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Editorial.

SINCE our last number, the election of the New Pope has taken place, the choice of the Sacred College falling on Cardinal Ratti, Archbishop of Milan, who has taken the title of Pius XI. The portrait of His Holiness, which we give as frontispiece, will, we are sure, be appreciated and treasured in the homes of our boys. "May the Lord preserve him and give him life and make him blessed upon the earth."

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There are certain omens, and disturbances in the ordered nature of affairs, which are of such a noticeable and forcible character, that even the most casual observer cannot fail to be deeply impressed by them; and so obvious and coercive are they that, in defiance of all our efforts to efface them from our minds,

they still remain, and haunt us like dim and ever-present shadows.

The commotions and strange portents which at present trouble all Edwardians are such; and an air of undefined anxiety hangs over the College like a dark cloud. Every reader must have observed, from personal experience, that, towards the end of each scholastic year, there is a period of disturbance and uneasiness which commencing with the horrors of "Spring Cleaning," passes through various stages, all unpleasant, though with different degrees of unpleasantness, until it finds its consummation in the perfect, though short-lived, bliss of the Summer vacation.

The green mantle which nature has assumed, the smiling aspect of the country, the joyous songs of the birds, which have already found

a solution for the "building" problem, the reversion to "Summer" (?) time, the abandoning of football for cricket, the reappearance of the ice-cream vendor in our streets, the annual effusions of needy poets in enraptured verse, and "Odes to Summer,"—and, above all, the solemn air of studiousness which now reigns in our Halls of Learning, foreboding the rapid approach of the dreaded July "exams."—all these proclaim with more eloquence than the human tongue possesses, that Summer Has Arrived.

But as the "exams." draw nearer, and our conviction of our own incapacity grows accordingly stronger, (varying inversely, to state it mathematically, as the time between now, and the dreaded Then) we cannot forget that, for some of us, these busy months are the last which will be spent within the walls of St. Edward's.

All taking public examinations have our best and heart-felt wishes for their success. We look forward with confidence to some agreeable surprises when the results are published. * * * *

"Tota re perspecta," First XI. football during the past year has been a little disappointing; however, it is hoped that ample amends will be made by a brilliant cricket season, and by some noteworthy performances by St. Edward's representatives at the Inter-Collegiate Sports.

The Annual Retreat for the boys of St. Edward's, which was given in Passion Week, in the Church of Our Lady Immaculate, by Father Norbert, O.F.M., was most successful. We are sure that all who attended the exercises of the retreat profited greatly by his interesting and carefully chosen discourses.

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The recent debates, both inter-form and ordinary, have shown that the oratorical powers of the Edwardians, long dormant, are being steadily improved by practice; but our Demosthenes, and our Cicero remain yet undiscovered. Nil desperandum!

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The appeal made in our last number for contributions to the Magazine did not fall wholly upon deaf ears; but we look for a still greater response. In such a large College as this is, there Must, necessarily, be many who are gifted with literary talent; if, therefore, gentle readers the muses have smiled upon you, hide not your light under a bushel; but rather employ your gifts in the service of Alma Mater; for who, when all is said, has a better claim upon them?

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The Annual Sports will be held at the College Grounds, on June 17th. A record entry and attendance are expected.

School Notes.

THE past term, although for the most part one of uninterrupted work, received diversity from the usual Shield Matches. Our representative teams were not as successful as their recent predecessors, but they only succumbed after a hard struggle. It is noteworthy that both of our defeats were on our ground, the only matches of the tour-

neys played this year at Walton Hall Avenue.

We hope that the patriotism of our boys for the College has not waned; but we noted that this year the attendance at the Shield games was considerably less than in former years, and, moreover, that the enthusiasm of the spectators was but a shadow of that to which we have become accustomed.

During the term one inter-form debate was held in which Form VI. were declared the victors over the Upper Fifth. The verdict was the unanimous decision of the adjudicators.

Several other debates were held which were keenly contested and which produced speakers who, with practice, should become fluent orators.

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A football match was played between our First XI. and a team of Old Boys, who won 2-0. Many of them were prominent members of our School Elevens two or three years ago. We should like to see more of these games in future; for they serve as a strong link between the past and present pupils.

We congratulate Form VI. on winning the Senior Cup by virtue of having secured the League Championship by an unbroken sequence of victories.

Forms IIIA. and IIIB. met in the Final for the Junior Cup, on Wednesday, April 19th. Form IIIA. were victorious by 3 goals to 2.

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We are pleased to note that the Swimming Club, which was so successful at the C.I., has been again introduced. We trust that it will regain its former popularity.

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At the conclusion of the terminals we spent three days in retreat. Fr. Norbert, O.F.M., conducted the exercises which were held in the Church of Our Lady Immaculate. An innovation was introduced this year, no silence being observed, but the usual routine was carried on between the discourses.

The Saturday morning after the conclusion of the retreat was a holiday, which, in conjunction with St. Patrick's Day and Princess Mary's Wedding Day previously given in the term, were welcomed as small mercies.



School Song.

IT has been decided to retain as the School Song of St. Edward's, the old C.I. Song, written by the late Mr. Tim Curtin. The transfer from Hope St., involving a change in the name of the School, has made some slight alteration necessary in the Refrain, otherwise it is the same old song which will recall memories of the past to our Old Boys, thus making a happy blend of "nova et vetera."

I.

Oft at twilight's mystic hour,
Our labours o'er, our minds at rest,
We'll snatch a mite from mem'ry's dower
And live again our School-life blest.
With rapturous joy each voice will ring
And Alma Mater's praises sing :—

Refrain :—

Long live and flourish then, Edwardians,
Of Faith, Truth and Honour, loyal guardians,
Let hopes we cherish, and memories too
To our ideals keep us true ;
On ! on ! let us rally, one and all,
Victories in class and field do we recall,
As youth unfurls, shrine school-day's pearls
In golden memory.

II.

To field and class let's give our best,
For each has joys and laurels proud,
Deny not either equal zest,
Demand from both their raptures loud.
Avaunt, dull Care ! Away, thoughts drear,
With unmixed joy raise voices clear.

*Refrain :—*Long live, etc.,

III.

Thus we rejoice who still are blest,
To live awhile these pleasures pure,
Ne'er shall our efforts cease nor rest
Till we have gained a victory sure.
In Sport and Work first ever, we
Shall grace Tradition's memory.

*Refrain :—*Long live, etc.

The Woes of a Magazine Manager.

By E. IRVINE (VIA.)

NO, Gentlemen, I am not dreaming, neither am I the victim of hallucination, nor have I allowed professional worries to prey on my mind. What I say is the cold, hard truth, which anyone, ever in my position, will recognise as such.

One fine Tuesday afternoon when all the scholastic world was just finishing its doze prior to the bustle and jubilation the peal of seven bells always brings, I was forced to accept the position about which I have so much to say. Being of an extremely nervous disposition, I didn't care to refuse the 'honour,' and thus I walked into the position with my eyes wide open or as wide open as could be expected at half-past three in the afternoon (I do so miss my siesta when at St. Edward's)—A committee was formed, and I became Circulation Manager, a Minister without portfolio.

In order to do something unusual for a Minister, I decided that I ought to do something in return—at length I determined to write an article. I selected a suitable subject but upon confiding, in a moment of weakness, in a friend of mine he told me that he candidly didn't think it would be read. This was a killing frost and nipped the root of that article. Adversity, however, never comes less than three hundred and sixty-five times a year, and I was not altogether discouraged.

In spite of the onerous duties which devolved on all the members of the Committee our superiors did not think to relieve us of any of our ordinary daily toil. I admit that we did not ask for abatement, but those who expect others to do small kindnesses should be the last to forget their own obligations. At least, that was our opinion.

I now started to hunt for orders. As ill-luck would have it, the first 'possible' I met was

a Scottish Varsity Student. I don't know whether he was the student who gained such notoriety by paying his sub. to the Scotch Society, or not. I met him at a concert and mentioned the Magazine. He tried to evade the matter but I refused to be thus put off. At last he enquired the price and when I told him one shilling he said that if it were reduced to sixpence he would get someone else to share it with him. Unfortunately the concert concluded before I had persuaded him to purchase a Magazine, and so he escaped me. I was more successful in my next venture. On this occasion I met an Old Boy in my own house, and realising my advantage I mentioned the matter to him. He surrendered peacefully knowing that he might be detained all night if he did not yield to my importunities. Soon after I met a group of Old Boys and getting into conversation with them I thought I would make hay while the sun shone (somewhere the sun *was* shining but not in Liverpool). They were terribly disappointing; one and all declared, almost with tears in their voices that they really couldn't afford it, that if they could they would readily purchase it and so forth. I suggested that perhaps they might buy one or two between them but they then declared that possibly such an arrangement might lead to quarrels, fights and perhaps deaths; really, I found that mine was not a path like that Browning speaks of:

"roses, roses all the way,"

unless he meant wild thorny roses. Such was the struggle I had to procure orders for the next issue of the Magazine.

In about as many weeks I had secured five orders. Supported by the Committee, I approached the Chairman, who held the purse, about immediately placing a Ford at our disposal. He suggested that perhaps I would

prefer a Rolls-Royce and never mentioned the matter again. Thus were we once more disappointed.

