Wall Cup Competition. A new departure was made with regard to the preliminary rounds. Instead of round after round of qualifying debates, the chairman decided to introduce a new system, which, as he said, "was a mixture of autocracy and democracy." The Society was asked to elect the eight best speakers of the year who were then drawn into semi-finals of four. The best two speakers passed into the final. The four finalists were Mr. Murray (the eventual winner), Mr. Marmion (the runner-up), Mr. Moran, and the Secretary. A high standard of debating was maintained and each contestant received riotous applause. Mr. Chairman congratulated the speakers and commented on the efficiency of the organisation of the competition. I wish to thank Messrs. Azurdia and Curran who took the minutes for me, and those members of the staff who kindly adjudicated.

Despite the excitement of the competition it was pleasant to return to the more routine activities of the Society and the informal atmosphere that pervades them. To fulfil the "Literary" part of the title the Secretary gave a lecture on "Changes and Subjects in Modern Poetry." This led to a discussion the following week on the question "What factors had the greatest influence in modern literature?" The panel comprising Mr. Thomas, Mr. Murray and the Secretary, talked too much, as is their wont, and there was unfortunately no time to open the discussion to the house.

To improve the standard of debating and to encourage speakers to concentrate on the essentials of public speaking—manner of delivery, diction and plausibility—rather than the provoking of laughter, it was decided by the committee to have each debate adjudicated on the system used in the competition. A general improvement was manifest.

The majority of the first-year Six Formers responded magnificently and they proved themselves the back-bone of the Society. Messrs. Marmion, Moran, Gloyne, Keating and O'Brien, in particular merit our best thanks.

Of the senior members of the Sixth, Messrs. Murray, Azurdia and Rogers have given steady support throughout the year. Some members of 6A Mods. seemed curiously unwilling to speak in any debates and on the few occasions when they condescended to debate their lack of practice was only too evident. A clear case of this was the debate on Enlightened Despotism and Modern State Planning. It was very difficult to know which side they were speaking on.

As always in this term, the proximity of public

examinations cut short the Society's activities. It is hoped, however, that a few play-readings might be possible now that the worries of examinations are over.

Finally, a word to those who might be joining the Society next year. Debating is the best way to learn public speaking and any of you who wish to reach responsible positions when your academic careers are over, will have to speak frequently in public. The atmosphere of the Society is genial enough even for the most nervous speaker. Only unnecessary affectations of speech and gesture are disliked, and to have your affectations brought home to you is a valuable lesson. Good luck, clear thinking and good debating!

M. J. GREGORY, *Hon. Sec.*

French Debating Society

SINCE the last edition of the magazine we have had only six debates. During the Spring Term the activities of the Society were unfortunately curtailed by rather frequent rugby meetings and the last term has been cut short by the examinations. Most of the speakers we have heard have been from VI B, some of whom have shown a higher standard than most of the A's. In particular, we must mention Mr. Anwyl and Mr. McNeilis, who both appeared in the final of the Debating Cup. It is many years since VI B has been so well represented in the final.

The first subject discussed in the Spring Term was "Que ce pays est en train de devenir décadent." Mr. Gannon, on the gloomy side, drew attention to the growing crime wave. Mr. McAleer replied that this was a natural reaction to a major war. Mr. Lennon deprecated the decline in church-going, and the lack of religion in council schools. Mr. McNeilis, in his usual bright manner, reminded us of the achievements of our scientists and our lead in jet propulsion. Mr. Curtin, in summing up, decided that those opposing the motion had presented the better case.

On February 6th the subject for debate was "Que la reine Elizabeth I dépendait sur un peuple plus viril que son successeur Elizabeth II." The "pro" side treated us with their deep knowledge of Elizabethan history, quoting freely the names of Sir Francis and Sir Walter. Mr. Moran was forced to admit that the age of chivalry has passed. Mr. Murphy (Wilf) made the novel point that the birth mortality rate was so high in the reign of the first Elizabeth that only the virile survived. The opposition reminded us that we still have explorers and pioneers in the realms of the air. Mr. Marmion, unable to restrain his socialism asked: How can we help being virile—we have the National Health Service?

In the same month, we heard three members of the first XV and one keen supporter do battle on the topic of sport having too much influence in this country. Here we were warned of the evils of the football pools: gaining thousands without working for them. Mr. O'Brien, on the contrary, maintained that Ireland would be lost without the Irish Sweep.

The last term was taken up solely with the Debating Cup. Two eliminating rounds and the final were held on successive weeks. The first

mentioned were on subjects with rather a personal interest for the older members of the Society : National Service and the age for voting. As a result of them, Anwyl, McNeilis, Gregory and Azurdia won their way to the final. This was a more formal occasion than our small gathering is accustomed to, with Mr. Mullen presiding and having as his adjudicators Mr. Fraser and Mr. Lyons. Members of the Upper Fives were invited to be present. The proposition chosen was : "Que la puissance en l'air est maintenant plus importante pour la Grande-Bretagne que la puissance navale."

Mr. Anwyl showed very practical ideas in dealing with such items as the speed and lesser vulnerability of aircraft. Mr. Azurdia, as usual getting much response from his audience, quoted Field Marshal Montgomery, President Eisenhower and Admiral Roderick McGrigor as sharing his views. The opposition used the question of bulk transport to advantage, but seemed too hopeful in reassuring us that Britain is still mistress of the waves.

Mr. Azurdia was judged the best speaker and so adds another triumph to his winning of the Foyer speaking competition.

ANTHONY CURRAN (*hon. sec.*)

Le Foyer Français

THROUGHOUT last term, the Society has carried on "in its own inimitable way." Many lectures have been delivered, mostly interesting if not entertaining. On the purely educational side we had Prof. Inébrit who told us of the world-famous children's village at Pestalozzi, where Jeanette Altwegg, of Olympic fame, is now a nurse. In the same category was M. Hulin's "La Vie Universitaire en France." The speaker amused the more fickle members of the audience with true tales of how in many cases the French Universities are used as marriage bureaux. Evidently, University life in France is different from ours.

The climax to a year's enjoyment was the Social, held on Friday, 13th February. The date was unlucky, particularly as the morrow was St. Valentine's Day. Some time afterwards there was a play reading, which would have been very boring indeed had not M. Azurdia been in one of the principal rôles.

We were also present at two very interesting talks by Mlle. Ortoli. In her first, "La Corse," she described the Corsican fishermen who fish during the early morning and spend the rest of the day playing their guitars outside the front door. She remarked that the well-known Corsican phrase, "Killed in a discussion" is now becoming out of date : there are only two families which carry on a vendetta.

The last session afforded us an opportunity of saying adieu to this eloquent, expressive speaker. This time she delighted us by presenting records of popular French artists—Jean Sablon, Charles Trenet and the Compagnons de la Chanson. She finished, appropriately enough, with "Je tire ma révérence." On the same evening a general meeting was held, and then we all went home, proud of being members of the Society and still more of being able to understand French.

ANTHONY CURRAN, *Secretary*,
(pp. K. Cain).

Scientific Society

THE passing of years must, inevitably, and laudibly, make its mark on the structure of any School Society. Different intellects, different ideas all leave their sediment of tradition in the insatiable crucible of thought. Thus, in

recent years there have been fundamental alterations in the frame-work of the Scientific Society. Change has been added to change and the process of improvement has gathered in impetus.

Five years ago the Society was a fossilised

remnant of its former glory. Then a Committee was set up which fostered and encouraged weekly talks by the members themselves. This state of affairs continued for several years and the advent of regular lectures marked a definite improvement. But still something was missing. The predominance of lectures from the members as opposed to outside speakers produced a rather self-sufficient atmosphere which could have been a detrimental factor.

This year that situation has been remedied. In the nine meetings held since Christmas, three of the speakers have been Old Boys, one a Modern Student, and the other five, members of the Society.

The first was given by Mr. Gibson Martin, a Birmingham steel expert. Mr. Martin outlined to the society the advantages of work in the iron and steel industry by tracing the various industrial processes from their inception to the present day. Then he discussed the actual operation of a steel plant and described the stages through which the raw materials passed in their conversion to the finished product. The lecture was illustrated by diagrams and schematic representations of iron foundries and Mr. Gibson's discreet eloquence lent added enjoyment to a very interesting talk.

Later in the term Mr. J. Mulholland gave an amusing talk on "The Development of Television." Beginning with an account of the earliest T.V. experiments, by Campbell-Swinton in 1884, the speaker told us how a combination of luck and persistence resulted in the production by John Baird of the first transmitted pictures. Using the Nipkow Disc method, Baird got a thirty-line picture and, despite digressions, the modern television network is largely based on his discoveries. Such had been the refinements, however, that to-day's screens were able to show 405 lines. With a short discussion of stereoscopic and colour television, Mr. Mulholland closed a lecture spiced by occasional flashes of his adolescent wit and one which did full credit to his undoubted abilities.

We had an opportunity of comparing Mr.

Mulholland's style with something more mature when an Old Boy of the School, Mr. J. Keaton, spoke to us on "Isomerism and Tautomerism." In a talk whose complications were somewhat beyond the mental capabilities of some of the audience (including the Hon. Sec.), Mr. Keaton relieved the strain of heavy thinking with some competent demonstrations which included the prismatic identification of isomers.

In contrast to Mr. Keaton's experienced discourse our next speaker, Mr. Stubbs, brought to his talk on "Meteorology" a freshness and vitality which added to his already substantial reputation. His talk was essentially "different." Different because he spoke of his *own* findings and experiments in an interesting subject. First we heard a detailed analysis of the structure of the earth's atmosphere, an analysis illustrated by cloud photographs, temperature graphs and maps showing different European pressure systems. Mr. Stubbs had himself taken many of the photographs and drawn most of the charts, but to emphasise his capabilities, he finished the lecture by analysing the latest weather-chart of the British Isles. Though it was a cold day, Mr. Stubbs, after one cool, self-possessed glance at the chart, assured us that milder weather was coming and six comparatively fine days during the next week were a sustained reminder of the practical knowledge which had backed a fine lecture.

Mr. Marmion, of the Sixth Modern, our next speaker, did not exhibit such practical knowledge as Mr. Stubbs with his talk "Islands in the Sky." However, his eloquence and genial naïveté on a theoretical subject won over our hard-boiled scientific hearts. His whimsically-entitled lecture was surprisingly enough, about the artificial satellites which scientists hope to send out into space. Such satellites would serve many uses—observatories, laboratories, weather and radio stations and strategic bases. The satellite would be set up in sections, rocket-propelled, and although not expected within the next ten years, the cost of one of these "islands" is known—approximately 15 hundred million pounds. Des-

pite his lack of scientific experience, Mr. Marmion gave a smooth well-balanced talk, and we can confidently claim that he is the best modern student we have heard this term. Still, *nil desperandum* although *tempus fugit* we will be on the *qui vive* for more of the modernistic *joie de vivre* bearing in mind the ancient maxim *à bon chat bon rat* (or as we would say "even the moderns can give us a lecture).

These, and other lectures have made the year's meetings all (or nearly all) that they should have been, combining variety, learning and wit. At the very least, this year has marked a small, but decisive step forward in the development of the Society. May those who follow derive as much from it as we have done and may they sustain and foster the tradition which we inherited and which we now hand on to them.

MICHAEL MURRAY (*Hon. Sec.*)

Music Notes

IT is the end of the Summer term—the end of the School year 1953 and to our sorrow the end of the working days of more than one of the staff of St. Edward's College.

Included in these last is the writer of this article. May I seize this opportunity of thanking the Headmaster, the Brothers, the Lay Staff and our big family of boys for their great friendship, sympathy and help during the past twenty-eight years.

Next term the singing classes will be taken by Mr. C. Lyons. We wish him every success and the loyal support of the boys (that support which has always been accorded to myself).

And now for the reports. At the end of the Christmas term the usual boys' concert was given. Concert items were given by the Orchestra, Choir, and Six Moderns' Choir and Band conducted by M. Gregory, and accompanied by P. Edwards; while solo items were given by P. Carrier, J. Franey (violin) and B. Curran (piano).

The annual Speech Day and Distribution of Prizes was held on Friday, 3rd March. The following programme of music was rendered:—

THE ORCHESTRA

Conducted by EUGÈNE GENIN

"Coronation March" *Meyerbeer*
 "Rondo" *Haydn*

SELECTION—

"The Land of the Shamrock" *Charrosin*

PIANOFORTE SOLO—

"Clair de Lune" *Debussy*

JAMES HARRIS

TRIO—Serenade *Haydn*
 Violin JAMES FRANNEY
 'Cello JOHN ALEXANDER
 Piano BERNARD CURRAN

THE CHOIR

Conducted and Accompanied by

F. R. BORASTON and N. EVANS

"Shepherds' Dance" *Edward German*
 "The Garden" *Armstrong Gibbs*
 "Ring Out Wild Bells" *Percy Fletcher*

Accompanied by Mr. C. LYONS

SCHOOL SONG

NATIONAL ANTHEM

At the Summer Examinations conducted by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music the following were successful, each boy attaining a pass with credit: B. Curran (Grade IV), M. Gibson (Grade III), Bernard Davies (Grade I).

The College has done well in Music, Studentships being obtained by P. Carrier (violin), J. Alexander ('cello), whilst Curran, Franey and Alexander obtained first prize at the Wallasey Musical Festival for their playing of an Instrumental Trio.

Franey and Curran were also asked to play during the Musical Festival of the Elementary Schools held recently at the Philharmonic Hall.

F. R. BORASTON.

Sports Day

FOR the last few years, Sports Day has been enhanced by fine weather and this year proved no exception. On 6th June the School's annual Sports Day began promptly at 2.30 p.m. with the playing of the National Anthem by the band of St. Theresa's. These boys earned much praise by their rendering of a well-selected programme. The first races were the short sprints. Lomas and Anwyl showed their remarkable speed in winning their respective races whilst in the Division S 100 yards there was a fine race which G. Maloney just won by inches from P. Harris.

