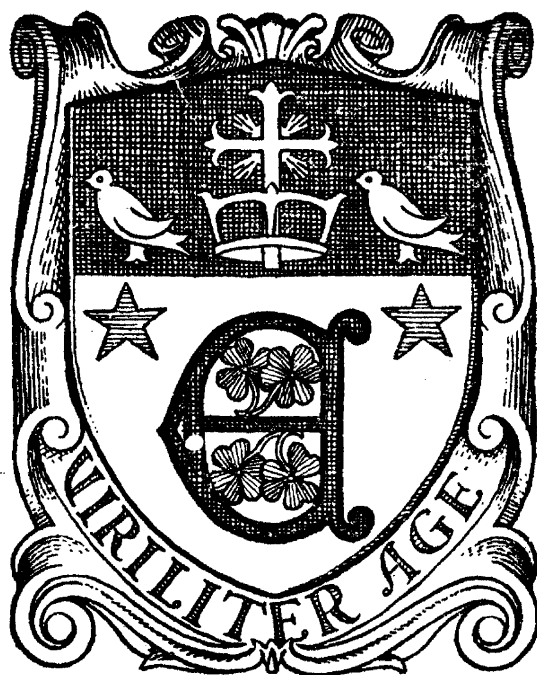


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Brother Robinson's most fruitful years as a Christian teacher were devoted to the senior boys of St. Mary's College, Great Crosby, where his ability and experience produced scholarships and awards so numerous that his ex-pupils during those years were to be found in almost every university in the country. He took more pride, however, in recalling the names of his many ex-pupils who entered the religious state or became priests. He always believed that boys were generous by nature and that high ideals, if placed before them, would find willing followers. Of this idealism and generosity he was himself a great exemplar.

He had already given service to the cause of Catholic education in England by some years' teaching in St. Brendan's College, Bristol; and later went south again to be President of Prior Park College, Bath, where *si monumentum requiris, circumspice*. The College, damaged and shaken by the second World War, was within six years repaired and reorganised in a manner typical of Br. Robinson who had the vision, optimism and courage that were called for.

This task done, he returned to that of teaching, this time in St. Edward's College. The interest he took in his pupils and the enthusiasm he brought to his teaching of the sixth form at an age when many another headmaster has retired and rested upon his laurels were an inspiration to his colleagues. Even after the onset of the illness that led to his death it was difficult to keep him away from the school. He was optimistic and unselfish to the last.

He was a great man. His heart abounded with kindness. His tolerance and sympathy were remarkable, as many of his ex-pupils well know. He remains in our memory as one outstanding for his sincere love of his fellow men, a love that was reflected in the merry twinkle of his eye and in his good humour and bonhomie as, like his Master, Jesus Christ, he went about doing good to men.

Requiescat in Pace.

Summer in New York

Where do I start? Yes, I spent my summer holidays in New York. I saw the sights, I met people, made friends with them, stayed at their houses, did everything a tourist should do, and a few things he shouldn't. I know what it's like to stand at the top of the Empire State building, to walk down Broadway during rush hour, to see Sarah Vaughan in person, to wallow in the inky blackness of Long Island Sound, fully clothed at an hour when even the fishes had gone to bed.

But how do I start to write an article? Is it any use trying to describe the view from a Fifth Avenue Penthouse, with the lights of the buildings reflected in the reservoir, and the searching beams from the Empire State invading the heavens with infinitely more grace and grandeur than any of these dog-ridden Sputniks? Is it any use trying to describe the peace and serenity of Yale, an atmosphere that makes Oxford seem almost dingy by comparison? Dare I talk about the time a friend and I talked from midnight until past five, and walked five miles to the beach when even the sand should have been fresh with dew? And dare I murmur that we were almost sick coming back, because of the beer we'd smuggled to our rooms the previous evening? And, whilst on the subject, could I possibly mention that German restaurant, where everyone had carved their initials on the wooden tables, where the cheese walked towards you if you tapped the table, where a drunken pianist and a maniacal violin player played "Dark Eyes" seventeen times before desperate applause in the middle of a chorus stopped them, and where a girl supposed to be drinking gin asked me if she could taste my beer, and swallowed half of it at a gulp?

One has to start somewhere, however, and what better place than the New York skyline? It gave me infinite pleasure to see this before the Queen did. Doubtlessly her remarks will be treasured long after mine are forgotten, for the man who prepared them for her did a good job. But, in the manner of a New York tabloid:

"Remember, Liz, I saw it first."

New York itself, of course, is wonderful. I didn't tell this to the New Yorkers, of course; since I was British, they expected under-statement from me, and they got it. New Yorkers are also wonderful. I don't care if they do think that Ben Hogan would make a better President, or if Californians tend to regard them the way Nancy Mitford would regard a Liverpool docker: New Yorkers are wonderful.

It isn't the sights themselves that make New York so impressive, however. There are things like UNO, of course, and the various museums and art galleries, but even without these, the city has a lustre all of its own. Maybe it was me, viewing everything through the idealistic eyes of youth(!), but New York seemed to be a holiday city, with the cares of industry and the like far away.

Oh, it's all right for you to talk, you may say, you didn't have to work. And as for holiday city, well how far down Brooklyn did you get? Speaking rationally, of course, New York isn't anything like a holiday city. It's a bustling, thriving place where millions of people sweat for their daily bread, and crime is rife. But nothing else in the city is rational, so surely I can be left with one dream?

For me, the most impressive place in New York is Central Park. Once inside it, it is difficult to believe that there is a city within the next hundred miles. Vast expanses of grass, shady clumps of trees, lakes, a zoo, everything. It's even rumoured that some New Yorkers, when asked where they were going for their holidays, replied: "Central Park."

Sport is as highly regarded over there as it is here. The mysteries of baseball were finally explained to me, and I did my best on behalf of cricket. It was American football, however, which intrigued me most. My attention was first drawn to the game when someone pointed out that there are three umpires—one for each side, and one neutral. A few years ago, the teams used to spend

most of their time on the field going into consultive huddles in order to gain five yards, but with the advent of televised games, all that has stopped. Now they play faster, and go into their huddles during the commercials. As far as the rules go, I gather that they are allowed to do openly what our soccer players do surreptitiously. They are much better protected, too.

Broadway? Contrary to popular belief, Doris Day does not walk gaily along the sidewalk, and burst into song at the slightest provocation, accompanied by ethereal violins and ghostly brass. And if she did, I doubt if anyone would notice. Broadway is much too busy.

There is an even nicer place than New York, close by—Long Island. Here, as well as the normal suburban areas, are the country houses, standing in their own grounds, and surrounded, not by the bustle of the city, but by trees that were there before the houses were built, and will be there long after the houses have fallen to ruin. The beaches there are kept in remarkably clean condition, and all privately owned.

And what else is there? Randall's Island. Just what this island is, or what goes on there, I don't know. I only know that I saw one of the most impressive jazz concerts there that I have ever seen. Picture the scene for yourself—a backcloth of stars, with moonlight and spotlight blending on the stage; and the music—Basie, with all the swinging power of his "One O'Clock Jump"; Bruff, with his quietly rocking "Mean To Me"; the crouching figure of the greatest trumpet player

in the world, Miles Davis, and the almost liquid distillation of his muted, magical "Walking Shoes"; Coleman Hawkins vibrant "Lover Come Back To Me"; Stan Getz, very small and very white, with a ballad selection that was wafted through the giant audience like the smoke from the hundreds of cigarettes; Sarah Vaughan, at her most dramatic with "Poor Butterfly", and her most amusing with a scat version of "How High The Moon"; and the one fly in the ointment—Dave Brubeck. That was Randall's Island—a magical night that began at seven and ended in the wee small hours.

Oh, there are things to remember, all right. The local disc-jockey, who played more Frank Sinatra records than all the others put together; the boy who asked me if we had cars in England; the sound two trombones and a piano make when played in a small apartment, round midnight; the restaurants where I had to wear a waiter's jacket because they wouldn't let me eat in my shirt sleeves; the difficulties of sleeping in a bed three inches shorter than I was; the rapt attention given to the Modern Jazz Quartet when they played in Central Park, and Errol Garner's grunts of excitement as he played; the silence that falls on Third Avenue just before dawn, when footsteps echo hollowly down the streets; a cafe radio playing "Body And Soul" while you sit and drink coffee after coming out of a theatre, sit, and drink coffee, and wish that it all would go on for ever . . .

That, then, was summer, in New York.

MICHAEL GIBSON, 6A Mods.

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

The Technique of Plastic Surgery

RECONSTRUCTIVE or Plastic Surgery is that branch of General Surgery that deals with bodily defects and malformations of both a congenital and acquired nature, its aim being not only to repair such defects from a cosmetic point of view but also to restore function to the damaged part. Such is a general definition of plastic surgery and I shall endeavour in the following few words to enlarge on it and to show just how vast an art plastic surgery is today.

Every one has heard of skin-grafting which can be roughly defined as the transplantation of skin from one part of the human body to another in order to repair an injured tissue. Skin for such transplantations is normally taken from the patient's own body (autogenous grafts) as such grafts take permanently, whereas skin taken from any other body (homogenous grafts) only lasts for a short period.

To cut the graft the plastic surgeon uses an instrument called a Dermatome which consists of a rotating drum attached ingeniously to a very sharp blade. As this instrument is pushed over the skin a graft of regulated thickness can be cut and collected in the rotating drum.

In the treatment of bad burns, for instance, the autogenous graft is used. The wound is first specially prepared and the graft cut and transplanted and bound by special dressings. After a short while the dressings are removed, leaving a smooth surface underneath. There are many uses of this graft, such as the healing of large cuts or damaged tissue where natural healing cannot take place or takes too long.

Even though the homograft is not permanent plastic surgery makes use of it in many cases and it has developed the term "Time Snatcher," a very appropriate name, as I shall presently show. For children especially the homograft has proved an indispensable part of plastic surgery, for in most burning accidents with children more or less all the body is involved and the autograft cannot be made.

In one such case, a child was badly burned and death was inevitable unless some skin could be replaced immediately. Most of the skin was involved, thus making an autograft impossible. The child, however, had a sister and grafts were taken from the sister and transferred to the patient even though permanency was known to be impossible. The graft lasted for about three weeks but during this time the patient's own bodily defences revived and when the homograft had begun to peel off her own skin had begun to scarify.

Perhaps one of the most spectacular operations involving the homograft was carried out recently in a similar case to the above. Instead of taking grafts wholly from one sister however and transplanting them on to the patient, flaps of skin were turned from the donor sister on to the sufferer so converting the two sisters temporarily into Siamese twins. The results were the same: time was gained, enough to set the patient's own bodily defences working and both sisters lived.

Some people seem to think that the realm of the plastic surgeon ends here, and that skin grafting is all he can do. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Bone can be grafted in much the same way as skin, that is to say autogenous grafts are nearly always used but mixed grafts can also be used in this case. When a jaw has been broken or a receding chin is being corrected, lengthwise cuts are made in the remaining fragments of jaw bone by a revolving electric saw and then a wedge of bone is inserted having previously been obtained from the ilium, tibia, or ribs and already has a natural curvature. The whole is then carefully carved into shape and the soft tissues replaced, leaving a perfect chin after time has been given for the graft to fuse with the original fragments and form once more a whole jaw-bone.

Carving pieces of bone, however, demands great skill and even may not look as natural as it should do. So it was that Kilner and his

colleagues invented a method whereby bone for the graft was broken up into small chips. The chips were then packed into the gaps of jaw bone prepared as above, the soft tissues covered over, the whole bound in a special dressing. All the chips fuse together to form a new jaw bone just as in the above case.

The advantage of this method is easily seen, for it is much easier to mould the packed chips into the desired shape than to carve a piece of bone. Very natural results are obtained by Kiliner's method.

At first, during bone operations, autografts were not used. Broken noses for example were frequently repaired with a piece of ox-bone or even ivory, but results were far from permanent and the graft collapsed and a second operation was needed.

Very recent innovations, however, suggested that there are exceptions to the autograft rule. American surgeons experimented with an inert metallic substance called Vitallum with very encouraging results. Later they tried Tantalum with even better results.

Tantalum is a black mineral and is one of the most inert of substances. It has another property greatly enhancing its use in plastic surgery. It is extremely malleable, it can be worked and bent into any desired shape and also can be made into sheets of extreme thinness.

Tantalum has been used extensively in plastic surgery principally for repairing defects of the skull. Take, for instance, the case of the existence of small holes in the skull caused by operation or injury, etc.

The plastic surgeon takes a mould of the defect just as a dentist does of the teeth. From this mould he prepares a plate of Tantalum of the exact shape then screws the plate onto the skull in position by Tantalum screws. The skin is then stitched back over the plate or a graft is made and the skull is once more whole.

This metal has been used for the repair of many bone defects and also in the reconstruction of noses to replace the missing cartilage.

Cartilage grafting can be considered along with

bone grafting and it is very similar. There is much I would like to say on this subject but space forbids, so I shall describe just one operation using the cartilage graft to try and point out how useful and how important it can be. The operation is that of the making and replacing of a new ear.

The ear is first fashioned from skin but is of no use because it is so soft that it collapses. Something strong and resilient must be introduced to enable the skin to keep its shape. This substance is found in cartilage.

The first thing the plastic surgeon does is to obtain material from the ribs and cut it into coarse flakes. Meanwhile a mould is prepared. Tantalum is prepared the exact shape of the ear required including the curves. The mould is perforated by a number of small holes to allow the contained cartilage flakes to obtain nutriment. The two parts of the Tantalum mould are arranged so that the space between them filled with flakes is no more than four millimetres apart. This space determines the thickness of the sheet of cartilage.

After the flakes have been packed into the mould the whole is buried beneath the abdominal skin in a prepared position and left there for several months varying from three to seven. When the cup is finally removed and opened there is a perfect sheet of cartilage the exact shape of the ear. The sheet is trimmed and then introduced to the skin ear, that has been previously grafted into position, the result being a perfectly reconstructed ear.

Nerve surgery is perhaps the epitome of the plastic surgeon's success. Nerves can be, and are, damaged easily, and every-day accidents such as fracturing an arm can cause the nerve to be severed and the use of the arm can be endangered if not attended to.

Surgical operations such as the delicate one of the removal of the radical mastoid, during which even experienced surgeons could sever a nerve with the result that one half the face would be paralysed, could not only lead to the most terrible disfigurement but also make the act of eating

difficult. Such causes as these started the need for nerve surgery.

When a nerve has been simply cut the two ends can be brought together and stitched with fairly satisfactory results, but when a nerve has been damaged and there is a gap between two ends this method cannot be adopted for to stretch the nerve to fill the gap would shorten the nerve too much and cause disaster which may prove a deformity worse than that which it is sought to correct.

During the war a Russian military surgeon invented a method. A piece of nerve from a recently dead body was inserted into the gap and joined at the torn ends. The object of this was not to replace the missing part but to provide a bridge over which the torn ends are joined together by natural healing.

Another method had to be used in peace time, however, owing to the difficulty in getting relatives' permission to use the nerves of the deceased.

The method used is that of "Cuffs". These are in fact tubes of tissue obtained from other parts of the body through which the severed ends of the nerve can grow together. It is analogous to the Russian method above.

It is of interest to mention here that the transplantation of a living nerve is also practicable and has been carried out successfully in recent years. The only difficulty here is the source of the nerve for the graft, for obviously little purpose is served in restoring nervous function in one part of the body at the cost of it in another.

I have only space to describe one operation that comes under the heading of functional. This is the method of replacing a lost thumb. The operation was performed by Nicoladoni and is one of the most spectacular of the whole range of modern reconstructive techniques. It consists in transplanting the big toe to the part from which the thumb had been severed and adjusting it to new use. First the bone of the big toe is exposed and the skin is raised as a flap. Tendons, muscles and arteries are carefully severed and preserved. The stump of the thumb is brought down to the

toe and the bone of the toe is stitched to the bone of the stump. The tendons are connected, the skin flap is wrapped over and secured. The patient is held in a bent position for about a month by means of a plaster cast which extends downwards from the shoulder blade. At the end of this time the cast is removed, the hand and foot separated and the patient has gained some sort of thumb at the cost of a toe, the loss of which is not so serious as that of a digit.

Finally, I come to that part of Plastic Surgery known today as "the quest of beauty".

Face-lifting is a method of smoothing out excessive wrinkles. Wrinkles are of course an indispensable characteristic of the human face without which the face would be a mask devoid of expression. Exaggerated wrinkles, however, can look ghastly and plastic surgery seeks to remedy this.

The method of face-lifting is simple. An incision is made high up on the forehead just above the temple, such that the scar will be hidden by the hair. The loose skin is then carefully drawn up to smooth out the wrinkles and excess removed. The wound is closed by stitches and left. The characteristic lines soon return but the deep furrows no longer contour the face.

Double chins are corrected in much the same way but in this operation the cut is made in the scalp behind the ear, hidden by the hair.

Missing noses can be replaced, and the method I shall briefly describe is known as the Tagglicottian Method.

In order to understand this operation the reader must imagine his arm to be strapped over his head in such a position that the skin covering the biceps muscle is in contact with his nose. Such is the position of the patient during the operation. First of all, however, before the arm is strapped into this position the flap of skin was half raised from the skin covering the biceps muscle, the flap still remaining attached to the arm at the end remote from the shoulder. The arm is then brought to the position described above, and the tongue of skin sutured into position. (One can imagine the skin flap joining the arm to the nose). The whole is

left for several days until the graft has "taken", and then the flap is severed, thus freeing the arm and leaving a lump of skin in the position of the nose. The plastic surgeon moulds this into a perfectly shaped nose. The purpose of keeping the arm attached to the nose was so that the skin flap could be supplied with blood from the arm.

A badly humped nose is, however, much more easily corrected and indeed the operation is performed whilst the patient is under local anaesthesia.

The operation is carried out entirely from within the nose so that not even the slightest scar is left. Special instruments are used to make an

incision at the level of the bridge, then small saws are introduced to cut off the small part of bone that causes the hump.

In such an operation precise judgement is required, for over-correction could cause an unfortunate result. Sometimes before the operation the Plastic Surgeon may take photographs to study, or he may even make plasticine models of the nose correction to estimate precisely how much is to be removed.

Protruding ears are aesthetically corrected by excision of cartilage. Hare lips no longer condemn a person to a life long stigma.

TERENCE F. MOORHEAD, 6A Science.

A Trip to Yugoslavia

My father is a captain of a cargo ship and two years ago he asked my mother and me to come with him to Yugoslavia. Of course we agreed. Luckily for me it was in the summer holidays.

Two weeks went by, then we started out and caught the train from Liverpool to London.

A couple of hours later we arrived at London. We stepped out of the train and got a taxi to our hotel. We stayed at London over night. In the morning we had to get up very early so as to get to the air terminal in time. At the air terminal you get your luggage weighed and join the bus for the airport.

When we arrived at the airport we changed onto another bus which took us to the plane. We very soon took off. We were in the plane five and a half hours.

It was nice and warm in Gibraltar but we had to leave soon. When we had been in Gibraltar for a couple of days, my father arrived in the ship. The reason he came to Gibraltar was so that he could get some oil in the oil tanks. He was only staying for a few hours, so we had to be aboard in that time. We had to go out to the ship in a tender and then climb up a rope ladder.

On deck all the sailors were lined up ready to greet us. Very soon the telegraphs were pulled to stand-by and then full ahead. Once under way we

were fine. There was a strong breeze and the sun was very strong. Some of the coast was out of sight most of the time but the coast we saw was pretty. As we were going we saw Algeria, Sicily, and then we turned round the heel of Italy into the Adriatic Sea. After two weeks at sea we arrived at Split in Yugoslavia.

The people there are very poor and are nearly always swimming in the lido. The weather there is very warm and we were often swimming in the lido. Their main means of transport is by donkey but some people have cars.

Soon it was time to start home, the ship had finished unloading the cargo. We were soon under way heading for home. We saw some flying fish and a couple of turtles.

On the homeward bound trip we called in at Algeria and got some cargo. It was iron ore. We were soon going through the Straits of Gibraltar. A couple of days went by then we turned round Cape Finisterre into the Bay of Biscay. It was rough in the Bay of Biscay and we were rolling a bit. We soon turned into the English Channel, making fast progress for Newcastle. When we arrived there my mother and I had to go because it was the beginning of the term.

GERARD M. STUBBS II R.

Is Francois Mauriac An Angry Young Man?

For much too long now, we observers of the literary scene have been plagued by a group of writers who are known, collectively and individually as Angry Young Men. (Note the use of capital letters: this is a distinction not afforded to the angry young men in Hollywood, who launch bitter attacks on Grandma Moses, and can't afford a suit.)

Angry Young Men—that is how these writers are described by the popular press. Even Lord Beaverbrook has no answer to them. It isn't only the popular press who use this cliché, however; the more reputable papers have followed suit. There is, in fact, a heated controversy going on at the moment. Who thought of the expression first, "The Daily Sketch", or "The Observer"? (If the former are awarded the verdict, then "The Manchester Guardian" is threatening to serialise "A View From The Bridge.")

This state of affairs, however, is far from satisfactory. We all know how Foulenc has started several debates in the press, simply by writing one letter to a newspaper, and then sending another arguing desperately against the first, but this time, it is the press who are fooling us. There are no Angry Young Men.

Not long ago, one of the more reputable papers, in a second leader, launched into a real diatribe against the aforementioned species. But whoever wrote the leader made the unforgivable blunder of not mentioning any names, and this, of course, is a cardinal error. Every journalist knows that it is names that matter. If it is ever announced just what brand of shaving soap Margaret Rutherford uses, then half the women in England will start trying to grow beards. Similarly with Angry Young Men. Names are all important, but strangely absent. Even a master who drew our attention to the article with some relish, merely muttered an aside about "Colin Wilson and that lot . . .", with an airy wave of the hand. Somerset Maugham, only last week, wrote two columns on the same subject, without mentioning a single name.

Well, where does all this leave us? Maugham, I think, we can discount straight away. He, the most over-rated of all novelists, launched one criticism against the Young Men, on the grounds that the characters they wrote about were "scum". By the same process of reasoning, then Enid Blyton is the greatest writer of all time.

Now then: name one Angry Young Man, apart from Colin Wilson. No, not Tommy Bolt, you fool. No, Sinatra isn't young enough to qualify, and Lord Altrincham isn't man enough. We'll let you have Colin Wilson, then. Apart from being the most outrageous young charlatan, who if he read all the books he pretends to have read, succeeded magnificently in misinterpreting every one of them, he's an Angry Young Man. But who else is there?

Oh, you can trot out the usual list—John Osborne, Kingsley Amis, John Wain, and John Braine. But, if you examine these authors closely, you will find that none of them really gratifies for the title of Angry Young Man.

