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DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART

THE OBJECT OF THE DEVOTION

The object which the Church proposes to her children's devotion is the real and physical heart of Jesus Christ, the heart which is now living and beating in His breast, and, therefore, the heart of a Divine Person. When we adore it, our adoration is directed to it as being a part of the Man-God, Jesus Christ. Hence, the material object of our adoration is the material heart of Our Lord, not separated from His humanity nor from His Divinity, but the living heart of the Incarnate God.

But, besides this, there is a spiritual devotion of which the Sacred Heart of Our Lord is a symbol. This is the burning love of Jesus for men. No tongue can tell its intensity; we can only wonder in silent amazement at the proofs He has left us of it. That love laid Him a helpless infant in the manger, made Him toil in obscurity at a humble trade, exposed Him to the envy, contradictions, and hatred of the fanatical Jewish leaders. It nailed Him to the Cross, and thereon, opened wide His side that we

might enter His Heart and there find a safe refuge to shelter from the troubles and sorrows of this world. By adoring His Sacred Heart, therefore, we, in a spiritual way, pay homage to all that tenderness and compassion He felt for the infirmities of our human nature.

USE OF DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART

Devotion to the Sacred Heart recommends itself to all classes of Catholics without exception; but to none with more reason than to college boys. It procures for us strength, courage, and steadiness of purpose to overcome weak nature, and to come out victorious in the struggle with the powers of darkness. We need strength for the spiritual battle. The temptations encountered in the world are innumerable; we are weak; but, with the helping grace given by the Sacred Heart to one who is devout to It, we can not only overcome temptation but cultivate virtue.

But strength alone is not sufficient in our struggle; we need courage; and that too will be given us by the Sacred Heart. When temptations seem so numerous as almost to overwhelm us, when the weariness of continual effort seems to make us lose heart, the

courage given by the Sacred Heart will sustain us.

It will give us, too, the third quality, namely, the determination to persevere in good. To make a start is easy, but without help from above our frail human nature will find the struggle too great, and will not have sufficient steadiness of purpose to persevere in the way that, we know, leads to everlasting happiness.

IMITATION OF THE SACRED HEART

But our devotion to the Sacred Heart will secure for us these three qualities only if it is practical. We must strive to make the sentiments of our heart like those of Our Lord's. Let us consider some of the virtues of Our Lord's Sacred Heart, especially those which Jesus loves in a boy.

MEEKNESS AND HUMILITY.

"Learn of Me," says Our Lord, "because I am meek and humble of Heart." Meekness was foretold by the prophets as one of Our Lord's characteristics. He is called the Lamb of God. Was He not, in His passion, meek as a lamb before its shearers, and did He not suffer without resentment, nay with forgiveness in His Heart, every kind of torment and ignominy? Our Lord is really and truly the Great God before whom the hierarchies of angels bend in awful adoration; still He humbled Himself, taking the form of a man, humbled Himself to redeem mankind, and to give us an example for imitation. Look at the Great God a helpless Child in the manger, an assistant to St. Joseph, the carpenter, a wanderer who "had not where to lay His head," an outcast of the people suffering the terrible scourging, the mocks and insults of the brutal soldiery, the most terrible of all deaths, and marvel at His humility!

LOVE

The Sacred Heart loves us and seeks our love in return. "Behold," He says to St. Margaret Mary, "this Heart which has loved men so much." It loved men to the extent of dying for their salvation, and leaving them a pledge of its love in the Most Blessed Sacrament. His love is so great, St. Margaret Mary tells us, that she saw Him waiting with innumerable graces for men, but they would not ask Him for them. His love was more willing to give than men were to receive. Shall we not by our love for the Sacred Heart try to make up in some little way for the carelessness and ingratitude of men?

PATIENCE

The Sacred Heart is a marvel of patience. Think of His patient waiting for thirty years at Nazareth until the time came to begin His preaching, and His infinite patience in instructing His ignorant, slow-witted Apostles. Recall His patient suffering during His passion and His patience now with poor sinners waiting for them to come back to Him.

KINDNESS

Our Lord was kindness itself. Consider His kindness to the little children and to the poor repentant sinners, and the sick. Let this kindness give us confidence to go to Our Lord to confide in Him as we would in a loving, tender-hearted Father.

UNSELFISHNESS

This is the virtue which causes us to forget self, and ever to study the advantage of others more than our own. This virtue shone with surpassing lustre in the Sacred Heart. His whole energies were directed to doing God's will—"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me"—and saving mankind. This required unselfishness

in embracing the hardships—poverty, toil, and suffering—from which men turn away.

These are some of the virtues which we should strive to acquire to make our heart resemble in some tiny degree the Sacred Heart of Our Lord.

COMPENSATION

Our Lord loves us all, and seeks our salvation, but especially does He cherish the soul that is devoted to His Sacred Heart. The following promises were made in apparition by Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary. Let us consider them and we will, perhaps, be still more encouraged to cultivate this devotion at once so necessary and so profitable.

Promises of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary in favour of those who practice Devotion to His Sacred Heart.

1. I will give them the graces necessary for their state.
2. I will give peace in their families.
3. I will comfort them in their trials and afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge in life and in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart an ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall advance rapidly to perfection.
9. I will bless every dwelling in which an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honoured.
10. I will give priests a peculiar facility in converting the most hardened souls.
11. The persons who spread this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.

12. My all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in My disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments.

A BIT OF FORGOTTEN HISTORY

When St. Pat's. had to fight hard for a Football Premiership.

(By An Old Boy)

Periodically when Old St. Pat's. boys talk about the records of their school in the football competitions the question arises: When were they defeated last? The writer of this brief article can throw some light on that question for he was present as one of the barrackers on the day when Ballarat College defeated St. Pat's. by a couple of points at the Eastern Oval on 9th June, 1904—thirty-one years ago.

In those days the Grammar School was not strong enough to take part in competitions. The school consisted of a couple of classrooms behind St. Peter's Church. Grenville College was in Mair Street, and Ballarat College was in Sturt Street next the Presbyterian Church. Thirty-one years is a long interval to go back for reasons to account for our defeat that year—but I remember well that we lost several good players after the May Matriculation examination, a kind of supplementary for those who failed in December. Our most serious loss was Martin Gleeson, now well known in the Ballarat diocese as Rev. Fr. Gleeson. The recruits to fill the vacant places were inexperienced in the class of football then played, the exception being Tom Little who has been for some years parish priest of

Dandenong. I have a strong suspicion that over-confidence in our strength was also a reason for our undoing, but all the same Ballarat College had a fine side of big, active fellows, most of whom played a prominent part in senior football afterwards. They surprised us by the vigour and purpose of their attacks, in spite of the heroic resistance of our backs, notably the late Frank Scullion, our captain, and Kevin McCarthy, the present popular president of Footscray. The scores see-sawed all through the game, putting the barrackers into ecstasies of delight or the abysses of gloom. Just on time our lead of three points was converted into a deficit of three by a fine piece of work by a big Ballarat ruck man whose name I forget. We were dazed at the result, and walked off home plunged in despondency. That night we were all as silent as though we were preparing for an individual or a collective funeral.

Certain little incidents that occurred after the match and during the weeks that followed were responsible for a considerable amount of bitterness between the two sets of boys. In fact the writer has a very vivid recollection of a wordy battle between a number in the 'stand at the Eastern Oval one Saturday afternoon, which needed only some extra provocation to develop into a more serious business which would have given people something to interest them during the half-time interval.

When we came back after the mid-winter holidays we were delighted to find a new boarder in the person of Jack Coffey, a very tall, strong chap, and an excellent athlete—in fact just the type required for the solid ruck work that then prevailed. In addition our lads practised very hard. Twice a week they ran down (no walking)

to the Western Oval, where they trained till it was time to trot home again in the semi-darkness. As a result of all this strenuous preparation we were confident that the return match would have a different result, and so it had. From the bounce we prevailed in every part of the field to such an extent that our opponents practically gave up trying in the last quarter. Early in the match the rival supporters came dangerously close to each other with the result that in a very brief space a ring was formed around two fierce zealots. One of the Brothers arrived in all haste to declare it "no contest" and pack us off to a less risky part of the ground. The final scores were—S.P.C.: 12 goals 14 behinds; B.C.: 1 goal 5 behinds.

A few weeks later the two schools met in a play-off for the premiership. Needless to say the excitement was intense. The ground was soft and a very erratic wind seemed to confuse both sets of forwards. Ballarat opened up with the wind and led by 13 points at quarter-time. We did not make as much use of the wind as we expected, nevertheless we led by 7 points at half-time. When three-quarter time came, with Ballarat leading us by 7 points, we were sure of victory, but actually we did not get in the lead till near the end. A succession of points drew loud groans from our barrackers, to be succeeded by a frenzied cheering when C. ("Yabber") Lyons marked in front to goal and put us in the lead. When the final bell rang we had won the premiership by five points—3 goals 10 behinds to 3 goals 5 behinds. The barrackers were naturally in high glee and demonstrated the fact all the way up Sturt Street. Next morning most of us could produce merely a faint croak

when asked a question, and no wonder. Conspicuous among the gallant band who fought so hard that day were Frank Scullion, Kevin McCarthy (who does not appear in the 1904 photo hanging near the infirmary), Jim Rowan (now Dr. Rowan, and a very loyal old boy), the late Clive Dawson, Jim and Charlie Lyons, Tom Little, Jack Coffey and Chris. Hanlon. So now you know.

THE TERMINAL DINNER

A very successful and pleasant term was concluded by the usual terminal dinner on Tuesday evening, 14th May.

The refectory was tastefully decorated for the occasion by Br. Crowley and his assistants, who spent the whole of Tuesday on their labours.

The guests of honour included Rev. Fr. Gleeson (the College Chaplain), Rev. Fr. O'Shanassy, Messrs. Pierce, Wilson, O'Leary and Gill. Rev. Bro. Purton presided.

The boys were looking very happy in the anticipation of a first-rate celebration, for the tables were crowded to capacity with good things, and this was only the introduction to a pleasant, well-earned holiday to follow.

After grace the whole college advanced quickly "en masse" to the attack, and in a short time all had settled down, "flat out like lizards drinking." After the first five minutes consternation was caused by Br. Purton's opening solo on the bell. He explained that as the programme was long they had better start it. So everybody "Packed up his troubles in his old kit bag" and there was no lack of smiling as the boys, after this welcome breathing space, resumed the interrupted attack with renewed vigour.