After several amusing obstacle races we witnessed the first real highlight of the afternoon. In the Senior 440 yards J. Colford ran a well-judged race to win in 54 secs., beating his own school record by .4 secs. This was followed by an even better race in the Senior Half-Mile. V. Williams ran a stirring race to win in the good time of 2 minutes 4.4 secs. This performance won for Williams the Victor Ludorum Trophy which was awarded this year on the Milocerian points system to the best performance of the meeting. J. Colford was runner-up. Mr. Maher staged his usual rhythmic and well-co-ordinated gymnastic display which provoked much comment by the unusual standard attained.

The Senior Championship was won by P. Anwyl from the holder G. Maloney in the very fast time of 24.6 secs. The Junior Champion and Junior Victor Ludorum was P. Snape. The Mile developed into a race between S. Rogers and A. Lomax. These two ran shoulder-to-shoulder until the last bend when Lomax forged ahead with an unexpected burst to win by 15 yards. Domingo, winners of the Senior and Junior Relays, ran out winners of the House Shield with 200 points, with Mersey in second place.

After the Sports, the prizes were presented to the winners by Mr. D. Hayes. As he remarked, our prizes seem to improve each year, for they made a glittering sight. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. S. Redmond, and seconded by the legendary Mr. J. Pozzi.

Our congratulations and thanks are due to the brothers and masters who worked so hard to organise the Sports, and to the Old Boys Association which looked after the catering. We must not forget our genial announcer M. Murray and those boys who helped before and after the Sports. Thus to the strains of a hymn of praise to Alma Mater, ended another successful Sports Day, enjoyable to Brothers, Parents and Boys alike.

M. MOLONEY

RESULTS OF ATHLETIC SPORTS

		<i>Competitors</i>	<i>Division</i>			<i>Competitors</i>	<i>Division</i>
		Under 9 years	A			14-15	F
		9-11	B			15-16	G
		11-12	C			16-17	H
		12-13	D			over 17	S
		13-14	E				
LONG JUMP				Division S			
1.	Moloney, M.	...	...	19 ft. 10½ in.			
2.	Harris, P.	...	...	17 ft. 11½ in.			
3.	Murphy, W.	...	...	17 ft. 3 in.			
				Division H			
1.	Wren, M.	...	...	17 ft. 7 in.			
2.	Blackburn, M.	...	...	17 ft. 4½ in.			
3.	Gannon, B.	...	...	17 ft. 1 in.			
				Division G			
1.	Maghan, G.	...	...	17 ft. 8 in.			
2.	Franey, G.	...	...	17 ft. 7 in.			
3.	Anwyl, P.	...	...	17 ft. 5 in.			
				Division F			
1.	Edwards, A.	...	...	16 ft. 7 in.			
2.	Snape, P.	...	...	16 ft. 4 in.			
3.	Huby, B.	...	...	15 ft. 10½ in.			
				Division E			
1.	Lomas, W.	...	...	15 ft. 1 in.			
2.	O'Hare, P.	...	...	14 ft. 2 in.			
3.	Wolfenden, T.	...	...	13 ft. 9 in.			
HIGH JUMP				Division H			
1.	Dowling, A.	...	...	4 ft. 9 in.			
2.	Dillon, E.	...	...	4 ft. 8 in.			
3.	Featherstone, R.	...	...	4 ft. 7 in.			

	<i>Division G</i>				
1. Marmion, V.	...	4 ft. 9 in.			
2. Jordan, A....	...	4 ft. 9 in.			
3. Garcia, R.	...	4 ft. 6 in.			
	<i>Division E</i>				
1. Boyle, F. ...	...	4 ft. 1 in.			
2. O'Hare, P.	...	4 ft. 0 in.			
3. Pearson, T.	...	3 ft. 11 in.			
	<i>Division D</i>				
1. Noon, M. ...	...	4 ft. 1 in.			
2. Massey, B.	...	3 ft. 11 in.			
3. Carter, G.	...	3 ft. 9 in.			
PUTTING THE SHOT (12 lbs.)					
	<i>Divisions H and S</i>				
1. Ferrigno, S.	...	35 ft. 9 in.			
2. Blackburn, M.	...	35 ft. 5 in.			
3. Murray, M.	...	35 ft. 5 in.			
	<i>Division G (10 lbs.)</i>				
1. Hagedorn, P.	...	31 ft. 11 in.			
2. McHugh, B.	...	31 ft. 4 in.			
3. Jordan, H.	...	31 ft. 3 in.			
	<i>Division F</i>				
1. Shaw, A. ...	...	30 ft. 3 in.			
2. Newberry, J.	...	26 ft. 7 in.			
3. Kinsella, P.	...	26 ft. 2 in.			
DISCUS (Junior Size)					
	<i>Divisions H and S</i>				
1. Cunningham, J.	...	115 ft. 6½ in.			
2. Ferrigno, S.	...	96 ft. 4 in.			
3. Murphy, W.	...	95 ft. 4 in.			
	<i>Division G (Youth's size)</i>				
1. Linford, A.	...	96 ft. 2 in.			
2. Sheridan, M.	...	95 ft. 3 in.			
3. McDermott, B.	...	91 ft. 4 in.			
	<i>Division F (Youth's size)</i>				
1. Newberry, J.	...	73 ft. 10 in.			
2. Simms, A.	...	71 ft. 3 in.			
3. Fitzgerald, M.	...	70 ft. 2 in.			
JAVELIN					
	<i>Division G</i>				
1. McHugh, B.	...	79 ft. 2 in.			
2. Linford, A.	...	75 ft. 3 in.			
3. Jordan, A....	...	70 ft. 6 in.			
	<i>Division F</i>				
1. Fearn, H.	...	85 ft. 3 in.			
2. Rignall, J.	...	82 ft. 9 in.			
3. Rawlinson, W.	...	77 ft. 5 in.			
EVENT 1. 100 YARDS. <i>Division C</i>					
1 D. Taylor	2 B. Emsley	3 W. McShane			
(14.1 secs.)					
EVENT 2. 100 YARDS. <i>Division D</i>					
1 J. Carter	2 B. Wolfenden	3 M. O'Hare			
(13.0 secs.)					
EVENT 3. 100 YARDS. <i>Division E</i>					
1 W. Lomas	2 C. Cuckson	3 B. Davidson			
(12 secs.)					
EVENT 4. 100 YARDS. <i>Division F</i>					
1 A. Edwards	2 P. Snape	3 B. Huby			
(12 secs.)					
EVENT 5. 100 YARDS. <i>Division G</i>					
1 P. Anwyl	2 G. Manghan	3 C. Dodds			
(11 secs.)					
EVENT 6. 100 YARDS. <i>Division H</i>					
1 B. Gannon	2 M. Wren	3 M. Knight			
(11 secs.)					
EVENT 7. 100 YARDS. <i>Division S</i>					
1 G. Maloney	2 P. Harris	3 J. Colford			
(10.8 secs.)					
EVENT 8. 80 YARDS. <i>Division B</i>					
1 B. O'Driscoll	2 B. Coady	3 M. Scahill			
(11.2 secs.)					
EVENT 9. 80 YARDS. <i>Division A</i>					
1 M. Taylor	2 P. Fletcher	3 E. Rudd			
(12.2 secs.)					
EVENT 10. SLOW BICYCLE RACE (Open)					
1 A. Jordan	2 E. Blackie	3 T. Robertson			
EVENT 11. JAVELIN. <i>Divisions H and S</i>					
1 M. Blackburn	2 B. Anderson	3 R. Hughes			
(121 ft. 6 ins.)					
EVENT 12. OBSTACLE RACE. <i>Division E</i>					
1 A. Stubbs	2 J. Ashton	3 B. Davidson			
EVENT 13. OBSTACLE RACE. <i>Division D</i>					
1 B. Wolfenden	2 J. Callaghan	3 J. Watters			
EVENT 14. OBSTACLE RACE. <i>Division C</i>					
1. D. Taylor	2 K. Gilchrist	3 J. McGiurk			
EVENT 15. 440 YARDS. <i>Divisions H and S</i>					
1 J. Colford	2 B. Gannon	3 M. Wren			
(54 secs.)					
EVENT 16. 440 YARDS. <i>Division G</i>					
1 J. Franey	2 J. Comerford	3 C. Dodds			
(56.2 secs.)					
EVENT 17. HIGH JUMP. <i>Division S</i>					
1 B. O'Hare	2 R. Pontet	3 J. Cunningham			
(5 ft. 2 in.)					
EVENT 18. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (220 yards)					
Open					
1 P. Snape	2 A. Edwards	3 J. Smith			
(26 secs.)					
EVENT 19. 220 YARDS. <i>Division D</i>					
1 J. Carter	2 M. O'Hare	3 B. Wolfenden			
(29.5 secs.)					
EVENT 20. 220 YARDS. <i>Division C</i>					
1 D. Taylor	2 B. Emsley	3 J. Scahill			
(32.5 secs.)					
EVENT 21. HURDLES (120 yards). <i>Division S</i>					
1 P. Harris	2 F. Bate	3 T. Granby			
(19.2 secs.)					
EVENT 22. HURDLES (120 yards). <i>Division H</i>					
1 A. Dowling	2 B. Anderson	3 K. Anderson			
(21.4 secs.)					
EVENT 23. HURDLES (120 yards). <i>Division G</i>					
1 J. Franey	2 G. Manghan	3 B. McDermott			
(19.1 secs.)					
EVENT 24. HURDLES (120 yards). <i>Division F</i>					
1 B. Huby	2 B. Carberry	3 P. Pontet			
(20.2 secs.)					

EVENT 25. EGG & SPOON RACE. *Division B*
1 C. Thomas 2 D. Molyneux 3 A. Fitzsimmons

EVENT 26. EGG & SPOON RACE. *Division A*
1 A. Dyson 2 J. Wilson 3 J. Marshall

EVENT 27. JUNIOR HOUSE RELAY (Under 15)
4 × 100 yards
1 Domingo 2 Mersey 3 Hope
(52.2 secs.)

EVENT 28. 880 YARDS. *Divisions H and S*
1 V. Williams 2 A. Lomax 3 P. Rogers
(2 mins. 4.4 secs.)

PHYSICAL TRAINING DISPLAY

EVENT 29. HIGH JUMP. *Division F*
1 B. Huby 2 P. Pontet 3 J. Hoffman
(4 ft. 5 ins.)

EVENT 30. VARIETY RACE. *Division A*
1 J. Mundy 2 J. Holden 3 P. Scahill

EVENT 31. SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (220 yards)
Open
1 P. Anwyl 2 G. Maloney 3 P. Fay
(24.6 secs.)

EVENT 32. 440 YARDS. *Division F*
1 M. Pinnington 2 B. Walsh 3 A. Matheson
(61.4 secs.)

EVENT 33. 440 YARDS. *Division E*
1 W. Lomas 2 C. Cuckson 3 M. Doyle
(65 secs.)

EVENT 34. 880 YARDS. *Division G*
1 J. Comerford 2 M. Marshall 3 E. Hayes
(2 min. 16.8 secs.)

EVENT 35. MUSICAL CHAIRS. *Division B*
1 Evans 2 Scahill 3 Duffy

EVENT 36. SENIOR HOUSE RELAY
(220-440-440-220)
1 Domingo 2 Sefton 3 Mersey
(40.4 secs.)

EVENT 37. SIAMESE RACE. *Division B*
1 B. Mulroy and M. Murphy.
2 M. Scahill and B. O'Driscoll.
3 M. Cowie and J. Furneaux.

EVENT 38. SIAMESE RACE. *Division C*
1 J. Scahill and D. Taylor.
2 G. Goulbourne and J. Harvey.
3 G. Shawcross and E. Mann.

EVENT 39. OLD EDWARDSIANS' 100 YARDS
1 Mr. Johnson 2 Mr. Millington 3 Mr. Nelson

EVENT 40. MUSICAL CHAIRS. *Division A*
1 P. Lavery 2 J. Holden 3 J. Holden

EVENT 41. FATHERS' MEASURING WALK
1 Mr. Huby 2 Mr. McCann 3 Mr. Joyce

EVENT 42. MOTHERS' COMPETITION
1 & 2 (tie), Mrs. O'Driscoll, Mrs. Hanlon
3 Mrs. Williams

EVENTS 43. OLD EDWARDSIANS' 880 YARDS
1 Mr. Johnson 2 Mr. Carr 3 Mr. Nelson
(2 min. 20.6 sec.)

EVENT 44. 880 YARDS. *Division F*
1 M. Pinnington 2 B. Walsh 3 A. Matheson
(2 min. 21 sec.)

EVENT 45. MILE (Open)
1 A. Lomax 2 S. Rogers 3 V. Williams
(4 min. 43.6 sec.)

EVENT 46. Under 9. CONSOLATION RACE
1 England 2 Martin 3 Bruen

EVENT 47. Under 11. CONSOLATION RACE
1 Brookfield 2 Marsh 3 Hughes

EVENT 48. Under 15. CONSOLATION RACE
1 Riley 2 Rogan 3 Fitzgerald

EVENT 49. Over 15. CONSOLATION RACE
1 Capstick 2 Dickey 3 Tipping

TUG-O'-WAR. HOUSE CUPS
Senior : Domingo (Capt. M. Murray)
Junior : Hope (Capt. M. Pinnington)

INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY
(Decided in January)
Senior Cup : Hope (Capt. S. Rogers)
Junior Cup : Hope (Capt. A. Matheson).

SENIOR (3 miles)
1 Capstick, M. R. 2 Rogers, S. 3 Williams, V.
(16 min. 8 sec.)

INTERMEDIATE (2 miles approx.)
1 Linford, A. 2 Comerford, J. 3 Hayes, E.
(12 min. 34 sec.)

JUNIOR (2 miles approx.)
1 A. Matheson 2 M. Pinnington 3 B. Walsh


UNDER 13 (1½ miles approx.)
1 Wolfenden, B. 2 Noon, M. 3 Plunkett, M.
(9 min. 45 sec.)

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A Visit to Lancaster House

 ON the 2nd April this year the Sixth Form had the good fortune to visit Lancaster House, the large telephone exchange in Old Hall Street.