Ultimately, however, the manuscripts were placed in the hands of the printer, and finally the Magazine was announced for sale on the following Friday, and everyone seemed to be expectantly eager for its arrival—

“And all went merry as a marriage bell,
But hush! hark! a deep sound strikes
like a rising knell.”

The printer failed to send the Magazines along and everyone became restless. The Chairman now asked me to announce to the whole world that the Magazine would not be out until the morrow. I really don't know how he could face us after such a cold refusal of a mere Ford, I really don't. Of course, I had to do my duty. Somehow everyone seemed to think it was the fault of the Committee; and the more I excused the Committee the more they seemed to think the catastrophe was due to our negligence. However, I ultimately finished this unpleasant task. Our disappointment and my especial chagrin were considerably augmented the next day when it was announced by the Chairman to the Chief Editor that the Magazines would not be on sale that day. I was fortunately spared the unpleasant duty of again announcing the printer's delinquencies; since I was unavoidably detained in the research laboratory until a quarter to one I had little ignominy heaped on my head. The following Monday arrived and when, in the morning, the Magazine made no appearance I seriously thought of flying to some desert island. People asked me quite innocently would the Magazine be out that day, the following Monday, or the Monday after that, and so on in A.P. But just as I was giving up hope, the Chairman brought in a bundle of Magazines, about two o'clock in the afternoon. To have wept for joy would have been derogatory to my dignity

as Manager so I swooned away gracefully only to be aroused by the indignant exclamations of several whose articles had not been accepted.

The Magazine was out. I thought for one brief day that my troubles were o'er, for that issue at least; but once again I was disappointed. I had forgotten one of the most difficult tasks—the collecting of the money for the orders I had received.

A Cathedral for Liverpool.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE ARCHBISHOP.

WE are glad to see that steps are being taken to erect a worthy Memorial to the late Archbishop Whiteside. His great work for the Archdiocese and his saintly personal character certainly claim that his memory should be perpetuated in a tangible and impressive form, in a work as conspicuous as his merit. The Memorial decided upon is the erection of a great Metropolitan Cathedral in the city of Liverpool, which at present lacks an edifice of the kind, of adequate size and magnificence for this great Archdiocese of Catholic Lancashire.

Civic and Diocesan patriotism will prompt all the Catholic faithful to do their utmost to make this great undertaking a success worthy of the great Archbishop whom it is to commemorate and of the great community of whose Spiritual activities it will be the Centre. We strongly solicit the interest and co-operation of parents, boys and Old Boys, in this Great Work.

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An Eastern Tale—Up-to-date.

By P. FLEMING, VIA.

THE word China has, for most persons, a most delightful hazy significance, and a suggestion of pagodas, tea houses, flooded rice fields, huge sun hats, together with a host of other characteristic features, born of the fertile but vagarious mind of the modern novelist. Yet to see Yeng-Sing with its tramway system, the best designed in the world, its huge stores and all the modern inconveniences which constitute a civilized western city, is to realize that in part, at least Kipling was wrong when he wrote :

“ East is East and West is West,
And never the twain shall meet.”

So assured me a young engineer, with whom I spent the whole of an afternoon, making a refractory turbine revolve with the minimum amount of noise. The conversation started by my expressing surprise at the destination of the turbines, “ Shanghai,” chalked in straggling capitals on the cover, and, while the overhead travelling crane was engaged elsewhere (we wanted it to swing the whole “ darned ” lot to the other side of the “ shop”) he told a curious yarn of an event such as could only happen when East and West meet.

“ The Scots are a good second to the Irish in their endeavour to people the world, and so it happened that Andra' Mckenna of Glasgo,' after sundry mphs, pshaws and much internal cogitation, gave notice to Cammell Lairds punctually on the Friday night before leaving their employ, and two months later (Cammell Lairds had not failed as yet) was installed, city engineer in the flourishing city of Yeng-Sing, which is situated at the mouth of a famous Chinese river. Yeng-Sing, much to its own surprise had not as yet been annexed (in the history books), or stolen (native version)

by a European power. Hence it was that the well-governed city decided through the medium of its town council, who saw that the whites made better engineers than themselves, and that of all whites, Scots were the best, to engage Andrew Mckenna, late of No. 1 Court, Knox Street, Glasgow, as city engineer, with, as his particular charge, the newly-acquired generators, which supplied the tramways with “ juice.”

Whether the density of the air did not satisfy the turbines (they had been built in Manchester) or whether the metal was faulty, was never ascertained ; however, the main turbine within twenty-four hours of McKenna's assumption of control broke down.. McKenna was a level-headed Scotchman and by dint of talking to the machinery “ fluently,” which to an engineer is a mere detail, and quoting Burns, which as a Scotchman he could do, Andrew mothered that turbine into making its accustomed revolutions per second. Henceforth McKenna was the admiration and the pride of the population. This was generally true, yet a certain proverb bids us beware when men speak well of us.

Sing Soo was a kind of assistant engineer to the power house. Left an orphan at an early age, he had survived to make his own way in the world, and, urged on by necessity, his efficiency had brought him to his present position. As is usually the case, both his poverty and comparative affluence had in turn, served to drive from his life the remnants of whatever religion he had been taught. Later Sing Soo had listened to the vague gabblings on Comparative Religion of a street corner orator, financed by the Young Men's Christian Association of America, so it will be evident

that when Sing Soo did indeed think about it (there was always to-morrow to do so), his ideas on religion were chaotic.

This was the Sing Soo with whom Andrew came in contact and of whom he took absolutely no notice. In the routine of his duties, Sing Soo had to spend long hours of inaction in the turbine house, and to his eastern mind the soothing whirr of the huge turbine within its shining case became a living voice, and, coupled with the awe which moving machinery ever will excite in childish minds, the turbine had for Sing Soo a real personality. His duty was no longer a mere laborious cycle, but a sacerdotal ritual which he elaborated as best he might. Therefore, polishing the case had its distinct manner of performance, and once or twice (it appeared subsequently), he was surprised on bended knees before the humming turbine. Affairs proceeded smoothly until the turbine stopped a second time, and for Sing Soo it was his god, who demanded sacrifice. McKenna, however, managed to make the generator fulfil its function again. In his anxiety for its safety, he spent the greater part of his leisure time in the shed, and, it was during his last visit there, that the tragedy happened. McKenna was intently examining the automatic oil feed, with Sing Soo seated three yards away in front of the control board, when it flashed into the now fanatical mind of the Chinaman, that here was sacrifice required by his god. Quietly pulling out the main switch, Sing Soo crept towards the hitherto unsuspecting Scotchman. It was the noise of the engine running "light," which disturbed the experienced engineer, and a look over his shoulder revealed all. No European goes unarmed in Yeng Sing, so that the Chinese in that instant stared down the cold muzzle of a Colt revolver. Baffled and unsatisfied rage were clearly the emotions depicted, on the no wise angelic countenance of Sing Soo, to be replaced a moment later by a fiendish grin,

which disconcerted the Scotchman; so that when Sing Soo flung himself against the "live" terminals (the fate intended for McKenna no doubt), Andrew was too stupefied to intervene, and stood horror-stricken while the turbines slowed into their normal rate of working to gather speed again, when the charred body of Sing Soo, falling to the ground, broke connection.

Outside in the glaring sunlit streets, the tramcars had come to a standstill and the conductors in their cool white uniforms, politely explained, as is the fashion in the east, how the delay could not possibly be long. Meanwhile McKenna, recovering from his stupefaction, pulled over the main switch, and the cars started again. It was only then that the subtlety of the Chinaman's action dawned on him, when he visualized what would happen in an eastern court of justice, where every white man is a rogue, until he proves otherwise, and where the intervention of the English consul would be powerless. Thus it came about, that Andrew escaping unnoticed from the power house, took a little frequented path to the river, unfastened a skiff and skilfully avoiding other harbour traffic, managed to pull out to the Tsang Bar lightship, where he shipped his oars and waited.

At sundown the blue funnel liner "Celia" stopping to drop her pilot took on a passenger, whose name did not appear on her passenger list. But her captain hailed from Aberdeen, and, after all, as a sea-going friend of mine was wont to remark, there are more ways of entering England than down a ship's gangway, under the eyes of the Customs Officer.

Of Courtesy it is much less
 Than Courage of Heart or Holiness,
 Yet in my walks it seems to me
 That the Grace of God is in Courtesy.

(H. Belloc).

Answers to Correspondents.

(BOOK WORM)—(a) Sorry; we can't trace the author of Edwin the Druid. (b) *Re* your inquiries for light literature; we can recommend Optical Delusions, by Stewart (Univ. Tutl. Press).

(J.K.)—The peculiarity of the Wheatstone bridge is that it doesn't bridge anything.

(SPORTSMAN)—Advice to young cricketers may be found in "The Cricket on the Hearth."

(A.E.A.)—Early Closing has been adopted at St. Edward's. The keeper of the keys closes at 9-9 a.m.

(R.W.)—Comic papers are pernicious, e.g., Baker's Analytical Treatise on Comic Sections.

(ANXIOUS)—A look-out has been stationed at the Observatory, with wireless connection with Mars. So don't worry about the next war—you will be warned in time.