The first toast of the evening, that of the First XI, Champions for 1935, with which was coupled the name of the popular coach (Rev. Br. O'Malley), was ably proposed by J. Connellan, and enthusiastically received by the company.

Next, another sortie by the attackers, during which some delighted sounds from the smaller boys were adequately drowned by the orchestra, was stopped in mid-career by the announcement of the "item of the evening"—that of the newly-founded Intermediate Choral Society—"Two Little Girls in Blue." They looked quite at home though—not one looked blue, and what is more, there were more than two.

When Br. O'Malley and N. Flanagan (cricket captain) had suitably responded to the proposed toast, "Daisy" was introduced in the shape of a second community song. George Dwyer, the diminutive smiler of the college, then rendered his solo recitation, "Bob-up Smiling." But he is so small that it was thought he would not be able to "bob" high enough for his smile to be seen, so he was promptly hoisted on to a platform.

The important toast—The Crews, together with Rev. Fr. Gleeson (Patron of the rowing), Rev. Br. Mogg (Manager), and Messrs. Pierce, Wilson and O'Leary (Coaches)—was proposed by L. Rabl, who expressed the hope that in the near future the success that all deserved and had laboured so hard to attain would come to St. Pat's.

The Intermediate Choralists then, with great gusto, "spread themselves" over several verses of "How do you do," specially prepared for the occasion. Br. Murtagh need have no fear of their winning at South Street; but they made up in volume for what they

lacked in the refinements of choral art, and their effort was a howling success. After hearing these promising performers we feel certain that this year all the barracking will not be left to "the boy with THE voice." Bill Fowler's recitation, "The man with the single hair," caused much amusement, and was loudly applauded by the audience.

Rev. Fr. Gleeson, Mr. Pierce, and J. Hayes briefly replied to L. Rabl's neat little speech, thanking him for his appreciative remarks, and the company for their sympathetic reception of them. On behalf of the rowers, J. Hayes presented Mr. Pierce with a small token of their gratitude for his services so unselfishly rendered to the 1935 crew.

Rev. Fr. O'Shanassy, an Old Boy-Priest, and also a former rower, in presenting "oars" to the first crew, recalled some of the happenings of his time as a student. All were keenly interested.

After Rev. Bro. Purton had dwelt on last year's results and the progress made so far this year, the Honours Class, not to be out-done by the lusty-lunged Intermediates, gave a rendering of the Maori Haka which, in spite of all the eating, cheering, and singing they had done, came up to their usual high standard. They were nearly late, however, and we would advise them to get in a little earlier next time—and, also, to get in a little more practice.

"Auld Lang Syne" was sung with energy, after which Rev. Fr. Gleeson terminated a very enjoyable function by saying the Grace.

AROUND THE CLASSES

The final week of the first term was given over to the usual term tests. The marks in these examinations have

some influence in the selection of the various class leaders for the prize list at the end of the year, so there was great competition right through the college. The tests, too, although they entail great labour in the correction of the papers, indicate to the teacher any weakness in the subjects and this is attacked and means taken to eradicate it during the succeeding term. We wish to congratulate all the boys on the fine work they did during the first term, and especially those who headed their class in the various subjects. We hope that as the year progresses the boys will get even keener on their work and so make their pass in the December exams. a certainty.

HONOURS CLASS

The following headed their class in the subjects mentioned—

English: J. Connellan, V. Batros (equal), 78; Latin: K. Flynn, 74; French: P. Allen, 86; European History: D. Crawley, 71; Greek and Roman History: V. Batros, 78; Physics: L. Rabl, 90; Chemistry: J. Connellan, 61; Maths. III: J. Connellan, 87; Economics: P. O'Donnell, 67; Biology: K. Bolleman, 72; Commercial Law: J. Fogarty, 87.

Special mention must be made of a few students for outstanding work in all their subjects. The marks are appended: P. Allen (69, 65, 86, 71); J. Connellan (78, 76, 75, 61, 87); D. Crawley (76, 69, 71, 70); K. Flynn (75, 74, 74, 70); W. Joyce (72, 67, 66, 79); P. O'Donnell (70, 85, 75, 67); L. Rabl (74, 65, 90, 76).

LEAVING

The leaders.—Christian Doctrine: B. Foley, 67; English: H. Walker, 65; Latin: Joe Kelly, 75; French: Joe Kelly, 81; European History: E.

Hogan, 67; Greek and Roman History: H. Walker, 77; Physics: A. Casey, 60; Chemistry: F. Favoloro, 70; Maths. I: F. Favoloro, 77; Maths. II: B. O'Brien, 83; Maths. III: B. O'Brien, 94; Economics: F. Webster, 68; Drawing: F. Brophy, 100; Biology: F. Favoloro, 70; Commercial Law: W. Davey, 75.

Special mention must be made of a few very meritorious performances. They include only those boys who passed in every one of their subjects. The marks are given in brackets:—M. Brady (64, 62, 61, 66, 69, 52, 65, 57); T. Brazil (51, 56, 65, 68, 50, 54, 81, 70); A. Casey (62, 60, 61, 69, 57, 60, 66, 73, 73); J. Callahan (61, 56, 59, 72, 72, 68, 68, 72); E. Hogan (54, 56, 67, 52, 60, 65); T. Hogan (52, 64, 65, 63); E. Kennedy (63, 62, 66, 74, 62, 58, 62); D. Monahan (59, 59, 56, 65, 57, 75, 57); J. Murphy (56, 63, 66, 68, 52); H. Walker (60, 65, 67, 66, 77, 59, 71); E. Williams (53, 53, 66, 64, 55).

INTERMEDIATE

The leaders.—Christian Doctrine: J. Colbert; English: V. Batchelor; Latin: J. Watson; French: H. Williams; Arithmetic: V. Batchelor; Algebra: R. Smith; Geometry and Trigonometry: A. McDonald; History: V. Batchelor; Geography: J. Flanagan; Physics: J. Rabl; Chemistry: G. Hopkins; Drawing: L. Panlook; Commercial Principles: L. McLoughlan.

SUB-INTERMEDIATE A

The first ten places in the class are: 1, E. McCulloch (718); 2, L. Flynn (714), W. Sloane (714), equal; 4, J. Delahunty; 5, M. Willis; 6, J. O'Donohue; 7, J. Halvey; 8, M. Herlihy; 9, T. Coutts; 10, H. Munday.

The leaders in the various subjects: Christian Doctrine: E. McCulloch

(93); English: T. Coutts (85); Latin: J. Delahunty and F. Delahunty (100), equal; French: J. Delahunty (98); Geometry: L. Flynn (89); Algebra: W. Sloane and H. Munday (100), equal; Arithmetic: W. Sloane, M. Willis, L. Flynn, J. Halvey, I. Pontefract (100), equal; Geography: M. Willis (89); Chemistry: E. McCulloch (92); Physics: L. Flynn (82).

SUB-INTERMEDIATE B

The leaders.—Christian Doctrine: Des. Tooley (74); Geography: M. Madden (84); Chemistry: T. Vavjenezki (90); Physics: T. Vavjenezki (82); Latin: B. Irvin (97); French: T. Vavjenezki (87); English: T. Vavjenezki and M. Madden (73), equal; Arithmetic: K. Gilmour and D. Tooley (100), equal; Algebra: T. Long, M. Madden, M. Drewry, H. Ryan, J. O'Bryan, M. Exell, K. Gilmour, F. McGrath, B. Irvin, P. McNamara (100), equal; Geometry: M. Whitty, L. Auchettl, P. Mullins (87), equal; Bookkeeping: W. McCunnie, T. Long, M. Drewry, M. Whitty, P. McNamara, L. Auchettl, J. Dea (100), equal.

SIXTH CLASS

The first ten places in the class are: 1, J. Donovan (645); 2, B. Hannon (625); 3, J. Hill (617); 4, F. Kroon (611); 5, W. Gibney (573); 6, J. Downes (548); 7, F. Labb (540); 8, W. Coffey (535); 9, B. Tierney (517); 10, J. Connell (513).

The leaders in the various subjects: Christian Doctrine: B. Tierney and F. Kroon (100), equal; English: J. Donovan and B. Hannon (80), equal; Latin: F. Labb (90); French: J. Donovan (97); Geometry: J. Donovan, J. Downes, W. Gibney, J. Hill, B. Hannon (100), equal; Algebra: F. Labb (94); Arithmetic: J. Hill (90); Geography: J. Donovan (88).

FIFTH CLASS

The first six places in the class are: 1, B. Powell; 2, G. Dwyer; 3, P. White; 4, M. McGrath; 5, B. Hill; 6, J. Wise.

THE JUNIORS

The leaders of the lower grades are: J. Burns, K. Ross, R. Linton.

ROWING

BRIDGE PARTY FOR THE COLLEGE RACING BOATS

A very successful bridge party was held at the beautiful home of Mrs. A. McDavitt, of Camberwell. In addition to placing her residence at the disposal of the college, Mrs. McDavitt organised the function, and paid all expenses connected therewith. Such generosity in one who has had her two sons, John and Kevin, in St. Patrick's such a short time is worthy of imitation, and all in the college, Brothers and boys, are deeply grateful to the organiser for the sum of £45 which was raised through this function. A new semi-racing four will be purchased with this money, and the boat will be called the "McDavitt." We hope to see the Seconds, Thirds and Fourths coming in first in this boat next year.

OUR PRACTICE BOATS

Rowing is a very expensive branch of sport, and one that receives more attention among the Public Schools than any other. Unfortunately our practice boats have outlived their usefulness, and as a result our boys have been severely handicapped in the preparation for the "Head of the Lake" during the last few years. With a view to securing some new Practice Fours we appealed recently to the Old Boys, but whilst some were generous many failed to send any assist-

ance. It is indeed encouraging to have a friend like Mrs. McDavitt, who is so interested in our rowing, and we are pleased to be able to state that Mrs. Powell (Bobbie's mother), and Mr. Sparkes, an Old Boy, have promised to hold similar functions in the near future. To equip our Boat House in a manner worthy of St. Patrick's College we need £200. Should any reader of the "Chronicle" feel disposed to send us along a contribution it will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

THE PLEASURE BOATS

Thanks to a number of very kind friends we have had our twelve pleasure boats thoroughly repaired and painted in the college colours. What college in Australia can boast of such a fine fleet of boats? Rowing, a most healthy exercise, is indulged in by nearly 200 of our boys, and some of the very junior boys are already quite proficient with the oars. We are therefore deeply grateful to the following who gave special donations towards the renovation of these pleasure boats: Rev. Frs. McGloin, Gleeson, McMahan; Messrs. Gude, O'Shea and O'Regan; Rev. Brs. Superiors of Launceston and Middle Park; Mesdames McDavitt and O'Regan.