On arriving at Lancaster House we split up into two parties. Our first visit was to the trunk exchange. This is on the fifth floor and occupies the whole flat. Along each of the walls are the hundreds of switchboards seated in front of which are the operators. It is in this room that trunk calls are dealt with and those calls from local exchanges which are not on the dial system. We saw various calls being put through to such places as London, Scotland, the Isle of Man and Dublin. The section that deals with sending out calls is clearly separated from the section which receives calls. Each switchboard is identically the same. Every call that an operator deals with has to be logged and passed on to the central desk. We also saw the arrangements for a 999 call. There are nearly 500 people employed on this floor alone.

After seeing the switchboards we passed along many passages to "Directory Enquiries." This is a small quiet room containing about twenty people. It is here that you can obtain anybody's telephone number from Garston to Hong-Kong, free of charge. They have directories in this room for the whole of the British Isles and Ireland.

Our next visit was to "TIM." This room was very quiet except for a low humming noise and is very warm. It is from here that you can hear the "golden voice." The main idea is that a record plays the recorded voice of a girl saying the time and another record plays the pips. However, the voice is split up so that one record announces the hours, another the minutes and another the seconds. All these records are mounted on a spindle in a glass case and are operated by means of a photo-electric cell. The precision is

so great that when the person asks for TIM he thinks that he is hearing one record. There are two such machines in Liverpool. If the first one differs from the right time by 0.40 seconds the second machine automatically starts. The only other installation of the kind is in London and they maintain a normal accuracy of ± 0.20 seconds. There are many safeguards against fire in this room and the temperature is controlled at 80°F.

After TIM we went to the automatic exchange on the ground floor. In this short article it would be impossible to describe it in full. The first point of interest however, is the main distribution frame where the incoming cables are connected to the internal cables of the building. Faults can be approximately localised from this point. The cables are then led into the automatic exchange. It is fitted for 10,000 subscribers, but for technical reasons, it never has its full complement. Local or short distance calls are here connected up automatically. The whole building seems to be alive with buzzing noises as various people dial different numbers. At various points on the racks of machinery and wires are "Robot" testers which at regular intervals test the circuits, and if a piece of apparatus is out of order an alarm is given. It is interesting to note that this automatic exchange deals with 65,000 calls per day, while the manual exchange on the fifth floor deals with only 30,000 calls per day. It was in the automatic exchange that we concluded our visit and it is at this point that all our party wish to thank all the staff of Lancaster House for a most instructive and entertaining visit. Every time now that we want a CENTral number we know exactly how our call is being put through and we realize that life to-day would not be as it is except for the telephone.

M. W. STUBBS,
VI B Sc.

House Notes

HOPE

Hope started off the Spring Term with a great cross-country win, the House taking all the cups. Outstanding in their running were S. Rogers, the Senior capt., A. Linford, M. Pinnington and A. Matheson. This was some consolation for an unfruitful season in the Rugby field.

As usual, Hope had members in most of the School Cricket XI's. A Linford, and P. Fay being considered good enough for the 1sts. At the time of writing, the Seniors have only played one set of House matches in which some undistinguished batting caused the defeat of our 1sts.

In the field of athletics, Hope has what might be considered the most important figure, that of the chief coach, our redoubtable Housemaster, Br. Coffey. As far as the actual running is concerned, Hope appears to excell at longer distances. Outstanding in this field have been A. Lomax and S. Rogers (1st and 2nd in the School Mile). J. Staunton, who unluckily fell when leading in the three-quarter mile steeple-chase at Manchester, and M. Pinnington, a promising junior. Our best sprinters are P. Fay and B. Gannon. On Sports Day it was pleasing to see the two Old Boys J. Johnson and J. Carr coming first and second respectively in the Old Boys' 830 yds.

The exams. are now rushing upon us, and it is the duty of all in Hope to emulate their predecessors and show that Hope leads the field in scholastics as well as sports. Good luck and may God bless all your efforts.

F. E. BATE (*House Capt.*)

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MERSEY

"Lives obscurely great." How well we might apply these words of Sir Henry Newbolt to the senior members of Mersey House. Despite the fact that they have not achieved any outstanding single success they have, nevertheless, proved themselves consistent in their undying endeavours.

This is proved by their finishing runners-up in the Athletic Shield and top of the table in the Cricket Shield to date. Several of the members have represented their house in School teams, notably H. Dowling, who has made some useful scores for the First XI, and F. Harkins who has been a valuable change bowler. M. Blackburn and R. Hughes have represented the School in the shot and discuss at all athletic meetings while G. Tipping has been a steady member of the cross-country team.

The School Saint Vincent de Paul Society could scarcely have continued its excellent work this year without the labours of M. J. Hunt, the Treasurer; and the other VI Form Societies have received an ardent support from Mersey.

A former Mersey House captain, J. Shennan, has just attained a First Class Honours Degree in Physical Chemistry at Liverpool University.

It is to the Juniors, however, that we must turn for this year's more successful efforts.

Mersey Junior Rugby teams in the House championship did not have the same success this season as last year. Everyone tried very hard but the loss of last season's stalwarts was too great a handicap. However, next season we may recover some of the lost glory as there is very good material in Forms II and III. As noted in the Autumn issue, Mersey supplied many of those who played for Bantam, Junior Bantam and First Year XV's. After Christmas, J. Carter joined their ranks and became a flying winger for the Junior Bantams. But any loss in rugby was compensated for in cricket House games where the junior teams have helped to put Mersey in first place to date. Ken Jones is House Captain and a steady opening bat for the Colts XI, captained by a Merseyite, J. Rogan, and for whom M. Collins has also played. T. Wolfenden, G. Wallace, J. Matthews and P. Cunningham have played for the U.14 XI, while D. Sparkes, D. Taylor, B. O'Hara and B. Weston have contributed to the Chicks' run of successes. In Athletics,

B. Huby and W. Lomas have been outstanding. Lest anyone should think we are all brawn and no brain we have such leading luminaries as P. Cassidy in F.IV, and A. Moran, J. Costello and R. Speak in F.III. We hope to see them showing the way to the other Houses in the approaching examinations.

Best wishes to all Merseyites for a summer of sunshine and carefree happiness.

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SEFTON

The past six months have brought more success to Sefton. In all fields we have had good support from many members who have brought honour upon themselves, upon the House, and ultimately upon the School.

Before reporting on summer activities, let us start with Rugby. We finished runner-up in the House Competition. This is no mean performance, for we have only limited numbers and it is essential that we stand together if we are to give a good account of ourselves. This was painfully evident in the disgraceful lack of House loyalty and spirit which was shown when our First XV was left to play against Domingo with 13 men. Let us hope that this lapse will not be repeated. More honours were won by Seftonites in the representative fixtures. P. Anwyl played for the Junior Public Schools' team and W. Murphy for the Liverpool Grammar Schools XV. Our congratulations are due to J. Colford who, besides being selected for Liverpool Public School's team, was also captain of the Liverpool Grammar Schools XV. The same player was selected for Liverpool Rugby Club First XV for their Easter tour of Devon and Cornwall. Colours were presented to G. Quirke, A. Curran, and W. Murphy. Four Seftonites were members of the undefeated Bantam XV. They were D. Asbury, A. Cimelli, G. Johnson, R. Hodge. We also had the captain of the successful Junior Bantam XV in Davidson.

The Tug of War, which, in this establishment at least, is won year after year by the House with the heaviest and strongest team, was won once again by Domingo. But Sefton, scorning mere brute force, and turning to more scientific methods,

won through to the final with co-ordinated pulling. The final however, followed too soon after our strenuous semi-final and on the advice of our lanky, laconic coach, the team saved themselves for more rational and sane conflicts. Domingo were last seen hurtling into the trees with an empty rope in tow.

In case anyone is interested, I will report some cricketing achievements. In the School First XI we have the captain, J. Colford and P. Anwyl. Our sole representative in the Second XI is D. Stannard. Surely a few more Seftonites, with a little effort, could gain a place in the Seconds. After all we are now leading the other Houses in the Cricket Competition. Admittedly, this is mainly due to the efforts of our Juniors. With such players as Alston (captain of the Chicks), Davidson and D. Asbury (chosen for the Liverpool Boys' Cricket XI), we have the nucleus of a strong Junior House. J. Ratchford was also chosen for the Liverpool Boys' Cricket XI, scoring a fine 34 against Liverpool College. Seftonites can swell with pride at the example of B. Rimmer who holds the coveted position of scorer for the Colts XI.

In athletics we have a small but distinguished band who carry the Sefton colours. J. Colford, M. Moloney, and P. Anwyl, are all prominent members of the School Athletic team. Colford and Moloney, besides beating their own School records, won medals in the Lancashire Championships, in the 440 yards and the Triple Jump respectively. Anwyl was selected for the Liverpool Boys' Team to compete in the Lancashire Boys' Championships. He gained third place in the 220 yards. P. Snape, another staunch Seftonite, ran a grand race to win the School Junior Championship. This fine performance gained for him the Junior Victor Ludorum. Another fine runner who gained points and prestige for the House is J. Comerford. He gained second place in his 440 yards and won the 880 yards of his division in the School Sports. After this he turned out in the Senior House Relay and put up a plucky performance. There is also evidence of much keenness and enthusiasm in the Junior House,

capably led by W. Doyle. We are fortunate in being able to call upon such people as Noonan, Davis, Butchard and Maxwell.

Lest we may be accused of forgetting our studies in all this glory we can also report scholastic success. A. McNeilis and P. Anwyl were finalists in the competition for the French Debating Cup. G. Mills and W. Fitzsimmons both covered themselves with glory in this same competition. There were only two Seftonites among the thirteen School candidates for the Prospective Teachers' Religious Examination. Both gained passes with distinction. They were M. Moloney, and W. Murphy.

Thus we may look back with pleasure, if not pride, upon two most successful terms. But, looking to the future, we take this opportunity of wishing every success to those who have taken examinations this term. May your efforts be rewarded with the success they deserve.

M. MOLONEY

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DOMINGO

Perhaps the most difficult problem in writing House Notes after a full year of activity is that of striking a balance between the bare results and the emotions and atmospheres which went with them. A mere list of Domingo's achievements in this year of victories would be a distorted record of a House that has shown an enthusiasm and team-spirit which will be remembered when scores and scorers are long forgotten.

Domingo won the Rugby Shield for the 2nd time in 4 years, and they won it without individual brilliancies, by good, unselfish play in all six teams. If any personal medals *had* to be awarded they would probably go to Harris, Azurdia and Anderson in the Senior team and to Edwards and Hunter in the Junior.

Again, in School Fifteens, Anderson, Azurdia, Harris and Murray played for the 1st team and the latter three for Liverpool Schools against Birkenhead Schools. D. Murphy captained a 2nd team to which eight other Domingo men gave regular support. Four more of our happy clan held key positions in the Colts XV and of these Carl Hunter

added to his achievements the distinction of playing for the 2nd team while still in the Lower School. Edwards maintained his reputation as captain of the unbeaten Bantam XV and Boyle played some sterling games as vice-captain of the Junior Bantams.

In Athletics, Domingo achieved a success which was, possibly, even more meritorious. The Athletics Shield, the Victor Ludorum, the Senior and Junior Relay Trophies and the Senior Tug-o'-War Trophy were all won by our House representatives and the greatest personal success of Sports Day went to D. V. Williams (Victor Ludorum), of Domingo, who clipped 1.8 secs. off the School Record with an 880 yds. in 2 mins. 4.4 secs. In the Lancashire County Junior Sports, three of the School's six medals went to our men, J. Cunningham, winner of the Hammer event, and B. O'Hare, second in the High Jump, put up the team's best performances.

In the third competitive House sport, cricket, six Domingo men have played for the School 1st XI. Body, the vice-captain, Anderson, Azurdia, Melvin, Gregory, Sheridan and Granby. The latter is also vice-captain of the 2nd team which also contains Marron, Cushion, Pontet and Noel Kehoe. However, this collection of talent has not yet produced the results expected of it in the House games. Still, with the competition only at the half-way stage we may yet retrieve the position.

Turning away from the hurley-burley which these hip-swinging athletic types inhabit, we find Domingo monotonously pre-eminent in the School's intellectual life. We had three out of four finalists in the Debating Competition—M. M. Murray, the winner; V. J. S. Marmion, the runner-up who showed remarkable eloquence for one of such tender years; and M. J. Gregory, honorary secretary of the Debating Society and a most entertaining speaker.

The French Debating Cup, too, was won by Domingo in the ample person of Bob Azurdia who enticed the judges by his expressive gestures and characteristic accent. That versatile character, Michael Gregory, also figures in the Final Debate.

There, then, is our picture of the year. Perhaps too much has been said of the older members of the House. But then, in writing House Notes one must, inevitably, tend to think of one's immediate contemporaries. The Juniors and the younger Seniors have done magnificently—in fact, none of the year's successes would have

been possible without them. But the people I shall remember best are the people I know best, and the scenes I shall remember are the ones that I saw. Let this much be said—every man did his best for Domingo. It is the least tribute which can be paid to them, and the greatest.

MICHAEL MURRAY

University Letters

LIVERPOOL

Dear Mr. Editor,

The June examinations are terminated. It is a pleasant thought that October is a matter of three months away, that there are twelve long weeks in which one can read practically all next year's course. The University buildings are empty, devoid of their life. The students have departed. For our purpose, however, some of them must remain in our mind, for a record is required of their comings and goings, of the niche which Edwardians occupy in student affairs.

Outstanding results have been obtained by B. G. Boggiano (Ph.D.) and the pensive David Adair (M.Sc.). Among our contemporaries, but still in the realms of science, in the department of burettes and pipettes, we congratulate John Shennan on his first class Honours in Chemistry, a success which, to those who knew him, must seem only just. But lest the reader should think that all the successes of this year belong to the Science, let us point to the dapper figure of Monsieur Jim Dryhurst (1st Class Honours, French) who has just returned from France, dressed "à la mode française," sandals and all, and holding broad views on life, based on his experience as a French "assistant" and a visit to a Paris night-club. At the moment, he is learning some of the simpler English words and phrases. This he finds reasonably easy, but the pronunciation he still finds difficult to master.