(U.V.A.)—Adjectives of nationality come *after* the noun, e.g., Romans français—French Romans, *not* Roman Frenchmen.

Edwardian Antiquities.

(The following are a few extracts from the MS. of the Researches (in his off-time) of one of our budding antiquaries. He intends, we believe, to have them issued in book form, as a guide for visitors to the College. We fear, however, that the reception of the following specimens will drive him to more Modern Studies).

Ancient Enamel Mugs.

A pair of enamel mugs are to be found chained down in a room opposite the Eastern gateway. Supposed to be the work of the Gaels who inhabit the building; origin is, however, uncertain.

Ship's Bell.

This hangs on the wall outside the room of the Alchemists and belonged to the good ship "San Domingo." It only tolls when one of their experiments is successful. Has not been

heard for some years past.

Maltese Leghorns (pedicornu hennes).

This little flock are perched in their genealogical tree which shows their direct descents from the hen that came out of the Ark. More to add local colour to the Cabbage patch than anything else.

Roman Fountain.

Located in wall beside the games arena. Never runs dry, except in Summer.

Irish Guns.

Scattered around the grounds—a present from Cromwell after the capture of Drogheda.

Reflections.

By SIXTUS.

DURING EXAMS. :—

They also serve, who only stand and wait.

WHEN WRITING AN ESSAY :—

Many a mickle makes a muckle.

WHEN PLAYING AT THE COURTS :—

When rogues fall out, honest men come by their own—(sometimes).

IN THE LAB. :—

The best-laid schemes of mice and men, gang aft agley.

AFTER EXAMS. :—

Experience is the best school.

DURING A WET HOLIDAY :—

There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune.

DURING AN INTERVIEW :—

Brevity is the soul of wit.

ARRIVING LATE :—

Better late than never.

WHEN IN TROUBLE :—

The gude dog doesna aye get the best bane.

THINKING OF MASTERS :—

To err is human, to forgive, divine.

WHEN ASKED A LESSON :—

A fool can ask more questions in one hour than a wise man can answer in seven years.

AFTER READING ABOVE :—

A good maxim is never out of season.

The "Leaving Boy."

By W. CUMMINS (VIA.)

"Now my task is smoothly done,
I can fly, or I can run."

I have often considered how very aptly these two lines may be applied to the "leaving boy," when like his own free Genius "bursting from the earthly form and weeds of Thyrsis" (that is to say, from the thralldom of his school-life) he thus exclaims, exultingly, and prepares to enter upon his newly-acquired manhood, which presents to him such a brilliant prospect and such dazzling possibilities. His leaving school commences for him a new and glorious era in his life's history. He has at last obtained what we may designate his "adolescent majority," which not unfrequently appears to him of more moment than does his legal coming-of-age. He can now freely indulge in all the little vanities and trivial, though ardently desired pleasures, the freedom of partaking in which delineates clearly the respective positions of the servile schoolboy, and the untrammelled adult. Now, if he wishes (and if he can afford) he may enjoy his "fragrant weed" in the full gaze of the Great Public; although, if he desires to enjoy a smoke on the tramcar, he must do so in a surreptitious manner, for otherwise, he will discover that the conductor may look at him with a curious air (if he goes no further) on hearing his request for a "half to Pier Head."

If he cares to do so, he can adopt—O blessed privilege—any of the latest styles of headgear, the choice ranging, at the present moment, from "Trilbies" and "Bowlers," to silk hats and "Sandringhams." Elegant neckties, silken hose, and the "dernier cri" in fancy waistcoats are at last within his reach "bursa volente" (a very important con-

dition which justifies its expression in the noble tongue of Cicero). In short, he has at least in his own consideration, arrived at Man's Estate, and hence, he may exercise all the privileges and appurtenances of his new station.

How "leaving" augments in his own estimation a boy's importance and dignity! What a great ennoblement and uplifting does it not work in his soul! What a contrast is perceptible, even to the most casual observer, between the "leaving" boy's last day at school and those which have preceded it! How changed are the attitudes of masters and school officials towards him! Yesterday he was merely "one of the 'chaps'"; one of the many victims of the tyranny of masters and homework, with no claim to any distinction above his school-fellows. But to-day—this happy day—he has risen rapidly in their regards, until they are overpowered and bewildered by the splendour of his envied position. The same cruel masters who, only the previous day, had, in cold blood, meted out a "Bad" mark to this lucky fellow, now request him in tones of most cordial friendship, and with an almost intimate manner, to "be sure and come along to see us, won't you?" Then, as though to show his chagrin at losing power over yet another slave, who has suddenly risen to a social rank equal almost to his own, he determines to make an ostentatious display of his authority to the unfortunate remainder, by a series of cruel jokes, cracked with his former pupil, at its expense.—"Well, you are leaving these fellows behind to keep on 'slogging' away, while you are off enjoying yourself! We can't all enjoy such good fortune." Then follows the hard cynical "Ha, ha, ha," which pierces to the very

marrow bones of the unfortunate ones (to all appearances engrossed in working out "odds and evens respectively, starting from the window;" but, in reality, eagerly straining their auricular appendages to catch the words of this last interview), and in which the fortunate one joins with a speedy complaisance and an obsequiousness worthy of a Petronius, or an Osric. To fill up the cup of bitterness, it is only required that the "leaving" take place in the middle of a term, when school work is being pursued with a diligence and an energy which fills many of the overworked students with dismay, and "ennui;" and when there is no likelihood of a near holiday, to furnish a temporary respite from daily toil and unrelieved labours. The parting between the emancipated Man and his brother-slaves of former days is outwardly a friendly, even an affectionate, affair;—but what depths of hate of everything connected with school, and of an ever-increasing jealousy towards the lucky one lie in the darkest recesses of their hearts! They would most willingly sacrifice ten years of their "mortal spans" to be able to accompany him in his departure from their prison.

Before many weeks have elapsed, he fulfils his promise, and returns to gaze affectionately at the "old place"—where, he has recently discovered, he spent the "happiest years of his life"—and makes a tour of the scenes of his boyhood. After a ceremonious knock, he enters his old class-room and moves among his quondam associates as an honoured visitor.

The familiarity which he exhibits towards the master makes the oppressed class almost fear for his personal safety. But there is no need for such anxieties, and this fact only seems to increase the bitterness of the situation. And then, the very attire and general appearance of the now "thoroughly seasoned" Man are in themselves most provoking. He comes, dressed in the height of fashion, with his "real velours" set at a rakish angle, and displaying a most delightful mauve colour scheme in his socks, his tie and the little wisp of a silk handkerchief, which protrudes from his breast-pocket. As he chats, he toys with his watch chain, or swings negligently his handsomely mounted cane. But every spark of feeling for his class-mates has not gone, for he prolongs his call, to make it extend over as long a period as possible, remembering, no doubt, the joy which he used to derive from such interruptions during a tedious lesson. There comes a time, however, when interviews, like all other things on this earth, must come to an end; the chatting ceases, and with a nonchalant—almost a condescending—handshake, the Old Boy leaves the class to continue its laborious tasks. He leaves with something like a secret satisfaction at what he regards as a triumph over his former intimates; and they remain to ponder deeply over the strange tricks of Fate, and to plan for the day when they, like he, will have freed themselves from their yoke, and will have become, at long last, "Old Boys."

The Debating Society.

AFTER the Christmas "Vac." we resumed our Debates, and our expectations of improvement were not disappointed as both subject-matter and rendering, in most cases had taken a decided turn on the path of perfection. Our first meeting was an inter-form debate between the

VIth. and Upper Vth., the subject being: "That drastic economies can be made in our Public Services without detriment to the country's interest,"—As public voting would be biased four masters acted as judges with Mr. O'Sullivan in the chair.

The VIth. were in favour of the motion and

Fleming (VIA.) opened the Debate with a speech mainly devoted to unemployment; and he also dealt lightly with the condition of trade. Mullen (U.VB.) replied to this speech, and defined what he understood as Public Services. He said "That pomp and circumstance play no little part in British public services, especially abroad, so that it would be entirely to her detriment to curtail them."

Cummins (VIA.) then spoke and advocated the complete adoption of Geddes' scheme. He backed this up with an enumeration of the dire possibilities if economy was not introduced threatening ruin for this country if the "axe" were not applied at once. Pyke's (U. VA.) speech was remarkable for a blunder which did much for the ruin of the motion he upheld by making a personal allusion to the effect of economies on masters' salaries, when dealing with the educational side of the question, an allusion which was soon to be eagerly contested.

Flynn (VIB.) declared that delay was ruin, and strengthened his assertion with an account of the inefficiency of the consular service, and showed the advantage of drastic yet careful economical cuts. McCord (U. VA.) corroborated Mullen's statements and explained that economy and all its after-effects, in our public services would cause foreign countries to lose respect for England. He also touched on unemployment, and the unavoidable addition thereto consequent on drastic economy.

Owing to Tuft's absence, Irvine (VIA.) took his place, expanded what had already been said, and attacked the Opposition especially Pyke, and pointed to the public outcry as an indubitable proof of the need for immediate and drastic reform. Harrington (U. VB.) spoke last and he also attacked his Opponents. His thrusts were weak for lack of reasons, and were contested by Irvine as being of no avail. He then dwelt on the subject, having for his theme that the time was not yet ripe

for economy after such awful years of war and unrest. At the close of the Debate, the Chairman consulted with the four masters who decided in favour of the Defence, much to the dismay of the Upper Vth.