Let us consider Amis first. To begin with, there is one great psychological factor that prevents him from joining the Wilson brigade—his name. I ask you, could someone with a name like Kingsley Amis be either young or angry? The name itself, surely, conjures up visions of either an elderly poet of the Ezra Pound school, or a retired Cornish fisherman. Even if the unimaginative amongst you dismiss this as pure whimsy, then we can exempt him on purely logical grounds. "Lucky Jim" is, after all, only light-hearted comedy, set against a background with which Amis is familiar—a redbrick, provincial university. (Waugh, at least, set his scene at Oxford, and Forster, too, seems to prefer Cambridge to Swansea.)

John Wain? He too, is essentially a comic writer. His "Living In The Present", for example, is as funny a book as "Lucky Jim", even if it isn't as suitable as a vehicle for Ian Carmichael.

Braine has one book to his credit, so far, a

rather macabre, unoriginal story about a young man who marries a girl for her money and position, and then learns that his mistress (a married woman with whom he is in love, of course) has killed herself in a car crash, and crawls half a mile along a dark road with a steering wheel sticking out of her stomach, before she dies. Braine hasn't even got the imagination to be angry. Besides, one can't write a successful book if the leading character is called Joe Lampton. It just won't do; Jimmy Porter, yes but not Joe Lampton.

Jimmy Porter, of course, brings us to John Osborne. He, it must be confessed, is pretty near the borderline, at times: he's not quite an Angry Young Man however, and he is, I'm happy to say, getting further away from Wilson and his followers every day. "Look Back in Anger" needs little explanation, and even less defending. It is about an Angry Young Man, certainly, but that doesn't

mean that Osborne is one. After all, if that were the case, then Defoe would be in rather an embarrassing position. Osborne's latest play, "The Entertainer" must surely have banished all suspicion; it has absolutely nothing to do with Angry Young Men, and, more important, is a fine play, as was its predecessor.

Where are we now then? We have Colin Wilson left in splendid isolation. Let the opprobrium due to these Angry Young Men, let all the criticism aimed at them fall on his shoulders, for he, really, is the only one of his contemporaries who can be labelled a fraud. The others, Osborne in particular, have brought about a renaissance in English Literature, have administered a real shot in the arm to it. And if these are to be sneered at as Angry Young Men, then where will it all end? When will we reach the final, inevitable question: is Francois Mauriac an Angry Young Man?

MICHAEL GIBSON, 6 A Mods.

My Farthest South

We left at ten in the morning. It was luckily quite warm for it was in March. We travelled in the car, quickly and comfortably. The first part of our journey was dull. It was through Widnes and Warrington. When we got into the country it was lovely, the sun was shining on the flowers and illuminating them. Not long after that we started going through the old towns such as Kidderminster, Wellington and many others.

Then on a quiet road we stopped for dinner. We had ham sandwiches and tomato sandwiches and lettuce and salt and lots of other nice things. There was an engine shunting not far away. It sounded nice in the background.

We started on our journey again and soon we came to Bristol where we met our uncle outside the Bristol Aeroplane Company. When we reached the flat there was a nice tea ready for us, then we

went to bed. In the morning we had our breakfast, packed a nice lunch and set off for Cheddar. On the way we went under the Clifton Suspension Bridge known as the "Suicide Bridge". We got to Cheddar and we went in the Gothic Caves. Now and then a bat flew past us, the stalactites and the stalagmites were lit up. It was very cold.

When we came out we had our dinner and we bought some cheese. It was lovely. Seeing we had some time left we went to Wells. The old cathedral was beautiful with its marvellous windows. Next day after church we went to Clevedon in Somerset. It was a hot day and we were able to paddle in the sea. You could see right over the ocean to the horizon. We all had our dinner and we had such big appetites all the food went, then we went back to the flat packed our bags and went home.

STEPHEN WARDLE IIR.

My First Visit to the Continent

It was during the Easter Holidays that I first met Liévin Janssens. He had come to this country to improve his English ; already he could speak Flemish, German, French and Dutch quite fluently. During his stay here Liévin and I became firm friends and he asked me if I would spend part of my summer holidays at his home in Belgium. I was only too willing to accept this invitation and eagerly looked forward to the day when I would leave the shores of England behind me for the first time.

It was a cold, wet night when I set out all alone from Lime Street Station on the midnight train for London. I arrived in London at 6 a.m. having had a few restless hours of sleep on the train. I had my breakfast in a café and then went into the Westminster Cathedral and spent a few moments there. I then boarded an almost empty train for Dover and set off on a pleasant journey. I arrived at Dover feeling quite happy and boarded the boat. I seated myself next to a cheerful looking, red-haired chap who told me that he was going to Cologne to do his National Service, and he was actually looking forward to it.

During the voyage, I bought two ice-creams as it was rather hot and the boat was crowded. When I asked the Belgian steward how much they were he replied "Two shillings and fourpence please"—whew ! I first stepped down on to Continental ground at ten minutes past four at Ostend.

My friend Liévin was there to meet me and we immediately boarded a stream-lined, electric train which was to take us to Brussels. The train went along at whirlwind speed and the cornfields and haystacks whipped by. At Brussels, we changed trains for Genval, the nearest station to Liévin's home at Rixensart. What a difference there was in the cleanliness and tidiness of the stations compared with those in England. As the train sped on towards Genval, we passed hundreds of green-houses with grapevines in them and it was very dazzling with the sun shining on all the glass. On arrival at Genval we took a taxi to Liévin's home

at Rixensart which is approximately 18 miles south of Brussels.

I was greeted at the door by Liévin's parents, and his sister and cousin. After a large and tasty meal, I made my way wearily upstairs to bed—I had been travelling almost continuously for 18 hours.

My first few days were spent in local sight-seeing. At Genval we visited the paper-mill which is reputed to be the largest in the world. While I was there, I was told that to bring the timber from the station to the mill, a large crane had to lift each railway truck from the lines onto, a lorry, then each truck was taken by the lorry for 200 yards to the paper-mill, and then the lorry would return empty for the next truck ; why they can't build a side line from the station to the mill I don't know. As we made our way along the wide concreted streets of Genval I noticed in the shops and numerous cafés such signs as "lively Coca-Cola" and advertisements for Omo and other English products. At Genval, there is a beautiful, tree-lined lake and on one side is a building similar to the châteaux seen in France. This building is owned by "Schweppes" and here, the mineral waters which are used in their world-famous drinks flow naturally out of the ground.

My most interesting days in Belgium were spent at Brussels, Waterloo, Namur and Antwerp. We passed two days looking round Brussels, travelling about on single or double trams, rattling along cobbled streets, with policemen in white helmets shouting at the top of their voices, and blowing on their whistles at the careless drivers. The Palace of Justice in Brussels is the largest building I have ever seen and it is said to be the largest of its kind in the world. It stands out amongst the surrounding buildings as an ocean liner does amongst fishing-smacks. The floors of this building are done in beautiful stone mosaics and the walls are covered with intricately-carved wooden designs. After this, we went for a tram-ride along the busy streets to the ancient Town Hall and medieval buildings surrounding it. This was a truly magnificent

sight as the buildings are covered in gargoyles and other stone-carvings painted in gold, and when the sun shone on them they glittered like diamonds. From the top of one of the Town Hall's towers, we could see in the distance a building very similar to an American skyscraper: it was the heliport owned by Sabena Airways, and it is being opened at the beginning of the Universal Exhibition which is being held in Brussels this year. After looking at many other interesting sights we returned to the station on the tram; on the trams, you can purchase a ticket for five shillings or more and use it each time you go on the tram, this is much easier for the conductors and passengers alike.

A few days later, we went to Waterloo where the famous battle was fought. The land is very flat in this part and as you approach the site, a hill about 500 feet high can be seen and on the top is the renowned monument, Le Lion de Waterloo. It is a most impressive monument and the hill on which it stands is built of the weapons and other war materials found after the battle. Over 60,000 of Napoleon's soldiers were killed during the battle and Victor Hugo said after it.

"Foudroyer d'un tel mot le tonnerre qui vous tue c'est vaincre."

Nearby is a circular building known as the Panorama of Waterloo and we went inside. I was amazed at the sight before me. Completely round the wall of the building was a full colour painting, exact in every detail, of the Battle. It was painted by one man only and he spent 20 years doing it.

There were many souvenir shops there and to buy an article, one had to bargain with the proprietor. My friend managed to reduce the price of a souvenir for his sister from 12s. to 8s. 6d. I was very annoyed with myself however, that day, because the weather was perfect for snaps and I had left my camera behind.

The next spot we visited was Namur which is built at the confluence of the Rivers Meuse and Sambre in the foothills of the Ardennes. Here, the Meuse winds its way through the hills and vales, and the scenery would attract any country lover. Where the rivers meet there is a hill about 650 feet

high and at the top is a citadel. To get there you can either walk or go on the Téléferique (cable-railway). As it was very hot, we decided to be lazy and go the easy way. The cars on the Téléferique are made to carry two people and they travel up the cable at about 5 m.p.h. so that you have plenty of time to admire the view. We ate our lunch at the top, but we were not allowed inside the citadel because it is being turned into a modern army headquarters. Then we made our way down the hill, on foot this time, and after a rest returned home by train.

Towards the end of my stay, we visited Antwerp, the chief port of Belgium on the River Scheldt. We looked at the colourful stalls in the market place and then made our way to the zoo. I have never seen so many animals and fish as I did in this zoo; there were buffaloes, elephants, lions and even mice, and angel-fish, octopuses and hundreds of other animals and fish. It is a wonderful place this zoo and it is so great that we barely saw all the animals in 4 hours. We then made our way by bus down to the river. At St. Anna Strand we got on a small boat and chugged away from the quayside. On the far side of the river we could see a ship being loaded with stores before sailing for the Congo and in the distance behind, the white spires of Antwerp Cathedral towered above the surrounding buildings. As we drifted along I realized that my holidays in Belgium would soon be over and in a few days I would be saying farewell to my Belgian friends and returning to Liverpool. I could hardly believe it, the two weeks had seemed more like two days. We got off the boat at Ste. Anne Plage and walked through a tunnel under the River, similar but on a smaller scale, to the Mersey Tunnel. The train that took us back to Brussels was pulled by a steam-locomotive, the only one I saw during my whole stay in Belgium.

The next few days flew by, and having thanked my generous hosts I said goodbye and set off alone on the long journey home. Although Liverpool looked as grim as ever in the still night, after I had sunk down in a comfortable armchair I realized the truth in the words: "There's no place like home"

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The Science of Counting

Men have always felt that numbers held something of the world's mystery. Pythagoras, the Greek philosopher, made a religion out of them. Plato and many other thinkers have spoken of God and creation as the One and the Many. There have always been sacred numbers such as three and seven. Even more mystery lies in "infinity", which is vastness beyond numbers.

Numbers are alike all over the world—even more alike than the fingers on which so many people count them. If you were in China and wanted half a dozen eggs, you might not know how to ask for them ; but if you held up six fingers and pointed to the eggs you would get your half dozen eggs. And the same thing would happen in Mexico or Zanzibar or anywhere else. The names of the numbers would differ, but the numbers for which they stand are the same all over the world.

The early people learned to count on their fingers just as children do to-day. Even now you can see the natives of Africa counting on their fingers. Of course they do not go very high, but they can count as far as necessary. If they want to remember a number they make a few notches on a stick or scratches on a stone.

When people had learned to write, they soon found a way of putting down numbers. At first they just made some kind of simple mark—||| for three and ||||| for five. But they could not write any very large numbers in this fashion. So the earliest writers that we know, the Egyptians, invented a special mark for ten—it was like a U turned upside down. They could make plain marks up to nine, but then they would start all over again. n was ten, |n was eleven, ||n was twelve, |||n was thirteen |||nnnn was thirty three and ||||nnnn ||||nn was fifty seven.

These were all such simple signs that any Egyptian could read them and keep his accounts even though he could not read and write the language he spoke.

But not all the old peoples used such an easy method. The Babylonians had a more difficult

way of writing numbers. Here is a number in Babylonian style : VVΞVV

It looks like six arrow-heads pointing in different, directions, because they wrote making wedge shaped marks in soft clay. The number here is 142, and this is how it is made up : 60 + 60 (the first two large arrow-heads) + 10 + 10 (the two little arrow-heads) + 1 + 1 (the last two large arrow-heads) = 142. The same large arrow-heads stand for sixty as for one, according to their position at the beginning or end of a number. The Babylonians used to count in sixties instead of in hundreds. In fact, our sixty seconds and sixty minutes on the clock came from their way of counting.

Apart from Babylonian sixties and Egyptian hundreds there have been—and still are—many other ways of counting. Some tribes have counted by fives, because we have five fingers on each hand ; some by twos, because we have two hands and two feet, two eyes and two ears ; and some like the Eskimos, by twenties because we have

HIEROGLYPHIC PHOENICIAN	HIERATIC	SYRIAC	ENGLISH
|	|	𐤀	1
||	||	𐤁	2
|||	|||	𐤂	3
||||	||||	𐤃	4
|||||	|||||	𐤄	5
𐤅	𐤆	𐤇	10
𐤈	𐤉	𐤊	11
𐤋	𐤌	𐤍	20
𐤎	𐤏	𐤐	100

ten fingers and ten toes. But most Europeans have always counted in tens, like the Egyptians because of the ten fingers on the two hands.

Thus the Greeks, who learned from the Egyptians and Phoenicians, took ten for their basic number ; but instead of mere marks for one, two, three, and other numbers, they used letters from their alphabet. The Greek word for " five " began with the letter ρ , or π , and the letter stood for " five ". The word ten began with δ or δ , and that sign stood for " ten ", and so on for all the other numbers with combinations as they grew larger. This method was rather clumsy and made mathematics exceedingly difficult.

The Romans used a few plain marks together with a few letters, and made up a system that was a good deal easier. For one, two and three they used plain marks. For five they used a V, which seems at first to have been the picture of a hand, and for ten they used two of these one of them upside down below the other like this : $\begin{smallmatrix} \text{V} \\ \wedge \end{smallmatrix}$

In time this sign became an X. For fifty they employed L, for a hundred C, for five hundred D, and for a thousand M.

They never used to write more than three straight marks together—I, II, III for one, two and three. Four was IV, or one from five, and nine was IX, or one from ten. So XC was ninety, or ten from a hundred. This is somewhat similar to the way we say " a quarter to twelve " for forty-five minutes after eleven.

Addition and subtraction in Roman numerals looks very difficult until you actually try it. A Roman would probably have done it like this :

X	VII	=	17
XX	IV	=	24
LXXX	VIII	=	88
XXX	III	=	33
C LX	II		162

(Carry C) (Carry XX)

Counting by Roman numerals was better than the older ways of counting, and the method remained for nearly two thousand years. As late as the middle ages most scholars still added and subtracted in the signs that had come down from ancient Rome.

Yet long before that time there were far better numerals—those we are still using to-day. And these came from the Arabs. But the Arabic numerals did not by any means replace the Roman numerals at once. In fact, they took several centuries to do so and meanwhile the two systems lived on side by side, with one slowly dying out and the other slowly gaining ground.

So, although the first manuscript in Europe with Arabic numerals dates from the year 976, the teachers of arithmetic were still explaining the Arabic system very carefully as late as 1500, because for so long people had been used to Roman figures. But finally the Europeans took to the counting system which the Arabs, or Moors, had brought with them when they came over from Africa to Spain. And once their numerals were fully adopted the Roman numerals were completely abandoned—although they still appear on the faces of many clocks and watches, in inscriptions on some churches, in the chapter numbers of certain books, and in a few other places.

These numerals were not really invented by the Arabs. They came from the Hindus in India, who were skilled in mathematics as long ago as the year 200. The numerals as the Hindus wrote them look a good deal like those we write to-day. They taught these numerals to the Arabs and the Arabs passed them on to us.

We are all so used to the decimal system that we often feel it is the only natural way of counting—by tens. But in the older days of Europe there were other ways. For instance the old Franks liked to count in twenties. Whenever they passed twenty they made a mark, or a score, and that is why we still call twenty a "score". So "three score years and ten" are three twenties plus ten or seventy. And the French to-day say "four twenties" instead of "eighty", and "four twenties ten" for "ninety".

But twenty is too much to be convenient and ten is very much better. It is by no means the best unit, however ; and in fact our decimal system, good as it may be remains inconvenient. For twelve would be the best unit to use, and a duodecimal system—reckoning by twelves—

would be a greater improvement on the decimal one. The reason is obvious—because twelve has more factors than ten.

The mathematicians have known this for a long time, but what chance is there of persuading people to change? It would be ten times harder than it was to get them to adopt the Arabic numerals. And yet we all use the system to a certain extent. Eggs are reckoned in dozens; and nearly all commercial stocks are counted by the dozen or by the gross.

When people have once learned how to count, they soon require to know more. They need to add and subtract, multiply and divide, and do still other things with numbers. In this way arithmetic was born, and it is not surprising to learn that it is a very old science. Of course people used arithmetic a great deal before any book was ever written about it. But a book of arithmetic was written in Greece by the famous mathematician Euclid about twenty-three hundred years ago, and another by the great astronomer Claudius Ptolemy in the second century after Christ. By this time scholars could do very difficult problems in arithmetic.

And by then they had advanced much farther than arithmetic. The whole science of mathematics is based on simple counting, but as man progresses he finds out a great many kinds of things to count and a great many different ways of counting them. For instance he learns to count angles, triangles, squares, cubes, and other figures—because he must be able to do these things if he is going to survey his land, to build pyramids, and to do many other things. And as soon as he begins counting and measuring such things, he is beginning the study of the science known as geometry.

The ancient Egyptians learned much geometry. It is often said they had to do so: for the Nile overflowed and washed out all their boundaries, so in order to mark off the boundaries again they had to know something about angles and other figures. However that may be, we know that the great Euclid in Greece learned all he could from the Egyptians and with what he added himself

became the most famous man of all time in geometry. He placed on record nearly all there was to know about the subject.

As the science of counting progressed in due time algebra was invented. It was a very important step in mathematics. We have seen how convenient it is to write down figures, instead of letters of the alphabet, for our numbers. But in algebra we have found a short cut in counting by reversing the process—and we actually use letters in the place of figures. Sometimes when a large number has to be repeated many times we just call it *a* for short; and if there are several such numbers, we call them *a*, *b*, *c*, and so on. Sometimes when we do not know what a number is we call it *x* until we can find it out. Until then it is an "unknown quantity" and if we have several of these we call them *x*, *y*, *z*, and so on. The business of algebra is to find out what *x* is.

Algebra was studied for centuries by the Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, Arabs, and other peoples, but it was not really perfected in its present form until the time of Descartes, a Frenchman who died in 1650. We take its name from a treatise on it written in Arabic about eleven hundred years ago, and called "Al-gebr" which means the "reunion of parts."

There are still higher ways of counting than by algebra. There is trigonometry, which also comes down to us from the Egyptians, and which goes beyond the ordinary diagrams of geometry into complicated formulae. It is useful to navigators and in making maps, and for numerous other purposes. There is analytical geometry, which is the study of complicated curves—useful to engineers and scientific workers. And there is the calculus, or the study of quantities that are always varying. Besides these there are many other great branches of mathematics—so many that the most brilliant man, working on them all his life, can hardly master them all. And that is what has arisen from the earliest methods of counting.

All these ingenious inventions are due to the thousands of men who have worked at them, both before the days of Euclid and Ptolemy and ever since that time. One of them was the great

Descartes, who gave us analytical geometry in 1637. Others were Leibnitz and Sir Isaac Newton, who both invented the calculus about the same time—around 1686. Then there were Johann Kepler, Blaise Pascal and John Napier in the same century. Among the great mathematicians of our own day is Albert Einstein. For after all these centuries it has been left to Einstein to make some new discoveries of great importance in mathematics. No one but a highly trained mathematician can possibly understand them, but for him they seem to be as important as the law of gravitation. We had always thought the law of gravitation as one of our most definite pieces of knowledge, but Einstein appears to have found a little fault in it to be corrected. For this and other mathematical discoveries he is one of the most famous men in the world to-day.

Machines have been invented to do many remarkable things, so it is not surprising that there is one for counting. We can add and subtract, multiply and divide, by pressing keys and pulling levers—and we can do it faster than by our own calculation, with less chance of error.

It was Blaise Pascal who made an adding machine as long ago as 1642. Since that time the machine has been greatly improved and its scope increased. But the principle remains the same. For it is founded on solid numbers, and these do not change.

If we take a little wheel and divide it into ten parts, we shall have the beginning of an adding machine. Suppose we start with number 1 at the top of the wheel. Now if we turn the wheel three parts round we shall have number 4 on top, $1 + 3 = 4$. If we turn it three parts more, we shall have 7. So we can get up to ten on one wheel.

If we have a larger number, we need only put several other wheels alongside the first wheel. When the first wheel makes one complete revolution it will make the second wheel turn one part, or one-tenth. When this wheel makes one complete revolution it in turn makes the third wheel turn one part and so on. Some of the machines write it all down with the sum, just like a typewriter. There are large machines to-day that

are worked by electricity and add as many as seventeen columns.

In 1617 a Scotsman, Napier, invented his multiplying rods. The different multiplication tables were printed on sticks of wood in such a way as to show the product of any numbers at a glance. But the numbers had to be written down by hand, and therefore "Napier's bones" as his wooden sticks were called, were less useful and accurate than Pascal's machines.

Since that day there have been many varieties of adding machines, though they are built upon the same idea. Only since 1892 have they been printing the figures and their total. Such machines are found in every bank and every large office, where they save the book-keepers a great deal of time and trouble. The most remarkable of all the devices for calculating is not a machine, but just a simple rule. It is called the "slide rule". It has several different scales printed on it and a small wooden bar that slides to and fro in it. With this we can not only multiply and divide, but we can calculate compound interest and do problems in arithmetical progression.

The first slide rule was built by Robert Bissaker in 1654 although attempts had been made as early as 1620 to build a workable rule on the same principles. Since then it has been improved in various ways and adapted to many uses, and is of considerable help to engineers scientists and accountants.

If we have machines to do all these things for us, why do we work so hard to learn arithmetic? Why not let the machines do it all? Well, because we could never work the machines unless we understood figures ourselves. But, above all, it is far more important to have a good head than the best machine ever known. Once we use our brains we can set the machines to work when we like, but without man's brains there would never have been any machines at all. The study of mathematics has not yet been completed, for there are still all kinds of discoveries to be made—by the Euclids and Einsteins of the future. There is still plenty to be learnt about the great science of "counting".

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A Visit to Eton Hall

I didn't suspect a thing. I was as innocent as a new-born babe.

"Gibson," the Headmaster said, "You're interested in journalism, aren't you?"

"Yes, sir," I replied.

Even when I was told what it was all about, I was quite happy. So a party of schoolboys were being invited to tour Eton Hall, and then write an account of what they had seen there? It all seemed easy enough, and I accepted.

We were to meet at a station in Chester, from where we would be provided with Army transport. So far, so good. I turned up at the appointed time, and so did a large group of boys, most of them carrying "The Times", which was folded neatly at the title page.

Eton Hall was one of the largest Officer-Cadet training schools in the north of England. I say "was", since the establishment was closed down recently. My visit had no bearing on the matter whatsoever. We were met by the C.O. and a captain who was to be in charge of us. A few words of welcome, and we set off on a gruelling march—not a proper march, of course, but an extremely long tramp; and we were only visitors!