FORTHCOMING ROWING EVENTS

To encourage rowing within the school an inter-house regatta will be held in July, and the winning crew will have their names inscribed on the beautiful shield presented to the college by Ball & Welch, of Melbourne. In addition each member of the winning crew will receive a beautiful cup generously donated by our worthy College Chaplain (Rev. Fr. J. H. Gleeson). On the same day as we hold this race there will be several races in the pleasure boats.

FOOTBALL

On the last Sunday of the first term we held a practice match to "try out" several promising new players who were anxious to win a place in St. Pat's. first eighteen. The match was a useful guide in the selection of the members of the final training list which is as follows: N. Flanagan, T. Keogh, T. Collins, P. McGenniskien, L. Coleman, J. Fogarty, J. Lonergan, F. Favaloro, J. Hunter, S. McLindin, J. O'Brien, F. Hetherington, K. Reilly, Jas. Kelly, P. Crowe, M. Gill, E. Hogan, P. Mullins, W. Joyce, J. McGenniskien, J. O'Donohue, J. Rodgers. We offer our congratulations to those selected and hope that they will have a most successful season. At training they give every indication of being a fast, clever team which will produce scientific football well up to the high standard set by former St. Pat's teams. If the team develops as we expect some very interesting Sunday games should be witnessed this year. The visiting teams are stronger than usual, so the firsts will have every opportunity of showing the determination and cleverness requisite in a really good player. Our visitors will include: Middle Park Old Boys (July 20); South Melbourne Old Boys (June 16); Heidelberg (in July); St. Kevin's, the match of the season (July 13). St. Kevin's played Melbourne Grammar School just before the term holidays and defeated them by a few points, so St. Kevin's seems to have another strong team this year. Last year the honours were even between St. Pat's. and St. Kevin's. What will this year bring?

ITEMS OF INTEREST

On Saturday, 11th May, "The Footballer," the official organ of the Bal-

larat and Wimmera Football League's competition, devoted a short paragraph to praising Mick Healy's part in a recent league match. It stated that Mick hailed from Stawell High School. That is the last school he attended, but Mick was a member of St. Pat's first eighteen for two years and trained under the watchful eye of Mr. Frank McDonald, from whom it is safe to say he gained many useful football hints.

A recent "Herald" published that Bert Gregory, aged 46, played football for Pyramid Hill this season. It is interesting to St. Pat's boys to know that the Mr. Gregory concerned is Frank's father. He was a member of St. Pat's team in 1904, and that same year played senior football for South Ballarat. He later played with Melbourne. In 1904 he was also a member of St. Pat's cricket team. Frank also earned a place in both cricket and football teams, and in addition was included in the athletics. Good luck to both father and son.

Some howlers from the recent term tests:—The elephant had a hoodoo on its back, wrote one of the Juniors, while a Leaving Student informed us that another means of land travel is by air. Another promising student suggested that to trisect an angle you bisect it into three parts, and it was not a member of the gymnastic class who translated "Je mords mon oreiller" by I bite my ear. A boy who gives such a translation deserves, according to his own words, to be "entraîné par la colère"—"dragged away by the collar."

At least one of our new football players is something to Crowe about.

Les Coleman is our bouncing player—if he hits one of the opposition he bounces off him on to the next; if he misses his man he bounces off the ground.

It is reported that one of the Juniors accompanying his mother down town noticed a pair of knickers marked "Can't be beaten," and promptly requested, "Do buy a pair for next term, Mum."

May we suggest a couple of topical verses for the Intermediate Choral Society's next performance?

(a)

How do you do, Joe Kelly, how do you do?

How do you do, Joey Kelly, how are you?

When to drill you wear a shirt, make its custody a cert.

How do you do, Joey Kelly, how are you?

(b)

How do you do, Jim Rodgers, how do you do?

How do you do, "Buddy" Rodgers, how are you?

Just cling tight to the bar, or you'll get a nasty jar.

How do you do, Buddy Rodgers, how are you?

Some critics say that Felix's play is rather "pussy," but we think is characteristically Favalorish.

The new Orient liner, Orion, was recently launched in England by an electrical impulse sent by the Duke of Gloucester from Brisbane.

J. Reale has gone to Rome to study for the priesthood at Propaganda College.

J. Kennedy is at St. Columban's College, Essendon, preparing for the China Mission. With him are W. Holmes, Kevin Mangan and P. Crosbie.

Jim Ryan, who stroked last year's crew, has joined the Police Force. He is following a family tradition.

Leo Howard is doing Pharmacy at Mt. Gambier, S.A.

Geo. Conlon is at the University.
P. Landy is in a Bank at Swan Hill.
F. Hogan (Tough 'un) is opening an agency business in Kyabram.

Les Malcolm is doing Pharmacy in Portland.

E. Danaher has just accepted an appointment in the Education Department at Birchip.

W. Tierney is in the Ballarat Pipe Co. and learning to be a surveyor and engineer.

J. Sheehan is teaching at Linton.

J. Hayes recently accepted an appointment in the Education Department at Skipton.

J. Smythe is teaching at Essendon.

Others recently appointed to Education Department positions are R. Costelloe, Jim Casey and A. Foran.

Joe Anderson is in the office of Mr. J. Brady, solicitor, Echuca.

SEND IT IN

If you have a bit of news,

Send it in,

Or a joke that will amuse,

Send it in!

Social notes from near and far,

Or a new debating star,

Anything that makes a par—

Send it in!

If you wish to help this paper,

Send it in;

We'll appreciate the caper,

Send it in!

If you cannot send some news,

Buy a copy, don't refuse,

It may drive away the blues—

Send it in!

DO YOU KNOW—

That the Archer fish of Queensland is the slowest swimmer of all Australian fish, but it can swim backwards and forwards with equal speed.

It eats insects which it shoots from overhanging growth by squirting water at them.

That two giraffes for the Sydney Zoo were insured against theft as it was feared that someone wanted to collar them.

That our railways deal roughly with five hundred thousand parcels a week.

That the South Africans want Bradman to go out there, but they would probably never get him out.

That a N.S.W. baker put this advertising sign over his shop: "The Home of the Big Loafer."

That when it was stated "the local fire brigade attended twenty-three fires, causing eight thousand pounds damages," someone suggested that the

brigade should be more careful.

That when the Commonwealth Year Book stated there were 149,414 goats in Australia, someone insisted on a recount—and then probably went into hiding just to make the new figures inaccurate.

That "the Man on the Flying Trapeze" made a great hit—probably when the trapeze broke.

That when one parent wrote to the teacher, "Dear Sir, I am afraid Tommy is not trying enough," the teacher promptly replied, "Dear Madam, I am sure Tommy is quite trying enough."

That the politician who said anyone could give our navy a hiding should have a look at the civilian who tried it.

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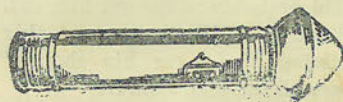
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VOCATION

Everyone must take up some life-work, and, with many, to decide what that will be is difficult. But to every boy training seriously for a virtuous life, the question: "Shall I be a Priest or a Brother?" must often have occurred. Have I a vocation to the Priesthood or to the Brotherhood?

Just what is a vocation? It does not consist, as many erroneously think, of an audible call from God, or an invitation to follow Him given by God in an extraordinary way, but it consists in the good intention of pleasing God, by serving Him in a special way, and a fitness for the life we intend to embrace. We serve God in a special way when we devote our lives to our own and our neighbour's salvation. Fitness implies certain gifts both, natural and supernatural. Amongst the first come health and suitability for the work; and the second include a good life and some strength of character. That does not mean that one must never have committed sin, but that, in the main, he resists sin and leads a virtuous life.

There are some who feel that they have a vocation, but are not willing

to follow it. They become afraid of the sacrifices such a life entails. Perhaps they are too fond of the pleasures of the world which they are loath to give up even at the call of Christ. They are in a similar position to that young man spoken of in the Gospel. He wished to do more than observe the Commandments; he wanted to do something special. Our Lord, looking on him, we are told, loved him, that is, loved him in a special way because of his good desires, and to prove this He offered the young man a place amongst His Apostles. "If thou wilt be perfect," Our Lord said, "sell what thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in Heaven and come follow Me." Our Lord asked for his help in the conversion of the world and offered him a heavenly reward, but the young man had great possessions, and was too fond of them to make the sacrifice demanded of him. He was willing to go a certain distance, but to give up everything—that was really too much to expect. He went away, sorrowful, and, since he wilfully refused the grace Our Lord offered him, and deliberately chose a state of life which it was obviously not God's intention he should embrace, we may question whether he was saved.

Perhaps some are too fond of their parents and relations to follow their vocation. If so, let them take heed of the warning of Our Lord Himself: "He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me."

Then, there are those who are afraid of the opinions of sneering companions. Our Lord said: "He that shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father Who is in Heaven."

Again, there are some who cannot make up their mind, who are afraid they might make a mistake. They should consult a Priest who knows them well, and put their case clearly to him. They will find help in fervent prayer, and God will give them the grace to make up their mind one way or the other.

Let us now consider what are the advantages which the religious life offers those who embrace it. St. Anthony, seeing the whole world filled with the devil's snares, exclaimed: "My God, how can I be saved?" Religious are almost completely removed from the dangers and temptations of the world. When, in the performance of their duty, they do have contact with it, they are specially protected by God's grace. They live almost in the shadow of the tabernacle; they have for Friend, living under the same roof, the God Who will judge them, and to Whose service they are pledged. What a fund of merit they have in daily Mass and Communion, in Community and private prayers fervently said! Should they, by any chance, fall into sin, they have in their regular confessions the means of rising from their sad state quickly, and the inspiration to do so in the constant, good example of their fellow religious.