The subject of our next Debate, suggested by VIB., was: "That an International language is desirable." Owing to Cartwright's absence, Ramsbottom (U. VB.) spoke extempore. He suggested the adoption of a precise and concise language such as Latin, saying that one international tongue would do away with the necessity of learning four or five or even six foreign languages. Mitchard (U.VB.) spoke first for the Opposition, and showed the undesirability of such a language because it might supersede national tongues, and would then destroy all the beauties of rhetoric, composition and literature. Kinsella (VIB.) then spoke and shewed the advantage of the introduction of an international language, because it would obviate the learning of several tongues so essential for foreign intercourse, and so much time could be devoted to other studies and pursuits. Hurley (U. VA.) wandered right away from the subject for he only considered the difficulty of introducing an international language, and did not even strike home his only possible point.

Bird (U. VA.) spoke next, and he showed the advantage of judicious expenditure upon the introduction of the language into the national system of education. Morgan (VIA.) replied, saying that it would result in an entire disruption of old customs and traditions, and showed the great labour necessary to learn it, and he also considered it a matter of patriotism.

Wray (VIA.) spoke last in favour of the motion. He contradicted Mitchard, saying that it would not affect literature at all. He attacked the other two members of the Opposition and claimed that the initial outlay would result in keener commerce. White (VIB.) spoke last, attacked the Defence and

searched into various suggested or so-called international languages. According to him, Latin was too difficult and Esperanto not satisfactory. If he had taken more care in his rendering the Opposition's victory would have been even greater than it was, for the voting resulted in 53 against and 30 for the Defence.

Our third and last debate was remarkable for two things, first because U. Vc. was represented for the first time, Balfour and Burke being their spokesmen, and secondly, on account of the subject, which was a sporting one. It was: "That the rules of A.F. and the spirit in which it is played leave room for improvement." Balfour (U. Vc.) spoke first in favour of the motion; he averred that games were spoilt by the offside rule as it is at present. He alluded to certain recent local matches as proof of his statement. He also declared that the bonus rule was nothing more or less than a bribe. Burke (U. Vc.) said: "Football is the popular present-day game, and the members of the Football Association are men who know the game in and out, and if rules were wanting, they would soon supply them, therefore, we can infer that the rules are quite satisfactory. Kinlen (U. Vb.) gave us a graphic description of the history of football. His only references to the subject in hand were on the offside rule and the effect of professionalism on football.

O'Neill declared that football as we know it supplies everything essential in a national sport, and that it brought out individual genius and co-operative skill. Surely the rules of such an efficient game do not need

altering. Wilson (U. Va.) mainly devoted himself to considering the abomination known as transfer fees, saying that it gave the richer clubs a decided advantage over the poorer ones.

Chamberlain (U. Va.) referred to that "old bone of contention," the offside rule, and advocated the introduction of two extra officials, one to be placed at each goal as goal judges. He spoilt an otherwise good speech by abruptly sitting down without a suitable winding-up.

Tuft (Vib.) spoke last for the Defence, and said he would revise practically all the rules and would even re-arrange the field. He termed the Transfer fees scandalous, and advocated a free kick instead of the usual throw-in. Finally he observed that substitution, when an injured man has to go off the field, ought to be allowed. Cunningham (Via.), who closed the Debate, examined the Offside rule closely and saw no room for improvement. The popularity of the game, in his opinion, was adequate proof that the rules are entirely satisfactory. The vote being taken, the result was:

For, 73; Against, 8.

This last debate concluded a very satisfactory term's work in every way, interest in the debates is certainly on the increase, and the debates are interesting and evidently well prepared. Our only hope is that we will end the scholastic year during the Summer Term in a manner befitting our dialectic tournaments.

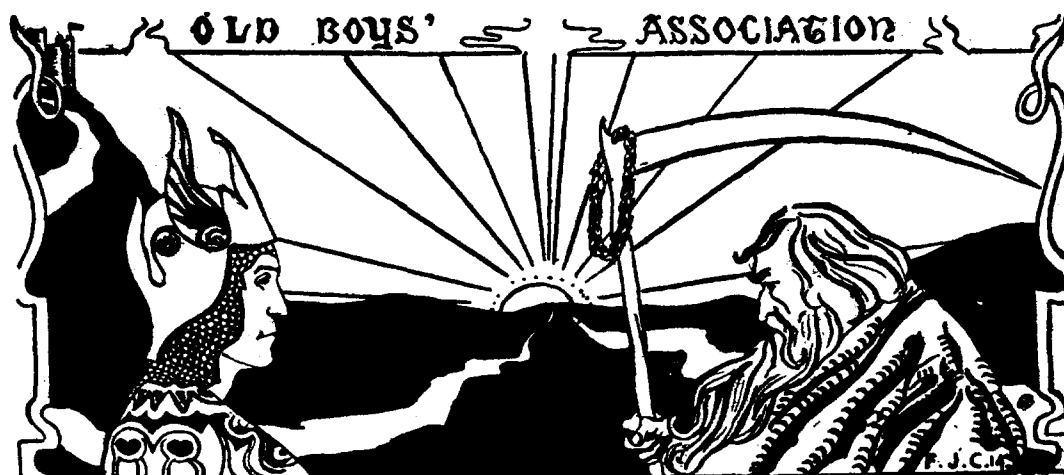
B. RAMSBOTTOM.

Viriliter Age.

This is the word that year by year,
While in her place the School is set,
Every one of her sons must hear,
And none that hears it dare forget.

This they all with a joyful mind
Bear through life like a torch in flame,
And falling fling to the host behind—
"Play up! play up! and play the game!"

(Newbolt).



University Letter.

THE 'VARSITY,

May.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The cuckoo has been heard, the swallows have been seen, and the 'Varsity is deep in study. These signs indicate that the Summer term has begun, and is progressing to its dreadful end, the June Exams. Professionals, Interns., and Finals, leer at us from beyond a few short weeks; and they are few that do not anticipate gloomily the strenuous times ahead.

Among these happy ones, we are glad to note, are some Old Cathinians. G. J. Rogers has gained his 2nd M.B., H. Cullen and R. Maher have passed their 2nd M.B., part A. The latter added to C.I.'s laurels by getting a distinction in Physiology. And almost all our Old Boys in the Chemistry department have no examination to face, this June. Among the Engineers, B. Smith, D. B. Parsons, J. W. Barker, and S. Graham, are taking Final B.Eng.; J. Deegan is taking his Inter. B.Eng. Among the Arts men, Tony Barter is now contemplating the bachelor state. He sits for his B.A. in June.

But to catalogue all the O.B.'s up here would probably bore your readers; it might be more interesting to know that Old Cathinians and Edwardians are quite as sociable as is compatible with serious work. In Union circles, Catholic Society functions, Irish Society

activities, Medical circles, they are quite prominent. Joe (we should say, Doctor) Flannagan is President of the Medical Branch of the Catholic Society; Fred Kirby is a prominent member of the Irish Society's Dramatic Section; Tom Byrne topped the Gaelic Class, which, by the way, is now an official University class; J. Macmillan is a Liverpool representative of the Catholic Inter-University Magazine; and we may add, that, of the recently-formed University Council of the Knights of St. Columba, C.I.O.B. and Old Edwardians form a large and very important percentage.

Having the shadow of an examination upon us, we are accustomed to highly concentrated materials (you know, about this time cram-books come into fashion). Hence with these dry bones of a letter, we send you apologies for our deficiencies,

from the 'Varsity.

THE EDITOR,
ST. EDWARD'S COLLEGE MAGAZINE.

SUCCESSSES OF OLD BOYS AT THE UNIVERSITY. March Examinations, 1922.

Faculty of Medicine.—Degrees of M.B. & Ch.B.

Second Examination, Part A—

H. L. CULLEN.

R. M. MAHER (Distinction in Physiology)

Second Examination, Part B.—

P. J. ROGERS.

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**SEMI-FINAL—
LIVERPOOL OLD BOYS' SHIELD.**

On Tuesday, the 25th April, the Old Cathinians played the Liverpool Institute Old Boys, in the Semi-final of the Old Boys' Shield. Despite the wretched weather, a very fast game was witnessed by a large crowd of supporters. The Old Boys assumed the offensive for the first portion of the game, but failed

to score. Syd. Meldon, though playing well, was closely watched. The L.I. were by no means idle, and Bingham brought off a number of excellent saves. Rawlinson played finely, but rather too much in the attack. After the resumption, play was very even, until the L.I. forwards from a lucky clearance scored a goal. The L.I. were now the better team, and scored another goal. From then till the end, the Old Cathinians pressed, but could not reduce the lead.

Final Score :—L.I.O.B., 2 ; Old Cathinians, 0.

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Explosions and Explosives.

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By J. J. GRAHAM (VIb.)

ON Friday evening, March 17th, Professor Thomas gave a very interesting lecture on Explosions and Explosives, in the University Lecture Hall, to a highly appreciative audience.