The captain was a little disconcerted to discover that we intended writing articles on our visit, and expressed the hope that it would be merely a crib of the official hand-out which we had received. In my case it would have been, but I had the misfortune to lose the hand-out. One or two of the boys were a little perturbed by this news about an article, too. One of them had already asked me where the submarines were, and another school's representative had left school about six months earlier. He was last seen enquiring from one of the soldiers the general direction of Chester Zoo.

Joking apart, however (and I have an uneasy feeling that Evelyn Waugh does that sort of thing much better than I) the tour was most interesting. Our compassion for those training was aroused by the sight of two men trying to run a hundred yards carrying a tree between them, and a tree, more-

over, of such dimensions that it would even daunt the muscular man who adorns those packets of porridge oats.

We had very little time to linger, however. We saw a sergeant of terrifying proportions giving new arrivals a spell of square-bashing; we saw a gunnery sergeant instructing another group in the use of a rifle; we saw map-reading being fully explained; we saw men being instructed how to use a wireless; we saw a demonstration of how to keep sentry duty at night, and how not to keep sentry duty at night. In short we were whisked from one place to the other at bewildering speed, and at every step, our sympathy with those on the drill-square increased.

Lunch came as a welcome relief. We had no real opportunity to see how well fed the men were, since we were served a different meal. The food, however, was good. After lunch, we had a little time at our disposal. Some of us wandered through the beautiful gardens (Eton Hall was owned by a Lord) others investigated the hall itself, with its white marble statues and ornate staircases, and others, who shall be nameless, commandeered the billiard table.

Then, back to the tour. We were shown a film of a night patrol in Malaya, and another film of what the Cadets did when they left the Hall on a training party. Finally, we were taken into the display room, where models of practically everything appertaining to military use were shown, along with the usual equipment and souvenirs.

Our inspection completed, we piled back into the lorry, and were deposited at the station again. We left the captain worrying what we were going to write about him, and he left us worrying about what we were going to write. After all "I'll never become a soldier" could hardly be considered a laudable statement after what we'd just seen. Justifiable, perhaps; laudable, certainly not.

Time passed; I noticed in the paper that Eton Hall was being closed down. Then, one evening

I happened, for my sins, to be in the Headmaster's office. I didn't suspect a thing. I was as innocent as a new-born babe.

"Gibson," the Headmaster said. "You owe me an article on Eton Hall, don't you?"

"Yes sir," I replied.

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Midnight Appointment

As Maurice Grant walked along the lonely road, he was thinking of the meeting he had had with his friend, Roger, just a week before, at the great clock where he was going to keep his rendezvous. Ever since the little scrap of talk that ensued when he first saw Roger, he had liked him. Then, when it emerged that both read ghost stories, both were psychic investigators, and that both fancied the clock as a possible haunt for things unknown, they became the best of friends.

It was a pity, Maurice reflected, that he had not asked Roger's address. If he had, he could have shown him that book, "Ghostly Tales to be Told" that he got from the library. But he hadn't even seen him since that first time.

The moon, which didn't give much light at the best of times, being a New Moon, kept going behind the clouds; and he kept hearing tiny rustling noises behind him, but it was only the leaves on the road, which had dropped off the trees, for it was Autumn. The wind whispered through the bushes, and made grotesque figures of trees move and groan, as if each one was a living creature.

At long last — hours, it seemed — he reached the clock. Roger was there before him and had apparently been going in alone, for the door was open. He turned and opened it wider, so that it creaked on its hinges. They went in, and as Maurice put his foot on the first stair of the winding staircase an owl hooted. It gave a final, eerie touch to the scene.

They reached the top without any mishap; though the moon had a nasty way of going behind clouds whenever they couldn't see each other because of the corners. But they had not seen any ghosts. Maurice looked at his watch and saw it was twelve o'clock. He said, "By my watch it's twelve..."

And then the great clock struck. Peal upon peal, they crashed their mighty sounds out, one after another, echoing through the tower and deafening the two boys. Maurice could well understand why a convict, who had escaped from the prison nearby, had been found, two days later, a raving lunatic.

Roger turned and began running down the stairs heedless of creatures of darkness. As he was farther from the door, Maurice was about three yards behind, and a corner separated them. Suddenly Maurice heard Roger yell, and then shriek, and then something heavy thudded on the stairs. Maurice tried to persuade himself that Roger must have fallen and hurt himself badly, but there was a thought, a little thought that it might be something... something unnameable...?

"Roger? Roger?" Maurice called. He stepped round the corner, and the moon suddenly went behind a cloud. He walked forward; he thought he saw something dark on the stair below him. He put his foot on it, and suddenly...

It moved, and he lost his balance, falling down on to the next landing.

When he got up again, painfully, the moon had come out, and the staircase was bathed in eerie light. He looked back to see what it was he had fallen over. The moon illuminated it plainly, so that there could be no mistake; but what Maurice saw brought him bolt upright with horror and shock. His hair stood on end and his teeth began to chatter.

Roger was lying on the stairs, a great gash in his throat, which oozed blood. A dark figure was kneeling by him, feeling in all his pockets. The figure had its back to Maurice but he saw that its clothes were very shabby, and it was a man. As Maurice's limbs came out of the paralysis which this scene had stiffened them into, the man suddenly

turned and saw him. He said something under his breath, and taking up a knife which lay nearby, he started down towards Maurice.

Maurice only glimpsed a small drinking fountain in a corner where the man had been cleaning his knife when Maurice tripped, by the signs of blood in it, and then he was running down, down, as though he would never stop. Then he felt cool air on his face and he was in the open but his only thought was to keep running, running,

... and then a black thing rushed out of the night, with a shriek and a grinding of brakes and then something hit him and the blackness closed in and ...

Cutting from the Daily News, Sept., 28th, 1957 :
BOY MURDERED IN CLOCK

Roger Hicks, a boy of St. Roland's Ryshire, was murdered in the village clock last night shortly after midnight. The motive is believed to be robbery.

J. CAMPBELL.

The Things We Do

What-ever we do and what-ever we say
Our teacher will tell us that isn't the way.
When he was a boy many years ago,
According to him,
He never did so.

Dear Sir, if only we'd take his advice,
But we find our own so very nice.
Besides we forget half the things we are told :
No doubt they'll come back to us
When we are old.

Working in class has pleasures, I own,
But it's not too pleasant to work alone,
So I chat with another, soft and low—
And then we're told
He never did so.

If we arrive late for class
It will almost surely come to pass,
With his masterly air
He was always on time
We will hear him declare.

If on our desks we leave our mark
It's never treated as a lark.
In tones so solemn and so slow
"A thing unheard of in his day,"
And *he* never did so.

But dear old Sir is no worse than the rest ;
We still have hopes that he'll turn out with the best
For we are certain you know,
His own reports made it quite clear
He ever did so.

P. TAYLOR Form IIR.

'Poem'

Poor mummy was tired out daddy was vexed
Really they didn't know what to do next.
It was time little shut eye in slumber were deep
But dear, oh dear, Babsey would not go to sleep.

Poor mummy came down with a very pale smile
So daddy said "Let me go up for a while ?
I'll tell her some stories and keep
Singing quaint songs till she does go to sleep."

At last there was silence, but soon at the door
Mummy heard little feet pit-a-pat on the floor
And into the room Babsey just gave a peep
Saying "Hush mummy dear, I've got daddy to sleep".

J. FITZPATRICK IIR

The Coming of Spring

The long, grey winter days will pass
And all the sparrows sing,
Above little shoots of bright, green grass
For coming forth is Spring.

The sunlight glistens on the flowers
And all the streams are tinkling,
Encouraged by the April showers
All nature is awakening.

Awakened to the call of birds
With gladness in their voices,
Many a lamb and cattle herd
With gambol and lowing rejoices.

T. MASON Form 2R.

Newspapers

Newspapers are printed daily or weekly to tell us what is happening all over the world. The first newspapers were printed in China many hundreds of years ago, and were nailed up on buildings where many people could see them. Even today we print the headlines of the big news on separate sheets so they will attract attention. In most countries the big news is shown in large headlines on the front page of the paper.

Weekly newspapers appeared in Britain in about the seventeenth century, and there were a few of them by time the first American newspaper, "The Boston Newsletter," was first published in the year 1704. The first daily paper in the United States was started in Philadelphia in 1784, exactly one year before the Times appeared in

London. Today 166 daily newspapers are published in Great Britain. America has some 2,000.

Newspapers of today bring us stories just a few hours after the events have happened, but in the very early days of papers, news often took weeks, or even months to get into the newspapers. It took these papers many weeks to reach distant readers. A large newspaper uses many tons of paper, employs hundreds and hundreds of people, and has reporters and journalists to cover all events of importance, at home, and even in foreign countries. Some papers also own radio systems to send news and even pictures by radio. Newspapers are very important because they influence the ideas of the people.

PETER KEARNEY

Camping

On the first Saturday of the holidays, I and sixteen schoolfriends with the two Physical Education Masters set out on an adventure new to St. Edward's College—a camping holiday. We met at Lime Street Station, and took our places on the waiting train, impatient for the Guard's whistle. As soon as the shrill sound rang through the air, the train pulled out of the station. At last we were off!

Soon green fields and hedges flew past us ; we were out in the country, free from the noise of Liverpool, and the smoky atmospheres of Runcorn and Widnes.

We arrived at Church Stretton Station at about six o'clock in the evening, and were met by a priest who led us through the village and up a hill to the camp site, which was in the extensive grounds of St. Mary's Scholasticate. We spread out a large tarpaulin, put all our luggage on it, and made our way back to the scholasticate to collect the advance luggage which had been left there.

We had just erected the largest tent when it started to rain. Quickly, we put everything into it.

It was only a shower, however, so as soon as it had finished we put up the rest of the tents.

After this we chose a protected spot for the camp kitchen, and draped the tarpaulin over a tree as a windshield. We all made ourselves useful, some by digging a pit to put the rubbish in, others by building a brick fireplace, and the rest by collecting firewood, building racks for the pots and pans, and unpacking the cooking utensils.

We had some tea when we finished this, and then tidied our own tents. It was fairly late when we had done this, so we had our supper sitting round the camp fire, enjoying a sing-song. Soon, however, we were all tired, and went to bed (or bag!) It was amusing to lie there and listen to boyish voices remark from time to time : "Get your hair out of my mouth!" or "Move your bony knees!" Eventually peace was restored to the night air :—we were all asleep.

When we awoke next morning, the sun was shining brilliantly so we all dressed, and went to half-six Mass in the Brothers' chapel. Afterwards we had a good breakfast of corn flakes, egg

fingers, and bacon. Following this we all gave a hand with the washing up, and Mr. Hackett and Mr. Boyle gave us each our daily tasks :—four on kitchen duties, one to get water, two to stoke the fire, two to chop firewood, and the rest to bring in firewood.

After we had finished our morning jobs, we went down the hill, turned to the right, and went to the village to have a look round. We returned in good time for dinner, and afterwards went for a swim in the Brothers' Swimming Pool. We had tea in the late afternoon, washed the dishes, and went for a walk. We went down the hill again, turning to the left instead of the right. This road led us round the bottom of our hill, so we climbed up the other side.

On the Monday we took a packed lunch, and set off on a ramble up the Longmynd, a neighbouring mountain, 1,550 ft. high. We struggled to the top, which was fairly flat, and walked across. We had lunch when we reached the other side, and soon afterwards began the descent. On reaching the bottom, we passed through Little Stretton, stopping there for a thirst quencher. Returning shortly to the camp, all eighteen of us were ready for a big tea.

Most of our free time we spent in the village, where there was a park. We played miniature

golf at this park a few times. One of our number seemed to delight in knocking his ball over the railway, over the hedge, and in the ditch !

When we returned to the camp on Tuesday night, we found sheep all over the place. We chased them down the hill, but next morning found that two or three had been enjoying themselves in the food-tent—six loaves had been bitten into !

On Friday we went to Shrewsbury for the day. We visited the castle, the museum, and various other places. We had our tea there, walked round, then made our way back to the station, to go back to Church Stretton.

On the Saturday we dressed early, and started to pack. We had breakfast, then some boys got some sandwiches ready for our dinner. We took down the tents, and packed them all into sacks, bags, and cases. We took all the main luggage down to the railway van which was waiting to collect it, had our lunch, then set off to the station.

We were all sorry that our camping holiday had come to an end, but we hope to go again next year. We feel that thanks are due to Mr. Hackett and Mr. Boyle, the Headmaster, and all the other people concerned.

P. DUFFY, L.V.A.

A Visit to the Zoo

The best time to visit the zoo is shortly before the animals are going to be fed.

My sister and I went to Chester Zoo during the holidays. We knew it was near feeding time when we were queueing to pay our entrance money. The roars, yelps and howls of the animals almost made my sister change her mind about paying.

When we got inside we were just in time to see two lions share a piece of meat that our butcher boy could not have carried on his bike.

We saw seals almost jumping out of the water for fish thrown by the keeper and in the monkey house a chimp was throwing nuts at the spectators.

There were a lot of people looking over a wall and when we managed to get to the front we saw two beautiful big white bears begging like dogs. My sister threw them a bun from our lunch bag and my father took a picture. As we walked away I found that it was my bun that had been thrown to the bears.

PAUL DOOLIN II R.

On My Bookshelf

Last weekend I was given a new set of bookshelves for my books. Browsing through my copies as I arranged them, I found myself picking up the old favourites and letting my mind go back over each one in turn.

I picked up an old, green backed one, the first book I really enjoyed reading. It was "The Wind in the Willows" by Kenneth Grahame. I immediately thought of poor old Toad with his friends, Mr. Rat and dismal Mole and Mr. Badger. I saw Mole and Rat in the boat, Rat trying to persuade Mole to wait till he could row properly before taking over the boat, Mole seizing the oars, the upsetting of the boat, and Rat rescuing Mole. These pictures came to my mind as I put the well thumbed book in its place. I loved reading that book, and still do.

Then I picked up a book with a bright paper cover, showing a lovely black horse. This was "Black Beauty," by Anna Sewell. How I remembered the pity and anger I felt at the treatment of Beauty! I remember the tears I felt as I read of the wicked treatment of the horse. Beside this book I put another horse-book called "Rosina Copper" by Kitty Barne. The authors of

both these books loved and cared for horses and I think that was the beginning of my fondness of horses too.

My next book has been well read and is showing signs of it. "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" by Mark Twain, reminded me of the adventures I conjured up after reading the book. I think my love of fishing came from reading this book. Alongside of it I put another book which gave me my interest in sea-life and swimming. This was "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" by Jules Verne.

Then I came to my greatest favourite "The Hill of the Red Fox" by Allan Mclean. I gave this pride of place on my bookshelf. I have read and re-read it many times for I love the setting of the book. It is a story of adventure in the Isle of Skye. It tells of the life of the crofters. The people and scenery are beautifully described. Some day soon I hope to visit Skye.

I was only half way through arranging my books when my mother called me. So I left my browsing and dreaming until I should be able to continue another day.

N. McCALLEN II R

Commercialitis

I switched on the T.V. and what should I see,
The things that my parents say aren't fit for me,
They are sick of the sound of Typhoo and Surf,
But I like to hear them and am tickled with mirth.
Give me Smarties for Tall boys and Murraymints
too,
A big glass of Citroze and then I might do,
But when it comes to bridging that gap,
Then you'll find me sitting with Cadbury's snack.
What with Omo and Tide and that marvellous
Blue Daz,
And the other commercials which don't please my
dad,
Unless all my homework is finished and done,
Then I'm not allowed to see any fun.

P. CAVE 2 Remove.

Society Notes

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

St. Edward's Dramatic Society under the direction of Mr. Thomas, presented, as its third production, Arnold Ridley's melodrama "The Ghost Train". It was staged towards the end of January, and we sincerely thank all who braved the snow and ice to support us.

The action of the play took place in the waiting room of a country railway station whose one and only official was ably played by Peter Fitzpatrick. He was competently supported by Edward Jones, a company director, and his wife Rodney Irving. The newly-married couple alias Alan Brookfield and Michael Darragh with their repeated displays of affection provided an easy target for Harry Robert's humour.

Miss Bourne, played by Francis Bushell, though somnolent for a greater part of the proceedings, under the influence of strong liquor, gave an exceptionally good account of herself. The entrance of Julia (Finbarr Murray), her brother (Michael Geoghegan), and Doctor Sterling (Peter Walley of Butler Merriman fame) deepened the plot further. It was left to Police-Sergeant Lawrence Mooney to clear up the whole story, and duly mete out punishment to those who deserved it.

We are indebted to Br. Coffey and Mr. Young our stage-managers, Mr. Ley without whom we would definitely have been in the dark, Mr. Bolger, who painted the sets, and Br. Brennan and Br. Murphy for providing invigorating refreshments on each night.

A final word of praise to the backroom-boys without whom the show would have been a failure. A galaxy of names springs to my mind, but I have space to mention only a few : T. Duffy, T. Hill J. Fitzsimmons, G. McMullen, Mr. A. Darwen, P. Duffy, P. Grey, J. McGuirk, A. Fitzsimmons, and M. Byrne. I must not finish without mentioning our prompter, A. Roche. He was very able in that capacity, and was ready to stand in when one of the cast threatened to be sick.

With this report I leave you, hoping that you will continue to give us your support for our future productions.

F. MURRAY, U V. Sc.

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FRENCH DEBATING SOCIETY

The members of last year's Society displayed a remarkable antipathy for public speaking, an antipathy, however, which was not so apparent during study periods. Volunteers to speak were few and far between and consequently pressgang methods had to be used.

The opening speaker in the first debate was that well-known wit M. Fearn who supported the motion : " Qu'il faut Abolir la Monarchie." The method of argument employed by M. Fearn is difficult to follow at the best of times ; in French the task becomes well-nigh impossible and your correspondent admits his failure to report any of M. Fearn's undoubtedly acute statements. M. Boyle opposed the motion stating that abolition of the Monarchy would lead to the eventual break-up of the Commonwealth which tragic possibility appeared to have little effect upon the audience. M. Collins informed us gravely in his impeccable St. Helens accent of the (unfortunately irrelevant) fact that the Royal Family spent much of its time in drinking and the motion was defeated by 12 to 10.

The next two debates, " Que les sports du sang doivent être supprimés " and " Que la civilisation moderne est dégénérée " were not remarkable and there was little discussion afterwards.

With the New Year however, the standard of debating improved somewhat, perhaps from increased awareness of the approach of the General Certificate French oral examinations. The motion : " Que la morale ne s'applique pas à la politique " provoked some interesting remarks. M. Kenny believes that the end justifies the means and remarked that Disraeli, who could not be called a

strictly "moral" politician, had made Britain the leading Power of the nineteenth century. M. Maloney, not to be outdone, replied that Gladstone had applied strong principles to politics and had also been successful. None of the historians in the audience attempted to challenge this statement which was perhaps just as well. The motion was carried by 11 to 10.

The outstanding debate of the Summer Term was that advocating the abolition of the Third Programme and the result proved that the Society was not without its "Culture-vultures," M. Fitzgerald, supporting the motion, suggested that "the Third's" more esoteric programmes should be done away with and gave instances of recent broadcasts of this type: "Bulb-hunting in Southern Turkey" being one of these. M. Asbury, one of the more eloquent members of the Society, replied that minority audiences should not be neglected and that the dictatorship of the majority marked a break-down in the democratic idea. The motion was ably seconded for the opposition by M. Lynch and the supporting party by M. Dixon, and resulted in a victory for M. M. Asbury and Lynch. For his performance throughout the year and especially in this debate M. Asbury was awarded the Br. Forde French Debating Cup.

The standard of debating was not as high during the year as it has been in the past. This was regrettable. However, a heartening feature was that the VI B's were not as reticent as their elders and it is to be hoped that this year they will provide a solid foundation for a rather more vigorous society.

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SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the Society our president, Mr. Ley, called for volunteers to deliver lectures to the members. Within less than a fortnight Mr. J. MacMahon contracted to deliver the first lecture. He had gained valuable experience in the previous summer holidays on the arts and techniques of catering for vast numbers of happy holidaymakers

at a Prestatyn camp. He carefully explained to the enthralled assembly the principles involved in the manipulation of a left-handed tin opener by a blind man with only one thumb and the meeting broke up amid tumultuous applause.

Following this came perhaps two of the best lectures of the year. Mr. T. R. Hill gave an excellent account of the Chemistry of Photography. Being his chief source of interest he had a deep knowledge of the subject and he explained clearly and concisely the means by which photos are developed and printed.

Mr. Griffiths came next with his lecture on the sciences involved in Pig Breeding and Farming. His experiences on the farm were related to a capacity crowd and for the occasion he brought two gorgeous tapeworms with him.

Three of the members of VI B now followed the excellent example of the above. Mr. Lewis gave an extremely good account of the development and working of a diesel engine and Mr. J. Addison gave a lecture on the synthesis and uses of nylon.

Lastly Mr. Benbow gave his famous account of some of the more interesting and absorbing habits of our little friends, the bacteria. This lecture on such a vast subject especially by a VI B member without the benefits of a rigorous two years training under Mr. Vignoles was an achievement of which he can justly feel proud.

In addition to the above lectures the society was entertained with some excellent films procured for the occasions by our respected Hon. Sec. They were mostly accounts of various chemical processes like the extraction of Magnesium from sea water or the development of drugs and other necessary commodities. One of them, in brilliant colour, was an account of the Tour of Britain to delight our multitude of cycling fans.

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LITERARY AND HISTORICAL DEBATING SOCIETY

I believe I am not incorrect in stating that the Society has the largest membership it has had for

many years, and attendances at the meetings have been consistently excellent. There has been a notable trend for the better during the last six months with regard to delivery and respect for debating procedure, and it is extremely refreshing to be able to observe that the use of written speeches among our more junior members is gradually dying out. The subjects for debate during the last session were a well-balanced mixture of controversial "evergreens," topical matters of general interest, and those provocatively phrased political issues in which our veteran members revel.

The first debate of the session was "That this House approves of automation." Mr. Asbury, (Pro.) pointed out that automation was necessary to enable Great Britain to overcome German trade competition and Mr. Pinnington (Pro.) denied Mr. Glynn's assertion that unemployment would result from automation pointing out that the United States had no unemployment problem. Mr. Fearn, (Con.) once again displaying that delightful faculty of his for ignoring the motion completely rendered the Society helpless with a satirical discourse on the inhumanity of his opponents: the House was not deceived however and the motion was passed. The motion: "That this House deprecates the banning of Rock and Roll films," was keenly contested. Mr. Brown, (Pro.) ably supported by Mr. Collins, stated that Rock and Roll was, if anything, an improvement on the Charleston, and the other dances of the 1920's, and despite keen opposition from Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Lavery, the House divided in favour of the motion. One of the most amusing meetings of the Session occurred when a motion was introduced: "That we should cherish our 'Teddy-Boys'". Mr. Duggan and Mr. Murphy representing VI A Science, opposed the motion vigorously but their more experienced opponents were in fine fettle and the issue was never in doubt, Mr. Hoffman (Pro.) representing Teddy-Boys as being a resistance to an oppressive Government's policy of suppression of individual rights. For Mr. B. McDermott, (alas, no longer with us!) this debate was the finale to an illustrious debating career, and

he marked the occasion by treating the Society to a masterly display of wit, pathos, logic, and one or two downright lies. The House divided in favour of the motion.