The English and History Schools are also well represented, by Mick Bennett, Maurice Hennessey, and the ebullient Mike McGowan, all of whom have obtained Honours in their

respective subjects. The latter, despite his lofty seclusion in the English Department, has also availed himself of the many social opportunities. John Kieran, Terry Maguire, Jim Dillon, John Quinn and Joe Shennan are bearing out the remark of a professor that a half of St. Edward's students become historians. Terry Maguire is also an ardent member of the University Air Squadron and has just obtained his wings. At first we believed that this last phrase was a euphemism peculiar to the R.A.F. and we sorrowfully concluded that Terry had reached a far greater height than he had ever intended. However, we have discovered since that the expression has its own significance and has something to do with becoming a fully-fledged pilot. Joe Shennan may be found any day of the week in the men's lounge reading history books, normally something like the "History of Golf" or "The Origins of the Four Kings, Queens and Aces." But often, from a height, he poses the vague, heart-rending question "What is the meaning of inconsequential antiquarianism and doctrinaire determinism"?

Among those doing General Honours are Leo Connor and Phil. Rose. Leo takes lectures in Italian and has astonished us on numerous occasions with his knowledge of that language. One recalls particularly a Philharmonic Concert, when without dictionary or programme note, he translated "Andante," "Allegro," and "Vivace."

Law is becoming increasingly popular amongst St. Edward's students: John Morgan, Bill Fetherstone, and Gerry Slater all having completed one year. John Morgan, despite his interest in

rugger and cricket, has been able to win two University awards and obtain a First in his Intermediate. About to enter his final year is Mick Lennon who still continues his sure, steady and calm way through equity, contract, tort, and criminal law, as he did through more ordinary subjects at school. The bowler, pin-striped trousers and brief-case have not arrived as yet, but from manner and method, they are close at hand.

In the Faculty of Science, Bob Freeborough, Jim Keeton and John Cookson have all succeeded in their first year at the University, while Ken Harrison, Frank Mitchell and Tommy Francis are all well on the way to Honours degrees. Larry Doyle, Harry Davenport and Austin McLachlan hoping to enter into commercial life, have begun to study Accounting, Economics and Statistics, while Tony Scott and Mike Reddington, a high official in Guild, have obtained their B.Com.

St. Edward's have a number of representatives too, in the Faculty of Medicine, Brian O'Dowd being the senior, closely followed by Ronnie Smith, the brothers Moorhead, Tony Gilbertson, and Jim Kane.

In the sporting field, alas, we have only one real representative in Walt Ellis who has been appointed vice-captain of the 1st XV and who toured Italy last season with the U.A.U. Walt is studying English.

Thus has another session slipped away, but there remains a record of Edwardian achievements which reflects great glory on their Alma Mater.

Hinc lucem et pocula sacra.

Yours, etc.,

LIVERPOOL.

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UPHOLLAND

Upholland College,
Wigan.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Of the four men raised to the Priesthood for the Liverpool diocese this Trinity three are Old Edwardians: Fathers John O'Brien

(1937—40), Kevin Mullen (1935—40), and Vincent Burrowes (1938—40).

Although their stay at Sandfield Park was short, it was, at least, the beginning of their varied career, for in a few years they had moved through a colour-scheme of purple, black and khaki. After their Army service, however, they gave up the brighter colours—*delictis retibus*—settled for the more sombre hue and continued their studies. Now they are priests, consecrated and consecrators, sources of life in the Church. They ask for the prayers of all that they may be worthy of the unparalleled dignity of their Priesthood.

Kevin Mulhearn received the Subdiaconate and William Mills third and fourth Minor Orders. And still there are more: Peter Doyle and Philip McEvoy whom we welcomed into the Senior House at the beginning of the year. One year of their professional studies is nearing completion and as Philosophy deepens its impression upon their minds, so, it would seem, the brightness of their youth begins to fade. But they have no worries. The half-way mark has been reached there are only five more years.

How Michael Maybury is faring, the writer is at a loss to know: sufficient that he attended the Alma Mater and be welcomed in this letter. But from all appearances, he will not be a lone Edwardian for long. The annual examination assured us of this, for from the number of purple blazers which brightened the College on the day of the examination, Michael, we feel sure, will be joined in September by many of his former colleagues. We welcome them to our midst and wish them many happy years.

Best wishes from all Old Edwardians at Upholland to Brothers, Masters and students at St. Edward's.

Yours sincerely,

UPHOLLAND.

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OXFORD

Magdalen College,
Oxford.

Dear Sir,

It is a sad experience to come down from Oxford

at the end of the Trinity term. The dominant thought is : " A whole year before the next Oxford summer ! " which means, of course, another year before the next Eights Week, a period of much too long a duration for Balliol who will be seeking to regain the Headship from Magdalen. After keeping away from Merton for five nights the Balliol VIII was finally bumped on the last night ; a bump supper was lost and gained, and Magdalen celebrated by burning a boat, which had been carried in solemn procession along the High. J. Jensen was too busy being elected Secretary

of the Oxford English Club to take an active part in Balliol rowing but he does seem to be able to meet an extraordinary number of interesting people, and may soon be writing his equivalent to Maugham's " The Razor's Edge." E. Randall did row and consequently was left with very little time for any other activity ; he attributes his absence from the carol singing from Magdalen Tower at dawn on May morning to his observance of the training rules ; we wonder.

We await Michaelmas Term, the Freshmen, the Winter Sports and the roaring fire in the Hall.

OXFORD

Sports Notes

RUGBY

On their standard of play and results the XV of 1952-53 equalled any that has represented the School. A solid and lively pack most of whom would not be out of place as three-quarters saw that a supply of the ball was forthcoming to backs who by speed and variation of attack often had their opposite numbers bewildered. The pity was that injuries, etc., at the end of the 2nd term caused such reshuffling in the three-quarters as they would surely have played most spectacular rugby on a firm ground—and this they proved by their precision movements in the Park Sevens. Colford proved an admirable captain, with whom the team came first and his own prowess took second place. His beautifully executed openings, rarely carried too far, brought his centres and wingers into operation and so the scores came. Dingle at scrum half improved immensely and he showed many team mates how to go down on the rolling ball, his low hard tackling being another feature of his play. Craig-McFeely and Curran played at full-back and the little they had to do was done well. Quirke was making rapid strides as a centre, with his reverse dummy and speed off the mark, and it was also good to see him tackling hard at the end of the season—the only essential he lacked to make him a first-class centre. His place-kicking was admirable but unfortunately he was injured towards the end of the season. Curran and McNeilis had some good games at centre, and Addison at fly-half. It was wing-threequarters Harris and Anwyl who took the eye—the former (who had over 30 tries to his credit) with his speed, weight, and distribution of the ball being one of the best wings seen in the School for some time. Anwyl, young, slight and speedy with an excellent tackle, has a good eye for an opening and when he learns to take his passes better—or perhaps when he has a centre who knows exactly when and how to give the pass—he will be a match winner. M. Moloney, who had a few games at wing, showed he could move when the pass came at the right time. R. Hughes, the vice-captain, was the outstanding forward of the season—and other forwards should note that he wasn't high

among the scorers and was not SEEN in the loose scrum—he conserved much energy by clever anticipation, was always there for the vital tackle, and his timely distribution of the ball to the open spaces might well be copies. Azurdia and Bate, the front row forwards, were quick in the loose and very helpful to their hooker, and both did their share of tackling. McLean, Wren, and Murray were the line-out experts and the former's speed and covering improved throughout the season. Wren, too, was fast off the mark but still inclined to run too far in possession ; he will be a good forward when he realises that his first duty after possession is to get the ball to his backs. Murray, the lock forward, had the weight and physique, and though line-out work came easy to him, he must learn to jump and have more confidence in his running. Fay's speed and deadly tackling were good to watch either at centre or wing forward, while Anderson's guile with dummy and side-step and his anticipation of the trend of play shows that he is a promising player, though he has still the tendency to overdo the dummy, etc. W. Murphy, wing or lock forward, was a strong all-round player but prone to fly-kick rashly when excited. Moore and Norris were others who filled gaps in the Fifteen during the season.

We congratulate the team on their successful season and thank Manny, Ambrose and Alger for the teas and D. Curran for running the line.

House Games

The games were well contested and, though the distribution of points was rather one sided, yet the displays of many boys brought them the reward of a position in a School team. Domingo ran out winners with Sefton runners-up.

Final House points :—

Domingo (M. Murray, capt.)	...	80 pts.
Sefton (J. Colford, capt.)	...	75 pts.
Mersey (R. Hughes, capt.)	...	33 pts.
Hope (F. Bate, capt.)	...	32 pts.

Colours

School colours were awarded to the following : R. Azurdia (front row), F. Bate (front row), A. Curran (full back), P. Fay (wing forward), P. Harris (wing three-quarter), W. Murphy (wing forward), G. Quirke (centre).

Internationals J. Cain and G. Rimmer presented the colours, gave some "tips" on the rucker game, and praised the School Fifteen on their magnificent record for the season.

Inter-Form Cups

Form IV Cup won by IV Alpha (Capt. A. Edwards).
Form III Cup won by III A (Capt. P. Armstrong).
Form II Cup won by II A (Capt. M. O'Hare).

Representative Games

J. Colford was selected for South West Lancs. trial but had to withdraw because of injury. He played for Liverpool R.U.F.C. 1st XV on a few occasions and was a member of their team for the Easter tour in the South West Country. He played for Liverpool Schools v. Manchester and also captained Liverpool Grammar Schools v. Birkenhead Schools. R. Hughes, P. Fay, R. Azurdia, P. Harris and M. Murray played for Liverpool Grammar Schools in the Inter-City game. P. Fay and R. Azurdia played for Waterloo P.S. XV.

Birkenhead Park Sevens

In the quarter-final of the Sevens S.E.C. beat De La Salle G.S. 18-3. Try scorers were W. Murphy, P. Harris, P. Fay, and J. Colford, and Fay had three converts.

In the semi-final S.E.C. beat Collegiate School 9-0. Try scorers were Harris, Anderson, and Murphy.

In the final S.E.C. beat Birkenhead Institute 16-0. Try scorers were Anwyl, Fay (2), Colford. Fay converted two.

"St. Edward's College hit full power from the start. They delighted everyone by their crisp handling, zip, and devil-may-care approach and produced a final display which will long be remembered—worthy of the fine shield newly presented by Mr. H. T. King, headmaster of Park High School. . . . Then we saw St. Edward's College win their final 16-0. They did so with skill and nonchalance, that Birkenhead Institute, their opponents, could not match. Their four tries—two converted by Fay, a better kicker than any club man on view—were spectacularly worked; for one of them the ball passed through two dozen pairs of hands before Colford, the captain, delivered the *coup de grace*. The diminutive Anwyl and Fay (2) were the other try scorers, besides being with Colford and Anderson the stars of a magnificent side."—(*Daily Post*).

SEVENS TEAM : P. Anwyl, P. Harris, J. Colford (capt.), B. Anderson, W. Murphy, R. Hughes, P. Fay. Reserve : R. Azurdia.

RECORD FOR 1952-53 SEASON

Team	P	W	D	L	Points	
					F	A
1st XV	24	22	—	2	487	89
2nd XV	16	14	1	1	353	47
Colts XV	16	11	—	5	228	126
Bantam XV	19	19	—	—	516	55
Jnr. Bantam XV	18	14	1	3	288	78
1st year XV	14	9	3	2	103	32
1st year "B" XV	4	2	1	1	29	15

FIRST XV

St. Edward's College v. New Brighton R.U.F.C. Colts XV. At Sandfield Park 31/1/53

Wind at gale force throughout made back play almost impossible and the two packs fought it out. After ten minutes Colford's pass was gathered by Harris who carried over his opposite number for a determined try which Quirke converted with a well-judged kick from the line. This was without doubt Fay's best game to date and his speed in covering and deadly tackling were admirable. Murray and Hughes were prominent for their constructive work and Anwyl at scrum half got the ball away well in spite of the gale and the close attention of wing forwards. Moloney handled well but on two occasions was bundled into touch. Anderson broke away and with a neat side-step got the three's going and Colford's pass was snapped up by Harris who scored by the flag, and Quirke again converted.

Half-time : S.E.C. 10 pts. ; N. Brighton Colts nil.

The visitors had the advantage of the strong wind and made use of the long kick which frequently caught Craig McFeely out of position. Murphy, Bate and Azurdia kept the ball close and McLean worked hard to take on. A good run by Curran and Colford brought no reward and New Brighton came back to land a penalty goal. Anderson and Azurdia were at their best and the former sold two neat dummies before he was checked a few yards from the line and though Fay took his pass he could not ground the ball.

S.E.C. 10 pts. ; New Brighton Colts 3 pts.

TEAM : L. Craig McFeely ; P. Harris, G. Quirke, A. Curran, M. Moloney ; J. Colford (Capt.), P. Anwyl ; R. Azurdia, R. Hughes, F. Bate, P. McLean, W. Murphy, P. Fay, M. Murray, B. Anderson.

St. Edward's College v. De La Salle G.S. At Sandfield Park 7/2/53

A lively game in which S.E.C. had the heavier pack and gave their backs plenty of opportunities. Harris with little room to move took Quirke's pass and scored by the flag. Dingle was having a good game with plenty of length in his passes and when Colford's kick ahead was gathered by the De La Salle full back, Anwyl charged down the latter's kick and Murphy was up to gather and score between the posts. Quirke converted. A De La Salle footrush was touched down by Fay who had his first game at centre and was over keen to drop a goal. Murray and McLean were admirable in the line-out and Wren was another line-out player to take the eye. Murray's anticipation and touch finding were excellent.

Half-time : S.E.C. 8 pts. ; De La Salle nil.

Curran fielded and kicked beautifully from the full back position and Hughes and Azurdia were prominent in the loose. A touch line run by Bate and Azurdia gained valuable ground and after a period of pressure, Quirke kicked a penalty goal. Wren was not as vigorous as he might be in the loose, but Anderson was always in the right place with his well-timed passes and clever running. Colford drew the opposition to the blind side and a high and lengthy cross kick was swept out by Quirke and Harris, who shook off two would-be tacklers, and went on to score in the corner. Quirke converted. A run through by Colford petered out but Quirke again sent over a good penalty.