The lecturer introduced his subject by defining an explosion as the very rapid liberation of energy, and compared it to a stone on the top of a hill, of which one side is steep and precipitous, whilst the other slopes gradually to the ground. A slight push in one direction causes the stone to roll slowly down the hill, gradually liberating energy ; this is analogous to ordinary combustion. A push in the opposite direction, however, causes the stone to rush down the steep side, rapidly liberating energy ; this can be compared to an explosion.

The Professor proceeded to carry out the familiar experiment of exploding a mixture of hydrogen and oxygen (electrolytic gas). He applied a light to the mouth of the flask containing the mixture, and the loud crash which followed was sufficient to prove that the experiment had worked. The energy, liberated by the explosion of half-an-ounce of this mixture, is so great that it can lift a weight of twenty tons through sixty feet, whilst the temperature reached is between 6,000 degrees and 7,000 degrees.

Though the gases were intimately mixed in the flask, they did not explode until a light was applied, i.e., external energy had to be

imparted to the mixture in order to start the reaction. Returning to the stone on the hill, the analogy is the slight push given to the stone. This external energy need not always be in the form of heat. It may be in the form of light, as the Professor showed by holding an ignited piece of magnesium wire near a tube containing a mixture of hydrogen and chlorine ; the mixture exploded violently. He also exploded some mercury fulminate by striking it with a hammer.

The oldest and most familiar of explosive substances is gun powder which was discovered by the Chinese many years before Christ, and was introduced into England during the thirteenth century by Roger Bacon. It consists of a mixture of nitre, sulphur and charcoal, and can be exploded by an ordinary flame. Two pounds of gun powder explode in one-hundredth of a second, which is a considerable period when compared with the time of explosion of other substances, consequently it has a pushing effect and is used in guns.

Gun-cotton is another well-known explosive, termed "high," which was first prepared by Schonbein, in 1845. It can be ignited or struck with a hammer, as the Professor showed, but without effect. In order to explode, gun-cotton must be fired by detonation, i.e., by exploding in contact with it, a small quantity of certain explosives such as mercury fulminate. The explosion of the latter causes the almost instantaneous ex-

plosion (1/50,000 second) of the gun-cotton. Thus gun-cotton has a shattering effect and is used for blasting rocks, etc. Gun-cotton explodes better when damp than when dry and can be exploded by merely laying the compressed cotton on the rock and detonating it.

Before an explosion can take place, a certain temperature must be reached. This was shown by filling a stout glass tube with coal gas. The tube was placed in an inclined position and the upper end was fitted with a perforated cork and copper tube, 6 mm. bore and 30 mm. long. The gas was ignited at the end of the copper tube and the flame retreated until it reached the glass tube where a slight explosion took place. When a tube of 3 mm. bore was substituted, the flame was extinguished almost immediately although the tube contained an explosive mixture. This showed that the flame was cooled below the ignition temperature in its passage down the narrower tube, but not with the wider tube.

To illustrate the same point, a piece of wire gauze was placed over an unlighted Bunsen burner; the gas was turned on and ignited above the gauze; the flame did not pass through it until it was heated red hot.

This property of explosive gases led Humphrey Davy to invent the miners' safety lamp, which is invaluable in mines which are infected with the dreaded firedamp. Though it has been considerably improved since its invention, it remains essentially the same in principle. It consists of an oil lamp surrounded by a cylinder of wire gauze. The inflammable gases pass through the cylinder and are ignited inside it; the flame cannot pass through because it is cooled below the ignition point by the gauze which conducts the heat away very rapidly.

When gases are exploded the speed of explosive combustion increases rapidly. This was shown by exploding a mixture of coal gas and air in three separate jars—one, very tall,

the second of medium size, and the third very small. So when the gas in the small jar was ignited, the flame travelled slowly downwards and a slight rumbling noise was produced; in the second jar, the flame travelled more quickly as it reached the bottom, while in the tall jar, the flame was seen to rush rapidly down when it had gone half-way, and emitted a shriek like an engine whistle.

Another important factor in explosions is intimacy of the mixture. Phosphorus was ignited in air and oxygen but without exploding. When a drop of solution of phosphorus in carbon disulphide was allowed to fall on some crystals of potassium chlorate, an explosion took place after the carbon disulphide had vaporized. This was due to the fact that the phosphorus was left in a very fine state of subdivision.

As a "side-line," the Professor demonstrated the "singing" of hydrogen. He placed a long glass tube, open at both ends, over a hydrogen flame. The noise was something like that of an organ. The lecture was brought to a conclusion by his assistant playing (or attempting to play) the National Anthem on the hydrogen "whistle."

Swimming Club.

WING to various contingencies consequent on our removal from Hope St., the Swimming Club had fallen into abeyance for the last couple of years. But, this year, as things had somewhat reached normal again, it was felt that such a useful form of exercise should be encouraged among the boys. Consequently, the Swimming Club was resuscitated and met with an immediate success. Large numbers willingly enrolled themselves among the 'wet Bobs,' and our membership has reached the big total of 315. Westminster Road Baths, being only five minutes walk from the College, was selected as headquarters, and there the boys enjoy a

swim in Salt water. The water in the first-class bath, which we use, is pumped from the river, filtered and during the cold weather is heated.

The Drill Instructor, Mr. Maher, attends with each group of boys, and thus the non-swimmers have an opportunity of learning to outrival their more fortunate companions in all aquatic accomplishments.

Later on, a definite announcement will be made regarding the Swimming Gala, which will be held probably in September and, of course, members of this year's Club who may have left the ranks will still be eligible to compete in the various events.

Pavilion Fund.

WE gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following Subscriptions to the above Fund:—

£2.—Mr. W. Green.

£1.—Mr. Murney, Mr. Heraty, Mr. Carter, Mr. P. Sherlock, Mr. A. H. Crosby, Mr. Breen, Mr. Thomson Ersty, Mr. J. Kerwan.

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6/-.—Mr. T. Henley.

4/-.—Mrs. Kearney, Mrs. Kerr.

3/6.—Mrs. Flynn.

2/6.—Mr. Rigby, Mrs. Reilly, Mr. Melia, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Pratt, Mr. Webster, Mr. Toal, Mr. Snare, Mr. McKean.

Results of Term Exams.

EASTER, 1922.

- Form VIA.—1. E. IRVINE ; 2. R. IRVINE ;
3. A. ADAMS.
- VIB.—1. J. QUINN ; 2. J. WHITE ; 3. J. ROBERTSON.
- UPPER VA.—1. B. TAYLOR ; 2. A. MCCORD ;
3. J. WILSON.
- UPPER VB.—1. B. RAMSBOTTOM ; 2. M. ROCHE
3. J. HOPKINS.
- UPPER VC.—1. W. BIRD ; 2. W. SIMPSON ;
3. G. MURRAY.
- VA.—1. G. COYNE ; 2. G. LEBRUN ; 3. R. ANDERSON.
- VB.—1. J. CARNEY ; 2. G. BARON ; 3. J. RIGBY.
- VC.—1. E. MAY ; 2. LEO JACK ; 3. F. WALSH.
- VD.—1. M. COYNE ; 2. F. McGRATH ; 3. J. LOVELADY & G. SCUTTS.
- IVA.—1. F. NORBURY ; 2. T. COLLINS ; 3. J. WHITEHILL.
- IVB.—1. G. SHERIDAN ; 2. H. TAYLOR ; 3. T. LISTER.
- IVC.—1. D. MURRAY ; 2. J. MAHER ; 3. J. CUDDY.
- IVD.—1. P. O'CONNELL ; 2. E. KELLY ; 3. J. MCCOY.
- IVE.—1. R. FURLONG ; 2. E. McGRATH ;
3. J. SNAPE.
- UPPER IIIA.—1. V. ENRIGHT ; 2. F. SPILLANE ;
3. L. HAWORTH.
- IIIA.—1. J. MOONEY ; 2. G. CUNNINGHAM ;
3. T. HIGGINS.
- IIIB.—1. J. RICE ; 2. T. J. DILLON ; 3. T. G. DILLON.
- IIIC.—1. J. SKERRY ; 2. E. JACKSON ; 3. J. BYRNE.
- IIID.—1. B. MALONE ; 2. J. HEENAN ; 3. W. ENGLAND.
- IIIE.—1. G. HELY ; 2. J. HILL ; 3. C. BOON.
- UPPER IIA.—1. W. LOUGHLIN ; 2. T. FEE ;
3. A. MORGAN.
- IIA.—1. W. SUFFIELD ; 2. T. TIMMONS ; 3. J. WEBSTER.
- IIB.—1. K. BRYSON ; 2. T. McKEOWN ; 3. E. HOGAN.
- I.—1. F. SHAW ; 2. A. MUNOZ ; 3. R. LILLES.
- PREP.—1. J. DOYLE ; 2. W. TICKLE ; 3. T. KELLY.

The Annual Concert.

THE Annual Concert, in aid of the fund for the Memorial to Old Boys who fell in the War, took place in the Picton Hall, on Thursday, May 18th. There was a very large assemblage and the various items evoked hearty appreciation. The thanks of the School are due to the ladies and gentlemen who, with the College Choir under Mr. Brown, provided so entertaining and enjoyable an evening. The programme was as follows:—

At the Piano Miss M. BROWN.
Violins ... Masters YOUNG, SWEENEY, CORFE
AND SHERIDAN.
Conductor Mr. T. BORDONEL BROWN.