The Brother Wall Debating Cup was won by Mr. D. Asbury with a speech supporting the Prime-Minister's action during the Suez Crisis, and that perennial bone of discontent, the Colour Bar, was given its annual airing by Mr. Carter (Con.) and Mr. Gibson. The motion "That Modern Youth is too materialistic" did not arouse a great deal of interest. Mr. Hill (Pro.) was most persuasive but the House decided (not unnaturally) that Mr. Gibson's point of view was more acceptable. Once again it was decided that "The House of Lords should be abolished" Mr. Bryson (Pro.) and Mr. L. Kelly (Con.) were speaking in their first debate and showed considerable promise. Mr. G. Lynch justified his belief in the motion "That America is the Greatest threat to World Peace" by referring to the American support of the Chinese Nationalists. He went on to say that America was stimulating the arms race and was precipitating war by its aggressive attitude which was exemplified by her policy of procuring rocket-bases in Europe. Mr. Lavery (Con.) congratulated "Comrade" Lynch on a fine effort to justify a ridiculous opinion, and then proceeded in his usual unruffled manner to prove that America's aims and actions were directed to prevent any war and that she was the greatest organ of stability in the world at the present time. Both speakers were complimented on an excellent debate by the Chairman.

The session was closed with a very fine debate between two of our most experienced speakers. The subject was "That this House approves of Modern Jazz" Mr. Gibson, (Pro.) was in fine form, and so persuasive that even the sarcasm and wit of Mr. Collins were insufficient to have the motion rejected. It only remains now for us to extend our thanks to our Chairman, Mr. Barter, without whose good offices as mediator it would be impossible for us to continue. The prestige of the Society, and the enthusiasm of its members have never been excelled and I have every reason to expect that

this happy state of affairs will continue throughout the coming year.

JAMES P. GLYNN (Hon. Sec.)

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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

During the last year the Society has been carrying on its usual activities. At present five people in the district are visited by the members and work is also done at Broadgreen Hospital and at the Catholic Deaf and Dumb Club in Shaw Street, Liverpool.

The number of members this year is greater than usual, namely 28 and this year also a new record amount of £93 was obtained in the Annual Collection. We wish here to record our thanks to the staff and boys of the College who so generously contributed to the success of this collection.

While expressing our gratitude we would ask you to remember the poor at all times, especially in your prayers.

J. TINDALL (Hon. Sec.)

MODEL AERO CLUB

Since this magazine was last published the monotonous droning of baby diesel engines has made itself heard more often on the school's playing fields. In the last year the accent has moved from sailplane and glider to powered control-line stunt and teamrace flying. The rugby pitches have been much trampled upon and games masters have complained of mysterious yellow patches on the cricket squares, which have been attributed to a mixture of ether, paraffin and oil.

The senior members of the club are exploring new ground and Lewis and Fitzsimmons have taken up radio control. Mr. Ley has demonstrated some very pretty flying with a model intended for radio and has inspired the juniors to greater efforts. The Club's numbers are swelling and we are looking forward to a year of happy flying for all.

PETER WHALLEY. U.V.Sc.

Rev. Br. T. A. Lennon

While the magazine is in the press there comes the news of the death in Plymouth of Br. Lennon. Many ex-pupils of our colleges in Bristol, Crosby, Liverpool and Sunderland are sure to remember him. Many who have never been in our schools will have met him at the various Vocations Exhibitions. In the last two years thousands of our present pupils met him and listened to his inimitable talks as he went around the country seeking out those who wished to join his own Order or other Orders, or to enter the priesthood. May all those who read this note say a prayer for the repose of his soul.

May he rest in peace.

House Notes

DOMINGO

Looking back over the past year we will not find the name of Domingo on any shields but if there was an award to be won for House spirit and enthusiasm then Domingo would undoubtedly have received it. On the rugby field, Domingo players gave of their best, and were defeated only by a few points for the House Shield; it says much for our 1st XV that, although we did not have the strongest team on paper, we "massacred" all opposition. We were fortunate in having as our captain, Anthony Edwards, the School 1st XV captain and he was ably supported by F. Boyle, M. Fitzgerald, H. Lavery, C. Cuckson, and T. Fox, all School 1st XV members. The following also played for School teams:

2nd XV: B. Unsworth, P. Geoghegan, M. O'Hare, B. Yates and P. Goulebourne.

Colts: Houghton

Bantams: Gilbert, Blakeman, Cheetham, A. Lavery.

J. Bantams: Fletcher, Gaffney.

Under 12's: England.

On the Cricket Square we were not so successful, but we were well represented in School teams.

1st XI: Edwards, Lavery, P. Geoghegan, B. Williams.

2nd XI: Durban, Irving, Boyle, M. Geoghegan.

Colts: Cheetham, Gilbert, Gibson, Chamberlain, A. Lavery.

Chicks: England.

Once more we were runners-up in the Athletic Shield. One of our members E. Forde, represented the School in the A.A.A. Junior Championships, and also represented England in the European Catholic Students Games in Dublin, where he gained 2nd place in the 800 metres. M. Moon, C. Cuckson, F. Boyle, M. O'Hare, G. Boggan, Roberts, Gilbert, Blakeman, Cheetham, and Fletcher, also represented the School at Athletics and Cross Country Competitions.

Domingo were well represented in School Socie-

ties, as well: the St. Vincent de Paul, Literary and Debating, Scientific, Photographic, and the Junior Legio Mariae. M. Geoghegan was Secretary of the Chess Club, and was also runner-up in the Liverpool Junior Chess Championship.

Throughout the past year, therefore, our members have played an important part in School life, and we feel sure that they will continue to do so in future years. We, therefore, look forward to the School Year 1957-58 with much confidence and optimism, and hope that our members will place Domingo among the honours again.

Before ending this review we would like to mention Anthony Edwards, our House Captain for the past 2 years. He has been a "shining" example of sportmanship to the rest of the House. As he has now left for University we wish him every success in his future career: also F. Boyle, T. Sheridan, and P. Goulebourne, who have also left us for University.

H. LAVERY House Captain.

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MERSEY

Mersey House was very lucky last year to still have the services of Brian McDermott as House Captain. He set a splendid example to the rest of the House being captain of the 1st XI at Cricket, captain of the 2nd XV at Rugby and a prefect. The superiority of Mersey House was once more maintained when we succeeded in becoming Rugby and Cricket champions for the year.

At Rugby the House was well endowed with the services of Collins, Kelly, Maybury, Wolfenden, Downey and Pearson as members of the first XV, the first three of whom were selected to represent a Liverpool Public Schools XV. Maybury and Collins also played for a Liverpool Grammar Schools XV.

The fame of the House was also well known in cricket spheres. We were lucky to have many staunch members of the 1st XI: the captain B.

McDermott, Downey, Maybury, and Taylor who distinguished himself on many occasions by his fine bowling efforts. Wolfenden and Murray were distinguished members of the 2nd XI.

Although failing to retain the Athletics Shield, Mersey were equipped with a very fine sprinter in J. Carter. This talented boy actually succeeded in clocking 9.9 secs. at the Inter-College Sports. Winning his final at Manchester White City he represented Lancashire at Plymouth where he succeeded in becoming national champion. Collins came second in the 100 yards at White City, and these two sprinters, together with Keating who played Chess, represented the Catholic Schools of England in the European Students Games at Dublin where Carter distinguished himself by coming second in both the 100 metres and 200 metres. While dwelling on Athletics, special mention must be made of T. Wolfenden who performed exceptionally well in the steeplechase competitions.

Judging by the amount of talent in the Juniors it appears that Mersey may well maintain its steadfast grip on the Rugby and Cricket shields for many years to come.

Most prominent in the juniors was J. Croughan who managed to win the Junior Victor Ludorum. The Juniors were capably led last year by Nolan, an ardent member of the Bantams. Worth noting is Banks who while playing for the Bantams gained his reputation for his high jumping. Also representing the Bantams were Crossey, Owen, Fitzsimmons, Doyle, and Ward. In the Junior Bantams we were capably represented by Faulkner, Lowe and Traynor. Also to represent the school at cross-country we had Furnlaur, Bahan, while a member of the cricket XI was Le Roi.

While mentioning the seniors and the Middle School we must not forget the Juniors. For without these the House would be useless. In the 1st year we had Dodds, Taylor, Cassidy, Fearn, and McMahon, while in the "B" team were B. Kelly and McCusker. Special mention should be made here of Taylor who, while being a prominent member of the Rugby and Athletics teams, owed much of his reputation to his skill

with the ball. Fearn, Dodds, Sunderland and Jones, who also seems to be a good prospect, also played cricket for the school. In the Rugby teams we were represented by Sunderland, Reekers, Miller, Ratchford, Rossiter and Walker. On the chess board O'Keefe, Rossiter and Sunderland always seemed to be that one move ahead.

We must not forget to thank the Brothers in the Junior School who helped to sponsor Mersey House and in the Senior School our thanks are extended to Mr. Morris without whose co-operation and efficiency Mersey House would not have been able to reach such heights.

H.C.

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HOPE

Hope produced yet another succession of brilliant victories in the Scholastic and Athletic fields.

As was only to be expected the vast majority of School Prefects were drawn from the Ranks of Hope, including the Head Boy Brian Ludden, a fitting tribute to the gentlemen of this House.

Hope formed the backbone of all the School Teams. White, the vice-captain, Murphy, Pinnington, Fearn and O'Hare all played for the 1st XV, Pinnington, Fearn and O'Hare being awarded their Rugby colours. Other teams also drew heavily on our numbers. Marsh, McGrail, Ryan, Farrell, Hindle, Davenport, McInerney, Kenyon, Brewer and Keefe all played for Junior teams.

Unfortunately, however, luck was against us in the House matches. We narrowly failed to win the Shield. Hope romped home in the Senior Cross-Country. The individual winner was Jim Griffiths who ran consistently well throughout the season captaining the C.C. team, and he was closely followed home by other members of this House.

Although we surprisingly won two of the 1st XI House matches and scored well in other games the Cricket Shield was destined for another house.

It was in the sphere of Athletics that members of

Hope really excelled themselves. Every school team contained gentlemen from this house. In the seniors Jim Griffiths was the school's best miler and steeplechaser, Brian White raised the shot record two feet, S. D. A. Murphy threw the javelin on numerous occasions and P. O'Hare increased the hammer record by half as much again.

In the youths Snape, Gordon and Gallagher were consistently good at their respective events whilst the two outstanding juniors Davenport, who shows great promise as a pole vaulter, and Marsh who equalled the school high jump record are both members of this house.

Do not think that because the greater part of this account has been devoted to sport that all Hope members are not quite as intelligent as the rest of the school. Frank Roper has been awarded a State Scholarship and a Major Scholarship at Christ's College, Cambridge. Several other members gained Lancashire County Major Scholarships and some just missed Senior City Scholarships and other awards.

A large number of the S.V.P. are "Hope-ites" Brian Ludden was president and Pinnington secretary, and the same couple president and secretary respectively of the French Debating Society.

P. O'HARE.

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SEFTON

In contrast to previous years success in the field of sport was practically non-existent, though this was not for want of trying. In the Senior House we found ourselves in the unfortunate position of having to choose 41 players from only 47 members.

However, this does not mean that Sefton was without its personalities.

Brian Davidson the house captain was a stalwart of the 1st XV, and he also played for the Liverpool Schools XV and for the South-West Lancashire XV. Other members of the 1sts included Azurdia, Asbury and Maxwell, whilst in the 2nd XV Sefton was also represented in the persons of Cleary, Colquitt and Kirby. In the Junior Colts Mercer kept the house flag flying.

As usual Sefton was well to the fore in the examinations results, and has once again sent its representatives to the Northern Universities. Brian Davidson and John Wills are both studying at Sheffield, whilst Dave Asbury has now left us and is studying medicine at Edinburgh University. Other Seftonites have gone to Liverpool University this year, including M. Azurdia and B. Rowan.

Last but not least Sefton wishes to thank those boys who have given their services cheerfully and have not yet received recognition in these notes. It is these boys who form the backbone of all successful houses, and Sefton certainly has an abundant supply of this type of boy. May I, therefore, thank these boys and apologize for not having mentioned them all in this limited space. Also to Bro. Engel we express our thanks for his thoughtful guidance this year and hope sincerely that Sefton can give him a greater reward in the future.

B. DAVIDSON.

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House Captains :

Sefton : Davidson.

Hope : O'Hare.

Domingo : Lavery.

Mersey : McDermott.

Sports Notes

RUGBY

The School Fifteen had another good season, losing only three of the twenty-three matches played, though four were drawn. The results achieved were, at times, a little disappointing in view of the team's potential scoring power. This was due partly to the difficulty experienced in keeping the best fifteen together, because of injuries, and partly to the failure of some players to play consistently up to their best form. A. Edwards was appointed captain and generally played well, though never really fulfilling the promise of the previous season. B. White, as vice-captain, led the pack reasonably well and was easily our best line-out forward. He received excellent support from M. Maybury, P. O'Hare and S. Murphy.

Maybury and Murphy, though not ideal front-row forwards, played their part more than adequately and showed a dash and constructive ability in the loose rarely associated with props. Their tackling was by no means their least quality and both kicked a goodly number of goals in the course of the season. O'Hare, when at his best, was a splendid No. 8, his strong running being a valuable asset in attack, while his covering and crushing tackling were much in evidence in defence. Fearn, in the second row, was sound rather than brilliant and could always be relied upon to play well. His handling was very good and he was always alert for the opportunity to start an attack, while never shirking going down on the ball, if that was needed. Kelly's hooking was an important factor in the success of the side and he also showed up well in the loose and at the line-out.

Maxwell and Carrier were a useful pair of wing-forwards, whose best work was done in attack, where they supported the backs intelligently and scored quite a few tries each. Fox, though not a first choice for the second row, was frequently called upon, and had some really good games, but his form was not consistent.

By far the most improved player behind the scrum was M. Azurdia. He showed increased confidence almost from the start of the season and made good use of his speed and strength. Some faults remained but he became a really good centre and played some splendid games in the course of the season. M. Collins returned to the First Fifteen in September, a little heavier and slower, but a few games reduced his weight and sharpened up his speed. Once he overcame his tendency to do too much on his own, he fulfilled the promise shown earlier and was invaluable to the side. Not the least of his talents was his ability to draw attention from his outside half when the latter was being closely marked. Being a useful sprinter, he frequently was able to break on the open side and make the extra man by drawing the stand-off, quite a few tries resulting. He worked very well with Davidson and they used the reverse pass and scissors very effectively on occasions. Davidson was always efficient and did many clever things in attack while his defence was always sound. His handling was excellent under any conditions and he showed good judgment in deciding when to feed his centres and when to try something on his own. Pinnington was a fast and strong winger with plenty of determination and a good tackler. Boyle was inferior only in the matter of speed. His handling was suspect at times but he could always be relied upon to try his hardest.

Asbury was a very reliable full-back, who fielded and tackled surely. He revealed unusual skill in gathering the rolling ball at top speed. His kicking gradually improved and ultimately reached quite a good standard.

In addition to Fox, the following also played some games for the First XV :

B. McDermott, D. Gordon, A. Azurdia, H. Lavery, J. Downey, M. Fitzgerald, B. Unsworth, T. Pearson, T. Cleary, C. Cuckson.

School Colours

School Colours were awarded to M. Collins, B. Davidson, H. Fearn, F. Boyle, P. O'Hare, M. Pinnington.

Representative Games

The following were selected for Liverpool R.U.F.C. Senior Schoolboys' XV : Collins, Davidson, Kelly, White and Maybury.

A. Edwards played for the corresponding Waterloo side.

The following played in the South-West Lancashire Trial at St. Helen's : Collins, Davidson, Edwards, White, Maybury. Edwards and White played for South-West Lincs. v. South-East.

In the Liverpool Grammar Schools' XV which had an easy win over Birkenhead G.S., there were seven players from St. Edward's, Maybury, White and O'Hare in the pack, Davidson and Collins at half-back and Edwards and Pinnington forming the right-wing.

Seven-a-side Competitions

The first "Sevens" of the season was the Waterloo Schools' Sevens during the Christmas holidays. We were drawn against Birkenhead School in the first round and won 8-0 after a thrilling game. Unfortunately, the effort required to win this game left our players too tired in the next round when, after only ten minutes' rest, they had to meet King George V, Southport, who had received a bye in the first round. In spite of this handicap we did well at first and led for a time, but, in the second half the strain proved too much and we were well beaten.

In the Fylde Sevens, at Ansdell, we did well in the early rounds and then were beaten rather unluckily. We lost in the first round at Calday to St. Anselm's whose forwards kept the ball away from our backs and paved the way for an opportunist try which proved the only score of the game.

At the Birkenhead Park Sevens we lost to Cowley in the final after looking for most of the game as if we were going to win. If we had won, it would have provided a rare double, as the Old Boys' won the Club Sevens.

In the Collegiate Sevens we were more fortunate and we had undoubtedly the best Seven in the tournament, though West Park provided unexpectedly stiff opposition in the final.

Winning Seven : Pinnington, Edwards (Capt.), Davidson, Collins, Maybury, Kelly, O'Hare, P.

House Competitions

Mersey (Capt. B. McDermott) ...	96 points
Domingo (Capt. A. Edwards) ...	90 points
Sefton (Capt. B. Davidson) ...	58 points
Hope (Capt. P. O'Hare) ...	52 points

Inter-Form Competitions

The Junior Inter-Form Competitions were not held this season owing to a variety of circumstances, chief being bad weather at one period and an over-crowded programme towards the end of the season.

Records of School Teams

	1956-57					Points	
	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost		For	Agst.
1st XV ...	23	16	4	3		395	113
2nd XV ...	18	15	1	2		448	81
Un. 15 XV ...	23	9	2	12		255	236
Un. 14 XV ...	25	15	1	9		345	115
Un. 13 XV ...	25	6	4	15		159	332
Un. 12 XV ...	14	12	1	1		271	15

First XV Games

St. Edward's College v. B'head Park Schools XV.
HOME Sept. 22nd RESULT: S.E.C. won 16-9

For the first game of the season Maybury and Azurdia were unavailable and their places were taken by Fox and Ludden.

The form shown by the side was not particularly good. There was a general air of casualness and a lack of real endeavour. The forwards were sluggish and there was a disturbing amount of loitering after scrum and line-out.

The first incidents of note in the game were a break-away from the line-out in which O'Hare, Fearn, and White inter-passed well and a good run by Murphy. Asbury was rather slow to the ball and unsure in touch-finding, while the team as a whole was slow to get back in defence.

Scrummaging was bad and the back row were often breaking while the opposing eight were still pushing and holding the ball. We got an early try but were bound to give one away soon and did so when Asbury was caught after an inordinate amount of dithering about in the top corner.

We should have scored again when Collins had a good run but he went too far and ignored the whole three-quarter line on his right. Pinnington was forced into touch at the corner and from the line-out the ball was knocked back. The Park forwards gratefully dribbled it right up to half-way. Park now pressed strongly and scored an unconverted try. Edwards impetuously kicked off before the forwards were ready but made amends by scoring two tries, though he wasted another good chance by a silly pass. Finally Pinnington got in at the corner for another try. White converted two of the tries and Davidson dropped a goal.

Team: Asbury; Pinnington, Edwards, Ludden, Boyle; Davidson, Collins; Fearn, Weston, Murphy, Fox, White, Fitzgerald, O'Hare, Carrier.

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

HOME Sept. 26 RESULT S.E.C. won 39-0
AWAY Jan. 23rd RESULT: S.E.C. won 35-3

In the home game, Azurdia came on at centre but Maybury and O'Hare were missing from the pack. The backs began attacking too much towards the touch-lines but later the centres began to straighten the attack and the wingers got more chance. Davidson and Collins

were combining better at half and Azurdia added thrust in the centre. The forwards were again bad, giving little response to White and allowing the younger and lighter Park High forwards to come right through them, especially in the second half. Perhaps an interval lead of 30-0 gave rise to some complacency, but there is no excuse for bad binding and pushing or failure to go down on the ball to check a dribble. Tries were scored by Azurdia (3) Edwards (2), Boyle (2), Davidson, White, Fox and Collins. Azurdia converted one, Carrier converted two.

Team: Asbury, Pinnington, Edwards, Azurdia, Boyle, Davidson, Collins, Fearn, Weston, Murphy, Fox, White, Fitzgerald, Kelly, Carrier.

For the return game Maybury, O'Hare and Kelly, now the first-choice hooker, were absent from the pack. In the first half St. Edward's completely outclassed the home side, getting possession almost at will from the home pack, weakened by the absence of their captain. This possession was used to a good effect and seven tries were scored without reply, four being converted by Collins. Davidson and Collins were given plenty of scope and carved out numerous openings as well as getting their "threes" moving at top speed. Typical of the play was a break by Davidson inside his own "25", supported near the touch-line by Azurdia. Some clever inter-passing ended in a final pass to Maxwell who had backed up extremely well on the inside and scored between the posts. Edwards then ran wide, drew the defence and sent Pinnington in at the corner. Shortly after he cross-kicked from the left touch-line after Collins, Davidson and Azurdia had begun a promising move inside our "25". White gathered the cross-kick to score. Collins then got two tries by pouncing swiftly on defenders' mistakes. Pinnington scored after a series of passes exchanged with Azurdia, who had himself scored the first try. Maxwell was taken from the pack to replace Boyle, who had to go off, and performed creditably as a winger.

Towards the end of the first half a tendency developed towards over-elaboration as tries had been coming so easily and the forwards did too much inter-passing among themselves. In the second half Park High, faced with a 25 point deficit, started off in determined fashion and made a splendid fight-back. They tackled grimly and harried St. Edward's into mistakes. Their forwards got more possession and drove the ball along at their feet, so that our backs saw little of the ball for long spells and when it came often found fingers too chilled to hold it.

We gradually pulled ourselves together again and had two more converted tries and many near misses. But the home side had the last word with a well-deserved try in the right corner just on time.

Team: Asbury; Pinnington, Edwards, Azurdia, M., Boyle; Davidson, Collins; Azurdia, A., Cleary, Murphy, Fox, White, Carrier, Fearn, Maxwell.

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

AWAY Sept. 29th RESULT: S.E.C. won 43-0
HOME Feb. 13th Game cancelled.

O'Hare and Maybury were missing from the pack for this game, and Boyle from the "threes". Shortly after the kick-off, we heeled from a scrum on the "25" and Davidson cut through to score at the posts. Kelly then handled in a loose scrum but the home side failed with the penalty kick.