The religious, according to Our Lord's promise, enjoys "a hundred-fold

even in this life." He leaves a world of insincerity and selfishness, a world of corrupt unsatisfying pleasures, and enters a world of peace, joy, and real happiness. He leaves a world whose thoughts, aims, and language are low and earthly, and enters a world where he finds companions filled, like himself, with the loftiest of all ambitions. For God's sake he has left one home, and in religion he has as many homes as there are houses of his order, in everyone of which he is made welcome. He has none of those cares and worries connected with life in the world, all of his material wants being supplied by his order, and so he can be free to devote his whole time to saving his own soul and the souls of others.

To none more than Religious is God more disposed to give His graces, for have they not sacrificed much to devote themselves to His service. God is not outdone in generosity, and He rewards even the slightest sacrifice made for Him. To the Apostles who had left only a few fishing nets to help Him in His work of saving souls He promised that they should sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Religious are carrying on the good work begun by Our Lord and the Apostles, and to such as continue in it during life Our Lord has promised eternal happiness—that happiness, in heaven, which "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive.

In the past St. Pat's. has been prominent amongst the Catholic schools of Australia for the numbers of generous youths, its students, who have flocked to the army of God to become priests and religious. More priests and religious—especially religious teachers—are needed to-day. Let us all, whether we have a vocation or not, follow Our Lord's exhortation,

"Pray you, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He send labourers into His harvest; for the harvest is great but the labourers are few."

The salvation of souls was Our Lord's one object in coming on earth. For that He preached and suffered, for that He founded His Church, giving it the commissoin to continue the good work until the end of time. He calls a comparatively small number of chosen souls to help Him in the task. How privileged should they not feel in being selected to help their Master in this most divine of all divine employments—co-operating with God in the salvation of souls!

ORDINATIONS

On Sunday, July 21st, the Ordination of six S.P.C. ex-students who had been studying in Werribee took place. The Ordinants were: Rev. Fathers J. Howard, L. Edwards, L. Monk, J. Tresidder, J. McNamara, and J. Kelly. During the following week those of the six who were in Ballarat visited the College, said Mass, gave Solemn Benediction, and gave the boys their blessing.

We wish these six newly-ordained priests every success in the arduous work they are about to undertake, and hope that many of the present boys will follow their example in unselfishly dedicating their lives to the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

HIGH MASS AT S.P.C.

On Sunday, August 18th, the six Old Boys recently ordained will be at the College. High Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., and all the ministers will be Old Boys of the College. This occasion is unique in the history of S.P.C., for though six Old Boys

were ordained last year, one of them, Fr. W. Walshe, was in New Zealand. On next Sunday, however, all six young priests will be present, and Brothers and boys will be delighted to do honour to them.

CLASS NOTES

HONOURS

The Devine prize is to be awarded as usual on the results of the October tests. With this in view many of the Honours boys are concentrating their attention on English. The Newman Scholarship examination is also approaching. The papers set at the Newman exams. are not on the selected tests but are designed to test the ability of candidates to write and to recognize good prose. Few people are competent to judge a picture, perhaps even fewer are capable of giving an intelligent criticism or estimate of a poem, a play, or a novel.

A notice from the University brought much satisfaction to the Latin Class. We had just begun to labour through the seventh Philippic when word came that the paper would be set on five and six only.

A Church History test for Father P. O'Shannassy's prize will be held soon.

LEAVING

"Fervet Opus"

The Leaving Class is working well. We are now nearing the end of the courses in our various subjects. We realise that this is the time of the year when the real telling work is done, and so all are hard at it. Latin seems to be the favourite subject. Br. Purton has several enthusiastic, loud-voiced helpers at the prose transla-

tion. The Maths., usually the difficult subjects except for those specially gifted, are perhaps the weakest section; but we hope to put in a good deal more work at them and try to strengthen them up. Physics and chemistry promise good results, for they are both earnest classes. The October tests, now not far distant, will give us an indication of the efficiency of our work. On these tests the year's class prizes are awarded, so all those anxious to be amongst the prize-winners are beginning their revision work immediately, so as not to have too much to do towards the end.

INTERMEDIATE COMMERCIAL WORK

Book-keeping Examination.

Recently twenty Intermediate candidates sat for the Book-keeping Examination conducted by the "National Business College, Sydney." All were successful in gaining Certificates for the "Junior Grade," and a number secured the maximum marks. Appended are some extracts from the report submitted by the Principal of the National Business College.

"Attached please find the list of marks obtained by the students of your College. You will see that ten of the boys have received 100 per cent. This is really splendid, and reflects great credit on those responsible for the Commercial Work in St. Patrick's. The papers were a pleasure to mark owing to the neatness with which the work was displayed. I am delighted with this work, and am looking forward to seeing the names of these boys in the higher grades later in the year.

"I am sure the parents of the boys attending St. Patrick's are aware of the importance of Commercial Instruction, and the boys are indeed fortun-

ate in having this subject included in the curriculum, as a sound knowledge of Commercial Work is of so much value in the Intermediate Certificate Examination.

"I was particularly interested in the fact that many of the boys are from distant country towns. It must be gratifying indeed to their parents to know that the work submitted to me for correction was equal to any I have received from the large number of schools I examine in Australia, New Zealand and the Islands.

"The work of Dudley Holmes was particularly pleasing in view of the fact that his finger was very sore for the examination, as I learnt from his teacher. This lad deserves a special word of praise for so perseveringly working the paper. For the neatness of his work, under such a handicap, I am making this boy a present of a copy of my book, 'Questions and Answers in Business Principles,' just published by Sir Isaac Pitman & Sons Ltd., which I trust he will find of value in the continuation of his Commercial Studies.

"In conclusion I offer my heartiest congratulations to all the successful candidates, and trust that their future efforts will meet with a like success."

Results: John B. Flanagan (Tocumwal, N.S.W.), 100%; William J. Reilly (Ballarat), 100%; L. George, Panlook (Eurobin), 100%; Raymond B. Smith (Barham), 100%; Vincent S. O'Halloran (Clunes), 100%; Reginald T. Feery (Dimboola), 100%; Sidney V. M. Sinclair (Ballarat), 100%; Sydney James Crump (Mathoura), 100%; John Joseph Forrest (Benalla), 100%; Joseph W. Flannery (Cohuna), 100%; Jeffrey J. Hopkins (Essendon), 98%; Leonard E. McLoughlan (Sea Lake), 95%; Edward J. Glowrey (Deniliquin, N.S.W.), 95%; Thomas L.

Hogan (Ballan), 95%; Brian Mulcahy (Shepparton), 95%; Paul A. Warren (Coleraine), 93%; John F. McDavitt (Camberwell), 80%; Donald W. Hunter (Albury, N.S.W.), 70%; Kevin F. McDavitt (Camberwell), 65%; Dudley C. Holmes (Horsham), 60%.

The Intermediate Debating Society

Early in June last the above-named Society was formed, and since its inception it has proved most popular with the Intermediate Class. The Debates are interspersed with impromptu "Speech Nights" and "Concerts." Debates have already been held on the following subjects: (1) "Should Homework be Abolished?" (2) "Should Australia Adopt a Similar Military System of Training to that Adopted by Italy and Germany?" (3) "Should a System of Reproductive Labour replace the Present System of the Dole?" The debates are carried out in a very formal manner in the College Hall in the presence of the whole Intermediate Class and one of the Brothers who acts as adjudicator. The debaters are arranged on either side of the stage, with the chairman seated in the centre. Each debate is followed by a short speech given by one of the boys who is called on to propose a vote of thanks to the debaters and chairman. The debates always include a speech given by one of the boys on a set subject. The following speeches have been given by pupils of the Intermediate Class: (1) "The beauties of Coleridge's Work as shown in the 'Ancient Mariner'"; (2) "The Talkie Machine and how it works"; (3) "The Causes of the American War of Independence." To date the following members of the Intermediate Class have taken part in

the debates or speeches: B. Lenne, R. Walker, V. Batchelor, C. McKenzie, G. Cassidy, R. Feery, F. Keenan, R. Larkins, P. Collier, L. Panlook, D. Holmes, M. Donovan, B. Fitzgerald, J. Walker, K. McDavitt, D. Hunter, K. de Lacy, E. Glowrey, J. Colbert, R. Smith, V. O'Halloran, L. McLoughlan, J. Flanagan, L. Scullion, D. Brown, A. McDonald, A. Hogan, J. Rabl, F. McKenzie, D. Delahenty, W. Collins, L. Culhane and B. Carrigg. The best speeches were given by Patrick Collier and Robert Larkins. On Sunday last we had an impromptu concert which the members enjoyed very much. The subject for next Sunday's debate will be "Which is of the greater use to the State: Road Transport or Rail." Those who will take part in this debate are as follows: Chairman: J. Flannery. For Road Transport: K. Mooney, W. Reilly and S. Crump. For Rail: J. Hopkins, F. Murphy and T. Ryan. The vote of thanks to the chairman and speakers will be proposed by T. Forrest. A lecture on "Papua" will be given by J. Gibney.

SUB-INTERMEDIATE A

"Certa Bonam Certamen"

Since the last issue of the Chronicle we have made good progress in all phases of school work, and every boy is working hard to pass the October tests. We have started our Literary Society, at the weekly meetings of which speeches are made by selected boys. Two very interesting addresses were given by J. Delahunty and M. Herlihy. Two of our members, H. Munday and P. Vojvodich, are in the Confirmation class. We all miss Ina Pontefract, one of our class-mates who is sick, and we hope to see him with us again soon.

SECOND YEAR

We join with the Sub. A for Literary Society meetings, and we are all greatly interested in them. School work is making rapid progress and we have already completed the year's course in Latin, French, Geometry and Geography. We are all very interested in Physics and Chemistry. We are all trying hard to beat the Sub. A. Frank Howard had the honour of being captain of the Under 13 football team, and we all think he is the best available for the position. The race between T. Brady and Tom Gearon is not yet finished, and although Terry is winning, Tom is far from being beaten. Even if we are not the intellectual centre of the College, we profess to be. Many happy returns to T. Gearon, F. Howard, B. Bourke!