PART ONE.

1. Piano Solo... "Shepherd's Hey." ... *Morris Dance*.
Master T. Pyke.
2. Opening Chorus... "Swanee River." *Foster.*
3. Madrigal... "When the Budding Bloom of May."
(*Sullivan*).
4. Song... Selected
Miss Udall.
5. Two-part Song... "Break! Break!" ... *Redhead.*
6. Song... "She is far from the Land."
Mr. A. Hosker.
7. Melody... (a) "Let Erin Remember." ... *Moore.*
Action Song... (b) "Johnny Schmoker." ... *Root.*
8. Song... "The Break of Day."
Miss A. Donnelly.

9. Juvenile Chorus... "Legend of the Bells."
(*Planquette*).
10. Song... "The Jolly Old Cavalier."
Mr. Fyles.
11. Recitation... "The Harbour Buoy."
Master B. Ramsbottom.
12. Violin Items... (a) "The Swan." ... *Saint Saens.*
(b) "Raymond." (*Entracte*)
(*A. Thomas*)
13. Song... Selected.

Mr. J. A. Curtin.

INTERVAL.

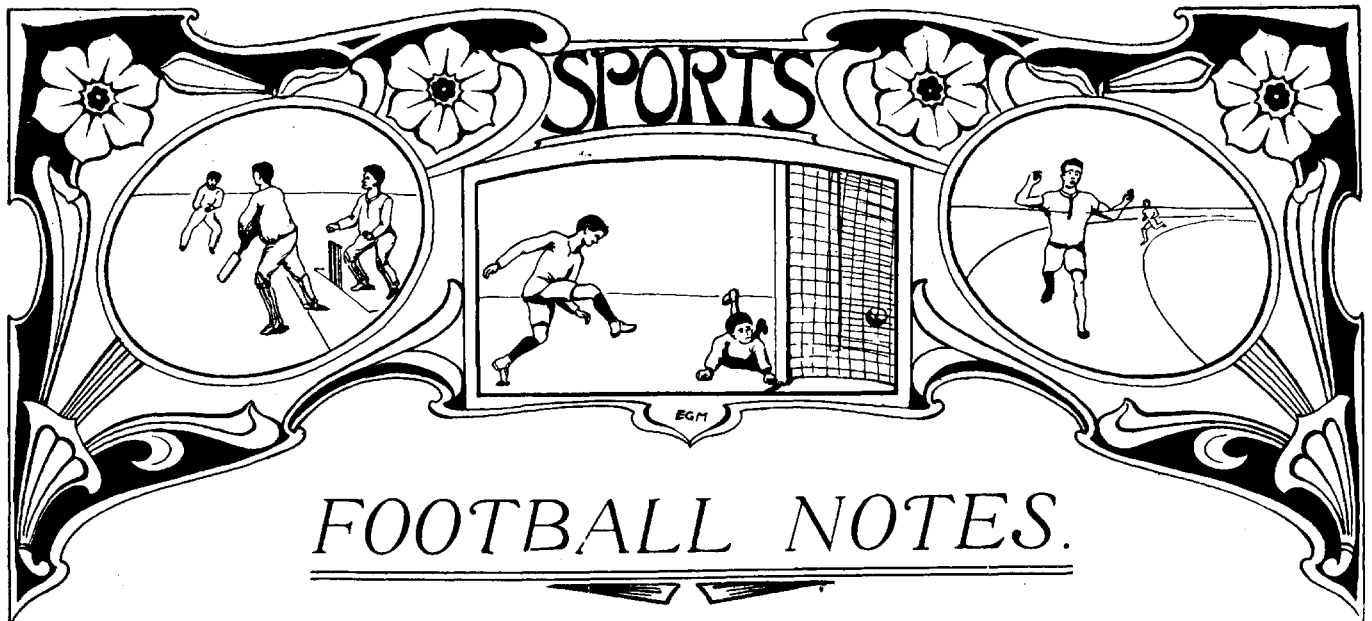
PART TWO.

1. Semi-Chorus... "The Image of the Rose." ...
(Solo Voices and (*Reichardt*).
Humming Accompaniment).
 2. Song... "Drake is going West."
Mr. Fyles.
 3. Two-part Song... "Greeting." *Mendelssohn.*
 4. Song... "Ave Maria." *Gounod.*
Miss A. Donnelly.
 5. Full Chorus... "Eldorado." *Pinsuti.*
 6. Song... "My Ain Folk."
Mr. A. Hosker.
 7. Solo... "My Heart's First Home." *Wallace.*
Master Ratchford.
 8. Song... Selected
Miss Udall.
 9. Plantation Lullaby... "Ma Curly-headed Baby."
(*Clutsam*).
 10. Song... "The Night the Old Cow Died."
Mr. J. A. Curtin.
 11. Spanish Serenade... "Come Lads, let's go
Serenading." *Lacome.*
- Finale** (a) College Song.
(b) National Anthem.

COMING EVENTS

St. Edward's College Sports - - Saturday, June 17th.

Inter-College Sports - - - - - Wednesday, July 19th.



THE Football Season which has just concluded has not proved very fruitful for our 1st XI., and the glorious record of the previous year has not been maintained. Many of our best players left in Summer, 1921, to begin courses at the University and thus we were forced to include in the 1st XI., players who had not previously figured in even 2nd XI. matches. These can scarcely be blamed for our lack of success. In the Shield competitions our teams gave creditable displays, losing in the Senior, to the Collegiate who ultimately secured the trophy, while in the Junior competition we were defeated on our own ground, in the semi-final, by Birkenhead Institute.

Football Colours have been given to the following, who played regularly in the 1st XI. : Ryan, Darragh, Murray, Lambert, Dolan, Blackledge, Wray and O'Donnell.

The best thanks of the Shield XI.'s are due to Mr. Maher, our Drill Instructor, who left nothing undone to secure the general efficiency of the teams.

Sincere congratulations to S.F.X. on winning the Junior Shield.

The inter-form matches, after Christmas, were frequently interfered with by bad

weather, several matches being put off.

In the Senior League, Form VI. proved very successful, winning the Championship and, with it, the Cup, without the loss of a single point. The captain, J. Cunningham, and the whole team are to be congratulated on this remarkable achievement.

We append the Senior League :—

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Form	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
VI.	13	13	0	0	61	16	26
U.VA.	12	7	3	2	36	30	16
U.VC.	11	5	3	3	32	22	13
L.VD.	11	5	4	2	30	26	12
L.VC.	10	5	5	0	29	36	10
L.VA.	10	2	5	3	24	39	7
L.VB.	12	1	8	3	21	36	5
U.VB.	10	1	9	0	21	50	2

NOTE :—In fairness to U.VB. it should be recorded that no fewer than 14 boys of that Form play with the First and Second Elevens and so were not available for the Class Matches.

MIDDLE LEAGUE.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
IVB.	11	8	3	0	48	21	16
IVC.	11	7	3	1	47	21	15
IVE.	10	5	4	1	28	22	11
IIIE.	9	5	3	1	27	22	11
IVA.	11	2	8	1	24	45	5
IVD.	10	1	7	2	11	57	4

THE CRICKET SEASON HAS NOW BEGUN AND WE HOPE FOR GREAT SUCCESS IN THE CRICKET FIELD.

- 1st XI.—*Captain*.....P. J. FLEMING.
Vice-Captain.....S. W. CARTWRIGHT.
 2nd XI.—*Captain*.....J. J. SEERY.
Vice-Captain.....W. RYAN.

1st XI. RESULTS.

- February 11th.—S.F.X. v. College 2-0.
 February 25th.—Collegiate v. College 2-1.

2nd XI. RESULTS.

- February 11th.—College v. S.F.X. 6-3.
 February 25th.—College v. Collegiate 2-2.
 March 4th.—College v. Bishop Eton 3-3.

College v. Old Boys.

This match was played at Walton Hall Avenue, on March 25th.

COLLEGE :—Ryan ; Darragh, Dolan ; Blackledge, Fleming, Lambert ; Ratchford, Mitchard, Gore, Cunningham, Kirwan.

OLD BOYS :—Lynch ; Hurley, T. Byrne ; Loughlin Shevlin, Irvine ; W. Parsons, J. Hawe, T. Fleming, O'Callaghan, Langley.

The College kicked off, and immediately broke away Lynch being soon called upon to save. The College continued to press during the first few minutes, and Tom Byrne was forced to clear continually. He responded to the frequent calls upon him, with all his old brilliancy and dash. From one of these clearances, the Old Boys' forwards pressed, and Dolan was compelled to cede a corner. Several corners, shortly afterwards forced by the College, proved fruitless. Play was now transferred to mid-field ; then the Old Boys, breaking through the College defence, forced Ryan to concede a corner, which was soon cleared. Almost immediately, however, Dolan was called upon to clear. Gore, obtaining possession of the ball, was intercepted, and deprived of it by Hurley, who played remarkably well throughout. Langley, who was playing a steady game on the left, centred, and O'Callaghan was unsuccessful with a long soaring shot. From this, up to half-time, the Old Boys had the better of the game ; and, two minutes before half-time, O'Callaghan scored from a melee in the goal-mouth, leaving the Old Boys a lead of one when the whistle sounded.