The forwards were listless and Collins had not yet found his form at the base of the scrum. Pinnington

neatly picked up a stray pass and scored at the corner, after which Azurdia had a good run on the left but Carter was not in position for the final pass. The backs were spoiling many opportunities by standing too flat and kicking too much. Azurdia burst through and ran strongly, supported by Davidson who took his inside pass to score, Murphy converting. From the kick-off the forwards ran away towards the right passing neatly but White held on too long and, when held, flung a wild pass to nobody in particular. Carter was almost through after a good burst by Azurdia, who soon wasted another good chance by passing behind Carter. Edwards then took a pass one-handed at top speed and dodged his way through to the posts, his try being converted by Murphy. From the kick-off the ball was sent straight out to the backs, Collins ran well and switched direction with White and Maxwell in support, but the latter's final pass was forward. At half-time the score was 16-0.

Early in the second half Davidson broke through and timed his pass perfectly for Azurdia to score near the posts, Murphy again converting. A quick heel on the left and crisp passing gave Pinnington room to score in the right corner. A penalty was awarded near the left corner-flag and a short kick was taken. The ball was passed right across the field until Carrier saw a gap to score far out on the right. The best try of the game came next when the forwards got possession in loose play inside our own "25". Fearn broke away left supported in turn by Fitzgerald, Collins and Davidson who found he was getting too near the touch-line and cut inside to find Azurdia up in support inside and Edwards coming outside to his left. He feinted to pass in to Azurdia but passed out instead to Edwards. The defence was put off balance by the double change of direction and Edwards' try was converted by Murphy. Good combined moves in which backs and forwards alike ran and handled skilfully brought three more tries to bring the total to 43 without reply from the home team.

Team: Asbury; Pinnington, Edwards, Azurdia, Carter; Davidson, Collins; Fearn, Kelly, Murphy, Fox, White, Fitzgerald, Maxwell, Carrier.

St. Edward's College v. Cowley School.

HOME: Oct. 6th RESULT: S.E.C. 3 Cowley 3.
AWAY Jan. 26th RESULT: S.E.C. 16, Cowley 16

We were rather pessimistic about the outcome of this game with Cowley as O'Hare and Maybury were absent from the pack and Azurdia and Boyle from the three-quarter line. However, the deputies played well and, after a hard and exciting game, the honours were divided. The pace was very fast right from the start and it was soon apparent that the two sides were evenly matched, Cowley having a first-choice centre absent to counter-balance Azurdia's absence. As it was the first meeting of the two sides this season, and still a bit early for teams to be fully fit and fully-knit as regards teamwork, each side seemed a little apprehensive of the wiles of the other and play was rather orthodox and straight-forward. Mistakes in passing or handling were quickly pounced upon and turned to advantage by the other side and few risks were taken. Our pack seemed to have the measure of their opponents and, as Cowley's regular hooker was not playing, Kelly won a good share of possession, helped by good packing and hard pushing.

In the early stages Cowley got more of the ball from the line-out and so both sets of backs saw plenty of the ball and each defence in turn was hard pressed. Cowley

had a couple of penalties but both kicks failed and then the home side fought back and heeled from a scrum on the Cowley "25" near the right touch-line. The backs went off at top speed, Edwards cut through and passed to Gordon who drew the full-back and passed to Downey who scored about eight yards from the corner. The kick at goal failed. Both Cowley wingers looked dangerous at times but were unable to get through.

At the start of the second half Cowley went on the attack straight away, but they were finally forced back and then it was our turn for a while, but Cowley were soon back again and on two occasions a centre was almost up to the full-back with a winger outside. On each occasion he chose to come inside and the cover-defence was able to check the movement. We got close to the Cowley line and Collins got over but could not ground the ball properly in the face of a massed defence. We forced a five yard scrum but Cowley got the ball away and forced a series of scrums almost on our line, but on each occasion the danger was cleared. The home forwards next seized on a loose ball and a storming rush, with Lavery prominent, took play almost to the Cowley line where a defender was tackled in possession and penalised for not releasing the ball. The kick failed, as did another one from a good position when Collins was tackled before he received the ball when it seemed he might have been able to score. Cowley returned to the attack and swift passing to the right outpaced a defence which seemed for once a trifle slow and Ingham scored in the corner. The kick at goal failed and we stormed the Cowley line again but could not manage a winning score. In any case a draw was the fairer result.

Team: Asbury; Pinnington, Edwards, Gordon, Downey; Davidson, Collins; Fearn, Kelly, Murphy, Fox, White, Lavery, Maxwell, Carrier.

In the return game at St. Helen's, the two sides had a tremendous tussle which resulted in another draw.

This time both sides were at full strength and there was plenty of good rugby as well as excitement. Almost from the kick-off Cowley had scored a try on the left and the scorer was allowed to run in close to the posts. This try was converted and was followed shortly by another to leave us eight points down in as many minutes. The game looked won before we had properly realised it had started..

From a line-out at half-way the home side knocked the ball back. White was through very swiftly to rob the scrum-half and he ran very strongly, shaking off several tackles, to score near the corner. Collins kicked the goal beautifully into the teeth of a strong wind. Things looked slightly better for a while but then bad tackling allowed a home player to run through half the side to score at the posts and make the score 5-13 against us. A good piece of mid-field play led to a quick heel by the forwards and good passing along the line left Boyle room to get in at the left corner, too far out to convert. Cowley looked dangerous again on the right wing but a splendid tackle by Murphy put the winger into touch and saved a certain try. This was a piece of covering of which any wing forward would have been proud. For a front-row forward it was exceptional and showed the tremendous work being done by all the forwards.

In the second half we had the advantage of the wind and went into the attack at once, the forwards quickly establishing a definite supremacy over the home eight, particularly in the loose, where their work all through this half was extremely good. Yet it was Cowley who

got the first score, giving them a lead of eight points. This stung the visitors to an all-out effort which was kept up right to the end. The forwards covered and tackled magnificently, stormed along with the ball at their feet and heeled cleanly to give the backs a good supply of the ball. Cowley were dangerous every time their backs got room to develop a movement, especially on the right where our defence was a little lacking in pace and not so sound as the other wing. Ingham looked dangerous when he beat his opposite number but a good tackle by O'Hare stopped this move. Our centres were defending much more tightly now and coming more into their own in attack.

In the first half Davidson had made plenty of good openings; two of them would have brought tries with proper support. His breaks in this half were getting better support and several times we were near a score. A try soon came when the forwards started a short-passing move and handed on to the backs who moved the ball along towards the left where Maybury was up to take the final pass to score. The kick failed but we were now only five points down and all out for the equaliser. It seemed to have come when we heeled on the "25" and Collins ran right to work a scissors move with Davidson who touched down behind the posts. Unfortunately the pass had been slightly forward. Not long after this a quick heel set the backs off again and Azurdia cut through on the left for a try which Collins converted to level the scores. Cowley came again and were very close to a score, then we drove them back and they had to defend hard, being forced to touch down several times. But we could not cross their line again and a very good game ended with honours again even.

Team: Asbury; Pinnington, Edwards, Azurdia, Boyle; Davidson, Collins; Murphy, Kelly, Maybury, Fearn, White, Maxwell, O'Hare, Carrier.

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

HOME. Oct. 13th RESULT: S.E.C. won 9—5
AWAY Feb. 23rd Match cancelled

The final score in this game does not really reflect the play. Maybury, Edwards and Boyle were absent and White and Carrier were both hurt and off the field for most of the game and still we scored three tries to one. Our first score came very early, Pinnington crossing in the right-hand corner. This early success seemed to induce a feeling of complacency and the forwards put less efforts into their work.

Davidson made a good cut through and reached the full-back, but, with two men outside him, tried to cut inside again and so threw away a certain score. Downey was nearly through on the left and Gordon almost through on the right with Pinnington in support, but he spoiled the chance by kicking. West Park were marking very closely and our backs were again lying too flat. Collins was delaying his pass or trying to go on his own. Play became scrappy with the visitors making ground mainly by kicking or by seizing on the loose ball and booting it along. In one such bout of play they scored when Pinnington delayed dealing with a loose ball and an opponent dribbled it forward picked it up and dived over near the posts. The try was converted and we were two points down. Carrier was knocked out and had to go off and White damaged an ankle, tried to carry on for a while but had to go off eventually. Azurdia drew two defenders with two team-mates in support but had the ball tucked under one arm and the move died when he was tackled. Fearn was working very hard, well

supported by Fox. The rest of the pack were doing very little. Pinnington got a second try in the corner, the kick at goal again failing to leave us a point in front at half-time.

In the second half we saw a spate of interceptions by the visitors of ill-timed passes by our backs. Gordon repeated his first-half error by kicking before reaching the full-back with Pinnington in support, an example immediately followed by Davidson who started a good break on our "25" and then kicked with two players outside him.

Even with only thirteen players St. Edward's were doing most of the attacking and many tries were denied us only by desperate hand-trips at the last second or by some resolute tackling by the West Park full-back who played splendidly in spite of being hurt a couple of times making determined tackles to save his line. The visiting fly-half still used the diagonal kick as his main weapon in attack and Asbury was often painfully slow in getting across, though the kick came almost inevitably each time the visitors heeled. Fearn, Fox, Murphy and Kelly took the lead in a good dribble to the visitors' line, where Kelly found the ball at his feet and had only to pick up to score. For some obscure reason he thought he was offside and let a defender pick up and clear. Davidson then made a nice opening which led to a try by Gordon. The kick again failed and we were a mere four points ahead for our three tries. A good break by Collins was supported in turn by Downey, Maxwell, Fearn and Fox before being halted and then Davidson cut through but found nobody backing up and one more chance was lost. A West Park back ran through towards the end but the whistle had been blown for a forward pass as he received the ball just inside the "25" and the game ended without any further score.

Team: Asbury; Pinnington, Gordon, Azurdia, Downey; Davidson, Collins; Fearn, Kelly, Murphy, Fox, White, Maxwell, O'Hare, Carrier.

St. Edward's College v. Calday Grange G.S.

HOME. Oct. 20th RESULT: S.E.C. won 26—0

In this game Maybury came into the side for the first time but Davidson, White, Carrier and Boyle were absent. The home side proved far too strong for the visitors and eight tries were scored and many more thrown away through careless passing and a sudden spate of selfishness which time and again caused the player in possession to hold on and try to score himself when a simple pass would have brought a try. Only Fearn, Maxwell and Maybury among the forwards played well and the backs were generally no more than competent. The binding and pushing of the forwards were unsatisfactory, especially in loose scrums, and it was only half-way through the second half that they began to put these matters right. Pinnington was again at fault in dealing with the loose ball but, fortunately, no score came as a result this time. Downey, deputising on the left wing, persisted in trying to turn inside to beat his man. He joined in cleverly in the first half, in a movement going right, coming in at the right moment to dive over at the corner, only to find his effort in vain as the try was not allowed, the referee being unsighted at the moment of grounding and only seeing the ball as it rolled away.

We had plenty of possession in the first half, but the backs were bunching too much and often stopped too easily. When the longer pass was used gaps were readily made in the opposing defence. Four tries were

scored before the interval, one being converted by McDermott.

At the start of the second half the forwards fell away badly and Calday began to dominate both loose and set scrums, frequently holding the ball in the back row to put our back row or scrum-half offside. This policy kept their line intact for a long period, but provided very dull rugby. After fifteen or twenty minutes of this sort of thing, the home forwards seemed to realise they had a job on hand and began to stay down pushing even when Calday had hooked and they managed to recover possession several times running by pushing the opposing eight right off the ball. With a fair proportion of possession again our backs were able to come into the game again, and four more tries were added before no-side, none of them being converted. The scores were Pinnington (3), Maybury (2), Maxwell, Azurdia, Edwards.

Team: Asbury, Pinnington, Edwards, Azurdia, Downey, McDermott, Collins, Maybury, Kelly, Murphy, Fox, Fearn, Maxwell, O'Hare, Fitzgerald.

St. Edward's College v. Birkenhead Institute.

HOME. Oct. 24th RESULT: S.E.C. won 30—3
AWAY. Feb. 6th RESULT: S.E.C. won 41—3

The first game with B. I. at Sandfield Park was to a large extent a forward battle, with the home eight beaten in the loose scrums by a lighter pack which bound tighter and pushed harder both here and in the set scrums. This advantage of the visitors was countered to a great extent by the individual determination of the home forwards. The backs were the match-winners on the day for, with comparatively little possession, they pierced the visitors' defence almost at will. Azurdia gave a very good performance, thrusting away powerfully at every chance and scoring the best try of the match. Occasionally his passing was sadly at fault but, on this occasion, it hardly mattered. Edwards had fewer chances but was quick to dart through any gap and his quick, accurate distribution was no small factor in Azurdia's success. Pinnington got the first try after five minutes of constant pressure on the visitor's line, Fitzgerald scored next after a bout of passing which completely spread-eagled the defence and then Downey had a try, converted by McDermott to give us a half-time lead of 13—0.

Murphy took over the hooking position in place of Kelly who was hurt in the first half and shortly after the re-start McDermott kicked a penalty goal. Azurdia next scored a very good try and then B. I. had a penalty goal, followed by a try by McDermott—who had a very good game—after Pinnington had made the running by coming inside. Azurdia scored again and finally Collins went over in the corner after a thirty yards dash. McDermott converted two of the second-half tries.

Team: Asbury, Pinnington, Edwards, Azurdia, Downey, McDermott, Collins, Maybury, Kelly, Murphy, Fox, Fearn, Maxwell, O'Hare, Fitzgerald.

For the return game, White, Carrier Boyle and Davidson returned to the side but Kelly and O'Hare were absentees.

Conditions were ideal for open rugby and the School Fifteen took full advantage of them. No score came in the first fifteen minutes, the home side being obviously well coached in defence, which was particularly strong in the centre. Collins soon found a way to break down the excellent man-to-man defence of B.I. by eluding his immediate opponents round the base of the scrum and breaking very fast on the open side to draw the B. I.

fly-half and passing at once to Davidson, who drew the inside centre and set Azurdia off on good plunging runs to Institute's line. Edwards was also in good form, combining well with Azurdia drawing his own man perfectly and giving Azurdia short passes on the burst. Both were occasionally at fault with weak tackles. Davidson was excellent, using speed and dummy with great effect.

Collins was resourceful and determined as ever. The forwards did very well all through this game, continuing to play well when the score rose rapidly in contrast with their usual tendency to relax and become a bit ragged when a good lead was established. The binding and heeling and feeding of the backs were all done as quickly at the end of the game as at the beginning. In all, nine tries were scored, seven of them being converted, B. I. getting a penalty goal.

Team: Asbury, Pinnington, Edwards, Azurdia, Boyle, Davidson, Collins, Maybury, Lavery, Murphy, Fearn, White, Pearson, Maxwell, Carrier.

St. Edward's College v. De La Salle College, Pendleton.

AWAY Oct. 27th RESULT: S.E.C. lost 6—11
HOME. Dec. 8th RESULT: S.E.C. won 10—3

This was our first defeat of the season and on the day's play St. Edward's were definitely unlucky to lose. White's absence was a severe handicap at the line-out and Kelly's in the set scrums, where his hooking would have made a great difference. When our backs got possession they hooked much better than the home backs. Early in the game De La Salle were awarded a penalty in front of the posts but the kick was sent wide. From a scrum on our "25" near the left touch-line, we managed a clean heel and Azurdia burst past his opposite number and passed on to Edwards who drew the winger before handing on to Pinnington, who rounded the full-back near half-way and ran round behind the posts. In attempting to ground the ball with no defender near him, he knocked the ball against his foot and it rolled away out of control to be scrambled away. Five points at this stage would have made a big difference. Maybury had two long shots at goal, the first dropping just under the bar; the second, from the touch-line, went over. Then, from some scrambling play in our "25", the home scrum-half picked up and dodged over for a try, which was converted. The home side were kicking a lot, but Asbury fielded everything impeccably and dealt particularly skilfully with rolling balls, picking up clearly on the run and finding a good touch. Just before the interval Boyle had a good run on the left but lacked the pace to reach the line.

Early in the second half Davidson cut through to send Edwards over near the posts. The conversion was missed and where we might have been leading 13—5, we were a single point ahead. De La Salle missed a penalty from an easy position but soon scored from another to lead by two points. Azurdia had a splendid run right down the middle and was only halted right on the line where the home side were awarded a penalty. We came close again when a back movement started in our "25" and ended when Pinnington was held by the full-back a few yards from the line. Several promising chances were lost by a bad pass or a knock-on at a vital stage. It seemed we must get another try, but it was De La Salle who scored. Hood picked up near our line and was tackled by two of our forwards but his own pack pushed him along and a mass of bodies collapsed over our line,

Hood being awarded a try which was not converted. Maxwell was prominent in a good forward rush and Fearn's opened up play well in our "25" to start a good attack which proved fruitless. In spite of our continued pressure the defence held out to the end.

Team: Asbury, Pinnington, Edwards, Azurdia, Boyle, Davidson, Collins, Maybury, Lavery, Murphy, Fox, Fearn's, Maxwell, O'Hare, Fitzgerald.

For the return game White was absent along with Davidson who had not played since the middle of November, was still on the injured list and his place at fly-half was being filled by McDermott who combined particularly well with Collins in this game. Between them they completely outplayed the visiting halves and had much to do with the good form of the "threes".

The visitors' defence proved surprisingly hard to penetrate and it was well our backs were in good form, running determinedly, passing slickly and making excellent use of the sudden change of the direction of the attack.

They were willing to take chances by attacking even from their own line and the whole side showed a laudable desire to keep the ball in play, attacks being started by forwards and backs alike from the most unpromising situations. This naturally meant taking risks and some of the visitors' nearest approaches to crossing our line came as a result of a risky pass being intercepted or a player being caught in possession trying to open up in a difficult situation. Collins paved the way for the first try when he held the ball and darted through the gap left by the opposing wing-forwards coming up too quickly. Rapid passing to the wing gave Boyle just enough room to get in, McDermott converting with a splendid kick. Azurdia, having one of his best games, frequently burst through and once went over but had stepped on the touch-line a mere foot short of the corner-flag. His defence was also very sound when the visitors' attacked. Edwards, back in the side after a spell off through injury, was a little out of touch especially in the timing of his pass, but his defence was as sound as ever.

The second half soon saw our lead increased. At a set scrum Boyle came in from the left wing to take Collins' pass and quick passing, with each player drawing his man, left Pinnington with only the full-back to beat and he was in at the right corner, McDermott again converting. The visitors then had a penalty goal, which was to be their only score of the match, though they came near once or twice, good saves by Asbury, Boyle and Fox in turn saving probable scores. Fox's save was a perfect example of the value of corner-flagging by forwards.

The best movement of the game and the best seen on the ground this season came during a determined attack by the visitors, who had forced a five-yard scrum in front of our posts. A well-timed heave by the pack gave us a clean heel, Collins saw a gap on the open side and was through in a flash and hared straight up the middle with McDermott, Edwards and wing-forward Carrier in support. These four inter-passed cleverly to beat one defender after another and when they looked like being overwhelmed inside the opponents "25" found O'Hare up in support. It looked as if he could make the line if he had plunged straight ahead but he hesitated momentarily and the move came to an end a few yards in front of the posts. Fox, Maybury, Fearn's and Murphy were most prominent in a hard-working pack, the last-named taking over as hooker when Kelly was hurt. Maxwell, O'Hare and Carrier formed a very efficient back-row, sound in defence pushing hard and

taking a prominent part in attack whenever possible and Asbury inspired complete confidence at full-back.

Team: Asbury, Pinnington, Edwards, Azurdia, Boyle, McDermott, Collins, Maybury, Kelly, Murphy, Fox, Fearn's, Maxwell, O'Hare, Carrier.

St. Edward's College v. Liverpool University A.S.A. XV.

HOME. Nov. 7th RESULT: S.E.C. won 19—6

The School Fifteen made very heavy work of winning this game against a 'Varsity XV, which though superior in weight and in some cases in individual skill, was nevertheless a scratch side and never settled down to play as a team. Their most serious threat seemed to be John Rogan playing in an unaccustomed role on the left wing where the ball rarely reached him. The home backs handled badly and passed badly for most of the game, many excellent scoring chances being frittered away. Yet many good movements were worked out by both backs and forwards. Asbury was the most efficient player on the home side with Fearn's and Maybury doing best in the pack, with O'Hare doing well when he felt like exerting himself. Tries were scored by Pinnington, Davidson and Edwards. Maybury converted two tries and kicked two penalty goals.

Team: Asbury, Pinnington, Edwards, Azurdia, Boyle, Davidson, Collins, Maybury, Lavery, Murphy, Fox, Fearn's, Maxwell, O'Hare, Fitzgerald.

St. Edward's College v. Collegiate.

AWAY Nov. 10th RESULT: S.E.C. lost 3—14

HOME. Jan. 19th RESULT: S.E.C. won 11—3

The first game with Collegiate found us weakened in vital positions owing to the absence of Kelly, White, O'Hare, Carrier and Collins. We had very little possession either from set scrum or line-out and when we did get the ball in the scrum it came out slowly.

Unsworth was unable to get the ball away either cleanly or quickly and his passes were unpredictable, so that Davidson had an unpleasant afternoon and the three-quarters got very few opportunities. We were three points down very early when Collegiate got a penalty goal from in front of the posts when Downey was offside. The home forwards were well on top and their backs had plenty of opportunities, their halves particularly receiving the freedom of the field from our scratch back row. Collegiate scored a good try at the posts and we were eight points down.

For a brief spell our forwards began to get the ball but then the passing of the backs was uncertain and Edwards did too much kicking. We were near scoring just on half-time when the backs moved well for the first time.

Shortly after the interval Collegiate went further ahead and then we attacked and Maybury was held up just short of the line. The ball was too slow reaching our centres and they were given no chance of avoiding a close-marking defence. A Collegiate centre intercepted a careless pass in midfield and kicked over the full-back's head. A. Edwards seemed to have got to the ball first but apparently did not touch down properly and another three points were added to the total against us. We got a consolation try just before the end when Edwards scored near the left-hand corner. Collegiate

were well worth their win and this was by far our worst display of the whole year.

Team : Asbury, Pinnington, Edwards, Azurdia, Boyle, Davidson, Unsworth, Maybury, Cuckson, Murphy, Fox, Fearn, Maxwell, Fitzgerald, Downey.

For the return game at Sandfield Park, which was our first of the spring term, the School Fifteen was at full strength and a much better game resulted than in the first meeting of the two sides. Once again St. Edward's started slowly and Collegiate, using the kick-off to camp firmly in our half, were soon in the lead. A movement going right broke down, the ball was heeled and passed swiftly towards the left where the winger just had room to get over. The kick at goal failed. The home side hit back strongly. Pinnington was tackled into touch a few yards short of the line and another attack saw a defender forced to fly-kick into touch-in-goal. When Collegiate attacked again, O'Hare and Carrier in turn relieved pressure by getting possession of loose balls and making long runs which failed to lead to anything through lack of support. An excellent bout of passing among the forwards looked promising but the attack was not pressed home. Davidson made some good openings but lack of acceleration after the initial break prevented them from causing the visitors' defence serious trouble. Collins found himself in possession after some loose play and ran across towards the right to link up with Pinnington but, seeing the latter closely marked and almost on the touchline, turned inside and touched down as he was tackled. He missed the conversion and so half-time came with the scores level at a try each.