S.E.C. 19 pts. ; De La Salle G.S. Nil.

TEAM : A. Curran ; P. Harris, G. Quirke, P. Fay, P. Anwyl ; J. Colford (Capt.), R. Dingle ; R. Azurdia,

of a break through and the wing three-quarters got little room. Fay played solidly at centre till he was injured, but the kick ahead was not exploited to the full. Harris misfielded a 25 drop out and the St. Joseph's winger pounced on it to go through for an unconverted try. Azurdia, McLean and Hughes were well to the fore in the loose, and after both sides had some defensive work to do, Murphy, who had gone on the wing to replace Fay, scored by the corner flag. Colford's kicking was good but otherwise he did not have a happy game.

Half-time : S.E.C. 3 pts. ; St. Joseph's College 3 pts.

There was a decided improvement in the work of the pack after the interval and Moore, Wren, and Bate did some useful work. Harris had a good run before being forced into touch, and Hughes and Azurdia in turn almost made the line. St. Joseph's pressed and following a scrum their winger dropped a goal. S.E.C. came back and almost worked a push over, but the St. Joseph's backs kicked shrewdly, and Craig-McFeely misjudged some falling balls but was otherwise safe at full back. St. Joseph's increased their lead with a penalty goal, and a Curran-Harris run gained much ground. From a scrum near the line Dingle went over for an unconverted try.

S.E.C. 6 pts. ; St. Joseph's College 9 pts.

TEAM : L. Craig-McFeely ; A. Curran, P. Fay, J. Colford (capt.), P. Harris ; K. Addison, R. Dingle ; F. Bate, R. Hughes, R. Azurdia, P. McLean, M. Wren, F. Norris, B. Moore and W. Murphy.

St. Edward's College v. C.I. Edwardian XV At Sandfield Park

21/3/53

One of the best games of the season which the School were lucky to win in the closing stages, thanks to Fay's prodigious penalty kick. The School pack were very slow to get into position following a line-out and C.I. broke through to make valuable ground. The C.I. backs were the more dangerous and McLachlan soon showed his paces by cutting through the middle for a try which O'Keefe converted. Colford kicked admirably and Harris tried the kick and follow. McNeilis in his first game tackled well and had two tricky runs. The School landed a penalty per Addison, but the C.I. came back and their winger R. Hughes put in a good touch-line run before juggling with the ball a few yards from the line. Sharrock and McLachlan combined well and the latter's pass was taken at speed by Johnson, who ran from the 25 to score near the posts. O'Keefe converted.

Half-time : S.E.C. 3 pts. ; C.I. Edwardians 10 pts.

The School showed more life in the second half and soon came into the attack. Harris gathered his kick-ahead and forced his way over near the corner flag after a splendid solo effort. Hughes, Murphy, and Anderson were well to the fore and all three put in some excellent defensive work. Anderson broke up a passing movement by the C.I. and scored near the posts, but the kick at goal failed. McNeilis gained ground with a lengthy kick and a Sharrock-Robinson-Johnson move was the best of the day, but it eventually petered out. Then, from almost the half-way line, Fay's mighty penalty kick landed between the posts with little to spare.

S.E.C. 12 pts. ; C.I. Edwardians 10 pts.

TEAM : L. Craig-McFeely ; P. Harris, P. Fay, J. Colford (capt.), A. Curran ; A. McNeilis, R. Dingle ; R. Azurdia, R. Hughes, F. Bate, P. McLean, M. Murray, B. Anderson, B. Moore, W. Murphy.

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

25/3/53

"When these schools met earlier, Rock Ferry put up a great fight and were only beaten by eight points to six. In yesterday's return at Sandfield Park, St. Edward's had several absentees owing to injuries and Rock Ferry as many through school calls, but the former's reserves proved so much the better that their backs had little difficulty in breaking through.

Some of the best passing movements in the game came in the second half from the winner's forwards, who added to the chances of their own backs and to the strain of those of Rock Ferry by getting the ball back fast and true from the line-out and frequently in the loose. The score, six goals and six tries to a penalty goal, gives an accurate idea of the run of play, but makes no allowance for the good work of Shaw, who landed the penalty goal from near the touch line ; Edkins, Holborn and Smith in the loser's pack, or for Ainslie's plucky show behind it."—(*Daily Post*).

St. Edward's tries were scored by Murphy (3), Moloney (2), Curran (2), Norris, Bate, Azurdia, Wren and McNeilis. Successful goalkickers among the many tried were Norris, Azurdia, McNeilis, Murray, Craig-McFeely, and Dingle.

St. Edward's College v. D. C. Martin's XV At Sandfield Park

16/4/53

This was an open and exciting game despite the heavy ball and sodden ground. The visitors had a very strong back line which included international Martin Regan, his two brothers, Denis Martin, John Morgan, B. Gallagher and P. Kelly, and the School did well to hold them for three-quarters of the game. The forwards were more evenly matched and S.E.C. got a fair possession from line-out and scrum, but could make little headway against strong tackling. J. Regan broke through the centre from a reverse pass by his brother Martin and scored between the posts. He converted his try. Denis Regan was soon in full flight only to be crashed into touch by a fine Harris tackle. Hughes, Bate, and Azurdia were prominent in the forward exchanges but failed to prevent Martindale, Hayden, and Guilfooy from giving their threes enough of the ball. A long pass by Morgan sent Martin Regan into the attack and Martin took his pass at speed for a try which J. Regan converted. Addison, who had not completely recovered from an old injury, was unable to take Dingle's brilliant service, so Colford, Fay and the wing forwards Anderson and Murphy had to do more than their share of covering. When Martin Regan eluded Anwyl, Dingle brought off a fine tackle. Fay landed a penalty goal.

Half-time : S.E.C. 3 pts. ; D.C. Martin's XV 10 pts.

Murray, Wren and McLean did trojan work in the line-out and now S.E.C. played more as a team, but Addison was still a passenger. Colford made an opening which Anwyl failed to take and soon Fay checked J. Regan with an excellent tackle. Gallagher came through and the visitors backs had the School guessing by their quick backing up and switching of the attack. Hughes tackled Martin but still the ball came out to Denis Regan who scored far out and then converted. The School pressed for a period and a move started by Curran was carried on by the forwards and Bate crashed over for a try which Fay converted. Harris again stopped Jack Regan but soon a Morgan-Regan move brought play into our 25 and when Doyle and Murphy backed

up Kelly was there to run through for a try converted by D. Regan.

S.E.C. 8 pts. ; D.C. Martin's XV 20 pts.

TEAM : A. Curran ; P. Harris, P. Fay, J. Colford capt., P. Anwyl ; K. Addison, R. Dingle, (capt.), P. Anwyl ; K. Addison, R. Dingle ; R. Azurdia, R. Hughes, F. Bate, M. Wren, P. McLean, W. Murphy, M. Murray, B. Anderson.

D. C. MARTIN'S XV : B. Gallagher (Liverpool) ; J. Regan (Liverpool), P. Kelly (Liverpool), D. C. Martin (Liverpool), D. Regan (Liverpool) ; M. Regan (Liverpool and England), J. Morgan (Liverpool) ; T. Owen (Liverpool), G. Nelson (C.I.I. Edwardians), J. Martindale (Liverpool), T. Hayden (Liverpool), T. Guilfooy (Birkenhead Park), L. Doyle (Waterloo), P. Hughes (Old Maricollians), V. Murphy (Waterloo).

SECOND XV

The team has been weaker than in autumn term mainly due to injuries to the 1st XV players whose vacancies were filled by members of the 2nd XV. Our star out-half, Addison, only played in half the games. The forwards were strong with Anderton, Ludden, Power, Morris, Cookson and Moore shining in the line-out, loose and tight scrummages. Behind the scrum Marron and Addison were always quick off the mark, having already gained an understanding in the Colts XV of last year. The three-quarters Maloney, McNeilis, Knight and Moloney combined efficiently to give the type of open Rugby so longed for these days. Goodall was an efficient full back. Although our team was a small one compared with other teams, the fact that we lost only one game out of sixteen played shows that stature is not everything in the Rugger game.

Home : De La Salle G.S. Won 8-3

A hard-fought match played in a very strong cross wind. De La Salle opened the scoring with a penalty but the score was soon levelled by Marron, and exceeded by a try scored by McNeilis and converted by Norris.

Home : Oldershaw G.S. XV Won 14-0

The forwards were held for the first half of the match but our three-quarters ran the Oldershaw 1st XV off their feet. Three tries and a goal were scored.

Home : St. Mary's College Lost 9-11

Over confidence lost us this match, since we came on to the field having already well beaten the same team away. The forwards and three-quarters were both poor and well below their usual standard.

Away : West Park C.G.S. Drawn 8-8

Our morale was very low after being defeated by St. Mary's and we were soon eight points down. The forwards, however, retrieved the position with a goal and a try.

Home : Park High School Won 42-0

The team was superior in every department, the three-quarter movements being a treat to watch. At the start of the match we met with some resistance, but we soon had the visitors on the run.

Away : St. Anselm's College Won 24-3

St. Anselm's took the lead with a penalty but the score was soon levelled by Murphy and added to by Maloney (2), McNeilis, Marron (2), Norris and Knight. No tries being converted.

Home : Wirral G.S.

Won 23-3

The forwards soon overwhelmed the Wirral forwards and our account was soon opened with a penalty by Addison and followed by five tries and a goal.

Those who played were : D. Murphy (capt.), A. McNeilis (vice-capt.), B. Moore, P. Goodall, M. Moloney, L. Craig-McFeely, K. Addison, B. Marron, G. Maloney, M. Knight, J. Power, H. Morris, G. Anderton, L. Ludden, E. Dillon, W. Cookson, D. McNee, R. Featherstone, M. Gregory, F. Harkin, A. Norris, B. Gannon, M. Sheridan.

DONAL MURPHY (Capt.)

JUNIOR COLTS XV

Since the Autumn issue of the Magazine the Junior Colts have played 7 games, won 3 and lost 4. Our heaviest defeat was the game against St. Anselm's College at Noctorum. It must be admitted that this came as a surprise, and that the vigour and enthusiasm of the St. Anselm's tackling came as an even bigger surprise to S.E.C. on a ground which was as hard as concrete. Full marks to St. Anselm's Junior Colts, especially their forwards and outside half for a really energetic display and a very determined will to avenge their defeat in the first game of the season.

The best game of the Spring term was against West Park Grammar School at Sandfield Park. Within ten minutes of the start West Park had a 14 points lead and had given the S.E.C. side as good a lesson in fast, open rugby as they are likely to receive. After this initial shock S.E.C. revived, but although they played well the lead was too great. However, 11 points were scored by S.E.C. before West Park could add to their tally. For this recovery the forwards were mainly responsible, but most of the "threes" had a share in the scores.

For the last three or four games we were without the services of our hooker, J. Ratchford, who was injured against St. Mary's and did not play for the rest of the season. In spite of four defeats in one term the side played good rugby throughout and the forwards especially were always in the picture. B. Weston who deputised for J. Ratchford was a grand little forward who was always in the thick of the battle. Hagedorn, Jordan, Holden, Carberry, and Hunter were our best line-out forwards, while Doyle, Rimmer, Hanlon and Hughes were good defenders. Shaw and Bushell were the best outsiders, and Snape had some good games on the wing. Franey had enough speed and weight, but not enough guile to make a first-class centre.

The following are the results of the games played since Christmas, 1952 :—

Birkenhead Institute	...	...	(A)	Lost	6-14
Oldershaw G.S.	...	...	(A)	Won	37- 3
St. Mary's College	...	...	(A)	Lost	3-10
West Park C.G.S.	...	...	(H)	Lost	11-22
St. Anselm's College	...	...	(A)	Lost	0-17
De La Salle G.S.	...	...	(H)	Won	13- 5
Rock Ferry H.S.	...	...	(H)	Won	27- 0

BANTAM XV

The remarkable achievements of the 1950-51 First Year XV and of last year's Junior Bantam XV were continued by this year's Bantams. Thus, since the first game played on November 1st, 1950, this team has come through the three years an unbeaten side. During

these three seasons they have played 42 games with a grand total of 1,041 points for and 75 against. In these 42 games 36 boys have worn the School Colours forming a wide and solid base on which our senior teams in future seasons can build with confidence.

The spearhead of the attack of this year's Bantams always centered round the Captain, A. Edwards, playing at left centre and the Vice-Captain, J. Rogan, his faithful and unselfish henchman, playing at right centre. Individually, each is in a class of his own, possessing all the requisites of the ideal Rugby player, speed, swerve, good hands and powerful kick. Combined, this pair proved too much for all local opposition and between them they put up a total of 310 points during the season. To achieve this, possession was vital and this was seen to by the hardworking pack brilliantly led by T. Padden whose battle cry throughout the season was "have it back." The outstanding forwards, in all phases were M. Fitzgerald and P. Kelly. D. Parker and B. Walsh were ever prominent in the line-outs while T. Padden's play in the loose had to be seen to be believed. Lavery, with his previous experience as a scrum-half, proved a most useful forward with good hands and solid kick. Noonan's hooking was well up to standard and he with P. O'Hare and H. Lavery formed a solid front row. In the event of Non-limit fixtures we called upon the stalwarts B. Carberry, J. Newberry, W. Rignall, K. Reilly, J. Hoffman and J. White who always assured us of 90 per cent. of the ball in line-outs and scrums. These with Fitzgerald, Kelly and Padden provided a pack capable of holding all opposition. M. Collins, at scrum half, gave an excellent service and though diminutive in size he possessed a deadly tackle. The out-half berth was filled competently by G. Johnson and D. Asbury with little to choose between them either in this position or at full-back. Of the four wings M. Pinnington, J. Smith, A. Cimelli and R. Hodge, the first mentioned proved the most determined and scored more than fifty points during the season.