SUB-INTERMEDIATE B

The Literary Society commenced its good work a few weeks ago. On the opening night J. Hayes and T. Vavjenezki kept all interested with their accounts of The Mutiny of the Bounty and the Eureka Stockade. Governor Bligh and Ned Kelly (Bushranger) were the subjects chosen by M. Whitty and L. Coy for the next week. Following these were a very instructive account of the organisation, etc., of the First Fleet, by K. Gilmore, and an account of the Life of Captain James Cook, by J. Kelly. All have taken up the work of the Society in the right spirit, and the prepared addresses delivered so far have revealed no small amount of research work.

FIFTH CLASS

A new boy from Gordon came during the month. He is John Tudor, and he is now quite at home with his new friends. The St. Roch's teams are

striving hard for the premiership and five of our class are in the Under 13 team. We all enjoyed an afternoon at the Zoo, after rowing across the Lake in the college boats. As usual the monkeys were the big draw card. Frank Foster has a perfectly new rendering of the Mass Latin. He is to be an Altar boy at the new church at South "Purumbete." The term examinations are approaching, and all are working hard.

THE JUNIORS

All are working well with Don and Billy keen rivals at history, while "Eddie" excels at "Mortification" sums. Kevin McGrath is still putting on weight.

THE LEAVING VISITS THE ZOO

(Censored by "Premier")

Before entering we visited the kiosk and bought some peanuts ANDA few BRAZIL nuts for the monkeys. On entering through the turnstiles the first thing we saw was a BROWN CHOOK scratching among the leaves for a BEETLE. Then we heard a HORSE whinnying for its two FOLEYS. We passed on to where a huge DROMEDARY was lazily gazing at a beautiful spider's WEB. Then we met a man who, judging by the BRADY had on his coat, was a keeper, leading a big gaunt TIGER. "Be ready," said RUSTY, "in CASEY breaks away." Just then, seeing MAC smiling at him as if this time he had something to smile about, the TIGER broke loose. "BASHER," shouted the TRAINER; but PARSON who is not so MEAKES he looks threw a SPUD at the animal CAL-culating to stop it that way. All had dashed away, and

in their safe retreats went into FITZ of laughter at poor PARSON who was left stranded, as it were to STEW in his own juice. A PEE-WIT was calling in a tree, beneath which was a sleepy PUSS watching a rabbit DIGGER burrow. We all stopped; but one of the party, impatient, shouted: "Come on, you chaps, I WISH'd hurry up; if you don't I'll tell the prefect C?" "Oh, no," said JOAN and SHIRLEY together, that would be really too TOUGH. Not even a LOONEY would do such a thing." We then came upon a JOEY, to whom a lad named KELLY was saying coaxingly, "Say, mind your shirt." But the bird merely said, "TED WILL," and repeated it so often that we wondered if TED would. He then reiterated "BERNIE, BERNIE," as if he were feeling hot, but we could make little of this, as it was a typical Ballarat day with plenty of snow and ice prominent. On the way home we passed a CISTERSIAN BISHOP intent on his study of CICERO. "He's a slow WALKER," remarked PEG, but this time no one replied.

19th Man—Terry Collins.

[Leaving Captions by WILL. E. DAVE E.]

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TEST, No. 1

Do you know the answer to any of the following? Try them.

1. What is a plimsoll mark?
2. What is the herring pond?
3. What is the meaning of "Accessory after the act?"
4. What is antitoxin?
5. What is a spoonerism? Give an example.
6. What is vivisection?
7. What is asbestos? Where is it found?
8. What is meant by hygiene?

9. What is a coolie?

10. What is "Hobson's Choice?"

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES Seniors

This is what happened at the last few meetings of the Senior Literary Society. At one meeting the president gave a short lecture on the very interesting science, Psychology, which concerns itself with our thoughts and feelings. What is thought? how do we see? how do we hear? were some of the interesting questions discussed during the lecture, together with such familiar expressions as "I remember when I was at the University . . ." Everyone present appreciated the lecture.

At our next meeting we were entertained by several members of the Society. Mr. E. Hogan spoke first, giving his ideas on "The Six Best Plays," while Mr. T. Brown, who was next, gave us an insight into the "Advancement of Television." Mr. B. Hanigan spoke briefly—very briefly—on the famous author of the Wessex Novels—Thomas Hardy. "Evading the Customs" was the title of Mr. P. McGennisken's very interesting address. At its conclusion, each speech was fully supplemented by the president.

The programme for our next meeting also consisted of prepared speeches. Mr. F. Webster, "The Mechanical Man," told the assembled multitudes all about Abyssina, the country so much before the public eye at present. Mr. C. McLindin's remarks about "The Air Fleets of the Powers" were interesting and informative. The News of the Week was adequately dealt with by "Pussilini." Mr. J. Longergan gave an excellent account of the recently canonized saints—S.S. Thos. More and John Fisher. Mr. G.

Robinson dealt with "The Gold Rushes of Australia, and the final speaker of the evening, Mr. J. Mooney, convinced everyone by his advice on how to "Smile Through It."

At our last meeting, the affirmative side in the debate (P. O'Donohue, J. Connellan, L. Rabl) convinced all present except their opponents of the negative (W. Joyce, V. Batros, and B. Hanigan) that "The Democratic Parliamentary System has failed."

Intermediate

Since the last publication of the "Chronicle" the new Intermediate Debating Society has come to light, and judging by the seriousness of the members, and the fervour they put into the preparation of their speeches the new Society is going to be a marked success. We shall not be surprised if, before long, the Inters. do not begin to throw challenges about. Let them be warned in time, however, lest they run up against such formidable adversaries as F. Brophy, J. Callahan, and B. Toohey. Good luck to the new Society! May it have a long life and do great things for the English and general training of the Inters.

Sub-Intermediate

The Subs. have more than the Inters. in the First XVIII, so they do not see why they should not have a Literary Society too. They have made a good start, but it is hard to get definite information about the speakers, as "The Press" is strictly excluded from their meetings.

THE CHOIR

The choir is at present preparing for the famous South Street Competitions to be held in October. The

difficult task of selecting the voices is nearly complete. The boys are keen, and co-operate with their teacher to the best of their ability. The songs for this year are rather difficult; they are "Song on a May Morning" (three parts), "The Song of the Swaying Wattles" (two parts), "Dusk" (two parts). The boys recently sang for the Rev. Mother of Broken Hill Convent, who expressed her delight with the entertainment. Besides the competition songs the choir is preparing for a High Mass to be celebrated at the College in the near future. Some of the choir's leading singers are:—R. McGrath, J. Donovan, F. Kroon in the firsts; R. Anderson, M. Herlihy, P. Hayes in the seconds; E. Flynn, T. Coutts, M. Willis in the thirds. The seconds and thirds have always been good, but this year the firsts are outstanding, which is a good omen, for we had very good firsts when the S.P.C. choir won at South Street in 1932.

FOOTBALL

The First Eighteen

Congratulations to our First XVIII. for once more winning the Public Schools' Championship. Since the last issue of the "Chronicle" they defeated C.E.G.S. twice, and B.C. once. All of the victories were by substantial margins, even though the weather was cold and wet and altogether against good football. The first Grammar match was played in almost a gale. In the B.C. game, J. O'Brien succeeded in breaking the individual goal-kicking record of 17 held by last year's captain, G. Hayes, by getting 18 goals. This forward (J. O'Brien) deserves a special word of praise for his consistency, and his even temper. Jack is always among the goals. The opposing back cannot afford to relax for one moment as J. O'Brien is a hard worker who thrives on knocks, but who gets

the goals just the same. No one has ever seen Jack lose his temper on or off the field. This probably accounts for his amazing success. In these games most of the players did well, but for consistently good play F. Hetherington was perhaps our best, with N. Flanagan, P. McGenniskien, and T. Keogh always doing effective work for their side.

From the visitors' point of view the St. Kevin's match was far from satisfactory, as they expected a hard, close game. But we must not take that match as indicating their true form. The conditions—a small, wet ground—and the absence of some of their best players handicapped them. They promise us a very hard tussle in Melbourne on 10th August.

Most of the Sunday games were spoiled by unfavourable weather conditions. The ground was always wet and heavy; but the team did well, winning all of the matches in which they took part. The results are as follows:—

School Matches.

S.P.C. (10—7) d. St. Kevin's (2—10).
S.P.C. (11—21) d. C.E.G.S. (4—9).
S.P.C. (28—27) d. B.C. (2—5).
S.P.C. (19—15) d. C.E.G.S. (3—3).

In the five school matches played, including St. Kevin's game, S.P.C. scored 96—91 = 667 points, to opponents' 11—28 = 94 points.

Sunday Matches.

S.P.C. (10—8) d. Beaufort C.Y.M.S. (4—7).
S.P.C. (8—11) d. Ballarat E. (3—8).
S.P.C. (4—6) d. Heidelberg C.Y.M.S. (1—6).

Goalkickers: J. O'Brien, 66; W. Joyce, 15; J. Lonergan, 12; F. Favalloro, 9; P. McGenniskien, 8; F. Hetherington, 7; T. Collins, 6; N. Flanagan, 6; J. Rodgers, 5; E. Hogan, 3; T. Keogh, 2; M. Gill, 2; J. Fogarty, 1; J. Hunter, 1; S. McLindin, 1.

The Second Eighteen

All members of the Second XVIII. are training hard, and are looking forward to two important fixtures, namely, against St. Kevin's Seconds at Como Park, Melbourne, on the 10th August, and against De La Salle College, Malvern, First XVIII. at Ballarat on the 15th August. All are confident of another win against St. Kevin's, but stern opposition will be forthcoming from the Malvern XVIII. on their first trip to S.P.C. We will give them a hearty welcome.

On the 27th July we overwhelmed a weak Grammar Second XVIII. at the Grammar School. The game was played under shocking conditions, but our seconds combined well and played really good football, to score a meritorious win by 33 goals 22 behinds to 2 behinds. J. Walker (8), P. McCarthy (8), A. Casey (5), T. Cranage (4) were the most successful goal-kickers.

Substituting for the First XVIII., and strengthened by six C.Y.M.S. players, the Seconds took the field against Middle Park C.B.O.B. team and did well against heavier and more experienced opponents, holding them down to a two-goal victory. L. Rabl (captain) and P. O'Donohue (vice-captain) are playing well at present, and are an inspiration to the team.