In the first half our centres were frequently being tackled in possession and Collegiate were regularly first to the loose scrum to win possession. Early in the second half the home forwards began to get there first and so we were seeing more of the ball from the loose. Davidson broke through with a long run towards the left but he was forced to pass to Collins who was tackled.

Collegiate had a spell on the attack but good passing among the forwards took play to half-way again. White and Collins in turn missed penalties when Collegiate were offside. There were quite a few stoppages for knocks in this game which was fast and hard but always scrupulously clean. Fortunately, the knocks were not of a serious nature and nobody had to leave the field. A Collegiate kick failed to find touch about half-way, the home backs began a passing movement towards the right where Pinnington beat a couple of defenders to score in the corner. Collins had a chance soon after but chose to kick when a pass would have brought a try. He soon made amends by breaking on the open side and with the defenders converging on Davidson, held on and weaved his way through to score between the posts, Azurdia converting. This was the final incident of note in an excellent and enjoyable game.

Team : Asbury, Pinnington, Edwards, Azurdia, Boyle, Davidson, Collins, Maybury, Kelly, Murphy, White, Fearn, Maxwell, O'Hare, Carrier.

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

AWAY. Nov. 17th RESULT : S.E.C. lost 3—6.
HOME. Feb. 9th RESULT : won 10—3

Our first meeting with St. Mary's was at Chesterfield Rd., in November when we were beaten by two penalty goals to a try. Edwards and White were both absent and,

in the circumstances, it was not a bad performance against a strong St. Mary's side. On the play we might have won but we did not use our few chances to the best advantage. A glaring example was when Collins worked the scissors and reverse pass perfectly with Davidson, but the latter's break was not supported and a splendid chance was lost. When possession is comparatively rare, such chances cannot be wasted. St. Mary's got two very good penalty goals, one from near half-way, and these were sufficient to off-set our solitary try.

Team : Asbury, Pinnington, Azurdia, M., Boyle, Downey, Davidson, Collins, Maybury, Kelly, Azurdia A., Fearn, Murphy, Maxwell, O'Hare, Carrier.

The return game took place at Sandfield Park in February. Conditions were almost as bad as they could be underfoot and a light drizzle set in during the first half and lasted for the rest of the game. The only thing needed to complete our misery was a strong wind and this was mercifully lacking.

St. Mary's attacked at the start and a foolish attempt to start a passing movement under our own posts gave them plenty of encouragement. The danger was cleared but the visitors soon got a penalty by holding the ball in the back row. The kick was missed but they made no mistake when Kelly was penalised for foot-up.

It was obviously a question of whether we would be able to get the ball from their pack often enough to win and for a while it looked as if we would rarely see it and when we did heel or win a line-out, their backs were lying flat and the back-row always waiting to pounce. They were frequently penalised for off-side but they did succeed in making back-play, difficult enough in the conditions, virtually impossible. In these conditions, Davidson's steadiness was sadly missed at fly-half. Gordon tried hard and did many good things, but everything was against him, including some premature tackling. St. Mary's heeled and kicked monotonously, making no attempt at back-play.

Fortunately our pack was at full strength and matched the visitors in all phases of forward play, once pushing the visiting pack right off the ball when the latter had won possession in a set scrum and White giving nothing away in a line-out duel with Collingwood and McCann. Our first try came from a quick heel on the "25", a break on the open side by Collins followed by quick passing to give the overlap, and Pinnington crossed in the right corner and went round to the posts. Collins converted.

We had a second try early in the second half. Again Collins broke on the open side to draw the fly-half and the ball went along the line to Pinnington who found two cover-defenders blocking his way but White was up to take his inside pass and score, Collins again converting. From the kick-off the home forwards made ground by short passing but a knock-on spoiled the move.

The rest of the half consisted of a home attack starting near mid-field and breaking down inside the visitors' "25". The visitors would then fight their way back to mid-field where the process was repeated as before. Collins was almost through after clever work by Edwards, but slipped at a vital moment. Our forwards, slightly inferior in the tight, were definitely on top in the loose in this half and checked every attempt at a break-through in the loose or at the line-out, where Maybury was outstanding in support of White. O'Hare excelled in covering behind the backs to help in dealing with kicks over their heads.

Team : Asbury, Pinnington, Azurdia, Edwards, Boyle, Gordon, Collins, Maybury, Kelly, Murphy, White, Fearn, Maxwell, O'Hare, Carrier.

St. Edward's College v. Oldershaw G.S.

HOME. Nov. 21 RESULT: S.E.C. won 20—3

Edwards and White were still on the injured list for this game and the side was further weakened by the absence of Murphy and Davidson. Oldershaw kicked off and our forwards moved the ball well towards the right and the backs continued the move well into the visitors' half where play remained for some time, Oldershaw stoutly resisting our attempts to find a way through, until M. Azurdia ran past his man and linked up with Pinnington who crossed in the corner. Oldershaw came back and were awarded a penalty which they converted to level the scores.

A second penalty against Fearn's for handling in a loose scrum was sent narrowly wide. A promising move by McDermott and M. Azurdia left Boyle in possession. He should have sent his winger in but delayed his pass and was tackled in possession. Carrier was backing up and when the ball went loose was able to gather and score for McDermott to convert.

Oldershaw threatened danger early in the second half when their out-half ran right and kicked to the left corner, finding touch near our line, but our pack took the ball away outside the "25". Collins made several good breaks, always linking up well with the other backs. An Oldershaw centre was clear after intercepting a pass and raced away with his winger in support. When challenged by Asbury he passed to the winger who was taken from behind by Pinnington. McDermott kicked two penalty goals and Oldershaw missed a couple. A spell of bad handling followed spoiling several promising moves. During an Oldershaw attack our forwards broke through from a line-out near our line and inter-passed splendidly to take play beyond the half-way line. McDermott cut through cleverly from a scrum when the Oldershaw backs came up quickly and was halted only just short of the line. We forced several five yard scrums but an Oldershaw wheel cleared their line.

Another Oldershaw wheel was not so successful as they lost control, the ball was snapped up by Maxwell who passed to the backs and a series of crisp passes left Downey an easy run to the left-hand corner.

Maybury and Collins in turn forced their way over but neither got a clear touch-down. A. Azurdia was prominent in the pack in this half, particularly at the line-out. The final score was a try by Pinnington between the posts which was not converted.

Team: Asbury; Pinnington, Azurdia, M., Boyle, Downey; McDermott, Collins; Maybury, Kelly, Azurdia, A., Murphy Fearn's, Maxwell, O'Hare, Carrier.

St. Edward's College v. St. Anselm's College.HOME. Nov. 24th RESULT: S.E.C. 0; S.A.C. 0.
AWAY. Feb. 2nd RESULT: S.E.C. won 23—13

Our first game with St. Anselm's ended in a scoreless draw and was a very drab affair. White's absence was felt at the line-out, St. Anselm's forwards proved far livelier than the home eight who were badly led and never properly together. The backs, weakened by the absence of Edwards and Davidson, rarely moved really well and were generally kept in a stranglehold by the fast-breaking visiting forwards, who harried them out of their stride. We spent a long period on the defensive at the start. When we got a chance to attack, Boyle broke through but had not the pace to reach the line and had no support. St. Anselm's dribbled over our line but Boyle touched down. Then we dribbled over theirs and

the full-back touched down. Azurdia made a few strong bursts but spoiled most of them by passing badly. Once he broke through and drew the opposing winger, only to give Pinnington an impossible pass.

Early in the second pass Collins fired a beautiful reverse pass to McDermott on the blind side but the latter was not quick enough to get through. Then Collins passed to McDermott and came round for the return but again the visitors' defence held. When a visitor was off-side in his own "25", McDermott missed an easy kick and then St. Anselm's, in turn, had a chance and sent wide. Downey intercepted a pass and ran forty yards but was caught just short of the line. This was the last scoring effort of the game.

Team: Asbury, Pinnington, Azurdia, Boyle, Downey, McDermott, Collins, Maybury, Kelly, Lavery, Murphy, Fearn's, Maxwell, O'Hare, Carrier.

For the return game at Nocturnum Edwards, White and Davidson returned to the side, Kelly being the only absentee. This game provided much more rugby than the first encounter though played on a heavy ground. Fortunately the going was firmer away from the middle of the pitch and outside centres and wingers were little affected. St. Anselm's kicked off, Murphy caught cleanly and changed upfield. When he was tackled St. Anselm's got possession and their scrum-half kicked for touch over the heads of his forwards. He failed to find it, Pinnington fielded and passed inside, all the backs handling in turn at speed until the ball reached Azurdia who put in a fine burst to score near the posts, Collins converting. Shortly afterwards, a good heel set the backs off smartly to the right, Edwards beat his man and, when faced by the full-back, instead of passing out to Pinnington who was covered, turned the ball inside to Azurdia who was backing up well after passing on and went on to score again at the posts, Collins again converting. This was a splendid start with two excellent tries, but the side tended to become a little complacent, St. Anselm's fought back and were soon on the attack.

They got a scrambled try at the posts and then scored again in the left corner when their left winger, safely held, was let go again and gratefully trotted over. We were now only two points ahead and pressed hard again, coming near to scoring several times, once after a good run by Asbury to link up with the threes. Then St. Anselm's heeled in their "25" and slow wing forwards let their fly-half through. He took his chance splendidly and shot past our defence and was supported by a centre who scored at the posts. The conversion left us trailing 10—13. Edwards and Azurdia worked a good scissors for the latter to be halted just short of the line.

St. Anselm's were marking very closely and spoiling round the scrum to check our attacks and their forwards were excellent in the loose. Collins, Davidson and Edwards were doing all they could to get clear of the close marking but never got clean through. The whole back line was passing very crisply and often got the ball to the wings before the defenders were up by sheer speed of handling. Then Davidson would hold on and go for openings on his own, thus easing the pressure on the centres. We saw plenty of good running but the home defence was tremendous and there were no scores. This was the pattern until late in the second half when the home forwards seemed to collapse. Our attacks began to get nearer the home line before being halted, showing that the strain on the cover defence was telling. An attack on the right was checked near the line, the ball was heeled and went left and Azurdia completed his hat-trick of tries. The kick failed and the scores were level.

Almost at once O'Hare ran through from half-way, a feat repeated by White from the kick-off. Both tries were converted to give us a comfortable win after a great battle in which the honours were shared between our backs and the home forwards, our own forwards starting well, falling off for a long spell and then finishing well.

Team: Asbury; Pinnington, Edwards, Azurdia, Boyle; Davidson, Collins; Maybury, Lavery, Murphy, Fearn, White, Maxwell, O'Hare, Carrier.

School v. Old Boys.

Dec. 1st. RESULT: S.E.C. 0; Old Boys' 0.

The annual Old Boys' game turned out to be a hard, evenly-fought encounter, ending in a scoreless draw like the St. Anselm's match of the previous Saturday. The Old Boys' were dangerous at half-back and in the centre where they made many openings, but the School each time managed to recover in time to prevent a score. The School backs never approached their best form, the only one to do really well being Collins who got the ball away well and always broke with good judgment. Some of his efforts deserved better support than they got. All the backs defended splendidly and, among the forward, Maybury, Fearn, White, and Murphy were best with Kelly doing some good work at the line-out.

St. Edward's College v. Wirral G.S.

HOME. Mar. 9th RESULT: S.E.C. won 9—3

Our first term fixture with Wirral was cancelled and this was our only meeting of the season. The game came after a spell of inactivity through cancelled games and the results were all too apparent. All through the first half the team was struggling to find its form and little good rugby was seen, the Wirral forwards spoiling most attempts to set our backs going and when they did get a few chances the visitors' back row were able to prevent a break-through. The centres spoiled several chances by holding on too long when a pass could have meant a score. Incidentally the two centres were Davidson and Collins, their own places being filled by the Second Team halves, McDermott and Unsworth. With this sort of re-shuffle high-class centre play was not to be expected, though in the second half the two began to look somewhat like centres. The forwards were atrocious in the first half, with White an outstanding exception. He worked very hard but got little support. The forwards once showed what they could do when Wirral decided to hold the ball in their scrum. Our pack got a really good shove on and pushed Wirral right off the ball, then walked on over it to leave it at Unsworth's feet. However, they staged a revival in the second half and played well up to form, tackling hard, driving on with the ball at their feet or in their hands and giving the backs more chances to run, three tries resulting, two by Pinnington, the other by Boyle, none being converted. Asbury had a very good game at full-back, dealing well with all sorts of kicks, going down courageously and finding touch safely on a day when the mud made his task far from pleasant.

Team: Asbury; Pinnington, Collins, Davidson, Boyle; McDermott, Unsworth; Maybury, Kelly, Murphy, Fearn, White, Maxwell, O'Hare, Carrier.

St. Edward's College v. St. Joseph's College.

AWAY. Mar. 16th RESULT: S.E.C. won 26—6

On a wet and windy day we were fortunate in finding a weak team at St. Joseph's as few of our players showed really good form, the forwards especially being lifeless.

The home side took an early lead with a well taken penalty. Our backs were cramped by the narrow pitch, St. Joseph's fine new field not yet being ready for matches. When they began to go through down the middle scores looked more likely. Collins used his straight break well and McDermott made one very good break straight through the middle. When halted at the line any of three supporting players could have scored but each passed back to someone else and the defence got time to rally.

One good bout of passing saw the ball more along a line of players to the right, back to the left and out to the right again before the move was checked. A good burst by Edwards and Azurdia gave Pinnington room to crash in at the corner for our first try and shortly afterwards he beat three men to get a second. St. Joseph's now came close to a score after a long dribble but the ball finally rolled dead. Collins, making a dive for the line, was tackled by two defenders, one from each side, and was hors de combat for a while. Half-time came with the score 6—3 in our favour.

Early in the second half Boyle scored a try which was converted by Maybury. The ball was flung about freely, the direction of attack changed frequently and scissors movements worked cleverly between the centres and between the centres and their wings. Asbury was frequently tested but fielded everything splendidly and kicked surely. St. Joseph's now scored against the run of play—a series of hacks taking the ball over our line where it bounced awkwardly for Boyle and Asbury who could not recover on the wet surface in time to prevent a home forward touching down. The kick failed.

Azurdia ran strongly to burst through and score half-way out. On the day he was about the best of our backs, always taking his passes at top speed, passing judiciously and always a worry to the defence with his strong bursts through the middle. Further tries were scored by Maybury and White. Maybury converted four of the six tries scored.

Team: Asbury; Pinnington, Edwards, Azurdia, Boyle; McDermott, Collins; Maybury, Kelly, Murphy, Fearn, White, Maxwell, O'Hare, Carrier.

Second XV

The Second XV had an even better season than the previous year, only two of the official school matches being lost, both to Cowley. The first defeat was at St. Helen's where a much depleted side went down heavily (0—30). In the home game the side was much nearer full strength and lost 0—5. Some of the matches provided runaway wins, but, in the harder games, the side showed itself capable of very good Rugby, and able to defend stoutly as well as attack intelligently.

Much of the quality of the back play was due to the cleverness and experience of McDermott at fly-half, though he was frequently called on for First Team duty. D. Gordon was a very promising half or centre whose appearances were much curtailed by injury. Best among the forwards were Lavery, Cleary, Fitzgerald and Fox. Others who played regularly were: Hoffman, Swanick, Goulbourn, Unsworth, Cuckson, Wolfenden, T., Downey, J., O'Hare, M., Green, Ludden, and Pearson.

The following also played: Rimmer, Kirby, Brown, Geoghegan, P., Padden, Kelly, W., Crawford, Rowan, Massey, Colquitt.

RESULTS:

Sept. 22	(H)	Bootle G.S.	.....	Won 55—0
Sept. 26	(H)	Park H.S.	.....	Won 58—3
Sept. 29	(H)	Rock Ferry H.S.	.....	Won 64—0

Oct. 6	(A)	Cowley School	Lost	0—30
Oct. 13	(H)	West Park C.G.S.	Won	3—0
Oct. 20	(A)	Calday Grange G.S.	Won	9—3
	(A)	Birkenhead Institute ...	Won	14—11
	(A)	De La Salle, Salford ...	Won	15—6
	(A)	Collegiate	Won	27—11
	(H)	St. Mary's	Won	33—0
	(H)	Oldershaw	Won	43—0
	(A)	St. Anselm's	Drawn	6—6
Dec. 8	(A)	De La Salle, Salford ...	Won	16—0
Jan. 19	(H)	Collegiate	Won	22—3
Jan. 23	(A)	Park High School	Won	57—0
Jan. 26	(H)	Cowley School	Lost	0—5
Feb. 2	(H)	St. Anselm's	Won	26—0
Feb. 6	(H)	Birkenhead Institute ...	Won	46—3
Feb. 9	(A)	St. Mary's	Won	11—0

UNDER 15's XV

A fairish season for the Colts. We had a weak start against Park and Rock Ferry, but made up for this later on in the season. We found our true form in the second game at home. Coady and Keating in the line-outs and Houghton and Rolston in the forward rushes shone that day—a good day for the pack in general. There were several games with only a couple of points between S.E.C. and victory—we found it hard to get rid of a habit of kicking up-field into the hands of the opponents instead of to touch : and from such deeds came the tries that made us the losers. Other games which we won by a couple of points we could have made more decisive by better team work which would have put the stamp on individual good play by such backs as Christmas, Smith, Ledden and McDonnell.

The football in the first half of the Oldershaw match was possibly the best of the season. Rolston was carried off on a stretcher during this game, but we did not lose ground from a single scrum and Taylor gave spectacular services to his backs right through the game.

The stiffest game was against St. Anselm's : Operation Quagmire. Murray in one of his few appearances got a fine try with a swallow dive—on the whole it was a ding-dong exhibition of determination in heavy conditions and we only lost by 14 points to 6. We gave them an even closer game at home later on in the season. Our three games against St. Mary's we lost too but not without a good fight. A satisfactory season in general though the tally of wins did not fall in our favour.

RESULTS :

(A)	Park High School	Lost	0—6
(A)	Rock Ferry	Draw	9—9
(H)	Cowley School	Lost	3—27
(A)	West Park C.G.S.	Lost	6—29
(H)	Calday Grange G.S.	Won	16—8
(H)	Birkenhead Institute ...	Lost	14—16
(A)	De La Salle Salford	Won	10—8
(H)	Collegiate	Won	10—8
(A)	St. Mary's College	Lost	12—16
(A)	Oldershaw G.S.	Won	11—5
(A)	St. Anselm's College ...	Lost	6—14
(H)	Rock Ferry	Won	39—0
(H)	De La Salle Salford	Won	10—8
(H)	Wirral G.S.	Lost	8—9
(A)	Collegiate	Won	10—8
(H)	Park High School	Draw	11—11
(A)	Cowley School	Lost	12—13
(H)	St. Anselm's College ...	Lost	5—6
(A)	Birkenhead Institute ...	Won	16—8
(H)	St. Mary's College	Lost	0—3

(A)	St. Mary's College.....	Lost	9—15
(A)	Wirral G.S.	Lost	5—6
(H)	L'pool Technical Schools	Won	32—3
P. 23	Won 9, Lost 12, Drew 2.	Points for 255 ;	Against 236.

Players : McGrath, (capt.), Ledden, Smith, Taylor, Christmas, McDonnell, Houghton, Brookfield, Keating, Waterworth, McMullen, Coady, McClellan, Rolston, Gallagher, Murray, Geoghegan.

Also Played : Irving, Mann, Milne, Coffey, Wilson, Hughes.

UNDER 13's XV

About half the previous year's under-sized XV had to be discarded, as they forgot to add the necessary inches to their stature during the holidays. Consequently, some rather raw recruits had to be initiated. They found the going hard at first, but their inclusion was necessary. Weight was needed in the forwards ; speed and strength were needed in the back line.

Their record seems rather disappointing, and, if one were to judge by results alone, that would be true. But, bearing in mind that this fifteen always tried to play attractive rugby, and were often deprived of victory by the narrowest margin, the picture is not so dull. They sadly lacked "spare parts". Hence, when on several occasions, no less than five of their regular players were off, it was difficult to fill the gaps. It is not a pleasant task to captain a weak team. A salute, therefore, to P. Fletcher, who always did his job with a smile, and led his men with spirit up to the final whistle, even though the balance was weighted heavily against them. To Fletcher's name must be coupled that of J. Gaffney, vice-captain, pack-leader and a forward of outstanding ability. But two players do not make a team, hence all those who donned the school colours must be congratulated on the spirit of sportmanship which they displayed at all times. That feature alone compensates for a great deal. Their motto was ; "It's only a game : let us do our best irrespective of the result." Brewer, too deserves mention for his fine hooking and loose play. J. Carney was outstanding in the loose. But let not the mention of the few dim the lustre of the others who gave all they had at all times. One can safely assume that their wonderful spirit will reap greater rewards next season.

RESULTS :

Oct. 18	(A)	West Park C.G.S.	Lost	14—26
20	(H)	Calday Grange G.S. ...	Drew	6—6
27	(H)	St. Joseph's Blackpool ...	Won	9—8
Nov. 3	(A)	Wirral G.S.	Lost	3—37
10	(H)	Collegiate School	Won	15—3
15	(H)	St. Ambrose's Altrincham	Lost	8—11
17	(A)	St. Mary's College.....	Lost	0—16
24	(A)	St. Anselm's College.....	Lost	6—18
Dec. 1	(H)	Bootle G.S.	Won	18—3
15	(H)	St. Mary's College.....	Drew	3—3
Jan. 12	(H)	Collegiate School	Won	16—10
19	(A)	Collegiate School	Lost	8—17
Feb. 2	(H)	St. Anselm's College.....	Lost	0—17
9	(H)	St. Mary's College	Won	12—10
16	(H)	Park High School	Drew	3—3
Mar. 7	(H)	West Park C.G.S.	Lost	0—15
9	(H)	Wirral G.S.	Lost	3—24
12	(H)	St. Mary's College	Drew	8—8
23	(A)	Calday Grange G.S.	Lost	3—25
28	(A)	St. Joseph's, Blackpool...	Won	9—3
30	(A)	St. Mary's College	Lost	11—17
April 4	(A)	Bootle G.S.	Lost	
6	(A)	St. Ambrose's Altrincham	Lost	3—53

"B" Team

Nov. 17	(A)	St. Mary's College	.....	Won	25—3
Dec. 15	(H)	St. Mary's College	.....	Lost	3—27
Jan. 12	(H)	St. Anselm's College	...	Lost	9—12
Mar. 28	(A)	St. Joseph's, Blackpool,			

Seven-a-side "A" team Won 12—3

The following played: P. Fletcher, (Capt.), J.