The following played: A. Edwards, J. Rogan, J. White, W. Rignall, J. Newberry, B. Carberry, B. Walsh, K. Reilly, J. Hoffman, M. Pinnington, T. Padden, D. Noonan, J. Smith, D. Asbury, G. Johnson, P. O'Hare, M. Collins, B. Ludden, P. Kelly, M. Fitzgerald, D. Parker, T. Potter, H. Lavery, R. Hodge, A. Cimelli and L. Maxwell.

Results

Sept. 27	St. Anselm's College ...	(A)	Won 13- 3
Oct. 4	De La Salle ...	(H)	Won 29- 0
Oct. 11	Oldershaw G.S. ...	(A)	Won 58- 3
Oct. 25	West Park C.G.S. ...	(H)	Won 35- 3
Nov. 8	Wirral G.S. ...	(H)	Won 54- 0
Nov. 13	Birkenhead Institute ...	(A)	Won 26- 3
Nov. 22	St. Mary's College ...	(A)	Won 34- 0
Jan. 24	Oldershaw G.S. ...	(H)	Won 18- 0
Jan. 31	Rock Ferry H.S. ...	(H)	Won 22- 3
Feb. 14	St. Joseph's College ...	(A)	Won 11- 3
Feb. 19	Liverpool Collegiate ...	(H)	Won 29- 3
Feb. 21	St. Mary's Collegiate ...	(H)	Won 27- 5
Feb. 28	West Park C.G.S. ...	(A)	Won 16- 9
Mar. 7	St. Anselm's College ...	(H)	Won 32- 0
Mar. 14	Wirral G.S. ...	(A)	Won 14- 0
Mar. 17	St. Joseph's Coll. (B'pl.)	(A)	Won 24-12
Mar. 19	Birkenhead Institute ...	(H)	Won 22- 0
Mar. 21	Park High School ...	(H)	Won 32- 0
Mar. 28	De La Salle G.S. ...	(H)	Won 10- 8

Played 19, Won 19, Points for 516, Points Against 55.

Junior Bantams (Under 13)

Before Christmas : Played 6, Won 4, Drew 1, Lost 1.

Jan. 17	Collegiate ...	(H)	Won 12- 5
Jan. 24	Oldershaw ...	(H)	Won 40- 0
Feb. 14	St. Mary's ...	(A)	Won 30- 0
Mar. 5	St. Anselm's ...	(A)	Won 12- 0
Mar. 7	Oldershaw ...	(A)	Won 23- 0
Mar. 10	St. Mary's ...	(H)	Won 17- 0
Mar. 12	Wirral G.S. ...	(A)	Won 17- 0
Mar. 15	St. Joseph's ...	(A)	Lost 0-15
Mar. 19	West Park C.G.S. ...	(H)	Won 6- 5
Mar. 21	St. Mary's ...	(H)	Won 9- 3
Mar. 28	De La Salle ...	(H)	Won 14- 6
April 2	St. Ambrose's, Alt'ham	(A)	Lost 5-13

Played 18, won 14, Drew 1, Lost 3, Points for 288, Against 78.

Those who played were: B. Davidson (Capt.), F. Boyle (Vice-Capt.), J. Boon, J. Dunn, V. Dipple, P. Armstrong, T. Kilkelly, T. Wolfenden, R. Emsley, D. Lunt, B. Williams, J. Carter, J. Matthews, G. Lynch, T. Pearson, D. Cunningham, J. Tindall, P. Galbraith, D. Chamberlain, G. Wallace, J. Callaghan, M. Maloney; also J. Molloy, D. Sparkes, J. Kelly, D. Mooney.

The Junior Bantams of 1952-53 can look back with every satisfaction on a season of splendid achievement. They played more games than ever before and their total of 14 victories is something of which they may be proud. The handicaps of being both a small and light XV were more than overcome by the whole-hearted way in which everyone gave of his best, by a wonderful fighting spirit and complete confidence in their ability to do everything better and faster than the opposition.

Three-quarters and forwards, as a result, developed a habit of unceasing attack, even from their own line. Opponents were kept so busy defending that very often they had no time for anything else. There was a good blend of individual dash and effective team-work. The forwards were rarely beaten in the set scrums, thanks to really well-timed shoving and became just as effective in the loose scrums. The three-quarters profited from all this. They combined well; their passing was usually crisp, with passes given and taken at speed, and only an unfortunate lack of weight in the centre prevented more tries. The absence of a strong and reliable place kicker also reduced our scoring power.

Some 26 players got their chance during the season and an encouraging number of newcomers made the grade, some such as J. Dunn, R. Emsley, J. Carter, D. Lunt, D. Cunningham and G. Wallace, establishing regular places. Of the two games lost after Christmas we were rather unlucky to be 10 points down in as many minutes against St. Ambrose's College, Altrincham and never quite recovered, although having all the play. B. Davidson (Capt.) and F. Boyle (Vice-Capt.) set a splendid example, on and off the field, and gave a lead to the others by their unrelenting and often brilliant play.

B. Davidson at stand-off was the king-pin of the three-quarter line and the main-spring of every attack. His handling was quite outstanding. He is developing an eye for an opening and he has the ability to sheer through any gap left by the opposition. He brought his backs with him at top speed and his zest and enthusiasm spread to the whole team. Scoring several brilliant tries, he totalled 104 points. His defence was complete, and if he has a weakness it is his punting which

is not yet as accurate as might be. F. Boyle's white scrum-cap often made him conspicuous, but his play as pack-leader and back row forward would have done that in any case. He was a rock of strength in loose mauls and a human dynamo in the open. His leadership of the pack was intelligent and especially did he preach to them by word and example the need for quick heeling from loose scrums. He was outstanding in the line-out.

Linking forwards to backs was P. Armstrong, a "converted" forward. He improved rapidly and by the end of the season he was a very complete scrum half who made an almost perfect partner for his stand-off. He developed a magnificent pass and his defence rarely failed, though he was one of the featherweights. D. Lunt was another key-man, the hooker, who had the ball back smartly and was tireless in the loose. At full-back was T. Kilkelly, 6 st. of happy courage; who liked the opposition big because that way they made more noise when he laid them low. His kicking, with either foot, was neat and accurate. J. Boon, V. Dipple and R. Emsley were our original heavy-weights, being later joined by D. Cunningham. Boon was a glutton for work, and the tougher the struggle the better he liked it. Emsley and Dipple were inseparable, and solid, in the second row of the scrum; and never failed to make an "impression" on the opposition. The first named had the distinction of playing in every game. Cunningham earned his place towards the end of the season and his height and weight made him a menace to opponents. T. Pearson and J. Dunn were wing-forwards, good in attack and defence, and the latter was one of the most improved players on the team. G. Lynch, G. Wallace and J. Callaghan were other forwards who could always be relied on to fit in and play effectively.

J. Matthews and B. Williams combined well in the centre until the former's injury broke the partnership. They looked after their wingers unselfishly and their defence, while not always tight enough, never failed in a crisis. T. Wolfenden was an outstanding three-quarter either on the wing or in the centre. His defence was sound and his swift acceleration outstripped many defences. J. Carter was our real speed-king, and once on the move no one could hope to catch him. M. Maloney, P. Galbraith, J. Tindall and D. Chamberlain also played in the three-quarter line. All lacked weight, but not dash or courage.

CRICKET

FIRST XI

So far this season the First XI has played 9 games: won 4, drew 2, and lost 3. It is not a brilliant record, but except in the game against Alsop H.S. the team has given a good account of itself. Fielding has for the most part been satisfactory without the glitter of all-round brilliance. Our best and most consistently-good fielders have been B. Anderson, J. Colford, B. Body, M. Sheridan and A. Linford. Although three wicket keepers have been tried during the season, none of them has been an unqualified success. The main weakness in this department has been inability to take the stumping chances provided by spin bowlers, especially the bowling of F. Morgan.

Our batting has been handicapped by the lack of an opening partner for B. Anderson who has been a consistent scorer. Of those tried M. Sheridan shaped

First Year XV

Constant practice, outside the ordinary games periods, resulted in a very successful season for the First Year XV. There was never any lack of enthusiasm. Many were disappointed when they realised they were not just quite good enough to merit selection for the team. To give them some reward for their endeavours, it was decided to try to arrange some fixtures for them. When St. Anselm's and St. Mary's were approached on the matter, they gladly agreed, hence a "B" XV were able to play four matches. The standard of rugby was high. On more than one occasion fans were heard to express their pleasure at "the grand display" given by boys so young. More important still, there was always a "grand display" of that fine sporting spirit, which is a pleasure to witness. It was always the same, whether in victory or defeat.

Results

Nov. 1	De La Salle ...	(H)	Won 6-0
Nov. 22	St. Mary's College ...	(H)	Lost 6-13
Dec. 6	St. Anselm's College ...	(H)	Won 6-3
Feb. 7	De La Salle G.S. ...	(H)	Lost 3-8
Feb. 14	St. Mary's College ...	(A)	Won 8-3
Feb. 19	Liverpool Collegiate ...	(H)	Won 11-0
Feb. 21	St. Mary's College ...	(H)	Drew 5-5
Mar. 5	St. Anselm's College ...	(A)	Won 20-0
Mar. 7	Oldershaw G.S. ...	(H)	Won 12-0
Mar. 12	Wirral G.S. ...	(A)	Drew 0-0
Mar. 14	St. Mary's College ...	(A)	Drew 0-0
Mar. 24	St. Anselm's College ...	(H)	Won 11-0
Mar. 26	Liverpool Collegiate ...	(A)	Won 3-0
April 2	St. Ambrose's College, Altrincham	(A)	Won 17-0

TEAM: M. O'Hare (Capt.), R. Nelson (Vice-Capt.), D. Taylor, Colquitt, B. Wolfenden, G. Kennedy, J. Gordon, A. McGrath, J. Flanagan, B. Weston, J. Williams, M. Lonergan, K. Yates, B. Massey, M. Plunkett, W. Shreenan.

"B" Team Results

Feb. 14	St. Mary's College ...	(A)	Won 15-0
Feb. 28	St. Mary's College ...	(H)	Won 11-3
Mar. 5	St. Anselm's College ...	(A)	Drew 3-3
Mar. 24	St. Anselm's College ...	(H)	Lost 0-9

TEAM: T. Clearly (Capt.), P. Green (Vice-Capt.), A. Ford, A. McDonough, J. O'Hara, A. McDermott, A. Prescott, C. Frost, B. Swanick, J. Scully, W. Kelly, B. Reilly, A. Moorhead, T. Fox, J. Dagnall, J. Fegan, A. McMullen, B. Emsley.

best in his first game as an opener against the Old Boys. Unfortunately he was injured shortly afterwards and has not played since. Body (38 not out against Bootle G.S.), Linford (34 against Waterloo G.S.), Anderson (25 against the Old Boys), and Morgan (24 against Park High; 25 versus Quarry Bank H.S.) have been our most consistent scorers.

Bowling has been competent. Body and Anderson have conceded few runs for long spells of fast bowling and have frequently had less than their share of luck. Determination and ability to force the batsman to play every ball would pay greater dividends. Morgan has been the best length bowler in the side and has developed quite well as an off-break bowler. Colford is a useful change bowler as is also Harkins.

S.E.C. v. Waterloo G.S.
Waterloo G.S.

G. Woods b. McDermot	...	...	...	6
G. Shortt b. Sheridan	...	...	...	3
G. Hart c. Azurdia b. McDermot	...	...	...	1
R. Arnold b. Morgan	...	...	...	5
B. Rorke b. Morgan	...	...	...	0
D. Chaterton l.b.w. Morgan	...	...	...	6
R. Halliwell c. McDermot b. Sheridan	...	...	...	0
C. Kinvy, b. Anderson	...	...	...	1
G. Wheelan b. Morgan	...	...	...	3
L. Priaux b. Morgan	...	...	...	0
H. Roberts not out	...	...	...	1
Extras (7 byes, 1 leg bye)	...	...	...	8
Total	...	...	...	34

Result : S.E.C. won by 8 wickets.

S.E.C. v. Bootle G.S.
Bootle G.S.

Martin run out	...	...	...	16
Watt c. Linford b. Colford	...	...	...	12
Redfern b. Sheridan	...	...	...	3
Rimmer l.b.w. Colford	...	...	...	0
Prescott l.b.w. Morgan	...	...	...	11
Wynne b. Morgan	...	...	...	11
Storer b. Anderson	...	...	...	0
Burslem c. and b. McDermot	...	...	...	16
Watson l.b.w. McDermot	...	...	...	1
Roberts c. Wren b. Morgan	...	...	...	2
Reck not out	...	...	...	0
Extras (byes 9, leg byes 2)	...	...	...	11
Total	...	...	...	83

Result : S.E.C. won by 3 wickets.

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

Frane c. Anderson b. Body	...	...	...	6
M. Bushell run out	...	...	...	0
Smears l.b.w. Body	...	...	...	0
R. Flewitt b. Anderson	...	...	...	5
Neuling b. Body	...	...	...	1
Santageli b. Anderson	...	...	...	0
J. Bushell l.b.w. Body	...	...	...	1
Frodsham b. Body	...	...	...	0
C. Flewitt b. Anderson	...	...	...	4
Heery b. Sheridan	...	...	...	0
Fearon not out	...	...	...	0
Extras (6 byes)	...	...	...	6
Total	...	...	...	23

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

At Sandfield Park 2/5/1953

S.E.C.

B. Anderson b. Arnold	...	...	...	...	2
R. Azurdia b. Arnold	...	...	...	...	13
A. Linford not out	...	...	...	...	15
B. Body not out	...	...	...	...	0
M. Wren did not bat	...	...	...	...
P. Fay did not bat	...	...	...	...
F. Morgan did not bat	...	...	...	...
B. McDermot did not bat	...	...	...	...
G. Tipping did not bat	...	...	...	...
F. Harkins did not bat	...	...	...	...
M. Sheridan did not bat	...	...	...	...
Extras (6 byes, 1 no ball)	...	...	...	...	7
Total (for 2 wkts.)	...	...	...	...	37

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W	Ave
Body	5	3	2	0	-
Anderson	8	4	5	1	5
Sheridan	6	5	1	2	0.5
McDermot	7	3	8	2	4
Morgan	4.1	1	10	5	2

At Sandfield Park 9/5/1953

S.E.C.