The Shed Competition

The third round of the Shed Competition is completed. The positions are: Tigers, 26 points; Rovers, 16 points; Magpies, 16 points; Imps, 14 points. The points show how close is the competition at this stage. All four teams are keen to win the premiership, and although the Tigers have a comfortable lead on points, some of their victories were by the narrowest of margins. The ultimate winner is

very hard to pick at present, and the final series of games promises to be very evenly and keenly contested.

St. Roch's Senior Competition

The points at the end of the second round are: L. Browne's team, 20; J. O'Dea's, 12; D. Holmes', 12; K. McDavitt's, 4. J. O'Dea's team dropped back during the second round. They were unbeaten at the end of the first round, but since then each of the other teams has had the satisfaction of defeating them.

Although at the bottom of the premiership list, K. McDavitt's team has the honour of having kicked the highest score in the competition—15 goals 16 behinds—against J. O'Dea's team. The record lowest score is held by D. Holmes' team with 2 goals 3 behinds!

The leading goal-kickers are: J. O'Dea, 15; V. Batchelor, 12; F. Brophy, 10; L. Colbert, 9; M. Richardson, 9; K. McDavitt, 8; B. Toohey, 8; L. Panlook, 8.

At the end of the third round, which will be the last one, the team lowest on the premiership list will drop out, and the other three teams will play off for the 1935 St. Roch's Premiership.

St. Roch's Junior Competition

The Juniors are just as enthusiastic about their games as the Seniors, and for their size play just as hard a game. After seven games played by each team the points stand as follow: Rovers (J. Sullivan, capt.), 20; Tigers (J. Connell, capt.), 16; Magpies (F. Kroon, capt.), 12; Stars (W. Gibney, capt.), 8. The leading goal-kickers are: W. Sloane (R.), 29; K. Ryan (T.), 25; B. Tierney (M.), 16; J. Wise (S.), 12; F. Labb (M.), 11. The leader, W. Sloane, will have to be in his best form during the next few games if he wants to keep at the head

of the goal-kicking list. K. Ryan, with only four less, is likely to displace him. The leading team is best served by F. Howard (a coming left-foot champion), T. Conheady and J. Sullivan. J. Connell, the captain, and F. Foster of the Magpies team are two of the best players in the competition, and they are well supported by K. Flynn. F. Kroon gets great support in every game from F. Labb and the newcomer, J. Tudor, while for the Stars W. Gibney, J. Wise and J. Hill are the hardest workers.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Australian lyrebird is generally regarded as the finest mocker in the world. Its voice is remarkably rich and flexible and can render almost any sound from the puffing of a motor bus to the squealing of young foxes. One attached to a farm in Victoria imitated to perfection a child crying, a dog howling, kookaburras laughing, and drays moving. It was once thought that the mockery was confined to the male lyre bird, but this belief has been dissipated. One female bird was seen and heard carolling like a magpie, laughing like a kookaburra, barking like a fox-terrier, yelping like a fox, and cackling like a hen.

The lowest winning score in a Melbourne League match was 1 goal 9 behinds by Essendon in 1899, when South Melbourne, 0 goal 9 behinds, was beaten. In 1897 Essendon had won with 1—9 to Melbourne's 0—10. The lowest winning score in a final match was 2—13 by Collingwood in 1927 against Richmond, 1—7.

ANSWERS TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TEST, No. 1

1. A mark on ships showing to what level they can be loaded, called after Plimsoll, a Member of Parliament, who took a great interest in shipping.

2. The Atlantic, so named by the Americans.

3. A person who, though not charged with committing the crime, is charged of shielding or giving assistance after the act was committed. This assistance may take the form of helping the criminal to escape or removing evidence.

4. Antoxin, abstracted from horses, is an injection for diphtheria.

5. A professor named Spooner is reputed to have made many otherwise ordinary statements ridiculous by interchanging inadvertently the initial letters of two words. Such mistakes became known as Spoonerisms. For example: Meaning to say "He rode down town on a well-oiled bicycle," a person would be guilty of a Spooner-

ism if he said, "He rode the shallow a well-boiled icicle." Try if you make up some more, and send them in to the "Chronicle" for publication.

6. Vivisection is the cutting up of living animals for the purpose of scientific discovery.

7. Asbestos is a fibrous mineral that will not burn. It is mined chiefly in Russia.

8. Hygiene is the science which treats with the preservation of health.

9. A porter or labourer of East India.

10. Hobson, a carrier, lived in the 17th century at Cambridge. He kept a livery stable, and obliged the University students to have his horses in rotation. The term "Hobson's Choice" signifies "This, or none."

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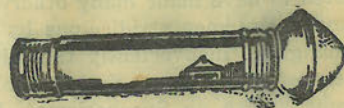
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"Pride comes before a fall" and "Fools
rush in where angels fear to tread."

(d) Don't forget that it is with

feelings as with rivers—the shallow
murmur and the deep are dumb.

(e) Don't forget that swearing is
an unmanly and silly vice; it is cer-
tainly not a grace in conversation, as
it adds no strength to it. The blas-
phemy which blots an opinion does not
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QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY, PRAY FOR US.

Our Lady of the Rosary:

What name can be so sweet

As what we call Thee when we place

Our chaplets at Thy feet?

The month of October is one of special devotion to the Immaculate Mother of God under the title of Queen of the Holy Rosary.

There are many forms of devotion practised in honour of Mary, but it is doubtful if there is any as popular, or as fruitful, as the Rosary. Ever since St. Dominic, with the approval of Holy Mother Church, gave it to the faithful in the 13th century, it has been a source of untold blessings to the world.

Among the advantages resulting from devotion to the Rosary is the merit of the virtues which are exercised by the recitation of the vocal prayers of which it is composed. Of the virtue of Faith, without which it is impossible to please God, we make profession by the recitation of the apostles' Creed.

Charity as a theological virtue, having God for its object, is exercised in the "Our Father." This prayer is an act of perfect charity since we solicit

above all the extension of God's glory, express our entire conformity to God's will and pray not for ourselves alone but for our neighbour too, putting his well-being on the same footing as our own.

By the "Hail, Mary" we honour the Angels and Saints in the person of their Queen. We humbly kneel at Our Lady's feet, and after saluting her in Gabriel's words—words so dear to the heart of Mary—humbly beg her to "pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death." Besides affording us an occasion of making express acts of these great virtues, the Holy Rosary is a fruitful source of graces indispensable to the accomplishment of our obligations. These graces have been promised to us on the sole condition that we ask for them. How better implore them than by repeating the "Our Father," and the "Hail Mary"? The Father can refuse nothing to the prayer that is peculiarly His Son's, nor can the Son reject the petition of His mother. With Him, her prayer is all-powerful. One writer has beautifully described Mary's intercession thus—

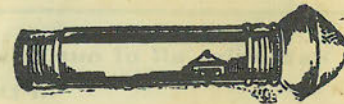
"When Mary pleads for sinners Who seek her aid with prayer and tear

The saints that by her aid have won

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Their Heaven, all beg of Mary's Son
That He should list with willing ear
And Mary's prayers and pleadings
hear.

Angels and Archangels draw near
When Mary pleads!"

Another considerable advantage results to us from the meditation upon the mysteries by which we learn the value of our soul; we see how highly it is prized by God, Who made it to His Own image, and Who, to redeem it, descended from the throne of His glory, led a poverty-stricken life on earth, suffered the sorrows and ignominies of His passion, and shed, even to the last drop, His adorable Blood.

In the mysteries of joy, of sorrow, and of glory, Our Divine Saviour not only reveals to us the value of our soul, but He teaches us by His example how to vanquish the three enemies of our salvation: Satan, the flesh and the world. Are we tempted by the demon, the spirit of pride? Jesus in His Joyful Mysteries, says to us, "I have given you an example; learn of Me." And He shows Himself to us humble in the Incarnation, charitable in the Visitation, poor in the Nativity, obedient in the Presentation and zealous for His Father's glory in the midst of the doctors.

Have we to struggle against the flesh and its love of ease, against the desire for sensual pleasures, and a horror of suffering? During the consideration of the Sorrowful Mysteries we see Him always resigned, suffering with admirable patience, allowing His flesh to be torn from His scourging until His last sigh on the Cross.

Is it the world that seeks to seduce with its fleeting joys, with the indication of its festivities, with its thirst for gold, and its neglect of the future life beyond the tomb? Jesus fortifies our faith and our hope, by showing us, in the mysteries of His

Own glory, and that which crowns His holy Mother, the magnificent reward promised to our perseverance.

It would be easy to show how in the Holy Rosary we have further an excellent means of accomplishing many other duties of Christian piety. How admirably it is adapted to aid us in mental prayer, in the hearing of Mass, in our preparation for Confession and Communion, and in our subsequent thanksgiving! How the recitation of our Beads, too, lightens the tedium of a journey, lessening its hardships while protecting us from accidents! In the long, tiresome weeks of illness, the slow-dragging days and sleepless nights what a boon to the sufferer is the Beads! And how the aged turn to the Beads for comfort and peace! Decade after decade they recite with fervour, forgetful the while of their infirmities and sorrows, mindful only of the gracious Mother whose tender heart is moved by every prayer, whose radiant smile of welcome they soon may hope to see.

Promises of Our Lady to those who devoutly recite the Rosary:

To those who recite my Psalter I promise my special protection.

The Rosary will be a powerful weapon against the powers of hell; it will root out vices, destroy sin, and subjugate all heresies.

He who calls on me through the Rosary shall not perish.

Whatever you ask through the Rosary shall be granted.

Those who propagate my Rosary shall be helped by me in all their necessities.

Devotion to my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

Whoever recites the Rosary devoutly, meditating on its holy Mysteries, will not be cast down by troubles, nor perish by an unprompted death, but if he be a sinner, he shall be converted; if he is virtuous he shall increase in

grace, and become worthy of eternal life.

Those who are truly devout in reciting my Rosary shall not die without the Sacraments.

I will deliver from Purgatory, in the space of a day, those devoted to my Rosary.

The true children of the Rosary shall enjoy a great joy in Heaven.

CLASS NOTES.

Leaving.

Since the beginning of the third term the L.C.'s have been working really hard. They leave nothing whatever to be desired. They have caught the traditional third term spirit of St. Pat.'s, in which there is no time to waste; so we are hoping that the 1935 results will be up to the high standard set by the "lads of yesteryear."