Gaffney, (Vice-capt), C. Bridge, M. Hughes, L. Lowe R. Faulkner, J. McInerney, M. Treanor, K. Brewer, J. Carney, B. Molloy, S. Sunderland, W. Miller, J. Reekers, G. Hale, P. Ratchford, G. Walker, A. O'Dowd, G. Glover, W. Lyons, P. Maybury, G. Rossiter, A. Bell, R. Krys, J. Parry, G. Kenyon, R. Roach, J. Ellison, J. Bennett, J. Bullen.

CRICKET

In the Inter-House Competition, Mersey retained the Shield, with Domingo runners-up with 32 points fewer.

Mersey's chief strength lay in the Senior section, where their first team was too strong for the other Houses and was well supported by the lower grades. As their Junior House was second only to Domingo, there was never any real doubt as to the likely winners of the Competition.

Final positions: Mersey 126: Domingo 94: Hope 78: Sefton 50.

First XI

The First XI was again captained by B. McDermott, D. Asbury being vice-captain.

Caps were awarded to M. Maybury and D. Taylor.

The side had a fairly good season, winning six of the ten matches brought to a conclusion. Its greatest strength lay in its bowling, the batting being unreliable and the fielding being, at its best, very good indeed, but with too many really bad patches, when bad catching and throwing cost an inordinate number of runs. One of the worst spells was after tea in the first game with St. Mary's.

A bad spell was seen again at Quarry Bank, and in the away game with St. Anselm's, where we won by only two runs, there were 26 extras in their total of 77.

In the home game with St. Mary's, St. Edward's scored 80 runs from the bat out of a total of 86 for 9, whereas the visitors scored only 64 runs from the bat, reaching 82 with extras. In this match we had reached 80 for 5 and it seemed a matter of one more over to get 3 runs and win by 5 wickets. The last ball of the over in which we reached 80, bowled Durbin. Off the first ball of the next over, Maybury rightly drove hard at a half-volley hoping to get a winning four. Unfortunately, as he so often did this season, he lifted the ball without getting enough carry to take it for six and was caught on the boundary. Lavery came in, made a nervous poke at the first ball he received and played on. Taylor followed and played out the over without adding to the score apart from running a bye which took him to the other end where he was bowled by the first ball of the next over.

So 80 for 5, with 3 to make for an easy win, had become 81 for 9 with the prospect of defeat instead. Williams followed Taylor, stopped two balls and got a single off the next to bring O'Hara to face the bowling. He stopped the next ball and then the last of the over was slightly short and he hit it round to leg for four.

This should have been a comfortable win. That it was finally so narrow was probably no more than justice to St. Mary's who, like ourselves, were below full strength and had soundly beaten us in our first meeting.

The first game of the season was not a very satisfying affair. A decision had actually been made to abandon the attempt when a patch of blue appeared. Tea was taken and a start was possible shortly after with about two hours and a half left for play. Batting first, we made 75 for 6 in an hour and ten minutes when Asbury,

acting as captain in McDermott's absence, made a generous declaration—over generous as it proved. In the hour and a quarter, the visitors made 76 for 6, getting the winning single off the fourth ball of the last over before time.

In the game against Quarry Bank, McDermott and Asbury, our opening bowlers as well as our best batsmen were both missing. To make matters worse, Williams wrenched the heel off his left boot after a few overs. Taylor took over this end and bowled his leg-breaks for 16 overs, of which six were maidens, taking eight wickets for 46 runs, a splendid performance on a hard wicket.

When we batted, we had to face a very fast bowler who, on this hard wicket which obviously had not been watered for weeks, made the ball kick dangerously. Wolfenden got a glancing blow on the head and we were fortunate no one else was hit as the ball, very old when the match started, was very hard to pick out at this pace against a background of trees, there being no sight-screens on the ground.

McDermott was our most successful batsman, and the fact that he was available for only five games was a serious handicap to the side. Asbury had little luck with his batting, his best scores being 25 not out against S.F.X. and 27 not out in the unfinished game with Alsop.. His bowling was very good and he was always a safe close-fielder. Maybury had a good knock of 39 at Crosby and showed some very good driving, especially against the slower bowlers, but lacked the patience to be a reliable batsman. Azurdia made 52 in his first game and some useful scores afterwards and was at his best as an attacking batsman, his defence being unsound.

D. Taylor, in his first season in the First XI, fulfilled all the promise shown in the various junior sides and generally kept well in mind the leg-spinner's cardinal objective—to make the batsman play forward. In his first game at St. Mary's, his first three overs were of uncertain length and yielded 17 runs, but he kept the ball well up and, finding his length, took 3 for 6 in the next seven overs. He maintained this standard in every game, his best performance being probably his long bowl at Quarry Bank. Against the C.I. Edwardian Association XI he took 5 for 5, including the hat-trick.

B. Williams proved a useful change bowler, though he often had to open the attack, who could swing the ball well but was too prone to expend effort and runs bowling down the leg side.

BATTING AVERAGES

	Inns.	N.O.	Highest			Avge.
			Score	Runs		
B. McDermott	...	5	0	58	143	28.60
M. Azurdia	...	9	0	52	144	16.00
D. Asbury	...	10	2	27*	111	13.875
M. Maybury	...	10	0	39	89	8.90
A Edwards	...	10	1	24*	75	8.33
T. Wolfenden	...	10	0	27	68	6.80

BOWLING AVERAGES

	O	M	R	W	Avg.
D. Taylor	77.1	21	177	36	4.91

D. Asbury	94	26	181	23	7.91
B. McDermott	54	13	128	14	9.14
B. Williams	61.4	15	137	14	9.78

St. Edward's College v. Calday Grange G.S.

At Sandfield Park

12/5/57

S.E.C. *

T. Wolfenden b. Preece	...	...	...	2
P. Geoghegan l.b.w. b. Preece	...	...	...	2
M. Maybury c. Birchall b. Critchley	...	...	...	8
D. Asbury c. Hill b. McCulloch	...	...	...	9
M. Azurdia b. Hartley	...	...	...	52
A. Edwards c. Davis b. Hartley	...	...	...	1
H. Lavery not out	...	...	...	0
F. Boyle did not bat	...	...	...	...
B. Ludden did not bat	...	...	...	...
D. Taylor did not bat	...	...	...	...
B. Williams did not bat	...	...	...	...

Extras ... 1

Total (for 6 wks. dec.) ... 75

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W	Avg.
Williams	10.4	2	20	4	5.00
Asbury	8	0	39	1	39.00
Boyle	2	0	17	1	17.00

Calday Grange G.S.

Amery c. Maybury b. Boyle	...	...	...	17
Davis c. Boyle b. Williams	...	...	...	4
Whorral l.b.w. b. Asbury	...	...	...	2
Burchall c. Edwards b. Williams	...	...	...	26
Critchley c. Maybury b. Williams	...	...	...	21
Hill c. Maybury b. Williams	...	...	...	2
Preece not out	...	...	...	4
Margerison not out	...	...	...	0
Hartley did not bat	...	...	...	...
Nelson did not bat	...	...	...	...
McCulloch did not bat	...	...	...	...

Extras ... 0

Total (for 6 wks.) ... 76

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

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

S.E.C.

T. Wolfenden l.b.w. b. Hamlin	...	...	...	0
P. Geoghegan l.b.w. b. Meehan	...	...	...	0
B. McDermott c. Hoare b. Meehan	...	...	...	3
D. Asbury b. Hamlin	...	...	...	13
M. Maybury c. Hoare b. Callaghan	...	...	...	39
M. Azurdia b. Hamlin	...	...	...	0
A. Edwards b. Meehan	...	...	...	0
B. Ludden b. Hamlin	...	...	...	5
H. Lavery b. Hamlin	...	...	...	2
D. Taylor c. Meehan b. Callaghan	...	...	...	3
B. Williams not out	...	...	...	0

Extras ... 4

Total ... 69

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W	Avg.
McDermott	12	1	31	2	15.50
Williams	4	2	6	0	...
Asbury	13.4	2	27	3	9.00
Taylor	10	3	23	3	7.66
Ludden	4	1	11	1	11.00

At Chesterfield

25/5/57

S.M.C. *

Meehan c. Wolfenden b. Taylor	...	...	...	26
Neary l.b.w. b. McDermott	...	...	...	0
Hamlin l.b.w. b. Asbury	...	...	...	16
Wallace b. Taylor	...	...	...	2
Sweeney c. Maybury b. McDermott	...	...	...	28
Lupton l.b.w. b. Taylor	...	...	...	0
Hoare St. Maybury b. Ludden	...	...	...	0
Kennedy b. Ashbury	...	...	...	9
Cotter not out	...	...	...	4
Adair c. Maybury b. Ashbury	...	...	...	14
Callaghan did not bat	...	...	...	...

Extras ... 15

Total (for 9 wks. dec.) ... 113

Result: S.E.C. lost by 44 runs

St. Edward's College v. Oldershaw G.S.

S.E.C.

F. Murray b. Probert	...	...	...	8
A. Edwards c. Probert b. Jordan	...	...	...	10
D. Asbury l.b.w. b. Peckham	...	...	...	6
T. M. Maybury hit wkt. b. Probert	...	...	...	0
C. M. Azurdia run out	...	...	...	20
D. Taylor b. Fisher	...	...	...	1
B. Ludden c. Jordan b. Peckham	...	...	...	0
P. Geoghegan l.b.w. b. Probert	...	...	...	12
T. Wolfenden l.b.w. b. Peckham	...	...	...	1
H. Lavery c. Bethall b. Peckham	...	...	...	1
B. Williams not out	...	...	...	0

Extras ... 10

Total ... 69

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W	Avg.
Asbury	10.5	6	8	3	2.66
Williams	11	2	27	3	9.00
Taylor	8	2	17	3	5.66
Ludden	6	1	21	0	...

At Sandfield Park

29/5/57

Oldershaw *

Fisher b. Asbury	...	...	...	0
Meadows b. Williams	...	...	...	9
Brown st. Murray b. Taylor	...	...	...	4
Probert c. Edwards b. Taylor	...	...	...	13
Peckham st. Murray b. Taylor	...	...	...	20
Jordan not out	...	...	...	27
Jones b. Williams	...	...	...	10
Bethall l.b.w. b. Williams	...	...	...	2
Dennett run out	...	...	...	0
Mercer l.b.w. b. Asbury	...	...	...	0
Shutes b. Asbury	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	16
Total	...	...	...	89

Result: S.E.C. lost by 20 runs.

St. Edward's College v. St. Francis Xavier's College**At Sandfield Park**

30/5/57

S.E.C.					
F. Murray b. Rigby	...	...	...	...	2
A. Edwards c. Owens b. Rigby	...	...	...	...	14
B. McDermott c. Clarke b. Marsden	...	...	...	...	17
D. Asbury not out...	...	...	...	...	25
M. Maybury c. Clarke b. Rigby	...	...	...	...	13
M. Azurdia c. Owens b. Rigby	...	...	...	...	14
B. Ludden not out	...	...	...	...	0
P. Geoghegan did not bat	...	...	...	...
H. Lavery did not bat	...	...	...	...
D. Taylor did not bat	...	...	...	...
B. Williams did not bat	...	...	...	...

Extras 6
Total (for 5 wickets) 91

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W	Avg.
McDermott	10	6	21	4	5.2
Asbury	9	4	15	3	5.0
Williams	4	0	28	2	14.0
Taylor	3	1	10	1	10.0

S.F.X. *					
Jackson b. McDermott	...	...	...	...	4
Nagle b. McDermott	...	...	...	...	1
Clarke c. Williams b. Asbury	...	...	...	...	5
Rigby l.b.w. b. McDermott	...	...	...	...	12
Redmond b. Williams	...	...	...	...	3
Owens b. Asbury	...	...	...	...	1
Haimes b. Williams	...	...	...	...	0
Smears l.b.w. b. McDermott	...	...	...	...	0
Dullaghan not out	...	...	...	...	35
Marsden b. Taylor	...	...	...	...	9
Harrison b. Asbury	...	...	...	...	2
Extras	...	...	...	...	17
Total	...	...	...	...	89

Result : S.E.C. won by 5 wickets.**St. Edward's College v. Old Boys' XI****Old Boys ***

S.E.C.					
T. Wolfenden c. Alston b. Holloway	...	...	...	...	1
A. Edwards not out	...	...	...	...	24
B. McDermott b. Holloway	...	...	...	...	40
D. Asbury l.b.w. b. Alston, G.	...	...	...	...	1
M. Maybury not out	...	...	...	...	18
P. Geoghegan did not bat	...	...	...	...
M. Azurdia did not bat	...	...	...	...
D. Taylor did not bat	...	...	...	...
B. Ludden did not bat	...	...	...	...
H. Lavery did not bat	...	...	...	...
B. Williams did not bat	...	...	...	...

Extras 6
Total (for 3 wickets) 89

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W	Avg.
McDermott	11	2	32	2	16.0
Asbury	6	2	7	2	3.5
Williams	6	1	12	1	12.0
Taylor	10.3	1	27	3	9.0

J. Ratchford run out	...	...	...	...	17
E. O'Leary c. b. Asbury	...	...	...	...	0
R. Bruce b. Asbury	...	...	...	...	6
T. Holloway c. Edwards b. Williams	...	...	...	...	3
F. Morgan b. McDermott	...	...	...	...	34
K. Bryson st. Maybury b. Taylor	...	...	...	...	0
T. Merivale c. Azurdia b. Taylor	...	...	...	...	0
J. Alston l.b.w. b. McDermott	...	...	...	...	0
G. Alston st. Maybury b. Taylor	...	...	...	...	17
V. Murphy run out	...	...	...	...	1
A. Bell not out	...	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	...	10
Total	...	...	...	...	88

Result : School won by 7 wickets.**St. Edward's College v. C. I. Edwardian****At Sandfield Park**

10/6/57

S.E.C. *					
A. Edwards b. Smith	...	...	...	...	4
T. Wolfenden c. Ratchford b. Holloway	...	...	...	...	5
B. McDermott b. Holloway	...	...	...	...	58
D. Asbury l.b.w. b. Smith	...	...	...	...	1
M. Maybury b. Smith	...	...	...	...	0
M. Azurdia b. Smith	...	...	...	...	0
P. Geoghegan b. Morgan	...	...	...	...	9
D. Taylor b. Holloway	...	...	...	...	6
B. Ludden b. Holloway	...	...	...	...	1
H. Lavery not out	...	...	...	...	5
B. Williams b. Holloway	...	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	...	7
Total	...	...	...	...	97

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W	Avg.
McDermott	9	1	16	0	
Asbury	11.5	2	30	3	10.0
Williams	3	1	3	1	3.0
Ludden	2	0	12	0	
Taylor	5	4	5	5	1.0

C.I.E.A.					
R. Bruce b. Asbury	...	...	...	...	1
J. Ratchford not out	...	...	...	...	39
F. Morgan c. Williams b. Asbury	...	...	...	...	8
T. Holloway c. Azurdia b. Williams	...	...	...	...	13
P. Monaghan b. Taylor	...	...	...	...	1
V. Murphy st. Maybury b. Taylor	...	...	...	...	0
B. Clarke c. Williams b. Taylor	...	...	...	...	4
T. Smith c. Williams b. Taylor	...	...	...	...	0
N. Kehoe b. Taylor	...	...	...	...	0
A. Bell run out	...	...	...	...	0
P. Gallagher b. Asbury	...	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	...	13
Total	...	...	...	...	79

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

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

T. Wolfenden c. Clarke b. Keating	...	...	...	27
A. Edwards c. Keating b. Tuttle	...	...	...	16
D. Asbury c. Clarke b. Rourke	...	...	...	20
M. Maybury c. Fowler b. Rourke	...	...	...	1
M. Azurdia b. Fowler	...	...	...	5
D. Taylor l.b.w. b. Fowler	...	...	...	0
F. Murray b. Fowler	...	...	...	0
H. Lavery b. Fowler	...	...	...	1
B. Ludden b. Keating	...	...	...	0
P. Geoghegan b. Keating	...	...	...	0
B. Williams not out	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	8
Total	...	...	...	79

Bowling Analysis					
	O	M	R	W	Avg.
Asbury	15.4	6	24	3	8.0
Williams	5	1	7	1	7.0
Taylor	11	3	20	6	3.33

At Noctorum**St. Anselm's**

Keating l.b.w. b. Williams	...	...	...	5
Morgan c. Wolfenden b. Asbury	...	...	...	1
Callander st. Maybury b. Taylor	...	...	...	36
Pursglove b. Taylor	...	...	...	5
Garland b. Taylor	...	...	...	1
Clarke c. Maybury b. Taylor	...	...	...	0
O'Brien b. Taylor	...	...	...	0
Maxwell c. Asbury b. Taylor	...	...	...	1
Rourke b. Asbury	...	...	...	0
Tuttle b. Asbury	...	...	...	2
Fowler not out	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	26
Total	...	...	...	77

22/6/57

Result: S.E.C. won by 2 runs.**St. Edward's College v. Quarry Bank H.S.****S.E.C.**

A. Edwards b. Davies	...	...	...	2
T. Wolfenden c. Ash b. Wennell	...	...	...	12
M. Maybury c. b. Spicer	...	...	...	0
D. Taylor c. Nevin b. Spicer	...	...	...	0
M. Azurdia run out	...	...	...	14
B. Ludden b. Ash	...	...	...	0
P. Geoghegan c. Parker b. Ash	...	...	...	4
J. Durbin b. Ash	...	...	...	7
H. Lavery c. Thorn b. Ash	...	...	...	2
B. Williams st. Nevin b. Smith	...	...	...	4
R. Clatworthy not out	...	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	...	28
Total	...	...	...	77

Bowling Analysis					
	O	M	R	W	Avg.
Williams	7	4	16	0	
Clatworthy	13	4	21	2	10.5
Taylor	16	6	46	8	5.75
Durbin	3	0	18	0	

At Quarry Bank**Quarry Bank ***

Nevin c. Maybury b. Clatworthy	...	...	...	4
Spicer l.b.w. b. Taylor	...	...	...	47
Parker b. Taylor	...	...	...	6
Wennell c. Maybury b. Taylor	...	...	...	4
Ash st. Maybury b. Taylor	...	...	...	5
Moore c. Azurdia b. Taylor	...	...	...	4
Smith c. Durbin b. Taylor	...	...	...	10
Thorpe b. Clatworthy	...	...	...	4
Falconer not out	...	...	...	5
Wilson b. Taylor	...	...	...	0
Davies b. Taylor	...	...	...	12
Extras	...	...	...	21
Total	...	...	...	122

29/6/57

Result: S.E.C. lost by 45 runs.**St. Edward's College v. St. Mary's College****S.E.C.**

T. Wolfenden b. Callaghan	...	...	...	4
A. Edwards b. Callaghan	...	...	...	1
B. McDermott b. McLellan	...	...	...	25
D. Asbury c. Hamlin b. Callaghan	...	...	...	4
M. Maybury c. Hamlin b. McLellan	...	...	...	10
M. Azurdia b. McLellan	...	...	...	18
J. Durbin b. Callaghan	...	...	...	13
J. O'Hara not out	...	...	...	4
H. Lavery b. McLellan	...	...	...	0
D. Taylor b. Callaghan	...	...	...	0
B. Williams not out	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	6
Total (for 9 wickets)	...	...	...	86

Bowling Analysis					
	O	M	R	W	Avg.
McDermott	12	3	28	6	4.66
Asbury	10	1	18	2	9.00
Williams	3	0	4	0	
Taylor	6	1	14	2	7.00

At Sandfield Park**St. Mary's ***

Hoare b. Asbury	...	...	...	5
Sweeney l.b.w. b. McDermott	...	...	...	3
Hamlin b. McDermott	...	...	...	11
Caslin c. Azurdia b. Asbury	...	...	...	5
Kennedy c. Taylor b. McDermott	...	...	...	3
Rodwell hit wicket b. McDermott	...	...	...	1
Callaghan b. Taylor	...	...	...	6
Adair c. Williams b. McDermott	...	...	...	22
Wallace c. Edward b. McDermott	...	...	...	4
Conway c. McDermott b. Taylor	...	...	...	3
McLellan not out	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	18
Total	...	...	...	82

6/7/57

Result: S.E.C. won by 1 wicket.

St. Edward's College v. Alsop H.S.
S.E.C.**At Alsop**

13/7/57

T. Wolfenden b. Wilson	...	...	...	3
F. Murray b. Best	...	...	...	0
D. Asbury not out...	...	...	...	27
D. Taylor not out	...	...	...	3

Rain. Match abandoned.

St. Edward's College v. Waterloo G.S.
S.E.C.***At Sandfield Park****Waterloo G.S.**

20/7/57

T. Wolfenden b. Walsh	...	...	...	13
A. Edwards b. Jones	...	...	...	3
D. Asbury c. Ross b. Walsh	...	...	...	5
M. Maybury run out	...	...	...	0
M. Azurdia c. South b. Walsh	...	...	...	21
D. Taylor c. Jones b. Walsh	...	...	...	7
F. Murray st. Ross b. South	...	...	...	0
B. Ludden b. South	...	...	...	0
J. O'Hara c. Ross b. Walsh	...	...	...	0
J. Watters c. Mitchell b. South	...	...	...	1
B. Williams not out	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	0
Total	...	...	...	50

Marsden c. Maybury b. Asbury	...	...	...	4
South c. Wolfenden b. Williams	...	...	...	0
Whalley c. Maybury b. Asbury	...	...	...	0
Walsh b. Williams	...	...	...	1
Greaves l.b.w. b. Asbury	...	...	...	0
Lewis st. Murray b. Taylor	...	...	...	7
Mitchell c. Ludden b. Taylor	...	...	...	24
Grant st. Murray b. Taylor	...	...	...	3
M. Ross not out	...	...	...	0
P. Ross st. Murray b. Taylor	...	...	...	2
Jones b. Taylor	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	42

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W	Ave
Asbury	9	3	13	3	4.33
Williams	8	2	14	2	7.0
Taylor	7.4	0	15	5	5.0

Result : S.E.C. won by 8 runs**School v. Staff**
School**At Sandfield Park****Staff**

24/7/57

H. Lavery b. Mr. Hackett	...	...	...	2
R. Clatworthy run out	...	...	...	1
M. Maybury not out	...	...	...	50
D. Asbury c. Br. Brennan b. Mr. Frazer	...	...	...	25
D. Taylor run out	...	...	...	3
M. Azurdia not out	...	...	...	1
F. Murray did not bat	...	...	...
J. O'Hara did not bat	...	...	...
G. Shawcross did not bat	...	...	...
J. Watters did not bat	...	...	...
S. Keating did not bat	...	...	...
Extras	...	...	...	11
Total (for 4 wks.)	...	...	...	93

Br. Brennan b. Clatworthy	...	...	...	0
Mr. Bolger b. Asbury	...	...	...	2
Br. Lovelady b. Shawcross	...	...	...	3
Mr. Frazer b. Clatworthy	...	...	...	0
Mr. Robinson b. Shawcross	...	...	...	6
Mr. Vignoles b. Maybury	...	...	...	8
Mr. Hackett c. Asbury b. Watters	...	...	...	41
Mr. O'Hanlon c. Azurdia b. Lavery	...	...	...	7
Mr. Boyle c. Shawcross b. O'Hara	...	...	...	10
Br. Mallowney c. Asbury b. Murray	...	...	...	1
Mr. Morris not out	...	...	...	2
Extras	...	...	...	8
Total	...	...	...	88

SECOND CRICKET XI

The Second XI had a poor enough season, winning only two matches of the seven completed and drawing one.