B. Anderson l.b.w. Watson	...	...	...	...	21
R. Azurdia c. Martin b. Burslem	...	...	...	...	7
A. Dowling c. Reck b. Rimmer	...	...	...	...	2
A. Linford b. Burslem	...	...	...	...	9
B. Body not out	...	...	...	...	25
J. Colford b. Watson	...	...	...	...	1
P. Anwyl b. Watson	...	...	...	...	3
M. Wren c. Storer b. Watson	...	...	...	...	4
B. McDermot not out	...	...	...	...	5
F. Morgan did not bat	...	...	...	...
M. Sheridan did not bat	...	...	...	...
Extras (byes 10)	...	...	...	...	10
Total (for 7 wkts.)	...	...	...	...	87

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W	Ave
Body	5	4	4	0	-
Anderson	8	0	17	1	17
Sheridan	4	0	18	1	18
Colford	4	1	9	2	4.5
Morgan	5.2	1	14	3	4.66
McDermot	2	1	10	2	5

At Sandfield Park 14/5/1953

S.E.C.

B. Anderson l.b.w. Neuling	...	...	...	...	2
M. Wren b. Neuling	...	...	...	...	0
A. Linford not out	...	...	...	...	5
A. Dowling b. Frodshan	...	...	...	...	5
B. Body b. Neuling	...	...	...	...	9
J. Colford not out	...	...	...	...	2
P. Anwyl did not bat	...	...	...	...
P. Fay did not bat	...	...	...	...
R. Azurdia did not bat	...	...	...	...
F. Morgan did not bat	...	...	...	...
M. Sheridan did not bat	...	...	...	...
Extras (1 wide)	...	...	...	...
Total (for 4 wkts.)	...	...	...	...	24

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W	Ave
Body	8	7	5	5	1
Anderson	8	3	12	3	4
Sheridan	1	1	0	1	-

S.E.C. v. Collegiate				Collegiate						16/5/1953
S.E.C.										
B. Anderson l.b.w. Glew ...	...	...	9	Tomlinson b. Body ...	...	...	...	...	13
J. Colford c. Evans b. Keeley ...	...	...	3	Lea not out ...	...	...	...	...	20
A. Linford b. Beatty ...	...	...	1	Lewis b. Anderson ...	...	...	...	...	1
A. Dowling b. Beatty ...	...	...	8	Beatty b. Body ...	...	...	...	...	10
B. Body b. Glew ...	...	...	17	Mahen b. Morgan ...	...	...	...	...	2
P. Anwyl c. Lewis b. Glew ...	...	...	8	Dennett not out ...	...	...	...	...	4
P. Fay b. Beatty ...	...	...	0	Hart did not bat					
R. McDermot l.b.w. Beatty ...	...	...	3	Rogue did not bat					
R. Azurdia b. Beatty ...	...	...	1	Kelley did not bat					
F. Morgan b. Glew ...	...	...	0	Glew did not bat					
M. Sheridan not out ...	...	...	0	Evans did not bat					
Extras (4 byes, 1 wide) ...	...	...	5	Extras (11 byes) ...	...	...	...	...	11
Total ...	...	...	55	Total (4 wkts.) ...	...	...	...	...	61

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W	Ave
Body ...	9	4	21	2	10.5
Anderson ...	6	-	20	1	20
Morgan ...	4	-	8	1	8

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

S.E.C. v. Park High School				S.E.C.						20/5/1953
Park High School										
Lloyd c. Fay b. Morgan ...	...	...	34	B. Anderson c. Bowden b. Whalley ...	...	...	...	...	5
Small l.b.w. Body ...	...	...	1	T. Granby run out ...	...	...	...	...	8
Shillinglass c. Dowling b. Body ...	...	...	35	B. Body b. Bowden ...	...	...	...	...	3
Whalley not out ...	...	...	10	A. Dowling b. Whalley ...	...	...	...	...	29
Bowden not out ...	...	...	26	J. Colford run out ...	...	...	...	...	0
Jamieson did not bat				M. Wren played on Shillinglass ...	...	...	...	...	3
Cooper did not bat				F. Morgan not out ...	...	...	...	...	20
Francis did not bat				P. Fay not out ...	...	...	...	...	0
Jones did not bat				R. Azurdia run out ...	...	...	...	...	5
Goddard did not bat				G. Tipping did not bat						
Bonner did not bat				B. Melvin did not bat						
Extras (8 byes) ...	...	...	8	Extras (5 byes, 6 no balls) ...	...	...	...	...	11
Total (for 3 wkts.)...	...	...	114	Total (for 7 wkts.)...	...	...	...	...	84

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W	Ave
Body ...	12	6	26	2	13
Anderson ...	10	2	26	0	-
Colford ...	7	2	31	0	-
Morgan ...	10	2	17	1	17
Tipping... ..	1	-	6	0	-

Result : Drawn Game.

S.E.C. v. Quarry Bank H.S.				S.E.C.						23/5/1953
Quarry Bank H.S.										
Proudlove c. Melvin b. Body ...	...	...	3	B. Anderson c. Harris b. Littledale ...	...	...	...	...	12
Ecklin b. Anderson ...	...	...	1	T. Granby b. Jones ...	...	...	...	...	0
Burns b. Body ...	...	...	79	A. Linford b. Jones ...	...	...	...	...	0
Shepherd c. Linford b. Sheridan ...	...	...	21	A. Dowling c. Burns b. Shepard... ..	...	...	...	...	26
Harris l.b.w. Body... ..	...	...	0	B. Body b. Littledale ...	...	...	...	...	0
Groseham not out ...	...	...	2	F. Morgan c. Burns b. Littledale ...	...	...	...	...	25
Littledale did not bat				F. Harkins b. Shephard ...	...	...	...	...	0
Jones did not bat				M. Gregory b. Littledale ...	...	...	...	...	1
Atherton did not bat				P. Fay not out ...	...	...	...	...	12
Sneade did not bat				M. Sheridan not out ...	...	...	...	...	0
Newell did not bat				B. Melvin did not bat						
Extras (10 byes, 1 leg bye, 1 wide) ...	...	...	12	Extras (5 byes, 5 no balls) ...	...	...	...	...	10
Total (for 5 wkts.)...	...	...	120	Total (for 8 wkts.)...	...	...	...	...	86

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W	Ave
Body ...	9	4	12	3	4
Anderson ...	9	2	31	1	31
Harkins ...	5	-	7	0	-
Morgan ...	7	1	29	0	-
Sheridan ...	3	-	26	1	26

Result : Drawn Game.

S.E.C. v. Alsop H.S.				S.E.C.				30/5/1953
Alsop H.S.								
Webster l.b.w. Harkins ... ..	...	...	9	B. Anderson c. Wilson b. Allan ... ..	...	...	15
Wilson c. Body b. Morgan ... ..	...	...	47	R. Azurdia c. Graham b. Allan ... ..	...	...	2
Wooten c. Dowling b. Morgan ... ..	...	...	13	B. Body b. Wilson... ..	...	...	13
Dow l.b.w. Wren ... ..	...	...	10	A. Dowling l.b.w. Wilson ... ..	...	...	0
Stringfellow l.b.w. Anderson ... ..	...	...	7	F. Morgan hit wkt. b. Allan ... ..	...	...	2
Allan b. Morgan ... ..	...	...	7	P. Fay b. Wilson ... ..	...	...	4
Graham b. Wren ... ..	...	...	1	A. Linford b. Allan ... ..	...	...	0
Redfern not out ... ..	...	...	1	P. Anwyl c. Wilson b. Allan ... ..	...	...	0
Brookes l.b.w. Morgan ... ..	...	...	18	M. Wren c. Redfern b. Wilson ... ..	...	...	0
Healey did not bat				M. Sheridan not out ... ..	...	...	0
Quirk did not bat				F. Harkins b. Wilson ... ..	...	...	0
Extras (16 byes, 5 leg byes) ... ..	...	...	21	Extras (3 no balls) ... ..	...	...	3
Total (for 8 wkts.)... ..	...	...	134	Total ... ..	...	...	39

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W	Ave
Body	6	2	17	0	-
Anderson	7.4	1	26	1	26
Harkins	6	2	20	1	20
Morgan	9	-	33	4	8.25
Wren	5	-	17	2	8.5

Result : Alsop won by 2 wickets.

S.E.C. v. The Old Boys				Old Boys				27/6/1953
S.E.C.								
B. Anderson c. Hill b. Alston ... ..	...	...	25	R. Bruce c. Azurdia b. Body ... ..	...	...	22
M. Sheridan l.b.w. Davies ... ..	...	...	12	J. Keaton c. Body b. Anderson ... ..	...	...	0
J. Colford b. Alston ... ..	...	...	0	G. Alston run out ... ..	...	...	0
A. Dowling b. Davies ... ..	...	...	4	J. Hill c. Anderson b. Body ... ..	...	...	4
B. Body b. Alston ... ..	...	...	11	V. Murphy b. Body ... ..	...	...	0
F. Morgan l.b.w. Davies ... ..	...	...	9	J. Boggan b. Colford ... ..	...	...	6
A. Linford b. Davies ... ..	...	...	23	T. Smith, l.b.w. Morgan ... ..	...	...	16
P. Anwyl run out ... ..	...	...	3	J. Beirne c. Fay b. Dowling ... ..	...	...	5
P. Fay c. Freeborough b. Davies ... ..	...	...	7	R. Freeborough b. Dowling ... ..	...	...	0
R. Azurdia not out ... ..	...	...	5	B. Gloyne not out ... ..	...	...	0
F. Harkins did not bat				W. Davies c. Linford b. Morgan ... ..	...	...	0
Extras (5 byes, 2 no balls) ... ..	...	...	7	Extras (11 Byes, 2 leg byes, 1 wide, 2 no balls) ... ..	...	...	16
Total (for 9 wkts.)... ..	...	...	106	Total ... ..	...	...	69

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W	Ave
B. Body... ..	7	1	20	3	6.66
B. Anderson	6	2	15	1	15
J. Colford	4	2	9	1	9
F. Harkins	3	0	9	0	-
A. Dowling	1	1	0	2	-
F. Morgan	0.66	-	0	2	-

Result : S.E.C. won by 37 runs.

SECOND ELEVEN

This year's Seconds were lucky to retain the services of such seasoned players as G. Tipping, B. Marron, N. Kehoe, B. Melvin and P. Keating. from last year XI. These with B. McDermott, D. Stannard and B. Goodall from the Colts provide most of the present Second XI. New luminaries in the shape of T. Granby, T. Cushion, L. Ludden, A. McNeilis and Blackburn, appeared in whose light some of the more ancient stars began to pale. Granby distinguished himself against S.F.X., Collegiate and St. Anselm's, hitting 31, 32 and 21; Cushion with 17 against Quarry Bank and 21, not out against Alsop. Ludden and McNeilis have both made useful scores and are outstanding in the field. Tipping captains the side well and has made several good scores. He came to the rescue against Alsop, coming

in number 8 to hit 23 in ten minutes. B. Melvin is excellent behind the stumps with a perfect understanding with the bowlers. He is quite a good bat and tops the batting averages with 23.5. Of the bowlers B. McDermott, Tipping, Keating, Granby and Cushion all have had good days. McDermott is top of the averages with 13 wickets for 40 runs. The fielding is up to standard with Kehoe, McDermott, Marron and McNeilis outstanding.

May 14 v. S.F.X.	Won by 7 wkts.
May 16 v. Collegiate	Won by 4 wkts.
May 21 v. Park High (under 16)	Won by 81 runs
May 23 v. Quarry Bank	Lost by 2 wkts.
May 30 v. Alsop	Game Drawn
July 4 v. St. Anselm's	Won by 71 runs

COLTS XI

Results

- v. Bootle G.S. (H). Lost.
S.E.C., 37; Bootle 38 for 5.
v. S.F.X. (H). Lost.
S.E.C., 60 for 6 (dec.); S.F.X. 62 for 6.
v. Collegiate. (A). Won.
S.E.C., 99 for 9 (dec.); Collegiate, 28.
v. Quarry Bank G.S. (H). Won.
S.E.C., 43 for 5; Quarry Bank, 42.
v. Alsop H.S. (A). Lost.
S.E.C., 37; Alsop, 41 for 5.
v. St. Mary's College. (H). Lost.
S.E.C., 68; St. Mary's, 71.
v. St. Anselm's College. (A). Won.
S.E.C., 68; St. Anselm's, 43.
Played 7, Won 3, Lost 4.

Those who played were: J. Rogan (Capt.), J. Ratchford (Vice-Capt.), A. Shaw, P. Snape, A. Edwards, D. Asbury, B. Davidson, A. Cimelli, K. Jones, B. White, M. Fitzgerald, J. Smith, B. Davis, F. Boyle, M. Collins, G. Johnson, J. Rylance, L. Maxwell, P. Armstrong. Scorer: B. Rimmer.

This season's Colts XI did nothing by halves. When they lost, they did so decisively (except to St. Mary's); and they also won in the same way. Unfortunately, they were more decisive about losing than winning. The batting could not be relied on, veering from very good to horrible, and too often failing in a crisis. The bowling was generally adequate, even good, but was not always too well supported in the field.

J. Rogan was an alert captain whose carefree batting of last season seemed, however, to have been subdued by his responsibilities. J. Ratchford was a very competent wicket-keeper and potentially a good batsman who struck a black patch in the first few games. A. Shaw's all round ability was denied us because of injury until the last two games, and he was sadly missed. A. Edwards was the outstanding fielder and useful bowler, but he lacks confidence in himself as a batsman. D. Asbury, B. Davidson and F. Boyle will be eligible next year and show real promise. J. Rylance was a very steady opening bat.

J. Ratchford was honoured with the captaincy of the Liverpool Boys' XI which he has led to the semi-finals of the Lancashire championship. J. Rogan and D. Asbury have been regular members of the XI, and A. Edwards and A. Cimelli have also played.