Latin (of course), Ancient History, Economics, Commercial Law are all "in the boom"—but what of the "Maths?" Ask of the winds! In any case, let us hope they get more than their due share of attention during revision, for they need it. Besides their being found the hardest of the subjects by the average student, this year they present the added difficulty of an entirely new course. English, as it should be, is one of the favourite subjects, and all are entering into its preparation wholeheartedly. The French, too, is quite good except for the dictation which needs serious attention. But so seriously is the preparation for the final test being done that there is every reason to hope that the weaknesses will all be eliminated by December, and that the boys will go to the examination hall with that quiet confidence which spells success.

The Class Prizes for 1935 will be awarded on the October test examination.

Intermediate.

The Intermediates have commenced the final term very earnestly and all seem determined to do well in the October tests. As these tests decide the Intermediate Prize List for 1935, they are exciting a great deal of interest. V. Batchelor, H. Williams and P. McLoughlan are favourites for the Classics. Alan McDonald, L. McLoughlan and B. Fitzgerald are well in the running for the Mathematics. P. Collier and R. Walker will be hard to defeat in History and Geography respectively; whilst J. Flanagan is at present submitting excellent work in Commercial Principles. The most improved student at Perspective Drawing is G. Cassidy.

We are pleased to be able to state that the Devotion of the Living Rosary has again been taken up most enthusiastically by the Intermediates for the month of October, and without doubt a great deal of good will come from it.

Sub-Intermediate A and Second Year.

The Sub. A and the Second Year are having a particularly strenuous time at present, for as well as preparing for their examinations they have the South Street Competitions to occupy them. Both these sections of their labours are receiving due attention and the boys hope to perform brilliantly in each.

Sub-Intermediate B.

The Sub-B class is working well. All are doing their best now that the October tests are appearing over the horizon. Some are anxious to know when late study will begin; others have always been convinced that it starts about 7 o'clock. However, both

camps will probably be pleased to know that for Sub-Inter. boys late study does not begin till next year, but that soon anyone will be able to emulate the lark by indulging in some early morning study.

Latin is becoming a favourite subject with some. Even Tony Vav. recently declared in favour of Latin over the native French. However, Joe Kearney still holds to Algebra and hopes to reverse his 1st term form in that subject at the coming exams.

Fifth Class.

The Fifth Class boys are just as keen as their older friends in the Intermediate and Leaving to do well in their examination. Speculation and argument are rife as to the class leader; but you never can tell. Kevin Frawley and George Dwyer made a late start this term, and may find it hard to catch up on the others in the short time that is left. Jack Stanley, Kevin Ryan and Peter Duffy are putting in a good finish.

The Juniors.

The Juniors recorded a hundred per cent. muster on the first day of the term, and this good beginning has been maintained. Jack Dowling is working very hard, as also are Keith Ross and C. Kirkpatrick. Kevin McGrath is doing very well, too, despite his handicap. He has the whole of his head, except one eye, tied up. There is a sty on the other eye. St. Pat's is very proud of its juniors. A happier set it would be difficult to find.

LECTURE BY PROF. RUSSO A PLEASANT EVENING.

On Sunday evening, September 28, the whole school gathered in the aula

maxima for a pleasant and profitable entertainment. At the invitation of Br. Purton, Mr. Ray Trewern, of Wellington, N.Z., had spent the afternoon at the College. Mr. Trewern is in Ballarat for the South Street Competitions, particularly the "Sun" Aria. He kindly consented to sing several numbers for the boys, a favour we all deeply appreciated.

Br. Purton then introduced a very distinguished visitor and Old Boy, Professor Russo, Professor of Economics at the Imperial University of Tokyo. Professor Russo received a stirring reception, for we had all been looking forward to a lecture from him. The subject was Japan, and Professor Russo held the boys spellbound while he told them of Japanese customs and manners. There was nothing professorial in the lecturer's style; on the contrary, every sentence was vibrant with interest to all.

Br. Purton, in moving a vote of thanks, said that the Brothers were deeply indebted to Professor Russo for his interesting and informative lecture. The College was proud of Professor Russo, who in so short a time after leaving school has attained to a high position.

Professor Russo, in reply, emphasised the importance of realising the opportunities that were opening up through our increasing trade with Japan. He spoke feelingly of his gratitude to Br. Galvin (R.I.P.), who was Principal when he was at St. Pat's. In conclusion, he said that if any boy at St. Pat's failed to make good the fault was in himself, for the school was second to none that he knew of.

VARIA.

Mr. Harry Fitzgerald, an old boy of S.P.C. has been appointed manager of the head Sydney branch of the

E.S. and A. Bank. Mr. Fitzgerald spent many years in Brisbane, where he was highly esteemed among bankers and business men. Writing to Br. Purton, Mr. Fitzgerald said he was looking forward to paying a visit to his old school. He will be very welcome.

Mr. J. O'Connell, manager for the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney at Hayfield, was a recent visitor to the school. He is an old boy of 1910-1911, and was delighted to renew acquaintance with the spots dear to boyhood days. He was in school with Mr. Keogh, Terry's father, now manages for the Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney at Coleraine.

A recent visitor to the College was Rev. Father Fitzpatrick, P.P., of Orbst. Fr. Fitzpatrick, an old boy of 1903-1904, was delighted to see the many recent improvements at the College. He was accompanied by a good friend of St. Pat's in the person of Rev. Fr. Doyle, O.S.A., of Echuca. Fr. Doyle had a cheery word for the Echuca boys and those from neighbouring parishes along the big river.

Jack Dickinson and Jim McKew, old boys from St. Arnaud, called in recently. Jack presented the Principal with two guineas as a prize for the Commercial Principles Class. It will be decided on the October tests. Many thanks from your old school, Jack.

Ernie Dannaher was recently appointed to the Titles Office, Melbourne. Congratulations, Ernie.

Seen recently in Melbourne in the pink of condition, Dermot Corson. Derm. is with the legal firm of Mr. Jevers Bourke and is doing well.

In Brisbane a few weeks ago 4000 old boys of the Brothers' schools received Communion at St. Stephen's Cathedral. Over 3000 sat down to breakfast at the Brisbane Town Hall. Truly, a marvellous demonstration of

faith! Among them were several old S.P.C. boys, including Paul Grano, a Brisbane lawyer, and brother of Tony, and J. Hase, a Queen Street dentist.

A few Sundays after 5000 men, all old boys of the Christian Brothers, Sydney, gathered in St. Mary's Basilica for a general Communion. It was the largest gathering of its kind ever seen in Australia. Now Melbourne must follow and try to surpass this.

Best wishes to Dudley Holmes, who, instead of facing the third term, had to face an operation in the Wembley Hospital at Horsham. He is now on the road to recovery.

G. Hayes is in the Education Department. He is teaching at Belgrade. Other recent appointments to the Education Department include J. Callahan and E. Heffernan.

TENNIS.

This year all of the competitive tennis is to be played in the third term. Each school is to play the other two.

St. Pat's first four consists of N. Flanagan (capt.), J. and P. McGenniskien, and J. Meakes. S.P.C.'s first match is on Saturday, October 5th, against C.E.G.S. The Grammar School has a good even team. It overwhelmed B.C. team on September 28th, and our players will need to be in their very best form to win. However, we all have confidence in the fighting spirit of our four representatives and if they are beaten we know it will not be for the want of trying.

The McNeil Cup matches to determine the singles champion for the year will be played in the near future. All of our team have a good chance of success, as there seems to be no player of outstanding ability as was

B. Ronaldson (B.C.), last year's winner.

Max Gill is a most promising player who is very near inclusion in the first four, and if any of those selected show a marked loss of form his selection is sure.

The final selection for the second four has not yet been made, as several challenges have to be played. Those in the running for selection include J. Keenan, W. Joyce, J. Murphy, J. Kelly, M. Gill, E. Cranage.

SPORTING.

In the sporting life of the College, the big work of this term is the training for the two important sports meetings—the B.P.S.A. in Ballarat, and C.C.S.A. in Melbourne. Needless to say all the boys are keenly interested in the training, especially as in each section—the seniors, under 16's, and juniors—there are teams' competitions.

In the senior section the leading team at present is B (K. Bolleman, capt.), with 62 points. The order of the others is A (L. Coleman, capt.), 53½ points, C (V. Batros, capt.), 44 points; D (F. Hetherington, capt.), 27½ points.

What the Captains Think.

A Team. Captain Coleman says:—

At last the premier team takes the lead! For over a week Midvale have been training strenuously, and yesterday reaped the reward of their labour. I think everyone will agree we have several potential champions. Jack Keenan was not up to form in the weight putt, but great things are expected of him. Jack Carroll is an athlete of note. Jack Hayes and Ted Williams are very promising, as was evident yesterday. The former distinguished himself by winning the broad jump, and will be a

serious contender for the individual aggregate. We must rely on the remaining and, as yet, undistinguished members of the team to do their bit. Amongst these is J. McGennissen, the S.P.C. mile champion, who will soon be called upon to defend his title.

As regards our chances of being champion team, I think even the most "one-eyed" will agree "it's in the bag."

"Midvale! Midvale! Yah! Yah! Yah!"

B. Team. Captain Bolleman says: "Now athletics! and with them a keenness for competition and victories. But victories seem rare in the ranks of the B's, their only champ. being M. Dromgoole who has obtained two firsts, an 880 yards handicap and a 220 yards championship. In fact the B's think it would be much better for them if 'The last shall be first' happened to apply in this competition. However, it is hoped that some of the members may turn out to be "dark horses." Still if they cannot win, the B's have been filling the minor places and now, after three days of competition, have collected 46 points, only 1½ points behind the leaders, who made a spectacular recovery, scoring 32 points on Sunday, and jumping from last position to first. But the competition has just begun, and the B's are determined—that's all."

C. Team. Captain Batros:

I must congratulate the members of C team, who have aided in bringing up the aggregate to its present respectable total. Jack Lonergan has proved himself an athlete of class, and although unlucky, he has won his team many points. J. Rodgers began with a stroke of ill-fortune when an accident prevented him from getting second in the 440. W. Joyce upheld his side's reputation in both the weight putt and the broad jump. Other members of the team are pulling their

weight satisfactorily, and, in the events to come, we should have no difficulty in making up the little ground we have lost.