On resuming play, the College men appeared determined to equalize ; and Gore caused Lynch to make several good saves, in rapid succession. Tom Byrne cleared quickly ; and Jack Hawe, obtaining possession of the ball, was successful in taking it down to the goalmouth ; but Dolan, robbing him, disappointed his hopes of scoring. Loughlin sent the ball across the goalmouth from the touchline, and Ryan came out of his goal to save, but was unsuccessful in his attempt. Thereupon, Tom Fleming took his opportunity, and " netted " the ball. The game was now almost entirely played within the College half, Ryan being repeatedly called upon to clear. Shevlin and Irvine were noteworthy for their reliability, and clean kicking. Towards the close, Langley retired, and took no further part in the game. The Old Boys obtained a corner, and Hawe was very unfortunate

in just failing to score from it. There was no further score, and at full-time, the score stood :—
 Old Boys, 2 ; College, 0.

JUNIOR CUP FINAL.

IIIA.—Millington ; McWade, Murray ; Morgan, Park, Daniels ; O'Neill (Capt.), Rowen, Cadley, Daley, Lambert.

IIIB.—Hussey ; O'Neill, D., Roberts ; Rutter, Rice (Capt.), Kieran ; Merrutia, Crowley, Mahon, Dillon, Pinnington.

After two drawn games, the final for the Junior Cup was decided on April 19th, in the presence of a large number of spectators. The IIIB. team was the heavier side, but the IIIA.'s displayed more dash than their opponents. Rice, having won the toss, gave his side the advantage of a slight breeze.

The " wee " forwards attacked immediately, and Cadley disappointed by driving over the bar, in an early attempt to score. IIIB. now assumed the offensive ; and within a short time, a penalty, taken by Pinnington, awarded for hands against McWade, gave them the lead. Cadley, however, equalized for the A.'s, and the half-time score thus stood, 1-1.

On the resumption of play, the A. forwards again pressed ; and the defence was called on to clear, Rice being prominent. In their sustained attacks, O'Neill, the Captain, Rowen and Cadley were conspicuous, being ably assisted by Park. Murray, as back, was always to be relied upon. The second goal for the A.'s was scored by Daley. After some mid-field play, Mahon sent in a fast shot, which Millington, who kept an excellent goal, got between his hands, but was unable to hold. It was now nearing full-time ; and the honour of the winning goal fell to Park, who scored shortly before the final whistle, thus securing for his Form the possession of the Cup, during the coming year.

Full-time :—IIIA., 3 ; IIIB., 2.

SENIOR SHIELD.—First Round.

St. Edward's v. Liscard High School.

At New Brighton F.C. Ground, Feb. 22nd.

TEAM :—Ryan ; Darragh, Murray (Captain) ; Blackledge, Dolan, Lambert ; Mitchard, O'Donnell, Roche, Wray, Le Roi.

The ground was in a rather bad condition for playing, owing to the heavy rain of the preceding days. We won the toss and took advantage of the slope in the ground. Immediately on starting, St. Edward's broke away, but nothing came of this initial dash. Several times later on, our forwards broke through the Liscard defence, but Fortune failed to smile on them, the opponents' goalman holding the fort splendidly. Liscard now moved up and helped by a faux pas of Blackledge, put up the first score of the game. About ten minutes after, O'Donnell succeeded in netting the ball, from a pass by Mitchard, at about ten yards range, thus levelling the score. We continued the pressure after this and were awarded a penalty for hands, which O'Donnell took. Liscard custodian saved, but through some irregularity the kick had to be taken again and this time O'Donnell scored. At half-time the score stood : St. Edward's, 2 ; Liscard 1. Shortly after the resumption of play, our lead was

increased to two by Roche who, bursting through the Liscard defence, scored a well-merited goal with a shot which the goalkeeper fumbled and failed to clear. This success was quickly followed by another, Wray scoring from a fine centre by Mitchard. Ryan, who had got little opportunity of showing his powers, made a very fine save, shortly after Wray's goal, playing throughout with his accustomed sang-froid. The fifth goal came from O'Donnell and a few minutes after, the whistle sounded, the final score being:—
St. Edward's, 5; Liscard, 1.

SENIOR SHIELD.—Second Round.

St. Edward's College v. L'pool Collegiate. March 8th

The weather was very unpromising and a strong wind was blowing when the teams lined up for the commencement of the game.

ST. EDWARD'S:—Ryan; Darragh, Murraye Blackledge, Dolan, Lambert; Mitchard, O'Donnell; Roche, Wray, and Le Roi.

Murray, having won the toss, elected to kick with the wind. St. Edward's made the first attack, but Collegiate were soon very dangerous and Ryan had to field a strong shot from the Collegiate left-half. From the resulting clearance the play was forced into our opponents' half and Roche almost scored with a ground shot which the Collegiate goalkeeper did well to save. Our forwards now pressed continuously, but after Wray had made an effort to score, the play was interrupted for some minutes. Upon resumption our opponents attacked fiercely, Woan, the Collegiate inside-right playing very well. Ryan received two shots which he negotiated safely, but we were lucky when the Collegiate forwards missed a glorious chance, offered by their right wing. Our forwards, meanwhile, were unable to control the ball properly, and the right wing was virtually neglected. Mitchard, when reasonably placed, shot weakly. Ryan performed very well when he picked up the ball from a ruck of players in the goal mouth. The play was of a scrappy nature, but Mitchard sent across a very fine centre, and the Collegiate goal was fortunate in escaping downfall. From a shot from our left wing much danger was caused to the Collegiate goal, but after the goalkeeper had fisted out, no one was ready to take advantage of the position. A little later, Roche did not score when fairly well placed, although the goalkeeper had left his charge. Dolan tried a first-time shot, which was almost successful, and Wray when through, was tripped in the penalty area, and although both linesmen signalled, the referee did not award the penalty, not having seen the offence. The halves had been very weak, and the Collegiate forwards, who had played very well, were allowed far too much licence. The forwards were thus badly supported but this does not explain their inglorious display. Half-time arrived without score.

Collegiate resumed strongly, but our forwards soon pressed strongly, O'Donnell being unfortunate when, after passing the backs he shot past the goalkeeper, who had run out to intercept him, the ball passing into touch. The Collegiate forwards shot on every occasion, their inside-right being very prominent. Ryan however, played magnificently, having to save both high shots and ground shots. O'Donnell was far and away the best forward, and though not very successful, he made some good efforts, which were usually

spoiled by the safety tactics of the Collegiate full-backs. Murray, in heading away a very strong shot was badly shaken for a little while, but the ensuing corner produced no tangible result. From a centre by the Collegiate left wing, one of their inside-forwards deflected the ball into the left-hand corner of the net about breast high. This score was made about twenty minutes from the finish and served to encourage our opponents. Our forwards, however, subsequently made some good efforts; and of the Collegiate was hurt in the face by the ball, the resulting throw-up being to our disadvantage. Soon afterwards Woan, who was allowed a clear shot, scored finely, the ball entering the goal, to the right of Ryan, who had no chance. Subsequently, Murray was tricked, but when a score looked almost certain, the inside-left passed to the outside-left, thus losing an excellent chance of scoring. Collegiate had the better of exchanges and ultimately the final whistle blew, leaving us defeated by two goals to nil.

Ryan and Murray were the outstanding players on the St. Edward's team; generally speaking, the football was not of a very high standard, but the game was a sporting one and no fault could be found with the result.

JUNIOR SHIELD.—First Round.

Feb. 15th.

In the 1st Round of the Junior Shield, we travelled to the Calderstones to play Holt. It was a bright day with a touch of Spring in the air and promptly, at 3 p.m., the teams lined out. Pozzi won the toss and Holt kicked off. They immediately made play on the right, but were well held by Hayes. After a scramble in mid-field, Rogers our inside-left broke away and running up, he passed to Pozzi who passed to Stall on the wing, Stall immediately returned the ball to the centre, and Rogers unfortunately shot right over the bar. He seemed rather glum so we gave him a rousing Kia-Ora, which livened him up. Holt now pressed and our defence were in some straits to hold their own, when a pot-shot by the Holt centre-forward beat McClemens and so registered their first goal.

Shortly after half-time, Rogers who played a brilliant game, securing the ball, passed four opponents and finally scored with a fine drive. He was cheered to the echo. Both sides now went for the winning goal, but thanks to our defence, particularly Rimmer and the wing halves, notably Flaherty, who throughout gave a splendid exhibition in tackling and feeding, Holt were unable to score. Close on time, Flaherty, securing, passed to Stall who dribbled half the length of the field and then neatly placed to Pozzi who scored the winning goal.

TEAM:—McClemens; Hayes, Rimmer; Flaherty, Carroll, Bolger; Stall, Pollard, Pozzi, Rogers, Turner.

2nd Round.

The luck of the draw took us to Liscard for the Second Round. Owing to inclement weather, the match was postponed from the 1st March to the 15th, and on that day a goodly number assembled in Sandyways Park, New Brighton, to witness the match. We were obliged to make several changes in the team, nevertheless, we hoped to pull through.

The first half opened in rather tame fashion, but soon play livened up and Liscard made a concerted descent on Cain's charge only to be beaten back time

and again; thus the first half ended with a blank sheet.