Individual performances: A. Shaw, 46 v. St. Anselm's; A. Edwards, 34 v. Collegiate; B. Davies, 20 (n.o.) v. S.F.X.; K. Jones, 17 v. St. Mary's. J. Ratchford, 35 for Liverpool Boys XI v. Liverpool College, and 19 v. Southport Boys; D. Asbury, 22 (n.o.) v. Birkenhead Boys. A. Edwards, 4 for 8 v. St. Anselm's; D. Asbury, 4 for 8 v. Collegiate; F. Boyle, 4 for 9 v. Quarry Bank.

UNDER XIV ELEVEN

They have had only two games, both against Bootle G.S. The first was won by 5 wickets, the second lost by 84 runs. Such is the glorious uncertainty of the game. Five of the team played for the Colts XI.

TEAM: D. Asbury (Capt.), F. Boyle (Vice-Capt.), B. Davidson, L. Maxwell, P. Armstrong, T. Wolfenden, G. Wallace, A. Bridgen, B. Butchard, J. Tindall, J. Matthews, D. Lunt, P. Cunningham.

UNDER XIII ELEVEN

The Under 13 XI have reason to be satisfied with their record to date. Of the 6 matches played they have won 5. Individual scores have not been high. Taylor hit 26 v. Quarry Bank, Flanagan 14 not out v. Collegiate, Cunningham 14 v. Quarry Bank and Callaghan 16 v. St. Francis Xavier's. Callaghan and Durbin are the best bowlers with an average of 2.7 and 3.7 respectively. Massey has proved a very capable wicket-keeper, conceding only 7 byes in 6 matches.

This year a "B" team went into operation for the first time. They were unfortunate to lose their four matches. Weston, McDermott, Shreenan and Reilly have bowled well, while Weston, Ford and Dunn have been the highest scorers.

Results

May 9	(A)	St. Anselm's College	Won 16 for 5-15
May 14	(A)	St. Francis Xavier's	Won 47-31
May 16	(H)	Liverpool Collegiate	Won 36 for 6-27
May 23	(A)	Quarry Bank H.S.	Won 75-50
June 13	(A)	St. Mary's College	Lost 20-56
June 29	(H)	St. Anselm's College	Won 33-22

TEAM: R. Alston (Capt.), Sparkes (Vice-Capt.), B. Colquitt, B. Massey, J. Durbin, J. O'Hara, D. Taylor, Callaghan, J. Flanagan, Cunningham, B. Wolfenden, Wills.

"B" Team Results

May 9	(A)	St. Anselm's College	Lost 22-34
June 13	(A)	St. Mary's College	Lost 56-64
June 27	(H)	St. Mary's College	Lost 52-63
June 29	(H)	St. Anselm's College	Lost 76-91

TEAM: The following have played: Chamberlain, (Capt.), J. Dunn (Vice-Capt.), R. Nelson, W. Shreenan, E. Jones, A. McDonough, F. Caulfield, Watters, A. McDermott, A. Ford, B. Reilly, J. Crawford, B. Weston, M. Judge, E. Thistlewood.

CROSS COUNTRY NOTES

The Cross Country season re-opened for the school teams on the 17th January, when the "Under 14" team beat Prenton, winners of the Merseyside Cup race, by 60 points to 76. Pinnington ran brilliantly, setting up a new record for the course of 10 mins. 3 secs.

The next match was the Senior team v. Cowley G.S., at St. Helens. Here our unbeaten record in inter-school matches came to an end—by one solitary point—being beaten by 39 points to 40. However the bright spot of a dark day was William's strong running in chasing Rogers home.

Good packing was the feature of the "Under 14" and Junior teams in their matches with Liverpool Institute on the following Saturday. The "Under 14" team packed 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 to beat their opponents by 22 points to 36. The Junior packing of 3, 4, 5, 6 was too good for Institute Juniors, despite their great advantage in having K. Thomson, winner of the Booth Cup race, and V. Cowan the runner-up, in their team. Our team was without Linford, but Matheson and P. Rogers proved admirable substitutes for him.

On the 21st February the "Under 14" team scored the lowest possible number for four counters—1st Walsh, 2nd Morgan, 3rd Griffiths, and 4th Addison. These are to be congratulated on perfect team packing. Naturally Quarry Bank their opponents, did not have a chance of beating our team.

Sweet revenge was the lot of the Senior team when Cowley G.S. ran against them at Sandfield Park. S. Rogers, no doubt animated by a keen desire to extract retribution from the only team which had beaten our Seniors up to that time, proceeded to smash Gilligan's two month-old course record of 15 mins 52 secs. by 19 secs. Great packing by Lomax, Staunton and Capstick again saved the day; and S.E.C. gained a narrow victory by 36 points to 42.

On the same day the "Under 14" team "wound up" the season by beating Cowley G.S. by 23 points to 64. Pinnington, too, decided it was a day for records and "scorched" around the course in 9 mins. 58 secs.

On the 28th February, the Seniors ran against St. Mary's College at Chesterfield Road. Whether the success of the previous Wednesday had gone to their heads or whether the course was too short, they finished a sorry second to St. Mary's, with Oldershaw G.S. third.

Then, as no more inter-college fixtures had been arranged, we obtained a match with Liverpool Pembroke A.C. Honours were evenly divided, Pembroke winning the Junior Race 16-20 and S.E.C. the Senior by the narrow margin of two points. Special mention must be made here of P. Rogers who finished 8th and D. Curran who finished 9th. Neither of these boys were counters, and yet by running hard all the way they made the Harriers' last counting man 10th, thus enabling us to win.

It was with high expectations, therefore, that the Seniors set out for the Northern Schools Cross Country Championship at Manchester. However, all hopes of winning were quickly dispersed after the first of two two-mile laps: the team was well spread out, and Arthur Lomax had lost one of his shoes. We managed to finish 10th out of 50 teams.

Following this disappointment the Juniors further added to our grief when they lost to St. Joseph's at Ledsham by 41 points to 37. In vain it was that Comerford set up a new course record: our packers led in by P. Rogers, were a little too far behind.

The last race of the season proved S.E.C.'s best 1953 performance, for although St. Mary's proved our superiors we finished 2nd out of 8 teams. We had beaten more teams in winning the Sangster Cup and in gaining second place in the Cumella Cup; but the team did not run so well in these races as they did in the Schools' Relay Race, promoted by Liverpool Institute.

Lomax ran the first leg of the Relay, and though only placed 5th he was close behind the lap winners. Capstick then put in some strong running and took S.E.C. from 5th to 3rd place. He handed over to Kenna, lately promoted into the Senior team, who ran very well indeed. Staunton, always a reliable runner, gained a place and handed over to V. Williams. We were then third. Williams kept this position despite fierce competition, and sent S. Rogers on his way behind the Cowley and St. Mary's teams. Rogers ran one of his fastest races. He overtook the Cowley runner and gained considerably on Gilligan to obtain 2nd place. Well run, S.E.C.!

In the above paragraphs, the names of Rogers, Lomax, Williams and Capstick for the Seniors; Linford and Comerford for the Juniors; Pinnington and Walsh for the "Under 14" team, all crop up regularly. Yet the runners who have been the mainstay and backbone of the teams are those who run week after week, contributing to victory usually in a modest, unobtrusive manner. They do not hit the headlines.

But they are true athletes. Before concluding, one cannot fail to mention A. Mulholland, a very unobtrusive runner, who has been told by his doctor that he may never run Cross Country again. Our sympathies go out to him.

The following ran for the Senior team: S. Rogers (Capt.), Lomax, Williams, Staunton, Dukes, Capstick, Tipping, Kehoe, A. Mulholland, Browning, M. Donleavy, Moran, B. Curran, Wotton, P. Rogers, Comerford, Linford and Carr.

The Junior team was: Linford (Capt.), Comerford, P. Rogers, Matheson, Kenna, Dowling, Hayes, D. Curran, Dodds, J. Donleavy, Hughes, Byrne, Clatworthy, McKenna, Carr and Blanchflower.

The "Under 14" team comprised the following: Pinnington (Capt.), Morgan, Walsh, Addison, Griffiths, Kelly, Davis, Cimelli, Noon, Fylan, Lloyd, Quinn, Chamberlain, Maxwell and Rylance.

ATHLETIC NOTES

Our athletes have met with many successes this season although they have had little luck. Such things as a bad lane, a "no-jump" or a "no throw" have snatched victory from their grasp and all they have won has been richly deserved.

The season began with a Coronation Sports, organised by Sefton Harriers. Our Senior team gained second place out of thirteen teams entered. V. Williams won the 880 yards with ease in 2 mins. 9 secs. J. Colford won his heat in the 440 yards and went on to win the final in 56.3 secs. Our sprinter, G. Maloney, came 3rd in the 100 yards but did not compete in the 220 yards. The team captain, S. Rogers, could only manage 4th place in the mile although his time was 4 mins. 45.8 secs. Our jumpers both gained 3rd places, B. O'Hare jumping 5 ft. 4 ins. and M. Moloney jumping 19 ft. 3 ins.

The Junior Team won the Jack Edge Trophy with 27 points. Our No. 1 sprinter, P. Anwyl won the 100 yards, but, obviously tiring after five previous races, he could only gain 2nd place in the 220 yards. J. Franey won the Junior Quarter in the fast time of 55.6 secs. and P. Rogers won the half-mile in 2 mins. 16 secs. J. Comerford was second in the Mile, whilst Franey was 3rd in the Long Jump. A. Jordan leaped 4 ft. 11 in. to carry off the High Jump. All these performances augured well for the coming season and we went home satisfied.

The next meeting was the annual triangular match between the three local schools of the Christian Brothers. St. Edward's College won almost all events in the Seniors. We scored 67 points, St. Mary's 21 points, and St. Anselm's 5 points. Outstanding among the individual results was V. Williams' half-mile victory in 2 mins 3.4 secs. P. Anwyl scored a double in the two sprints, backed up in both by G. Maloney. S. Rogers got second place in the mile, whilst J. Colford won his 440. B. O'Hare won the High Jump at 5 ft. 2 ins., and M. Moloney won the Long Jump with 18 ft. 10 ins. M. Murray won the Shot Putt and R. Hughes, the javelin. This long list of successes is a fair indication of Edwardian superiority. The Juniors also won their competition which turned out to be less of a procession than the Senior match. The Quarter was won by A. Pinnington, the same runner gaining second place in the half-mile. A. Edwards was 3rd in the 100 yards and 2nd in the furlong. B. Huby, who had had a most gratifying season, won the high jump

at 4 ft. 5½ ins. He also came second in the long jump with J. Rogan in third place. These results, taken as a whole, are most pleasing, for it always gives us particular satisfaction to defeat such old rivals.

At the Northern Schools' Sports, held in Manchester, our luck was completely out. Nothing seemed to go right for our team, and lesser sportsmen might have despaired. But we have all learnt to accept the bad with the good and we hope to earn complete revenge in the Inter-College Sports. However, to the actual results. P. Anwyl ran strongly to gain 6th place in the 100 yards final. In the 440 yards J. Colford ran a very close race but was just beaten on the post. The winner's time in this heat was 53.7 secs. Franey was luckier in the draw and he won his race comfortably in 56.4 secs. He was, however, eliminated in the semi-finals. In the half-mile M. Wren was pushed, elbowed and generally man-handled and he did well to finish at all! But to add insult to injury, V. Williams, running well within himself coasted into 4th place. He discovered later, to his horror, that only the first three went forward to the final and thus we had to be satisfied with the standard certificate he gained. S. Rogers won his heat and gained a standard, clocking 4 mins. 40.6 secs. He was 6th in the final. A. Lomax, who has had a grand season, was eliminated in a closely contested heat, but his time of 4 mins. 43.5 secs. was sufficient to win for him a standard certificate. In the three-quarter mile steeplechase, J. Staunton fell at the 2nd hurdle as well as at the water jump and thus he did not qualify. R. Capstick, however, was third in his heat with a time of 3 mins. 58 secs. He also won a standard certificate. In the relay race, our team of G. Maloney, B. Gannon, P. Harris, and P. Anwyl, won their heat but were fifth in the final. In the field events we did not fare so well. We were unplaced in all the throwing and jumping events. That "no-jump" bogey dogged M. Moloney and P. Harris in the long jump. These two were well below their usual form which would have seen them both placed.

After this chronicle of misfortune, our confidence

was restored by our Junior team which gained third place in the Liverpool Association of Schoolmasters' Sports. B. Huby won the badge for the high jump with a leap of 4 ft. 8 ins. C. Dodds was second in the 440 yards and B. Walsh was fourth in the 100 yards. A. Pinnington was unfortunate in having to run his 880 yards final immediately after his relay heat. Even so, he gained third place with a very plucky performance. Other good races were run by J. Lomas and P. Snape in the 220 yards. They were just beaten in the semi-final. Well done, the Juniors!

The Senior team went then to compete in the Lancashire Junior Championships. J. P. Cunningham became the new County Champion in the hammer winning a gold medal and badge. S. Rogers finally met with success, gaining second place in the mile and a silver medal. Bronze medals for 3rd places were awarded to J. Colford (440 yards), M. Moloney (triple jump), B. O'Hare (high jump) and M. Murray (hammer).

Several members of our Junior team travelled to St. Helens for their County Championships as members of the Liverpool City Team. In the City Youths team were A. Lomax, P. Anwyl, B. Gannon, B. Anderson, J. Franey, M. Blackburn and M. Wren. In the Boys' team were A. Pinnington, C. Dodds, A. Edwards and B. Walsh. A. Lomax won the Youths' mile in 4 mins. 45.2 secs. P. Anwyl, though still a year young came third in the 220 yards and B. Gannon was fourth in the 440 yards. J. Franey was a member of the winning relay team and M. Blackburn was placed 4th in the shot putt.

There now remains only a match against the Old Boys and the Inter-College Sports. Our athletes have actually had a most successful season. For, besides the medals, the badges and the other honours, what is more important, their many fine displays of sportsmanship both on and off the field have provoked much comment in athletic circles and have helped to increase the good name of the College. Were this our only achievement the season has been worth while.

M. MOLONEY.