To conclude, every member of C team would do well to attend to these points: (1) Training; (2) resting between events; (3) not exhausting himself unnecessarily in heats when a place will entitle him to run in the final; (4) speaking to the captain or vice-captain about any event in which he would like to participate. Attend to these points, C team, and above all keep trying!

D. Team. Captain Hetherington says:

When the teams for the "Training Competition" were announced they appeared to be very even, and consequently the first day's sport was of great importance in indicating what would probably be the best team. The first day did decide the best team, and the ultimate winners—D team.

That we took the lead in the early part of the competition was due to the remarkable performances of F. Webster and N. Young. Since then, positions have changed, but this does not disturb us, for in a keen competition like this they must change frequently. There is a good spirit in the team, and if all the members work together we are confident we will soon reassert our superiority. Neave's temporary absence with a sore leg is proving very expensive to the side, but when he and some other members, whose services are not yet available because of the tennis, are on the tracks again we are sure D team will again take the lead.

THE OTHER COMPETITIONS.

There are two other competitions besides the senior, but space does not permit articles on them. Next month we will include them.

THE SPECIALS.

Excluded from these teams' competitions are a number of trainees who are considered likely to represent the College at the combined sports. These boys are undergoing a special preparation, and promise to give a good account of themselves. The senior division is particularly strong. It includes L. Coleman, a successful sprinter last year, both in Ballarat and Melbourne. Les. is gradually getting into form, and the boy who beats him will be moving. K. Bolleman, a newcomer from C.B.C., Perth, is too old for the Ballarat sports, but in Melbourne he is sure to give a good account of himself. His forte is jumping. We expect great things of him in the broad jump and the hurdles. He is also a useful sprinter. V. Batros returned to S.P.C. this year after a short absence. He is a candidate for the hurdles, jumps and weight putt. F. Hetherington who represented S.P.C. under 16 in 1932 ran third in the 220 and third in the broad jump, third in the 440 at Ballarat; while in Melbourne he did not compete. He is getting into good form and promises to do something startling when tried out. B. Hanigan won at his three starts at Ballarat last year in the under 16 jumps and 100, and secured first in the hurdles and high jump, and third in the 100 and broad jump in Melbourne. This year he has improved and should be amongst the leaders in all the jumping events, on which he is concentrating. J. McGennissen could manage only fourth in the Ballarat mile last year, and got the same place, though running a much better race, in Melbourne. He has improved, and we all expect great things from the distance specialist.

The under 16's this year appear to be weak. S.P.C. was in much the

same position last year. In 1933 the under 15 team did not inspire confidence as to our under 16 prospects in 1934, but at Ballarat in 1934 in the five events S.P.C. got three firsts, and in six events in Melbourne two firsts, two thirds and a fifth. Last year (1934) the under 15's got a second, a third, and two fourths in the two events at Ballarat, doing just a little better than the under 15's of 1933. We are looking to L. Horgan, A. Lenne of the "old brigade," and newcomers H. Munday, J. Kealy, to emulate last year's under 16's. If earnestness counts for anything the under 16's should do their share of point winning, both at Ballarat and Melbourne.

There are quite a number of newcomers amongst the under age aspirants, but some of those who were at S.P.C. last year seem to be the most promising. J. Connell, who won the under 13 hundred in Melbourne, and was placed under 14, is running very well. He has strengthened up during the year and should be very hard to beat. M. Whitty, T. Brown, G. Raphael, P. White and V. O'Halloran are all getting into form. Of the newcomers the most promising is W. Coffey.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

Photography on scientific lines has been eagerly taken up by quite a number of the boys under the capable and enthusiastic patronage of Mr Vennel. Mr. Vennel is always "on deck" ready to teach beginners all there is for an amateur to learn about developing negatives, printing, and then glazing the prints. Some very good snaps have been taken recently, and with the "photo rage" at its highest just about sports time, it looks as if Mr. Vennel will have his hands quite

full. Good luck to the amateur photographers. We hope to see some of their best work produced in the Annual this year.

ROWING.

Owing to the cold, rainy weather last term, there was not much rowing done. On some—very few—fine, sunny days the new crews have gone out to practise. Six crews have been selected to compete in the "Annual College Regatta," which will take place this term. For this event cups and a shield were on view at a meeting of the rowers and created great interest in the coming regatta. The following are the captains and crews: J. Hayes (c.), L. Horgan, L. Coy, J. T. Hayes; J. Meakes (c.), R. Walker, J. McDavitt, W. Coffey, L. McLoughlan; J. Flannery (c.), W. Landy, P. McLoughlan, E. Glowrey; A. Hogan (c.), H. Munday, M. Dromgoole, J. Mansour; J. Rabl (c.), J. Flanagan, L. Scullion, D. McNamara; B. Mulcahy (c.), K. de Lacy, M. Donovan, D. Hunter. The following have handed in their names as coxes: K. McDavitt, F. Murphy, M. Richardson, L. Brown, D. Munday, J. Delahunty, K. Mooney.

BONFIRES AT S.P.C.

(By an Old Boy)

St. Pat's. in its history has had two bonfires, that is the unrehearsed type, and it may interest readers of the "Chronicle" to learn something about them. The first took place about 1902 or 1903. In those days, there was a shed parallel to the present dining room, which was used for storing the College stocks of what went by the name of blacking and a number of veteran brushes all the

worse for wear and adorned with the carved initials of a number of idle people. We who find our boot polish so easy to use can form little idea of the offensive pest blacking was to the nostrils of those who had to sit next to a gentleman who had plastered it all over his boots in an endeavour to get a good "shine." However, for some reason or other this shed, a relic of the early buildings, went up in smoke one night. There was a dormitory then where the lower part of the dining room is now, hence it did not take long for its occupants to wake up and rush forth to perform a number of valiant deeds of salvage and to get in the way of the somewhat primitive fire-fighting appliances which came thundering up Sturt St. All that the brigade could do was to prevent the flames spreading to the main building, and that was done, though, for a while, a general conflagration seemed likely. It was a great event in the lives of the boarders of that year, something to be talked about for many a day.

Number two blaze occurred in 1905. The present site of St. Roch's was then occupied by an aged and very ramshackle building which, I believe, had been a private cottage before the ground was acquired by the Holy Ghost Fathers. This was used as a laundry and residence for the staff. When the clothes had not been dried during the day, it was the practice to hang them on clothes horses before a fire. One such collection of garments is thought to have fallen into the fire and started the conflagration. The boarders awoke about 2.30 one particularly cold morning to find the fire well on its way with the brigade doing its best to save the furniture and prevent the fire from reaching the fowlhouses which were not far off. The staff, with one exception (old boys will remember Miss Kate Os-

tello who was never much put out by anything), was in a state of panic and would-be rescuers were sternly ordered to keep well in the background. The writer has vivid recollections of the frantic and successful efforts made to save a terrier pup which was, for some reason, kept under the verandah. The Principal of the College, the late Rev. Br. J. G. Hughes, had soon after his appointment insured this and other buildings, and some of the money received was used to provide clothes instead of those lost in the fire. Each boarder was told to make out a list of the lost garments, and no one, I believe, erred on the side of lessening the amount. One Saturday, each of us received an order to go down to get clothes of the value lost at one of the various drapers' shops in Sturt Street. Mine, I remember well, was for Wilson's, which name, I think, is still there near Marks the jeweller's. One result of this fire was the new and well-appointed laundry which exists to-day substantially as it was erected that year. Another wooden building took the place of the one burnt.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

For some years past St. Pat's have been lacking a really good distance runner. Sprinters there have been in plenty, but until this year there was no prospect of our winning an 880 or a mile.

Heard amongst the boys: "Yes, he's a good thing for the 880, run all day." "Oh! You're tellin' me." Wait 'til after the test race and we'll see how he goes."

The test race was duly held, after which the doubtful one, disgusted,

handed me a little note for publication, which read—

"He's a stayer," they told me," he'll stay for a week,"

And I grant them the truth of their boast;

For I found, when I started his features to seek,

He was staying his week at the post.

It's a pity there is not a mile walk in the sports. We have three great Walkers at the College. They are all in training now, but unfortunately they insist on running.

Ned says that some years ago the running track was so hard that water had to be carted to soften it. That was evidently before it learned to rain in Ballarat. There should be more need for using blotting paper rollers on it these days.

Some books for our promising athletes to read:—

"The High Jumper," by Iva Hop.

"Training for the Mile," by I. M. Blown.

"Broad Jumping—How to Take Off," by Miss Board.

"Winning the Hundred," by Ida Start.

"Out of the Holes," by B. Sharp.

Speaking of things absent-minded-by or otherwise left in trains, the London Observer reports that one passenger left in a train a live 8 ft. boa-constrictor. It was handed over to the London Zoo, one of the few places that would welcome it.

A Melbourne pawnbroker recently went to New York in search of his brother, who had gone away twenty-seven years previously. The first man he met after leaving the boat turned out to be an absolute stranger.

Read this mixed metaphor and try if you can send us in a better one: A politician speaking on the overtaxing of the people exclaimed: "They'll keep cutting the wool off the sheep

that lays the golden egg until they pump it dry."

Asked the famous question: "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" our famous biologists replied, "It's no use asking us; why not ask some of our politicians? They should know."

Questioned in court as to whether the accused was drunk, the conscientious witness replied: "I wouldn't like to say he was drunk, but towards the end of a dinner I noticed he was cracking the grapes with the nut-cracker and eating the pips."

A POEM FOR THE PHYSICS STUDENTS

Little X took great delight
In dropping objects from a height.
At school, while waiting for the bell,
He dropped things down the staircase well.

He didn't seem to mind a bit,
If mates standing below were hit.
He more than once aroused the ire
Of boys who crossed his line of fire.
At last there came a Friday, when
He balanced on his abdomen.
Out far he leant to watch descent
Of one fine pellet that he'd sent,
Forgetting, wretched boy, that he
Was poised upon his C. of G.
And any forward move must hence
Be fraught with direful consequence.
His state of balance on his "tum"
Was unstable equilibrium.

He grabbed in vain, and headlong fell
Two stories down the staircase well.
A master marked his rapid flight
And mused within him at the sight:
"If it be true, as textbooks state,
That falling boys accelerate
At thirty-two per sec. per sec.,
Then X, I fear, will break his neck.
The master, like them all, was wise,
And proved correct in his surmise.