On resuming, St. Edward's settled down to win, and it fell to McMullan to open the scoring, which he did from a shot close in. St. Edward's now dominated the game and attacked vigorously, Pozzi scoring three goals before the final whistle rang the curtain down, leaving us the victors by 4 goals to 0.

For St. Edwards, Rimmer again proved a very fine back, while the half-line, Bolger, Carroll and Flaherty, kept the opposing forwards well in hand. Forward, the left wing showed better skill and dash, Rogers again proving himself the star of the line, while Pozzi proved the value of the first-time shot and led the line in capable fashion.

TEAM:—Cain; Bowe, Rimmer; Flaherty, Carroll, Bolger; Stall, McMullan, Pozzi, Rogers, Titherington.

Semi-Final.

The Semi-Final of the Junior Shield found us at home to B.I. The match was played at Walton Hall, on Monday, March 20th, the kick-off being timed for 4-30 p.m.

Pozzi lost the toss and had to face a pretty strong breeze while the sun was also troublesome. Consequently, St. Ed's were frequently on the defensive. A notable absentee from our forward line was Rogers, who was unable to play owing to sickness. This was a serious handicap, and yet mainly owing to the fine goalkeeping of Cain, a one handed save of his being particularly brilliant, half-time came with the score sheet blank.

On resuming, St. Edward's immediately pressed, and forced a corner, this was well placed by Smith, and Pozzi, gaining possession, scored a good goal.

Straight from the centre, the B.I. inside-right put in a difficult cross-shot which completely deceived Cain. After this, our men livened up somewhat, but even so, they could not score. B.I. again broke away and despite the gallant efforts of the defence, scored again. There was no further scoring, and full-time came, leaving B.I. victors by 2-1.

TEAM:—Cain; Flaherty, Rimmer; Stall, Carroll, Roche; Smith, McMullan, Pozzi, Bolger, Titherington.

CRICKET—FIRST ELEVEN.

THE FOLLOWING MATCHES HAVE BEEN PLAYED UP TO DATE OF PUBLICATION:—

Wallasey Gram. Sch.	v.	St. Edward's...Home	
Abell, b Cartwright.....	8	Kennedy, b Davies.....	0
Lonergan, b Kennedy ..	5	Fleming, lbw. Davies ..	2
Clark, b McKenna	4	McGrath, run out	6
Thomson, not out	62	Harrington, b Davies ..	11
Tyson, run out	4	Cartwright, b Parkes ..	11
Davies, c Fleming,		McKenna, b Davies ...	3
b Kennedy	6	Balfour, c Lonergan,	
Parkes, b McGrath	0	b Davies	2
Smith, run out	0	Ryan, b Parkes	0
Warburton, c and		Gore, lbw. Parkes	0
b McGrath	2	Kehoe, not out	10
Thomas, not out	3	Robertson,	
Othick		b Parkes	0
Extras	18	Extras	4
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Bootle Sec. School	v.	St. Edward's...Home.	
Brown, c Lynch		McGrath, c Wilson	
b Kennedy	3	b Airey	0
Clarke, c Gore,		Fleming, run out	3
b Kennedy	0	Kennedy, b Hobley ...	0
Harrison, b Kennedy ...	0	Harrington, b Hobley ..	10
Airey, b Kennedy	11	Cartwright, b Airey ...	13
White, run out	9	Kehoe, c Wilson,	
Stevenson, b Cartwright	0	b Hobley	8
Bennett, b Kennedy ...	13	McKenna, b Airey ...	4
Alderson, not out	10	Gore, c Bennett,	
Hobley, c Harrington ...	0	b Wilson	4
b Kennedy	0	Ryan, b Brown	8
Wilson, b Kennedy ...	1	Lynch, b Brown	10
Sherrington, c Robertson		Robertson, not out ...	0
b Kennedy	0	Extras	5
Extras	10		<hr/>
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Holt Sec. School	v.	St. Edward's...Away	
Holmes, c Ryan		Gore, b Lawton	1
b Kennedy	1	Fleming, c & b Lawton	3
Cliffe, b Kennedy	4	McGrath, c & b Lawton	1
Walton, c McKenna,		Cartwright, c Williams,	
b Kennedy	3	b Hannaford	1
Williams, b McGrath ...	38	Kennedy, b Hannaford	6
Lawton, c Kehoe,		Harrington, c Lawton,	
b Kennedy	3	b Hannaford	3
Kenyon, b McKenna ...	3	Kehoe, c Hannaford,	
Williams, not out	4	b Lawton	0
Holdsworth, c Kehoe,		McKenna, b Lawton ...	6
b McGrath	0	Ryan, not out.....	6
Extras	8	Lynch, b Hannaford ...	8
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Three did not bat.	64	b Hannaford	1
		Extras	1
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Liscard High School	v.	St. Edward's...Away.	
Waring, b Kennedy ...	10	Gore, run out	0
Cain, c McKenna,		Fleming, c Waring.....	0
b Kennedy	0	Kennedy, b Stibbs ...	10
Summer, c Kehoe,		Ryan, c Waring,	3
b Kennedy	0	McKenna, c Heald, ...	5
Spinks, not out	22	McGrath, b Cain	12
Darragh, b Kennedy ...	4	Harrington, c Cain, ...	0
Extras	1	Singleton, not out	0
	<hr/>	Kehoe, b Cain.....	10
	37	Lynch, b Cain.....	0
		Robertson, c Waring...	8
		Extras	5
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<p>S.F.X. College</p> <p>Dunn, b Cartwright ... 0 Crowden, c Robertson, b Cartwright 0 Loneragan, b Kennedy .. 5 C. Connerty, lbw., b Kennedy 0 Halton, b Kennedy ... 3 W. Connerty, b Cartwright 7 Norman, run out 2 Eckersley, b Cartwright 4 Paden, c McKenna, b Kennedy 2 Baker, not out 0 Morris, b Kennedy 0 Extras 2</p> <hr/> <p>25</p>	<p>v.</p>	<p>St. Edward's....Away.</p> <p>Fleming, c Dunn, b Paden 1 Gore, b Paden 1 Kennedy, b Paden ... 0 Cartwright, c C. Con- nerty, b Morris ...20 Harrington, b Morris ...15 McGrath, b Morris ... 4 Ryan, b Crowden 9 McKenna, not out 5 Kehoe, did not bat. Robertson, did not bat. O'Donnell, did not bat.</p> <p>Extras 2</p> <hr/> <p>57</p>	<p>Collegiate</p> <p>Leathwood, c Kehoe, b Kennedy 2 Stringer, b Cartwright .. 3 Unsworth, b Kennedy .. 8 Lees, c Harrington, b Cartwright 3 Turner, b Kennedy ... 0 Moore, c Kehoe, b Kennedy 5 Mitty, lbw. Kennedy ... 3 Hampton, b Cartwright 0 Kay, b Cartwright 4 Connery, b Cartwright .. 0 Saul, not out 1 Extras10</p> <hr/> <p>39</p>	<p>v.</p>	<p>St. Edward's....Home.</p> <p>Gore, b Moore..... 7 O'Donnell, b Moore ... 0 Kennedy, b Moore ... 0 Harrington, c Connery, b Stringer43 Cartwright, b Lees ... 0 McGrath, not out10 Fleming, b Moore 0 Ryan, b Moore 3 Kehoe, b Moore 0 McKenna, c Connery, b Stringer 0 Robertson, c Mitty, b Stringer 2 Extras 7</p> <hr/> <p>72</p>
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SECOND ELEVEN.

<p>St. Edward's v. Oldershaw.</p> <p>White, c. 1 McGrath, c.22 McKenna, b. 3 Robertson, b. 0 Seery, c. 4 O'Donnell, not out 1 Ratchford, b. 1 Lynch, c. 7 Farrelly, b. 4 Beauchamp, b. 0 Flaherty, b. 0 Extras 4</p> <hr/> <p>47</p> <p>Oldershaw28</p>	<p>Away.</p>	<p>St. Edward's v. Wallasey Gr. Sch'l.</p> <p>May, b. 5 White, b..... 4 Beauchamp, b. 9 Lynch, c. 0 Farrelly, run out 0 Seery, st. 3 Fletcher, b. 4 Kenny, b. 0 Ratchford, run out ... 0 Power, b. 0 Cain, not out 0 Extras 0</p> <hr/> <p>25</p> <p>Wallasey92</p>	<p>Away.</p>	<p>St. Edward's v. S.F.X. Coll.</p> <p>White, b. 9 May, c. 1 Cain, b. 6 Ratchford, c and b. ...24 Lynch, c. 9 Fletcher, b. 0 Seery, c. 0 Farrelly, c. 0 Power, b. 4 Balfour, c. 4 Kenny, not out 1 Extras 4</p> <hr/> <p>62</p> <p>S.F.X.57</p>	<p>Home.</p>	<p>St. Edward's v. Collegiate.</p> <p>White, run out 1 Lynch, c. 2 Farrelly, b. 9 May, b. 0 Ratchford, b. 1 Balfour, c. 1 Seery, b. 0 Fletcher, b. 3 Beauchamp, b. 0 Kenny, not out 1 Power, c. 0 Extras 0</p> <hr/> <p>18</p> <p>Collegiate54</p>
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