All their matches were well contested, the biggest margin of defeat being three wickets, while two other games were lost by one wicket and one run respectively. In the return game with St. Mary's, only one wicket was needed for a decisive win when time was called. The standard of play achieved was no more than moderate, though this moderateness was at least consistent.

O'Hara showed some promise as an all-rounder and found a place on the First XI towards the end of the season. Best scores were a 39 by Durbin and a 35 by Massey. T. Wolfenden also made 39 while temporarily exiled from the First XI. Downey took 15 wickets for 80 runs, Clatworthy 14 for 89 and Boyle 15 for 120.

Also played : M. Gibson, F. Murray, B. Ludden, B. Colquitt, J. Watters, J. Woolridge, A. Azurdia, G. Shawcross, B. Davis, B. Davidson, J. Tindall, R. Irving, S. Keating, B. Wolfenden, P. Moorhead, M. Geoghegan, D. Sparkes, J. Hoffman, J. Lynch, P. Christmas, J. Boon.

Results

May 11th 1957 away—S.E.C. 71 for 8 ; Calday Grange 70. Won by 2 wickets.

May 25th 1957 Home—S.E.C. 71 ; St. Mary's 94. Lost by 23 runs.

May 29th 1957 away—S.E.C. 70 ; Oldershaw 71 for 9. Lost by 1 wicket.

May 30 1957—away—S.E.C. 110 ; S.F.X. 74. Won by 36 runs.

June 22nd 1957 home—S.E.C. 64 ; St. Anselm's 65. Lost by 1 run.

June 29th 1957 home—S.E.C. 76 ; Quarry Bank 78 for 7. Lost by 3 wickets.

July 6th 1957 away—S.E.C. 108 ; St. Mary's 61 for 9. Match drawn.

June 1st 1957 home—School Second XI 133 for 7 ; A Staff XI 130.

COLTS (under 15) XI

v. Calday Grange	Won	81	68
v. St. Mary's	Lost	30	70
v. S.F.X.	Lost	44	47 for 5
v. St. Andrew's	Won	80	77
v. Quarry Bank	Lost	70	75
v. St. Mary's	Lost	76	81
v. Waterloo	Won	48	26

UNDER 14 XI

The Under 14 XI played six games, won four and lost two. They were ably captained by L. Doyle, a fine all-rounder. In the home game against De La Salle he took five wickets, including a hat-trick, for 16 runs, and five wickets for 12 runs against St. Mary's at Sandfield Park. Vice-captain Davenport put up the highest score of the season—50 not out against De La Salle. He took seven wickets for 9 runs against Oldershaw. C. Bridge, a

consistent bat and very good fielder, scored 22 in our home game against St. Mary's. Doyle was 20 not out in the same game. L. Doyle, J. Carney and Molloy were capable wicket-keepers. Nine members of the team proved to be good bowlers. Fielding and batting was of a very high standard: the result of constant practice. The results of the last three games of the season show what improvement had been made.

	S.E.C.	Opp.
v. Calday Grange	(A) Won 34 for 6	31
v. St. Anselm's	(A) Lost 33	117
v. St. Mary's	(A) Lost 58	101
v. St. Mary's	(H) Won 72 for 6	67
v. De La Salle	(H) Won 77 for 2	48
v. Oldershaw	(H) Won 24 for 1	23

The following played: L. Doyle (Capt.) A. Davenport (Vice-capt.), J. Nugent, A. Jones, B. Molloy, J. Carney, A. McMullen, J. Lowe, J. McInerney, T. Lundy, J. McKrell, M. Fearon, L. Rooney, B. Snelham, C. Bridge, M. Hughes.

CROSS COUNTRY NOTES

The season was, on the whole, a good one for the school. The Senior team, however, had a disappointing season despite the great efforts of J. Griffiths (Capt.). We were unfortunate in losing many of our best runners from the previous Senior team and those who remained for another season were far from showing their best form. The Seniors consisted of Griffiths (Capt.), E. Forde, B. Davis, M. Noon, J. Chamberlain, T. White, E. Quinn, D. Rooney, J. Addison, J. Tindall and J. Dodds.

In the Under 16's we had a fine team and thanks are due to Bro. Coffey and Mr. Hackett who brought out the team's natural ability by means of plenty of training and encouragement. Among those running consistently well were J. McCann, F. Caulfield, J. Snape, and T. Sullivan. Both Caulfield and McCann ran occasionally for the Senior team. Among the teams successes were 1st place in the Sefton Harriers Memorial Race, 2nd in the Booth Cup, 7th in the Aaron Trophy race at Leeds and in the Northern Schools' Championships at Lyme Park, near Manchester.

The Under 16 team included J. McCann (Capt.), F. Caulfield, J. Snape, T. Sullivan, E. McShane, T. Lloyd, K. Williams, B. Wolfenden, J. Horan, J. Fitzsimmons, J. Boggan and T. Neill, M. Boylan and J. Lewis.

Results**UNDER 16**

10/10/1956

1. St. Edward's 18 points
2. Bootle G.S. 60 points
3. Chester City G.S. 66 points

27/10/56 Sefton Harriers' Memorial Cup

1. St. Edward's 40 points
2. St. Mary's 57 points
3. Wirral G.S. 73 points

3/11/56 Booth Cup Race 2nd

7/11/56

1. St. Edward's 20 points
2. St. Anselm's 30 points

10/11/56

1. St. Edward's 14 points
2. Toxteth Tech. S. 44 points

10/11/56 Aron Cup Race, Leeds. 7th

17/11/56

1. St. Edward's 17 points
2. Bootle Grammar 42 points

21/11/57 at Cowley

1. St. Edward's 25 points
2. Cowley 59 points

24/11/56 at Prenton

1. St. Edward's 20 points
2. Prenton 43 points

1/12/56 at St. Edward's College

1. St. Edward's 25 points
2. St. Mary's 43 points
3. Liverpool Institute 64 points
4. St. Anselm's 101 points

8/12/56 at Toxteth

1. St. Edward's 9 points
2. Toxteth Tech. S. 18 points

16/1/57 at Quarry Bank

1. St. Edward's 34 points
2. Quarry Bank 44 points

19/1/57 at Wirral G.S.

1. St. Edward's 36 points
2. Wirral Grammar School 42 points

23/1/57 at Wallasey G.S.

1. St. Edward's 34 points
2. Wallasey Grammar S. 45 points

30/1/57 at St. Mary's

1. St. Mary's 27 points
2. St. Edward's 53 points

6/2/57 at S.E.C.

1. St. Edward's 12 points
2. Quarry Bank 32 points

16/2/57 Sandfield Park Road Relay Race. 2nd

2/3/57 at Liverpool Institute

1. St. Edward's 32 points
2. Liverpool Institute 48 points

Cross Country Under Fourteen

This year proved a vintage year for Under Fourteen Cross Country Runners. But for one race, in which they were second, the team won all its races and won them comfortably.

Yet it is only when one considers their ages that one

realises how good the members of this team were. Of the ten best runners only three were in form four, namely Baines, Brewer, and Roberts. The rest of the team was made up of Gilbert, Caulfield, Garrett, Lundy, and Fearon from form three together with Tone, Dunn, and Joyce from form two.

Baines maintained a very good standard throughout the year, being the individual winner in eight out of the eleven races in which he competed. Neither Brewer nor Roberts could be said to have been outstanding and yet they both gave good services to the team because of their general reliability.

The form three contingent, headed by that fine trio Gilbert, Caulfield, Garrett, formed the backbone of the team. Without these three the team would have been by no means as good as it was. Even amongst three such good runners it can be truly said that Gilbert stood out as the best.

It was the form two runners, however, who provided the greatest promise and the greatest pleasure of all. Considering their age Tone and Dunn maintained a really wonderful standard throughout the season.

The members of the team were as follows : Baines, (Capt.) Brewer, Roberts, Gilbert, Caulfield, Garrett, Fearon, Lundy, Tone, Dunn, and Joyce.

The results of the various races were as follows :

St. Edward's			
v. Toxteth Technical School	(H) Won	26	66
v. Liverpool Collegiate School	(H) Won	30	59
v. Bootle G.S. v. Cowley G.S.			
1st, Bootle G.S.	30 pts. ;	2nd, St. Edward's	38 pts. ;
(H) ;	3rd, Cowley G.S.	77 pts.	
v. Bootle G.S.	(A) Won	31	47
v. Wirral G.S.	(H) Won	30	56
v. Wirral G.S.	(A) Won	27	62
v. Prenton School	(A) Won	41	41
v. Prenton School	(H) Won	36	51
v. St. Mary's v. St. Anselm's v. Liverpool Institute	(H)		
1st, St. Edward's	19 pts. ;	2nd St. Mary's,	40 pts. ;
3rd, St. Anselm's,	102 pts. ;	4, Liverpool Institute	131 pts.
v. St. Mary's	(A) Won	36	42
v. St. Anselm's	(A) Won	31	55
v. Liverpool Institute	(A) Won	21	58

ATHLETICS NOTES

The first meeting of the season was the London A.C. Schools Sports. Only P. O'Hare went down and was 6th in the Hammer with 140 ft. 10 ins.

The first school competition was the Coronation Shield Championships held by Sefton Harriers. The senior (Under 19's) team was only third but the Under 17's were first in their section. On account of the wet windy weather good times and distances were hard come by. In the Under 17's Carter won both 100 and 220 yards and the Long Jump, Noon the quarter and Forde the half-mile. Croughan, the under 15 Captain was second in the 100 and 220 and Banks high jumped 4 ft. 10 ins.

The match against Liverpool University was held at Wyncote. Just before the competition began a torrential downpour started and several field events were cancelled. Carter won the 100 yards and was 3rd in the 220. Forde did remarkably well in beating University's best half milers. P. O'Hare won Hammer and Discus and Noon, Griffiths and M. O'Hare were third in their respective events. The highlight of the evening was the 4 x 110 yards relay. Our team, consisting of Forde, Collins, Maxwell and Carter just managed to beat the University best relay team in 46.8 secs.

The Northern Schools Sports were held on the 18th May. I think that for every one there the final of the 880 was the thrill of the day. Forde led from start to finish just beating Bolton of Wigan Grammar School and Johnston of Waterloo. Forde was 17 the day before and is the youngest person ever to win the race which is open to boys up to 20 years old. His time of 1 min. 59.4 sec. has only been beaten once before.

Carter was third in the 100 yards and should win through next year. Other members of the school team had minor placings and were awarded standards.

The Liverpool Under 15 City Championship held on the L.B.A. ground at Fazakerley was won by St. Edward's. Although the only individual win was McGrail 16ft 1 in. long jump, we won the relay and had someone in the final of each event.

The Bro. Gibbons Shield and Bro. Robinson Cup meeting was held in brilliant sunshine at St. Anselm's.

Five Christian Brothers' Schools took part : St. Edward's, St. Anselm's, St. Mary's, St. Joseph's, Stoke and St. Joseph's, Blackpool.

Due to waiting for latecomers we arrived just as the meeting started and several members of the team had to start without a warm-up. Forde was one of these and was narrowly beaten by Reid of St. Anselm's who eventually went on to win under 19 English Schools 880. He made up for this, however by winning the mile and running an extremely fast 440 in the relay. Carter won both 100 and 220 yards, the latter in a time of 22.5 secs. although helped by a slight slope. John Snape was narrowly beaten by Hoare of St. Mary's in the 440 yards. Carrier came third in Hurdles. Tony Griffiths won the Steeplechase and Tom Wolfenden had the bad luck to stumble taking the last hurdle and was third.

In the field events the results were not as good as expected. Gallagher, who jumped well for most of the season had an off day and could only manage 6th in the High Jump. Pearson was 2nd in the Hop-Step and Jump. M and P. O'Hare were 3rd and 4th in Pole Vault, White and Hoffman 2nd and 5th in Shot, White 6th in Discus. P. O'Hare set up a new record in Hammer with 154 ft. 7 ins. Swanick was 6th.

The relay team of Collins, Noon, Forde and Carter won easily, setting up a new record of 2 mins. 34.6 secs. and we thus narrowly won the Shield from St. Anselm's with 93 points to 89.

In the Juniors there were plenty of good, solid performances, but only Banks and Davenport did really well. They were 2nd and 3rd in the Pole Vault on borrowed poles, theirs having previously been bent in Senior competition. They won the relay, however, just failing to break the record, and were third in the competition.

The following Tuesday we met Wirral Grammar School at home after school. In the Seniors, Griffiths won the mile Steeplechase, Collins 100 and 220 yards, P. O'Hare 120 yards Hurdles and Discus and White the Shot. In the Under 17 Neill beat Forde in 880 Carter won both Sprints and the Long Jump with 19 ft. 1 in. and there was good all round backing from the other

members of the team. In the Under 15's the mile was the only event in which we were not placed, whilst Davenport, Croughan and Banks were 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Pole Vault. Davenport and Banks will be both under 15 next year and should do well.

The entire competition was won by St. Edward's.

Forde and P. O'Hare were the only two from the school to take part in the Lancashire Junior County Championships. Forde was 3rd in the 440 yards and O'Hare set up a new record in Hammer as well as being placed in 3 other events.

On the 4th June we met Cowley School and Liverpool Institute on the College grounds and won the vast majority of all the events in all three sections. P. O'Hare won three and was placed in two other events in Seniors. Carter won 100 and 200 yards in under 17 and Croughan won 100 yards and 2nd in 220 in under 15. This match was notable for one reason. In the Senior Javelin only one person managed to hit the ground point first with the javelin, this boy was from Cowley School. The St. Edward's representatives only had to stick their javelins in the ground over the scratch line to get a place but both tried to beat the Cowley boy and consequently lost valuable points. Whilst the match was decided on the sum total of points gained by each School each section was regarded as a competition in itself and Cowley won the under 19 Section by 3 points. This could have been avoided by a little sense from the javelin throwers.

During the Whit holiday we went to Ruskin Drive for a match against various St. Helen's and other local clubs. We won both Senior and Junior competitions.

The under 14 team had two meetings against St. Mary's. In the home match, McGrail won 100 yards, Hurdles and Long Jump, Banks and Davenport were 1st and 3rd in High Jump, joint 1st in the Pole Vault and Banks won the 220.

Eighteen places in the Liverpool City Team which took part in the Lancs. County Schools Sports went to St. Edward's boys. In the under 19 Collins was 2nd in 100 yards in 10.3 secs. Griffiths 4th in the mile, Pearson was 3rd in the Hop-Step and Jump. White won the Shot with a School record of 43 ft. 2 ins.

Under 17's. John Carter won the 100 yards in a time of 10.1 which was a Lancs. County and English record. Forde was narrowly beaten by Bolton who was avenging his defeat in the Northern Schools. Bolton's time was 158.6 Forde's 159.0, which was a new school record. M. O'Hare was 3rd in the Pole Vault and John Snape 3rd in the 440 yards.

Under 15's. Marsh won H.S.J. with a record of 37 ft. 11½ ins. Banks and Davenport were 2nd and 3rd in Pole Vault at 8 ft. 9 ins. and several others won heats and semi-finals.

The Merseyside Grammar Schools Athletic Championships were again held in the College grounds on Tuesday 9th and Friday 12th July.

In the Seniors there were several excellent competitions in this meeting but the best result of all was Carter's win in the 100 yards. His time of 9.9 secs. on a rain-sodden track was fantastic and I believe that his is the fastest time ever recorded of a youth in England. Carter also won the 220 yards in the respectable time of 23.8.

Forde won the 440 yards in 52.4 and was third in a very fast half mile. The winner Reid of St. Anselm's won the Senior half mile in the English Schools and the second place went to Johnston who was 3rd in the English Schools.

We could only manage 6th in the mile in Waterworth but this young runner could be our best miler ever as he has a most economical and relaxed style.

Griffiths and Tom Wolfenden were 2nd and 3rd in the Steeplechase, P. O'Hare 3rd in the Hurdles and we won the medley relay with Collins, Snape, Forde and Carter. As all these are back at school this year we stand a good chance of winning the Northern Schools' Relay next year.

In the field events Huby was 6th in the High Jump, M. O'Hare was 4th in the Pole Vault, Pearson 5th in the Hop, Step and Jump. P. O'Hare was 2nd in the Shot and 3rd in the Discus with a new school record of 131 ft. 2 ins.

In the Juniors Warburton and Croughan obtained minor placings in 100 and 220, Marsh and Cheetham were 3rd and 6th in the 440, whilst Blakeman and Brookfield were 2nd and 5th in the half mile. In the hurdles Cheetham appeared to have a winning lead but he unluckily hit a hurdle and lost his balance; Traynor was 2nd and Cheetham 4th.

The Junior team also won the relay. Marsh won the High Jump with an excellent record jump of 5 ft. 4 ins. and Cheetham was 2nd. Banks and Davenport were second and third in the Pole Vault at 8 ft. 11 ins.

For the second year running we won both sections beating Birkenhead School in each case.

SENIORS—1st St. Edward's	...	72 points
2nd Birkenhead School	...	61 points
JUNIORS—1st St. Edward's	...	63 points
2nd Birkenhead School	...	32 points

14 schools took part and as each school was allowed two representatives in each event our boys did very well to be placed in so many events.

The under 15 Relay team of Banks, McDonnell, Warburton and Croughan won the Prestwich Relay.

Carter and Forde were picked to represent Lancashire at the English Schools Sports and Collins as a reserve. Carter won the 100 yards.

Carter, Collins and Forde were picked to represent England at the Catholic Students International Games. Carter was 2nd—both 100 and 200 metres, being beaten narrowly both times by a German—Jurgen Tartz. Collins did very well but was unlucky in his choice of heats and did not get into either final. Forde was very narrowly beaten into second place in the 800 metres.

P. O'Hare represented N. Counties v. Christie Club in the Hammer and won with 160 ft. 1 in.

Altogether we have done very well this year, both as individuals and as a team. Carter's sprinting has been good throughout the season though this was expected. Collins, I think, surprised everybody by his turn of speed.

Forde's half and quarter miling belied his age, Davis surprised us all on Sports Day when he comfortably won the mile, Griffiths ran some excellent steeplechases and was unlucky not to break the school record on Sports Day. Tom Wolfenden ran well in both mile and Steeplechase throughout the season. Snape ran well throughout the year and looks as though he will soon be better than his brother.

Banks and Davenport were outstanding in the Juniors in everything they did. Several new high jumpers have appeared on the scenes and at the present time the school has four high-jumpers who have equalled the school record whilst down the school young Peter Dempsey now in III Alpha high-jumped 4 ft. 8 ins., Dempsey himself being only 4 ft. 9 ins.

Next year should see all the school records either equalled or broken as practically the whole of last year's team has returned.

If I have left anything or anyone out of this account please forgive me as the names and meetings are so numerous.

A. J. GRIFFITHS.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club lost at the end of the year an old and valued member, Randal McDonnell, who had gained a scholarship to Cambridge University—we wish him every success.

At the Fifth Annual General Meeting B. Gillespie was elected chairman, S. Keating treasurer and M. Geoghegan secretary. The club was split into two sections—one for Forms Two and Three under Br. Murphy's supervision and the other for Forms Four upwards with Br. Buttimer in charge.

Two teams were once again entered for the Liverpool Chess League—Intermediate (Under Thirteen) and Senior (Under Fifteen).

The Intermediate team retained the shield won by their predecessors last year. The Seniors team on the other hand improved on last year's performance in winning the senior shield.

This year several boys entered for the Senior Knockout Competition, run by the Liverpool Chess Club. Taking all the schools together there was a record entry for this competition and so it was split into a number of sections, one of which was played at school here. Two boys, in particular, did very well in coming first and second in this competition. S. Keating won the title of "Champion of Liverpool Schools" by beating his classmate M. Geoghegan in an exciting final lasting two and three quarter hours.

A Junior Knockout Competition was also held, and P. Gilchrist did well to reach the semi-finals. D. Thompson reached the quarter final.

As usual the annual match with the old boys brought old rivals together—M. Darragh played his cousin Mr. F. Morgan and S. Keating played R. Pontet. The match, played as always in a friendly atmosphere, was drawn.

Mr. F. Morgan kindly arranged a fixture for us against a University side which resulted in a win for the University.

Lastly S. Keating and M. Geoghegan played for Liverpool Schoolboys on several occasions and M. Darragh acted as reserve. S. Keating was also selected to play for the English Catholic Grammar

Schools chess team to play in an International match in Dublin.

SENIOR LEAGUE MATCHES

Lister Drive	H	Won	4—2
Lister Drive	A	Won	8—1
Quarry Bank	H	Won	6—0
Quarry Bank	A	Won	6—0
Highfield	H	Lost	4—6
Highfield	A	Won	5½—1½

Play off for Section Winner

Highfield	H	Won	3—2
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Semi-final

Anfield Road	A	Won	4—1
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Final

Evered Avenue	H	Won	3—2
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Friendly Matches

Rose Lane	H	Won	6—0
De La Salle	A	Won	7—3

Team—S. Keating, (Capt.), M. Geoghegan, M. Darragh, P. Christmas, R. Blakeman, C. Nolan, A. Brookfield, L. Maher, M. Bibby, and J. Keegan.

UNDER 18 TEAM

University	H	Lost	6—4
Old Boys'	H	Drawn	3—3

Team—B. Gillespie, S. Keating, M. Darragh, P. Christmas, M. M. Geoghegan, R. Irving, R. Blakeman, L. Maher, C. Nolan, A. Brookfield.

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE MATCHES

Old Swan Tech.	H	Won	6½—1½
Old Swan Tech.	A	Won	4—1
Lister Drive	H	Won	4—1
Lister Drive	A	Won	4—1
Highfield	H	Won	4—1
Highfield	A	Won	6½—½

Quarter Final

Rose Lane	A	Won	4—1
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Semi-final

De La Salle	A	Won	4½—1½
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Final

Dingle Vale	A	Won	3½—1½
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FRIENDLY MATCHES

Wade Deacon	H	Won	15½—5½
Wade Deacon	A	Won	8½—7½
St. Mary's	H	Won	10—0
St. Mary's	A	Won	13½—3½
St. Mary's	A	Won	10½—5½
De La Salle	A	Won	10—2
De La Salle	H	Won	7—6
Rose Lane	H	Won	7—1

Team—P. Gilchrist (Capt.), D. Thompson, G. Rossiter, A. Langley, A. Moxham.

Others who played at various times with varying degrees of success are as follows : Owens, Spruce, Gilchrist, F. O'Keeffe, Taylor, Walley, Rudd, Connelly, Sunderland, Bannon, Murphy, Goddard, Sharrard, Hale, Roberts, Scahill, Marsh, Rooney, Butler, Morgan.

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